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## Our Revolutionaries Write

Hi Joel, I'm still in quirky Nepal..... Quite a change from mild Ojai. Been tryin' to stir up a revolution amongst the population. Until 2001 there was a monarchy in the country. But, then one night the prince in a drunken stupor opened fire at a party killing his father and mother, the King and Queen and seven other members of his family. He then shot himself. Two days later he was crowned king and then he succumbed to his wounds. This all because

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PASTOR PAUL

INSIDE: **BROWN ACT** SUNSHINE? • CALENDAR • Art • MUSIC - FINANCING \$\$\$\$



– Dick Lynch

What just happened? Bang! Bang! Was that the figure of “retiring” *City Attorney Monte Widders* fleeing town in a hail of bullets? For the whitewashed version of this council meeting check the OVN “happy news.”

**New-temper City Attorney** and young buck hotshot **Steve Lee** informed the council in his first meeting that *the city has for years* been in violation of the **Brown Act**. You know that “pesky” law that requires that government meetings be open and transparent? What’s up with **Councilmember Sue Horgan**, who commented that she liked the *business as usual process* and didn’t want to “*hamstring ourselves with the Brown Act*.” You know the top drawer state law that ensures the people’s business is conducted in the *sunshine, instead of a sneaky-deal back door poker room*.

For years the **Mayor** has been meeting with committee representatives and interviewing applicants for commissions such as **Parks and Recreation, Arts, Planning...** in private. Ever wonder why downhome favorites rarely get appointed, and council buddies and pals get the cush political-insider positions? Did **Mr. Widders** fail to catch this screw up or he *did he not know the law*?? Scratchin’ mah whiskers on this one. I saw one speaker (**Tom Bostrum**) walk away from the podium muttering and saying “*the BROWN ACT...*” Seems these *backroom committee appointments are worth a hee-haw to him*. I don’t think it’s a laughin’ matter. Does this mean that *everyone that was denied* a Committee post has a potential **LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY?** Thanks a lot Monte!

**City Manager Rob Clark** said that every city he’s worked for has conducted interviews according to the **Brown Act**, openly on public agenda. Lee informed them that they need to be careful not to leave themselves *open to litigation*. What did the council do? Decided to drag their heels, while they conduct a *survey* on how other local cities conduct their meetings. More *expensive* studies and less action. Another wake-up call for **Councilmember Betsy Clapp** who commented “*I didn’t realize the Mayor is a dictator*.”

How can this happen; now we have a 30+ year-old **City Attorney** representing us and, at his first Council meeting, he dishes out the bad news. Now, he has substituted as city attorney a good number of times in the past. Why didn’t he tell us before? If this had not been on the agenda *when would they have told us?* The city had for years violated the law and perhaps many Citizens rights?? When are they, whoever “*they*” is, gonna tell us if we have a lingering problem and possible large number of **SUITS** on the horizon??

**Carol “Mayor by Rotation” Smith** has for a number of meetings asked for a second on *her own motion*. A vote, and then **VOTED AGAINST HER OWN MOTION!!!!** Confound it... can’t figure that one out, *seems she’s having an argument with herself, inside her own head?* NO, you don’t vote *against* your own motion **Mayor Carol**, after calling for a second and a roll call vote. What can this accomplish?? Is this about a vote at all, or you just trying to find out who your friend’s are?? Is this a security risk issue or *lack of security?*

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## Congress Reauthorizes Overbroad Patriot Act Provisions

PRESS RELEASE - May 26, 2011

Four-Year Extension Contains No Privacy Or Civil Liberties Safeguards

The House today passed a four-year extension of three expiring **Patriot Act** provisions without making necessary changes to the overly broad surveillance bill. The **Senate** passed the extension earlier today. The reauthorization will now head to **President Obama** for signature.

Despite bills pending in both the **House** and the **Senate** to amend the three expiring provisions and other sections of the **Patriot Act** to include much-needed privacy protections, **Congress** decided instead to move ahead with a straight-forward reauthorization. The provisions of the **Patriot Act** that were extended - the **John Doe** roving wiretap provision, **Section 215** or the “*library records*” provision and the never before used “*lone wolf*” provision - all lack proper privacy safeguards.

The **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** has long called for reform of the **Patriot Act** and condemned Congress’ continued reluctance to rein in its broad surveillance powers.

The following can be attributed to **Laura W. Murphy**, director of the **ACLU Washington Legislative Office**: “*Despite having months to debate and legislate on this crucial issue, Congress has once again chosen to rubberstamp the Patriot Act and its overreaching provisions. Since its passage nearly a decade ago, the Patriot Act has been used improperly again and again by law enforcement to invade Americans’ privacy and violate their constitutional rights.*”

The following can be attributed to **Michelle Richardson, ACLU legislative counsel**: “*Today’s passage means Congress has missed yet another opportunity to make necessary changes to protect our privacy. It means we’re likely to see more abuse of Patriot Act powers by law enforcement. Next time it’s given the opportunity, Congress should consider prioritizing Americans’ civil liberties by passing actual Patriot Act reform.*”

To learn more about the **Patriot Act** and the **ACLU’s** work to reform it, go to: [www.reformthepatriotact.org](http://www.reformthepatriotact.org) - **American Civil Liberties Union**

## Mentor Madness Seeks Assistance

Dear Supporters, **Heal the Community** is seeking Donations & Grants to benefit a Boy’s & Girl’s Club after school program at Meiners Oaks Elementary School. This area of the Ojai Valley is in need of something productive & positive for our youth. The Boy’s & Girl’s Club has been very successful in the county & including the Oak View facility. Their statistics show the benefits of their program by helping lower the rate of school drop outs, teen pregnancy and drug use. They enrich the community by helping the families better provide for their children by being able to focus on work and having a safe environment for their child while they are at work. This also has shown to have a positive effect on the local economy.

Kids who participate in after school programs are more likely to become productive members of their communities and go on to college and become more successful in life. On April 17 we lost one of our beloved Co-founders **Wayne Ortman** and one of our wonderful volunteers **Sonia Miller** in a tragic motorcycle accident. They will both be dearly missed. This years **Mentor Madness** event will be dedicated to **Wayne & Sonia** in loving memory of what wonderful people they were & their commitment to this project in our community. We hope you will all join us in this worthwhile project.

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~ 3rd Annual Mentor Madness Poker Run / Car & Motorcycle Show, Aug. 27, 2011, Soule County Park, Ojai

As we all look ahead to the year ahead when we choose what events we will sponsor we hope you will join us in this worthwhile project for the Meiners Oaks area kids.

~ Sponsor Packages are available for event.

**Thank you Sincerely,**  
**Dusty Fernandez, Cindy Saucedo, Bill Welch, Wayne Ortman (In memorium), Joe Jaramillo, Jim Lane, John Herndon**

**This project is supported by:** Oak View Civic Council – official sponsor, Ojai Valley Moose Lodge, The Women’s Club of Oak View, The Ojai Valley Lions Club, The Optimist Club, Help of Ojai, Ojai Community Bank, Ventura County Sheriff Substation/ Ojai P.D.

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## Dear City Manager Re: Newspapers R. ELLIS SMITH



**Mr. Rick Cole**  
**City Manager**  
City of San Buenaventura

Dear Rick, Back in **Ventura’s Glory Days** when we were eatn’ off the fat side of the hog, you know what I mean, when the **Lovely Donna Landeros** was city manager there were a few of the local “*rag*”s like the *Ojai/Ventura Voice* which is now the *Ojai/Ventura View*, the *Reporter*, to name a couple who used to bring a small stack of their respective newspapers to the **Ventura City Hall** whenever they published.

All of a sudden the **Lovely Donna Landeros** for some unknown reason, outside of the fact that *she didn’t like what was being printed about her*, decided to institute a “**In-House**” rule and let all the local and not so local newspapers know that they were no longer appreciated inside the city hall and

they would have to stop delivering them to the same.

Now I have noticed

[www.YouTube.com/OVVtaView](http://www.YouTube.com/OVVtaView)

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## Congress Gives Staff Hefty Bonuses Amid Budget Crisis

PRESS RELEASE - May 26, 2011

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generous with tax dollars, doling out millions in bonuses to members of their staff including those with six-figure salaries.

Considering that unemployment is at an all-time high and the federal budget is in desperate need of slashing, this is *the last thing Americans* need to hear. The bonuses, distributed by members of **Congress**, ranged from **\$2,000** to about **\$5,000** and totaled more than **\$21 million**. The money was distributed *shortly* after the federal government finished the year with a **\$1.3-trillion budget deficit**. The data was compiled by a **Washington D.C.** nonprofit dedicated to tracking congressional salaries.

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Perhaps it wouldn’t seem so modest if the money came out of the legislators’ pockets. Not surprisingly, no one cared to comment on the bonuses that went to congressional staffers who make six-figure salaries.

– **Relis Smith**  
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## Ojai FLOW Update



Ojai FLOW’s Bob Daddi, Richard Hajas, and Pat McPherson deliver the Petition to Steve Wickstrum, General Manager Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD), May 23.

STOP THE GOLDEN STATE WATER GRIP-LOCK

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– **Judicial Watch, Inc.**

## Insurance Company Greed Nonprofit Blue Shield Pays CEO \$4.6 Million, Fights Legislation to Limit Excessive Overhead

PRESS RELEASE - May 26, 2011

The CEO of the nonprofit health insurance company **Blue Shield of California**, **Bruce Bodaken**, earned **\$4.6 million** in **2010**, according to documents made public by the **California Department of Insurance** May 25. **Blue Shield** paid its top ten executives more than **\$14 million** combined last year. In January of this year, after **Blue Shield** announced its third major increase in less than a year, the nonprofit **Consumer Watchdog** sent a letter to **Bodaken** demanding that he disclose his annual salary. After public protests at **Blue Shield** headquarters and sharp criticism from **Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones** the company withdrew plans for the third rate hike, but had not disclosed executive salaries until yesterday.

