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## Ventura Ivory Tower Public Election Dartboard

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## VENTURA COUNTY VIEWS

### Spook U or the California State University at Channel Islands, Camarillo



This was the California State Mental Hospital built in the 1930s, now converted into a new State University. But, it might become better known as “Spook U” for all the ghostly encounters reported here.

It was rumored haunted when it was a mental hospital with both patients and nurses reporting strange supernatural events. The grim history of the place is reason enough for ghosts to be manifest. Records tell of lobotomies performed here and other experiments and yes, there were even deaths as well.

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### Support Your Local Skateboarder

### Outdated Public Education System Would You Force a Child to Wear Shoes That Don’t Fit ?

by Mariaemma Petullo-Willis

Would you force a child to wear shoes that don’t fit ?

Then why force an education that doesn’t fit !

Well, that’s what is happening to hundreds of thousands of school children every day. And those in private schools or homeschooling programs are not automatically better off. As long as children are forced to use a traditional textbook/workbook curriculum without any concern for their learning styles, they might as well be wearing shoes that are too tight, or so loose that they trip over them.

An education that doesn’t fit is as painful, or perhaps even more painful, than ill-fitting shoes – after all, an ill-fitting education can scar a child for life.

Some readers might think I’m going off the deep end here. After all, the traditional school system has been in place for a pretty long time, and most people come through it just fine, don’t they ?

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Keep Smiling !

## Do the Math - TARP Review One Year Later

by Jefferson Pinto

Last fall, we were told we must “act swiftly” to prevent the failure of key financial institutions. After all, “The cost to let them fail is unthinkable.”

In the heat of the stampede, congress and our then president (George W. Bush) committed \$700 billion dollars in the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP also known as the Bail Out) Are you sitting down? A year later, only \$370 billion of the \$700 billion has been disbursed. That unto itself isn’t entirely a bad thing. Put another way, \$330 billion (almost half) hasn’t been disbursed.

Reread my article titled *Smoke and Mirrors Yield Suboptimal Public Policy* in the VIEW, October 2008, Issue # 7, at [www.OjaiandVenturaView.com](http://www.OjaiandVenturaView.com)

There are two huge questions: 1) Who did the math to quantify the funds necessary? And 2) What’s going on with the undisbursed funds?

It is my expectation someone would have done the math first before sticking every American citizen with a \$700 billion price tag (That’s a 7 with eleven zeros behind it or \$2,300 for every citizen).

How well would it go over in your house if you said, “Mom, I need \$70 for groceries.” When the you get back from the store and only spent \$37, your mother says, “Where’s the change? You know the \$33 bucks you didn’t spend?” “Oh yeah, (pause) that \$33. I’ll just hold on to it just in case I get hungry later.” Does our congress need mom to tell them to bring back the change?

So what did our \$370 billion buy us anyway? The single biggest recipient AIG (\$70 Billion) sent 60 percent of their funds overseas. Well maybe Ojai will get a drop or two of that dirty money back as AIG executives (count em - 200) just got the Royal Spa Treatment at the Ojai Valley Inn first week in October to the cut-rate tune of some 1.3 Million spent there, except the Inn rarely spreads the wealth to greater Ojai... They don’t allow an Ojai phonebook or “local” or “unlocal” newspaper at the Inn... lest their campers get the idea they might tootle into town and drop a few greenbacks in the Ojai Business District (instead of the Inn)... mighty neighborly

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## Mayor Joe DeVito Ditching the Council, Hitting the Road...



On Mon. Oct. 12, Ojai Mayor Joe DeVito called it quits, resigning his position (effective Dec. 31) as Ojai Mayor and Councilperson. When Joe

last ran for the Ojai seat in 2006 many said it was time for Joe to go but Joe, having a particular penchant for positions of authority (as a longtime teacher; principal, HOA prez, administrator and career ‘martinet’ with the Ojai Unified School District), was not ready to relinquish his bone. This year Joe took a few more trips back to Tennessee (beyond his customary one trip) to visit the kids and perhaps just felt that he would be a better off, retired.

So how to fill the vacant seat ? The city council can a) Call for a ‘Special Election,’ or b) Appoint a new council member to fill Joe’s seat (which runs through Nov. 2010. The city manager (Jere Kersner) will most likely place the issue on the next Oct. 27 council meeting agenda where council (including Joe) may decide on a successor or to call a Special Election



Letters are Welcomed  
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### Drive -thru Nap n’ Crap

Ventura’s pilot program for Steeple Sleeping has allocated 22 Thousand Dollars to go to the Salvation Army to oversee this experiment in auto-hostelty. A few chosen homeless people will be selected to participate in the program for a feasibility study. A portion of the money for the study will go to the purchase and maintenance of Port-a-Potties at the location sites chosen, mostly churches or

other private properties.

Concern is being voiced that residents of surrounding properties will protest the nightly colonization of parking lots with its potential for disruption and view pollution. “It’s not like it’s Woodstock...it’s just a few people” reassured a supportive Councilman Neal Andrews. Making statements and offering their professional help as consultants in the art of car-sleeping were Lawrence and Lori

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### Hmmm... ...very suspicious Ollie!

September 29, 2009

In his latest blog addition on Sept. 28, 2009 the City Manager of Ventura, Mr. Rick (King) Cole penned the following thoughts;

“This is an opportunity for fresh leadership to bring people together around things everyone can agree on: a

prosperous local economy, protecting the environment and providing quality housing for a growing population. Other regions have done it – now it’s our turn.”

To the general on-looker Mr. Cole seems to be telling one and all that he thinks it is high time the voters of Ventura opened up their collective eyes and voted

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(approx. cost; \$35,000). The rumor mill has been kicking around such names as Suza Francina, Lenny Klaif and a few others as

potential appointees.... Drop your suggestions and comments to the VIEW.  
– Joel Anderson, editor

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## Aliso St. Bear....From the Frying Pan Into The Fire....!

OJAI CITY COUNCIL OCT. 13

by Mary M. Long

Outraged and concerned citizens packed Tuesday’s Ojai City Council meeting and for over an hour and a half shared their concerns, questions and feelings of helpless rage over the fate of the Aliso St. Bear. There were several residents of Aliso St. who had witnessed the ongoing circus and eventual tragedy who spoke from a firsthand experience as well as animal rights experts and activists.

Asking for answers from representatives of state Fish and Game and Ojai Police Department and hoping for a public hearing with the officials present who had actually attended the incident was the hue and cry.

“It’s clear that this needs to be an agenda item” said Suza Francina, former Ojai mayor, forcefully. Suza leaned over the podium in an impassioned address to the current city council to investigate the incident. “At 11 o’clock when I found out that the bear was going to be killed I have never felt so angry and duped in my life..... I felt

like I had witnessed a murder...we had been told until the very last moment.... we were lied to.....I don’t believe the Ojai police lied.....somewhere along the line.....I understand why... because if we hadn’t been lied to we wouldn’t have let this happen.”

“But this is Ojai” was the sentiment of many of the speakers, demanding that we as a city find a way to circumvent or create an exception to Fish and Game Federal Law requirements concerning the destruction of tranquilized bears during bear hunting season.

A quietly eloquent Julie Tumamait (Chumash elder) took the podium with a gentle reminder that the ancestors of her people, who were the native residents of the Ojai, revered the Black Bears.

“Very rarely did our people eat bear because it was a peer. He was a four legged and a two legged, and it was only during those severe famines that bear was eaten. Our medicine men and people were bears. They traveled from the upper valley to the village of Matilija; they had very sacred and powerful medicine.”

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LETTER - INCIDENT - OCT. 10

### Government Conduct

We have a question: If the City of Ojai, Ventura County and State Officials can not conduct, without death, a minor disaster such as removing a bear from a tree, how are we supposed to feel “ok” about a larger disaster even if it is only a drill?

- Lawrence & Lori Anderson

## Why Ventura is The Broke Capitol of the World ? Who’s Money is It Anyway ?

The City of Ventura lost \$10 Million Dollars 1 1/2 years ago (well before the recent economic crash), through their ambitious high-risk investment plan; having placed precious taxpayer dollars with Bears Stearns (BS) private assets, which went belly up in the JP Morgan fiasco. This reduced Ventura’s get-rich-quick-scheme to pie-in-the-sky. Most cities invest their cash assets in highly safe Treasury instruments and other government-backed securities.

VIEW Detailed Financial Analysis Go To: <http://ojaiandventuraview.com/OV-ViaArt/TheRoseVol.1Issue1WebStealthkatGraphics.pdf>

LETTER - CONGRESS FREEBIES

## How to Pass Health Care Reform

–Karl Keller

Let’s cut through all the talk, town halls, addresses to Congress, and talking heads!

Let’s all agree with the proposed health care reform legislation, whatever its details, on one very simple condition: that all US citizens (including the President, Vice President and Members of the Administration, Members of Congress and staff, Judges and staff, and all employees of the US Federal government) receive

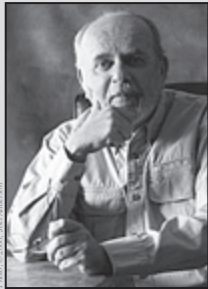
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“Tears fall in my heart like the rain on the town.”  
– Paul Verlaine

## “Don’t Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess !”

### Anyone Having An Affair ?



No one can do our soul work for us and from mid-life on, soul work includes the search for meaning. Only when we stop expecting our spouses to bring meaning to our lives can we begin to tap our own potential. If our primary measures of self-worth and security depend solely on the affirmation and love of our partners we end up in trouble. In modern day parlance, if the so-called “co-dependent” continues to play a supporting role in someone else’s opera, mid-life will raise absolute havoc in their inner world.

### Women

In our patriarchal society most women have to make a greater leap than men towards their right to be themselves and individuate. Until these last few decades women were told to find fulfillment through their husbands and sons, which left a mark. Many mid-life women, when they first arrive in therapy, are plagued with negative inner voices: “Don’t try, you’ll fail,” “You don’t have what it takes,” “Who do you think you are ???” etc. If they listen closely they will discover this inner voice is often masculine. Their night time dreams are filled with threatening masculine figures trying to harm, rape or kill them. This happens when a woman is stuck, unable to act, or chip a piece of the earth out for herself in the outside world as she is disconnected from her masculine energy. Initially therapy deals with the expression of a lot of grief and anger. Later on when the woman begins to gather energy for a new life, challenge the fears and inner forces blocking her, the masculine figures in her dreams become less threatening and eventually become allies. A healthy personality doesn’t seem to be a given, it’s attained through a daily struggle against the demons of doubt and fear of disapproval.

### Men

Again, due to our patriarchal society men have been conditioned to shun their feelings as well as their inner life and therefore lose touch with intuitive wisdom. By the time they reach mid life the average male is isolated, a stranger to himself and others. He’s become a slave to power, status and money - whether he’s attained any of it or not. Many only know the presence of power as a sign of their manhood, because our society has put such tremendous pressure to play out the old roles of economical animal and becoming “top dog” ! If you ask this kind of man how he feels he will tell you what he thinks. The initial time in therapy is often spent in helping men reconnect to their feeling nature. As our technological society has traded information for wisdom, soul has gone out of most working places. That’s why you see so many men dreading work and hating retirement after the business world has spit them out. What a tragedy that is !

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So when men and women crawl into mid-life this unhappy, something is bound to happen. Statistics tell us midlife affairs occur in about 50 percent of the marriages with men only slightly ahead of women. When one represses feelings or creativity or basic joy in life, forces well up in the unconscious that often overwhelm the person. It’s not like an individual gets up in the morning and says, “Well, I think I’m gonna screw up my life today, hurt my spouse and my children and risk losing everything I have fought to attain (Hollis).” As I said before, when the 45-year-old husband runs away with his 22-year-old secretary, most of the time he has projected his undeveloped inner feminine side and years of longing unto the young “goddess”. I’m sure there are exceptions, but this seldom works.

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One for all and all for one. Love to Mother Meera  
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# Ventura Elections R. ELLIS SMITH Questions for the Candidates



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I sent this list of questions to all the candidates that are running for Ventura City Council this year. Here are their answers, if you would like to read their full answers, go to [townbiz101@hotmail.com](mailto:townbiz101@hotmail.com) and click on the link for candidates answers. The candidates answers are listed in the order they were received.

1. Which of you if elected or re-elected would place an agenda item before the city council to allow a vote of the public to alter the Ventura city charter to allow for the election of a full time mayor?

2. Which of you if elected or re-elected would place an agenda item before the city council to allow a vote of the public to alter the Ventura city charter to allow for a reduction in the number of council seats from the present 7 to a more realistic 5, and form council districts?

3. Would any of you if elected or re-elected place before the council an agenda item to cancel the ill thought out contract with the RedFlex red light intersection camera company which is costing the City of Ventura approx \$1,000,000 per year?

4. Would any of you if elected or re-elected place before the council an agenda item to cancel the contract with the State of California concerning the State Water Pipeline that we are at the present time paying over \$1,000,000 per year in order to hold our place in line?

#1. Wendy Halderman was the first to reply: Wendy replied with a resounding "Yes" to all the questions.

#2. Mike Gibson was the second responder: #1 - Yes, #2 - Yes on reducing council members to 5, No on Districts. #3 - Yes, #4 - Yes

#3. Maureen O'Hara third respondent: #1 - Yes wants to eliminate city manager position. #2 - No. #3 - Yes. #4 - Non committal.

#4. Robert Dugan was forth respondent: #1 - Yes wants to eliminate city manager position. #2 - Yes. #3 - Yes. #4 - Yes.

#5. Neal Andrews was the fifth: #1 Yes. #2 - Yes to alter the charter for elected Mayor, uncommitted as to districts. #3 - No. #4 - No.

#6. Bill Knox the sixth: #1 - Yes, feels the City Attorney should also be an elected position. #2 - Yes with reservations. #3 - Yes. #4 - Yes with reservations.

#7. Ken Cozzens seventh respondent: #1 - No. #2 - No wants to wait to see what the public wants. #3 - Yes with reservations. #4 - Yes

#8. Ed Summers was the eighth: #1 - No. #2 - No. #3 - No. #4 - No

#9. Phil Mechanick was the ninth: #1 - likes the idea but NO, #2 - No, #3 - Yes, #4 - No

All of these candidates that responded wether with a positive answer or a negative answer at least would allow the citizens to vote on some of the items in question. Mr. Summers however, one of the incumbent council members, voted No on all questions meaning he is not in favor of allowing the citizens to vote.

It is quite obvious that the candidates, Jim Monahan, Brian Brennan, Melody Jo Baker, Mike Tracy, Camille Harris, Candidate Questions, Continued Page 25...

## LETTER - INCUMBENT IDIOTS What Can't the City of Ventura Do Right ? - Brian Lee Rencher



Although I support Ventura ballot measures B and C, I am here to strongly urge the electorate to vote no on

Measure A.

The City Council says they need the Measure A sales tax money to save our libraries, but a couple of years ago the Ventura Redevelopment Agency granted the Downtown Ventura Organization (DVO) \$500,000 instead of paying back to the City's General Fund the money the Agency owed on its line-of-credit debt. What quantity of library services could the City have provided us with this money?

Incidentally, over half of the Redevelopment Agency's line-of-credit debt was incurred to build the downtown movie theater and its required parking in 1996 at a cost of approximately \$9.7 million. What's more important to the community: movie theaters or libraries?

And what about the \$400,000 unsecured loan the council gave a Jaguar auto dealership a couple of years ago. This money was used by Jaguar to pay John Hofer for the ground lease on his empty KIA auto showroom building. This is the same John Hofer that owns all of the property around the Ventura Auto Mall and has successfully funded the winning election campaigns of four of our past mayors over the last fourteen years. Previously he received over \$3.5 million in free road construction on his properties and even named one of these streets after himself - Hofer Drive.

Now Mayor Weir, in her speech on July 29, as quoted in the July 30, 2009 edition of The Star newspaper says the Measure A sales tax money will be used to enrich Mr. Hofer even more at taxpayer expense. "That \$8 million will stay in the city for us to pave streets and provide better services," she said during a 20-minute talk and slide-show presentation covering a range of topics. They included the city's desire to connect Olivas Park Drive to Highway 101, expand the Ventura Auto Center into a regional retail destination, ... "Our goal is to increase the wealth of the city," she said. The Mayor did not mention libraries in her speech.

On Dec. 17, 2007 the Ventura City Council spent the \$5 million in cash that the Redevelopment Agency finally had paid on its line-of-credit debt to the City's General Fund. The council spent this "windfall" of one-time money on the newly created Job Investment Fund (JIF). On that date the council already knew it was facing a \$1.9 million deficit. By June, when they adopted the 2008-09 City Budget, the deficit had grown to \$4.3 million. The council created the deficit themselves and could have saved the library and prevented this budget shortfall themselves had they not been so reckless with our hard-earned tax dollars. Now they want us to tax ourselves even further to cover their fiscal irresponsibilities.

