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Another Letter the OVN "Happy" News Didn't Want You To Read

Letter to the editor:
June 4, 2011

— by Trudy Sarzotti

Whatever happened to Little House? The good times have disappeared. All but a few of the volunteers at West Campus sorting center, that have been there anywhere from 13 to 30 years are gone except the ones that

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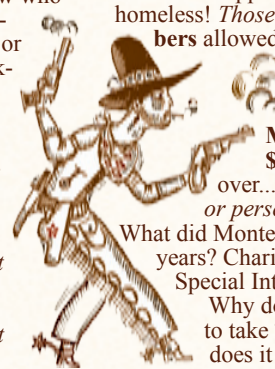


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Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge

Bowl Benefactors, or Bus and Trolley riders how do you tell the difference? By the amount of applause and time the Mayor... "Please refrain from clapping or booing" Smith lets you demonstrate? We know who pushes the pull around here and it certainly ain't the homeless, disheveled, or underprivileged, kids, seniors or working class! Just 6 more months before we choose a new Mayor and get into local politicks for the 2012 election cycle. Seeing all the Retired Mayors who stopped by for FREE stick-to-your-arteries Cake at the June 28 council meeting, I wonder which one could say, "I left a surplus budget and charmingly paved streets when I finished"? Not a one!



The budget was a BIG item, but not enough of it left to stick to the cities bare ribs. Well I got a solution! Stop givin' Traffic Tickets and Parkin' Tickets. One of my Ole Wyoming Rodeo buddies got a Parkin' Ticket. Can't believe that could happen. Big wide road, lots of speeders and he got a parkin' ticket, parkin' his trailer on the street in front of his own house for just a minute. They got him and let go dozens of speeders whizzing past his trailer. So what's this got to do with the budget? Reduce the largest allocation in the budget, the people that are givin' all the parkin' tickets. The Sheriff budget has got to get cut, not just the FREE COFFEE. We can only afford so much, and apparently with all those tickets.

Ventura: New Step to Save Granny Flats

A new step was taken June 20 to ensure safe housing and prevent homelessness when five members of the Ventura City Council voted to grandfather existing granny flats up to 2004, when the City established a new granny flat ordinance.

Citizens expressed concerns over a 1987 restriction that had been inserted into a grandfathering ordinance. The restriction did not relate to the age of the granny flat, but rather to the date the owner could prove it was in operation. Thirty-Thousand (30,000) property transfers had taken place in that 23 year period, so granny flat owners would have had to track down former owners to get evidence. The majority of the former members of the Ventura Safe Housing Collaborative (VSHC), who had recommended a universal grandfathering program, objected



Helen Yunker addresses Ventura City Council and Code Enforcement staffers

to the restriction because they believed it would cause most granny flats to be shuttered. Helen Yunker, Ventura property rights champion, compared the restrictive ordinance to the ill-fated Titanic, "The Ventura Ship of state has embarked on a sea of uncertainty. Its passengers are the elderly, the poor, the disabled, the ethnic minorities, the retired living on social security, or providing housing for a family member, or depending on the granny flat income to make the mortgage payment," she said.

Others expressed concerns about short timelines, high fees, poor program management, retaliatory and subjective practices, and a number of legal issues. The Institute for Justice (www.ij.org), based in Washing-

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they have plenty, ample time... so reduce at least those optional things like TICKETS!

And another Reduce the, what was it, the Arresting of what do we call "them"? "Them", that's a pretty poor description for our citizens who have slipped through the cracks - our homeless! Those people, City Council members allowed and ordered our former City Attorney (and disingenuous-recuse-himself Cabrillo Development Attorney...),

Monte Widders to spend \$150,000 going over to court over... \$150,000 to try and prosecute or persecute "those" people? Them? What did Monte have in his mind all those years? Charity to the homeless? Money? Special Interest? Why do we spend a \$150,000 just to take "them" to court? How much does it cost to arrest and all the costs associated? Transportation, housing, arraignment and not the Coffee, Right, it's free! What a tidy retirement Monte built up for himself from this little town!

So, what does all that add up to? HALF A MILLION? Do we really have a half a million to arrest, I'm ashamed to say, those people?

It would be cheaper, if money's all that matters, to house and feed them by sending that money to a Church or other organizations to do some good. Arresting and persecuting seems like building Sand Castles against the Tide. Well it's your taxpayer silver... (I lost all mine, held up on the trail in Real Estate and Stock Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...

Your Taxes Pay Public Salaries Ventura City Attorney (Ariel Calonne) Salary+Benefits ~ \$208,405 Ventura City Manager (Rick Cole) Salary+Benefits ~ \$183,345 Community Dev. Dir. (Jeff Lambert) Salary ~ \$171,265 Bldg and Safety Mgr (Andrew Stuffer) Salary+Benefits ~ Not Provided by City

Saint Mary's Cemetery. Attorney James Devine said the measure with the 1987 restriction would be a boon to his practice due to lawsuits. Laura Gulverson, library supporter, expressed displeasure that the Council had gone against the public and the Ventura Safe Housing Collaborative (VSHC).

Tom Stanley charged that the retroactive enforcement would be a violation of the Laches Law. In Mr. Stanley's detailed remarks, he clarified the intent of the Laches Law, "Simply put, if a party does not act in a reasonable amount of time, it loses the right to act at a later time. In this case, a party, the City, has allowed second units to exist "as is" for many, many decades."



Ventura's Big City (and expensive) code enforcement Advocates, City Attorney Ariel Calonne and City Manager Rick Cole look for wiggle room.

Carla Bonney, leader of the November ballot measure to disallow paid parking in the City of Ventura without a vote of the people, asked "Given the City has engaged in a pattern and practice of ignoring undocumented granny flats for so many years, what reaction can the City anticipate upon presenting an eviction notice? Can the tenant refuse to give up his home?"

The City Attorney, Ariel Calonne, suggested that it would be wise to answer all of the legal concerns, but he could not give the council a complete report until after their vacation in Au

CodeS Continued, Page 4... www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com Keep Smiling!

What Has Happened To the HELP of Ojai Senior Center?



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VIEW LETTER

have recently been hired at minimum wage. Our last meeting with the board of directors was a disappointment because we feel nothing was solved, none of our questions answered except the one that was asked regarding returning to volunteer on the next day, Tues. We were told not to come back until we received a letter or a phone call from Terri Wolfe [HELP of Ojai executive director].

Tucker Adams, who started off the last board meeting was very kind, although we didn't understand why she could not answer any of our questions. All ten of us were told the board was there to listen and that all decisions would be turned over to the director.

Our very valuable worker who is no longer employed by HELP of Ojai, always checked our merchandise to make sure all was in order to be received by Donna Long, the manager of Second Helpings.

This mess could have all been avoided but when Donna Long and Terri Wolfe told the volunteers that cameras were going to be installed in the West Campus sorting room, it simply insinuated that long standing volunteers were thieves and untrustworthy. We were told at a meeting that someone had complained to the board regarding this matter.



Terri Wolfe

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When long standing past director Marlene Spencer was at the helm, she was involved with the volunteers, got down and dirty, and appreciated what was given to Little House in the way of labor. This has not happened since she left until Tucker Adams at the last board meeting thanked us.

The fact that my husband, Joe Sarzotti, not only supported Little House financially but it was in our hearts. I will no longer be donating to this organization and I have to tell this board that it is a trickle down effect. I know many others that feel the same way.

My final comment is I feel Little House is broken. How can this be fixed? There is a lot of sadness surrounding some of the lost volunteers.

-Sincerely, Trudy Sarzotti, Ojai

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to Mrs. Sarzotti, she phoned the Ojai Valley News (OVN) after about a week when the letter (printed above) which she had delivered there, was not published. She said the OVN said they "ran it by" HELP of Ojai executive director Terri Wolfe who ordered the Sarzotti letter not be published. This begs the question, who is steering the ship at the OVN these days?

EMAILS - What UP?