Legislation being considered in the **California Assembly**, **AB 52 (Feuer)**, would authorize regulators to deny health insurance company rate increases on the basis of excessive administrative and overhead costs, including executive salaries. **Blue Shield** and other insurance companies have been aggressively opposing the legislation.

*When a nonprofit insurance company’s CEO makes more than four million dollars*



a year, but patients can’t keep up with rate hikes, then something has to change,” said **Consumer Watchdog Executive Director Doug Heller**. “*Blue Shield’s CEO has become the poster child for the insurance company greed that must be stopped.*”

In its letter to **Bodaken** in January, [www.consumerwatchdog.org/resources/bs\\_letter012011.pdf](http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/resources/bs_letter012011.pdf) - **Consumer Watchdog** wrote: “*The burden imposed on hundreds of thousands of Blue Shield customers by the company’s massive rate hikes is almost unfathomable... Blue Shield has been able to drastically increase rates on policyholders without disclosing compensation to its executives. The public, and the policyholder members of your “not-for-profit mutual benefit corporation,” have a right to know how much you and your top management team earn.*”

**Consumer Watchdog** estimates that it takes the annual premium of more than **1,000 Blue Shield** policyholders to cover **Bodaken’s** salary and more than **3,500** policyholders to cover the pay packages for the top ten **Blue Shield** executives. Under **Proposition 103**, which regulates the rates and premiums of auto and homeowners insurance the way proposed in **AB 52**, the insurance commissioner can limit how much policyholder premium can be used to pay executives.

“*It costs Californians so many hard earned dollars to pay for health insurance, we should be making sure that our premiums aren’t being wasted on corporate excess, waste and fraud,*” said **Heller**. “*Since we can’t afford to go without health insurance, it is imperative that we regulate insurance companies to stop the gouging.*”

**AB 52** was voted on by the **Assembly Appropriations Committee** May 27 and passed, and will go to a vote of the entire **Assembly** by **June 3**.

**Consumer Watchdog** is a nonpartisan consumer advocacy organization with offices in **Washington, D.C.** and **Santa Monica**. Find us on the web at: [www.ConsumerWatchdog.org](http://www.ConsumerWatchdog.org)

– **Doug Heller, Consumer Watchdog**

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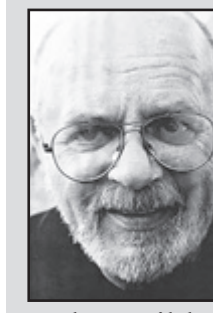
“*We like this place pretty much the way it is...*”

- **Brett Bradigan, (sed May 2011) fired Ojai Valley News (OVN) editor**

**NOTE:** Mr. Bradigan, after his stint at the OVN, is now owner/operator of the fledgling glossy marketing catalog, the “*Ojai Quarterly*,” and has taken money from **Golden State Water** for institutional “*P.R.*” Advertising. (To be sure, **The VIEW** would not accept a **Golden State Dollar**, if it were the last advertising buck in Ojai!) The “*catalog*” appears as a tourist-targeted promo vehicle with many Paid real estate advertisements. **THE VIEW** wonders if, in the event said uninformed tourists decide to purchase a home, settle down in Ojai.... Will realtors have to **DISCLOSE** the current and coming... (glossy) **HIGH WATER RATES?** What is the face of real estate going to look like when “*locals*” let their **LAWNS** go **BROWN** (dull)? How will they know about **Golden State’s** (glossy) **HIGH RATES**, by reading the “*Quarterly*”? Keep Smiling!

– **Editor, The VIEW**

# Phobias Part II



Acrophobia (fear of heights) like all phobias, can have many different origins and dynamics. In one woman’s case the fear of heights at bottom symbolized her fear of losing ground and anchoring if she openly explored her talents. To act and pursue her true vocation would be to step out, unsupported and possibly risk failure, rejection, humiliation or worse and fall from the heights into a bottomless void.

Historically, it is not unusual to uncover phobic patients having a phobic parent or grandparent, who offers a phobic pattern for the patient to imitate. Phobic individuals learn as children that the universe is an unpredictable and frightening place, either through their parent’s timidity or their explosive or violent outbursts. They overestimate both the dangers of the outside world and of the inner world of anxiety. This exaggerated fear of anxiety is related to either neglect or overprotection by a parent. It can be very harmful for a parent to totally refuse to let a child out of sign, to restrict contact with new people or to deny sexual or aggressive impulses. When the time is right it is very important to encourage a child to go to camp. Overemphasizing the dangers of bullies, for example, can actually provoke bullying behavior by classmates because of the child’s timidity. One of the major tasks of parenting is to help the child develop a normal tolerance for anxiety. Tolerance for anxiety is an absolute pre-requisite for change and positive growth.

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[www.DrPeterMilhado.com](http://www.DrPeterMilhado.com)

One of the first hurdles to overcome with phobic individuals is their expectation of a “magical cure”, which obviously does not exist. They have to fully and actively participate in treatment, by being willing to consciously enter arenas in their psyches they’ve avoided all their lives. Sometimes medication is helpful, but only if it increases the range of activity and allows patients to enter anxiety-provoking situations. Medication can be harmful if it is prescribed to alleviate normal anxiety, as the phobic is at high risk to become dependent without improving the phobic condition. At times phobic patients become depressed after the initial stages of treatment. If this depression is related to them giving up their dependent gratifications, this is progress, as the depressive mood will lift as soon as they attain more inner authority.

The refusal to enter anxious arenas becomes one of the most difficult tasks in working with phobics. They will instinctively run and bail out “forbidden arenas”, yet it is the task of the therapist to take them exactly into that turf. Sensing the amount of anxiety that a phobic patient can tolerate is a major challenge to the craft and art of psychotherapy.

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

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Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge

Continued From Page 2... A month or so ago, Not sure what this meeting was about, Code Enforcement I think. Real Estate Agent Larry Wilde said that he didn't want Ojai to become "Santa Monica-Moscow". Looks like that is what we got and the glossy out-of-town city slickers that go with it too. The Planning Department needs to be closed and outsourced. We haven't got the personnel to work around our current work flow and they want to add new codes that will TRIPLE the Permit WAITING TIME!! TRIPLE BUILDING FEES and make it IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TITLE INSURANCE on your home and, without Title insurance, it becomes IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL. CHECK IT OUT, ASK YOUR NEIGHBORS AND Friends if they have everything permitted. Even the water heater they replaced because of the poor water quality.... Yep it needs a permit if you can find someone behind the counter at city hall to give it to you.



Caulkins, Lee and Clark

A bunch of non-conformists and free thinkers move here for FREEDOM back in the day. Now the planning department is gonna MAKE OJAI LOOK LIKE EAST BERLIN, 1945. Why? Because we have a planning dept. that has a need for absolute control. When is the last time you heard the planning department give a straight answer, get the work done in a timely manner and be HELPFUL? I'll leave it to you.... When did the planning dept get more out of control than it always was and always has been? When now fired city manager Jere Kersnar took over, that's when. Now we have a part time staff and four day work weeks? They're not meeting our Cities full-time needs. Yep, new City Manager Rob Clark refuses to work beyond an easy 4 day work week.

I think when we hire a full time Public Works-Engineer, they, he, she should also take over threatening letters to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was questioned by the FBI and released as a "harmless crank". In the years that followed Pencovic was in and out of jail for such crimes as burglary and larceny. For a time he was a patient at the California state mental hospital at Camarillo. Between stays in jail he held a variety of colorful jobs - perhaps his most successful was that of a door to door Bible salesman. He was a gifted speaker with a natural charisma. He began to drift toward religion. In 1949 he founded his own religious cult. In it he blended Christian and Hindu philosophies into a new harmonious religion. It was based on this motto: "Be positive, creative and constructive in all you think, all you say and all you do."

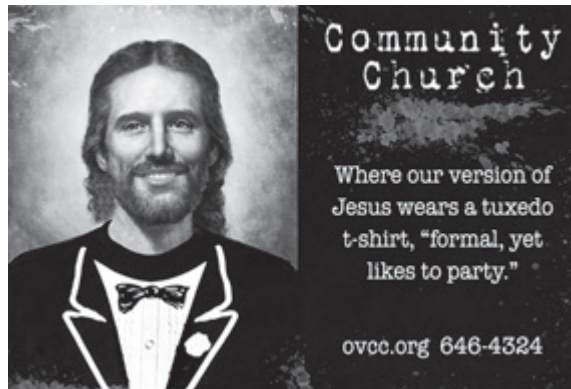
TRAGEDY AT BOX CANYON by Richard Senate

I got this story from a firefighter friend of mine. While fighting a fire in Box Canyon, he and the crew were exhausted, resting in the shade, when he swears he saw figures moving in the shadows - figures of men and women wearing white robes, bare footed, some with water skins like from Biblical times. Were these ghosts from Atlantis? This is why a ghost hunter needs to understand local history. I instantly knew what he saw, and it had nothing to do with Atlantis.



On the night of Dec. 10, 1958 the tranquility of Box Canyon, south of Simi Valley was broken by a powerful explosion. The blast occurred at the headquarters of a religious cult called the Fountain of the World, blowing apart the stone headquarters building. When the police arrived they found the trees filled with clothing basted from the laundry that were hanging on clothes lines. Nearly a hundred cultist survived the explosion and were found wandering the grounds in a confused state of shock. A simple investigation reviled that ten members of the cult were missing including the cult leader and self-proclaimed messiah and cult founder: Krishna Venta.

His real name was Francis Pencovic born in 1911 in San Francisco. His criminal record stretched back to 1941 when he was arrested for sending



Community Church Where our version of Jesus wears a tuxedo t-shirt, "formal, yet likes to party." ovcc.org 646-4324

word? If Relender isn't a word why would we be doing it? Why would the City borrow high interest money and lend it to some organization to run Libbey Bowl?? It's your money and right now, I don't think we have enough to go around.