The next fiscal year, 2009-2010, the Ventura City council lost \$10

million in corporate notes on Wall Street when Washington Mutual and Lehman Brothers went bankrupt [in 2008]. This helped create an \$11.4 million deficit in the City's 2009-10 Budget.

To cover their \$4.3 million 2008-09 fiscal budget deficit, the council created the "911 Phone Tax" (over \$1.2 million was never returned - nor was it used to increase public safety), raised City fees 5.56 percent on average, and cut all services by 2 percent so that they could fund the JIF. Three million dollars of the JIF money goes into a statewide fund and little, if any, is likely to return. The remaining \$1.5 million of the other \$2 million is still available in the City's treasury and has not yet vaporized. What level of library services could have been funded with the remaining \$700 thousand after covering the \$4.3 million 2008-09 deficit if they council had not gambled our money away on the JIF? The same goes for the \$10 million lost on Wall Street this [in 2008] year!

The Ventura City Council continues to "promote economic development" with our tax money. Over \$120 million was spent to promote tourism by various Ventura City Councils between 1992 and 2004 - approximately \$8 million a year on average - with no measurable positive return on investment. At City Hall, where no actual economists are employed, "Economic Development" means stolen and squandered tax dollars and dirty little back-room land deals - not high paying jobs.

So, don't vote for Measure A, or the incumbents, this November 3rd unless you want more of the same and butchered libraries. And, don't vote for their good old boy Mike Tracy either - he's the fox watching the hen house.

Mike Tracy promotes himself in this year's Ventura City Council election as the only candidate that understands how to really operate a city since he is the only candidate that has been a City department head. But let's look at his record as Ventura's Police Chief.

The day before Mike Tracy began his employment as Ventura's Police Chief, July 25, 1997, his annual salary was \$102,410.10. Upon his retirement date, his salary had grown to \$173,162.88. His retirement pay now costs the taxpayers of Ventura \$186,902 a year (due to inflation indexing) - an increase in pay of 82.5 percent and he doesn't have to work another day the rest of his life. He's stated that he will donate his \$600 a month council pay to the library - how thoughtful of him!

But, how well did he manage the Ventura Police Department when he was in charge? Between 1999 and 2004, serious crimes increased 40.5 percent (as evidenced by the public record recorded in the "Crime In The United States FBI Uniform Crime Reports - City of Ventura", Part 1 Crimes [murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft]. Crime went though the roof under his watch! The city's population grew only 5.2 percent during the same time period. Obviously, he wasn't a very competent top cop. But his pay grew double the increase in crime. Why?

If you vote yes on Ventura ballot Measure A, you have no written guarantee that the money will be used to

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"We Believe code enforcement is on the right track..."

VCRReporter Management, Editorial April 30

## Ivory Upper Crust R. ELLIS SMITH Balancing the Budget



We have heard non-stop from all the upper crust in the Ivory Tower, (Ventura City Hall), how they worked their fingers to the bone to shave \$11,000,000 from the budget to straighten out the mess they created. Here is an example of just one department within the cities budget.

Ventura City Parks Department

Whole lotta Chiefs, not so many Indians....

Here is a list of Chiefs and Sub-Chiefs

1- Parks Manager - \$9,300.00/mo

1- Management Analyst II - \$6,714.00/mo

4 - Public Works Supervisors - \$6,550.00/mo ea.

1- Tree Coordinator - \$5,056.00/mo

1 - Landscape Inspector - \$5,056.00/mo

3 - Park Leadworkers - \$4,204.00/mo ea.

2 - Tree Leadworkers - \$4,289.00/mo ea.

1- Irrigation Maintenance - \$4,141.00/mo

2 - Office Secretaries - \$4,768.00/mo

Total for Chiefs and Sub Chiefs

\$77,485/mo or \$934,140/yr

This doesn't include any benefits, which usually add 15 to 25 percent to each salary.

Here is a list of Indians

1- tree maintenance worker I - \$3,548.00/mo

4 - tree maintenance worker II - \$3,901.00/mo ea

2 - groundskeeper I - \$2,965.00/mo ea

7 - groundskeeper II - \$3548.00/mo ea

Total for Indians

\$49,918/mo or \$599,016/yr

So in just this one small department in the city the Chiefs and Sub Chiefs that do very little physical work get paid \$335,124/yr more than the Indians who do 99.9 percent of all the actual physical work in the department. Now I don't know how you feel about this but as far as I am concerned it seems a tad TOP HEAVY in the parks department. Makes ya kinda wonder about the rest of the cities departments, don't it?

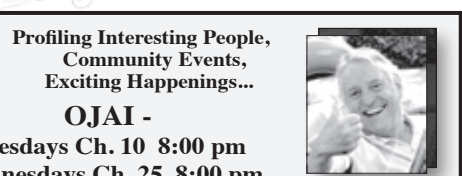
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## Honey, they Shrunk the Severance Check

by Jefferson Pinto

There's an old saying. Recession is when your neighbor is out of a job. Depression is when you're out of a job.

Personal Depression

Last week the recession turned into my depression, putting me amongst the unemployed - I was in shock. My first reaction was, why me? What did I do wrong? That lasted about 15 minutes.

My employer was pleased with my performance. He made the difficult decision to jettison some of the "heavier" cargo to keep the plane in the air. After the sting wore off, I'm ok with it. I'm good, but I'm not cheap.

Then came the tough part, telling my family. I've been laid off before, so I know the routine. Walking in the door with the box of my personal stuff (family pictures, my personal coffee cup) was the give away. The kids were frightened. "Dad. Are we going to loose our house?" I assured them we would be OK, but we needed to make some changes. Here's my take on a healthy and productive go forward strategy.

Need vs. Want

When the cash flow gets tight, it's time to make a few changes. Sort your expenses into two buckets: wants and needs. Cut the wants and trim the needs. Realize you've probably got more time than money.

Day care: I guess I could watch the kids before and after school since I'm not working.

I suppose I could clean my own house. Where did I put the vacuum cleaner and those cleaning supplies anyway?

Eating out - Say audios to fast food.

Movies in the theater - Just say hasta la vista to velvet covered seats with built in cup holder arm rests. No more 15 minutes of commercials and previews, \$3 sodas, \$5 popcorn, and \$6 chocolate covered raisins. I guess I'll have to give up Michael Moore's new move "Capitalism" and settle for Dora the Explorer on PBS.

Cancel the up link to premium cable and say hello to free TV!

Cell phone: Is it really a need? If I have to move, I'll likely lose my home phone. Keeping my cell phone assures me a consistent contact number to put on my resume. I can however, block any ancillary services that seem to rack up the bill (Surf the web at home. Reevaluate whether to block video, premium content services like horoscope, GPS services, etc.)

The Recovery - Yours

You don't fail if you fall down. You fail if you don't get up. I'd avoid analyzing the imperfections in the floor, the amount of tread left on your shoe, or the condition of your shoe laces. Get up, dust yourself off and keep running to the finish line - even if you

finish last. Just finish. Keep smiling and focus on the solution.

Step 1 - Get your Head Right

It's both OK and healthy to be frightened, angry, depressed, etc. Feel it; then get over it. Dump the self victimization (Why me). Dump blame seeking "wheel spinning." Identify those members of the committee in your head and lay them off too. Size up the situation: no one died and no one has cancer. It's just a job. Start by being thankful for what you do have

Step 2 - Ask for Help

As a recovering workaholic, I have to admit, I still struggle with the sin of pride. "I don't need anyone's help; I can fix it myself." Sitting at home in the quiet has given me a lot of time to ponder and reflect.

Tell your friends and family about your employment situation and ask them for help with introductions. I have to say I was overwhelmed with the kind words of encouragement I received from my friends and family. Sometimes I underestimate people's good nature.

Sorry folks, the days of walking/ mailing/faxing resumes is essentially over. I also realize there are between 50 and 100 applicants for each advertised position. Typing longer and harder on my keyboard doesn't really change that fact. As I'm often reminded by my friend Pam, patience is a virtue. Faith is a good thing too.

Step 3 - Productive Daily Routine

There's an eerie quiet in the house when everyone leaves for the day to do their thing. Get up on time. Budget one hour of exercise per day. Even if it's as simple as a walk, the exercise helps fight the feelings of depression. Set aside some time to share some quite time with whomever or whatever you believe in (See #2 above). Groom yourself as if you were going to work. Eat your meals about the same time every day. Put in no more than four hours per day looking for a job. Take the rest of the day being with your family and getting after those "when I get around to it projects."

Step 4 - Make a List

Visit the unemployment office and get the facts. Do a skills inventory and update your resume, clean house and have a garage sale. Consider health care options. Look for positions on the internet/unemployment office wherever. Volunteer with some of your free time. You don't know who you'll meet or what other opportunities will present themselves.

Step 5 - Get after the List

Prioritize and go from the top down. Mark at least one thing off your list per day. If you are overwhelmed by a particular item, break it into smaller tasks then get after them one at a time. Before you go to bed, write down the goals for the next day. Repeat.

Enemies to Avoid

Avoid schemes or web sites that charge you money to apply for employment. Helpful hit, the ideas

is to take money in not disburse it to someone you don't know who promises nothing.

Be selective on what you watch on television. The day time soap operas won't kill you but the commercials will. Be aware of commercials that start out with a question. Have you been injured in an accident? Call the Sue'em & Screw'em law firm. How would you like an exciting career dealing with grouchy patients and cleaning bed pans? Would you like to work part time from home and live the life you deserve? Are you depressed? Ask your doctor if Zephoinoidalca is right for you?

Be skeptical of the want ads: A quick translation

Opportunity for advancement - There's no place to go but up

Trainee/intern - Pay's less than minimum wage

On the job training - grunt work

Fast passed environment - Chaos

Must be a self starter - No training, no company paid coffee

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yeah but what do most people really get paid?

Avoid Shame based behaviors to compensate for the emptiness (Alcohol, drugs, shopping, etc.)

Avoid hanging around whiners, complainers, or self proclaimed victims that will seek help via litigation.

Always maintain your integrity, don't give up, and keep up the faith and keep smiling.

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## Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe



AH, hot summer days have left. Summer, when the serene philosopher of the pink **Rose** is steadying it's pink fragrant, delicate petals open fully and are ready to fall without regret or dissolution after only one day in the hot sun.

It is so every summer; one can almost hear the pink fragrant delicate petals as they settle down upon the earth, ah, the mystery of it all... we cannot fathom the mystery of a single rose, nor is it intended that we should.

The seasons change, autumn is upon us, the garden is changing, time to spend more time outside cultivating and cleaning it up. I like the words of **Percy Shelley** when he wrote in **1810** about his garden, *“A sensitive plant in a garden grew, and the young winds feed it with silver dew, and it open'd its fan-like leaves to the light, and closed them beneath kisses of night for each one was interpenetrated with the light and odor its neighbor shed, like young lovers whom youth and love make dear; wrapp'd and fill'd by their mutual atmosphere...”*

**William Wordsworth** also wrote, *“To me, the meanest flower that blows can give Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.”* And so it is.

Did you know, women invented horticulture? Women ventured into the fields and forests in search of wild plants and herbs, women domesticated them while men were running around chasing wild beasts. Women were the first gardeners, while men where in awe of women's complicity with nature and the power it had given them, they just sat around scratching, grunting and belching. So, dear readers honor the **Earth**, now when governments, militaries and others, bomb, blast and tear asunder poor mother earth.

More on women; you might think men are the bullies at the office, but recent studies show women account for over 40 percent of frequent offenders. Women in charge target other women for bullying, according to the **Workplace Bullying Institute**, women view all the women as easy targets. In the name of women's liberation, what happened to Betty Frieden and Gloria Steinem what is going on, any theories ladies?

Also another recent survey shows women spend over one year of their lives deciding what to wear, choosing outfits for work, nights out, vacation etc. The average woman will spend over 287 days deciding what to wear. The study also found women aged 16 to 60 spend 25 minutes deciding what to wear before going out for an evening on the town.

If you are a woman who prefers wearing pantsuits instead of dresses and skirts, don't go to **Sudan**. **Lubna Hussein** and 12 other women were arrested for wearing pants; 10 were flogged. **Lubna** opted to go to trial - she is charged with violating **Islamic Sharia law**. The trial is pending.

Researchers say women are happiest and most confident at age 25. It is short lived alas, by the age of 30 they worry about their figures, finances, their romantic future and growing old.

Shed a tear for **Britt, Ellie Allen** age 28, she suffers from having an orgasm every five minutes, without the aid of a man. Apparently sound triggers off the orgasm; when the alarm goes off in the morning – the first one, when the radio comes on another one, and the telephone rings another, then the car engine starting. Any noise... even the wind blowing, and so on through-

*“The wine-cup is the little silver well, Where truth, if truth there be, doth dwell.”*

– **William Shakespeare**

out the day, any vibration, loud speakers, escalators etc. causes an orgasm. Ellie had to quit her office job and now works in a quiet art gallery. The doctors have diagnosed her ailment as, **Permanent Sexual Arousal Syndrome (PSAS)**, they have no remedy. Poor Ellie is hoping for relief in the near future, over 250 orgasms in a single day is too much...

Want to get away from it all? Take a seven day tour of **Ireland** with a stay in **Congs Castle**, it includes accommodation, car rental and daily servings of good **Irish** breakfast, cost, \$875, contact [www.sceptretours.com](http://www.sceptretours.com).

The average American eats 16 pounds of french fries, 20 pounds of pizza and 26 pounds of candy every year, according to [www.fastcompany.com](http://www.fastcompany.com)

**Question:** Will there ever be a skateboard park in **Ojai**?

Good news for people who lost money in the stock and bank fiasco. **Goldman Sachs** have apologized for participating in the financial crash; they wrote **\$29.3 billion** in securities backed by subprime mortgages which was 7 percent of the entire subprime market. In the aftermath of this financial crisis, 1,852 savings-and-loan officials were prosecuted and 1,072 were sent to jail. By contrast, only a few banking executives face prosecution for their part in the financial crisis.

There are over **3,300 registered lobbyist** working the halls of **Congress**; that's six lobbyist for every member of **Congress**. The highest-paid US executive last year was CEO **Stephen Schwarzman** – he received **\$700 million** from his money management firm. Seven other CEO's collected more than **100 million in 2008**.

After securing bailouts on the grounds they were too big to fail, four banks **J.P. Morgan, Chase, Bank of America** and **Wells Fargo** now have three of every **\$10** on deposit in the **United States**.

I know you must work hard to get ahead... **George Tuckebaum**, age 51 was employed as a proofreader at the **New York** firm for over 30 years. He quietly died at his desk on **Monday** morning, and it was **Saturday** morning before a cleaning lady asked him if he was okay. His manager, **Elliott Wachiaski** said, **George** was always the first in and the last to go so no one thought it unusual for him to be sitting at his desk. He was always absorbed in his work and kept to himself. I guess the moral of this story is if you see your co-worker leaning over the desk give them a nudge now and then to see if they are still alive. And don't work too hard, nobody notices anyway.

Did you know, of the more than 31 million bags checked by airlines last year, about 1.6 percent of them did not arrive at their destinations ? About one million bags were lost altogether.

Want to look like a movie star? Try wearing **IISA Sunglasses**, with subtly faded lenses, only \$375, check [www.Oliverpeoples.com](http://www.Oliverpeoples.com)

If you are a single man looking for a wife, consider **Wook Kunder**. She is a **107-year-old Malaysian woman** and is ready to marry for the **25th** time, her last husband was **70 years** her junior in age and he ran off with another woman. **Wook** admits she is old and she doesn't have an attractive body but she claims she is mature and honest. Better hurry men she won't stay single very long...

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**Ventura County** has long been known as a wine lover's paradise, thanks to all the wine bars located here, now the **Ventura Visitors Bureau** is making it easier for visitors to discover all the great and offbeat local wineries with its new wine tours, offered on Saturday and Sunday. You can visit boutique vintners and award-winning wineries, the total cost \$75 and it includes four wineries to visit, a gourmet snack box, and transportation. Tours leave from the **Ventura Visitor Center** every **Saturday** and **Sunday** at 11 am, return of 5 pm. Call **648-2075** for reservations.

Time to watch the sunset and sip a glass of **Cabernet**.



Your comments are welcome  
Peace to all living beings on earth  
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**Grounds: From the Coffee Pot**

## In Praise of Black Tea

by Lorraine Mariz



Black tea is back! New research shows that black tea is nearly as healthy as green tea and contains the same cancer fighting anti-oxidents. So get out the teapot and some good black tea and go nuts.

If you have been drinking so much green and herbal tea that you forgot how to brew black tea here are some instructions.

