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— Dick Lynch

Wow, I thought the Council was getting smooth, *until Mar. 13*. The old King o’ the Hill council chambers attitude of “*Listen to me, Stop wasting time, Why do this, This is taking time*” seems to never end and the colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow. Some just never miss a good chance to shut up.

Well yes, some of the OLD Council had more than enough time to let the Bowl, Streets and Budget go to Hell in a Hand Basket. And some, now long gone, just couldn’t make a decision without a steering wheel attached to their brain, steered by who knows.

Why now, do they want to flex those same tired old muscles that failed us time and time again? We seem to have the Old Leftovers and a fresh new batch of Council. If, as when one of our members said, there is “*A problem looking for a solutions*” we only need to look back and remember who found Jerry Kersnar, the Old city manager as “the solution.” Really, seems Jere brought all the problems and the Council failed to act for 6 miserable years. Time, way too much time to make a change.

I think we need to flood our Senior members of the Council with requests to fix the problems they have long overlooked. If nothing needed to change, why is this town so screwed up? All those years of overlooking problems; Bags, Lights, Healthcare, Street Repair, Water Company sticking it to us, no money in the Light District, and now the same developers lose more money to the Redevelopment debacle. Lots of problems that have been here for years still collecting dust on the shelf. Who was running the Circus while this happened? Too many acrobatics, too little accomplished and now? What a fine mess Ojai’s in.

Time for a couple more changes on Council. We have a couple that vote over and over for gridlock. Having sold their souls to special interest, you can see the frustration smoldering just under the surface. Their demeanor is that of SCOLDING, BADGERING, PETTY CHILD-LIKE TANTRUMS! Where is the homeroom monitor during these outbursts?

While Council slowly deliberates, some of them are trying to get it right once and for all, while a couple are the Anchors dragging the ship to the bottom of the lake. Reminds me of *Alice in OjaiLand.... I’m late, I’m late for a Very Important Date!* Like a SILLY RABBIT one of our councilmembers is always looking up at the clock, like a neglected kid in the library. That %\$#@!@\*%&%\$# Clock, the one that moves SOOOOOOOOOO SLOW.

The Circus at the Council has proven one thing! It’s time to Change the City Charter and have an elected Mayor, not this rotation Mayor thing that sticks it to us — *always leaves us feeling we have to wash up afterwards*. It always goes where one council says sarcastically “**Mayor Pro-tem**,” wow the words cut. I wonder why? If we have a 4-year-elected-Mayor we can have a focus point, instead of changing to the “Flavor-of-the-Month Mayor,” only a figurehead. Nothing really gets done.... a Dog Park, Yea, Yea important and was good to get done, but the *simple-minded* only seem to be able to tackle the simple items. No courage to get after the Priorities at the top of the list....

Is it as important as *us neglecting us* getting Fleeced by the Water company? Which Council members, *after years and years of Council service*, were surprised to find out we had no money

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**She Said, She Said? He Didn’t?**

## City Official ‘Ignoring’ Citizen Requests?

**Ojai’s Kick-Your-Door-Down Gestapo Code Enforcement Showing Signs of Discontinuity**

The following Statement was made to the Ojai City Council, Mar. 27., by Ojai Resident Valerie Bullock.

— Valerie Bullock, Ojai

Good Evening, I’ve written two polite letters requesting confirmation that we are now in compliance with city codes, as well as requesting a copy of

the supposed complaint filed against us by Mayor [Betsy] Clapp [\*Please See Ed. Note Below]. These letters were addressed to the City Manager [Rob Clark] and I cc’d each of the city council members.

It took my addressing the council on Feb. 14th to get a response from Mr. Clark to my first letter of Feb. 2nd. In his letter, dated Feb. 15th, he skirted around my request for a confirmation of compliance and ignored my request for a copy of the complaint he showed us in our meeting. Instead, he sent a generic form with no names, only stating the City of Ojai. It wasn’t the form that we read and saw in his office.