Mayor Carol Smith

How much farther can the City dig us into a hole? The Trolley is going to have to go soon; when you see the Budget you will get an understanding of just how far we have fallen. Same with the Lighting District. Looks like the Night Sky people will have their way after all. Now they're acting like some sort of

of-ic-ial city agency, having forced an expensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on those stalwarts of grassroots activity, Skate Ojai, before they can get their lights. Where are they when the parks dept. forgets and (twinkle twinkle little star) leaves the lights on all night at Sarzotti? Why wasn't an EIR required of the A-Listeners to take into account the alleged new function of Libbey Bowl?

This is just the tip of the (can't say Iceberg as we are losing all those) new era of lost jobs, increased Water rates, \$4 a gallon Gas and 40% reduction in home values. The Bright spot is LIBBEY BOWL. Didn't go over budget as far as expected yet, and those of us that have skin issues and are Bald will have to cover up a bit because of the expanded suntanning area. What an unsightly mess the shade cloth is hung over the sun-drenched and exposed audience. Get ready to never see the unobscured beauty of Libbey Bowl in concert? With a good wind, that shade cloth could turn into a giant kite. Perhaps alleged Tree Savior Tom Bostrom could run round the festival spraying down the music aficionados with a sun block loaded Hudson Sprayer? Now I'd pay silver dollars to see that. But, really, people are delighted and surprised that it has gone so really, really well. Hats off to those Stakeholders and Benefactors, the TAXPAYERS OF OJAI. Hang 'em High!

- Dick Lynch

they tried to evict them without success. The cultist won some support by helping to fight brush fires and provided water and food to firefighters. Once, when a plane went down in the remote back country members of the Fountain of the World brought the fourteen survivors of the crash down to safety.

Within the cult some of the new converts began to question "The Master's" authority. They liked his religion but didn't like some of the things he was doing - most especially seeking sexual favors from the female members of the cult - some of them wives of other members! When two men spoke out they were disbarred from the commune.

After the blast, the police found an abandoned blue pick up truck. Inside was a new tape recorder with a reel to reel tape. When it was played back it was from the two who were cast out. They listed what they were going to do. They would compel Krishna Venta to step down as the day to day leader of the cult and take up a figurehead role as spiritual leader. The two vowed to take twenty sticks of dynamite to threaten Venta. The tape ended with a terse message: "If we don't return, people will know what has happen." The

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STOP THE GOLDEN STATE WATER RIP-UP in Ojai. Golden State Water (GSW) is currently under investigation by the California Dept. of Water and Audits (DWA) and Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for gouging consumers elsewhere in the state.

Overwhelmingly, Ojai Voters felt that they were being ripped off, across the board, said Pat McPherson, OjaiFLOW Chairman, he added petitioners readily signed to get rid of Golden State Water (GSW). The next step in the process will be how CMWD wants to

police found finger prints of the two men in the ruins of the headquarters as well as a thumb that was identified as one of the two men.

Clearly, Venta had called their bluff. Perhaps the spirits of the cultists still haunt Box Canyon, still trying to practice their unique faith and help firefighters when Simi Valley is in danger. Maybe the penitent ghost of Krisna Venta himself still walks the valley, perhaps he is trying to expunge his many sins before he can move on. Who can - Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

Wine And Roses by Ron Rowe



Ah, the merry month of May when birds do sing up on the trees. May Day is given to the first day of May when in Ye olde tymes people

went out a maying to welcome the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king. Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring, Cold doth not sting, The pretty birds do sing, Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu wee, to witta whoo... Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day... old wives a sunning sit: in every street these tunes our ears do greet...

Ah spring it's a magical time for us mortals, young man's fancy turns to love an old man's to lust. Everyone should fall in love in spring. There should be more love, more romance, more joy, more rapture in the world, there should be more sighing and mooning across a crowded floor, more hugging, more kissing, more tender moments, walking in the fields or by a river or in the woods, there should be more flowers, more birds singing, more gallantry and hand kissing for the unmarried, more courtship billing and cooing, more billets - deux, more going to Paris to drink champagne, more poetry more communing with nature, more laughter and joy and love songs.

For a brief season, when the sun shines and the earth is reborn let's have joy, beauty and bliss, put aside all squalor of reality and depression which seems so inescapable and so ubiquitous in our world today. So, dear readers here is to spring.

With William and Kate's wedding still fresh on people's minds, I thought you might like to know, under the royal marriage act of 1772 which is still on the books, the reigning monarch must approve any marriage involving the royal family. Good news for Anita Weddle of Washington. Her husband Gary, 50 finally

Wine and Roses, Continues next page...

proceede in gathering information in the feasibility of forming a new water district to replace GSW. CMWD is in the process of forming a committee, utilizing their board of directors, and then will come back with recommendations to be announced publicly.

OjaiFLOW has a business plan, and has been diligently compiling information and is recommending that the Public Go To their WEBSITE at www.OjaiFLOW.com to stay informed of current and upcoming developments. GSW has continued to aggressively seek further astronomical (P.U.C.) accountable Rate Increases, which the for profit company, has only minimally noticed to the public in fine print classified ads.

- Joel Anderson, editor

WINE AND ROSES CONT.

shaved off his scraggly 2 foot long beard. He vowed 12 years ago he would not shave until Bin Laden was caught or killed. If you want to sail across the English Channel to France, don't drink before you start.

Four Englishmen had a party then set sail for France on a 7 foot dinghy. After sailing for 12 hours they were greeted by a crowd yelling bon jour, believing they had reached France finally they were disappointed they were just 1 mile from where they had started. They had sailed in a circle.

If you are thinking of starting your own Navy, bids are being taken on Britain's decommissioned aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal, you must state your intentions regarding the ship before bidding. Freddie Mac of Newton Square, Pennsylvania just celebrated his 100th birthday skydiving, when he landed he said, wow, I'm still alive.

Will they ever learn? Michelle Astumian, of San Luis Obispo, was convicted of forging drug prescriptions. She stood up in court with a doctor's note asking the judge to delay her sentencing... you are right, the doctor's note was forged.

If you are thinking of climbing Mount Everest, go ahead, make your plans. A team of guides have just removed over 14,000 pounds of garbage, empty bottles, oxygen canisters, abandoned ropes, kettles etc. from the world's tallest mountain.

If you want to get away from crowded towns and cities check on Lost Springs, Wyoming, which is undergoing a population boom. The town now has four people living there up from one counted on the 2010 census.

If you find yourself swearing at life's problems now and then, not to worry. Researchers at Kiel University in England found that yelling out obscenities, increases tolerance for pain to both men and women. Also, researchers found that eating five more portions of fruit and veggies today raises carotenoid levels and give skin a golden tone, making you look healthier.

At last, a radio show host stumbled on an old newspaper clipping revealing the secret ingredients of Coca-Cola. The secret 7X flavor, a diary kept by Coca-Cola's creator said, it's a mixture of lemon, orange, nutmeg and neroli oils with some coriander and cinnamon, so now you know.

Don't talk to a stranger in a bank. People in Russia are searching for a middle aged hypnotist who approaches elderly women in banks and hypnotizes them into withdrawing cash for him. He has been seen on surveillance cameras in seven different banks. One elderly victim said, "He came up to me saying, he desperately needed money. Next day the bank manager told me I had withdrawn my life savings."

Also in Russia; the government has voted to end changing the clocks for daylight savings time twice a year.

President Dmitry Medvedev said, changing clocks twice a year "disturbs the human biorhythm," causes heart problems, and said "unhappy cows or other animals who don't understand the time change and don't understand that the milkmaid is going to milk them at a different time". Sounds like a good idea for America to follow.

In these belt tighteninging days it is time to consider buying

a wine that is pleasant without worrying about the cost. A wine for a good meatloaf dinner, instead of a fine steak, roast of lamb, try the following: Montgras 200 Bicentennial, Chile, 2009, \$13. The wine, a blend of cabernet and carmenere is a simple smooth hearty red wine with flavors of black cherry and cloves. Also, Dancing Bull Chardonnay, California, 2008, \$12 a reliable Chardonnay, thus light, crisp and Fruity with pineapple and vanilla flavors. McWilliams Hanwood Estate Pinot Noir, Australia, 2008, \$11, this soft and sweet pino has hints of oak, black cherry and cinnamon. Let me know what you think of them.

Time to be away and contemplate on life's mysteries.

Your comments are welcome - Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3

6/4 VRA SPRINT RACES - Ventura Raceway at Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, 648-7223. Experience the roar of the crowd & the thrill of the checkered flag Saturday nights.

6/4 WATER, SOIL, SUSTENANCE, SOUL: CELEBRATING GRA'S WORK IN TANZANIA - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. Starting with catered food and sharing of community, followed by a presentation by Tara Blasco and Lyn Hebenstreit. 10:30-5pm

6/5 MEDITATION CLASS - THE STILLNESS WITHIN: DEEPENING INTO YOUR SOUL - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. An infusion of meditation led by three expert teachers to open, expand, and ground your experience of meditation, an experiential class designed to present the core principles of a meditation practice for application to daily living.

