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LETTER - Lake Casitas Junebug Checkin' In ? Pirate Festival ?



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Joel.....I was wondering if you knew that the Fall Pirate faire in Ojai [at Lake Casitas].....is only going to be ONE weekend (Sept. 18th & 19th) and it will be the last Junebug Continued Page 10...

"Heckling Carol" Councilmember

YouTube VIDEO IIIII

Mar 22, 7:54pm - As Ojai Mom, Sunday Rylander asked questions, at the 3/22/10 Ojai city council candidates forum, of candidates Paul Blatz and Leonard Klaf, regarding quality of life issues for Ojai's youth, Ojai Councilmember Carol Smith from her perch in the audience interrupts the forum. Smith, who was not up for re-election at the time, was heard to heckle that Ojai's kids should leave Ojai if they aren't happy with the way the town is being run....



Said Smith, "They all hate it at that age. They shouldn't be here. I think for 19 to 30-years-old, this is an awful, boring place to be. Ojai's kids should leave Ojai if they aren't happy with the way the town is being run...."

As an elected city official, Councilmember Smith is certainly in a position to improve life for the townfolk and the youth; making decisions to which accountability to the public is absolute, decisions which impact every citizen in Ojai, if not the entire Ojai Valley. Smith is up for re-election during the coming Nov. 2, 2010 General Election.

Smith then abruptly left the forum, a few minutes later, as the subject of City Council Term Limits were approached. She also serves on the Ventura County Library Commission.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To VIEW the YouTube HECKLING VIDEO of the Incident, Go To: www.YouTube.com/OV-VtaView - editor



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Smith after the 3/22 "Heckling Carol" Incident www.YouTube.com/OVVtaView

OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

- Dick Lynch Carol Smith did you keep your promises to the city? You have had 8 years of yourself - now you're swollen up like a DROWNED HORSE. You have gone thru 3 city managers; maybe you shouldn't be allowed to pick 'em. Nope, NOT....you're just Not entitled to a Spot by the Fire. Now Carol Smith you attempt to top the dismal and lackluster performance of the last 8 years. Attempting to run again, why, Oh my, why keep CLOUDING THE TRAIL? Don't you have enough blisters on your elbows from sitting around council all this time with Tail over the Dashboard?



Let's look at her performance - Stifling Ojai by agreeing with the failed FORMULA STORE ORDINANCE. What was Carol raised on, PRUNES AND PROVERBS? How we continue to have Monte write these things is beyond me, for the last 4 years we have depended on that Ordinance to keep out MEGA Franchise stores. Now we have one that well exceeds the 12 units allowed, to one that lists itself as the "WORLD'S LARGEST MOTEL CHAIN" with more than 4,000 locations. What do you think, kinda bigger than Jersey Mikes, which by the way has been very active and respon-

sive to the youth of Ojai. Carol how can you be the ONLY council person to support Monte's failed ordinance???? You stated; that no one would care if the OJAI VALLEY INN AND SPA WERE TO BECOME A HILTON! Where is the Ojai Defense fund???? Sitting on their hands, that's where. LAZY HAND CAROL you have fiddled, but haven't FUSSED while the Water company has raised rates that are exceeding some seniors ability to PAY THE RENT. Why are you not troubled for someone to pay 5,10 or 20 times as much to rent a water meter than to buy the water itself. What have you done to protect the citizens from excessive water rate increases except some LAME sniveling speech after the fact? Why didn't you jump in when Monte said that the water study had been done over 5 years ago, under your watch? Where were you when the herd was being fleeced? Not your money right, and absolutely no regard for ours. I thought my eyebrows were going to blow off my head when I saw my water bill. No, Not another promise. Time to go FISH. We will be looking for another city manager. You overpaid the last one. He Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...



When Ojai Mom Sunday Rylander asked what Ojai had to offer her son, Kiefer at the Mar 22 City Council Candidate Forum (necessitated by Joe DeVito's sudden abandoned seat), City Council Member Carol Smith heckled from her seat in the audience that "Ojai's kids should leave Ojai if they aren't happy with the way the town is being run...." Yes this was truly a "Carol Smith Benchmark for Bad Behavior" toward Ojai Valley Youth !!!

Ojai Community Bank Despite Councilmember Smith's truly despicable behavior, 11-year-old Kiefer's fine qualities shined, as he was named this Year's "Honorary Youth Activist and Hero" by the Ojai Valley Community Bank, in Association with the Rotary Club. Both are shining examples of what Mentoring Ojai's finest resource ~ the Children ~ is all about.

For More info, on the newly formed pro-Youth group, Heal The Community, SEE PAGE 10

What price do you place on your kids.... Ojai's future ?

ENTER Ojai's Mayor For a Day Contest (SEE PAGE 24) WIN WIN

that battens on the Capitalist class. Its function is to serve the established by moulding public opinion." - Jack London, The Iron Heel

EDITORIAL "FREEDOM" - IN CAPITAL'S WORLD - Intellectual Prostitutes

There is no such thing in America as an independent press.. You know it and I know it. There is not one of you who dares write his honest opinions, and if you did you know beforehand that it would never appear in print. I am paid... for keeping my honest opinions out of the paper ... others of you are paid similar salaries for similar things... any of you who would be so foolish as to write his honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job... We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks; they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, possibilities, and lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes." - John Swinton (www.editorfreedom.com)

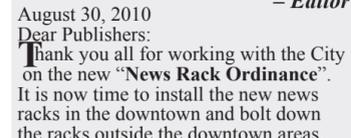
Media VIEW - Chillin' The Poisoning Of Ventura's First Amendment



Cowtown in Lockstep

When the British House of Commons passed the Stamp Act (Tax) in 1764 against newspapers in a British effort to censor the Press (which was banished in 1776 Vis-à-vis....after something called the American Revolutionary War), I wonder if they ever thought a little Cowtown on the West Coast would retain city officials who would take over Press Newspaper Distribution Rights; banishing Newspaper Distribution Boxes, they have deemed "abandoned" from the "Public" streets, and set themselves up to COLLECT A "FEE" (Tax) to distribute the Free Press? Welcome to Ventura, folks ! Hopefully the city won't start strip searching the tourists... - Editor

August 30, 2010 Dear Publishers: Thank you all for working with the City on the new "News Rack Ordinance". It is now time to install the new news racks in the downtown and bolt down the racks outside the downtown areas.



Hitler Sweeps Downtown: Salute of the Workers LNI will be installing the racks on September 7 and 8th. Please make arrangements to install the inserts on September 9 and 10 th and remove your racks out of the downtown area, no later than September 10, 2010. All racks outside of the downtown must be bolted down by September 10, 2010. The City will be doing a citywide

WHO OWNS YOUR THOUGHTS ?

When the News Becomes Just Another Racket

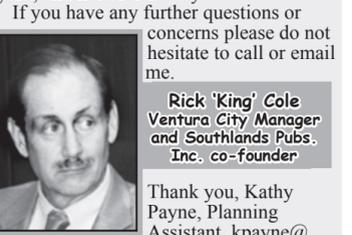
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DRAINING THE POND In Corporations We Do Trust ?

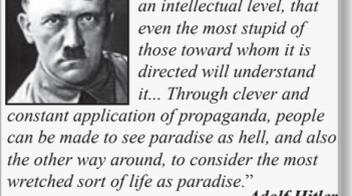
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sweep to remove all abandon racks. If you do not remove your racks, we will fine the publication, take the racks to the yard, and hold for 10 days. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call or email me.



Rick 'King' Cole Ventura City Manager and Southlands Pubs. Inc. co-founder Thank you, Kathy Payne, Planning Assistant, kpayne@cityofventura.net 805-658-4749

EDITOR'S NOTE: Interestingly enough, Ventura's rack ordinance was highly heralded by VCRReporter editor David Comden, owned by Southland Publications, Inc., Pasadena. Ventura City Manager Rick Cole co-founded Southland Pubs. - Joel Anderson, editor



"All propaganda must be so popular and on such an intellectual level, that even the most stupid of those toward whom it is directed will understand it... Through clever and constant application of propaganda, people can be made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way around, to consider the most wretched sort of life as paradise." - Adolf Hitler

"Don't Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess !"

Grief, Anger, Fathers and Reconciliation



By the time men reach their middle years they have to be able to deal with two powerful emotions, namely grief and anger. If grief and anger are pushed away and denied they automatically produce depression. Grief is honest, and while it is painful to express, it is cleansing and healing. For example, men must openly grieve for the wounds caused by their fathers. Often these wounds are not inflicted deliberately.

Anger is a legitimate and healthy response to being hurt and wounded. Like any powerful emotion, anger does not go away, but goes somewhere, i.e., ulcers, depression, digestive problems, etc. Men need to get angry at the wound and the wounder. If the son is wounded by his father, and if there is a chance anger may clear the air, the son must risk expressing his anger. This will give a chance to a new beginning. If the son truly feels the anger will destroy the relationship, he can choose to contain it. However, he absolutely has to confront the rage within himself; otherwise he will wound his son with the same rage.

Each man must judge whether his father's wounds were passed on to him. If he finds himself repeating his father's life patterns he has to find the courage to look in the mirror and cop to it - this is not an easy task. If he finds himself reacting to his fathers patterns by living out behavior patterns that are the exact opposite of his father's, he is still under the power of the father complex because he is just reacting and therefore not living his own life. We cannot change the past, and often, we cannot change the outer father-son relationship, but we must acknowledge the reality of our past experiences, which includes grief and anger. Only truth sets us free! We can do this by exploring and asking, "What were my father's wounds? What were his sacrifices? Did he live out his own soulful dreams? What was my father's unlive life and am I living it for him? What did he receive from his father? Did he ever ask questions like this?" When we ask these questions sincerely, our father can also become our brother who has suffered a similar ordeal. When we understand our fathers better, it lifts us out of anger into compassion and we begin the healing process of fathering ourselves. (James Hollis Ph.D.)

Check Out My Website/blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com

More men are coming to therapy now than they did in the early '70s when I first started. It seems to me that most men who seek therapy have more emotional strength and core honesty than those who don't. Often men who don't show up in therapy are either too fearful to open up or are afraid of a huge emptiness they might find inside.

Coming in and sharing one's inner life lifts an enormous ring of isolation. For some, therapy serves as a rite of passage and an initiation ritual, as they long for greater meaning in their lives. They realize that their partners cannot heal them - they must heal themselves. Once they admit to their fear, grief and anger, healing begins. Men must seek mentors who have been to the other side and have traveled the unconscious world of the Shadowland - and then they must become mentors themselves.

P.S: I just re-read Herman Hesse's alchemical novel 'Demian'. It's about men's search for meaning in life... I highly recommend it. The protagonist Sinclair deeply loves Eva, who represents the most soulful wisdom of the feminine. Here is her response (I've not only paraphrased, but have thrown in my own interpretations):

"Love should not ask (for love from others) Neither shall it demand Love has to have strength to come into its certainty within (which comes at a certain point of the inner quest). Then it will pull others" She continues "Your love is pulled by me If your love for yourself is strong...I will come. I don't want to give gifts I want to be won."

Love to Mother Meera. One for all and all for one. PETER RUDOLF MILHADO, PH.D. Lic #MFT14142 37 Years Experience drpetermilhado@gmail.com • (805) 640-1810 Blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com Extensive Experience With Folks Over Forty and Artists In All Creative Fields

OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

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World Traveler Wasn't part of the city managers job to manage the Franchise between Golden State Water and the city? Did he? Did you manage him? NO, HE MANAGED YOU and then you sat stumped, bogged down to your saddle skirts. Why Carol, you're as useless as settin' a milk bucket under a bull.

The SUN SHELTER for the poor people at Von's; where have you been Carol? Why not just pull the two trolleys, growing weeds in front of city hall and move them to Von's. They keep out the sun and rain year round and could be used as a homeless shelter at night. Well, we all got pieces of crazy in us, guess just some are bigger pieces than others.

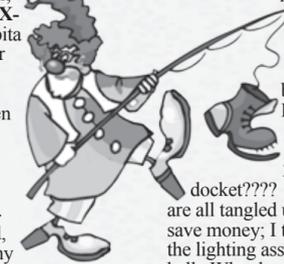
Carol you are the only true incumbent running. You were mayor when the Skatepark was approved and you will be trying to be Mayor again, NO please not, Not again. You were on the council when Rotary Park took 4 years to complete. You have been on council for the last 8 years of not providing maintenance for Libbey Bowl and you were Mayor when you accepted over 400 low income housing units! It has cost the city \$125,000 to hire attorneys to cover Monte who recuses himself from the housing element discussion. Don't you think that's too much of our hard earned money? Why Carol? Why indeed, you had no more guts than a

snake had hips. Business is down, if you haven't added up our dwindling sales tax revenue. Stop foolishly spending our money to accomplish nothing. Why are you supporting Cabrillo housing? Santa Paula got sued when Cabrillo didn't get it their way. And by the way WHAT are we going to do with all those people not working that Cabrillo hand-picked, that got affordable housing first? NONE were FROM OJAI. None!