My second letter, dated Feb 20th, has

been completely ignored. I’ve heard nothing. **Government Not Accountable**

What do we do to move forward at this point? My letters aren’t responded to unless I address the issue at city council meetings. I don’t know what the problem is. I don’t know if Mr. Clark just doesn’t want to make a decision or what? I don’t know why he won’t provide us with a copy of the complaint or respond to my letter? And, again, this was on February 20th. By not providing a copy of the complaint he’s already violated the [California] Public Records Act [GOVT. CODE §§ 6250 - 6276.48]. Do I have to resort to legal action to get the attention from the city? We have done our due diligence in attempting to comply with city code. We have complied, despite the fact that a city official sent the police out 4 times to stop us from complying. What was the point in that? Is this the way the city should treat its citizens?

We’ve been abused, been made to comply under the threat of \$1,000 a day fines, then abused again. Why did the City go to such extents to make us comply when, at this point, there’s no evidence beyond what we saw and were told in our meeting with Rob Clark & Brian Meadows [code enforcement official] that a complaint even exists? After all, this document was not included in the certified packet of all complaints pertaining to our residence that we requested and received from the City.

Madam Mayor [Betsy Clapp], on two occasions I’ve mentioned your name in my letters to Rob Clark. Either you made a complaint against us, or you didn’t. If you did, then give us a copy of the complaint. If you didn’t, then I think you have a major issue with your City Manager. He stated to us that you made the complaint and he has a complaint form in his office with your name on it that he showed us. He just refuses to give us a copy.

We realize we were out of compliance, but why were we the only ones targeted when two doors down from us there have been two 30’ horse trailers parked inches from the sidewalk and plugged into electricity for years? (Can you wrap up please? - city clerk Rhonda Basore) And this is just one minute example of the infractions in our neighborhood and our community. Personally, we couldn’t care less about the trailers and other things not in compliance. It’s private property and it doesn’t harm anyone. In the meantime, however, we have lost in excess of \$100k due to the loss of personal property that we had to dispose of in order to remove things in the time frame we were given, plus the storage units and spaces we had to lease, as well as equipment rental and loss of income with Steve having to stay home to clear out our garage area.

At this point we have confirmed that the City is in violation of the [California] Public Records Act [GOVT. CODE §§ 6250 - 6276.48], and that we are well within our rights to file an Abuse of Power Claim. The City of Ojai is putting itself at huge liability which is going to be very expensive. Is the City of Ojai really no better than the City of Bell with regards to the way it treats its citizens and runs its city? (We need to finish up - city clerk Rhonda Basore) Ok. I would certainly hate to think so.

We’re are just reasonable homeowners who love Ojai and want to continue living here and feeling at home, not having to stress out about what’s coming next. We don’t know why we’re having such a hard time getting answers.

We want to be good citizens and be in compliance, but it seems as if the city isn’t interested in helping us resolve these issues. And, I’m done, Thank you for the extra time.

— Valerie Bullock, Ojai

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Mayor Betsy Clapp immediately responded, “*That’s quite an accusation. I did not file a complaint. Would you give me some guidance on this? This is quite the accusation Mr. [Joe] Fletcher, [Ojai city attorney]? Fletcher said, “The Brown [Open Meeting] Act permits the counsel to make brief responses in response to questions otherwise there’s no action to take tonight so there’s... um you can ask for clarification, make a brief response and that’s... and that’s all we can do this evening.” Clapp responded, “Ok.”*

## Face Slap



by Jefferson Pinto

The first time I visited Las Vegas and saw the inside of a casino while walking through lobby on the way to check into my hotel room, I was struck by a vivid image. An obese wheelchair-bound elderly woman, oxygen tank in tow, sat with a

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tube up her nose incessantly playing a slot machine. Wow. Lights a flashing. Wheels a spinning. The stimulating sounds were kind of cool. But what really disturbed me was when I got up the next morning to go to breakfast, the same woman was still playing at the same slot machine. I’m sort of guessing she hadn’t moved all night.