6/5 SHOW N-STYLE CAR SHOW - Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, 687-0766. Check out the cool rides for summer. 10:30-5pm

6/5 TIDEPOOL TALK CHANNEL ISLANDS - Channel Islands National Park Visitors Center: 658-5730, Join National Park Service rangers in the visitor center as they show and tell about the many fascinating animals and plants in the marine life exhibit. 11am, & 3pm

6/7 AGELESS WISDOM STUDY GROUP - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. Emerse yourself in this nine week study group designed to provide participants with an opportunity to explore and apply the essential teachings of the Ageless Wisdom. The resources that will be discussed will be drawn from a variety of sources including Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Alice Bailey and the writings of the Tibetan, Lucille Cedercrans and the Nature of The Soul, as well as Helena Roerich's series on Agni Yoga. 7pm

6/9 THROUGH 6/12 OJAI MUSIC FESTIVAL - Come Enjoy the Spring Ambiance of Ojai in the New Libbey Bowl.... Thomas W. Morris Artistic Director - Dawn Upshaw Music Director June 9 - 8pm Voices : The Next Generation June 10 - 5pm, Festival Symposium June 10 - 8pm, The Winds of Destiny Project June 11 - 11am, Richard Tognetti/violin, Gilbert Kalish/piano June 11 - 8pm, Australian Chamber Orchestra June 12 - 11am, Maria Schneider Orchestra June 12 - 5:30pm, Dawn Upshaw/soprano info: www.ojaifestival.org, 805.646.2094

6/10 AN OVERVIEW OF PSYCHOSYNTHESIS AND THE LEGACY OF ROBERTO ASSAGIOLI WITH THOMAS YEOMANS, PH.D. - Meditation Mount, 10340 Events, Continues next page...

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Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. Since 1970 Tom has worked as a psychotherapist, teacher, and trainer of professionals in Psychosynthesis. His work has contributed to the growing field of Spiritual Psychology throughout North America, Europe, and Russia. In the last decade he has developed a theory and practice of group work within a spiritual context, which he uses in training and consulting to organizations in this country and abroad. Tom is the founder and director of the Concord Institute. His background includes education at Harvard, Oxford, and the University of California and professional work in the fields of literature, education, and psychology. He has published writings on Psychosynthesis and spiritual psychology, ,as well as well as three volumes of poetry and a children's book. He presently consults to individuals and organizations in Europe and North America on issues of personal and social change and transformation. Psychosynthesis is an integral approach to psychological practice founded by the Italian psychologist Roberto Assagioli. It is Roberto's writings on 'Meditation' that Meditation Mount published and distributed in the 1970s, central to its mission and outreach work. 7:30pm.

**6/11 • MAHARANI LOUNGE - THE AYURVEDIC REJUVENATION RETREAT** - Whale House by the botanical Garden, Santa Barbara, 452-2526. Ayurveda is the mother of all healing modalities and holds the ancient secrets on how to live a long, happy, healthy life. Implementing the core principles of Ayurvedic wisdom. You will experience the bliss deriving from beautiful offerings and magical surroundings as you relax, transform and rejuvenate at the Maharani Lounge. 10 to 8pm.

**6/11 & 25 • OLD-TIME FIDDLERS** - Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley View Rd, Oak View, 517-1131. An afternoon of oldtime country in beautiful and friendly Oak View - foot stompin' music & refreshments. Come on over and have some family fun!, 1:30pm.

**6/12 • MEDITATION CLASS - INTEGRATION AND HEALING: NAVIGATING THE INNER LANDSCAPE** - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. An Infusion of meditation led by three expert teachers to open, expand, and ground your experience of meditation, an experiential class designed to present the core principles of a meditation practice for application to daily living.

**6/5 • OJAI CERTIFIED FARMER'S MARKET** - On Matilija St. behind the Arcade, Ojai. Featuring organic produce, baked goods, fesh-cut flowers & plants - all grower direct to you. This is what Ojai's all about, folks! Sunshine, good people, interesting conversation, healthy Food! Phone the effervescent Cynthia Korman, 998-5555. 10am.

**6/11 • FLAT TRACK MOTORCYCLES** - Ventura Raceway at Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, 648-7223. Experience the roar of the crowd & the thrill of the checkered flag Saturday nights.

**6/14 • AGELESS WISDOM STUDY GROUP** - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508.

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**6/14 • FULL MOON COMMUNITY MEDITATION IN THE SOLAR MONTH OF GEMINI** - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. Participate in this group meditation as an act of celebration and service at the time of the Full Moon in the solar month of Gemini to invoke, anchor and distribute blessings to our world. Join forces with other groups around the world to utilize the great outpouring of Light, Love and Power that is present to help foster the common good. Develop and bring the emergence of a collective consciousness that has the power to heal and transform the world. 7:30pm

**6/18-19 • OJAI PEDDLER'S FAIR** - Chapparral Auditorium, Ojai, 964-8915. Wheel & Deal antiques, collectibles, handcrafts. 9-4pm.

**6/18 • VRA SPRINT RACES** - Ventura Raceway at Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, 648-7223. Experience the roar of the crowd & the thrill of the checkered flag Saturday nights.

**6/19 • MEDITATION CLASS - SUBTLE ACTIVISM: MEDITATION AS WORLD SERVICE** - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. An Infusion of meditation led by three expert teachers to open, expand, and ground your experience of meditation, an experiential class designed to present the core principles of a meditation practice for application to daily living.

**6/21 • AGELESS WISDOM STUDY GROUP** - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. Emerse yourself in this nine week study group designed to provide participants with an opportunity to explore and apply the essential teachings of the Ageless Wisdom. The resources that will be discussed will be drawn from a variety of sources including Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Alice Bailey and the writings of the Tibetan, Lucille Cedercrans and the Nature of The Soul, as well as Helena Roerich's series on Agni Yoga. 7pm

**6/25 • VRA SPRINT RACES** - Ventura Raceway at Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, 648-7223. Experience the roar of the crowd & the thrill of the checkered flag Saturday nights. All Coast Challenge #2.

**6/26 • MEINER'S OAKS SOLISTICE STREET FESTIVAL/ - Meiners Oaks aka MoTown...** Featuring The Ojai Mardi Gras Band & Divine Crime, and more. Lots of fun stuff to do, come on out and socialize with your neighbors! 11-5pm. More info. Call Cardinali Bros Music, 646-2098

**6/28 • AGELESS WISDOM STUDY GROUP** - Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai, 646-5508. Emerse yourself in this nine week study group designed to provide participants with an opportunity to explore and apply the essential teachings of the Ageless Wisdom. The resources that will be discussed will be drawn from a variety of sources including Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Alice Bailey and the writings of the Tibetan, Lucille Cedercrans and

the Nature of The Soul, as well as Helena Roerich's series on Agni Yoga. 7pm

**THRU 6/12 • KNOW HOPE ART EXHIBIT** - Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave, Ojai, 640-1390. Made in Ojai IX ~ Create works of art based on the concept, "Know Hope" asked Michele Pracy, Museum Director and Curator, of Ojai studio artists. *(In opposition to "No Hope" and an obvious play on words.)* "Hope" is the belief in positive outcome, artworks are devoid of pessimism highlighting faith in a "goodness" filled future.

**JULY 3 • OJAI INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND FESTIVITIES, 11:30AM** - Post Parade party and Awards at Libbey Park, fountain area. info: 646-4513 or 646-0076

**JULY 4 • OJAI'S INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS, 5-10:30PM** - Nordhoff High School Stadium info: 646-4513 or 646-0076

Creative Connection

Dear Editor,

The Oak Tree House (646-0161, Emily Morino, emilym@helpofojai.org) at Help of Ojai is a day care program from Alzheimer's Patients and seniors. We have formed a group called Creative Connection and are writing group poems. Each person contributes inspiring words, either a phrase or sentence or just a word on a subject and I form them into a poem. Here is an example of our work:

SILENT THOUGHTS

My life is always whispering thoughts, They flutter around like a butterfly, Silent thoughts locked deep within, Searching for a way to be expressed

Often I'm doing something ordinary. When extraordinary thoughts are born Like an unspoken prayer, I think, And it all comes together

When I'm in a group I can't participate, They're talking and I can't get in. My silent thoughts must be expressed, Or they will flutter away

**Gwen Powers, Poem Co-ordinator  
May 31, 2011**

PRESS RELEASE
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Start a Revolution?
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his family disapproved of the woman he loved...This left the country ripe for a takeover and the Moaists moved in. They hit the villages first killing 16,000 people and driving thousands into an already overpopulated Kathmandu Valley. Unemployment is the norm... people struggle to live on maybe two dollars a day.

A crazy Irish man and I went Online and contacted some local disidents and organized a rally or two trying to gain momentum to force the freakin' Moaists to sign the new constitution. The deadline was last night at midnight. We even locked them in constitution hall for a few hours, but when a army of men with guns arrives you have to rethink strategy. Shift if I could have been certain there would be clean water and I could have my computer in prison... I'd have continued to sit.



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Life

But, then a beggar of the most pathetic type approached me with a malnourished cleft pallet child, who looked to be about six weeks old (but was in fact 6 months old). I had to stand to reach into my pocket for a few rupees didn't I?

I'm leaving for India in another week or so. Got to help a family repair their collapsing roof before the full force of the monsoon hits.... the dreaded pani, the sweltering heat of India holds no attraction for me but, I'm going to nail that bastard in Varanasi if it's the last thing I do on this earth. And recoup some of my \$ losses, hopefully.

- Judy the Hun

In Celebration of
 The Killing of
 Osama

by Judy the Hun

Have been loving Katmandu but then we had to kill freakin' Bin Laden... the dollars dropped... hindus, buddhists, muslims, they're all pissed. The muslim man who's son helped me in Varanasi called today and is coming to see me in a few days. I think he is a good man but.....one wonders. I mailed a box to my kids today and the inspector was a muslim (wanted to know what hotel I'm in... you wonder.) My hotel manager advises me to head for Bangladesh (muslim country and you wonder). A muslim plays the flute outside my window each day and you freakin' wonder.....



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Family sorrow

utmost respect and kindness. They gave me egg omelettes for breakfast and fruit

and yogurt while they had only tea with bread. I had 2 or 3 pieces of chicken while they ate rice and bread for dinner.

They walked me through the muslim section of town daily to get me to my hotel. When my Indian visa expired they brought me to

beautiful Nepal to recover from my illness. They travel a hideous bus ride over the Sunauli Border to check on me once a week. They found a Nepali woman who now gets me to my hospital appointments and feeds me.