Where have you been when the less LIGHT IN THE EVENING people have been trying for 2 years to get on the Planning Commission docket???? Where dim-lit Carol, Where? Your spurs are all tangled up Carol. You want to turn out the lights to save money; I thought you would be all for that? Why does the lighting assessment district pay for the Coffee at city hall. Why does the city pay for the coffee at the Police station. They are almost Half our budget and free coffee too?

I saw on the Democratic Club website you said that no one under 30-years-old should live in Ojai. You are Mayor Pro-Tem not Queen! No Kids??? Hilton instead of the Ojai Valley Inn, Chain stores ok? Ojai needs a break from the status quo. Let Cities like BELL and MAYWOOD pull the wool over their citizens eyes; not Ojai. What can you possibly do for us in the future that you couldn't accomplish in the last grueling, agonizing 8 years of running herd on Ojai? The Library? I know what you are for, but what did you actually accomplish?

To a lighter side. It's been awfully hot and it has been fun floating paper boats in the gutter at Sarzotti Park and on down the main drag; you should see the water flow onto the



street, like a tidal wave, a tsunami in fact. Do we actually have that kind of money left over to pay for the wasted water.



Ojai's Idyllic Weedpatch Trolley

This city needs new direction, Paul was elected and things happened immediately! We need to cut back on reckless spending, phone systems, fancy smancie copiers that rival Kinko's, computer programs that don't make cents. Where oh where is the growth and the need for these expenses? What are you going to do about the next budget, what about the 5 million dollars in employee Unfunded pensions and future medical costs?? How much of That pickled up the jar on your watch mayor Pro tem Smith?



Is this Structure sitting in Carol Smith's Driveway unpermitted and illegal ???

Nixon had his Enemies list, apparently so do you. Also, I heard this, and I hope this is just a rumor that you were haranging VIEW Advertisers to drop their ads, I hear..... Now I see some of the LIBBEY PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTING YOU FOR YOUR CANDIDACY, WILL YOU HAVE TO RECUES YOUR-SELF??

Lenny, Paul and Carlon are the new blood with a new perspective that Ojai needs. Heck, never could tell what a Corbin or Leary could do, look at the comedian from Minnesota; he's a Senator. When this election is over, the rules for Mayor need to be changed. The person getting the most votes needs to be Mayor for 2 years until the next regular election. Carol if that's you, then you would deserve to be Mayor. Not because you have been there long enough to claim "MY TURN!"
- Hang 'em High!

- Dick Lynch



OJAI CITY ATTORNEY HOW MUCH DOES MONTE MAKE? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOURSELF LATELY?

Retainer	\$33,000
General Consulting	\$83,750
Furchtenicht vs. Widders	\$25,000
Baucher	\$380
Cheverie	\$5,610
Gurwich	\$45
St. George Assoc.	\$135
Mark Hatton	\$850
Jerome Landfield Citation	\$1,000
Contract Draft Matters	\$6,000
Skate Park Project	\$17,063
Libbey Bowl Project	\$4,000
Stop the Trucks Coalition	\$6,500
Smart Start Permit	\$5,610
Housing Element	\$6,750
Cultural Heritage Program	\$30
Other Legal Fees/Conting.	\$2,380
Formula Retail Business	\$1,215
Sign Ordinance	\$75
Total Payment to Monte Widders, Ojai City Attorney - 2008/2009 Fiscal Year	\$196,333

Source: Ojai City Hall

OJAI PUBLIC WORKS HOW MUCH DOES MIKE MAKE? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOURSELF LATELY?

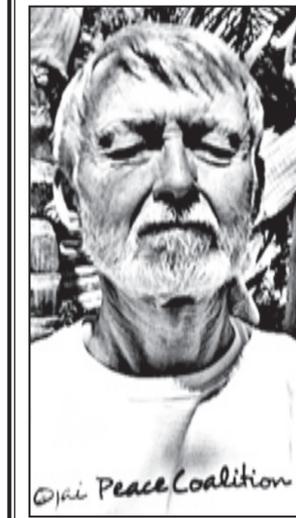
Annual Salary	\$83,945
Administrative Leave	\$466
Holiday Payout	\$4,195
Vacation Taken Payout	\$3,936
Sick Leave Payout	\$1,139
Floating Holiday Payout	\$932
Holiday Payout	\$2,330
Car Allowance Payout	\$2,400
Retro-Pay Payout	\$140
Medicare Payout	\$1,394
Social Security Match Pay	\$5,959
Retirement Payout	\$14,725
Special Program Payout	\$6,685
Health Insurance Payout	\$12,285
Life Insurance Payout	\$97
Vision Insurance Payout	\$132
State Unemployment Tax	\$175
Total Payment to Mike \$140,936	

Culver, Ojai Public Works Director - 2008/2009 Fiscal Year

EVENT CALENDAR

Thu Oct 17 - Rans, Between Fact and Fiction: The Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island. Highlighting a figure of both fact and fiction, this exhibition explores the different perceptions developed around the Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island, as people have sought the elusive truth about her. Celebrated in legend and books such as the children's classic "Island of the Blue Dolphins," this San Nicolas islander was left alone in 1835 on one of the most remote of the Channel Islands, until she was found and brought in 1853 to Santa Barbara, where she died within weeks of her arrival. The exhibit includes a specially commissioned, one-quarter life-size figure of the Lone Woman by artist George Stuart. info: Museum of Vta County, 100 East Main, 653-0323 Sept. 17-19 - Ancestral Heal Events Continued page 17...

LOVE OJAI - ELECT LEARY



Ojai Peace Coalition

L Dennis Leary, am a candidate for Ojai City Council. In order to give notice of my beliefs, intentions and anticipated actions I make this disclosure. OJAI is a name and The symbol of the *Womam* Lover in a particular time and place which enjoys her favor and has the destiny of extending these blessings to the whole planet. 911 is The symbol of our deprived society, an inside job by our own government and global elites to instigate their phony war on terror. Ojai must condemn such insanity. **WAR** - I oppose US wars for power and profit as pure evil causing immense suffering. Ojai must not isolate herself from this war lunacy but must speak publicly against it. **MONEY** - I am opposed to usury, debt-slavery, interest, speculation, stocks, bonds and investments as exploitative financial fraud to enslave the earth and her people. **MEDIA** - today is mostly corporate propaganda and shallow consumptive intercourse. I support **VIEW** truth telling and **OVN** impartiality but I am disappointed in the *Ojai Post's* banning me, especially now as a candidate. **DIET** - I believe we are agents of evil by our cruelty to animals through hunting, torturing, killing and eating them and their products. I support vegan as the ideal diet. **PETHOOD** and animal abuse are two sides of the same coin, enslavement of the free animal nation to satisfy human neurosis, a slippery slope to killing of body and spirit. **POLICE** - Ojai needs her own police force for better protection at much less cost assisted by volunteer deputies. **WATER** - Ojai needs to own and operate her own water resources for safety and independence, particularly in an economic meltdown or natural disaster. **SOLAR** - The sun is ultimately our only source of power and we need to take advantage of that fact with our south facing hills. **FOOD** - We must prepare for hard times ahead by growing our own food especially fruit and vegetables. **LAND** - I will move that we use our redevelopment money to buy the empty lots in town for wells, community gardens and affordable housing. **MALLORY WAY** - I will vote against the Becker condo project. **LIBBEY BOWL** - I will move to cancel the contract because of criminal fraud and illegality and start over doing things right. **HOUSING** - I will move to provide affordable housing for our poor residents and low income workers. **TERM LIMITS** - In addition to term limits I support Mr. Lynch of the **VIEW** and his call for the rescinding of ordinance 204 of city manager style government as well as his idea of a two year mayor system based on the top vote getter for council. **CARS** - I oppose the excesses of the car culture with its environmental pollution and dangers to life, Cody D. being one of its victims. **BICYCLES** - I support a bicycle and walking culture with more bike paths and pedestrian car free zones. **METERS** - To foster safety, turnover and to discourage car traffic downtown I favor parking meters and more crossing lights. **TROLLEY** - Since we can't afford present levels of service I suggest one trolley running on Ojai Avenue between Vons and Gridley backed by taxi vouchers.
<http://thelovegovernment.blogstream.com>
YOUTH - Like skateparks, we build structures and "they will come" and organize themselves. **GREENS** - I support all genuine green values bearing in mind that some of the green gains are co-opted by corporatism. **PESTICIDES** - and other "cides" should be banned unless necessary for safety. **BLOWERS** - I support a city wide ban on leaf blowers. **CODES** - We need to change our codes to allow for gray water, composting toilets and other forms of alternative construction. **VISITORS** - are most welcome but not only the wealthy. \$160,000 ad campaigns and glossy magazines are a waste of money and give the wrong moral message. **GRASS** - Native grasses are beautiful and citizens should be urged to plant them instead of lawns to save water. **SEX** - With her moon name and pink moments, Ojai is a sexy town and should promote making love and other *womam* values rather than male macho militarism and money mongering. **CULTURE** - Patriarchal culture is sick at heart and rotten to the core. We lived for millions of years in a love culture paradise before the onslaught of patriarchal animal, earth and people killing; we can restore that lost paradise beginning right here in Ojai. **LANGUAGE** - The thoughts, words and feelings we use with most energy, creates the world we live in. Our challenge is to change patriarchal terms
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Carlton Strobel, Treasurer

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Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe



Sweet is the breath of smorn, her rising sweet, With charm of earliest birds; pleasant the sun, John Milton wrote. When first on this delightful Ojai he spreads his orient beams on herb tree fruit and flower. Henry Thoreau wrote, "In August, the large masses of berries, which, when in flower, had attracted many wild bees, gradually assumed their bright velvety crimson hue, and by their weight again bent down and broke their tender limbs."

With so much media attention on the **British Petroleum (BP)** oil spill, it's interesting to know oil production is among the most heavily subsidized businesses with tax breaks available at every stage of the exploration and extraction process. Three out of every four lobbyist who represent oil and gas companies *previously worked for the government*; more than twice the revolving door rate. The oil industry lobbying roster includes 18 former congressmen. **BP** was getting a tax deduction of **\$225,000** a day for renting the **Deepwater Horizon and drilling rig**; that's the one that exploded!

Is there really global warming? The average worldwide temperature for the first six months of the year, **57.5°F**, was the *highest* since record keeping began in **1880**. The previous record was set last year.

Want to know where your tax money goes? About one quarter of the swine flu vaccine purchased by the government during last year's "outbreak", **40 million doses** at a cost of **\$260 million**, has expired and is now being destroyed. Incidentally, does anyone in government know what happened to the **\$8.7 billion** missing last year in the **Iraq** spending frenzy. I noticed the **State Department** is very silent about the missing money.

A man dressed as **Darth Vader**, complete with helmet and cape, robbed a bank on **Long Island, New York** and got away with thousands of dollars. Police warned that he was armed with an automatic pistol, *not a light saber*.

Speaking of money, not all of us are tightening our wallets. **Chelsea Clinton's** wedding last week cost over **\$5 million**, I guess **Bill and Hillary** paid, oh, and **Chelsea's** ring cost **\$1 million**.

Not all good news for the wealthy. The biggest defaulters on mortgages are wealthy people who took out huge loans to buy mansions. Take a drive through **Montecito** and you will see loads of **Sotheby's "For Sale"** signs. They assumed they could sell at a profit alas; it didn't work out that way. More than one in seven homeowners with loans in excess of **\$1 million** are seriously delinquent.

China is moving up. The U.S., which has been the world's biggest energy consumer for over 100 years, has been replaced by **China**. As recently as 2000, **U.S.** consumption was double that of **China**, and four of the world's 10 biggest banks are **Chinese**. In 2000 none of the top 10 banks were **Chinese**. To fuel its economic growth for electricity **China** will mine and burn 50 percent of the coal produced throughout the world.

If you are taking a trip on an airplane, watch out for the extras charged by the airlines. **American** passenger airlines collected over **\$1.86 billion** in extra fees in the first quarter of 2010.

Movie attendance is at its highest level in years. Many movie houses have raised ticket prices over 5 percent. The ticket price for 3D movies is now \$20, even higher in **LA** and **New York**; yet movie studios are using inflatable dolls instead of paid extras for crowd scenes. Five hundred dolls were used to simulate a crowd in a scene from **Angela Jolie's** movie, **Salt**.