**Pavlovian Internet Clicking**

For many, the internet is not a lot different than the one armed bandit. Instead of taking your money, it takes your time and real human interaction. Don’t get me wrong. I like the internet as much as the next guy. But like any other overhyped technology, it has its limitations. For him, the inconvenient truth is Al Gore *didn’t* invent it.

It seems any free time is *consumed* by surfing, tweeting, on-line gaming or some other “social” media. When I see young boys playing *Globe of War Art*, it sort of reminds me of the woman playing the slot machine, or was it *vice-versa*? The way I figure it, it’s really anti-social media.

Summer before last, my wife and I went to *Walt’s Land*. While standing in line, I was sort of disturbed with what I saw. Two parents and their kids were in a trance looking at their “smart” phones. Wow, there’s nothing like family time in the *Enchanted Kingdom*. I sort of wondered what could be more interesting or urgent than spending a little time with their family at an amusement park?

**Internet Jargon**

One of the best ways to help people assimilate new technology is to use existing familiar terminology. I get the mouse thing. What else would you call it? *A coplanar variable-axis pointing device with selection buttons*.

Nevertheless, some of the internet’s terminology is contradictory. If only I could pay for my virtual experience with *virtual money*. Oh yeah, they still want my *real greenbacks* with dead presidents’ pictures. I remember the old slogan of the long distance phone companies: “*Long distance, it’s the next best thing to being there.*” Yeah, but it’s still *not being there*.

When the Beach Boys sang about “*Surfing USA*”, I’m pretty sure they didn’t have *computing* in mind. If the word cyber means *fake, replica, or imitation* then what exactly is “*cyber space*”? The *raw data highway* maybe, but the information *super highway* - No! The most ominous reuse of a word is *Friend*. If they get you mad, you can render punishment and “*Unfriend*” them. It sort of cheapens the word and sounds a lot like a *second grader trying to make out a guest list to their birthday party*.

In January, *Facebook* topped the MSN Money’s **Top Ten Most Hated Companies** in America (followed by *American Airlines, AT&T, Nokia, Goldman Sachs, Best Buy, Bank of*

*America, Johnson & Johnson, Sears and Netflix*). The List cited *Facebook* with the lowest customer satisfaction score of less than 26 percent. Apparently users are angry for violating their personal privacy and also their *spare time* being bankrolled into a *Wall Street* trading commodity. Only after being investigated by the **European Union (EU)** for utilizing facial recognition software, did alleged altruist CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** say we *won’t do it anymore*. Now as Facebook goes public (*initial public stock offering*) it will be interesting to see what happens to the stock price about this time next year.

Social media commands a disproportionate amount of time relative to the utility it offers. **Sirach** said it best, “*Let your acquaintances (friends) be many, but one in a thousand and your confidant.*”

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## How Many School Administrators does it take to Screw in a Lightbulb?

Ojai Unified School District (OUSD) employs 145 Full Time (FTE) Teachers while it also employs 101 ADMINISTRATORS and “SUPPORT STAFF”..... Sheesh, no wonder the schools are **BROKE** and wanting to Sell off **Chaparral High School** to **CABRILLO DEVELOPMENT** (where *Superintendent Banger’s daughter works*)..... all those Administrators drawing huge salaries and the pensions..... It seems the schools are no longer there to provide a rock solid modern education for Youth, but as a money maker for a bunch of useless bureaucrats.

**Statistics Source:** [www.localschool-directory.com/district-schools/5672520/Ojai-Unified-School-District/CA](http://www.localschool-directory.com/district-schools/5672520/Ojai-Unified-School-District/CA)

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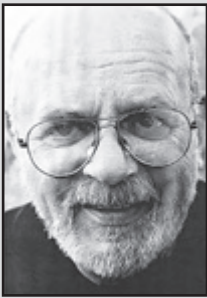
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One of my earliest mentors in the profession was Carl Jung, who had this to say regarding the education of a psychologist:

“Therefore anyone who wants to know the human psyche would be better advised to bid farewell to his study and wander with human heart through the world. There, in the horrors of prisons, lunatic asylums and hospitals, in drab suburban pubs, in brothels and gambling hells, in the salons of the elegant, the stock exchanges, socialist meetings, churches, revivalist gatherings and ecstatic sects, through love and hate, through the experience of passion in every form in his own body, he would reap richer stores of knowledge than textbooks a foot thick could give him, and he will know how to doctor the sick with real knowledge of the human soul.”