Yesterday I met Menna at work so that we could join the celebration of Buddha's Birthday but she was in tears... HER sisters son had died in the middle of the night for lack of adequate medicine and medical...WE immediately caught a taxi to old Katmandu in time to see this little body being washed and wrapped in an orange shroud. The women prepared oils and tika, the men shaved their heads save for a nub on top. Then they scattered throughout the area, gathering wood and, after a few hours carried Sachi's body down to a temple, laid him on a bed of wood, poured oil on his body and lit the match. MY god it was a horrible day for Us all.....Meena asked a Muslim neighbor to give me a ride down to the taxi station. He was happy to help and even bought me a cup of tea.

I worry, I am simply rambling here.... But the point I wanted to make I think was instead of building bombs shouldn't we (the good ole USA) be feeding spirits and stomachs? Maybe I've been here too long, maybe I'm too tired and sick. Mahatma Ghandi said "Non-cooperation with evil is a sacred duty" ....It was a crime this boy died. It is a crime that people in this part of the world live on about three dollars a day and it is obscene that I came here with 4 MP3 players when these children have never seen a freakin' bubble. Goodnight.

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This was one of my first mistakes... buying a freakin' elephant.

### Lifestyles of the Not Rich and Not Famous My Travels through the East

by Judy the Hun

Hope all is well with you guys...in *Shangri-La*.... With about 3 hours of electricity a day and 15,000 rupes to fix the only freakin' ibook in the country, I've been out of touch.

Holy mother, yup that's me....Leading a life of international intrigue and adventure involving drugs, onions, elephants, bra thieving freakin' monkeys, corrupt governments, police, **Muslims**, an **Israeli**, a **Punjabi**. Could life get any better?

Know where I am yet? Nope? Things got too hot for me in **India**. Now in **Katmandu** for a few months to recoup and recover, then back to **India** and, now that things have settled down in **Egypt** perhaps a hot air balloon ride over the **Giza Plateau**. **Nepal** is marginally cleaner and extraordinarily beautiful and a shoppers paradise. Haven't run into any moaists yet, but then I haven't been here that long.

I had to pay a \$100 fine to get into **Nepal**.

**India** has become so corrupt and the poverty makes me weep but the environmental crap worries me most. They burn freakin' plastic! Beautiful historical temples and buildings are buried in garbage. They don't have a system, they well got a *freakin' system*. They send the garbage to *America*.... they'll buy anything; my phone made in **China**, MP3 player-**China**, shoes-**China** and my shawl made in *chinasheesh*. The world needs to wake up. **Georgie** sold us to **China** – the only thing **America** makes is *bombs*. Kind of a sad state of affairs.

**Da Men**  
Saw the **Punjab** from the back of a motorcycle and had a hell of a good time. It would never work, electricity is so erratic here and after pouring my guts out about the *sorry state of affairs that got me here*..... electricity was gone and the internet and all was lost..... Monkey's are not cute....they are freakin' vicious, Baba's a abound and love rupees, El-ephants are expensive to care for. The medicare system sucks cause there is no dental – it takes 3/4 of a bottle of **Jim Beam** to dig your own tooth out. The **Pakistani** nationals who bring opium, and heroin and brown sugar into **India** to sell to silly tourists are evil. The police in **India** are as corrupt as their government. I was drugged, robbed, raped, beat and left for dead in **Benares** and all my **Indian** friends are worried about the damn rupees I lost, and gold...Hell... I'm alive!

This 10-year-old **Sunni Muslim** boy, **Asif**, tried to help me circumnavigate the police. No money, no clear head. I borrowed **Asif's** father cell and called a **Hindu Punjabi** I had met up



Overlook - the Holy Mother Ganga River

north. He immediately caught a shitty **Indian** train and headed for **Benares**.....30 hours away.

Meanwhile I begged a room at the **Basant Hotel**, well away from the *Ghats*. But, the mind is funny when muddled with drugs and all I could think of was the freakin'

**Baba Uday Singh**, for all my misfortunes and I had to find the *sucker*....So two days after discharging myself from the hospital, who by the way, seized my *bank account* and, after the police informed me they would need 223,000 rupees to investigate... I caught a bicycle rickshaw and headed for the ghats.

**Baba Reading and Baba** Nearing the main ghat, to my astonishment, I spotted the orange henna-haired baba. Instructing my rickshaw driver to move alongside him, I opened the blade of my knife and left onto the mans back Screaming "I want my music back!" This attracted

quite a crowd and I realized at that moment I would have to slit the man's throat or lose face. I might add policemen looked idly on but did not move to assist... even the freakin' cows seemed to be glued to the confrontation I had provoked... my failing left kidney was throbbing and my enlarged right heart was getting larger and we were at a stalemate with me screaming things like "He's a bad baba... a freakin' thief!" Finally out of the crowd 3 **hindus** and two **muslims** offered to help and after much arguing and demanding I gave him 5,000



Baba reading

rupes for his reading..... my property was returned. With a little jump on my rickshaw, I returned to my old stomping ground triumphant and recounted to the crowds my victory.

I went to **Asif's** fathers' little silk shop and we all had a good chuckle when **Shekhar**, my **Punjabi** buddy, arrived. Even after **Asif** telling him what the two police stations had warned me, that I should not file a complaint against ole

**Raj**, the drug dealer, **Shekhar** informed me justice did not exist in **India**...only *revenge*. Reluctantly I went with **Shekhar** to the **Shivala Ghat** at **Varanasi**. I climbed to the **Everest Cafe** and we were enjoying a cool drink when I spotted what I thought was **Raj**. **Shekhar** said "Can you confirm this is the man who robbed, beat, drugged and raped you?" I said, "No, not at this distance, so he grabbed my camera and ran faster than anyone I'd ever known, down hundreds of steps thru many a temple. I stood Screaming "He's getting away" and **Bachcha Yadaz**, who owned the cafe, asked what was going on...I told him my sad tale of woe as he was dialing the police. I begged him not to, as they had told me if I filed a complaint I may not be able to get back into **India** for the medical I needed.

Suddenly **Shekhar** appeared at the bottom of **Shivala** with the camera in hand and a smile on his face asking again, *could I confirm this was the man who had drugged, robbed and raped me*. I told them honestly I couldn't be certain but it certainly looked

like him. **Bachcha** jumped to his feet shouting orders to **Shekhar** and I was shoved into a room with a curtain across the door. I was told **Bachcha** had gone to get the man and I was to peek out and give a thumbs up or down. Ten minutes later I saw a terrified **Raj** being strong armed to the cafe. I stepped out and said "Hi **Raj**, did you hear what happened to me? Little **Shekhar** again said "Can you confirm this is the man who drugged, robbed, raped you?" I said "No **Shekhar**.

I can only confirm this is the man who gave me the drugged tea and he is wearing my gold ring on his little finger." **Bachcha** let go with one arm to call the police and **Shekhar** could not hold on to **Raj** and he ran very fast.

Four plainclothes police arrived moments later. Looked at the hospital reports, asked what two police stations I'd gone to and were very kind, listened attentively. I told **Shekar** to call **Asif** because he was the one who had taken me to the police departments. I knew one was **Chowk** but I didn't know the other.... Moments later little **Asif** came running up to the cafe. He looked at the picture **Shekhar** had taken and said "His name is not **Raj**. It is **Neseem Hakin** and he's from **Pakistan** and he's very dangerous. He stays at the **Shanti** guest house and he is a **Sunni Muslim**. Three police officers took off and 10 minutes later they called to say he had been arrested!

**Ghat Brats** - Unfortunately, later that night we received a call that the *bad policemen* had released him..... it was decided it was probably best if I went back to the hospital in **Ludhiana** for my renal failure and safety. Arriving back at **CMC** hospital, the police through the **American** embassy in **Delhi**, asked me to come back to **Varanasi (Benares)** the following month to identify the drug house and other man. I agreed, even though it meant riding one of those shitty indian trains that they are so proud of. They, to me, appeared and smelled



Da men - Asif and his father

as I imagined the trains that carried the jews to death camps smelled and looked. After brief surgery I received another call that **Neseem** was in **Rajasthan** and was trying desperately to get to **Pakistan**.... The **Indian** government established my loss at 78 million kro. I haven't a clue as to that in dollars but if I recoup any.... It is rupees until you get to the big money.

Incidentally, in the land of re-incarnation, you see and smell many bodies being carried through the streets to be cremated. The routine is simple and cheap. You die. You remain in your home for 8 hours with family and friends wailing and crying. One member goes and purchases 350 rupes worth of wood. They wrap the body in an orange shroud, cover it with marigolds and take it down for one final bath in the **Ganga River** and one last drink. The wood is stacked like lincoln logs into a square and the body is lifted on top as family members sprinkle it with fragrant oil and tika. Then they light a match....3 hours later the ash is gathered by the family and sprinkled in the **Ganga River** and then the whole family drinks the water and the men go home and shave their heads save for a tuft on the top..... I think I may be a buddhist, not zen or hari krishna but just a plain ole tantric buddha. Completely non-violent except for bad Babas.

I'm in **Katmandu** right now for two months, then back to **India** or perhaps **Egypt**. To fix my teeth in the **U.S.**, the estimate was \$10,000. In **India** it cost me about \$400.