Last year was the worst ever for newspapers; advertising revenues fell 28 percent, or more than **\$10 billion** from 2008, which at the time was billed as the worst year for newspapers since the great depression.

I noticed the e-book revolution has reached a tipping point. **Amazon.com** CEO **Jeff Bezos** said his company sells more electronic books than hard covers, "It's astonishing" **Bezos** said "when you consider we have been



Can You Cha-Cha ?

The Ventura Jazz Orchestra performed recently at Heritage Square, Oxnard. The end of summer event proved to be just the thing for the fine people of Ventura County, who enjoyed dinner, and a bit of dancing at the open-aire event. The orchestra, comprised of working professional musicians, specializes in Jazz, Big Band, Swing, and Latin, and with a magnificent brass and string section which provided the audience with the sounds for waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, and much more.

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Curtain Call

by Ron Rowe

If you would like to visit **Ireland**, but your time and budget won't allow it, not to worry. Call 646-4885 and make a reservation for **The Playboy of the Western World**, directed by **Francisca Beach**. This was regarded as **J.M. Synge's** finest piece of work.

It's a window into **Ireland's** past, set in rural **County Mayo** in the early 1900s. A small town receives a new mysterious visitor, **Christie Mahone (Thomas Quackenbush)**. **Christie** claims to be on the run from the law, having murdered his father. Because of the novelty of **Christie's** exploits and the skill with which he tells his own story he becomes something of a town hero. For **Peegen Mike (Colby Fletcher)**, the spirited young barkeep at a public house, the marriageable options are two; her cousin, **Shawn (Jeff Wallach)**, who snivels and frets constantly about the opinions of local clergy, and the characteristic newcomer, **Christie**. **Shawn** is favored



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Friends of the Ojai Library

One of the most important places in **Ojai**, in my opinion, is the **Ojai** library; this place is a treasure house of wisdom and knowledge. There you can find the thoughts and ideas of men and women who changed history, a person's life, ideas, joy and tragedy all contained in one book. From **Aristotle** to **Roosevelt**, all the wisdom, thoughts and experience waiting for you to share, at no cost to you. So dear reader, give up one night watching TV, go to the library, choose a book and sit back and read. Your mind and body will benefit, your creative juices will begin to flow and a new outlook on life will be yours. Check with **Mary Lynch** at the **Ojai Library** for more info.

- Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING ? Ojai Public Meetings

- **Sept 28, Tues** - City council meeting, 7:30pm
- **Oct 18, Wed** - Planning commission, 7:30pm
- **Oct 7, Thurs** - Parks and Rec Meeting, 7:00pm
- **Oct 12, Tues** - Ojai city council meeting, 7:30pm
- **Oct 20, Wed** - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- **Oct 26, Tues** - Ojai city council meeting, 7:30pm
- **Nov 3, Wed** - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- **Nov 23, Tues** - Ojai city council meeting, 7:30pm

by **Michael James (Ken Jones)**, **Peegen's** father.

The townspeople are equally enamored; the **Widow Quin (Sigrid Bressler)** considers marrying him and the mountain girls (**Jessica Slaght, Hanna Mitchell and Dallas Stephens**) fawn over him as if he were a boy band. Even the local farmers (**John Harnett and Bill Spellman**) heap on praise until another traveler arrives



Colby Fletcher, a local Ojai actress, is equisite as Peegen Mike, the spirited barkeep, in Senga's production of *The Playboy of the Western World*.

(**Ron Rezac**) ready to show the cracks in the young man's tale of bravery. It's a great piece of **Irish** history. Songs, dancing and fiddle music drawn from local talent.

The next play at the **Ojai Art Center** will be **Wait Until Dark**, directed by **Tom Eubanks**. They are in rehearsals at present. This is a thriller about nasty crooks terrorizing a blind woman who has something they want; a doll full of smuggled heroin. She is forced into a deadly charade that she equalizes by turning off all lights. Tickets available at 640-8797.

Centerstage Theater in **Santa Barbara** will be holding auditions for **Speaking of Stories**, Wed., Sept. 29, from 5 to 9 pm. You can bring your own prose to perform or they will have two stories available to choose from that can be e-mailed to you prior to the audition. The auditions will be approximately 10 minutes long. Auditions will be considered with the **2011 Speaking of Stories** season running Jan. through May. For more information call 966-3875 or speakingof@verizon.net

The **Simi Valley Cultural Center** is presenting **Curtains**, a musical comedy whodunit, from the creators of **Cabaret** and **Chicago**. This is a hilarious mix of **Agatha Christie** and **42nd St**. The leading lady is murdered during her opening night curtain call. As the bodies stack up, **Detective Frank Cioffi** has to spread his net to catch the killer and soon finds himself happily caught up and in love. Show opens Sept. 11 runs through Oct. 17. Box Office; 583-7900.

For all **Gilbert and Sullivan** fans, **The Sorcerer** opens Sept. 24 through Oct. 17 at the **Hillcrest Center for the Arts** in **Thousand Oaks**. Don't miss! This is one of the best of **Gilbert and Sullivan**. Tickets available at 381-2747.

Francisca Beach Ever wonder why the **Senga Theater** in **Ojai** has the most consistent popular and successful plays? I think the credit goes to director **Francisca Beach**. This lady has quite an impressive theatrical background. She is a graduate of the **Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama**, where she was awarded the comedy prize. She furthered her studies in **New York** at the **HB Studio**.

She is also a classically trained actress, teacher and director. For the past 30 years she has covered all aspects of theater in the **UK, Canada** and the **US**. She has acted in major **British** repertory companies, plus the **US** and **Canada** and taught in colleges and schools throughout these countries. As artistic director at the **Torrance Theatre Ensemble**, she created the **Black Box Theater** in the **LA South Bay** area in 2000.

In 1997 she founded the **Senga Women's Theater Company** with the aim of promoting and performing the work of women playwrights...**Senga Classic Stage Company** is **Francisca's** new theater group, based here in **Ojai** at the **Ojai Valley Grange**. If you would like to be notified of upcoming auditions or shows, check FranciscaBeach@gmail.com.

The **Senga Classic Theater** will be holding auditions for their **Christmas** show. It is the **Farnedale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's** production of a **Christmas Carol** by **David McGilivray**.

In a festive mood, the **Farnedale Ladies** mount yet another assault on the classics with their stage version of

A Christmas Carol.

Actors needed are **Mrs. Reese**, elegant, bossy, enterprising 50s. **Thelma**, quick tempered prima donna, late 40s. **Gordon**, can be male or female, long-suffering stage manager, age immaterial, must be fit. **Felicity**, nervous, well-meaning but incompetent actress, 20s to 30s. **Mercedes**, phlegmatic yet dogged, wears a neck brace.

Note: All actors will play several characters in the play as well as playing themselves. Script available to read in the **Ojai Library**. Just ask the friendly folks at the front desk. Or call 646-4885

Ongoing acting classes at the **Hillcrest Center for the Arts** every Thursday, 7 to 10 pm. It's an opportunity for actors to hone their craft and fine-tune audition material and develop presentations projects. Build skill and confidence for auditions, improvisations etc. Come and check out your first Thursday night free. For more information call **Tony Laschi** at 495-2315.

Stephen Burhoe is conducting acting lessons in **Ventura**; opportunities to build self-confidence, public speaking, interview and audition skills. Call 218-3061 for more information.

If you would like to improve your singing and speaking voice call 272-8125. **Ellen Johnson** gives lessons in musical theater auditions, recording studio work, etc. Call now and learn more on how to improve your singing voice.

Actors who would like to have private or semi-private lessons check with **Andrea Tate**. She is a prize-winning award director and actress with over 25 years of experience in TV, film and theater. She offers a variety of classes in acting techniques as well as private coaching. For more information call 818/802-2620.

The **Elite Theater** in **Oxnard** is looking for volunteers to work the box office and concessions during the run of a show. No pay but you do see the show free and meet very interesting people. Check with howleader@roadrunner.com for more information.

Senior Star Power Productions is looking for talent for their live stage performance of **Rockin With The Ages**. Needed are singers, dancers, ballroom, tap, musicians, comedians age 60+, etc. Contact **Jackie Goldberg** at 818-606-6679 to set up an appointment.

The **Elite Theater** will be holding auditions for **A Gentleman and a Scoundrel** Sept. 18, 3 to 6pm. The theater is located at 730 South "B" St. Heritage Sq., Oxnard. Call 483-5118 for more info.

The **Rubicon Theatre** will be holding auditions for its 2010 to 2011 season seeking union and non-union actors. Call 323/978-8085 to receive more information.

The opening music has begun. The curtain is about to rise. Time to sit back and enjoy live theater.

your comments are welcome rhjrowe@aol.com

Media View

"In February 2003, A Florida Court Of Appeals unanimously agreed with an assertion by FOX News that there is no rule against distorting or falsifying the news in the United States."
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Office	Annual Salaries	New Dec. 7
President Barack Obama (U.S.)	\$400,000	\$400,000
Ventura County Library Director (Jackie Griffin)	\$197,605	\$197,605
Governor Arn. Schwarzenegger (CA.)	\$212,179	\$173,987
Attorney General (CA.)	\$184,301	\$151,127
Supt. of Public Instruction (CA.)	\$184,301	\$151,127
Ojai City Attorney (Monte Widders)	\$182,270	\$182,270
Ojai City Manager (Fere Kersnar) ?	\$224,478	\$224,478
Ojai Unified School District Supt. Controller (CA.)	\$170,000	\$170,000
Treasurer (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Insurance Commissioner (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Lieutenant Governor (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Secretary of State (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Members, Board of Equal. (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
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Minority Floor Leader (CA.)	\$133,639	\$109,584
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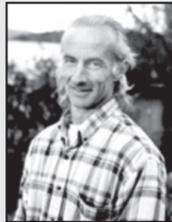
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New Studies Show Extra Flood Threat for Santa Paula



by Alasdair Coyne

Three new studies cast serious doubt on the adequacy of current flood protection provided by the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for residents of the City of Santa Paula adjacent to lower Santa Paula Creek. • A 2006 hydrology study of the Santa Clara River and its tributaries project that a 100-year flood in Santa Paula Creek will be 36 percent larger (from 28,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 38,000 cfs). The 2005 flood was an actual 27,500 (cfs) event.)

A 2009 Geological Society of America Bulletin, entitled "Sediment yield from the tectonically active semiarid Western Transverse Ranges of California," describes the annual rainfall and the sediment flows in Santa Paula Creek as the highest in the Santa Clara River watershed. Santa Paula Creek, along with the lower Santa Clara River basin, produces 58 percent of the entire Santa Clara River watershed's sediment flow.

A new study, available to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District in draft form, but not available to the public until the end of September 2010, will provide further analysis of sediment movement in lower Santa Paula Creek. It has already been disclosed that the sediment flow in Santa Paula Creek is greater than previous estimates, and that much of it is deposited on what is left of the creek's original alluvial fan at the creek's junction with the Santa Clara River, adjacent to the city of Santa Paula.

In the June edition of the VIEW (available at www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com), we described how USACE proposed to construct a second fishladder at the upstream end of the channelized section of Santa Paula Creek, right next to the one destroyed by the 2005 floods. This was to cost \$7 million, which funds had to be committed by Sept 30, 2010.

In April, CalTrout, Friends of the Santa Clara River and Keep Sespe Wild Committee (KSWC) wrote to California's two Senators in Washington DC, to oppose the construction of a second costly fishladder, which would also be at risk of being battered by boulders and filled with sediment. USACE still wants to set aside funding for flood control on lower Santa Paula Creek by Sept 30, 2010. The funds will not be used to construct facilities. According to Dr. Josephine Axt, USACE chief of planning for the Los Angeles District, the funds will be used for "geotech work, hydrology and hydraulics, design, an environmental assessment, and a biological assessment for steelhead." The contract for this work will be available in early Sept., 2010.

River Groups Meet with Agencies on Santa Paula Creek Flood Hazards In late July, CalTrout, Friends of the Santa Clara River and KSWC met with County of Ventura staff, including the head of County Public Works, Jeff Pratt, and Martin Hernandez, staff for Supervisor Kathy Long, as well as Dr. Josephine Axt from USACE.

The draft Santa Paula Creek sediment report, due to be released by the end of Sept. 2010, indicates that sediment would be deposited downstream of the concrete-walled flood control channel, causing flooding which would leave the state Hwy 126 access roads under 5 feet of water, and Hwy 126 itself only 12 inches above the water level.