Subject: re: Statement for VIEW; HELP of Ojai Letter From: editor@ojaiandventuraview.com Date: June 30, 2011 5:02:58 PM PDT To: terriw@helpofojai.org Cc: editor@ojaiandventuraview.com Terri Wolfe, executive director, HELP of Ojai. Hi Terri, Do you have a comment regarding the following [above] (see attached) Letter to the Editor I received and am running in The Ojai and Ventura VIEW? Thank you, Joel Anderson, editor Ojai and Ventura VIEW editor@ojaiandventuraview.com www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com

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From: terriw@helpofojai.org Subject: Re: Statement for VIEW; HELP of Ojai Letter Date: June 30, 2011 9:15:21 PM PDT To: editor@ojaiandventuraview.com Hello Joel, I am happy to talk with you on Friday. While I don't have a written official response because it is isolated to about 10 volunteers out of the 250 at HELP of Ojai, I would welcome a conversation. HELP of Ojai is a thriving and extremely important social service provider in Ojai and any negative press has potential to hurt our clients; something we all try to avoid as they are already in such need. Let me know if you would like talk. Thank you for reaching out. Kind regards, Terri Wolfe

VIEW LETTER

Terry Wolfe, Dave Neville, Alan Rains, Kelly Randall, Peggy Russell, Katrina Rice Schmidt, Jeff Holland, Saturday, April 30, 2011

-by Deborah Moe I am writing this letter with a heavy heart but I fear that the things I will say have needed to be said for quite some time. I have been a volunteer for HELP of Ojai for nearly fifteen years. I started out driving Meals on Wheels two days a week. I now pick up the day old bakery items and vegetables from Vons for our meals on wheels program as well as volunteering at the West Campus sorting center. Over the years changes have happened but this last year has proved to be one of negativity. I feel the management of Second Helpings has created a hostile environment and has forgotten the meaning of volunteering.

Some of the women I work with have been there longer than I have and are more to my senior to boot. We used to come in the sorting room, laugh and have fun because we were doing something to give back to our community that we all feel is the reason we are volunteering. The camaraderie we have amongst us is truly a wonderful thing. That has come to a halt to which we are very sad about.

We have been told there will be cameras installed, rumors are flying about thievery; management is saying there are many complaints about this matter but will not inform us as to what's going on. When you hear from people in the community that there is a big problem at West Campus, it's time to deal with the situation head on. These are peoples' reputations, feelings and lives that are being affected by this. We get it through here-sa, 2nd or 3rd hand, which is unacceptable. The one light in our day is the two young men that take care of the daily operations at the West Campus. They make the volunteers feel welcomed, appreciated, and valued.

About two months ago I approached Donna Long, the Second Helpings manager and told her about how unhappy some of the women were, that there were problems we need to talk about, and that she might lose some of them. This was told to her with compassion as well as concern and I was immediately told "I don't work well under a threat and there are other volunteers". Many of us have approached her with suggestions and they have fallen upon deaf ears. These are not isolated incidents.

She was also approached with an idea of donating some of the used shoes that simply go into recycle, for the Sports Chalet donation program to help the people of Japan. These folks were told she would think about it. When brought up again, she was still thinking about and finally that ship sailed. What a wonderful thing that would have been for HELP of Ojai to give back for a greater cause. Isn't that what this organization is all about?

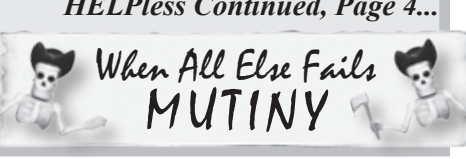
There is no consistency when it comes to setting up the rules of day to day operations. The rules change on a weekly basis and most of the time, once again not from the horses' mouth but second hand. We've all tried to communicate and Donna thinks we are attacking her and our suggestions simply go by the wayside. There recently was a meeting regarding cameras, personnel, parking, to which most of us left more daunted than before we came in. She wouldn't talk about things that were asked, and the next day she told two women in the sorting room, she felt attacked and when trying to respond, she simply walked out. Isn't that the way things are solved, through communication?

Many of us will not return to the sorting room until some of these problems are ironed out. Some of these women are elderly and need this out, in their lives. It gives us all a purpose, we love one another and look forward to meeting once a week. We don't want our volunteerism to come to a screeching halt, we just would like some of the problems solved. We are not revered, appreciated and I must tell you, it was never like this in the past.

-Sincerely, Deborah Moe Help of Ojai Volunteer

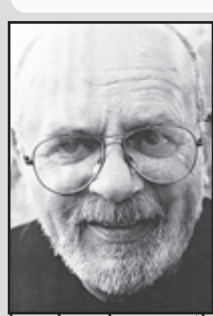
P.R. Response from HELP Board But Has Anything Really Changed?

May 16, 2011 Deborah Moe P.O. Box 932 Ojai, CA 93024 -by Tucker Adams, Terri Wolfe Dear Deborah, Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with the Board on Monday morning. HELPless Continued, Page 4...



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

The Hysterical Personality



The hysterical personality has an infantile need for exclusive love and demand for attention. Self-dramatization, exhibitionism, uncontrolled emotional outbursts, obstinate hard headedness, and lack of consideration for others can all be personality characteristics. Frequently they adopt a helpless and dependent posture, however when dependent needs are not met they throw a temper tantrum or a guilt trip to get their way.

Hysterics don't care what emotions and feelings get out of hand, as long as they can maintain their biased self-image (i.e. charming, adorable, "special", and admirable). The hysterical display of emotional fireworks lacks depth, and these fireworks are to be forgotten as soon as attention can be diverted to a more desirable self-image. No hysteric would put "proper behavior" ahead of a pleasing self-image. A simplified fairy tale version of a pure self is maintained at all cost. Each experience in life is reduced to simplified categories of either "terrible" or "wonderful", that is... fitting, or not fitting the fantasy image of the self (S. Kopp). Of course, this fantasy self is a compensation for deep feelings of inadequacy and insecurity. Any split of the self is emotionally costly. Fooling others always takes a tremendous amount of energy and limits freedom.

Hysterics are not committed to logic or order. They insist that things must be what they want them to be. Whatever challenges their fantasy world is fully denied. They're not concerned about sticking to the truth if a dramatic distortion will accomplish getting their needs met. Fact and fiction are often intertwined.

The hysterical personality is extremely seductive. The primary Check Out My Website/blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com

motivation is not a sexual one, but a need to obtain admiration, protection and approval in order to repair an injured self-image. Over-exaggeration of sexuality is a compensation for inadequate feelings of one's sexuality. Different levels of frigidity or impotence can, but do not have to accompany this condition. Competition with members of the same sex is prevalent, particularly those who use similar seductive devices to obtain attention and affection. They deny the significance of their own manipulative and seductive behavior, which eventually leads to isolation and loneliness.

Often, male hysterics wear the persona of a "precious prodigy" or a "romantic adventurer". Their hysteria is sometimes revealed through their display of exaggerated manliness. The male hysteric frequently suffers from sexual addiction or Don Juanism, be it in the heterosexual or homosexual world. Their mothers were often inappropriately seductive with them and their fathers emotionally or physically absent. The female hysterics often put on the social masks of being either "glamour queens" or "adorable little princesses". The typical mother of the female hysteric is cold, competitive, argumentative and resentful. She overprotects and overindulges to compensate for her inability to give real love (Frazier and Carr). In early life the daughter and father turn to each other for warmth. He reinforces the flirtatiousness and emotionality of his "little princess", greatly due to his own immaturity and weakness. At puberty he abandons her (many times for a mistress) as he is threatened by his incestuous feelings, leaving her abandoned, confused and rejected.

It is the deeper feelings of sadness, helplessness and loneliness all hysterics need to own and not defend against the hyper-emotionality and massive repression. Memory loss of childhood is frequent. Hysterics feel superior in his or her hyper-emotionality and consider themselves more sensitive and feeling persons than those upon whom they are dependent.

The hysterical personality is afraid of the adult role. They need to let go of being a dependent child in order to get better. By mid-life, they absolutely have to give up, as all of us do, the illusion that a magical protector exists. They also need to take responsibility for their helplessness, possessiveness, jealousy, envy and damaged self-image. Finally, they need to understand the following cycle: When they are understood they feel loved, when they feel loved they make unrealistic demands, when they make unrealistic demands they will eventually be rejected.

Love to Mother Meera. One for all and all for one. PETER RUDOLF MILHADO, PH.D. Lic #MFT14142 38 Years Experience drpetermilhado@gmail.com • (805) 640-1810 Blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com Extensive Experience With Folks Over Forty and Artists In All Creative Fields

FLASH: OjaiFLOW just announced today (7/1/11) that a preliminary settlement of over \$1 Million has been reached by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with Golden State Water to Pay Ojai Rate Payers money that they overcharged back possibly as far as 2002. This likely would have not been revealed, if those that founded OjaiFLOW had not been involved for so long. - Ed.

OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

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Ah wonder... if we hadn't been spendin' that kind of money Ojai's Roads would have been in better shape? Maybe not, but the way they are now, reminds me of the old days...

As we burn through the first half of this year we are continually reminded by a number of people about water. Now this Urban Water thing... City Slicker carpet baggers come out here to the country to make a buck. I think the speakers are missing the point.