– Judy the Hun

– Mahatma Gandhi

## Pastor Paul



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– Pastor Paul

I have been accused of swinging the gates of heaven open way too wide. But what Bubba said about his father Wayne describes, I believe, our Father in heaven, "I pushed him to the limit and he only loved me more and more." I believe in a God of limitless love, with a big house,

## The Ojai Valley Memorial Day in Libbey Park



– by Dave Pressey

**Memorial Day** was created to honor those men and women who gave their life in the military service of this great land. **The Ojai Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11461** has sponsored the annual memorial event in Libbey Park with focus on the reason for the event. **Commander Dan Lopez** provided primary leadership and was assisted by comrade veterans **Julio Contreras** - former Marine, **Ed Marks** - artilleryman, **Bruce Vail** - from the Infantry, **Doojie Seliger** - from the 101st Airborne, **Jack Schulz** - a medic in India/China, **Mark McGuire** - from the 187th Airborne, **Dick Hiser** - Corpsman for the U.S. Marines, **Dave Pressey** - of the Infantry/Armored Artillery, and **Leonard Rogers** - from the 8th Air Force. **Nancy Hill** coordinated all the planning and pro-

gramming honoring veterans from all wars. She was assisted by the **Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion**.

The event included a **Wall of Remembrance**; a series of posters created by **Nancy Hill** and displayed around

the tennis court fencing so all spectators could view our local veterans of the **Ojai Valley**. Veteran speakers of all recent wars gave talks on military service and what it means to serve. (This topic is current and needs to be addressed in an environment where the pain and hazards of war are not shared equally among our citizens.) The local **Smitty West** and the **All American Band** played marching songs from all



ers each year. "I think year's parade was fantastic," said Armstrong. Oak View's own Alba Sanchez served as Parade chair with Judges Ann Barrick, Audrey Herbison and Dusty and Chico Fernandez, overseeing the line up of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Beauty Queens, Charros, Bands, and



Parade Judges (L-R) Ann Barrick, Audrey Herbison, Dusty and Chico Fernandez.



Mr. G. Another Ojai Treasure



Post Commander Dan Lopez (right) and an Ojai Navy Vet!

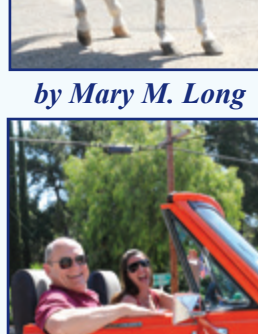


Doojie Seliger, 101st Airborne, U.S. Special Forces Ranger

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other entrants, as they paraded in the tradition of Decoration Day.



by Mary M. Long



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**Banner** sung by **Julija Zonic**. It ended with *Amazing Grace* also sung by **Julija Zonic** and taps played by **Dr. Jim Halverson**. The **VFW** is especially appreciative of all the patriotic citizens and civic organizations that supported this annual **Memorial Day** remembrance and the **Ojai/Ventura View** for their news coverage.

– Dave Pressey, Chaplain  
VFW Post 1111461

Ojai Treasures

**Iraq War Veteran Ray Perez** (left) unfurls American Flags Memorial Day morning as the sun rises over the Ojai Valley. American Legion post 482 raises 23 flags along Ojai Avenue for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veteran's Day. Perez was enlisted with the Air Force and Marine Corps. The Legion says the holes they place the flags in are getting unwittingly filled up by the city public works dept., reducing the number of flags displayed on main street each holiday.



"Remember him before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12: 6,7



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## Ortiz Nursery An Oasis in MoTown

by Mary M. Long

Ortiz Nursery in Meiners Oaks offers a refuge from big commercial nurseries for the flower hungry patron who appreciates small town friendliness and service. Billed as “The little nursery that could,” by the smiling, man-behind-the-counter **Mitch Breese**, Mitch promises that, “If you can name it we can track it down.”

Hiding behind the tiny pastel Victorian Cottage, **Ortiz Nursery** is a kaleidoscope of colorful flowering ornamentals, bubbling water features, and rows of vegetables. Overhead you can often see the family of hawks circling that nest in the nearby historic stone pine. Specializing in all organic, natural soil boosters and supplements, Ortiz offers the health and environment conscious shopper an alternative to the heavily sprayed and chemically enhanced plants offered by the big commercial nurseries.

Local artisans also display garden art, with featured **Artist Irene Titus** offering her whimsical and decorative **Artistic Wine Barrel Planters** for those looking for one-of-a-kind creations. Taking home a hand painted **Matilija Poppy** or a **big-eyed fluffy cat** on an enameled wine barrel could make any patio an enchanted forest. Inside the cottage are hand hewed soaps by locally owned business, **Wrapped in Nature Soaps**. For those wanting to keep chemicals out of their gardens and organics in, **Beneficial Bugs and Snails** provide a natural alternative to pesticides and can be ordered on demand.

“We cater to any needs,” said a smiling Mitch, meshing well with the counter-culture ambience of M.O., as he sports a cool Zena Princess Warrior T-shirt and a friendly smile.

— Mary M. Long

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## THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

by Ron Rowe

Good news for captive animals, **Circus Vargas** has finally phased out all animal acts. They are now an animal free circus, thanks to all the petitions signed and sent in.

In **Lansing, Michigan**, two businesses, **Hark Hollow Properties** and **Comfort Inn** have canceled their sponsorship of **Caravan Circus** after learning of the circus’ abysmal record of animal abuse of their animals.

**Papaya Clothing** has now established a fur free policy after they were shown videos in which animals were killed for the fur.

Please neuter or spay your pet dog or cat. Millions of homeless dogs and cats enter overcrowded animal shelters in the US. Many die on the streets. In one year one unsprayed dog can give birth to 12 puppies. An unsprayed cat can give birth to 16 kittens, whose offspring can go on to reproduce in just six months. Did you

know cats kill over 5 million birds a year in the US? The American Bird Conservancy said, it’s time to stop minimizing the impact that outdoor cats have on the environment. One small step is to place a small bell on your cat’s collar. The birds would appreciate it.

Looking for a good book? Try **Animal Liberation** by **Peter Singer**. He claims it’s an animal rights Bible, a must read for all animal lovers.

If you would like to swim with dolphins in the **Hawaiian** ocean call 810-874-8555 or visit **DolphinSpiritoHawaii.com**.

Another good book. **One at a Time: A Week in An American Animal Shelter** by **Diane Leigh** and **Marilyn Geyer**. Up to 10 million animals enter animal shelters in the US every year, yet only 500 will be adopted. One animal will be euthanized every 6 seconds. It’s a powerful book with some success stories as well.

An **Native American** living in **New Mexico** has set aside three rooms in his house for over 4,000 bats that come when he calls them. He said he is loath to put them out of his house because local mythology claims that their presence brings good luck, although he admits he hasn’t seen any yet. In **England**, a wild-life group wants people to consider putting *bats* in their *belfry* or at least in their

attics or roofs to give the bats a place to roost. Increases in the use of pesticides and shrinking supplies of old buildings and hollow trees are causing a bat housing shortage. Eleven species of bats are in sharp decline. Bats love clean spaces, they are not rodents and they are not flying mice. In fact they are not rodents at all.

In **Oregon**, a couple got fed up with having their flowers and plants eaten by an elk, so they placed a bicycle in front of the Rose bed. The elk reached through the bike frame, ate the roses and ran off with the bike hanging around his neck.

Bad news for **Australia**. A giant army of **Argentine Ants** that stretches for 62 miles is marching through **Melbourne**. The ants look like the typical picnic pest but their highly aggressive behavior has landed them on the list of the world’s 100 worst animal invaders. They displace plants and prey on native insects driving them into extinction. The super colony is spreading and they now can be found all

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## THE LEASHES END CONT.

through the continent.

In Augusta Maine, the first doggie candy vending machine will be available in rental stores. Products offered will be **Yip Yap Breath Mints** and **Sniffers**, a chewy meat and cheese product.

*Girl with Beagle seeks man with Greyhound...* online dating services are now bringing the nation’s 40 million single pet owners together. Couples who meet through dating web sites say it eliminates meeting people who don’t like pets. When people meet for the first time they bring along their pets and gather at the park, or some other outdoor venue. This method enables the pets to meet and approve off each other as well as the two footed owners.

Clever sheep have finally conquered their final frontier, the cattle grid. They have wide gaps to prevent sheep from walking across them and were installed in **Marsdon, Yorkshire** 10 years ago to prevent animals from coming into town and eating the villagers flowers and shrubs. The sheep from outside the village now merely get on their backs and roll under the 8 foot wide grids, others jump the 5 foot fence, while thinner ones squeezed through the 8 inch gaps.

According to research published in the **Journal of Applied Animal Science**, cows can distinguish between good farmers and bad farmers. Faced with seven humans, some with food and some with nothing. The cows learned to tell the difference. Later they recognized the friendly farmers even though disguised by masks or standing on stools to alter their height. One good came out of **Japan’s** tsunami, it destroyed their whaling fleets. In **Ayukawa** the largest whale hunting fleet in **Japan** was destroyed, hopefully forever. This fleet has continued to hunt whales in spite of international opposition.

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

## Saving Penny

by Heather Green



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With **Ike, Mahala and Slim** seemed to come to Penny by accident. A friend brought him to her from an overcrowded Rescue. Penny was hesitant at first. She knew horses took time, money, and TLC. She was just divorced and had little left to give.

Penny cleaned up the yard, made a small paddock and round pen for T-Ray, and started spending time *talking* to him. T-Ray was a twenty-five year old bay thoroughbred gelding, a retired race horse who seemed *moody* and *withdrawn*. He didn’t want a thing to do with Penny, which was exactly *why* she was so attracted to him.

Attempts at saddling him were unpredictable. Some days he was okay with it for awhile, but eventually he bucked, reared, and tried to bolt from the paddock. He was clearly rejecting riding *and* her.

I noticed when Penny would try to talk to him or go into the tack room, T-Ray would retreat to the back of his paddock. When I asked T-Ray about this, he *showed me pictures* of his racing days. It was easy to feel the joy in what he and his human did together, and their love for each other. Next, he showed me an accident on the track. He had injured his leg. Veterinarians peered over, shaking their heads. The last scene showed his *owner* waving goodbye with tears as a trailer disappeared with T-Ray.

I explained to Penny that this was probably why he was rejecting her and anything to do with riding. He had loss to grieve. Humans attract in horses that which resonates emotionally with what’s going on within themselves.