The development of additional flood facilities at this

location will not occur quickly. Even though it is now established that the volume of flow in a 100-year flood will be 38,000 cfs (not 28,000 cfs, as previously estimated), USACE is not allowed to use this new, higher number in their planning, without federal legislation to authorize that change!

USACE will next prepare a General Reevaluation Report on Santa Paula Creek, along with the County of Ventura. This will be part of their budget in fiscal year 2012, and then it will take from 2013-2015 to complete.

Alternative Flood Control is Needed

The only effective solution to a flood control hazard caused by USACE's too narrow flood channel for current and projected estimates of water and sediment flows in lower Santa Paula Creek, is to restore of the former width of the too-narrow channel.

At the upstream end of the existing flood control channel, the east bank is set to be developed by Limoneira as "East Area One," with approximately one square mile of new homes and streets. But Limoneira's EIR failed to perform any analysis of the current flood hazard. The increased volumes of both water and sediment now estimated for a 100-year flood event on lower Santa Paula Creek pose an immediate flood-

ing threat to properties upstream at the Army Corps of Engineers' flood control channel, adjacent to the creek. If the channelized creek is to be widened to allow a larger volume of water and sediment to pass downstream, such an approach must be pursued while much of the north-eastern creek barrier is still undeveloped orchard lands. If Limoneira builds right up to the current, inadequate concrete channel, a flood disaster will be likely in a 100-year flood.

If Limoneira reduces the western, creekside edge of their proposal somewhat, to allow more channel space for water and sediment to pass downstream, the flood risk there will be lessened for the existing development in the City of Santa Paula and the proposed Limoneira East Area One development.

Limoneira's last hurdle for their East Area One development is to go before LAFCO later this fall, to formally annex the East Area One property, currently County land, to the City of Santa Paula.

The worst-case scenario would be a 100-year flood shortly after a forest fire that burned the entire Santa Paula Creek watershed. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) estimated in Jan. 2010 that a watershed-wide burn would increase hillslope sediment delivery by a factor of seven.

The Next Step - Forward or Backward?

The soundest long-term solution to this flood hazard area is to allow more channel space for water and sediment to pass safely downstream. While it is not possible to restore Santa Paula Creek's entire original alluvial fan, since much of the City of Santa Paula is built on it, the more space dedicated to the creek channel, the safer the residents of Santa Paula will be, in a 100-year flood.

- Alasdair Coyne, Ojai

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PRESS RELEASE Alliance for a Pesticide Free Ojai Valley

Who are we? We are members of the Ojai Valley community who share an interest in reducing the use of toxic substances in both our personal and shared environments, through peaceful and educational means. We include gardeners, families, artists, medical professionals, healers, technology experts, office workers and other folks from all walks of life. We invite like minded residents of the valley to join us, to learn about pesticides and their alternatives, and to contribute to this cause. All are welcome!

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm at Vicky's Thrift Shop, 922 E. Ojai Ave., (between Giorgio's and Treasure Beach & Cafe). www.pesticidefreeojaivalley.org

Link to Neurological Damage Still Poisoning the Children With Pesticides

Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) have found that mothers exposed to organophosphate (OP) pesticides (About 40 including Malathion (courtesy American Cyanamid Co.), etc. registered for use in the U.S.), well-known neurotoxicants, during pregnancy bear children associated with neurobehavioral deficits (ie: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder-ADHD). The study, released Aug. 19, "investigated whether OP exposure, as measured by maternal urinary dialkyl phosphate (DAP) metabolites during pregnancy, was associated with attention-related outcomes among Mexican-American



Keeping gardens happy takes minutes per week

The American Home magazine, June, 1959 "Open seven days a week including Sunday" Thanks, I sort of lost track of the number of days in the week. I can hear it now, "On the eighth day God created commerce." New Year's Day Sale: "These are the lowest prices of the year." In reality, the sale could be "any day" of the year. Well at least until January second.



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1956 Malathion Sales Pitch children living in the agricultural Salinas Valley and followed to ages 3 1/2 and 5 years." Studies have also linked exposure to Parkinson's, an incurable brain disease.

Organophosphates are designed to attack the nervous systems of bugs by affecting message-carrying chemicals called neurotransmitters including acetylcholine, which is important to human brain development. UCB study lead author Amy Marks and colleagues said few symptoms showed up at age 3, but by the age of 5, the measurable effects were significant. The study is available at http://ehp03.niehs.nih.gov/article/info:doi/10.1289/ehp.1002056 - Joel Anderson, Editor

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Jefferson Decodes Media Obscure Inside the Peabrain of a Mainstream Media Clone

We interrupt this information overload to pause and point out the moronic things we have been subjected to so often we've become numb. This Fall, before we are further subjected to the usual political mud slinging advertisements, Jefferson brings you a slow motion replay and analysis of the lunacy of what we've being force fed by our mainstream media.

by Jefferson Pinto

Did all the arrogant jackasses that run our mainstream media and advertising agencies go to the same school? They employ the same asinine tactics that are redundant, condescending, and, quite frankly, annoying. Speaking of employment, one need only look in our own backyard for the remains of the now discarded mainstream clones, standing in line, cap in hand with loads of mediocrity.

If you still believe in Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny, stop reading now, because I don't want to spoil it for you.

BT (Before Television)

Sometime shortly after the Great Depression (before my time), a salesman came to my grandmother's door peddling encyclopedias to families with small children. My grandmother politely listened to his entire pitch. When he was done, she said, "No thank you, I'm not interested." Then he exclaimed, "But ma'am, this encyclopedia is so advanced, it even has the word 'ain't' in it!" To which my grandmother replied, "I got news for you buddy, I ain't buying it."

[Slam] Overstating the Obvious "Open seven days a week including Sunday" Thanks, I sort of lost track of the number of days in the week. I can hear it now, "On the eighth day God created commerce."

New Year's Day Sale: "These are the lowest prices of the year." In reality, the sale could be "any day" of the year. Well at least until January second.

Understanding the Obscure

"Made with 100 percent pure Apple Juice." That's a creative way to trick you into thinking you are getting something really good. The word "with" is a pretty crucial preposition. As stated, they didn't dilute the apple juice before they diluted it with the other ingredients. If they said, "100 percent pure Apple Juice," that would be a whole different thing - only apple juice. But that doesn't matter in this case, because that's not what you're getting.

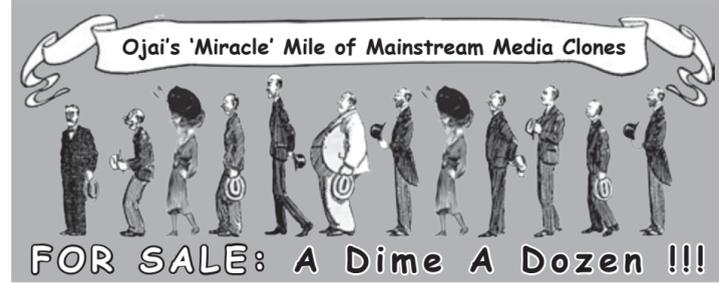
"...and we'll give you quotes from three other leading auto insurance companies." The key word here is "leading". Leading, as in low-grade commercials set in a retail store, with a clerk who looked like she's escaped from the 70s TV show Mel's Diner.

I don't want the quotes from other leading companies; I want the quotes from more competitive companies. It is not a random event that the other three quotes are higher. This tactic goes beyond misleading and is outright deceitful.

Vague Disclaimers

Some disclaimers are so vague and stupid I'm not sure why they even bother. "Please drink/gamble responsibly." If I'm not addicted or incarcerated, I already drink responsibly. If I am an addict, then I won't heed the suggestion anyway. What are they trying to pull here? Their real message is, "We really don't care about you, but we want you to think we do." Nice try!

"This product is not intended to treat, prevent or cure any disease. These statements have not been evaluated by the FDA." That's nice. Don't tell me what it doesn't do; tell me what it does do. Let me get this straight,



I'm paying X dollars for what? Do you guarantee it or my money back? Bragging Rights About Something We Don't Understand

The new and improved model X has more legroom than any other car in its class. That might have been meaningful if I knew what the classes were or which other cars were in it. That's sort of like saying, "Our dealership has the cleanest bathrooms of any dealership on the central coast." [Yawn]

"Eighty percent of people who switched to Badger Insurance saved money." That's sort of like Murphy's Law: "It's always in the last place you look." Of course it's in the last place you look. Why would you continue looking after you already found it?

Applying this same logic to the insurance bragging, of course they switched to Badger because they got a lower rate. They sure didn't switch for a higher rate. What they don't tell you is the total number who switched to Badger (maybe only a total of eight people for all we know) or how many switched to another company from Badger (probably for a lower premium).

Why Is the Font So Small?

"I lost 50 pounds in one week on the Movie Star Cookie Diet." Wow, let me see if I've got this straight; I can eat treats and lose that much weight that quickly. I guess all those other weight loss programs that force me to make good food choices, control my portions and exercise are run by sadists.

Keep reading folks: Then comes the fine print, "Results are not typical." So, why include it in your commercial? Why make a rare exception to the rule your poster child. I hate to be cynical, but this doesn't sound like a long run diet strategy to me.

High Speed Idiot Box Scrolling

I'm hating it when the small print zooms by at 90 miles an hour on the tube. Even if you were able to pause it, the font is barely legible even on a good high definition television.

Why even include this message? Oh Yeah, now I remember, you are legally required to do so. Here's the problem; if you are required to disclose it and no one can read it, are you really complying with the requirement to disclose it? Nice try. Where's the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) when you need them? Probably on the same princess cruise the guys who were supposed to be watching British Petroleum were.

Mid Program Pop Ups & Ticker Tapes

I didn't like pop ups on my internet browser. Predictably, I like animated pop ups in the middle of my TV show even less. I watch your mind numbing commercials; apparently that isn't enough. Actually, I rarely watch live TV anymore. I record it and fast forward through the commercials. Ticker tapes are equally annoying because I have this compulsion to read them and I lose track of the show I wanted to watch in the first place.

Sports Reporting

Special thanks to Fox News for reporting the results of American Idol, a game show that happens produced by their network.

Helpful hint Mr. Murdock: A game show is not a sport and doesn't belong on the "news." Ever wonder why none of the other news networks "cover" your game show? Game Show?

If there's one thing that holds true about reality-based TV shows, it's that they will exploit anyone to any extent possible to create drama for increased ratings. If watching stupid TV is a crime, I'm guilty of watching those clips of stupid criminals dispensing Darwinist justice upon themselves.

Since when did courting (Dating, not Judge Judy, that's a whole other type of courting) become a "game show?" I find The Bachelor amongst the most disturbing shows on television. It's sort of like emotional rugby. The loser drives away in a camera equipped limousine; she is filmed weeping all the way home. "Wah, I really loved him and I thought he really loved me." Wake up! It's a game show! You lost, get over it. Wait a minute, maybe you actually won. That's a cruel irony.

Stupid Teasers

My most intense dislike is when headlines pose a question instead of making a statement. "Can your sunscreen cause skin cancer?" This is sort of a "Damned if you do and damned if you don't" scenario. As the commercial concludes, there's one "expert" of questionable credibility concluding that the vitamin A in some sunscreens may accelerate skin cancer in some very rare circumstances. I don't know about you but I'm taking my chances with the sunscreen.

An Announcement of an Announcement

"Tomorrow, Lebron James will announce he will be accepting the offer and will be moving to the Miami Heat." Well I think it's fair to say he already made the announcement. Why have a press conference to tell us what you've already told us?

"Tomorrow, General McCrystal will announce his retirement." I'm sort of guessing the president pulled McCrystal's pre-signed letter of resignation after the general maligned his boss in the media. His second (formal) announcement was somewhat anticlimactic.

Obsession with War

I guess two real wars lasting over eight years aren't enough for this country. Notwithstanding the Military Channel, apparently there is an obsession with wars. As the famous saying goes, War is another form of negotiation. Apparently, for many TV watchers, war is but another sporting event.