Why is Apple Valley looking back into Eminent Domain again... against Golden Ripoff Water Company (GSWC)? And who is GSWC talkin' about when they say, in their annual report, they haven't been sued in 3 years?

Lenny, I've been missing you at the meetings! Cake was served again! Cake, not often

that the City serves Cake! It was nice to see some of the prior Mayors. What wouldn't we give to have one of those back RIGHT NOW? Speaking of back, we had three former mayors speak and the one missing was SUZA... she must not like cake?

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books, under lock and key at the new GSWC hideout over by the OVN? Why isn't that book at the library like all other legal documents? If this thing is about our water for the next 5 years, why should we be limited to lookin' at it for just one week.

Yep, What they pump out of the ground can't be used by any of the other five water companies so it is pretty important. I would hope they would adopt the GOOD HANDS approach that they said they were about, like providing water for 80 years.

I think it's time for the rest of us that didn't sign those water take-over petitions to get on the stick and sign them NOW. I just got a \$400 water bill. It is going to cost me more for Water this year than my Property Taxes!

Did I say 6 months left, well we get a new Mayor-by-Rotation in 6 months and with national campaign's starting we will be going into a new election cycle. I heard that the 3 Mayors had, along with Monte, over 80 years experience and if we add our current experience it amounts to less than 25 years more experience.

I hope we can get a new fresh face or two to run for Council next year. Maybe we can get one of our current Commissioners to run? Take back the town! See you at the 4th Parade, try not to get a parkin' ticket.

Hang 'em High!

VENTURA CODES

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gust. This period would coincide with their re-election campaigns in the fall. He also advised them that he cannot guarantee there will not be a lawsuit.

At this point, Councilmember Neal Andrews broached the invitation to his colleagues to explore changing the 1987 date to 2004 to create a "cleaner" ordinance. Councilmember Christy Weir picked up the ball and agreed with him.

The Staff returns with a modified ordinance July 20th.

More info. www.OjaiAndVenturaVIEW.com/OVVArtVtaCodeEnforce.html



Another City of Ventura TAX COLLECTOR Hard At Work

Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe



The days of June gloom are over until next year. June 21 was the official start of Summer and Sunshine. In 1580 John Gerald wrote, "What greater delight is there than to behold the earth appareled with plants and radiant with flowers as with a robe of embroidered work, set with orient pearls and garnished with a great diversity of rare and costly jewels."

The U.S. Postal Service is facing a declining mail volume this year. They will be closing over 2,000 post offices in addition to 500 others it began closing in recent months.

Not all businesses are losing money. Luxury jeweler Tiffany reported soaring worldwide sales and an 8.5 percent rise in profit for its first fiscal quarter.

An old cure for a toothache; drive a nail into an Oak tree. Let me know if it works. Have you shopped downtown Ojai lately? Lots of bargains to be found everywhere;

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WINE AND ROSES CONT.

Aria Day Spa, A Secret Beauty, Chameleon Boutique, Curly Willow, Feast Bistro, Gemquest, Human Arts, Kingston's Candy Co., Kindred Spirit, La Fonte Pizze e Specialita', Made in Ojai, Nomad, Nutmeg's Ojai House, Ojai Clothing, Ojai Coffee Roasting Co., Ojai Reality, Plaza Pantry, Primavera, Rainbow Bridge (with a new store to replace the faded Noah's coming soon), Ruben's Burritos, Rupp Studios, Serendipity Toys, Soul Centered, Studio Sauvageau, The Hub, The Wrec Room, True West, Verandah (suddenly moved to Montgomery St.) Vicki's Pink Thrift & Vintage, the list goes on and on, plus you save time, money and gas.

Want to try something different when raising money for charity? Graham Elliot walked backwards for 900 miles, becoming the first man to cover that distance walking backwards. It took him 35 days and the money he raised went to charity.

For the first time in Venezuelan history, a driver has had his license suspended for drunk driving. Speeding and drunk driving are never punished in this oil-rich country where gasoline cost 12 cents a gallon. The driver, Raymond Parra was caught speeding over 85 m.p.h in a bus that was not only carrying too many passengers but was missing one of its rear wheels.

Did you know ACCORDING to a recent survey by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 5 percent of women between the ages of 30 and 35 have never had sex. At the current birthrate, the world's population, now 7 billion, will reach 10 billion before the end of this century.

General Motors car sales in China have surpassed sales in the U.S. for the first time. During the first half of this year GM sold over 1.21 million cars in China, a 50 percent gain over last year, compared with 1.07 million sold in the U.S. China is also leading the world in investing in renewable energy, spending \$54.5 billion followed by Germany at \$41.2 billion and third, the U.S. at \$34 billion.

A government happiness study in North Korea concluded that North Korea was the happiest country in the world, followed by China and Cuba, the U.S. was ranked last at 203. I wonder how happy the cities of Ojai and Ventura would be if our city councils conducted a happiness study?

An Atlanta lady tried to even out a chipped rim on an old Chinese vase she had found in her cellar by hitting it with a hammer. She later discovered the vase was from the Quing Dynasty and her repair work had reduced its

value by \$400,000. A Chinese teenager, little Zheng, finally realized his dream by buying an Apple laptop and tablet computer. Unfortunately he had to sell a kidney to get the \$3,000 to buy it. His mother didn't believe him until he lifted his tee shirt to show her the scar.

France has finally repealed its ban on absinthe, the bitter green liquor banned in 1915. The spirit, a favorite of artists such as Arthur Rimbaud and Vincent van Gogh could reach a \$1 billion in sales in five years say absinthe makers La Fée. Last year for the first time ever, America's wine consumption surpassed that of France but it took the U.S. population (almost 5 times as large as France) to do so. A good underrated summer wine is Vouvray, there are plenty of good vouvrays on the market, here are three of the best. 2009 Huet Vouvray Clos du Bourg Sec, \$30; it's stunning in its complex intense flavors of lemon honeysuckle mint and minerals. 2009 Francois Pinon Vouvray Silex Noir, \$23; rich and succulent with offers of ginger and a touch of sweetness. 2009 Francois Pinon Vouvray Cuvée Tradition, \$20; best value, densely textured and more savory than all the others. The sun has set over the yardarm; time for a glass of Vouvray.

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

HAUNTED BY HALF A DOG



by Richard Senate

When my wife and I were first married we moved into an old two bedroom 1929 cottage. It wasn't the best place. In fact, my wife called it a dump when we were moved in, but she cleaned the hardwood floors and made it a home.

We stayed three years in the house. It was located right next to a busy road with a bus stop so it was always noisy; one of the reasons for the low rent. I guess we were not in the place a month when I noticed that I would hear a unique sound. It was as if a dog was running around the house and its claws were sounding on the wooden floors. I checked, thinking a neighbor's dog had gotten in - but the door was secured and there was no cause for the odd sounds.

My stepson also heard this - he was four at the time. He saw the thing first - He told us about the "big doggy" in the house. Again we

found nothing in our house and chalked it up to his over imagination.

Then, I saw it. I was going to work and, when I left the back bedroom and looked down the hall, I saw a large dog; it was a mix breed animal. I saw it looking at me. I saw its head and forefeet but the rest

was obscured by the wall. It looked real and, once again, I thought it was one of the neighbors dogs had gotten in. It turned and sort of backed away.

I checked the house; front door and back, both were locked. I checked every room. My stepson also saw it not long after that. Perhaps a month passed until I was washing the dishes and saw the same animal in the kitchen. This time I saw the whole beast, and it was half a dog, the front part was normal, head, chest and front legs, but the back of the animal and rear legs was missing! It vanished as it retreated away from me. We didn't tell my wife but, she saw the half a dog herself.

It was perhaps six months later when a young man knocked on the door one Saturday. My wife was home alone. He told her he had lived in the house for several years some time back. My wife asked him if he had a dog - he said yes. He had a dog but it had ran outside, into the street and was ran over by a truck. The animal had its back and rear legs crushed. Maybe that was why only half of the Animal was seen. After the visit of the young man, the phantom dog wasn't seen again.

- Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

YUNKER - 6/20

by Helen Yunker

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Statement was made June 20 at the Ventura City Council Meeting by 91-year-old Helen Yunker, Ventura Real Estate Agent and Property Rights Advocate.

Our city council has obviously lost their adapt to "Liberty and justice for all" as set forth in the "Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States". It is making every effort to abort a proposal for grandfathering and legalization of second unites, based upon an intensive year-long study directed by the Ventura Save Housing Collaborative. Despite overwhelming public input and support by its citizen-members for adoption, the City Council, at its May 9th meeting, voted to adopt the remote 1987 restriction which, in essence, butchered the affordable housing recommendations, and was a complete betrayal of citizen trust for fair and just treatment with respect for human needs and rights.