Penny’s divorce was completely unexpected. Her ex woke up one day and announced he did not love her or want to be with her anymore. Penny had not shed a tear and was still in shock.

After a few months of Energy Healing, Penny had begun grieving and moved forward with T-Ray. He was now looking for her when she came home from work and excitedly pacing his paddock. They started riding in the round pen, and were now moving out to the trails. T-Ray easily moved through the gaits at her command, and Penny felt a deep bond forming - the joy of a newfound, fun friendship.

Six months later, Penny was in a new relationship with a man. She noticed a change in T-Ray. He seemed less spunky and enthusiastic about riding and also distracted and disconnected, especially when she groomed him. Penny thought he was feeling jealous of the time she was spending with her new beau.

Things got worse. T-Ray developed a few bouts of colic, barely surviving through surgery. He was also not listening to her commands, often hesitating or refusing to change gaits. Some days he took off at a run, ignoring her requests to slow down, or refusing to walk on. Penny was scared and shaken. What was happening to her beloved T-Ray?

Finally, the last straw as T-Ray laid down with yet another bout of colic. The Vet did not think he would get through this one. Desperately, Penny called and a barely conscious T-Ray *sent me a picture of something violent happening to Penny*. It appeared like she was getting *beaten up*. Confused and uncertain about the meaning behind the image, I asked Penny. Head lowered, she reluctantly admitted that her new boyfriend was physically abusing her, pulling up her sleeves to show me the bruises.

What I got next left me temporarily speechless. I tried to describe the picture I was seeing; a covered body being carried out of the house by paramedics. Another image; people coming in to remove Penny’s things. Penny shook her head. She said she loved and depended on her boyfriend. T-Ray’s illnesses and riding issues were his attempts to get her attention, to help change

her life, even carrying all the pain and negative emotions to the point of death.

A month went by when Penny called again. She said after I had left, T-Ray miraculously recovered. Penny made a promise in that moment. She would leave her boyfriend and start over, heal her traumatic past that had attracted this man into her life.

Since, T-Ray and Penny have been back to their lively days on the trails with a deeper bond and appreciation. Somewhere in this drama, T-Ray healed too; from the physical pain of the colic and from feeling trapped by his past. Both Real and imagined abandonment is no longer threatening; deep down he knows he is with a human that will do what is best for both of them.

— Heather Green

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## House Passes Authority for Worldwide War

PRESS RELEASE - May 26, 2011

The House just passed the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**, including a provision to authorize worldwide war, which has no expiration date and will allow this president – and any future president – to go to war anywhere in the world, at any time, *without further congressional authorization*. The new authorization wouldn’t even require the president to show any threat to the national security of the **United States**. The **American** military could become the world’s cop, and could be sent into harm’s way almost anywhere and everywhere around the globe. Before the vote, the **House** debated an

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amendment that would have struck the worldwide war provision. That amendment was introduced by a bipartisan group of representatives: **Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.)**, **Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.)**, **Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.)**, **Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.)**, **Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.)**, and **Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas)**. Given the enormity of the proposed law, you’d expect the **House** to debate the amendment to strike it extensively, but that’s not what happened. The amendment was *debated for a total of 20 minutes*. That’s right. Twenty minutes to debate whether **Congress** should hand the executive branch sweeping worldwide war authority.

The vote on the amendment took place earlier this afternoon, and it failed on the **House** floor by a vote of **187-in favor to 234-opposed**. Check the vote here.

But not to worry, all of your efforts to bring the importance of the new law and the amendment to strike it to your representatives’ attention have not been in vain – we promise. Today’s vote marks the end only of the first stage in our opposition to an authorization of endless worldwide war for the president and to be honest, we came out looking pretty good.

Though it is a bit awkward to celebrate a loss, a margin of defeat of only 47 votes on a provision that *most people were unaware of* as recently as two weeks ago is a big step forward. The momentum is on our side. And the **Obama** administration helped efforts to turn the tide when it issued a threat earlier this week to veto the **NDAA** if it contained such board sweeping language for worldwide war.

Your answers to the call for action and the expedient work of a bipartisan group of members of **Congress** and their staff have our opposition movement very well positioned as we prepare for the next hurdle – the **Senate**. The **Senate Armed Services Committee** is scheduled to begin its markup of the **NDAA** beginning on **June 13**. Watch for updates as we continue on this important issue.

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— **Sam Milgrom, Washington Legislative Office, American Civil Liberties Union**

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# The Decade that Defied Disco

by SK Waller

Ventura County has always had a lively and eclectic music scene, from back in the late 40s and early 50s when my dad's band played in clubs like the *Side Car* in Ventura and the *Crow's Nest* in Oxnard, to today. It probably goes back even further; I've read that there was a large dance hall on **Palm Street** in the 1800s that was very popular. I'm not that old, but I have great memories of the area's music scene from 1976 to about 1986. Ten years! Not too shabby when you live in a great place and have access to great music.

As I mentioned, my dad was an active musician in the county. He played so many gigs in fact, the **Musicians Union** honored him with a free lifetime membership for his 40th anniversary of paying dues. I can't remember my life without memories of the local music scene even though I didn't get involved in it personally until 1969 when I was a folk singer hanging out at *John's At The Beach* and *The Beginning* coffeehouse over on **Front Street**. During my run as a performing musician, I played a lot of places across the country, but I always loved returning home to **Ventura County**, where the musicians have always shared a special camaraderie.

The 70s brought in the clubs that spun vinyl — it was the Disco era after all — with those dual turntable setups and heavy boxes of records. Having spent my teen years dancing in underage clubs to groups like *Ernie and the Emperors* and *The Sharks*, I wasn't a big fan of dancing to records. I mean, I could do that at home, right? I confess, the whole Disco thing left me cold.

In the late 70s, Ventura had a couple of clubs that provided live music. There was the *Ban-Dar*, which was mostly Country, but *The Press* appeared there sometimes, playing some of the better Top 40 cover tunes. From there it was a quick walk across *5-Points* to what I believe was the best live music club in Ventura at the time: *Mr. Lucky's*.

Always full, always exciting, always pounding with great music, *Mr. Lucky's* became my home every Friday and Saturday night for the next couple of years. With house bands like *Brian Faith Band*, *The Street*, *The Press*, and *Prowler*, how could you go wrong? As a musician I made friends with many of the band members and,



when in 1980 I was invited to **London** to audition for **Paul McCartney** at **MPL**, it was some of these guys who backed me on my demo at **Goldmine Recording Studio**.

I got to know *The Street* best (I already knew *Brian Faith Band* from their *Emperor* days). **Jerry McClintock** was a good-looking, charismatic front man. The girls were all over him, I remember. Besides *Mr. Lucky's*, we ran into each other around town, at other clubs and parties. I think my manager did a photo shoot of him at my house once.

Other clubs included *Charlie's* (down on the promenade), *The Whale's Tail*, *The Carousel* at the *Wagon Wheel* junction, the *Keynote Lounge* over on the east end, and the bar in what is now the *Candlelight Kitchen and Bar* on Santa Clara Street (it was *Andy's Barbecue Heaven* back then). I also remember live music in different large hotel bars. The *Holiday Inn* had one in their lobby area and there was one on Harbor near the *Ventura Marina*, but I can't remember its name.

After hours everyone would head over to the *Vagabond*, *Denny's*, or *Loop's* for a late night breakfast. You'd walk in there and there'd be tables of exhausted but amped musicians and drunk clubbers. I remember the graffiti on the bathroom walls of *Carrow's* were particularly amusing. When the musicians weren't actually on stage they could be found at *Hec's Music* in Ventura, at *Henson's Music* in Oxnard and Camarillo, or at either *Goldmine* or *Brother* recording studios. I first recorded at *Goldmine* in 1976 when it was still located in an old brick building at the corner of Main Street and the Avenue (across Main from *Paddy's*), ages before the Von's

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went in.

Besides the clubs, the local bands also played at outdoor concerts in **Oak Grove Park** at the foot of the **Conejo Grade** and at **Foster Park** on the way to **Oak View** and **Ojai**. I went to these as well. I think it was because of this that places like the *P.I.* (*Ponderosa Inn*, in *Camarillo*) got themselves on the map as venues for good live music. *The Street* broke up and Jerry went on to form a New Wave band in the early 80s. They played at the *P.I.* It was about this time that *Brian Faith Band* became one of the *P.I.*'s favorite bands. They rocked that place every weekend for months and, after a short break to play someplace else, they returned. Ernie always asked me up on stage to sing a couple of songs with them. Those were some fun times.

A year or so later, *The Hungry Hunter* started hiring live music, but because the bar was small, these acts were usually solos, duos, and trios and always acoustic, using the house P.A. I won a couple of talent showcases there and was subsequently hired for a short stint.

As the 80s progressed, more disco-like places opened up: *Xenon West*, *The Library*, and *Top Bananas*, to name only three, and I lost interest. I began performing at *The Livery*, the *Thousand Oaks Arts Center*, and at house concerts, and all of the groups I knew either disbanded or moved on. But while they lasted, those years between 1976 and 1986 were fantastic!

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## Ernie Grab a Camera This Girl Katy's Gonna Make it Someday...

by Joel Anderson

Family was always behind Christian Singer **Katy Perry**. With a highly supportive mom and dad, the Hudson family were kind and giving. When Katy started at the **Brian Faith Band's SRS Studios**, she exhibited a very special talent, desire and drive which instantly made her very popular — the demos were sent out and right away calls came in to *SRS* from *Sparrow Records* in *Los Angeles* and other places. Said **Ernie Joseph**, "Different labels would call the studio and say they loved her christian music... it was something special, she sounded very much R & B.... you would never imagine someone that young sounding that good at that age."