The following are real shows on TV/Cable/Satellite Dish: Barbeque Wars, Border Wars, Bride Wars, Cupcake Wars, Food Wars, Junkyard Wars, Sorority Wars, Sex Wars, Pony Car Wars, Whale Wars, Pizza Wars. Is it me, or are there a disproportionate number of food war related shows? I guess if you can't eat it or kill it that only leaves The Jerry

Springer Show, where they war with food. Public Apologies for Personal Violations

If Tiger Woods or Jesse James have issues with their wives, apologize to her not me, not America. Dude, I don't want to hear your confession or your rehabilitation plan. I'm not your priest, rabbi, or therapist. Reassembling the Interview in a Non-Chronological Order

The biggest offender of this is the weekly news "magazine" that still uses an analog stop watch. Watch closely and you'll notice the creative editing. The response gets chopped short and, if aired at all, shows up in a different order. I'm not even sure the response is aired after the same question that was asked. I'm not a big fan of ill-defined hypothetical questions. "What do you say to those who believe you did it for the money?" I say the specificity of the response is directly proportionate to the specificity of the inquiry. 3-D Movies

It's true movie theatre revenues are up this year. What they didn't tell you is the number of tickets sold is down. We can attribute this downpressure to jacked up ticket prices. The latest rationalization for increasing ticket prices - present the movie in 3-D even if it's inconsequential to the story line. Here's a movie I'd like to see in 3-D: "Eat, Drink, Belch: Story of a Man Cave."

With the election campaign season fully upon us, be aware of fake bragging, food/mud fights, rephrasing of political lap dances, emotional tirades and tantrums, responses played out of order or out of context or understating the obscure.

We now return you to your regularly scheduled programming.

jefferson@ojaiaventuraview.com Jefferson Pinto is a retired CPA, and holds an MBA from one of the finer accredited universities in this country.

Media Clones Among US

Ronald Collins described reality in the media world today: "mirroring a trend in the broadcast industry, growing numbers of newspaper publishers have dropped any pretense of serving the public, the rallying cry today is... corporate profits. When dominant, this orientation can feed a pro-advertiser atmosphere in the newsroom. Referring to newsrooms where there is no overt economic censorship, one executive said: 'it would be a mistake to make a conspiracy theory out of it.' Rather, he pointed out, 'you get an establishment attitude on the part of the press, because original souls don't thrive in such an atmosphere, and the people who are there don't want to displease those who hired them... they have a sense of what can get them into trouble. And what can get them into trouble is bucking the advertising imperative, even in the name of the public's right to know.'" Source: www.editorfreedom.com

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Press Release 1950 Nordhoff High Class 60th Reunion

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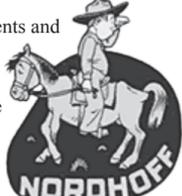
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It's open to students and graduates of the 1950 class and their spouses.

The party will be hosted by Jim and Joan Williams.

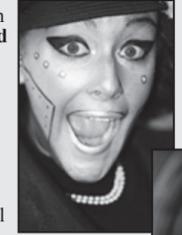
Reservations are required before Sept. 18 at 961-8559, or by e-mail: bigjimwilliams2@cox.net.

The 1950 class reunion is the night before the annual all-class Nordhoffians' reunion, Sunday, Oct. 3, at noon, at Nordhoff High School, Ojai.



Steam Powered Giraffe Benefit: Fybromalgia Ventura - Sept. 18

My friends from the Steam Powered Giraffes are a very entertaining band that remind me of mimes colliding with a folksy beatlesque sound. They mimic mid 1800s steam powered robots and will make you chuckle with their charming wit and antics for sure!



A very talented bunch of singers/actors, if you have not seen them I encourage you to come and support this good cause and have fun. Sept. 18th at 7:30 pm at: Epic 2855 Johnson Dr. Ventura Ca.... They will be playing at for the cause of Fybromalgia.

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LETTER - Lake Casitas Junebug Checkin' In ? Pirate Festival ?



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Continued From Page 2... Junebug one in Ojai (unless for some reason a lot of people attend the faire).

With the increase in cost to hold the faire there and low attendance.....the folks at Gold Coast arrrrr looking for a new location to hold the faire next year.

I wish that the faire didn't have to more. I do love Ojai. I guess someday I will just have to visit without the faire :)

- Junebug the Oceanside Pirate

EDITOR'S NOTE: Well Junebug, in addition to the Lake Casitas Water Board having "fence" issues recently, they have also raised Rates considerably on Casitas Event vendors. Seems like local Watch Dawg Officials are Asleep-At-The-Switch. Sounds like the Ojai Valley could use a few good pirates! What's else is New ?



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PRESS RELEASE

We have held two Town Hall Meetings with much success. Through these meetings we realized our valleys children needed help....mentors; adults they could look up to. The community wanted something for the kids immediately to help them move forward in a positive direction after the tragic death of Seth Scarminach. Through mentoring we are hopeful that it will benefit all the students at Nordhoff High School especially those that are needing a bit more direction.

We are needing all the help we can get to raise the funds needed to provide our children with this fantastic opportunity.

Our fundraiser, held on August 21, was called Mentor Madness...to see more about this event take a look on Page 21 of this Issue of The VIEW.

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- Marc Abbink

Why Ventura is The Broke Capital of the World? Who's Money is It Anyway ?

The City of Ventura lost \$10 Million Dollars 2 years ago (well before the recent economic crash), through their ambitious high-risk investment plan; having placed precious taxpayer dollars with Bear 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.

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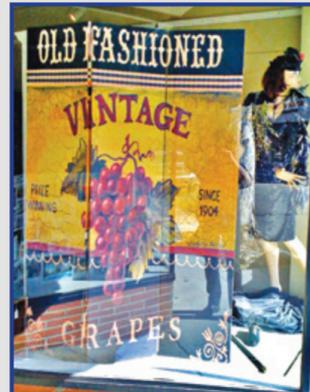
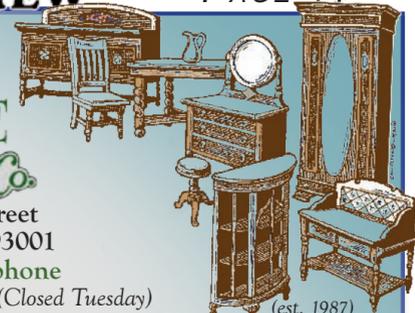
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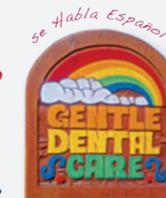
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THE SMALL STUFF

After Chemo

by Mary-Jo Murphy

At the recent 37th Meeting of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE), prevention and reversal expert, Dr. Michael Roizen offered an encouraging message. We are in control of whether we get a chronic disease. Well at least 75 percent of the time we are.

Within our influence, he says are: tobacco use, food choices and portion size, inactivity and stress. His message about diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and the effects of smoking is that the damage can be undone. He says, "The human body is an amazing thing. You get a do-over, if you want."

Curious about his message, I went to his web site, Real Age, Inc. www.realage.com/ct/my-realage A few months ago, when I was going through my cancer treatment I would never have been interested in his test. I knew how old I was, 102! And I knew what everyday was, stressful.

The aftermath of chemo and radiation is still evident, but recently I got the glorious news that the treatment had worked! Feeling relieved, hopeful and grateful, I took Dr. Roizen's test and discovered that despite my cancer, I was still a few years younger than my chronological age. Yippee.

So what was I going to do with these extra years? Go on more vacations? Isn't that a way to relieve stress?

Since February I hadn't been further away than Thousand Oaks. My cousin, who had sat by my bedside during my treatment, accompanied me on my first vacation, a 500-mile trip to Lake Tahoe. We were happily chatting, when somewhere around Coalinga my car died. (With 200,000 miles logged, I calculate my car's age was about 103.)

Before I had cancer I would have thought this breakdown experience, which included a night at a Motel 6 with my two dogs and a startling accumulation of repair costs, to be the worse case scenario.

Hearing my story, my cancer support group expressed a different attitude. Stress, one of Dr. Roizen's four items within our control, for these women is relative.

"When you've faced a threat to your health," a woman in the group said, "car problems just aren't that big a deal." As we sat on the side of I-5 with trucks and 20-year-olds on cell phones whizzing by at 100 miles an hour, the possibility of getting rear-

ended did seem like a big deal.

A CHP officer stopped to make sure that help was on the way. "Keep on your seat belt if you decide to sit in the car. Or if you stand outside, move as far away as possible," he advised. After hearing that AAA was on the way, he left us. For twenty terrifying, sweltering minutes we braced ourselves for the impact of someone whose attention might waver. Eventually, Geoff the tow-truck driver rescued us. He spent the entire trip to the garage, swiveling his head while he told stories. His driving was scary.

In the end, Geoff dropped us off at a garage near The Harris Ranch. Surrounded by flies in 107-degree heat, Hamid, the mechanic, declared my engine officially melted.

The story of my road trip is told to illustrate a point, so I won't go into the gory details of how my 4-Runner came to be renamed Lazarus. What the experience taught me, however, was how much my illness had changed my perspective on one of the things Dr. Roizen tells us we can control, stress.

Revisiting the writings of Dr. Richard Carlson, Ph.D. the author of the Don't Sweat the Small Stuff books I found an affirmation that I'd like to share.

"I have the power to choose how I respond to everything that comes into my life."

You do too. If you want.

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"Whimsical Wags... Where Art Meets Bark" at Harbor Village Gallery

Mary-Jo Murphy's collection of original works "Whimsical Wags... Where Art Meets Bark" exhibited at the Harbor Village Gallery last month to a "pet-friendly" Artist Reception.

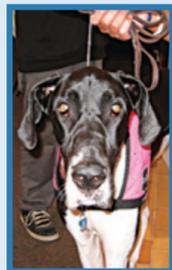
Mary-Jo Murphy's work is simply fun and catchy, bringing smiles and laughter to animal and art admirers. Her subjects are "man's best friends" including: dogs, cats and other animals rendered in a range of colors, full of energy and love. Her work expresses the bond between beloved pets and humans.

Looking into the eyes of our pets we feel their compassion and joy. Murphy said, "Their wisdom remains unspoken but not un-communicated." Reminiscent of pop art with an iconic appeal, Murphy's work is composed with fun, solid-color backgrounds and close-ups of the beloved animal's smiling face.

Mary-Jo took painting, illustrating, and printmaking

ing classes at The Academy of Art in San Francisco, but her artists' soul gave way to a practical reality that guided her towards the medical field. Currently, Murphy is a Health and Diabetes Educator, a Registered Nurse, a Motivational Speaker. info: Mary-Jo Murphy mjmurph221@yahoo.com

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OJAI MARDI GRAS AT SOHO IN SANTA BARBARA ~ SUN. SEPT 19, 8-11PM ~

PREVIEW revisited by Connie Early

What do you get when you create a gumbo of swampy New Orleans (think Neville Bros./Dr. John) R&B, Zydeco, blues and Brazilian samba? You get the unique flavorings of the Ojai Mardi Gras Band!

The Ojai Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball celebrated its historic 20th Anniversary this year. And for the first time ever, one of Ojai's best kept secrets will be unveiled in Santa Barbara with a performance at SOHO, from 8 to 11pm, Sun., Sept. 19th.

The Ojai Mardi Gras Band and its Wake-up Krewe will bring the excitement of Ojai's Annual Mardi Gras Ball to life in Santa Barbara with its funky danceable infectious blend of traditional and more eclectic Mardi Gras classics.

Led by renowned world multi-instrumentalist/composer John Zeretzke, the 10-piece band features local heroes George Freidenthal and Jack Joshua, as well as Patricia and Don Cardinali, owners of Cardinali Brother Music in Ojai, among many other talented Southern California musicians.

Likewise, the Mardi Gras' Wake-Up Krewe of artists will transform Soho into a virtual Bourbon Street!

The Annual Ojai Mardi Gras Ball, a non-profit event and benefit, was conceived in 1991 by New Orleans transplant and local artist Lyle Mathews. Her paintings have been the centerpiece of each year's signature poster and, since her untimely passing in 1992 due to cancer, the event has continued to grow with this year's anniversary marking the largest ever!

Each year a new king and queen are chosen to preside over the festivities and for the past three years, the Ojai Mardi Gras has been represented in Ojai's annual 4th of July parade. Proceeds from the annual event are distributed to local residents or families in need.

Why Mardi Gras in the fall you wonder? Our answer - why not? Tickets for the SOHO event are available at the door for \$10 and all are encouraged, but not required, to dress in costume. SOHO is located at 1221 State St., Santa Barbara, 962-7776. For more info/photos of Mardi Gras events like these times gone past, please check out the Ojai Mardi Gras on Facebook.

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THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

by Ron Rowe

Will robotic dogs replace real ones in the hearts and minds of the elderly?

Researchers at **Purdue University Center for the Human-Animal Bond**, investigating the human-animal bond, are offering seniors a robotic dog for six weeks, free of charge, in exchange for keeping journals about their experiences. So far, the experiment is a success.

One senior said, "I talk to Aibo, (the word means pal in Japanese) every day and he responds to my voice. When I watch TV he sits in my lap. He has a mind of his own."

The Japanese robotic dog is ideal for disabled as well as others living where pets are prohibited or restricted. These robotic dogs can bark, play and respond to spoken commands.