Yunker 6/20, See Page 11...

Event Calendar

July 2011 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

JULY 2/SAT • PICNIC-DANCE PARTY/DANCING OAK RANCH BETWEEN OJAI AND CARPINTERIA, 5PM to 11PM - Come Join us for an evening of great music under the stars with two hot bands, Mike Fishell & his sons Roy and Miles with John Welborn & Nathan Selfridge, sizzle as FISHFRY, one of Ojai's most popular party/dance bands tears it up. Then dance on the grass to another Ojai favorite; Smitty's All Stars featuring Scott Smith, David Roine, and Ken Delbo who together did the Cajun dance tunes at this years Fais-do-do at the Ojai Mardi Gras. info: Dancing Oak Ranch (4585 Casitas Pass Rd), Shane 665-8852, www.ojaiconcertseries.com

JULY 2/SAT • OJAI INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES, 5:30PM - Come meet the Grand Marshalls; Oscar & Gloria Melendezat, Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30pm until the food is gone @ Libbey Fountain, \$6 per person featuring Music by the J-Birds, info: 646-4513 or 646-0076

JULY 3/SUN • OJAI INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES, 4PM - Tri-Tip Sandwich Dinner, 4pm - 7pm, \$7 per meal. United States Air Force Band, 6pm @ Libbey Bowl, info: 646-4513 or 646-0076

JULY 4/MON • OJAI INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & FESTIVITIES, 8:45PM - Youth Freedom Run 8:45am - Meet at Libbey Bowl for warm up to music. One mile and 1/2 mile run available. Course is east on Ojai Ave. and back along parade route to finish Events Continued, Page 6...

LETTER: HELPLESS of OJAI

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It was invaluable for us to hear from you directly as we continue to work to advance the mission of HELP of Ojai. We are always gratified to see the tremendous level of community support for HELP's Mission: "Our mission is to combine individual and community resources to respond to the unmet basic human needs of Ojai Valley residents"

Implicit in that is the value we place on the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who work with us to help the thousands of clients we serve. Your volunteer efforts are greatly valued and appreciated beyond words. 2nd HELPPings is our single largest financial contributor to HELP's annual income. In many ways the store is a business venture and, as such, needs to be run efficiently and with processes and controls that become necessary when we have dozens of people working there over the course of a month. The great thing about 2nd HELPPings is that it is a valuable revenue source and a much-needed service to the less advantaged residents in the valley through affordable access to clothing and household goods. The better the store is run, the more revenue we have to put towards all the HELP of Ojai programs. Our store revenue over the past two years has been greater than at any other time in its existence. Your work insures we accomplish our all of our store objectives. Thank you for all you have done and all that you continue to do in that program.

As we consider your input, we have decided to put in place some activities that we believe will help to solve the root issue we have identified through this process - better "staff to volunteer" communication.

Tucker Adams commented that a fundamental need within 2nd HELPPings and all of HELP of Ojai is better, regular communication with all interested individuals. In working on that subject, we will be implementing a once-a-month Open Forum where Donna Long, other 2nd HELPPings paid staff,



Has this become Ojai's Little House of pain?

Terri Wolfe (as often as possible) and a Board member (as often as possible), will hold a one hour session the second Monday of the month at 1:30pm at the West Campus Dining Room. During that meeting volunteers and staff will come together to update one another on happenings, concerns and plans. At times we will have a formal agenda item, and at other times we will have open Question and Answer sessions. Both store and West Campus volunteers are encouraged to attend this volunteer meeting. Our first meeting will be June 13th at 1:30 at the West Campus dining room where we will discuss the "controls" deemed necessary based on auditors comments during our past audits.

In addition, anyone making a suggestion for consideration by HELP staff will receive a written response regarding the suggestion within a few days. While we promise to consider every suggestion, we cannot guarantee we will be able to act on each suggestion.

Finally, on communication, Terri Wolfe and the individual Board members encourage anyone wanting to meet with any of us to do so as any issues or suggestions emerge that could assist HELP of Ojai to better serve the Ojai Valley. We would like to address a few specific misconceptions. While there have been "brain storming" meetings about security issues at West Campus and other HELP locations, as we experience break-ins and thefts of unknown origin, we do not plan to install cameras inside or outside any building as we work to protect both property and possessions. While it might

HELP OF OJAI MONTHLY BOARD MEET Mon. July 18, 9am PUBLIC WELCOME

be something to consider in the future, if we have more shortages or vandalism, it isn't an action we are considering taking at this time. We will let all involved know well in advance if we want to revisit the idea.

Finally, as to the issue of the volunteers being "fired", that is certainly not the case for any one of you. We hope that HELP and 2nd HELPPings are places where all can find rewarding and enjoyable places to help us serve the community. It is this spirit of community that makes Ojai special. Each program has qualified and dedicated paid staff who work to carry out their individual objectives for advancing our service to clients. Each program is unique in what it does. Each program has necessary processes and protocols to insure efficient and effective operations. Working together with genuine, open, communication will insure this goal is met. If you find that 2nd HELPPings and the practices that are currently in place do not meet your needs, we would welcome the opportunity to find other HELP programs where you might help to serve the community we all love.

If, after consideration, you would like to continue to volunteer at 2nd HELPPings, please work with Donna Long to find a mutually agreeable set of tasks and a set schedule. We will make every effort to accommodate requests to the best of our ability. We have continued to make changes at the West Campus location over the last year and will make more changes far into the future as the program needs develop and change. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you again for your time, dedication and support of our Mission and those we serve every day.

-Sincerely, Tucker Adams HELP of Ojai Board of Directors Terri Wolfe, Executive Director

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Global Warming Speeds Up

by Alasdair Coyne



In what resembles a science-fiction scenario being played out on a planetary scale, the rise in global greenhouse gas emissions in 2010 increased to a new record level of 30 gigatonnes, putting to rest the hypothesis that the worldwide recession had put a serious dent in global warming's progress.

The pace of global warming is now certain to have catastrophic repercussions on weather patterns and the world's food supply through the rest of this century and beyond. While clean energy is a fast-growing industry in Europe, the U.S. and China, the world's reliance on fossil fuels seems to be an unstoppable phenomenon, tied as it is to the rise in living standards for the burgeoning middle-classes in populous nations like India and China, where millions of new consumers now have access to the cars and high-tech toys that they know we enjoy in the developed world.

The progress that western nations have made in slowing the rise of their greenhouse gas emissions has largely been a result of their outsourcing the energy-intensive manufacture of their consumer goods to nations like China.

Nuclear Power May Be On The Way
The nightmare nuclear accident at Fukushima in Japan has dealt a serious blow to the nuclear industry's hopes to provide power with

low greenhouse gas emissions to a world keen to avoid the worst peaks of global warming. Three Hundred (300) square miles of towns and farmland have been rendered uninhabitable around Fukushima, and the news about reactor meltdowns continue to get worse by the week. It may take decades to bring the damaged plants under control, with constant releases of toxic nuclear materials.

Germany has been the first major nation to renounce the use of nuclear power, pledging to close its 17 nuclear plants over the next decade. Germany's renewable energy industry already employs around 370,000 workers.

Great Britain Pledges To Go Green

The Conservative government in the U.K. has enacted legally-binding greenhouse gas reductions beyond the year 2020, aiming for 80 percent reductions by 2050. Forty percent of electricity is to come from wind, wave and tide power by 2030, and technology will be developed to capture carbon dioxide emissions from fossil-fuel power plants and pump it into underground sites. Heat pumps are to be installed in 2.6 million homes by 2025, and over 30 percent of new cars will be electric. The costs are expected to be in the order of \$25 billion a year.

Warming Already Hurts Food Crops
A recent article in *Science* demonstrated that global wheat yields recently dropped by 5.5 percent, because higher temperatures resulted in dehydration and in decreased pollination and photosynthesis.

California Moves Further to Renewable Energy
Governor Brown signed a new standard on

THE MUNCHIES: CANNABINOID, THE CULPRIT

by Mary-Jo Murphy

You might think your hunger is out of control, but current research reveals that your hunger may be out of your control. The culprit is a hormone called Cannabinoid.

Now, if you're good with words, you might have noticed that *cannabinoid* sounds a lot like cannabis. And you would be right. Only, cannabinoids come from *inside your body*. They are hormones made in your own liver and kidneys from **Omega-6** fatty acids.

Cannabis sativa has been around for 4,000 years, but the **Obesity Epidemic** is fairly recent. Some smart scientists saw a connection and decided to study *the munchies*.