What you need.

**1. A tea pot** - whatever size you need, they come in 2 to 12 cup sizes and in many shapes. Most will make good tea. Many novelty tea pots are not intended for actual use so if you are considering a tea pot shaped like a teddy bear make sure it is not just for show.

**2. Fresh, cold, good tasting water** - If you don't normally drink your tap water don't use it to make tea (or coffee, or ice cubes, or lemonade for that matter). Use filtered or bottled water.

**3. An Injuser or Strainer** if you are using loose tea - The advantage of an infuser is that you can remove the infuser from the tea and not drink it all at once. Infusers come in sizes from the spoon style for 1 or 2 cups to three inch tea balls for 10 to 12 cups. Choose the largest infuser that will fit in the top of your tea pot. This makes for flexibility in the amount of tea you make - it is okay to put enough tea for 2 cups in a three inch infuser. Also many teapots now include an infuser. Some tea connois-

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seurs feel that the best flavor comes from tea leaves loose in the pot. In this case a strainer is necessary. Or if you know any fortune tellers forgo the infuser and strainer and read the tea leaves in your cup.

**4. Some way to Boil Water** - a stove top, electric kettle, campfire, etc. Now you have the supplies and are ready to brew!

Heat the tea pot by filling it with hot water. Measure the tea. In general use one teaspoon of tea per 6 ounces of water. If you are using an infuser make sure the tea takes up no more than 1/3 of the space in the infuser. The leaves need room to expand. Put the kettle on (start heating the water). Pour the hot water out of the pot and place the tea inside. When the water boils bring the pot to the kettle (very important) and pour the boiling water into the pot. Make sure the water boils but only let it boil for a few seconds. This will ensure the fullest taste. Steep the tea 3 to 4 minutes according to taste (less if you use tea bags). Remove the infuser or bags from the pot when the tea is done steeping. Then serve. Put a tea cozy on the pot if you want the tea to stay hot for more than 1½ hour or so. If you prefer the tea leaves loose in the pot strain the leaves as you pour the tea into the cup. Serve all the tea at once as any tea left in the pot with the leaves just steeps more and gets bitter and undrinkable. Now enjoy your great cup of tea.

Lorraine Mariz, Java and Joe, Ojai

## Curtain Call

by Ron Rowe



The **Ojai ART Center** has concluded another successful production; **Broadway Bound** closed last month, rehearsals have begun on the next play.

**The Glass Menagerie** by **Tennessee William's**, directed by Tom Eubanks and starring **Leslie Paxton, Brittancey Danielle, Curtis Cline** and **John Lashly**. This is **Tennessee Williams'**

first successful play, and it hit **Broadway** by storm in **1945**, winning the best play award.

Often considered an autobiographical drama, it was based on **Williams'** own short stories. The title refers to his sister's collection of glass figures, one of which is broken the night that an engaged man kisses her. It marks a breaking up of the family. The play runs now through **Nov. 1**.

Call **640-8797** for reservations.

Over at the **Senga Classic Stage**, theatre auditions have been held for the upcoming production of **I remember Mama**, directed by **Francisca Beach**; however, if you missed the audition and would like to be a part of this **Christmas** production check with **Francisca at Francisca Beach@gmail.com**. There are over 20 roles, ages ten to 65 to be filled. There could be a possibility there will still be a role open for you.....also, anyone who has a calm cat it is needed in the play. Also an artist is needed to paint a **San Francisco mural** on the back wall of the stage. Performance begins **Nov. 27 to Dec. 20**. This heartwarming play was staged on **Broadway** in **1944** and it starred none-other-than **Marlon Brando** in his first **Broadway** role. A must see show for the whole family,

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The **Cabrillo Music Center** is presenting the award winning musical **Gypsy and Dolls**, directed by **Nick D. Gruccio**. Spend a delightful entertaining evening with those lovable characters; **missionary Sarah Brown, Sky Masterson, Harry the horse** and of course **Big Julie** and all the other timeless characters portrayed in this **Damon Runyon** classic show. Show runs **Oct. 16** to the **26th**. Reservations can be made by calling 497-8613.

The **Santa Paula Theater** is presenting, **Doubt**, one of the most exciting and popular plays in recent **Broadway** history. It won a **Pulitzer Prize** for drama and the **Tony Award** for best drama. Directed by **Patrick Shanley**, it is set in a **Bronx Catholic School** in the **60s**. It's an inspired study of moral uncertainty with the compelling certain structure of an old-fashioned detective drama. Show runs through **Oct. 25**, call **525-4645** for reservations.

And for **Gilbert and Sullivan** fans, (and who isn't) pop on down to **Thousand Oaks**. They are staging **The Yeomen of the Guard**, through the 18th; a classic oldie but goodie, check **381-2747** for information and reservations.

If you missed seeing **The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas**, not to worry, you can still catch it at **Simi Art Center** in Simi Valley. It's a hilarious musical comedy that became a hit movie starring **Burt Reynolds** and **Dolly Parton**. It's a musical you can see over and over, and I think it is better seen on a live stage. Show runs through **Oct. 18**. Call **583-7900** or visit [www.simiarts.org](http://www.simiarts.org)

Christmas will soon be upon us, if you would like to be a part of **A Christmas Carol**, then attend the auditions at the **Ojai Presbyterian Church, 304 Foothill Blvd., Ojai**, on **Nov. 1** from **1 to 5 pm**, and **Nov. 2** from **7 to 9 pm**. Directed by **Gai Jones**, music by **Jimmy Calire**, vocal director **Candace Delbo**, it's an intergenerational cast with parts for over 40 actors. All parts are open, be prepared to sing a song, an accompanist will be available. Show runs 17th of Dec. to the 23rd. For more information check with, [gaijones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaijones@sbcglobal.net).

Looking for something different and entertaining yet still theatre ? Visit the **Ventura Improv Theater** in **Ventura**. Always a different improv on stage, every Friday and Saturday evening (at **8 pm**) there is musical hilarity. It's also home for workshops for adults and youths. You could be up on stage after attending an improv class. The improv is home for **veteran actor John Medeiros**. I saw him in the recent **Ojai Art Center** production of **A funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**; he was pure genius. I'd highly recommend you seeing him in action at the **Ventura Improv**. You won't be disappointed, running **Nov. 13** through **Dec. 20**.

**Children of Eden** at the **Elite Oxnard**, directed by **Stephen Schwartz**, a musical based on **Genesis**. It's a humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children; it will appeal to religious and non-religious audiences, check with [www.elitetheatre.org](http://www.elitetheatre.org) or call **483-5118**.

If you are age 10 or older and would like to understand **Shakespeare** language with understanding and clarity. Immerse yourself in the structure of the verse, learn and understand the rhythm of the language. It will improve understanding and appreciation of **The Bards** work. Join a class taught by **Mary Carrie** at the **Hillcrest Center for the Arts**. Classes, **Sat. 4 to 5:30pm**, call **818/257-0287** for more information.

The **Rubicon Theatre** in **Ventura** is also offering acting and play/writing classes, there is an array of classes designed to engage students of all levels with the art and craft of theatre, taught by award winning actors **Brian Mac Donald** and **Josef Fuqua**. You can register online

at [www.Rubicontheatre.org](http://www.Rubicontheatre.org) and click on the education and outreach button.

The **Ojai Art Center** is also offering classes for vocal development for actors and singers. You will learn how to develop a beautiful vocal tone, how to sing a song, learn a new song, improve your speech, interpret a poem or text or perform for a play. If you are an actor who always wanted to sing in a musical, this is your opportunity, taught by **professional vocalist and actress Joyce McWilliams**, private lessons are also available. Call **640-0419** for more information.

The **Ensemble Theatre** in **Santa Barbara** has a new home; located at the newly modernized **Victoria Theatre**, located at **33 W. Victoria St., Santa Barbara**. They have a new 30 year lease. For information, check [Jennifer@Jenniferquesspr.com](mailto:Jennifer@Jenniferquesspr.com)

The curtain has risen, overtures and beginners have started, time to sit back and enjoy the show.



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## EVENT CALENDAR

*Boys & Girls Club of Ventura - 6059 King Drive Ste A - Vent., Ca. 93003 - 641-5585 or 635-0180 - email at [www.BGClubventura.org](mailto:www.BGClubventura.org). Oct 1 - 31 - Java Joe's feature artist of the month: Morris B. Squire - "I've been trained to name an emotion, to understand the personality of my subjects... Most people live inside themselves. In my work, I try to get inside my subject then create a snapshot of this experience through my images."*

*Oct 12 - Nov 16 - Lilly Mehan Childbirth Education - Group Childbirth Classes - Drop-in Childbirth Classes - The Crash Course - Birth Class in a Bag - Video Childbirth Classes - For info call 647-6633 or email at [www.venturabirthclass.com](mailto:www.venturabirthclass.com) Richard Senate's Novel is about to be Published. "The Flight of Hercules" is about to be released and should be out in Mid-Oct or early Nov. It will be both hardback and soft cover. It is in a new style called "Steam-Punk" and combines history with wild adventure. If you are interested email Mr. Senate and he will give you information on how to get a copy. Email: [hainthunter@aol.com](mailto:hainthunter@aol.com). The following is Mr. Senate's Ghost Tours for the Fall; Oct 17 - Sat - Ventura City Hall Séance with Debbie Senate - 10:30 pm - 12:30 am (New) / Oct 24 - Sat - Rejes Adobe Ghost Tour - 8pm - 10:00 pm (Agoura Hills) / Oct 25 - Sun - The Ghost Bus Events Continued on Page 11...*

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by Mary-Jo Murphy

When a friend says, “Tell me what to do to lose weight, lower my blood pressure, get my cholesterol, blood sugar, under control...” I hesitate. NOPE! I think, because if I do, the inquirer will often get defensive. “I know that,” they say.

“Good. Then may I offer this bit of Chinese wisdom to contemplate?”

“What?”

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.*

“Are you suggesting I run out and buy a boat? Then I’d just sit around all day drinking beer. That wouldn’t be good for my diet. Besides I hate fish.”

The fact is that **Omega-3** fatty acids do protect against heart disease, but beyond the occasionally tuna sandwich, fatty fish two times a week is hard-sell.

“No.” I say, “fishing isn’t even very good exercise.”

All the while I’m thinking, why ask me? *Cold-blooded* health advice is out there on baited hook. Pop into any bookstore or grocery store. Tantalizing titles and promising products offer the latest quick fix. I’m expecting the next delicious supplement to be called, **The Stick With It Bar**, *guaranteed to change your life one bite at a time*.

Type in the H-word on your computer and mind-deadening amounts of information are available for your reading confusion. What a challenge it is to translate the latest facts and factoids into something that can actually be useful in our daily, complicated, lives.

I’m an information junky too. So just for fun I typed in *Learn-ing to Fish*. The site starts with THE BASIC, and speaks of “dreams of catching the monster fish and a little relaxation.”

Dreams! Goals! I think of my friend who keeps a photograph of her thinner self on her refrigerator, so she will ask herself every time, “Is this ice cream worth it?”

Learning to fish and taking on weight loss and exercise have a lot in common. Both begin with a dream and involve encountering pain and frustration. Both take a lot of time and a huge investment. Tangled lines, bug bites, lost lures, embarrassment, NO FISH, are not dissimilar to hunger pains, sore muscles and (*par-don the pun*) scales that won’t budge.

How is changing behavior like mastering the art of fishing?

- It takes a long time and much pain before the relaxation kicks in.

- You get to choose how you take on the task, whether you use all the fancy equipment or take the simple approach.

My friends, who ask me to tell them what to do, already know. And, unlike me, they know what has worked or not worked for themselves.

One said recently, “Why is it that when I was going to an exercise class, I showed up, but when I try to exercise alone I can’t do it?”

Why ask? Whether you show up for a group or go it alone doesn’t matter. It’s the difference between deep sea fishing and standing by the side of stream. Just do what works for you to catch your big fish. A hook, a line and a permit are all you really need to learn to fish; that and time. Keep it simple.

The ancient philosopher, Lao Tzu, said that at the center of your being you have the answer; you know who you are and you know what you want.

Now here are some of my own philosophical ramblings in case you are *wanting*:

- If you give a person a diet book, they’ll be insulted.
- If you give a guy a gym membership, he’ll feel like a 250-pound weakling for the first few months.

- If you tell a person to exercise they’ll tell you how hard it is and how much they hate it. If you suggest their dog will stop chewing up things if they walk him every morning and night, they might find there is something in it for them.

- If you love cookies and you buy them in bulk, they will call out to you in the middle of the night.

- If you compliment someone on their weight lost, you give them some reason to go on. Even better, if you ask how they did it, they’ll give you advice.

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## Respectful Restoration: Using the Art of the Past

by Elizabeth Stewart

This is the story of a couple, a historic house, a **Master Architect** and across exactly 80 years, how they all got together to put heart and soul into a **Montecito** house, which early on was named the “**Casa Debris**”

I am an avid preservationist, and love to see old beauties set back on their feet again, and still remain true to the golden age of **California** architecture, the 1920s. I want to report to you, dear readers, that this “**Casa Debris**” today is looking more like an elegant, mountain-perched, seaward-facing “**Casa-Catch the Breeze**.” Which is exactly what I did when I visited the 22,000 sq ft **1928 Reginald Johnson** masterpiece, under divine restoration and met the brilliant designer **Peter Kavoiian** and his partner the genius scientist **Ray Winn**.



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To restore a **Reginald Johnson Italian style Palazzo** takes more than just money, (*purchased in 2007*) it takes guts. For, you see, dear reader, you have to have a vision somewhere in your mind of the make a run-down-

finished product; somehow you must make a run-down-darling into a Princess, and along with that you have to give her the right setting; a gorgeous formal **Italian** garden, so she can bask in her 6.5 acres overlooking the sea. Peter and Ray have done just that, and their blend of talents is reflected in the nearly finished house today.

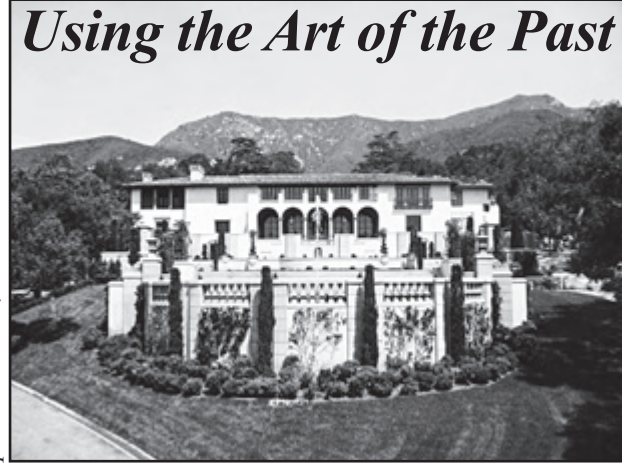
Firstly, Ray is a gifted technician, and the house has incredible space age toys like an alarm system, hidden behind the walls with no little pads and boxes, and sends out silent beams. Or the invention of a house-wide sound system that is unseen, yet you hear the same music inside, outside and all through the 22,000 feet of the house at a perfect volume. Or chandeliers that can be raised or lowered for cleaning. Of course, Peter is responsible for the design elements, remaining true to the 1920s, for example, traveling to **Buenos Aires** to find the exact period lighting fixtures which have a blend of 1920s decadence and innocence.

Peter has filled every part of the house with architectural elements, which he has found in so many wrecked buildings throughout this country and Europe. For example, one of the upstairs porches, called the “**Cuckoo’s Nest**,” boasts **Italianate** columns on the exterior face of an addition, which were purchased when a hospital in the **Midwest** was destroyed. Peter heard about it and remembered that this hospital was the setting for “**One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest**,” and remembered the exterior shots of the film. So he tracked down those columns for his house. I must say that I couldn’t tell the necessary additions to the house, as Peter (*also an architect*) has blended them so perfectly with Johnson’s aesthetic, and claims, rightly, to ‘channel’ Johnson as he works. The break-out balconies, such as the **Cuckoos’ Nest**, feature the same overhangs, the same **Italianate** conceits of fenestrations, as the 1929 house. In fact **Peter** is no stranger to design work having worked for the greats himself; he currently has a design practice in these days of ‘*hard-to-sell*’ property where he will restage a home for a lucrative sale, inside and out, including the garden.

Likewise, the beams in the ceiling, which, if you know **Reginald Johnson’s Biltmore Hotel**, are a signature of **Johnson’s Revival** style. Peter researched the treatment of these beams and recreated the elegant, colorful 1920s paint job. No stone is left unturned, as his walls are plaster, and finished with a little known technique called “**Venetian**”. Not just in one room, but in the many rooms of the house. In fact, some of the tiny servant’s rooms and tiny closets of the day have been re-planned, creating more comfortable bedrooms out of what were six chopped up rooms. The master bedroom suite is to die for, with two full big bathrooms and closets, and a sitting room and bar, AND an office, for midnight inspirations. The bedroom is an elegant and inspiring perfect square



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with an indoor outdoor fireplace.