I wonder if they will ever be on sale to the general public?

Vicky Hearne is a nationally known dog trainer and philosopher. Her training methods are based on the mother dogs teaching methods, very interesting.

Angela Stockdale who lives in **Somerset, England** has a dog named **Stanley** who trains other dogs how to behave. The dog does this by setting an example of good behavior during training sessions. **Angela** just sits and watches while **Stanley** works his magic.

Angela's theory is the following: for people to try to teach dogs how to behave towards each other is like a non-French speaker trying to teach someone French. She says her hardest job is to convince owners they don't have to do anything; just let **Stanley** teach the dog how to have good manners and good behavior. **Angela** has a track record proving her methods work; she has taught this method successfully for 17 years. Sounds fascinating; any comments from readers?

I do recall in my many years of training dogs in classes, my problem was always with the owners never the dogs.

Another unusual dog trainer is **Roger Blair** who is blind. For over 15 years **Roger** has talked to and trained thousands of problem dogs and has never seen any of them. He works with the owner and the dog. His studio, **Last Results Limited** is located in **Erie, Pennsylvania**.

Once again a horse has won the **Man vs. Horse Race** held in the **Welsh** countryside in **England**. Forty-four horse and rider teams take on 253 humans and 115 relay teams. The horse, **Sly Dai**, ridden by **Llinos Mair Jones**, finished in two hours seven minutes 4 seconds. The human finished in two hours 17 minutes 27 seconds, proving once again four legs beat two legs.

For pet owners who work or have to leave their pets during the day, a new video is out called **Comfort for Dogs**. It's a 45 minute tape showing dogs playing, tail wagging, running, sleeping etc. It uses sounds and visuals of dogs to trigger a pleasant feeling in dogs. It's available for \$20.

When I have to leave my dog alone at home, I leave on old unwashed T-shirt and leave the radio on tuned to classical music. I also call home at all times and leave messages on the answering machine such as "Hello Dudley, keep on guarding the house, good boy, I'll be home soon." It really works.

A new law is pending in **San Francisco**. A total ban on the sale of all household pets, including rabbits, dogs, cats, birds, hamsters etc. The city commission of **Animal Control and Welfare (ACW)** says animal shelters are overcrowded with unwanted pets purchased on a whim from pet stores, then abandoned. **Chairwoman Sally Stevens** said, "We would like to stop these pets being abandoned."

Progress is being made to crack down on the puppy

mills; many states are working on passing legislation that would allow them to regulate commercial breeders on a local level. I really do hope this law passes, next month. This would make **San Francisco** the first city to ban the sale of pets from pet stores, helping to eliminate the puppy mills who supply most of the pets to pet stores. It will encourage people to adopt from animal shelters.

Missouri is the largest source of puppy mills, with over 3,000 of them in the state. The state legally allows breeders to confine dogs in small wire floored cages for their entire lives. The cages are stacked one on top of the other so that waste streams down from one dog to the other one below. Progress is being made to crack down on the puppy mills. Many states are working on passing legislation that will allow them to regulate commercial breeders on a local level. There is such an increase in the legislation of laws that www.statenet.com, a respected provider of legislation and regulatory information, has published a link about the wave of proposed bills and new laws sweeping the country. For more information go to http://www.statenet.com/capitol_journal/04-12-2010.html

Good news for animals. Over 20 million Americans have chosen not to eat meat, so a new generation of vegetarians are on the way.

Time for a walk with Dudley.

Peace to all living beings on earth
Your comments are welcome
- Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

Ojai's Animal Communicator

The Healing Power of Horses

by Heather Green

Most people who have spent any time around horses will agree that they are amazing and mysterious beings. There are many horse owners and horse lovers out there who will often share how a horse came into their life and changed them for the better. At times, for those of us who have had horses in our lives, we even look back and wonder how we would have survived without them.

I find it interesting that although we know horses have the power to heal, we are often perplexed as to how. I have had the blessing of being able to learn and experience through my work as an animal communicator and healer, how horses do what they do. When we become more conscious of these gifts the horses bring us, we have the opportunity to use them on a daily basis to improve our lives and our relationships, both with people and horses.

The first quality that allows us to open up to healing is a horse's presence. Horses are grounded, earth-oriented animals. Their four legs to our two promote this quality. They are better able to connect to the magnetic energy of earth from being outdoors and in constant contact with her. As prey animals, they also are naturally tuned-in to the earth and their environment at all times for their safety.

You may wonder how this presence benefits us. Without being in the present moment, you will not feel safe enough to begin the healing process, even

if you simply had a bad day. Horses model this to us, allowing us to be more present with ourselves. The presence that they hold is also a safe container for us, no matter what we are doing with them. It is like talking to a good friend or therapist about your troubles. When you know you are being heard because the listener is fully present and tuning in to you, you feel safe enough to feel your experience and to share it fully.

Another quality that allows us to feel safe enough to heal is a horse's unconditional love. Compared to humans, they are non-judgmental by nature. This is true for all animals, but horses in particular have enormous hearts, both literally and metaphorically. Because they are bigger than humans, horses radiate this compassion and love in ways we cannot miss. With smaller animals, it can be overlooked. This is why horses are often used in therapies such as **Equine Facilitated Experiential Learning or Equine Therapy**. To fully illustrate the depth of their love and how their compassion can heal, I must share a story. It happened during the time I was discovering my gift of being able to communicate with horses. I was at a horse workshop for personal growth and development just outside **Chicago**. It was time for the more interactive part of the workshop, where we stood one-on-one with an at liberty horse in a round pen. We had already been given the instructions on what to expect and how to be with the horse, which was basically to have no agenda and be open to allowing whatever needed to happen. As you can imagine, the uncertainty of what was to come was unnerving to say the least.

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I was lucky enough not to be the first participant, so I had the opportunity to witness the workshop leaders bring the horses out. I was inspired by the nobility, dignity, and honor these horses showed in their body language. They held their heads high, but not in a fearful way. These were horses that knew their own worth.

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One of the leaders stopped briefly in front of where I stood. The horse looked me in the eye. Her gaze moved me in a profound way. It was as if she could see through me. I felt her love and understanding in my heart.

Before I came to the workshop, I did not even know if the horses knew what they were really doing in these types of activities. I had believed they helped people in this way purely by acting out their instincts. This horse forever changed my mind. Deep inside of me, my inner knowingness told me she knew what her job was. She had so much desire to serve. Those were the words I got from her. "How can I serve you?" This is not surprising when we think of all that horses have done for us over the centuries. In this moment, it seemed natural for her to want to serve in this way, even though it was a different way of being.

The last thing she relayed to me was the compassion for our suffering. There was no judgment as I connected with her, soul to soul, in just this brief exchange. There was just a pureness of intent. Tears welled up for me, as I already began to heal even before having my experience in the round pen. Her love and compassion allowed me to feel deeply cherished and seen for who I truly am, perhaps for the first time. I knew too, that the love and compassion that was part of her exquisite nature, was also within me. It is just easier to know and feel when you are seeing it right in front of you.

Along with horses' unconditional love and compassion come their empathic abilities. Due to their sensitivity, horses are empathic, psychic animals. They pick up on our thoughts, emotions, physical sensations, and energy. Their area of expertise is emotions.

The biggest way they help us with our emotions is by mirroring them to us. For instance, if we are fearful or angry and not aware of it, they will act this out in their behaviors. This will show up when the horses will not cooperate, or can even rear up or take off on us. With sadness they often become distant, or disconnect from us.

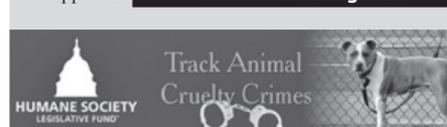
Horses also mirror to us our behavior patterns. A pushy person will find they cannot get a hand on their horse when they need to, and a passive person will have a horse that is always stepping on their toes.

The good news about all of this is that if we are aware of what is going on with us emotionally or otherwise, the horses will support us and not act out. It is about having the courage to be with our feelings. Horses, like most animals, are authentic beings. They do not wear the masks that we are socialized to wear as humans. There are horses that have emotional baggage, but it is not stuffed away or repressed like in us. They learn to shift it, or be with it. In that respect, they help us by showing us how to be true to ourselves. We can learn that stuffing emotions does not make us strong, but feeling them does. When we feel the emotions they begin to shift and lift out of us.

I remember a time when I had suffered a great loss in a relationship. I knew I was sad, but for the most part I thought I was okay. A colleague of mine was out of town for the day, and I went over to take care of her horses.

Instead, they cared for me. As soon as I walked into their pasture, I began to cry. That was when I realized how sad I really was. Feeling guilty for not even getting to their feedings yet, I found myself on the ground, resting against a tree, watching as they came up one by one to be with me. They each took one look at me and knew. They knew exactly what was going on inside of me. Their eyes reflected back to me the sadness I had, as they hung there heads low in response. I sat there, observing them as they licked and chewed in my presence, surrounding me in a supportive energy.

By the time I was finished with my chores that day my heart was cleansed. I am still amazed at how much I was able to grieve with their help. It all happened



in just a day. How do they do this magic? Horses are masters at balancing energy. They have this in common with other animals, the nature kingdom, and mother earth. This means they naturally clear and absorb our energies, especially helping us shift the emotions, thoughts, and behavioral patterns that we are aware of.

The more conscious we are of what is going on within us, the easier it is to clear. This is only part of it, though. I am always amazed by how they can help us, often in ways that are mysterious to me.

In the healing work I do with horses and people, I have seen people receive great insights, remember past unresolved issues, release deep emotions, and develop awareness regarding relationship patterns, all within minutes of being around a horse.

The best part of the healing and change that horses bring us is that it does not involve action or an agenda. We can just spend time with them, watching what happens to us. Horses are sociable beings. They enjoy our company, hanging out, and chatting. This is not to say that we cannot experience their healing while riding, grooming, or doing some other activity with them. It is just more noticeable when we are still.

Whether they help us through their presence, unconditional love, authenticity, or energy healing abilities, most of us could use a dose of horse medicine these days.

I invite those willing and interested, whether you are a horse owner or not, to take some time out of one of your days, find a horse in your area, and just be with him or her. As you open up to the connection that is possible, you may discover the magic and power that lies deep within these benevolent beings. Best of all, their magic can lead you to know your deepest self, change, heal, or grow in the most unexpected ways. Even in just one day.

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Ventura's Controversial War Hero



By Richard Senate
He lies buried in what is today nicknamed "Dog Park" by the people of Ventura. The cemetery, officially named Memorial Park,

holds the remains of thousands; many are war dead. Today this site is used by dog owners to let their animals run free and poop where they will. Some, a few, believe this isn't respectful of those who rest there.



Many see this as a complete disregard of the honored dead and it has moved some to suggest that the soldier who won America's greatest medal, the Medal of Honor, be dug up and moved to a spot where he would be respected. But who was this hero and what did he do to earn this medal?

His name was James Sumner. He wasn't even born an American; he was born in 1840, in London, where he lived until at the age of 28, when he came to the United States.

Like many new comers he tried his best, living for a time in Chicago. Not finding work, he did what many new comers also do; he enlisted in the US Army. He was placed in the cavalry and sent to Fort Bowie, Arizona Territory. After training he was assigned to Company G of the 1st US Cavalry. His unit was called upon to suppress the Apache Chief Cochise who was raiding settlements in the Chiricahua Mountains. The Apache War, as it came to be called, was perhaps one of the worst of the Indian Wars. No prisoners were taken by both sides. It is little studied today and only a few John Wayne movies tell the story of this terrible conflict.

In 1869 the cavalry engaged Cochise and his "hostiles" in a running firefight that included ambushes and hit and run attacks. During the battle, Private Sumner was wounded in the left shoulder.

Twelve days later, Sumner's unit was again ambushed. In the action, two troopers were killed and the

officer in charge was wounded. In the heat of battle, eighteen attacking Apache warriors were killed. Sumner was singled out for his gallantry under fire. In this action he was again badly wounded.

After being awarded the Medal of Honor he was discharged from the service because of his wounds. He was given a small pension on June 13, 1870.

Little is known of James Sumner in the years that followed. It can be assumed he drifted around the southwest. In 1888 he was living in Los Angeles, California. In 1903 he was living in Satcoy and by 1907 he was working in the Atherton Saloon on Fifth Street, Oxnard.

Failing health and poverty forced him into the Ventura County Poor House, in Ventura. It was there he passed away at the age of 72, July 5, 1912. He was buried in a donated grave without a headstone. Few came to the graveside to witness his simple pine box lowered into Ventura's rich soil. Few in Ventura knew how much he gave to his adopted land.