The discovery of these *natural-munchie-makers* started when curious scientists wanted to understand why marijuana caused users to eat compulsively. They found that our body made a hormone with a similar effect. The targets for this appetite-maker live not only in our brain but also in the fat around and inside our bellies.

When our body is working well, the pancreas makes insulin, which takes sugar and moves it from the blood into the cells. Cannabinoids mess with the ability of insulin to do this job. Someone with type 2 diabetes might have lots of insulin, but because of this *cannabinoid system*, can't use it. Their muscles are prevented from accessing the carbohydrates they eat. With this misuse, the brain sends faulty signals. **"EMERGENCY! Your brain doesn't have enough sugar. EAT. EAT. EAT."**

This cannabinoid system is quite cleverly independent of the other systems that control our drive to seek rewards in foods. Scientists found too that these hormones aren't happy if we're just eating salads and whole grains. Cannabinoids plant the idea that we want fatty foods and foods rich in sugar. Doughnuts anyone?

The biological basis for these types of food binges is that our cannabinoid receptors, a lot of which we are carrying around our midsection, cause uncontrollable urges that drive us toward cuisine that in effect adds to our *waist circumference*. This pushes us toward more binging. Are you getting the vicious cycle here yet?

Cannabinoids also stimulate the liver to make more fat, which elevates the triglyceride levels and the LDL (*lousy blood fat*) putting us more at risk for high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

In the years since we were cavemen/cavewomen, we humans have evolved to survive; taking advantage of our environment so we could populate the planet. You might ask then, why have our bodies developed in the maladaptive way? Cannabinoids whether exogenous (coming from outside our body) or endogenous (produced inside our body) have a purpose. More than one, actually.

They calm us after periods of stress, which as doctors **Roizen** and **Oz** tell us in the book, *You Staying Young*, happened during times when our prehistoric ancestors couldn't find enough food. Cannabinoids said, *"Hey, relax, dude. No worries, we'll just get really efficient at storing what fat you have."* Hence our tendency to hold onto flab.

April 12 that commits the state to provide 33 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020. He also stated that 40 percent will be possible in the near future.

Assemblyman **Das Williams** has authored **AB 1303**, to extend a surcharge on electric bills to fund renewable energy and energy efficiency programs, as well as research and development projects.

A recent summit on solar power, held in **Santa Barbara** in April, focused on the *Sunshot Initiative*, a challenge from the **Department of Energy (DOE)** to bring down the cost of solar power to \$1 per watt. At that level, solar power would be cost-effective all across the nation.

Cutting-edge proposals for wind power are focusing more on higher altitude power generation than the current propeller blades on tall pillars, which reach only to 350 feet in height. Wind speeds at 2,000 feet can be up to two and a half times greater, making small, lightweight wind turbines feasible, anchored by cables to the ground. Above 2,000 feet, federal air-space regulations come into effect.

Republican Presidential Candidates Move Away From Action On Global Warming

While liberal and moderate voters understand the reality of global warming, conservatives with this point of view have shrunk from 50 percent to 30 percent in the last three years.

At the same time, conservative presidential contenders are all moving into the camp of global warming skeptics. **Mitt Romney, Jon Huntsman** and **Tim Pawlenty** are backing off from global warming cap-and-trade positions that they all supported as state governors.

Interestingly, cap-and-trade was first championed by **President George H.W. Bush** as the solution to acid rain pollution in the late 1980s.

—Alasdair Coyne, www.SespeWild.org

Event Calendar

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at Signal St. Awards for all, \$1 donation. The Ojai Independence Day Parade will take place July 4th in downtown Ojai at 10am. Please don't forget to turn in your parade application early. Awards, (Sweepstakes & Best of Theme) @ Libbey Park Gazebo, 1pm. At 5pm, Nordhoff Community Stadium opens its doors for a flag ceremony, food booths, games and rides, music (Gems @ 5:30, Action Down 7pm) 6pm concert and fireworks at 9:15pm., info: 646-4513 or 646-0076

JULY 4/MON • CAR SHOW, CLASSIC CHILI COOK OFF, AND FIREWORKS/SANTA PAULA - Come down to the streets of downtown Fillmore for a car show. Then, join the festivities at Central Park. Games, food, train rides, and vendors. Free aerial fireworks display will be best viewed from any city park. Fireworks end at 9pm. info. 524-0330

JULY 4/MON • SANTA PAULA FIREWORKS CELEBRATION, 9-10PM - The Santa Paula community WILL enjoy fireworks this Independence Day! Santa Paula residents & neighbors came together, contributed funds, and will see their efforts Light Up beautifully in the sky to commemorate this, the most patriotic holiday. Come down to Harding Park early, have a picnic, enjoy time with family and friends, then enjoy fireworks beginning at 9pm.

JULY 4/MON • ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA'S 4TH OF JULY FAMILY FIREWORKS & FUN FEST, 2-10PM - Festival starts at 2pm, includes, Carnival games and prizes, live bands, vendors, food, demonstrations, interactive childrens art, Classic and Muscle car show, and more!! Fireworks Show at Vta College Athletic Field, 4667 Telegraph Road, Gates & Family Festival open at 5pm, Fireworks begin at 9pm. Please no pets, glass or alcohol. More info, www.venturafireworks.com

JULY 4/MON • FOURTH OF JULY - FIREWORKS BY THE SEA, 7AM-10PM - Marine Emporium Landing will have activities all day up until the fireworks begin. 8th Annual 4th of July Channel Islands Harbor 10K Race & 5K Fun Run/Walk, 7am is Registration & Check-In, Races start together at 8am, 14th Annual Channel Islands Harbor 4th of July Children's Parade; Parade starts at 10:30am, Parade route: Harbor Blvd. from Albacore to Cabezone Circle, Daytime Activities: Special Farmers' Market and Old Fashioned Family BBQ 11am, Crafters, Live entertainment, Children's Activities: Inflatable jumper, slide and obstacle course, Climbing rock, Pony rides, Petting zoo, Face-painting
Fireworks at 9pm.

JULY 4/MON • GOLETA FIREWORKS FESTIVAL @ GRISH PARK, 4PM-9:30PM - Master of Ceremony: Eric Onnen, 4pm Gates Open, 4-8pm Kids Games All FREE Kids land & Center Stage, 4:45pm, Emcee Welcome-Announcements, Rock Shop Academy, Pie Eating contest, Water Balloon Toss contest,
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a long time ago to help us survive is now extremely inappropriate for the lives we are living today, it's important not to let the current carry us too far downstream. Keep exercising and making healthful food choices. But realize it's hard, and that you're not imagining it when you experience the *natural munchies*. What you are feeling is real, and scientists are working on a remedy.

—Mary-Jo Murphy, MS, RN, CDE
Health and Diabetes Educator, Motivational Speaker, mjmurph221@yahoo.com

The Musicians Open Libbey in Grand Celebration



With much anticipation that carried into joyful celebration, Libbey Bowl received its rightful initiation from the musicians; those from Ojai and also others from the surrounding valley's and hills and beyond, who've rightfully earned their place and, so too call Ojai their own. The many concerts now in the past, perhaps represent faded memories, but have given way... a new chance to shower the valley with new concerts and new memories.

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HELP of Ojai ~ Pancake Breakfast ~ June 25

"There is a need for volunteers... I could not have accomplished anything... without the Volunteers"
 — Marlene Spencer, former executive director HELP of Ojai



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Gino and Emily



Bob and Rita May



Leslie and Kathleen



OVN senior issues columnist Mel Bloom volunteers to clean his plate.



Little Debbie



With 8 month old Arlo



The Spirit of HELP

by Joel Anderson

A "Hi, How are ya?" with an open smile has always been the hallmark of a HELP of Ojai Volunteer, forever humble, forever caring, forever energetic, forever.

So it was in 1968, that a group of concerned citizens, Volunteers, who felt there were unmet needs in the community pulled

together. HELP of Ojai was established by Volunteers in a simple 4 stall garage at 111 W. Santa Ana, with the blessing of the city.

The garage had been used for maintenance needs of the Smith/Hobson property, which the city had obtained for its government offices. City Hall, Oak Tree House, and HELP's Little House, now share the site.