When I visited, boxes and crates of all sizes held recovered moldings, pieces of ornate wrought iron, stained glass windows and domes, old marble statuary, from all over the world. This is a great way to keep ‘*true to period*’ as well as recycle architectural elements from almost 100 years ago, and give them a new home and a new life. Do you ever wonder where demolished ‘*junk*’ goes? Sometimes, sadly, and non eco-friendly, into landfills. But people like Peter and Ray have gone out of their way to rescue huge urns, columns, human figures and sides of wrought iron. Why not? Beats Home Depot dead.

My favorite room in the house is the newly created **Garden Room** which looks over the formal paterae of the 6.5 acres of garden, which is anchored by a huge spewing fountain. (*I should mention that the scientist Ray has designed a system that will regulate the height of the spew as the sun sets...*) In the **Garden Room**, if you know **Reginald Johnson** (*and you will if you remember the Biltmore*), **Johnson** liked outdoor spaces that were really indoor and vice versa. Peter took the colonnade that ran across the back of the house which faces the ocean, and glassed it in with period handmade glass panels

from the 1920s, which are framed in the 20s style iron frames that open and latch. Then he built another colonnade outside of this room which is framed by an exquisite huge slab of wrought iron brought over from **South America**, also antique. And this looks out over the most geometric of their gardens, which is set out in squares and framed by column and planters, also antique, and little mausoleum style buildings (*also antique*).

There’s a walkway which is filled with a special kind of gravel, for which Ray designed a grate system, which enables a woman in high heels to walk upon the path without sinking in, and the whole pathway, so as not to become muddy during automatic watering, has a filter system as well.

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the handsome gardener, and Peter’s main worker, on the property, Shawn, who I find is the 4th generation of



gardeners from Santa Barbara at the property. Do you know some of those yew trees can be trained to curve in ever tightening circles as they grow? Shawn has trained all the trees to curve in one direction

for the left hand side of the formal garden and the other direction on the right side. If you’re going to do it, do it right, as the original landscape architect was no other than **Lockwood de Forest**. When I was there, Peter and Shawn were hard at work on the oak garden, the rose garden, the Asian Garden and koi pond, as well as the formal areas or “room” like spaces.

There are some differences between some of **Reginald Johnson’s** other projects which we have here in our community from the 20s and this house. On the side of the period’s **Romantic Regionalism**, that is, taking a period in the past from a very certain place, like **Andalusia**, and creating a romantic version of it for the present, we have the great **Californian Romantic Architects**, like **Wallace Neff**, **Templeton Johnson**, **Bertram Goodhue**, **George Washington Smith**, **Carleton Winslow**, and **A.B. Harmer** who all worked here in the 20s, along with **Reginald Johnson**. **Johnson** was especially fond of the **Spanish Revival** or the **Spanish Colonial** style, which has become our ‘*official style*’. Look at the **Biltmore** for this. But “**Casa Debris**”, Ray and Peter’s house, is a great example of the **Mediterranean Tradition in Southern California Architecture** which spanned 1905-1935. Since we were in climate and beauty like some of the places in **Italy** and the **Latin** parts of the world, why not have a house with this design? -In 1925 **Santa Barbara**, began her worldwide reputation as a model of **Revivalist Architecture** with a blending of **Moorish**, **Spanish Baroque**, **Spanish and Portuguese Colonial**, **Andalusian** and **Mediterranean**, with a little **Hopi** and **Pueblo** thrown in there.

I can’t wait to see this beauty’s coming out party, and the two guest houses are finished, and the tennis court and pool are being done now, along with the party pavilion in the tennis pool area, complete with men’s and lady’s spas. And such respect is being paid to **Reginald Johnson**, who graduated with his degree in 1910 from MIT, known across the country for his **Italian villas**, and **American Colonials**, developing the **Mediterranean** look for us in 1915 on, and finally, in his later years, designing in the **Monterrey** style, a combination of **Spanish/Mexican** and **American** heritage for **California**. And the house in **Montecito** was 80-years-old last month.

If you have an architectural gem to show me or a great piece of art or antique for me to appraise here, I will be more than thrilled to report on it – email me at [elizabethappraisals@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethappraisals@gmail.com), or call 805-895-5005

## Giuseppe Garibaldi Viva Italia - Unified Italy

by Mina French

*The British historian A.J.P. Taylor once wrote that Giuseppe Garibaldi was ‘the only wholly admirable figure in modern history’.*

I tend to agree; **Garibaldi (1807-1882)** was an amazing man. He was a military genius who instilled inner power and courage in his men. He drove his men to glory and ultimately to the unification of **Italy** even though his men were untrained soldiers, lacking proper military equipment, food, money and even proper uniforms – they were able to overcome the **Neapolitan** forces who numbered more than them with **Garibaldi** yelling, “**Viva Italia**”, as they charged to defeat them.

**Garibaldi** was and is loved by the world – he was greeted warmly in **England** and the **United States**; today there is a **Garibaldi** monument in **Staten Island**, a bust of **Garibaldi** in outside the entrance to the **Old Supreme Court Chamber** in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington DC, a **Garibaldi** monument in **Tagonrog, Russia**, one in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, a statue of **Garibaldi** in **Rome, Italy** and a statue of **Garibaldi** and his wife, **Anita**, in **Brazil**.

**Garibaldi** was a famous military leader and traveled the world when he lived. He went to **Uruguay** to fight for it’s independence. People throughout the world adored him. In *Garibaldi, Continued Page 11...*



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## Making Scents in Your Garden by Alasdair Coyne

**S**outhern California's climate lends itself to the ready cultivation of many beautifully fragrant plants, which can provide a delightful addition to the home garden.

This article features a number of these fragrant plants, with some hints on how to grow them successfully. My own home is surrounded by many of these wonderful flowers, whose fragrance wafts through the house on spring or summer evenings.

### Citrus Trees

**Ojai** is famous for its orange groves, whose fragrance is released more strongly at nighttime. **April** and **May** are the peak months in **Ojai** for orange blossoms, but all citrus varieties have similarly-scented flowers.

### Pink Jasmine

This vine does well planted on a fence or against a wall for support, but it can also be left to grow in a mounding form. Like most of these fragrant plants, a full sun location is best. Pink jasmine flowers profusely in April and May, and makes a great choice for a fast-growing screen on a wire fence.

### Daffodils and Narcissus

These fragrant flowering bulbs are in many ways perfect plants for **Southern California**. They require no soil amendments, no summer irrigation and they are not eaten by gophers. What's more, they multiply on their own, gradually expanding over the years from a few bulbs into larger clusters, which can be divided (*though this is not necessary for their health*).

### Brugmansia

One of my favorites is this **South American** small flowering tree, a relative of the local (*toxic*) native *datura*. It grows quite quickly from a 5-gallon plant from the nursery into a six-foot tree, though you will have to trim off the multiple stems that want to turn the **brugmansia** into a multi-trunked specimen.

Around once a month, through the warmer months the **brugmansia** is covered with literally hundreds of dangling, 10" long trumpet flowers that exude — only at night — an exquisite, heavenly fragrance. **Brugmansias** come in single or double bloom forms, and in colors from white to pink to golden yellow. If your brugmansia should freeze in winter, it will grow back very quickly the following year.



The trumpet blooms of a brugmansia start producing their heady, exotic scent in the evening.

its leaves dark green.

### Daphne

**Daphne odora** is the **Latin** name of this shade-loving bush that grows to around three feet in height. Not very common in local gardens, **daphne** deserves to be much more widely grown. Everybody I've handed a sprig of **daphne blossoms** to in springtime has gone wild about its fragrance — strong, spicy, somewhat lemony, intoxicating.

### Lilac

**Lilacs** are not known for thriving in **Southern California**, but they are well worth trying to grow. There's a property in **Matilija Canyon** that is fronted by a magnificent lilac hedge.

**Lilacs** are deciduous, meaning that they lose their leaves each winter. The lilac blossoms appear on the plant in spring, as the foliage returns.

### Star Jasmine

This can be grown successfully as a groundcover or to cover a fence. It is more drought-tolerant than most other scented plants in this article. Its sweetly fragrant flowers appear in **May**, in full sun or even in deep shade.

### Osmanthus

Another scented plant that does well in sun or shade, and which is also drought-tolerant when established. **Osmanthus**

ing beauty as well as minimal maintenance and water use through climate appropriate plantings.

**September, October, and November** can be optimum planting times for many drought tolerant plants, giving them good time to get going before the heat of summer. The exception might be the frost sensitive plants. Look around you at the neighborhoods nearby. Take a walk. Gardeners are inveterate gabbers, it's just one of the things I love about this genre. Few gardeners want to hoard their knowledge: triumphs and failures are often recounted at great length, with emotion.

It is always a good idea to do a little bit of research on plants you wish to grow, for other than obvious reasons. Some plants are naturalizing and reducing native populations, causing immense impact in various areas of the world. Even though a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing, some information can be useful. Check it out at: <http://invasivespecies.nbi.gov/> Research can be fun with the abundance of resources in our area. We have several garden and horticultural groups in **Ventura** and **Santa Barbara** counties, along with the amazing **Santa Barbara Botanical Garden** to explore. Local landscapers and local nurseries also have oodles of experience and information about appropriate plants for you and your specific area. Happy gardening! (*all opinions are mine and not necessarily those of the nursery staff or owners*)

Our wonderful **Mediterranean** climate is characterized by warm to hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. The major **Mediterranean** climates of the world are the areas surrounding the **Sea** of the same name; the **South African Cape**, **Southern and Western Australia**, **Central Chile**, and much of **California**. There are other areas 'allied' with these climates as well. Gardeners in these areas enjoy a diversity of native plants (*the South African Cape endemic flora is the most diverse in the world*), as well as the beautiful and interesting plants of other similar climates, which sometimes become naturalized (*"No, Eucalyptus is NOT native to California"*).

There is so much to be learned about appropriate horticulture in our region. Working with the natural forces that shape these unique regions, we can create astonish-

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### Gardenia

The **gardenia** bush is a shrub growing to six feet or higher. The blooms are white and delightfully scented, flowering all summer long. Try floating a few gardenia blossoms in a shallow bowl of water to provide fragrance to your living room for a few days. If your gardenia is a little slow to grow, add a handful or two of alfalfa meal (*nitrogen*) fertilizer around the base of the shrub, where irrigation water will carry it down to the roots. This should speed its growth and keep

is a neat-looking bush similar in leaf to a privet; it also does well as a hedge plant. Its fragrant flowers appear from fall into winter, tiny white blooms with a powerful fragrance of sweet apricot, which can be detected a long way from the plant itself.

### Heliotrope

This is a smaller plant than most others in this article, which generally does better in a shady location. It is an old-time **English** garden flower with a purple blossom and a wonderful, rich, fruity fragrance. It may die back in a frost and come back from its roots the following year.

### Mock Orange

The **philadelphus** family, which includes the only California native plant in this article (*philadelphus lewisii*), are noted for their very strong fragrance. The sweet **mock orange**, *philadelphus coronarius*, grows to eight feet or so. The "mock orange" common name refers to the blossoms' resemblance to the shape of citrus blossoms, rather than to a similarity in the fragrance itself.

### Honeysuckle

Another scented vine, which is fairly drought-tolerant when established. **Hall's Honeysuckle**, the most common variety, grows very quickly as a screen on a fence, with sweet-scented blossoms in late spring.

### Night-Blooming Jasmine

A native **West Indian** shrub, growing to ten feet or taller. The super-strong fragrance emerges in summer, but only at night time. A word of warning — some people find this fragrance too strong to be enjoyable.

### Clerodendrum Fragrans

This five-foot tall shrub does well in shade and readily spreads by sending up new stems, or suckers. The delightful sweet scent comes from the broad clusters of flowers that appear in summer.

### Naked Ladies

These drought-tolerant bulbs need no care once planted. The **Amaryllis belladonna**'s common name derives from the plant's flower stalk emerging alone from the soil in late summer, when all the bulb's leaves have dried up months earlier. Plant in any garden soil in full sun before the winter rains, which will bring forth the bulb's leaves. No added irrigation is required.

### Freesias

Plant these small **South African** bulbs in a sunny spot in the garden. They also do well in a potted garden; after the spring bloom season, when foliage dies back, set the pots aside until new leaves appear in the fall, and begin to water them once again. Scented **freesias** come in almost every color.

### Roses

Last, but not least, the rose. **Roses** have been in cultivation for many millennia — longer than any other plant. Many are not scented, but plenty are! Only rarely do I plant a rose without first confirming that it will produce flowers with a delightful fragrance, to be enjoyed in the garden, or inside in a vase.

—Alasdair Coyne, Ojai, [www.sespewild.org](http://www.sespewild.org)



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A Sept. 27 benefit helped raise much needed funds for Ojai Acupuncturist Shabad Kathleen MacGregor to offset living expenses while she fights cancer. Kathleen was diagnosed with Non-Hodkins Lymphoma on Sept. 3, 2008, and is currently undergoing a stem cell transplant at the City of Hope in Pasadena. (for more info, [www.OjaiandVenturaView.com](http://www.OjaiandVenturaView.com), Sept. Issue #18).

Performers at the Ojai Community Church event included Don & Patricia Cardinali & Friends, jazz by the Toni Janotta Trio, The Household Gods, the comedic Jack Joshua, Dave Stewart, David Roine, Ventura Improv Company (Paul Tevis, Jeff Frohwein, Jesse Armitage, Becky Haycox, Katherine Kasimir and Judy Gottlieb), comic Steven (Sieve-O) Ford and Buddy Wilds. Others present were Burton Lang, and launched a siege on May 27th where they were able to defeat the enemy.

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**Italy, Garibaldi** was treated like he was the Christ. Giuseppe Garibaldi is an Italian national Hero.

Garibaldi was born July 4, 1807 in the city of Nice, which at the time belonged to France, before it was given back to the House of Savoy in 1814. Garibaldi came from a poor family. At 16, he was drawn to the sea, becoming a cabin-boy apprentice. In 1832, he became certified as a merchant marine captain. Early on Garibaldi was much influenced by Giuseppe Mazzini — he was an Italian patriot, politician, philosopher and Freemason. In 1831, Mazzini organized a political society called, 'La Giovine Italia' (Young Italy) that was to promote Italian unity. Their motto was, "God and the people". Garibaldi joined La Giovine Italia in 1832. He also took an oath in which he dedicated his life to the struggles for liberation of Italy from Austrian dominance.

In the campaign of 1860, known as the Expedition of the Thousand, Garibaldi gathered about a thousand volunteers (most of the volunteers had come from the north) — they were called I Mille (the thousand), known as the Redshirts; they landed in Sicily on May 11. Garibaldi engaged the Neapolitan forces in what is called the Battle of Calatafimi on May 15.

According to legend, Garibaldi told his lieutenant, Nino Bixio, "Qui si fa l'Italia o si muore" (Here we either make Italy or we die). With 800 volunteers against a 1500-strong enemy force, Garibaldi used a "counter-intuitive tactic of an

uphill bayonet charge" and the redshirts won the battle. The next day, Garibaldi declared himself dictator of Sicily in the name of King Emmanuel II of Italy. Then Garibaldi and his men advanced to Palermo, now the capitol of Sicily, and launched a siege on May 27th where they were able to defeat the enemy.

Garibaldi gained the adulation of the Italian people and of people worldwide.

The movement of the conflicts in which the unification of Italy occurred is known as II Risorgimento.

In 1880, Garibaldi married Francesca Armasino; his first wife Anita had died years before. With Francesca he had had three children, and previously had four children with Anita. At his home in Caprera,

## M.O. Town Stroll



Bob Ballard - guitar, David Roine - fiddle, and Burton Lang - percussion, perform at the Sept. 10 Meiners Oaks Evening Stroll at Cardinali Brothers Music. Check out the Meiners Oaks Holiday Stroll around the Winter Solstice in December.

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Tour - 8pm - 9:30 (Meets at City Hall) / Oct 26 - Mon - Haunted Ventura Ghost Tour - 8pm - 10pm (City Hall) / Oct 27 - Tues - The Haunted Cemetery in Ventura - 8pm - 9:30 pm (Memorial Park) / Oct 28 - Wed - Ortega Adobe Séance with Debbie Senate - 10:30pm - 12:30am (New) This will sell out fast. / Oct 29 - Thur - Ghost Hunting Class for kids - 7:30pm - 9:30pm / Oct 30 - Fri - The Ghost Bus Extended Tour - 8pm - 10pm (Meets at City Hall) / Nov 2 - Mon - Day of the Dead tour of Cemetery Park 8pm - 9:30pm / Nov 7 - Sat - Ghost Hunting Class for kids - 7:30pm - 9:30 pm (City Hall) / Nov 13 - Fri - Special Ghosts and Ghouls Tour - 8pm - 10pm / Nov 14 - Sat - Rejes Events Continued on Page 12...