His grave remained anonymous and forgotten until June 30, 1990 when the Medal of Honor Society and the local chapter of the American Legion placed a metal marker on the grave site. It was an honor long overdue.

But, now the cemetery is the center of a controversy. Should dogs be permitted to romp and play at this place? Should the graves be used by the animals to relieve themselves where heroes rest?

Should Sumner's remains be dug up and moved to a respectful place? I do not believe so. He should remain in the city where he lived out his last years and passed on? Should the people honor him in some way? Yes. And what of the other war dead?

Men who fought on both sides of the Civil War, the Spanish American War and the First World War; shouldn't they also be honored? Most of them do not have a plaque of any sort to even mark their grave sites, let alone their service to the nation.

Their graves should be marked in some way. Yes, dogs need places to run and play, but could another park be so designated within the city of Ventura?

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THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD



Move it!" My father stayed calm. He never picked a fight with anyone, but he always enjoyed a challenge. The man at the door, whose name was Walter we later found out, was quite drunk and quite large. My father was only 5'4" but he had been the Metropolitan Weight Lifting Champion when he was sixteen years old, and we kids knew that Walter was in serious trouble.

"Now Chub, just move the car. Don't get upset," my mother said. "Hey!" Walter screamed. "I said move that car!" My father picked up his key slowly and walked out the door. Just then Walter decided my father wasn't moving fast enough so he gave my father a shove. My father being very dramatic stumbled and gave Walter a warning. "I wouldn't do that again if I were you," he said. Walter shoved my father again. By now half the neighborhood had gathered around. "Look, I'm warning you!" my father said. Walter gave my father one more shove and the fight was on. The neighbors had all gathered around for the show. Kids were running all over the place. Walter's mother and sister came running across the street with brooms and started beating on my father. My father had Walter in an airplane spin and was twirling him

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around. I ran to get the broom from the kitchen to get Walter's sister when my mother grabbed me and took the broom away.

I thought she was going to help my father out, but she just stood there watching. Walter went down with a thud. The fight was over. My father picked up his keys and walked across the street and moved his car.

This episode really thrilled my younger sister, Esther. She went around the neighborhood bragging to all the kids that my father could beat up anybody's father in the whole city. She was disappointed when no one took the bait.

One day my father answered the phone and this girl, who had a very soft voice, told him her name was Miriam Whippoorwill and that her father was

going to beat him up, and he was coming over to my father's house at six o'clock that night. My father waited, but nobody showed up. The next day my father got another call from Miriam. This time she told him that her father was going to bash my father's head in. "Just tell him to come over. I'll be waiting," my father yelled.

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Oh red-mountain bardic man! Lover of the old-old ways! We are warrior-poets! Brothers in the blood! Fighting the good fight! For love-for beauty-for family-for the animals for the mountain

We will meet again my brother I promise you-we will meet again on this wild green earth around the fire beneath the mountain under the moon

- Richard Palmer, 8-3-10

Russell "Amrit" Bruss, a 13 year Ojai resident, passed away July 14th 2010. Amrit was born December 14th, 1952.

His very close friend, our community therapist Richard Palmer, wrote this wonderful poem. He shared it with some, now, I'd like to share it with the townsfolk. Thank you Richard Palmer. - Vickie Cohen

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UM...OR IS IT OM?

What is it I would like more of in my life?

by Mary-Jo Murphy

Back in the 1980s, I attended a medical conference on Longevity and Healthy Aging. The target audience was filled with graying, balding and white-haired men and women. The keynote speaker, Dr. Walter Bortz, guru on the topic, had a simple message. "If we don't move it, we lose it." Dr. Bortz is an impressive example. Today, in his 80s he continues to run marathons. His advice is still compelling.

Someone else, however, delivered a more memorable message that day. In his opening remarks, a geriatric nurse named Valentine offered a bit of wisdom that I found haunting. "I've never heard anyone on his deathbed say, 'I wish I'd watched more TV.'"

But, you think, the only time I relax is when I watch TV. Health care types are always telling you to get off the couch, to get up from your computer. Do they ever lecture you on the benefits of sitting still? Do they ever badger you to be in the moment?

Recently my friend's dog died. Well into her eleventh year, Liesha was an old woman in the canine world. She had lived a long, active life filled with meaningful dog work. She guarded the house, accepted love from her human and walked forty-five minutes a day catching up on the news (smells) in her neighborhood. She was, as dogs impressively are, always in the moment.

We humans try for long lives, filled with purposeful work and love, but we fail at this in the moment concept. Our present is often cluttered with an anxiety-provoking committee who lives in our head. We hear it speaking to us, reminding us of our past mistakes or encouraging us to obsess about our uncertain futures.

Do you remember when you were a little kid and your mom would tell you to "sit still"? Can you recall when the worst punishment was a timeout? How do you feel about that today? Wouldn't you love to take a timeout?

Another guru, Dr. Andrew Weil, MD, the author of Healthy Aging, would probably agree with Dr. Bortz that we need to move, but he also tells us to sit still, to concentrate on the present moment, to meditate.

Mary Elizabeth Tezella, in her Summer 2010 article in Caring Today, encourages you to Melt Away Anxiety with Your Mind. Meditation is all about focus, she says.

You don't have to sit on the floor with your legs in pretzel position. You don't even have to chant the familiar

Om. You just have to focus, inward or outward.

You can even make up your own mantra. How about Um? That would work, especially if you feel confused about what you're doing, or not doing when you search for enlightenment. As you embrace this unknown experience, chant any word or words that make you happy. How about ice cream?

The most important thing about the practice of meditation is that you give yourself a little timeout from the fretting and ruminating, so your body can relax. Oh yes, and don't forget to breathe.

So you decide to take my advice. A few minutes into this, while you're sitting or lying down, seeking inner peace, waiting for a transcendent, mystical experience, your brain becomes cluttered with dirty laundry. Weeds call to you from your garden. Don't despair. Terzella says to expect a wandering mind.

"Your aim is acknowledge your thoughts without judging or analyzing them." Just watch the workings of your thoughts without responding to the need to do anything about them for a few minutes. Soon enough you probably should get back to your laundry or the weeds.

In fact, everyday chores can be an opportunity to be mindful. Dr. Jeffrey Brantley, MD tells us in his book, Five Good Minutes. He encourages us to focus on the one activity we're doing and take a moment to fully experience it.

Even cheating on your diet offers an opportunity to be mindful. Note how that piece of chocolate you feel so guilty about feels in your mouth. Let it melt slowly. Give it your total attention. Experience it. When we approach life in these little bites, small momentary pleasures can put us in our bodies and in our lives as we live them everyday.

When you've had enough, go back to your frenzied activity. Crash in front of the TV; or zone out at the computer. But every once in while, look out the window at a hummingbird; take a deep breath and smell the popcorn. Reach down and stroke your cat who has taken up residence on your lap. Think about Valentine's observation, and wonder.

What is it I would like more of in my life?

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EVENT CALENDAR

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ing yoga and Traditional Sweat Retreat, With Psalm Isadora and Andrew Soliz. To register email psalmisadora@gmail.com
The Ojai Foundation. info. 9739 Ojai S. Paula Road, Ojai 646-8343
• Oct 2 - 10-1pm, Baby Goods Recycler Event, presented by The Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center and Mothers Guild. Parents invited to clean out baby's closet, sell or trade outgrown clothes, cloth diapers, toys, carriers. Families can take part in a fun photo shoot with Ojai photog Courtney Turner Forte. Cloth diapered babies will have an opportunity to promote cloth diapering in exchange for a free 8x10 pro portrait. Free community event is part of Adore Diaper Service & Baby Belle Bottoms' Campaign for Cloth. The two Ojai based businesses are offering a variety of promotions to introduce more families to the ease, comfort and affordability of cloth diapers. Goal of this green campaign is to make cloth diapering more widespread in Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties. Participants asked to limit themselves to twenty gently used items for sale/exchange. Additi. items in good condition can be placed in the FREE pile. Items must be pre-priced. Bring a blanket to display items on lawn, yard-sale style. Arrive anytime between 10 and Noon, earlier the better. Event ends at 1pm. FREE childcare for 0-3-year-olds available. Location: Nan Tolbert Nurturing Center, 555 Mahoney Ave, Oak View (only 15 minutes from Ojai/Ventura). www.BabyBelleBottoms.com or monica@babybellebottoms.com
• Oct 5, 7:30- 9:30pm - Ojai Valley Chamber Candidates Forum, Soule Park Golf Course Banquet Room. Admission free, public invited. Coffee/ea/water provided. Six candidates running for three seats. Paul Blatz, Carol Smith; incumbents. Other candidates: Dinitri Corbin.
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THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Again he waited all evening and nobody showed up.

The next day when the phone rang my father yelled, "I'll get it! It's probably that guy who thinks he can bash my head in." He talked on the phone for a minute getting madder and madder by the second. Miriam told him that her father was going to knock my father's brains out. He was furious. He paced the living room all

evening waiting for this guy to show up. Around eight o'clock my sister Esther burst out laughing. "What's the matter, Dad? She asked in a soft voice? Can't you even recognize your own daughter's voice on the telephone?" Roslyn Hammer wrote for The Ojai Valley VOICE during the 1990s. She has a background in stand-up comedy and comedy writing.

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Letter - Mallory Way

Life is a Cabaret - Amen

- Dennis Leary

Dear Editor and Educated Public concerning Mallory Way: The following is my unscheduled public comment to the Ojai city council 7/27/10:

My comment does not apply equally to all of you and perhaps to the new members not at all. I reserved judgment until your vote on Mallory.

Twice I saw Cabaret at the Art Center. The underlying theme was: "What have politics to do with us?" Like good Germans then and good Americans now many of us have given up or vote fascist. I've also seen A Winter's Tale twice which is Shakespeare's take on male jealousy of woman values like Mallory.

During Cabaret I kept thinking of Sophie Scholl and Mallory and whether I'll share their fate. We are fascists when we degrade "We the People" to "We the Rich and Powerful People." If we don't think so we're delusional. I have four degrees, one a Master's in Applied Psychology and a career 20 years in psychiatric nursing so I speak with some confidence about delusions including my own.

If you see and hear the historical, ethical, legal, affordable, business, aesthetic, ecological and other facts about Mallory and do not feel the reality with your heart, connect the dots with your head and vote with your gut, that's corrupt and psychotic. In my career I saw many cases of clinical delusion. Mallory murder is not clinical because our culture is murderous.

For example, tens of thousands of scientists, engineers and architects testify that 911 was a controlled demolition, particularly the third building which was not hit by an airplane and on tape was ordered by the owner to be pulled. Anyone who is not deluded can see with their own eyes that these were controlled demolitions and that 911 was an inside job by our own government and global elites to make terror wars for power and profit. And yet, the deluded and terrorized public, politicians, media, academics and professionals deny reality out of fear. So with you and most Ojians regarding Mallory. You act like someone who is psychotic.

Jeff Becker is not God. He's just a developer. Jeff, Jere and Monte are not the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They're not your boss. You are the boss. You're supposed to tell managers, bankers, lawyers, architects, music directors and oligarchs what to do. What are you afraid of? Those who won't like you because you vote against them don't like you anyway. They're just using you.

Politics is not a Cabaret nor Camelot. It's reality and has everything to do with us. My first and third careers were religion so I can safely say that thinking we're going to heaven after screwing up this world is the biggest delusion of all. This earth, and for us that means Ojai is where it's at now and forever. Amen.

- Dennis Leary, Ojai

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Part II: The South East Tour with the Brian Faith Band

by Joel Anderson
 Traveling through the South East, as a touring musician in a band back in the day, was more of a way of life – than a “tour”. The ‘South’ was an experiential way of living which probably cannot be compared to any other time or place on earth. At any level of playing colleges, and some of the bigger clubs what was important was the interaction with the ‘real’ people.

The Scene
 “We were a California band in the midst of the pre-Southern Rock phenomenon. It was like being in the middle of a hurricane with all this musical energy and excitement and so much talent around...” so said **Brian Faith’s Band’s (BFB)** **Ernie Joseph**. The ‘local’ Southern acts deserve high recognition, recalls Ernie, “They were talented and tight...they had Roadies and huge rental trucks which was then non-existent in California on a local level. They had tons of Marshall/Hiwatt stacks, double-bass kick drums, slamming like **Zeppelin’s Jon Bonham**...”

As sound systems were developing to keep pace with the heavier concert-level requirements of rock, the Southern rockers also kept up. Every band had their own professional-level sound systems because the clubs were very generous with the bands they booked. The musicians were taken more seriously as professionals, and monetarily reinforced.