Early on Katy displayed R & B inflections reminiscent of **Mariah Carey**, **Aretha Franklin** and other early pioneers of R & B Rock, she had all the elements.... Said Ernie, "She had a driving burning desire, always hung out, a very good natured person, and always open to learning new things, kind and polite. She was wholesome, walking around the studio willing to learn anything, eager, always asking questions, like 'Who's that?' as she checked out pictures on the wall, always growing in her music." Last year Katy came back to her old high school, **Dos Pueblos High** in **Goleta** and gave a free show. The crowd went head over heels, the energy just erupted there for her, an unannounced concert...

Katy Perry is currently on Tour and in the Southeast. Be sure and catch her show at the **Santa Barbara Bowl** Aug. 13 and 14. info. [www.KatiePerry.com](http://www.KatiePerry.com)  
UPCOMING SHOWS/PROJECTS for The Brian Faith Band/SRS Studios include *Pirate's* (Ventura Harbor), upcoming *Havin' Fun EP*, includes *In The Groove*, *I'm in Love*, *Michael*. Watch for YouTube Videos by **Johnny Podz**. Also, June 6 at the **Creekside**, **Ernie Joseph** & **ICU's Jimmy Le Roy** celebrating **ICU's Jenny Zimmer Birthday**, 6-8pm with **KD**.



Katy Perry's early music roots with Brian Faith at SRS Studios, S.B. demos were sent out and right away calls came in to SRS from Sparrow Records in Los Angeles and other places. Said Ernie Joseph, "Different labels would call the studio and say they loved her christian music... it was something special, she sounded very much R & B.... you would never imagine someone that young sounding that good at that age."

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UPCOMING PROJECT: Moez Sonia/Wayne Memorial photos soon @ [www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com](http://www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com)



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• **2/June - Thurs., Barrel 33/Ojai...** 646-1555, The Tim Buley Blues Band  
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• **4/June - Sat., Viper Room, L.A.**, Blackboard Jungle Reunion w/the Glamour Punks, God Zoo, Villains of Yesterday 310/358-1880  
• **4/June - Sat., SoHo, SB**, Young Singers/The Tearaways with Mynx 962-7776  
• **4/June - Sat., Logsdons/Santa Paula...** 272-8344, 824 E. Santa Maria St, 525-1101... The Mighty Cash Cats  
• **4/June - Sat., Golden China/Ventura...** 652-1188, 760 S. Seaward Ave, 9pm... 652-1188, Brian Faith Band, band info, 964-3035, www.YouTube/user/brian-faithbandsongs  
• **4/June - Sat., The HUB/Ojai...** 272-8344, Jonathan McEuen  
• **5/June - Sun., Viper Room, L.A.**, The Green Children, Chris Lightfoot, Jesse Joplin 310/358-1880  
• **5/June - Sun., Canyon Club, Agoura**, Rock Nation 879-5016  
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• **7/8 June - SB Bowl, SB,** Buffalo Springfield - Gillian Welch, 7pm 805/962-7411

• **8 June - Wed., Viper Room, L.A.,** Divenium, Squealer, Tha Boogie, Heroine December 310/358-1880

• **8 June - Sat., Ventura Theater, Vta,** Stephen Marley, 653-0721

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• **9 June - Wed., The Fillmore, S.F.,** Death Cab for Cutie, 9pm 415/346-3000

• **9 June - Thurs., Barrel 33/Ojai... 646-1555,** The Tim Buley Blues Band

• **10 June - Fri., Red Cove, Vta,** The Mystery Band

• **10 June - Fri., The HUB/Ojai... 272-8344,** Heather Rae, 5th and Birmingham w/Special Guest, 9pm

• **10 June - Fri., Canyon Club, Agoura,** Boys Don't Cry 805 Night 879-5016

• **10 June - Fri., Ventura Theater, Vta,** The Skatallites, Ska Daddyz, Elevator Ska, 653-0721

• **10 June - Fri., Viper Room, L.A.,** Undergone, Boy Hits Car, Terminal VI, The Feud 310/358-1880

• **11 June - Sat., Viper Room, L.A.,** Los Einstein, The Whiskey Saints, The Squares, The Fallen Stars, Laura Michelle 310/358-1880

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• **11 June - Sat., Golden China/Ventura... 652-1188,** 760 S. Seaward Ave, 9pm... 652-1188, Brian Faith Band, band info, 964-3035, [www.YouTube/user/brian-faithbandsongs](http://www.YouTube/user/brian-faithbandsongs)

• **11 June - Sat., Logsdons/Santa Paula... 272-8344,** 824 E. Santa Maria St, 525-1101... The Mighty Cash Cats

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• **12 June - Sun., Viper Room, L.A.,** The Green Children, The Never Never 310/358-1880

• **13 June - Mon., Viper Room, L.A.,** Armada-June Residency 310/358-1880

• **14 June - Tues., Hollywood Bowl, L.A.,** Motley Crue, 7pm 323/850-2000

• **14 June - Tue., Ventura Theater, Vta,** Jack's Mannequin, Steel Train, Lady Danville, 653-0721

• **14 June - Tues., Viper Room, L.A.,** Tweak Jones, Steven Casper & Cowboy Angst, Logan's Heroes, Starlit, Missing Juliet 310/358-1880

• **15 June - Wed., Viper Room, L.A.,** James Kenney, Squealer, Paul Haasch, The Strikes, Warren Charles 310/358-1880

• **16 June - Thurs., Barrel 33/Ojai... 646-1555,** The Tim Buley Blues Band

• **17 June - Fri., Viper Room, L.A.,** Atlantis, Boy Hits Car, Gunpowder Secrets, Silent Treatment 310/358-1880

• **17 June - Fri., Canyon Club, Agoura,** Cubinosis 879-5016

• **17 June - Fri., The HUB/Ojai... 272-8344,** Teresa Russell

• **17 June - Fri., The HUT/Ojai... 646-0670,** Blue Vice

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• **17 June - Fri., Ventura Theater, Vta,** Lifted Music Festival, call club, 653-0721

• **18 June - Sat., Viper Room, L.A.,** Bella Tech, Bombs On the Blvd, Chaeya & Her Dark Secret 310/358-1880

• **18 June - Sat., Ventura Pier-Benefit/ Vta... The Mystery Band**

• **19 June - Sun., Canyon Club, Agoura,** She Wants Revenge w/Nico Vega 879-5016

• **19 June - Sun., Viper Room, L.A.,** The Bolts, The Green Children, Of Verona, Theft 310/358-1880

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• **20 June - Mon., Viper Room, L.A.,** Armada - June Residency, New Kingdom, Maria Sweet 310/358-1880

• **21 June - Tue., Viper Room, L.A.,** Lunar Rogue, Vanessa Rose, Thomas Miltch, Camila Arnold 310/358-1880

• **22 June - Wed., Viper Room, L.A.,** Open Source Rebellion, Standing Shad-ows, Zak Daniels & The One Eyed Snakes, Adam Ilami 310/358-1880

• **23 June - Thurs., Barrel 33/Ojai... 646-1555,** The Tim Buley Blues Band

• **23 June - Thurs., Viper Room, L.A.,** Brian Buckley, Wax 310/358-1880

• **23 June - Thurs., SB Bowl, SB,** Wiz Khalifa Big Sean, Chevy Woods, 7pm 805/962-7411

• **24 June - Fri., SB Bowl, SB,** Alison Krauss & Union Station, 7pm 805/962-7411

• **24 June - Fri., Viper Room, L.A.,** Fly Radio, Boy Hits Car, Slant, Weekend Pilots, Stemlife 310/358-1880

• **25 June - Sat., Viper Room, L.A.,** Missing Persons - 30 Year Anniversary Show w/Pillbox Porno 310/358-1880

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• **30 June - Thurs., Barrel 33/Ojai... 646-1555,** The Tim Buley Blues Band

• **1 July - Fri., The HUB/Ojai... 272-8344,** Frank Barajas & The Corsican Brothers

• **1 July - Fri., Canyon Club, Agoura,** Ted Nugent 879-5016

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• **3 July - Sun., Rockin' Rodeo/Sacramento... The Mighty Cash Cats**

• **4 July - Mon., Nordhoff Fireworks Show with Action Down/Ojai... 272-8344**

• **6 July - Wed., SB Bowl, SB,** Steely Dan, 7pm 805/962-7411

• **9 July - Sat., Camarillo Fiesta, 1-30pm/Camarillo... The Mighty Cash Cats**

• **9 July - Sat., SB Bowl, SB,** Eddie Vedder, Glen Hansard, 7pm 805/962-7411

• **10 July - Sun., Burbank... The Mighty Cash Cats, info: [www.MightyCashCats.com](http://www.MightyCashCats.com)**

• **11 July - Mon., Viper Room, L.A.,** Chuck Dukowski Sextet, Barb Wire Dolls, The Black Hand ft. Bradley Riot, Vicky and The Vengents 310/358-1880

• **13 July - Wed., Hollywood Bowl, L.A.,** Chris Botti, Bobby McFerrin w/Yellowjacks, 8pm 323/850-2000

• **14 July - Thu., Viper Room, L.A.,** Parade of Lights, After 310/358-1880

• **14 July - Wed., Hollywood Bowl, L.A.,** George Benson, DMS feat. George Duke, Marcus Miller, David Sanborn, 8pm 323/850-2000

• **14 July - Chumash Casino, L.A.,** The Monkees w/Davy, Peter, and Micky, 8pm 805/691-1201

• **14 July - Sat., SB Bowl, SB,** Bob Dylan 805/962-7411

• **15 July - Fri., Santa Paula Citrus Festival, 7pm... The Mighty Cash Cats, info: [www.MightyCashCats.com](http://www.MightyCashCats.com)**

• **15 July - Fri., SB Bowl, SB,** Incubus w/Spec. Guest, 7pm 805/962-7411

• **16 July - Sat., Brentwood Concert... The Mighty Cash Cats, info: [www.MightyCashCats.com](http://www.MightyCashCats.com)**

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