Giuseppe Garibaldi died at the age of almost 75. His wishes for a simple funeral and cremation were not respected and he was buried with lavish ceremony on his farm in Caprera. God Bless Giuseppe Garibaldi.

A wonderful book on Garibaldi is Garibaldi; Hero of Italian Unification by excellent biographer, Christopher Hibbert published by Palgrave, Macmillan in paperback in 2008.

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## “Don’t Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess !” Understanding, Honesty, or Kindness



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Therapist Mae Rohm was right when she said, “The screwing you get is not worth the screwing you get !” In my experience, this kind of a man eventually comes in and says something like, “Things are really great, but to tell you the truth, I absolutely hate that music she plays all the time !” Usually that’s the beginning of the end. On the other hand there are some marriages that are so abusive and soulless, they need to be left behind !

### Relationship Therapy

Many times marital therapy starts with one spouse initiating it to help validate his or her case against the other. If at all possible, I stay away from who’s right and who’s wrong. The real issue in relationship therapy is to eventually have both partners contemplate the following question, “What is it about my behavior or my past history that contributes to the problems we are having ?” Both partners are requested to look in the mirror. If the relationship is to survive soulfully, both partners have to do inner soul work - it’s hard work ! To share one’s needs, fears, hopes, sense of failure and weakness is true intimacy and takes tremendous courage; few couples achieve it. The real cement in a marriage is to know what it’s like to live in another’s skin and yet retain one’s individuality ! A marriage can only be as good and developed as the two people in it !

When dependency needs for a partner are out of hand, bottomless “attachment hunger” follows, which always leads to severe depression or abandonment. *When we become too dependent on our spouse, we also unconsciously resent or even hate them. Dependency and resentment always go hand in hand.*

Those who are not willing to face “fears of change” can’t individuate nor fulfill their potential. Some become martyrs and martyrs do not make good partners or parents, for that matter. For the price of their “sainthood” others will pay dearly ! Absolutely no change will occur when we see our life as a problem caused by others. Thanks again to James Hollis, Ph.D. for his many contributions.

One for all and all for one. Love to Mother Meera

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Ventura at [www.CityofVentura.org](http://www.CityofVentura.org) or call  
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Oct 16 - 17 -Fri - Oxnard Student  
Digital Film Festival - Plaza 14  
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Oct 16 - 17 - Richard and Debbie  
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Oct 16 - The Brigham Young Uni-  
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Oct 18 - Sun -4:30pm - “ O ‘Horten”  
being screened at the Ojai Theatre  
by the Ojai Film Society, 145 E. Ojai  
Avenue, Ojai.

Oct 24 - Ojai Museum hosts its an-  
nual California Native Plant Sale  
- 10am - 2pm - 140 W. Ojai Avenue  
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Tom Bostrom will speak about ‘Na-  
tive Trees of Ojai: Past, Present and  
Future.

Oct 31 - Halloween Party for military  
kids VFW Post 3935, Port Hueneme,  
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The Ventura County Writers Club  
announced its new Board of Direc-  
tors and Standing Committee Chairs  
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cially deigned for educators featuring  
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ers. The workshop will take place  
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gram can send their class on a free  
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I think it's just more of an acceptance of  
what's going on, and then also there's a  
sexuality, like a lot of gay men, they're  
handsome you know, there's a sexual-  
ity that gay men have and then you put  
them in the costume and everything and  
you like throw them into like a hetero-  
sexual lifestyle and then like all the  
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Manufactured 100-years ago, and purchased by William Fox, president of 20th Century Fox Studios for just \$1,600, this Model 30 Touring Cadillac is now owned by Nordhoff "Grad" Dwayne Bower, and

used for exhibitions, parades (15 so far), and filming. The car came stock **WITHOUT** front brakes, A/C, turn signals, emergency flashers, or stop lights and more. Accessories of the day included a windshield, trunk, and more.

In 1909 cars were registered once with the state, who sent you an identification tag lasting the lifetime of the car. A far cry from the DMV of today!



Ralph Williams taught wood shop at Nordhoff between 1955 and 1982. Although retired he hasn't stopped working. "I've got my tools in my garage. I have hobby stuff that I make. I do some wood carving and that type of thing." Williams says that "one of the things that is the matter with education today is that the shops have been cut out because of liability. He recalls when one of the kids in woodshop cut their pinky on the right hand and sued the school district for \$150,000. What's his motto? "A place for each tool and every tool in it's place", he said smiling. Pictured above with Nordhoff Principal Dan Musick.



James Hurt and his granddaughter Cameron brought the '57 Chevy Nomad Station Wagon to the Nordhoff 100 year car show. "My granddaughter here she loves cars... Better start thinking about her car... won't be long. She's already got one picked out. I drive a '72 station wagon and she wants that."

The modified 'sleeper' sports a 454 cid engine, a Ford 9-inch rear end gearing, overdrive automatic, four-wheel disc brakes, drop spindles and is a work in progress. The car was painted (Seafoam Green) locally at James' business, Brew's Body Shop.



Winona and Joe Potts representing the graduating class of 1932 attended the Nordhoff reunion. Graduating during the depth of the Great Depression, Winona went straight to work to help support her family. Joe's father worked at Thatcher School. He was their agriculture man, and during the war years he did the gardening. He raised vegetables. Doug Gordon, the grocer would buy what was left over. Winona and Joe's only daughter is Mary Ellis Hite who accompanied them.



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Tom Evans and his 1973 Ford Bronco 4x4, originally purchased at R.E. Barber Ford in Ventura by an Ojai guy. Tom, the second owner, said "I destroyed it in the hills outside, then my son drove it to school at Ventura High for two years. After he got halfway through college I started redoing it. All of the body work is local. The painter who did all the prep on the paint is local. The upholstery is local. Everything was done here from Ventura Avenue to the Ojai Valley. I usually show this car with a toothpick boat... a '61 Regatta."

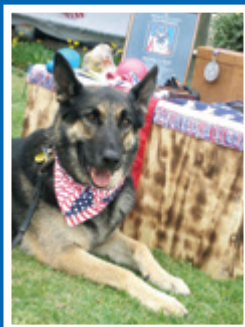


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GSD Therapy dog Shindler with Hasso memorial



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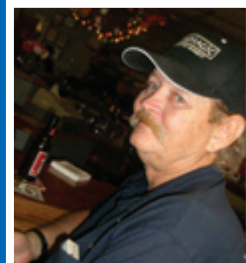
Sam Owen with Hasso memorial



Lt. Commander William Stewart, U.S. Navy



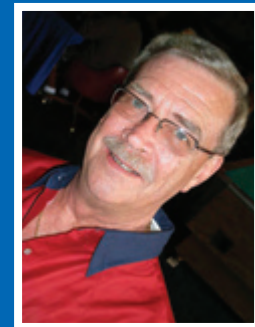
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James "Hawkeye" Morris, Vietnam, Navy



MWD Benny with Shindler at memorial



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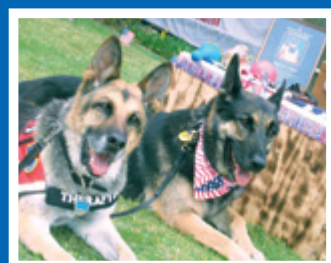
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Billie Brodigan



Jennifer Ormond and son Bowen



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## Port Hueneme VFW Post 3935

### Holding the Flag ....Past...Present...and Future...

by Mary M. Long  
When I was asked to read my tribute to Hasso at his memorial... I hesitated. I had wanted to find a way for people to experience the spirit of this wonderful dog but wasn't sure that I wanted to go public with my emotion. It was an overcast day, with just a shadow of drizzle, when the members of VFW Post 3935 met to eulogize their lost comrade Aug. 23rd. VFW Post 3935 Port Hueneme is a world unto itself; a refuge for the

war weary veterans to meet in an atmosphere where every man and woman is accepted and appreciated for their sacrifice and commitment to their country. Some of these families go generations deep in their military service, with losses that stagger the imagination.

On Memorial Day (May 25) I heard one of the Veterans thanking a friend for taking his grandson along for the decoration of the headstones at the Santa Clara cemetery in Oxnard.

"I want him to see the cost of war," said Sam quietly

"I want him to see how many headstones there are."

A veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm, Sam Owen's face is tanned and lined with years of sun and outdoor living. Sam's light blue eyes seem to look at his grandson, Bowen as the future of his country, and possibly the next generation of military for the family. Bowen's father has left for Afghanistan but the family is mute in their concern for him; years of military service has made them accepting of the risk involved. "Did you like my grandma's fruit salad" inquired Bowen's

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## VETERANS DAY

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sister Rhianna, loose strands of blonde hair lifting in the oceanside breeze. Rhianna had seemed to have a special affinity for the military working dog Hasso, gazing into his eyes as though she inquired about his inner self and wondered about his adventures as an explosives detection dog. The big German Shepherd had immediately taken to a group of Vietnam vets for a good scratch and a bit of camaraderie, with an outpouring of generous doggy charm.

Receiving a Medal of Conduct from Fred Hoff, former post commander, Hasso was bestowed with a lifetime membership to the post to the approval of the enthusiastic canine hero. The depth of loyalty of the veterans to their comrades does not stop with their human friends, but extends to the military working dogs. They know that every explosive detection dog has the ability to save thousands of lives from unnecessary death, dismemberment or disfigurement. Each military working dog serves not just a tour, but a lifetime of service until the time that the disabilities of old age or accumulations of the wear and tear of their work forces their retirement. Hasso was being treated for spinal stenosis by his veterinarians in hope of improving his condition and lessening his dependence on anti-inflammatory medications. Sadly, complications of his age and condition accompanied by a reaction to medications he was being given, caused a crisis in his condition resulting in a humane euthanasia on July 15th.

In saying goodbye to a fallen comrade, the veterans know in their wisdom, that for every serviceman, woman or dog that returns home to battle with the frailties of old age, there are many whose boots return without them and whose remains are returned to their families in flag draped coffins or as ashes in urns. Military working dogs who are killed in the line of duty are cremated and their ashes are offered to their handlers. In the case of Corporal Cory Weins (Iraqi Freedom) who was killed in action with his Labrador partner MWD Cooper, the ashes of the dog were buried with him, immortalizing the relationship and interdependence of man and dog. Remembering Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Post 3935 volunteers decorate the headstones of fallen servicemen at the Santa Clara Cemetery in Oxnard. Rising in the early hours of the dawn on Nov. 11 they will walk the sod marking the graves of those who served their country with an American Flag. Over 700 graves, go-

ing back as far as the Spanish-American War, carry the names of veterans, marking their rank, branch of service and the war in which they saw action. Post Commander Clay Cowgill knows that it is part of the job of every VFW post to keep the public aware of the sacrifices of the military and the need to support those who are currently in the service.

Back at the Post, members will be whipping up their favorite dishes for their traditional Veterans Day barbecue and cook out. "My Specialty is Pineapple Upside Down Cake" said Billie Brodigan proudly. At 77-years-old, Billie describes herself as "very patriotic" and is making sure that everyone knows that she would be in attendance. Billie's grandson, Jason Cook, is Chief of Navy Seals, carrying on the family tradition of military service.

As the burgers hit the grill, willing hands will be bringing favorite dishes, proudly prepared for their friends, as voices will meet and greet, glasses will clink, stories will be swapped, joys will be hailed and sorrows will be shared. As Billie says, "We're just one big family, everyone cares about everyone else here at the Post".

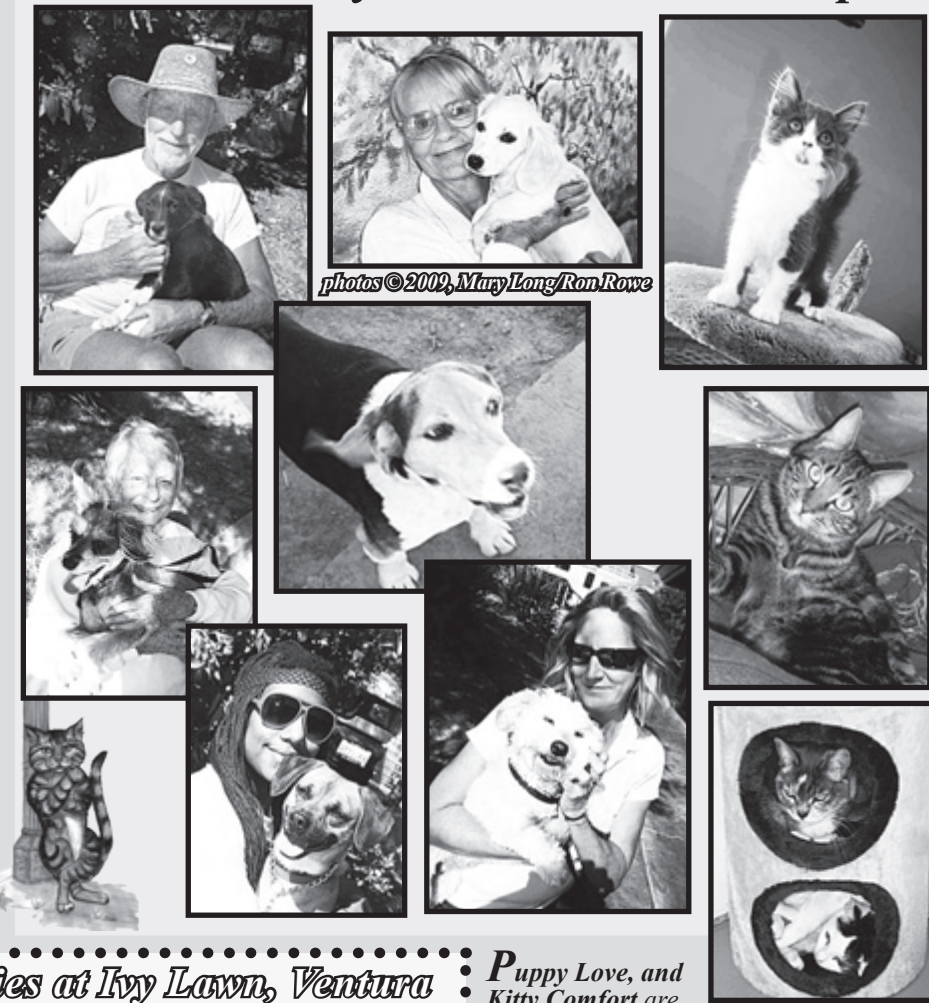
EDITOR'S NOTE: See tribute to Military Working Dog (MWD) Hasso in Aug. Issue # 17, page 17, also available Online at [www.OjaiandVenturaView.com](http://www.OjaiandVenturaView.com)

## Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Ivy Lawn, Ventura

Ojai Veterans will be joining forces with Ventura Vets for Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura on Nov. 11th, 10 am.

The well known Ojai Veterans' float constructed by Gene Carper will be transported to the Park for the ceremonies along with many posters selected from the "Wall of Remembrance" honoring the sacrifices of Veterans from the Ojai

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## THE LEASHES END

by Ron Rowe

Coming up - special **Howl-O-ween Pet Parade** and **Pet Expo, Sat., Oct. 31**, at the **Rancho Tapo Community Park** in Simi. This is a fundraiser for **Pet Rescue**, a local nonprofit animal welfare organization. There will be exhibitions by frisbee catching pooches, agility exhibitions, plus K-9s showing their stuff. Also on-site adoptions, and you can costume your pets and win a prize. Come on down and woof-it-up, it's for a worthy cause and fun for the whole family. Call **Kathy** at **527-9700**.

It's a miracle — a goldfish who jumped out of his bowl survived seven hours before being returned alive to his bowl. **Paula Dunster**, searched for her pet fish for half a day before finding him behind a chair, motionless. She rinsed him off and prepared him for a burial, down the toilet when sparkle the fish began wriggling. She quickly rushed him to his bowl where he contentedly swam around.

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Thank you **Vermont** legislators; they have agreed to make animal cruelty a felony. The new law will set standards for how animals can be caged or leashed if confined around the clock. It also bans torture, mutilation or beating of an animal. **Gov. James Douglas** will sign the bill into law this week.

**Neil Woodward**, a pet shop owner let his cat, **Pebbles** have the run of the shop which has a lot of aquariums full of tropical fish. The cat was always trying to catch the fish from the open top tanks. One day he chose the wrong tank when he leaned over the top of a fish tank a **10 inch piranha** fish leapt up and took a massive bite out of his nose. Poor **Pebbles** is alive but nose-less and he refuses to drink water out of water bowls. Hope he learned his lesson.