HELPS, all Volunteer roots

An adjoining structure, which had been the original living quarters of the Smith/Hobson chauffeur, was eventually converted, again, labor provided through the good graces of Ojai Volunteerism (with assistance from a Grant; the *Older Americans Act (OAA) 1965*). The property began evolving; a little dining area, kitchen, offices, and a little cubby hole for the director, Kathleen Tarrats. In the very beginning when the building was still a garage, the volunteers served Meals in the morning and hosted bingo and vibrant activities for seniors in the afternoon. Another Volunteer, Wes Ken, considered "the straw boss," sparked a "can-do get it done" conversion of the garage into a real facility, yet again with all Volunteer HELP. Before all this, the County Meal Program had been run from Ojai's Presbyterian Church. And so it was that HELP and Meals on Wheels have endured to become much more; a unique and essential Ojai way of life. Human resources combine like a family, providing for the community through unreserved and generous toil from the Volunteers.

With help from Ojai's Remarkable Volunteers, the success of HELP of Ojai seemed guaranteed. The service organization realized steady growth, so was able to expand Services and the facilities needed to better accommodate those good deeds.

— Joel Anderson, editor



Modern Times: HELPS West Campus - Without Volunteers to do the sorting, valuable donations wind up in the dumpster, but management says NO DUMPSTER DIVIN'!

2011 Solstice Festival

Meiners Oaks ~ M.O. Town 6/25



Summer Solstice in Meiners Oaks was marked by Dance, Music, Friends, Food and Art, in the second Solstice Celebration for the beginning of the Sun Season. Julie Tumamait and Lanny Kaufer gave the blessing. This year the cool weather seemed to hang on, but on this day the sun ruled.

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Tania Alawar, Khalid and Sheryl Alawar, Suza Francis, Wayne Pacelle and Sue Williams at Primavera Gallery, Ojai

BOOK TOUR

The Bond: Our Kinship with Animals, Our Call to Defend Them by Joel Anderson

Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) stopped by Ojai on a tour to promote his book, *The Bond: Our Kinship with Animals, Our Call to Defend Them*.

The material redoubles efforts of the Humane Society to protect animals, identifying an increased industrialization and rapid dehumanization and resulting loss of communication with the animals. Said Pacelle, "We've become very separated from animals and it means that we're in a bit of denial about what's going on, really. We're also at a distance from the actual activities that are causing harm to the animals."

"In a world where we have so many interests, we can't have a civil society without exhibiting compassion for animals. The whole notion of kindness is not divisible; we can't say we're going to be kind to people and then forget about the animals," he said.

Pacelle, largely credited with making the National Humane Society financially solvent, has been president of the organization since 2004. He also pointed out the HSUS has long discouraged trophy hunting, hunting of bears and mountain lions and has pushed ballot measures in California to end cruel practices.

Pacelle, when asked about the Japan Nuclear Nightmare, said, "We responded to the disaster and what we're trying to do is build up the capacity of Japanese animal welfare groups so that they have an enduring presence in the nation. Japan has not had as much animal welfare activism as it should... It's a whaling nation, of course. We wanted to use this opportunity to really grow concerning the nation of Japan."

— Joel Anderson

THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

by Ron Rowe

June was Adopt-A Shelter-Cat Month, so if you're thinking of adopting a feline friend, pop into your local Humane Society as there are still many kitties awaiting adoption. In Canada, animal welfare groups have committed themselves to a Year of The Cat, an initiative to address cat overpopulation problems in Canada. Bill Bruce of Calgary Pet Services said, "The number of unwanted and abandoned cats entering shelters is increasing every year, we must stop this growing crisis."

Check out, www.CareforCats.ca if interested. This is the 15th year birthday of PetFinders.com, the largest online searchable database of adoption pets, home to over 70 million pets since its inception in 1996.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 24 is the annual Pooch Parade in San Buenaventura State Park; fun for the whole family, silent auctions, doggy displays, competitions, exhibitions, lots of prizes, over 40 vendors. By attending you will be helping *Canine Adoption & Rescue League*, a worthy organization that for 14 years has found homes for over 6,000 unwanted and homeless dogs. So bring the family down and enjoy a day of fun.

People living in Detroit have become aware of the over 50,000 homeless dogs roaming the streets of Detroit, thanks to a heartbreaking

YouTube Video put out by Detroit Dog Rescue.

If you care for animals, then plan on attending the **Animal Rights Conference, July 21** to the 25th in Los Angeles. It's sponsored by Mercy for Animals, and is the worlds biggest and longest running animal rights conference in the U.S. with 100 speakers from 60 animal protection groups, 90 free exhibits, reports on key campaigns, video premieres, and lots more. Get a \$20 discount when you register with code: "MFA20" online. For more info, 800-632-8688 or www.ARCConference.org

Did you know, an estimated 600 educational institutes conduct animal research ranging from small labs with dozens of animals to sprawling off-campus complexes that maintain thousands of animals. Last year, 420 of the facilities received an estimated \$11.6 billion in federal funds for research involving about 6 million animals ranging from dogs, rats, pigs and other primates. Many of the workers taking care of the animals have become desensitized to the pain of the animals. When will this federally funded culture of maiming and torture stop.

Graham Walsh was devastated when his loyal guide dog had to have both eyes removed because of cataracts, after giving Graham six years of loyal service. So Graham got a new guide dog to look after them both, now the dog is in retirement with his master and a companion. If your parents won't buy you a horse, get a cow. Regina Mayor, 15, lives on a farm and rides a heifer everyday. She has trained the cow to jump hedges as well as follow simple commands. The cow was originally annoyed at having a human on its back but has since come to enjoy the experience.

A Tacoma, Washington bar has suspended Leashes End, Continues next page...



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THE LEASHES END CONT.

its weekly goldfish racing night due to complaints from animal-rights activists. Patrons were given water pistols to force goldfish down an 8 foot trough of water. The activists claim the loud noises and bright lights terrified the poor goldfish.

Police arrested a 25-year-old man for barking and harassing a police dog. Officer Peter Walker was investigating a traffic accident when Jones Stevens began taunting and barking at the police dog. Stevens appeared to be intoxicated so he was arrested. In court he blamed the police dog for starting the ruckus by barking at him.

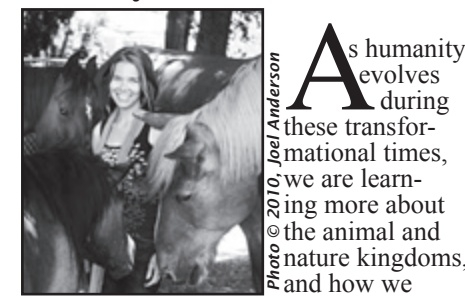
To meet the demand for bedbug sniffing dogs, the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) will offer certificates and training for dogs and handlers. If you're looking for a new job this is a good chance to start a new career.

Buying a young child a hamster, chick, turtle, lizard or other exotic animal could make the child sick. A new study by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) say children under five should not have contact with exotic animals, all of which can transmit deadly salmonella and other germs. A lot of children get very sick and spend weeks in the hospital after kissing their pet iguana or playing with a chick then sucking their finger. Researchers urge parents to wait until the child is at least six before getting an exotic pet or simply choose a cat or dog, which presents less danger of infection.

A penguin keeper at a German zoo had to stop wearing his black and white rubber boots after a male penguin fell in love with them, the penguin mistook the boots for a female and would nuzzle them passionately. The keeper, Dennis Kuba, said he will switch back to his black-and-white boots when the penguin finds a flesh and blood female penguin. Penguins are monogamous in their relationships. Time for a walk in the Meadows with Dudley.

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

**Breaking the Bonds of Servitude
Misty's Lookin' For Her Mate**
by Heather Green



As humanity evolves during these transformational times, we are learning more about the animal and nature kingdoms, and how we are more alike than it seems. Before I knew I was an Animal Communicator, I was training to do Equine Facilitated Experiential Learning (EFEL), a program where humans and horses are brought together to promote personal growth and development. During this training, I met a horse named Misty who taught me ways humans can fulfill the similar needs and desires of horses.

I liked Misty from the first moment I saw her. She is a conscious, highly intelligent, and feisty fourteen hand, quarterhorse-paint. The EFEL leaders told me

she was abused by an old-fashioned cowboy who rode her without mercy. When she came to live with the owner, who gave her to the *Healing Ranch*, Misty was bone thin, depressed, and covered in whip marks.

The new owner, Linda, spent plenty of time with her. She gave her extra space to roam, nurturing and a comforting touch. They spent time being together, without an agenda. Linda often talked to her in her paddock, groomed her, or sat out in the pasture with her while reading. She also slowly introduced Misty to her own herd of horses, never putting them in the same area together in the beginning.

Because Misty had all of this extra time to run free in the pasture, without the pressure of finding her place with the other horses or providing services for humans, she began to heal and get in touch with her own spirituality. She was able to reconnect to Mother Earth again, and discover who she is as a sentient being. I visualized that divine bond as a cascade of white energy filtering through her crown. Misty walked purposefully in front of me, her head held high with dignity and self worth, not out of fear. I knew she had come a long way to achieve this level of empowerment.