The bands had pro sound systems complete with “Two sound techs and capturing...The Allman Brothers... capturing the deep Southern rock sounds... those soulful white-boy-vocals and tight guitar riffs...totally into their rock culture phenomenon and ‘The Moment’...” said Ernie.

The Brian Faith Band was playing gigs with **The James Gang (Joe Walsh)**, **The Chamber Brothers**, **Blue Oyster Cult**, and many others in very low-key and casual venues throughout the South. Said Ernie, “Clubs were packed, even on the weekdays...Ladies legal...age 18, Gents 21...people were really into the ‘Live Music Scene’...underground Atlanta was fascinating... a historical and prestigious mecca for great talent... Piedmont Park; You know? I remember some guy was...came to California later... he was a speaker at Piedmont... He was married to **Jane Fonda**. It was her husband, **Ted Turner** and he went to Piedmont and gave a few speeches, protesting **The War**. Yeah, that was him, he was into world peace.

“It was back in the day of the Southern Rock infancy. **Turner** was charismatic. When that guy spoke he was just flowing and people just felt him... antiwar message and exposing everybody you know. He came up there and just comforted people with a compelling intensity and he made sense. He was down-home.”

“He was real charismatic you know and was an attractive person; he would relate to people. They would go and come into his heart. He was a very articulate guy just came from his heart,” said Ernie.

“I know he got into some kind of trouble later; got arrested for protesting **The War** I think in **San Francisco**...or

END THE WAR NOW !



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South East Tour - Ernie Joseph with bassist, Bill Hoyt (Allman Brothers Band). something.... I know he was controversial. I know that. He got my attention! Didn't he start CNN later?”

Richmond, Virginia was another thriving musical scene.... Said **Brian Faith**, “We did two shows there with **Bruce Spingsteen** and **Steel Mill**.... He had exceptional talent with moving the crowd with true talent...audience participation. His magical forte, impressive.”

Said Ernie, “We also played with **Springsteen** at **Centennial Park** in **Nashville, Tennessee**, and there also with **Roy Orbison**. There was this other band from **Kentucky** that we played with at that festival....they had a Top Ten hit, **Kiss You**

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All Over.... called **The Argyles**; they were really cool brothers.

“Then we played several times with the **O'Kaysions**. They had that song, **Girl Watcher**, and **Pepe** was the lead singer, he was a buddy of mine. They were on **American Bandstand** several times. They were from **North Carolina**.

In **Charlotte, NC** he opened up for **The James Gang**, said Ernie, “That’s when they first came out. Remember them? **Joe Walsh**, remember? **The James Gang Rides Again**, when that song came out, and we opened for them there at **Char-**

vocalist) Cassie Gaines....
Ed King was recently reunited with the **Lynyrd Skynyrd Band** and inducted into the rock hall of fame, jammin’ along with

lotte.....
 Over in **Charleston, SC** was a famous club by the shore, “**The Flying Dutchman**” with two huge stage sets ups.... “I’ll never forget that place.....unbelievable....the stage was about eight feet high....the excitement in the crowd.... it was a total adrenalin rush” he said.

“It was all about the **Southern Rock** culture and the audiences who were so much a part of the energy that made it happen. I was impressed with the **Southern Rockers** bluesey vocals and that drivin’ **Hammond B3** sound with dual-lead guitars, slides.... it knocked people head over heels! The scene was another world that I became emersed in and part of....” said Ernie.

Another experience was performing at **Winthrop College** in **Rockhill, SC** with Ernie’s longtime friend from **California**, **Ed King**, who he knew from his **Giant Crab/Strawberry Alarm Clock** days with manager/producer **Bill Holmes**. A year later, **Ed King** joined an unknown band at that time called **Lynyrd Skynyrd** and went on to be a co-writer with the

late **Ronnie Van Zant** in writing the **Southern Anthem**, “**Sweet Home Alabama**”.... Said Ernie, “The guitarist who briefly replaced **Ed King** was **Steve Gaines** who died in that horrific plane crash along with **Steve’s** sister (**backing**

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Kid Rock.....Said Ernie, “Yeah, people were mesmerized and taken by the **Lynyrd Skynyrd** band. They captured the soulful unpretentious mix of driving R&B/blues rock sound....nothing superficially flamboyant.... just genuine Heart and Soul !”
 – **Joel Anderson**

EDITOR’S NOTE: Keep tuned into the **Brian Faith Band** in coming issues of **The Ojai** and **Ventura VIEW**, as the **Saga** continues....

UPCOMING PROJECTS: for the **Brian Faith Band/SRS Studios** include **Max Jones**, **BFB’s Johnny Podz** and **Karen Perry**, **ICU’s Jimmy LeRoy**, **The Snobs**, **Renaissance Rose**, **Nicky Shane Band**, **Orlando Napier**, **ICU’s Eric Cuellar**, **Soul City Survivors’ Jon Chapman**, **Jeff Elliott**, **Michael Kelly**, **Brian Wise**, **Jenny Zimmer**, **Tom Petra**, **Quinn Rallin**, **Blues Prophecy**, **Black Angel Band**, **Dave Fitzpatrick**, **Tina Stephens**, **Jamie Shane (Canned Heat)**, **Christian Love (Beach Boys)**, **Dylan Fleming** and **Sunshine**, **Sam Strange**, **Steve Henry**, **David and Ben Hazen**, **Josh Biegen**, **Mark Rainey**, **Shawn Ball**, **Richard Moore (The Trogs)**, **Janie Redding**, **Linda Hart**, **Gail Fenton**, **Tommy “T” Perreault**.

NEWS FLASH - Johnny Podz has produced two anti war (*you tube videos*) “**Wake Me Up In The Morning**” **Ernie Joseph**, taken from **Confusion LP** & “**On With Peace**” **Ernie w/ Bobby Harris - The Drifters & Jonn Principe “Streets of San Francisco**.” Also, check out **S.K. Wallers’ Website**; Google “**Tribute to Ernie Joseph**.” **BFB’s Karen Perry** & **Brian Faith** just finished **Lead vocal tracks on “Freaky Madonna”** which also features **Doug Ingle (backup vocals, Iron Butterfly)**, **James Antunez (Mojo)** on the “**Talk Box**,” **Creed Bratton (backup vocals, The Grass Roots)**, and on drums **Cougar Estrada of Los Lobos**, who recently appeared at the **Santa Barbara County Bowl**. The titled **LP TRACK “In The Groove College Tour”** will be out soon..... Also coming on **BFBs youtube**, tribute to the **Malia Mathis**, produced by **Johnny Podz**.

– **Joel Anderson, Ed.**



Randie Rich stopped by for the blues experience. Multi-instrumental band leader Cody LePow.

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Little Buffalo ‘n’ the Mustangs came up from **L.A.** in September to rock **Ventura County** with a “**Prodigal Son Tour**” featuring shows at **Blackbeard’s BBQ** and **The Hub**.

Lead singer and multi-instrumental band leader **Cody LePow**, who used to live in **Ojai**, also played a solo night at **The Hub**. He showed everyone in attendance why he was the **2008 LA County Regional Winner** of the Inter-



Owen Goldman, Bassist, Michael Rummans drummer

national **Blues Challenge**. This guy can play some wailing **Chicago-style blues harp** and serious slide guitar all at the same time.

He’s the proverbial one-man band when he’s not fronting **Little Buffalo ‘n’ the**



The Night Things Come Alive

Mustangs. On those nights he has ample help from **John McDuffie** on lead guitar, **Michael Rummans** on bass and **Owen Goldman** on drums. Look out for their soon-to-be released album “**High Voltage Transmitter**” featuring **Cody’s** original blues-infused brand of roots-rock.

You can hear tracks and find show dates at www.facebook.com/CodyLePow
 – **Lanny Kaufner**



Johnny and James

ROCK & ROLL FOREVER KOTTAK CD RELEASE PARTY - ChelShotz

After spending time at the July **Scorpions** concert down south, I was hanging out backstage with **Johnny Lucas**, lead guitarist of the band **Kottak**. That’s where I took that shot of **Johnny** checkin’ out the **VIEW** and loving the picture of **Johnny Cash** flipping the bird.

So he wanted to tell me how **Johnny Cash** influenced him musically, ending our night with the **VIEW** in hand and flying the bird with glee! He invited me to be his guest to the **Kottak “Rock & Roll Forever” Album Release Party** in **Redondo Beach at Delzано’s by the Sea**.

I got there to a rockin full house... beat Johnny there to which he texted... “*find reserved Kottak table and hold down the fort!*”

Opening bands were great! I hung out with **Nadir D’Priest** of the band **London**, **Kottak** bassist **Price Vernon**, and had laughs with the boys. I had **Price** be my second shooter and after seeing his uh um “*artist shots*” of my eye and a lil bit of **Kottak** lead (and **Scorpions** drummer) **James Kottaks’** head, it was best to let him do what he does best **Shred** on his bass lol!

Headliner **Kottak** came on with a amazing performance and raised the roof off the place as fans jumped & gyrated with them. **Johnny** calmly ripped up on the guitar and made it look effortless.

Also on the bill that night were local band **Tom’s Garage (Hard Rock & heavy metal covers)**, **Stonebreed (original Hard Rock**



James Kottak



Dario Seixas



Price Vernon



Ahmad Alkurabi



Francis Ruiz



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James Kottak



Johnny Lucas

with a **Southern edge**), **The Antidivision** featuring **Erik Ferentinos (of RATT’s Stephen Pearcy solo band, The Antidivision, playing original Industrial Heavy Metal)**, and an **ALL-STAR Jam** featured many surprise guests. Also included were **Ronny North (Ronny North Band)**, **Willie Basse (Black Sheep)**, **Dario Seixas (Firehouse-The Antidivision)**, **Joaquin Revuelta (Stephen Pearcy)**, **Jes Selane (Lucas Rossi)**, **Marq Torien (Bullet Boys)**, **Derrick Pontier (Great White)**, **Chas West (Bonham)**, **Jeff George (Eminem)**, **Gonzo Sandoval & Phil Sandoval (Armored Saint)**, **Dave “Salsa” Moreno (Puddle of Mudd)**, & more. The sponsor? **Rock-n-Roll Gang-Star Apparel** of course.

Guest guitar player **Ahmad Alkurabi (Maleva)**, also added to the already rocking night, as more guest

singers like **Dario Seixas (The Antidivision)**, joined with **James** in shutting down the night singing. It was a great night my only complaint...? “*I wanted more...*”

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The Annual Show, benefitting Youth Mentoring Programs throughout the Ojai Valley, was held Aug. 21 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Meiner's Oaks. Mentoring serves the community through supportive guidance, responsible respect and acceptance.

Actor/Musician Mickey Jones (Total Recall, Downstream, Bob Dylan World Tour (drummer) 1966 w/Trini Lopez, Johnny Rivers), was Grand Marshall.

Mentor (defined): To serve as a trusted counselor or teacher to (another person).

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Send questions directly to Scott Eicher at ceo@ojai-chamber.org

Oct 16 - Ojai Day, features Ojai Skatepark Grand Opening - Teen area located in the parking lot next to the skate park as one big Skate Lounge with tons of vendors, booths, music and activities for the kids all day long. 10am - 8:30pm. To skate in the skate park this day and any day after Everyone must have a helmet (no exceptions). We are looking for donations of helmets for a loaner box for those who forget. Official rules for our new skate park clearly don't allow razor scooters & BMX bikes, so please spread the word to all the kids. We will have a bike rack for them to park their bikes during the day. Every inch of the skate park design was used for skateboarding so the skate park isn't really for hanging out in. Bleachers will be right next to skate park fence with shade to watch everyone skating all day and in the evening. The kids will want and need room to skateboard without spectators in the way. Mayor for the Day contest - New in Ojai previous to the Grand Opening is an essay contest (See Back Page of this issue of the VIEW).

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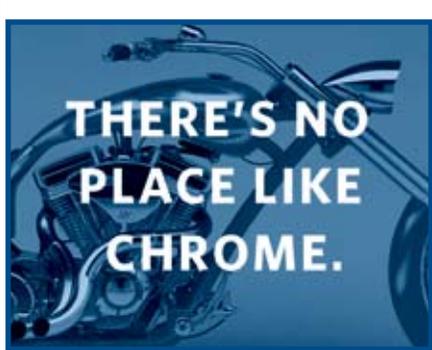


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- Entries must be turned in to the Ojai Rec Dept at 510 Park Road no later than Monday, October 4th. Please include name and phone number.
- Writer of winning essay will be declared the Honorary Mayor of Ojai on Ojai Day, Saturday, October 16.

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