And an **Arkansas** teenager, **Seth Russell** was floating in an inner tube off **Lake Chicon** when a **Silver Asian Carp** leapt from the water and struck him in the face knocking him unconscious and dislodging several teeth. Luckily he regained consciousness and made several trips to the dentist. Wonder if he will give up floating on an inner tube?

Humans use waterbeds and enjoy them. **Farmer John Marshall** has installed 75 waterbeds in his barn for his cows. He claims they are more contented and give more milk, well, if the cows didn't like their *udder-beds*, they should have waterbeds I think.

According to research published in the **Journal of Applied Animal Science**, cows can distinguish between good farmers and bad ones. Faced with seven humans, some with food and some with nothing, the cows learned to tell the difference. Later they recognized the farmers, disguised by masks or standing on stools to alter their height.

Sheep, too, are intelligent. The town of **Marston** in **Yorkshire** installed cattle grids across the road leading into town to stop sheep walking into town and eating the villagers flowers and shrubs. It worked for a week. Now the sheep get on their backs and roll under the 8 foot wide grids, others jump the 5 foot fence, while thin ones squeezed through the 8 inch gaps.

If your dog is stressed out living in these hectic times, not to worry.



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

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**Tizzy** is the world's oldest cat, age 37, that's double the average cat's life expectancy. She was found by a couple of girls in a bag near a railway station in **1973**. They gave the cat to their mother to look after and a veterinarian said the cat's organs are as healthy as a young cat... must be the food he eats.

Why did the chicken cross the road? If you are a chicken don't try to cross a road in **Johannesburg**, a small town in **Kern County, California**. A chicken did and the owners **Link** and **Helen Moore** were fined **\$85** for illegally allowing the chicken to cross a road. **Link** is furious and is appealing the case. They claim **California** law bans livestock from highways but not domesticated animals. The case is pending.

Did you know **ocean-dwelling Herring** defend themselves against killer whales by generating protective clouds of bubbly flatulence that confuse or scare predators.

I've heard of dog shows, but slug shows? In **Bristol, England** a gardener took first prize for the biggest slug in the world. Out of a field of 80 entries a 5-inch-long slug called **Frank**, with **27,000 teeth** and weighing in at 1 ounce won best-of-show. All the money raised went for local charities.

To **Elaine** who asks, can people talk to their dogs and do the dogs understand them? Well **Elaine**, of course you can talk to your dog, they do understand you and do recognize certain repeated words. Although the more words you use, in giving a command the more confused the dog becomes. Remember, they are not children, they are pack animals, you must act like the leader of the pack and gain their respect and trust. You really don't have to pay anyone to tell you what your dog thinks about you, it should be pretty obvious. Read, **The Practical Dog Listener** by **Jan Fennell**. It's the best book on training and understanding your dog on the market. Also read and study, **Kinship with All Life** by **Jay Allen Boone**. It's the Bible of animal communication.

Time to be away on a walk with **Dudley**. Remember, all of the animals except man knows that the principal business of life is to enjoy it.

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## DOC JANET

### Urban Big Game Hunting

by Janet McNeil, D.V.M.



Dr. Janet McNeil and Devi, Ventura, 2006

For those who have faced no bigger wildlife challenge than emptying the mouse-trap, the logistics and paraphernalia of animal capture might need explanation.

The first consideration being the species of intruder. Knowing the behavior of the species in question is a big help. A flighty animal like a deer has a larger flight risk. Getting too close will make it bolt. Solid visual barriers are needed to safely direct the deer where it is wanted to go.

Bear are generally easily spooked also. The man-eater myths may apply to grizzly bears in Alaska, but not to the local black bears. This is the reason many climb trees when cornered. Using this information (*ask a real experienced wildlife person. Consulting Wikipedia on your I-phone does not cut it.*) A logical plan can be formulated to remove the confused and wayward beast from a mutually dangerous situation. A treed bear, for example, is highly unlikely to suddenly decide on a snack of toddler; it is up that tree because it is the safest place in its mind to be. With a little help, it might be persuaded to leave for a less stressful venue. Vacating the area and closing off access except where it needs to go would probably appeal to a scared bear.

In the event that physical extraction is needed, volumes have been written on capture techniques. Careful planning is needed to avoid injury to capture subject and hunting party. Can the animal be persuaded to move lower before sedation? An unconscious animal is a heavy water bag dropping with no control over the position it lands in, hence risk of injury. What level of sedation?

A semi-conscious animal might be able to position itself more safely when descending, but its little brain might also be saying, "**Hold on Boo Boo.**" And you will be stuck with a groggy bear sticking like a burr to the tree. Delivery of immobilizing drugs requires training. Some agents are potent enough to endanger the user if scratched or poked by dart. Darts also have their limitations.

Distance to subject is a concern in planning and target selection on the subject is a concern. A poorly fired dart may not inject the drug and you can have used your one opportunity on getting near a flighty animal. Likewise, a poorly aimed dart might blind, etc. Can an airbag or other padding be placed where the woozy animal is likely to drop? Once on the ground, what is the safest way of transport? It is true that best laid plans can go to hell quickly, but most often risk can be minimized.

If the plan is *not* to provide a lottery winner with a *canned hunt* and a *trophy head*, experienced wildlife veterinarians and trained wildlife rehabilitators can advise on what is needed. Lassoing and other physical restraints tend to cause capture myopathy, a muscle disorder and other injuries. Some species of wildlife, like deer, are more prone to this.

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Identifying and monitoring nuisance wildlife can help avoid the problem of reoccurrences by the same or other animals. In dry seasons or when resources are scarce, wildlife is more likely to stray into populated areas. Communities that have had to deal with frequent wildlife visitation are prepared by making their trash cans inaccessible and securing doors and gates against easy access with latches that cannot be easily opened. Many books are available to advise on keeping deer and other wildlife out of gardens with plants that discourage and repel.

**Karelian Bear Dogs** have been successful in **Yosemite** and other areas persuading bears to not only leave, but also not return. They have been more successful than trapping and fireworks because the bears can relate to the threat more. Leave or be bit, hmmm.

- Janet McNeil, D.V.M.

### CAL. DEPT OF FISH AND GAME

#### Government Conduct by Kristin Deitz

Wow! **Bear Day** in **Ojai**! For those of us lucky enough to witness the unfortunate bear caught, as it were, in the pine tree on **Aliso Street** on **Saturday, Oct. 10** it was an *exciting experience*. I had mixed emotions about it. I was deeply moved to see so magnificent a creature up close; and I was sad that he appeared to be trapped in the tree. The situation was *loaded with potential danger* for bear and people as well as other animals and property.

My sense of the bear was one of tiredness and fear to come down from his tree perch and face all the people and traffic on the ground. I imagine he came looking for food and water at night, and got frightened by dogs barking and sought the shelter of the tree. Before he knew it, it was morning and a crowd had gathered and he was afraid to come down.

I was told he had been in the tree since the night before. I asked one of the police officers on the scene if **Fish and Game** could tranquilize and remove the bear to a safer location. I was *told* they would not do that because it was *bear hunting season*. They said if a hunter legally shot and killed the bear and ate the bear meat he would be affected by the tranquilizer drug in the bear meat, if it hadn't had time enough to be metabolized.

I spoke with **Captain O'Hanlon, Ojai Police watch commander** the afternoon of the **Oct. 10** incident, who said the police department had been in conversation with the **Fish and Game Department** since the early morning. He said they were attempting to enlist their aid because the police department was concerned about the size and location of the bear in the tree. He further said that, as of the time of our phone conversation (**1:30 pm**), he was told that two fish and game officers were in process of responding but they were about a half hour away. He said he was hoping they would tranquilize and remove the bear to a safer location. Since the situation was first attended to by the police, he was relying on the advice of his officers on the scene. They felt if they gave the bear enough space, he might come down from the tree and return to the hills.

As the day wore on, however, the situation changed as the crowd gathering to see the bear grew larger. The **patrol sergeant, Joe Evans** told **Captain O'Hanlon** he did not see the crowd as a problem. **Captain O'Hanlon** did not want people to be close enough to the bear to present a problem. It was hoped that the bear would come down from the tree and return to the hills under the protective cover of night.

When I had left the scene earlier about **12:30 pm**, **Aliso St.** was still open to public traffic. I returned later that afternoon and **Aliso** and **Signal Streets** had been cordoned off by police vehicles. I was *told by an officer* they hoped this would encourage the bear to return to the hills if he came down at night. At **10:45 pm Saturday**, I spoke to a resident of **Aliso Street** and was told that **Fish and Game** euthanized the



Spectator Circus

## FRYING PAN TO THE FIRE

Continued from Page 3...

That higher expectations should be placed on the city of **Ojai**, with it's history as a spiritual center, seemed to be the overriding sentiment at the meeting, with a willingness on the part of the **Ojai City Council** and **Ojai Police Department** to look at developing a plan for future incidents so that this disaster never happens again.

Others were upset at what they viewed as the inhumane destruction of the bear and how the eventual euthanasia was handled. Especially moving was the initial address of eye-witness **Chris Nottoli**, resident of **Aliso St.** "*I was approximately 20 yards away from the base of the tree when the bear fell under bright lights, tranquilized, he smashed through some limbs, and bounced off others then he went through a big cactus and smashed a fence... and then he was DONE....virtually no one witnessed that. Me, the guy across the street, Fish and Game and the Ojai Police. Nobody should have the memory of that in their head. But everyone RIGHT NOW needs to. Because if we don't, then that's going to happen again.*"

**Ojai Pet Psychic Laura Stinchfield** was also upset at the tranquilizing of the bear, which was reportedly shackled and then removed to an undisclosed location where it was euthanized.

(SEE Editor's Note, below)

She reminded listeners that "being a pet psychic I do know that when animals are tranquilized they still have consciousness.... they do have an awareness of what's going on. That bear did know that he fell out of a tree, he did know that he was suffering... I think that needs to change.....I don't think we actually heard the end of the story."

The struggle between the ideal and the real left no one unscathed, with the affable **Marty Wall** of **Fish and Game** bemoaning the fact that no one seemed to remember that it was he who recently relocated a small **Mountain Lion** from the **Ojai Valley**. He said he had saved it from destruction and placed it in a wildlife sanctuary where it could live it's life out safely. After the mountain lion had been tranquilized and inspected it was discovered to have a metabolic bone disease which would have caused its eventual demise in its native habitat. According to Wall, had it not been hunting season (*during which time bears which have been tranquilized may not be released for 14 days until the sedative has had time to be metabolized out of their system.*) They could have coaxed the bear out of the tree by hosing it with a firehose, pelting it with tennis balls or bean bags. "They climb the tree because they think it's safe, so when it's no longer safe they usually come down.

Although private rescue organizations had offered holding areas, the final call was made by **Roland Takayama** of **Fish and Game** to destroy the animal in keeping with the regulations of



bear earlier. They said that because it is bear hunting season they will not release a tranquilized bear into the wild, as said by officers before, because a hunter could kill the bear and eat the meat tainted with the tranquilizer.

Surely there must be a way to tag a bear after tranquilizing it so a hunter could recognize the tag and either not kill it or not eat the meat.

I don't blame those officials who were forced to react in the best way they knew to insure public safety, but there must be a way to remove a bear from a tree and relocate it safely.

— Kristin Deitz, Animal Instincts

Federal law, according to Wall.

**Ojai Police Chief Capt. Chris Dunn** also regained the podium at the close of the meeting with a heated defense of his department. "We've been accused of a lot of things tonight, but I can tell you one thing... we are not liars, and it was not our intention from the get go to kill this bear. Never was. All of our deputies were distraught over the fact that this bear *had to be* destroyed, including myself. Proof of that is that I would not have authorized the resources from our department to maintain the perimeter that we had, and the size of the perimeter we had was quite large for a department of our size," he said.

Keeping the peace and finding solutions so that this incident is never repeated was the fervent desire of those present. The unmovable force they couldn't seem to get around being the federal law that the state **Fish and Game Department** is required to adhere too. Talk was floated, about the possible formation of a **Bear League** such as exists in areas like **Lake Tahoe** where the invasion of bears is a daily occurrence and is handled without the presence of **Fish and Game** officials.

For each person killed by a black bear, 147 people die from being attacked by a dog, over 400 people die from bee stings, and 90,000 human beings are murdered at the hands of other people.

Since this is the opening of *Bear Hunting Season*, could it be that this bear might have sought the valley of it's ancestors and the native home of the **Chumash** people as a refuge only to be thrown back into the unconscious mindset of the hunter?

Perhaps the most sage and practical advice of the evening came from **Charles Moore**, eight-years-old, who bent the microphone down to his height to make his statement. "*Ok... why didn't they put a bear bag at the bottom of the tree? Umm... and...my dad has some friends who live in California, I don't know where it's called... bears come down every day there and they eat the avocados on the trees and they go in the guys' yards and they go in their houses and the guys just have to open the door... and the bear goes out. I guess that's all I have to say.*"

Yes indeed...why couldn't the city of **Ojai** just have opened the door and "**LET THE BEAR GO OUT!!!!**"

— Mary M. Long, Ojai

**Editor's Note:** According to **VIEW** columnist and veterinarian **Dr. Janet McNeil, D.V.M.**, "Most supervising officials have leeway to use resources, especially if they are not costing money (everyone's #1 factor). They probably had to transport him to the examining person (hopefully a vet), but most capture books will talk about stabilizing for transport. No one is likely to euthanize in full view of the public. Lot of unanswered questions here...."





## MONEY HONEY

### R. ELLIS SMITH Your 'Local'- L.A. (mistaken) Transplant



In a recent issue of the **Breeze** Mr. Sheldon Brown makes a plethora of mistakes, the first one is his mistake about the **Measure "C"** and what it will do to **"Big Box"** stores. He says it will limit them to **90,000 sq. ft.** It appears it will only limit to **90,000 sq. ft., if they are selling groceries.**

The next mistake is when **Mr. Brown** states that the **Star** reduced it's size by 1.5 inches, in reality the difference in size is only about ½ inch, all Mr Brown had to do, what with his being a **"building contractor and all"** was to pull out his **trusty** tape measure.

The biggest mistake was when he accused the **Juice and Java** store of closing because of **mismanagemnt** and strange hours, when in reality the store had only moved location. When a customer wrote in to complain to **Mr. Brown**, instead of **apologizing and publishing a corrected story**, went on the defensive and actually chastised the writer saying he had no reason to apologize. **L.A. Sheldon** used the old stand by and said that **"others"** felt the same way he did; of course he failed to name the **"others"**. Seems the owners of **Juice and Java** could have a case for **libel, defamation of character.**

**Mr. Brown** should really get out of the media business and go back to his **shady method** of building contracting. At least then he could make mistakes and simply ignore them, but what the hell, he's ignoring his mistakes now too!

**PS:** One other area that seems to be a bit overblown is his remark that the **Breeze** advertising revenue is increasing with each issue, I certainly don't see any new ads.

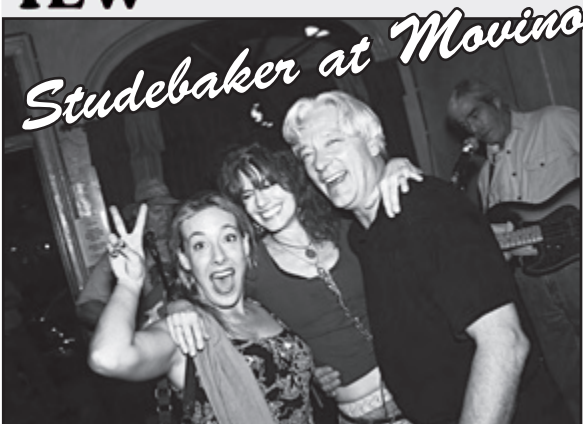
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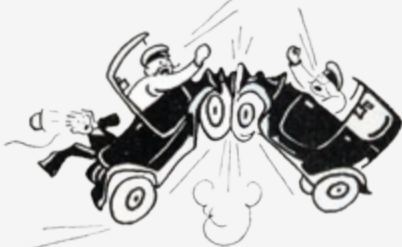


Jim Monahan



Sarah Waterman parties down

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Loves to Hate !