Return to spirituality, in horses, is something people can work towards to benefit them on a body, mind, and spirit level. Giving horses the time and space to simply be, takes them out of their role as our friend or servant, and allows them the chance to discover their true identity and passion.

Misty's connection to her passion was apparent in our conversation. She leaned forward, looked into my eyes, and I heard the words, "I want what you want," in my head. At that time of my life I was single, but I knew instinctively she was talking about my desire for a boyfriend. She spun around in the small round pen, looking off in all directions as if to show me that he was out there somewhere. As I tuned into my body in her presence, I felt the love and longing in my heart that I knew was also in hers. I saw a picture in my mind of a family of horses – two adults and a filly or colt.

Unlike humans, horses are not able to choose the kind of life they are going to live. We can help them by understanding that they have parallel necessities and wishes. It is essential to honor their yearning to connect to their own spirit and species through giving them time, space, and a place to do so. When we recognize the value of the choices we have about where to live, what we do for work, and who we have in our lives, whenever possible, we can begin to offer these preferences to our horses, too.

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Watermelon Eating contest, Hula Hoop Contest, Area 51 (Funk, Soul, R&B and Motown), Raising of Flag/National Anthem, 9pm, Fireworks

JULY 4/MON • SANTA BARBARA AREA FIREWORKS & FESTIVITIES, Spirit of 76 Parade, downtown Santa Barbara. Annual Independence Day parade presented by the Spirit of 76 Association. Begins at 1pm at Micheltorena and State Streets, travels down State to Cota St. Festive celebrations follow in "Old Town" SB/ 400-500 blocks of State Street. Celebration continues with a patriotic rally at Chase Palm Park/3:30pm. Info, www.Spiritof76sb.org, Santa Barbara Fireworks - Downtown SB, along the waterfront. Festivities begin at noon at West Beach on Cabrillo Blvd, include vendors, music/entertainment. Fireworks begin 9pm.

4th of July Arts and Crafts Show - Downtown SB. 10am-5pm. Local artists & a fine selection of unique jewelry, hats, clothing, handbags, weavings, paintings: oils, water colours, pastels acrylics, photog, glass, pottery, sculpture and more! **The Village Fourth Parade** - Occurs in Montecito. Starting at Upper Manning Park at 11:30am, the annual Village Fourth Parade is a celebration of community/patriotism. Festivities continue, following the parade, at Lower Manning Park. Plenty of food/music. At 7:30am, on the morning of the fourth, Pancake Breakfast at the San Ysidro Firehouse. Info, 969-2026. **Stow House Old-Fashioned 4th of July/Goleta**, Sponsored by the Goleta Historical Society & Stow House, from 11am to 4pm includes strong pro-family and turn-of-the-century traditions. Enjoy hayrides, live music & dancing, a non-stop schedule of on-stage musicians. Info, 681-7216. **Elks Lodge Family Fun Fair/Goleta**, 4th of July Family Fun Fair. Celebrating the American family with an all-day family fun fair. July 4th, 11am-5pm. Free admission. Full BBQ tri-tip & chicken dinner Noon-4:30pm, hamburgers & hot dogs. Music & entertainment. Bingo, pull-tabs, raffle, pony rides, children's crafts area. Local arts & crafts on Sale. Santa Barbara Elks Lodge, 150 N. Kellag Ave, Goleta. 964-6858. **Solvang 4th of July Parade**, Annual Parade begins, 11am on Mission Dr. and travels down Mission Dr, turns on Fourth Street and back to Copenhagen Dr. Festivities continue at Mission Santa Ines, featuring food, fun, music and culminates with a fireworks display when the sun sets. FREE Event. Info, www.solvangua.com

JULY 23/24-SAT/SUN • NBVC SEABEE DAYS PORT HUENEME, 9-9PM - Join the U.S. Navy Seabees at NBVC Port Hueneeme as we celebrate Seabee Days 2011. Rear Adm. Christopher J. Mossey, commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Chief of Civil Engineers, will be the guest speaker at Seabee Days. The community is invited aboard Naval Base Vta. County for a first-hand look at the Navy's construction engineers. Seabee Days highlights

the mission and accomplishments of the men and women of the Naval Construction Force, affectionately known as the Seabees. Seabee Days will feature demonstrations of Seabee construction skills, static displays of construction equipment, weapons and field camp construction, hands-on demonstrations and displays plus a wide variety of activities and lots of free entertainment throughout the weekend. The event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and admission and parking are FREE. Enter the base at the Victoria Ave. or Patterson Rd. gates

AUG. 27/SAT • 3RD ANNUAL MENTOR MADNESS POKER RUN CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW/SOULE PARK - OJAI, 7AM TO 6PM - In memory of Wayne Ortman & Sonia Miller, Benefiting a Future Boys & Girl's Club in Meiners Oaks, Live Music by Studebaker, Action Down, Milton Kelly & Still Above Ground, with DJ Daniel Ash, Hollywood Stuntman Monte Perlin & his Globe-O-Cross (men in black 3), more... Registration: Bike & Car Show, 7:30am \$20 per entry, Poker Run 8am-8:30am, \$25 per entry (includes BBQ lunch), \$4 park entry. More info, Contact: Dusty @ 649-1466 or Cindy @ 640-0995, Soule Park: 1301 Soule Park Road, Ojai/Poker Run, 7am-6pm, Awards @ 3pm. www.3rdAnnMadness.com

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On April 15, 1912, the "unsinkable" Titanic, the world's largest cruise ship, hit an iceberg and sank. - an historic tragedy, I am sure that the 2,223 passengers boarded the ship with complete trust in the captain and crew's ability to provide a safe and enjoyable journey.

Today, the "Ventura Ship of State" has embarked on a sea of uncertainty. Its passengers are the elderly, the poor, the disabled, the ethnic minorities, the retired living on social security, or providing housing for a family member, or depending on the granny flat income to make the mortgage payment. And all of them trusting you to steer the ship away from an iceberg of fear, fear of becoming homeless by your illegal use of code enforcement liens, not points of law. To date you are seeing only "the tip of the iceberg" of discontent and concern. You can start rebuilding trust by deleting all reference to the 1987 restriction and extending the amnesty and grandfathering requirements to February 28, 2012, as recommended by the public and the VSHC.

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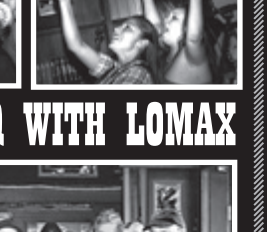
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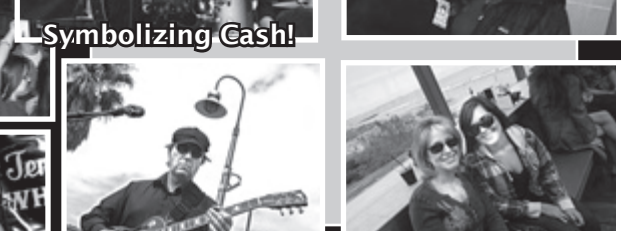
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Brian Faith Band Rockin' the Coast

by SK Waller



The Brian Faith Band

The name Brian Faith Band conjures up all kinds of memories not only in my mind, but also in my heart. I've seen the band invent and reinvent themselves so many times, it's truly astounding. What a spirit of innovation and tenacity these guys possess! I'm one of the lucky ones. I was allowed into their private world many years ago and I watched as they grew and evolved as musicians.

I'm not sure what the bond between us is, exactly. Music, certainly. Love for friends and family, of course. But there's something else, something quite unnamable that has tied us together through the years, something that forged that tie in the first place when I was only a 14 year-old fan of Ernie & the Emperors. I was born in Ventura County and when I was eight-years-old, my family moved north to Solvang. That was an interesting place to grow up, perfect, later, for my baptism into the Sixties when fantasy and fairy tale became part of every tripper's experience. We Santa Ynez Valley teens had absolutely nothing to do back then. There was no movie house or drive-in, no theater, no coffeehouses, no anything. We didn't even have a traffic light. A real nowhere town that was geared only to tourists wanting to eat aebelskiver and buy little porcelain windmill trinkets. If we wanted to do anything - anything at all - we had to drive to Santa Barbara, Lompoc, or Santa Maria.