Charlotte has a turn at the wheel with Robert



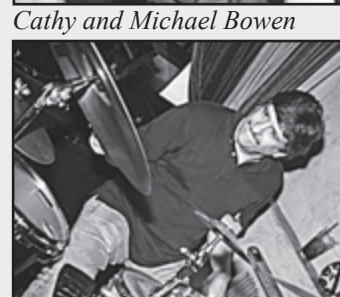
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— **George Harrison**

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## EVENT CALENDAR

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and subjects. Please phone 646-8907 to register. The State Water Resources Control Board has conditionally approved an \$8 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant for the El Rio Sewer Project. With this funding, the county will be able to complete the entire El Rio Sewer System Project by the end of 2011. For more information please call the office of Supervisor John C. Zaragoza at 654-2613 or email at [LourdesSolorzano@ventura.org](mailto:LourdesSolorzano@ventura.org) Offered on Sat and Sun, the Ventura County Wine Trail introduces guests to local boutique vintners and award-winning wines. Participants visit tasting rooms and meet the winemakers while taking in the beautiful scenery and historic locations. The tour costs \$75 per person and includes four wineries, a gourmet snack box and transportation. The tour departs from Ventura Visitors Center every Sat and Sun at 11am and returns at 5pm. To make a reservation call 648-2075. Reservations required at least 24 hour in advance.

The Ventura County Rose Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct 22, at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference Center at 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. The doors will open at 6:30pm for advice from Consulting Rosarians and refreshments,, 7:00pm for our little Rose Show and our speaker presentation will begin at 7:30pm. For more information contact Janet Sklar at 993-523-9003.

The Ojai Valley Museum will celebrate Ojai Day with the opening of its second annual juried exhibition "Ojai Celebrates Art" and an Octoberfest German benefit lunch by Wurstkuche Restaurant both on Oct 17. The museum is offering free admission on oct 17. Open from 10am to 5pm. For additional info call 640-1390. Ojai Museum is located at 1300 W. Ojai Avenue. Oct 17 - We need donations for the yard Sale on Sat - we will pick it up if you can not drop it off - pick up call Rob at 650-1887 - Drop-off Spots: Midtown - 1741 Santa Ynez St., East Ventura - 1129 Casa St., Events Continued on Page 24...

## SALES TAX FUNNY MONEY

### R. ELLIS SMITH Ventura Chief Financial Officer Boondoggle



It appears another member of the **Gang in the Ivory Tower**, (Ventura City Hall), has decided to put his two cents into the ½ percent sales tax proposal that, because of the shenanigans of the **Gang in the Ivory Tower** and their hand-picked **"Blue Ribbon Panel"**, will be on the November ballot as **Proposition "A"**. I met **Mr. Panzica**, (Ventura's Chief Financial Officer), a couple of times and must say on the surface he appears to be a real nice guy. I must also say however that **Mr. Panzica** is the main culprit behind the \$10,000,000+ loss the city of Ventura suffered during the **Bear Stearns** debacle. **Mr. Panzica** was the person that had the authority to place our hard-earned tax money into such a high risk endeavor. He of course makes the statement that the **"City Council"** eliminated more than **\$11 million** dollars in spending over the next two years so we can **"live within our means"**.

First of all the **"City Council"** actually had nothing to do with enacting the **\$11 million dollars in savings**, except to **"OK"** the decisions of the staff of the **City Hall**. If they would have been doing their job, the one they were elected to do by the naive citizens of **Ventura**, it wouldn't have been necessary to take such drastic measures in the first place because we wouldn't have been spending in excess of **\$11 million dollars** anyway. We would have been living within our means all along.

Of course **Mr. Panzica** in his article only echos the less than truthful words of the head honcho's of the **Gang in the Ivory Tower** to insist that the citizens really need to vote in the ½ percent increase in sales tax. We can't really expect more from him however, after all he does rely on the **Council** to maintain his tenuous position with the **City of San Buenaventura**.

So all in all it boils down to this question; do we want to believe any message from the **Gang in the Ivory Tower** and **Mr. Panzica** who got us into this mess in the first place, or do we want to show them we are sick and tired of their **"Good Ol' Boys"** method of running our city into the ground?

Vote absolutely **"NO"** on **Proposition "A"** and **Vote against any of the incumbent council members that have the unmitigated gall to run for office again.**

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## Jackie Lomax Returns from Beatles Week



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Jackie Lomax recording in August at Studio Two, Liverpool, U.K.

of an offshoot or group-  
ing of **The Undertakers**.  
**Brian 'Saxophone' Jones**  
- that's what they call him  
over there, but he also  
does gigs by himself with  
other people, so, like he  
did a really good job.

"They're really nice  
guys. I recorded new  
songs, which I thought  
was great. And I guess  
I feel a sense of accom-  
plishment. I did inter-  
views and signed a lot of

— by Joel Anderson

**INTERVIEW** "I got there the  
second week in August. I was  
booked to play this gig on the 28th.  
It is called the **Old Tour Academy**  
and I had to rehearse for it so my  
sax player friend Brian came over  
there - he put a band together and  
he booked the rehearsal place. Ev-  
erybody was really nice and help-  
ful. And that was the same band I  
recorded with. Now that was kind

autographs and was just taken with  
everyone in the world.

"Paul and Ringo ? They avoid  
it like the plague. It's too crazy.  
I mean you can't get through the  
crowd. When someone is playing  
it's like shoulder to shoulder.

**Joel A.:** How did that carry off to  
the crowd?

**Lomax:** Very well, it was great. I  
hope someone videoed it."

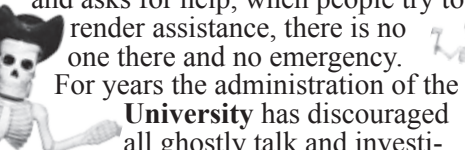
— Jackie Lomax

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## SPOOK U

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The children's section is the center  
of several paranormal events includ-  
ing the laughter of young people and  
heart rendering sobbing. Parking lot A  
is reported to have a unique phantom  
that may well be that of a former pa-  
tient. The apparition is that of a man  
in white is seen spinning round and a  
round near the street lamp. When  
someone approaches this whirling  
figure he abruptly vanishes.



The most persistently haunted site  
at the university is the **Bell Tower  
Building** where a ghostly confused  
woman wanders asking directions  
to the chapel. This older woman,

dressed in off white, is seen both at  
night and day. Another story is that  
someone jumped to their death from  
the bell tower, but this was never  
confirmed and might be a story in-  
spired by a **Burt Reynolds** film that  
was shot at the former hospital (**The  
End, 1978**). The building next to the  
bus stop is also haunted. A figure  
of a man comes out on the balcony  
and asks for help, when people try to  
render assistance, there is no one  
there and no emergency. For years  
the administration of the

**University** has discouraged  
all ghostly talk and investi-  
gations. From all accounts, the  
ghosts have failed to get the memo,  
and keep appearing.

— Richard Senate

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## Brian Wise - Singer Songwriter

### INTERVIEW

#### 'JUSTICE IS A JOKE'

— by Joel Anderson

"They're AM ballads. I write AM  
ballads just beautiful about when I was  
in love. **Hilltop Records** in **Los Angeles**  
bought a few of my rock songs and then  
redid it in country, and I have an open  
end contract so I can put out as many  
versions as I want. "...some may come,  
some may go..." - **Falling for Her Kind**  
**Brian Wise**, a **Santa Barbara** based  
singer-songwriter/guitarist writes songs,  
making them sound the way he wants  
them to.

"I'm an arranger. I'm a producer,  
and I'm diverse. This song (Falling)...  
The guy, **Dave Fortman**, played with  
a band called **Ugly Kid Joe**. He's also  
a producer now. He produced **Creed**,  
**Superjoint Ritual**, **Pantera**..... I want  
to write what I want to write, and I've  
had all these songs in my head and on  
my shelf, and now they're ready to come  
out. See I built the song, **Falling**, I made  
it beautiful and then it goes into this  
hard ending..."

Brian is happiest when he's songwriting  
and he has a natural knack for produc-  
ing great lyrics and coming up with  
cinematic imagery with a combination  
of love song, hard driving rhythm, and  
begs you to rock out and and spin out  
your aggressions after a 9-5 work week.

"What did I tell you the other day  
about my Chicken Salad when I was  
stressed out ? If I had a chicken  
salad sandwich and a million dollars  
I wouldn't have traded it, my chicken  
salad and to be home with my cats -  
that's happiness."

Check him out at the **Creekside Inn**  
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be rockin' with original songs like '**Bitch**  
**and Moan**', '**Snake in the Grass**',  
**'In Over Your Head**', '**Social Under-**  
**ground**', '**American**', '**Rip Me Off**',  
**'Live Like Kings**', '**Pimp Black Jacket**',  
**'Slapped in the Face**'.

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## FUTUR Wednesday



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Bridgett and Buddy



Nick Morris



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Rob and Brad

"Every Wednesday night for the last four  
and five months - I started the first one in  
July - I've been doing an original Music  
Showcase in Ojai at Movino Wine Bar,  
where I get two bands every Wednesday night  
- original music artists - and do a double  
feature and for the first three months my  
band PURNEL was one of the bands to just  
jumpstart it.

"I've been bringing bands to this area that  
have never played in Ojai before like the Jane  
Does. . .

"There's a lot of regulars that come in just  
for the Wednesday Futur Night, and then  
there's a lot of new people coming into town  
from LA and Santa Barbara so that the Ojai  
people can come and get to meet new people.  
It's really cool.

"I will definitely be getting my band PUR-  
NEL back in action starting in October or  
November after recovering from my little  
performance injury.

"I was performing and a wine bottle fell  
down and zoned me on the head and I made  
it to the ER... but I'm stable now.

"The band name is PURNEL and right now  
we are starting our recording project in the  
album at Audio International Studios with Mi-

chael Dumas Producer. I work alongside  
Greg Penny as a producer who is more on  
the label side than more on the promotion  
when it's done..."

"I'm producing it myself with the band  
as much as we can go before we want to  
bring in group to help and just enjoy the  
whole process for the next two months and  
do as many gigs as we can in the mean-  
time.... P U R N E L, right on."

— Brad Buley, Ojai



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Tom Erickson



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Pat Cardinali and Betsy Smith

## VENTURA COUNTY WEIRD VIEWS

### Haunted Channel Islands by Richard Senate



called them home. Perhaps it is because  
they are under a grim and terrible curse.

The year was **1542** when an enterprising  
conquistador built two small ships on the  
west coast of **Mexico**. He planned to use  
them to capitalize on the trade with **Peru**.  
Before **Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo** could em-  
bark on his money making voyage to **South  
America**, his old commander **Hernando  
Cortez**, now viceroy of New Spain, ordered  
him to sail north to the unknown waters  
off **Alta (northern) California**. He was to  
seek out new lands and cities to conquer and  
whatever treasures there might be.

**Cabrillo** took his two small ships north  
and soon discovered of cities there were  
none, but he did find some treasure in the  
form of pearl beds. He found a peace-  
ful native population who were willing to  
trade pearls for glass beads. He claimed the  
land for the **King of Spain** taking refuge at  
**Cuyler's Harbor** on **San Miguel Island**.  
While there he slipped on a wet rock and  
fell, breaking his arm. It was a bad break  
that sent bone fragments through his skin.  
The compound fracture became infected.  
The ship's surgeon advised him to have the  
arm amputated but the old conquistador  
refused. The infection grew worse and in  
weeks he was dead. Before he died he is  
said to have uttered a curse upon the islands  
he grew to hate. They say no one who lived  
upon them would prosper and all who did so  
would die tragically.

The crew made a casket for their leader  
and lined it with lead. He was dressed in his  
armor and his fancy sword with a bejeweled  
hilt, a gift from **Cortez**, was buried with  
him. The grave was hidden lest the curious

natives dig  
him up. The  
true loca-  
tion is still un-known. Some say its on **San  
Miguel**, where a monument was set up by  
**Yankees**, others say he rests on **Santa Cruz**  
where an odd tombstone was found, still  
others say he is buried on the mainland near  
**Goleta**.

Some say his  
ghost, dressed in  
his armor haunts  
the islands and  
there are stories  
told by the native  
**Chumash** of a  
phantom man in  
armor who walks  
the high peaks of  
the mountainous  
islands. One story  
says he guards a  
treasure believed  
to be concealed on  
**Anacapa Island**.  
It is a chest of  
pearls hidden in  
a cave. **Cabrillo**  
hid the treasure so  
he wouldn't have  
to share it with  
the viceroy (who  
would take most of  
it for himself). The  
treasure is still lost,  
some say hidden  
in the back of a sea  
cave.

When **Cabrillo's**  
ships returned to  
**Mexico** the focus  
had changed from  
the coast to the  
rich mineral wealth  
of **New Mexico**.  
**California** would  
be forgotten for  
almost a hundred  
years. But what of  
the curse?

Many who have  
dwelled on the  
islands have come  
to a poor end.

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## Erickson Family Benefit

"Such a wonderful time we had at **Il Giardino** last night!  
**Smitty & Julija**, thanks for instigating the event. It was so  
much fun singing with you guys! I'm not gonna mention any  
more names, you know who you are, each one of you who  
turned out and showed us such love and support. I can't  
thank you enough.

Among all the really nice things that were donated during  
the week and last night: Nailbags and a saw for me, a sweet  
double bed mattress for Jud and I, a very nice massage table  
for Cori, and for JT, a **Les Paul Electric Guitar** signed by  
all four members of **Green Day**! Really amazing! Thanks,  
everyone, for everything!

Plans for another musical event for **Ojai Home Fire** are in  
the works. Please visit [OjaiHomeFire.com](http://OjaiHomeFire.com) for updated info."  
— Tom Erickson



Nathaniel Wolper and Barbara Lightfoot



**Herbert Lester** ranched on **San Miguel** for  
many years. When he was forced to leave  
his island home by the US Navy in **1941** he  
shot himself.

In the **1830s**, **Mexico** tried to set up a  
prison colony on **Santa Cruz Island**. They  
were given supplies and seeds to farm the  
island but, the criminals were not industri-  
ous enough to build a town or colony. The  
only thing they managed to do was terrorize  
the **Native Population** even, so says the  
legend, burning a woman to death. The con-  
victs, now starving, built a raft out of drift  
wood. And managed to make their way to  
the mainland where they found jobs on the

## Rockin' at the Deer Lodge



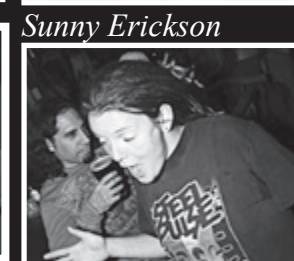
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vast cattle ranches of **Southern California**.  
The only relic of this experiment is the name  
"**Prisoner's Harbor**". The ghost of the  
Murdered woman is also rumored to walk  
here leaving her wet footprints upon the pier  
late at night.

Does **Cabrillo** haunt the islands? Is there  
a fortune in pearls hidden somewhere on  
them? Is the curse real or just so much co-  
incidence? As the **Spanish** say *Quien Sabe?*  
*Who Knows*.

— Richard Senate  
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## T.A.R.P. FUNDS

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of the Inn !

At least five of the big banks gave *their* money  
back, after they read the fine print and realized  
they would have given up control of stock op-  
tions and voting rights. I guess they really didn't  
need a bail out, but the money looked good at the  
time. The other big recipient, **Bank of America**  
(\$70 Billion) used the majority of funds to shore  
up their then newly acquired *house of cards*  
**Merrill Lynch**. By the way, this month **Ken  
Lewis**, president of **B of A** just "stepped down".  
The very banks we *paid to stabilize* jacked **UP**  
their fees and are still hoarding the credit, but they  
*didn't fail*. At least they *didn't fail themselves*...

Ah now a feel a lot better about it now — NOT!  
**Here's my prediction:** For now, there will be  
very little said about the *committed but undis-*  
*bursed funds*. Just wait. I assure you the ratio-  
nalizations to spend the money on something or  
someone else will come.

**Note to our leaders:** We want our change back!  
End **TARP** now and uncommit the remaining  
funds before you get anymore bright ideas. Oh  
yeah, get a new competent accountant too.  
**Jefferson Pinto** is a retired **CPA**, holds an  
**MBA** from one of the finer *accred-*  
*ited universities in this country*.



**Business As Usual  
Incumbent Incompetence**

I asked the following question at the **05 Oct 2009 City of San Buenaventura Council Meeting** during **Public Commu-nication**.

What have you incumbents accomplished to demonstrate responsiveness to public input and leadership?

- You authorized **\$2.4 million** for enhancing a collector roadway instead of creating a secondary arterial.

- You denied drainage issues exist at **Hwy 126** and the **Wells Road Overcross-ing**, even though its existence is identified in one of your own documents.

- You contributed to urban sprawl by approving over **860 new dwelling units** in the **Wells-Saticoy Community** where there is little retail or employment.

- You approved additional housing with-out adequate sewer facilities.

- You have a questionable adequate wa-ter supply under non-drought conditions.

- You want to spend **\$425 million** for capping **101**.

Again I ask you, What have you incum-bents accomplished to demonstrate respon-siveness to public input and leadership?