Parents worried themselves sick over us driving the then treacherous San Marcos Pass and kids had their share of dangerous accidents. We even lost a few that way. Sometime around the time of the British Invasion someone started holding dances at the Dolphin Club, which had once been a members-only recreation complex complete with a swimming pool and a large room with a stage, dance floor and snack bar. I'd spent some time swimming there when I was younger, as a guest of various friends whose parents paid the annual dues, so I was thrilled that it had been turned into something for the teens of the town.

The Dolphin Club was open to us once a week on Friday nights. I think it cost all of 50-cents to get in. The very first dance boasted the music of our local band, the Undertakers, a group that was made up mostly of the Sorensen Brothers, all tall, blonde, good-looking surfer types, as well as the dark, brooding David Zandonatti, who later went on to join the Ban, Now, and Tripsichord Music Box. The Undertakers also played for our school dances, proms and parties, and as I recall, they were good, but when I

went to The Dolphin one night to hear a Santa Barbara group called Ernie & The Emperors, everything changed for me. Everything about the Emperors was different from what we were used to. These guys looked "big time". They had uniforms. Their hair was long (not late-60s long, but that wasn't in style yet). They had matching white Fender amps and Fender and Gibson guitars - even a Gibson 12-string like George Harrison's. They were good-looking. They wore dog collars. Cue the needle-dragged-across-the-vinyl sound here.

Yeah, Dog collars. I never asked why, I just thought it was cool and different. They had a record on the local stations and promo flyers with their pictures on them. They also had charismatic stage presence and exciting showmanship, but besides the visuals and marketing, this band also had a sound. A great, energetic sound that made you catch your breath, grab the person nearest you and run to the dance floor. Not being the typical fan type (in last month's article I explained I was raised in a family of professional musicians, so I never was that fan/groupie type), I promptly seated myself on the stage where I could hear them better and watch their hands. I played guitar and wrote songs and I wanted to learn from these guys. Let the other girls dance with dweebs so that they could cast flirtatious glances at the band, I wanted to rock!

Well, there was that little crush I developed pretty quickly on Brian. I came from a family of drummers. I understood drummers and what makes them tick. I "got" them. Drummers' quirks were as familiar to me as my own go-go boots. My older brother had been playing in bands for a few years and had even gotten the nickname, Drummer. Leave me alone. I have a picture of me posing with

Brian. You can tell by my bulging eyes that I was smitten and scared to death! I think I shyly introduced myself to the group and asked them to sign a flyer for me. I probably mentioned that, in an effort to set myself apart from the fans, I was a musician. Whatever I did, I went home with nothing but praise for Ernie & The Emperors. My father worked at Bob's Appliances, a shop on Alisal in the center of town. Part of the front counter was dedicated to selling 45rpm records. Each of the Top 40 hits were pigeonholed - in chart order - in sectioned shelves on the wall and beneath that was a huge studio-quality turntable. Each week the KIST Top 40 Hits List was taped to the counter and we'd go in, ask to hear a song, and Mrs. Plant (Bob's wife) would play it for us. Of course we used that service even when we had no intention of buying, we just like hearing the music. The patience of poor Mrs. Plant was singular. I went into the shop the following Monday and promptly got a copy of the Emperor's single, Meet Me At the Corner. Wow! It was on Reprise Records, same as the Kinks! I also liked the B-side, Got A Lot I Want To

Say, because of the fuzz effect on the lead guitar. After listening to the record non-stop for a few days, I finally worked up the nerve to write a letter to the Emperors. Secretly, I hoped Brian would be the one to answer it, but I truly thought it would get lost in what I imagined to be a huge mailbox full of fan letters. To avoid this ignominy, I put the letter in a black envelope and addressed it in white ink. I wonder where I got a black envelope? I had to confess, I was a hopeless fan after all.

A week or two later I received a letter addressed to me from Ernie. I wish I still had it because his words were so typically him - his kindness, humility and gratitude shone through quite clearly. I took the letter to school with me the next day and some girl ripped it in half trying to grab it from me. That's how popular they were. Suddenly, I had new friends. The popular girls (who had heretofore shunned me) wanted me to introduce them to members of the band. I was invited to parties. People sat with me at lunch. Good grief.

The next time they played at the Dolphin Club, my brother Rick came too, wanting to see the band that I'd been raving about. Never the shy type, he quickly introduced himself and we all sat together during the breaks, the guys talking about music and other bands who were popular in the tri-counties, like the Dovers and the Sharkkai (who later became the Just Four) while I listened in awe and fidgeted overmuch. After the gig, Rick casually invited the band to his house and I went too. My sister-in-law made bacon and eggs while we all sat around the kitchen table talking and laughing. It was fantastic. This was the life for me!

The Emperors and I shared a lot of great moments in the 60s. We met people like the Lovin' Spoonful-John Sebastian & Zal Yanovsky and Jimi Hendrix backstage at concerts and I went to some of their own out-of-town concerts. I was welcomed into their home and I visited them whenever I happened to be in Santa Barbara. They had become big brothers to me and "This is Kaye, Rick's little sister" became my ticket. Any place we happened to run into each other, I was immediately absorbed into their entourage. I lived in Santa Barbara in the early 70s, but they were out on the road so much, especially on their long Southeast Tour with members from the Strawberry Alarm Clock, the

Grateful Dead, the Allman Brothers, the Marshall Tucker Band, and Lynrd Skynrd, that I never got to see them during that phase. Soon, my career called me to Laurel Canyon and Hollywood, where I opened for the Doobie Brothers and Leon Russell and I began performing in concerts, clubs, and on television talk shows around Hollywood.

Fast forward to the early 80s. I hadn't seen them since mid 70s when I stopped by their house one afternoon during a weekend getaway to Santa Barbara. I was living in Camarillo at the time and word was going around that the Ponderosa Inn had started hiring live bands so one night, instead of driving to Ventura, I decided to check out the P.I. I was sitting at a table talking to someone when the band



With The Lovin', Spoonful - John Sebastian, Cory Orosco, Zal Yanovsky and Ernie Joseph, Earl Warren Showgrounds

came on stage. Brian Faith Band was painted across the front of the kick drum in bold, black letters. Never heard of them. I noticed the drummer first, naturally, and he looked kind of familiar. No... it couldn't be... I then looked at one of the guitarists. No way! Finally, Ernie stepped up to the mic and started to sing and there was no mistaking that set of pipes. I was blown away, not only that it was my old friends the Emperors, but at how awesome they sounded. Still electric, still high-energy, still exciting - only more so! The road had really honed and chiseled their chops. Ernie and I made eye contact and I saw the recognition light up his face. During their next break we all hugged and tried to get caught up on each other's lives.

It was truly the best of times. Ventura was exploding with local talent and there was talk from celebrities like Mickey Rooney, who lived in Westlake, about making our county "Broadway West". The theater scene was starting to open up and the arts were flourishing. The dance club scene was growing and the Brian Faith Band was leading the way.

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The Brian Faith Band's repeated stints at the P.I. were long and lasted for well over a year. They'd unofficially become the house band. Each time they played there it was standing room only, and I was always there. Sometimes they invited me on stage to sing backups, which was more than great fun for me, it was a dream come true. To share the stage with these brilliant musicians and entertainers, well, I could have died then and there and been totally happy.

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1/1 July - Fri., The HUB/Ojai... 272-8344, Frank Barajas & the Corsican Brothers
1/1 July - Fri., Canyon Club, Agoura, Ted Nugent 879-5016
2/1 July - Sat., Wildhorse Ranch Concert/Platina, Ca... The Mighty Cash Cats, info: www.MightyCashCats.com

2/1 July - Sat., Canyon Club, Agoura, Jimmie Vaughan 879-5016
2/1 July - Sat., SB Bowl, SB, An Evening with My Morning Jacket, 7:30pm 805/962-7411
2/3/4 July - Hollywood Bowl, L.A., July 4th Fireworks w/Daryl Hall & John Oates, 7:30pm 323/850-2000

3/1 July - Sun., The HUB/Ojai... 272-8344, 9pm, The Seraphim Rising LIVE w/ Daniel Ash + Christopher the Minister
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4/1 July - Mon., Nordhoff Fireworks Show with Action Down/Ojai... 272-8344
6/1 July - Wed., SB Bowl, SB, Steely Dan, 7pm 805/962-7411

8/1 July - Fri., GiGi's, 9pm/2493 Grand Ave, Ventura... Brian Faith Band
9/1 July - Sat., Camarillo Fiesta, 1:30pm/ Camarillo... The Mighty Cash Cats
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11/1 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
13/1 July - Wed., Hollywood Bowl, L.A., Chris Botti, Bobby McFerrin w/Yellowjackets, 8pm 323/850-2000

14/1 July - Thu., Viper Room, L.A., Parade of Lights, After 310/358-1880
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