**Daniel Cormode, Ventura**  
**dcormode@sbcglobal.net**

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**Hmmm...  
...very suspicious Ollie!**

in some new **blood on the Ventura Council**. It could be because the other day in an off-the-wall conversation I had with an un-impeccable source, I was told that the present **City Council** notified their “*head-hunting*” folks to possibly start looking around for someone to fill the position of **Ventura City Manager**.

It certainly seems that all is certainly *not copacetic* in “**River City**”. My own outlook on the situation is that we absolutely should *vote out the incumbents* and let some “**New Blood**” take a shot at revitalizing our “**Home Town**”. If the new folks then have the idea of replacing a few of the higher adminis-tration, **City Manager, City Attorney, Chief Financial Officer** and others, then more power to them.

It’s quite obvious to even the most naive of us that the present crop of “**City Fathers**” have done much less than a stellar job of running our town. So when you go to the polls think hard and long about the mess these present council members and administrators have gotten us into, then vote accord-ingly.

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**SCHOOLS**

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Do they? Did you know that most adults are held back from what they could be doing or would love to do *because* of their school experiences? Did you know that being labeled slow, lazy, learning disabled, dyslexic, ADD, or even average or gifted stays with you forever, and affects what you believe about yourself and your abilities? Did you know that people in their forties, fifties and sixties, no matter what they’ve accomplished, are still controlled by messages they received in school?

I’m thinking of a woman who didn’t think she could advance in her business because when she was in school she got the message that she wasn’t very capable. What was the problem in school? She kept tapping her foot and wiggling in her chair because she is kinesthetic and needs to move to learn. Another adult comes to mind who spent years in a career she disliked because she didn’t think she was smart enough to do what she really wanted to do – teach. Others are held back because they are not great spellers, reading is not a strength or memorizing is difficult for them. So what? These things really have nothing to do with success!

The most powerful determiner of suc-cess is the belief that you are capable and can succeed. Yet, for thirteen of the most formative years of our children’s lives our school systems emphasize mis-takes, failures, and a narrow definition of what it means to be “smart.” These children grow up to be adults who settle for less.

Studies done several years ago re-vealed that 95 percent of kindergartners feel good about themselves and are eager to learn, and fewer than 2 per-cent of seniors in high school feel good about themselves. **Pedro Garcia**, then superintendent of the **Corona-Norco Unified School District**, commented on these results: “*What happens to children between the ages of 5 and 18 that they lose that creative, inquisitive spirit... Children need to feel safe... We need to create a safe home and a safe classroom for them... Children need to be frequently validated, encouraged, supported... They need to know they have talents and abilities they have not yet discovered. Above all, they need to know they can be successful...*”

**Rubber Stamp Teaching Approach**

Far too many pay a very high price in our one-size-fits-all education and test-ing system. Yet there is a very simple answer, but the powers that be are not

listening. Children learn differently – what works for some does not work for others. This is not rocket science! How long will it be before educators recognize this simple truth and act on it?

As long as we force all kids to start reading at 4 or 5-years-old, force every-one to use textbooks and workbooks, and force all students to learn and be tested in the same way, **No Child Left Behind** will never come to be. Many, many children will continue to be *left behind*, along with countless adults who are not able to reverse the damage done to them as students.

**What are the alternatives?**

- Respect developmental timetables – realize that kids are ready for concepts at different ages, not when the *State says* they must be!

- Provide various ways for kids to learn and do assignments, such as games, books on tape, art supplies, building activities, scrapbooks, experiments, demonstrations, etc.

- Instead of using destructive labels, look at learning styles...for example, Picture and Hands-on learners are often labeled dyslexic, Inventing and/or Thinking/Creating learners most often end up being labeled ADD.

Impossible, you say, with a roomful of students? Not impossible at all. The best teachers have figured out how to do it even with all the constraints put on them. And if you are homeschooling, customizing to your child’s learning style is a snap!

Whether we are talking about the classroom or the homeschool, if your goal is learning success for EVERY child, you can do it. You can be a Suc-cess Coach for the children in your life!

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**RENCHER**

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“**Save Our Libraries**”. However, based upon the **Ventura City Councils**’ track record and what they are also continuing to say – “**Economic Development**” – you can rationally expect **John Hofer** and his campaign contributing ilk will get the lion’s share of our tax money and deficits and *poor services* will continue.

I say vote **NO on Ventura ballot Mea-sure A**, throw all of the incumbents out of office, and, whatever you do, do not vote for **Mike Tracy** – unless, of course, you want more of the same.

**Brian Lee Rencher, Ventura**

“Some call Ojai the Valley of  
Lost Souls.” – **Richard Senate**

**EVENT CALENDAR**

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**Mid Ventura - 60 La Verne St. - 8am - 2pm.**

**Oct 17 - Klezmer Band Concert in Ojai at Jewish Community of the Oaks, 530 W. El Roblar, Miners Oaks, Ojai 93023 - 7:30pm - Info & reservations at [www.ojaitemple.org](http://www.ojaitemple.org).**  
**Oct 17 - Nov 22 - The Ojai Valley Museum's second annual juried art show, "Ojai celebrates Art" will open on Oct 17. Artwork will encompass a wide variety of media that demonstrates a connection to the Ojai Valley, its people, history and national environment.**

**Screening date for finalists of the Oxnard Student Digital Film Festival will be on Friday Oct 16 and Sat Oct 17at the Plaza 14 Cinemas, downtown Oxnard. Festival Awards will be given out after the last screening on Oct 17. For more info email: <http://studentdigifilmfest.org/> or [http://www.myspace.com/stu-dentdigifilmfest](http://www.myspace.com/studentdigifilmfest).**  
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**Ventura City Council Meeting  
October 5, 2009 - Safe Sleep Program**



Hello, my name is **Lori An-derson**. I am a local artist. And because I don't believe in art as an economic engine, I am also a poverty con-sultant. Right now my husband and I are sleeping in our **VW bug** which we have converted into an **RV**. If you've never seen a Bug as an RV, you're invited to see it.



I am **Lawrence Anderson**, criminal sleeper. I sleep in my vehicle. The **BEST** criminal sleeper! I was in self-imposed exile in **Europe** for 8 years. I was

caught by police there and forced to take a plane ticket and fly to **Los Angeles** and before I can get a passport to go back to **Europe** I have to pay three thousand dollars.

Living in a car is a hard way to impress folks to get a job to earn 3 thousand dollars. I'm all for this program. I have lived in every kind of living situation you can imag-ine. I am willing to help anybody here. Nobody wants to see people living across the street in a car. There's no doubt. And I appreciate the fact that, though are realizing this, you are going to do this.

If you allow people to do this, it's a good thing and I applaud the city council here tonight, for the record.  
Thank you.



The rule is that you can't sleep in your car on the street. I know you think "My god" everyone in **Ventura** would sleep in their car. I doubt it... it's not a pleasure. So if it wasn't illegal..... the parking lot thing ain't gonna fly (*potential protests from surrounding residents cited by city manager*). It will never work, there's got to be another way.

I'm trying to make it through the winter with my wife. Make it so it's not illegal to sleep in your car. Try that. It could be that it works.

I have slept in my car in the city for eight years all over. Because I don't drink, and I don't throw my stuff out in the street.



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**HEALTH**

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without exception exactly the same benefits.

Conversely, we should not support any proposal that sets up any different or special provisions for elected officials, appointees, or government employees.

The inclusion of all **US citizens** will insure that we do not further perpetuate benefits for “the ruling class” that are different from those for “the rest of us”.

This country was founded on the concept that we are all created equal in terms of each person’s ability to access medicine, education, justice and all other societal benefits.

If we are all of equal opportunity, and if medical care is to be a right that includes everyone, there can be no logical basis for separate benefits for any class among us.

I’m highly suspicious of the legislation now in process.

Several times I’ve called the offices of **Senator Boxer** and **Senator Feinstein** to ask whether members of Congress and staff are included in the proposed legislation. The **Senators**’ staffs have refused to answer that simple question, saying variously (a) “*The Senator has not is-sued a position paper on that question*”, (b) “*You will have to wait until the final bill is passed*”, (c) “*I (the staff member) am included in the benefits assigned to members of Congress*”, or (d) “*We don’t know*”.

From their non-answers on the largest issue of the day, I can only conclude that there must be special provisions for Congress, but our Senators do not want to admit that fact. What other facts are they hiding?

**Sincerely,**  
**Karl Keller, Camarillo**  
**karlbkeller@gmail.com**

**EVENT CALENDAR**

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**ily History Center, on four Fridays on Oct 2, 19, 16, 23 from 10am to Noon at the Family History Center, 3501 Loma Vista, Ventura.**

**Oct 24 - Open House at Gem Quest to celebrate the second anniversary of the new ownership. 108 N. Signal Street - 5pm - 10pm - Gem Quest will be offering 25 to 50 per-cent off selected items the entire day.**  
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**Anna Bermudez, Cura-tor at Museum of Ventura County put together a**

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**Brian Lee Rencher** that have not responded either don't feel these questions deserve an answer from them or they simply don't want the citizens involved in the decision making process.

When you go to the polls or mail in your ballot take into consideration the candidates that did respond and the answers they gave. Then vote accordingly.

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“I just wanted to thank the council for giving 22 k to the Salvation Army. We gotta go apply for a permit (to sleep in our VW Bug)...geez that's what i's all about. You have to have a driver's license; insurance...most people who are sleeping in their cars don't have insurance. That would put most people out.”

– **Lawrence Anderson**

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**great exhibit of costume and cultural identity in the Latino Community - 89 South California Street in downtown Ventura.**

**Oct 2 - Oct 30 - Christine Morla (Art Professor and Fine Arts Dept Chair at Oxnard College) is exhibiting at 643 A Project Space, "Cosmic Country" an exhibition of recent work. The gal-ery will be participating in Downtown Ventura's annual Art walk on Sat Oct 24 -1-5pm & Sun Oct 25- 12-5pm. The show is free and open to the public. The gallery is located near down-town Ventura on the West end ay 643 N. Ventura Avenue.**

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25 Oct - Sun - Hi-Cees BBQ Café/ Ventura, Blue Stew 2pm- 6pm, 650-7773

25 Oct - Sun - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, UFO w/ Fools Paradise, Societys Child 8pm, 653-0721

25 Oct - Sun - SohO Music Club/ S.B., Donna Greene & the Roadhoue Daddies, 962-7776

25 Oct - Sun - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, Band From TV Benefit Concert, 818-879-5016

26 Oct - Mon - SohO Music Club/ S.B., SBCC Lunch break & Goodtime Jazz Bands, 962-7776

27 Oct - Tue - SohO Music Club/ S.B., Brendan McCarthy & Jeff Givens, 962-7776

28 Oct - Wed - Movino Wine Bar & Gallery/ Ojai, Emy Reynolds & Kill Time 8pm, 646-1555

29 Oct - Thu - The Fillmore/ S.F., Rusted Root 8pm, 415-346-6000

29 Oct - Thu - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, The Spazmatics, 818-879-5016

29 Oct - Thu - SohO Music Club/ S.B., Redswitch & Rey Villalobos, 962-7776

30 Oct - Fri - Coldspring Tavern/ S.B., Jaded Cloud 7pm-10pm, 967-0066

30 Oct - Fri - It’s All Good Bar and Grill/ Ventura, Irie Smile 9:30pm, 641-9951

30 Oct - Fri - Bernadettes/ Ventura, Sideshow Preachers Band 8pm, 643-6749

30 Oct - Fri - The Ranch House Restaurant/ Ojai, Alan Thornhill 6pm- 9:30pm, 646-2360

30 Oct - Fri - The Fillmore/ S.F., Lucha Vaquoom 9pm, 415-346-6000

30 Oct - Fri - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills,

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Bonham, 818-879-5016  
30 Oct - Fri - SohO Music Club/ S.B., Area 51, 962-7776

31 Oct - Sat - SohO Music Club/ S.B., Inner Circle Halloween Show w/ Sunshine Bros., 962-7776

31 Oct - Sat - SohO Music Club/ S.B., Halloween Reggae Bash w/ Inner Circle & Sunshine Brothers 9:30pm, 962-7776

31 Oct - Sat - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, Rey Fresco 8pm, 653-0721

31 Oct - Sat - Coldspring Tavern/ S.B., Big Sky Band 2pm - 5pm, 967-0066

31 Oct - Sat - The Fillmore/ S.F., (RED) NIGHTS Presents Built to Spill - a concert series that saves lives 9pm, 415-346-6000

1 Nov - Sun - Coldspring Tavern/ S.B., Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan 1:30pm- 4:30pm, Daniel Lower & the Bloodbrothers 4:30pm - 7:30pm, 967-0066

1 Nov - Sun - The Fillmore/ S.F., (RED) NIGHTS Presents Built to Spill - a concert series that saves lives 8pm, 415-346-6000

2 Nov - Mon - The Fillmore/ S.F., The Airborne Tavis Event 8pm, 415-346-6000

5 Nov - Thu - The Fillmore/S.F., Mat Kearney 8pm, 415-346-6000

5 Nov - Thu - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, Rusted Root, 818-879-5016

6 Nov - Fri - The Fillmore/ S.F., Dinosaur Jr. 9pm, 415-346-6000

6 Nov - Fri - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, Kenny Wayne, Shepherd, 818-879-5016

7 Nov - Sat - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, Boyz II Men, 818-879-5016

8 Nov - Sun - The Fillmore/S.F., 2009 PacTour featuring Saosin, P.O.S., Innerpartysystem & Eye Alaska 7pm, 415-346-6000

11 Nov - Wed - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, Keller Williams 8pm, 653-0721

12 Nov - Thu - The Canyon,/ Agoura Hills, Badfinger featuring Terry Sylvester formerly of the Hollies, The Spazmatics, 818-879-5016

13 Nov - Fri - The Fillmore/ S.F., They Might Be Giants 9pm, 415-346-6000

13 Nov - Fri - Bernadettes/ Ventura, Sideshow Preachers Band 8pm, 643-6749

14 Nov - Sat - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, Softsilence w/ Catwalk, Private Wisabe, Ship of the Rising Son 8pm, 653-0721

14 Nov- Sat - The Fillmore/ S.F., The Mountain Goats 9pm, 415-346-6000

18 Nov- Wed - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, GWAR w/ Job For A Cowboy, The Red Chord 8pm, 653-0721

19 Nov - Thu - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, The Misfits w/ The Feisty Piranhas 8pm, 653-0721

19 Nov - Thu - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, David Lindley & John Hammond, The Spazmatics, 818-879-5016

20 Nov - Fri - The Fillmore/ S.F., The Disco Biscuits 9pm, 415-346-6000

20 Nov - Fri - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, KC & The Sunshine Band, 818-879-5016

20 Nov - Fri - Creekside in Goleta/ S.B., Brian Faith Band featuring Brian Wise 9pm, 964-5118

21 Nov - Sat - The Fillmore/ S.F., The Disco Biscuits 9pm, 415-346-6000

22 Nov - Sun - Bernadettes/ Ventura, Sideshow Preachers Band 3pm, 643-6740

26 Nov - Thu - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, The Spazmatics, 818-879-5016

27 Nov - Fri - The Fillmore/ S.F., Toots & The Maytals 9pm, 415-346-6000

27 Nov - Fri - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, Robert Schimmel, 818-879-5016

28 Nov - Sat - The Canyon/ Agoura Hills, Air Supply, 818-879-5016

28 Nov - Sat - The Majestic Ventura Theatre/ Ventura, An Evening with Switchfoot 8pm, 653-0721

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**Ernie Orosco, The Brian Faith Band**  
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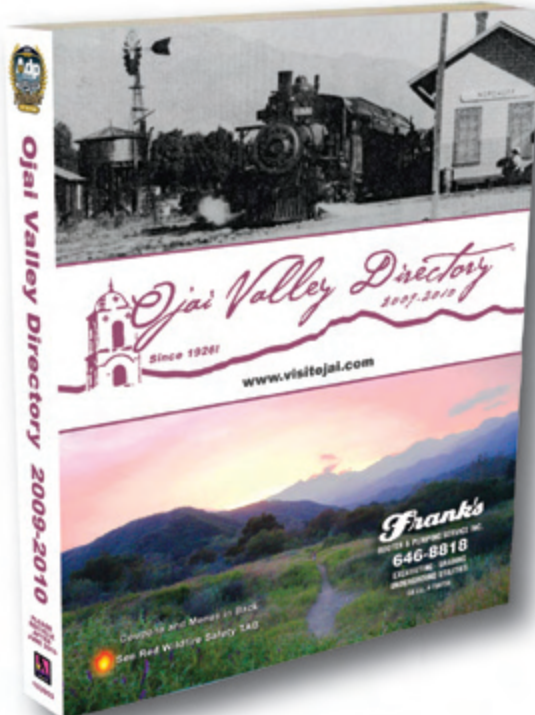


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