Psychotherapy is not delivering dogma from the halls of academia. Some theory and classification of the human personality, however, can be a useful tool for us when we are lost, which happens frequently. As psychotherapists, we are confronted with our own ignorance about the human soul very early on in training.

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Every patient is a unique individual in their own psychological condition. It is much more important to establish trust with our patients than to demonstrate a clinical theory. The doctor has something to say, but so does the patient. The patient needs to be treated with total relatedness, which includes open dialogue, encounter, safety, and absolute confidentiality. Compassionate and feeling Eros is more important than intellectual Logos, even though the latter also needs plenty of room for expression.

There are two kinds of suffering. The first category includes suffering all human beings encounter at various stages in life. It might be loss of a friend, parent or spouse, unexpected failure, betrayal, loss of health or a job, divorce, extreme financial stress etc... For this kind of suffering we, as psychotherapists, hold the other in compassion and empathy. We might have to temporarily carry hope and accompany our patients through the swamplands of the soul – depression, despair, doubt, grief, fear, rage or anxiety. We stay closely connected and when appropriate, share our own descent into the abyss and back. Once patients return from below, many realize: “I’m not what happened to me, I am what I choose to become.” (Hollis, 1996) Through suffering, we come to wisdom. The soul’s evolution is often more enhanced by loss than by gain.

In the second kind of suffering, we contribute to our symptoms and basically create them, which is referred to as neurotic suffering. We’re stuck in the status quo of repeating self-defeating patterns and habits over and over again. The good news is, if we are responsible for our suffering we have the power to undo it and heal. This takes courage because we need to take an honest look into the mirror and acknowledge who we really are and not who we want to be to others. I only work with those patients who are committed to the inner work, because an hour out of their life is an hour out of mine. If they are willing to not ignore their inner life, they are welcome.

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

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to dump into the Bowl? Remember that? Ask those multi-time re-elected Councilmember - *lifers* - where they have been? Why did they let this happen? Why?

We can PAY an elected Mayor the same amount of money we pay the City Manager and then pull him or her out when we truly get disenfranchised. Not like Jere, the prior city manager.

It's time to start now and change from a GENERAL LAW City to A Charter Law CITY. Let those that seek to be Mayor, fess up and be truthful with us and run for that office. Not a default of "It's my turn to wear the crown" so they can coast along on their golden pillow. How selfish.

We have been crippled by selfish, self-serving attitudes of long-nosed Council Members for years, pushing their own agendas or those of a privileged few.

Running for Council is the safe way to get to be Mayor. But let's make that a separate position and let's see who pops up out of the woodwork. A local personality could afford to run and pay their own healthcare costs and their families healthcare costs. By the way, over the next 4 years our current City Manager will cost us nearly **ONE MILLION DOLLARS**, after we give him his next bigtime raise.

Pledges to the Bowl Fund? **\$800,000 Thousand dollars** of uncollected pledges\$/ What? Say it ain't so Joe. I think we should **INCREASE** the rent on the Bowl to recover say, the \$2 million the residents didn't get to spend on street repair. Of course, that will ensure Libbey is a **GHOST TOWN**, except during ojai festival week. Maybe that was the goal?

Paul you had a great idea, term limits! That should also go for **City Attorney**. With **Monte Widders**, we had a king

maker for over 30 years. Never, never let that happen again. Never! I think the City should list, in *The VIEW* the most important items the City has on its menu and let's see if the people agree. If not the real people (*instead of the same ole special interest elitists*) should submit their list.

I almost dropped my POPCORN watching the TV when I saw the fight over the NEW "RED GUARD" movement of fake **SOCIAL AGENDA CHANGE** - just a power grab. Look how the organizers used it for self-promoting "Me" publicity!

This was never about **BAGS**. It's the Greening of a Socialist Agenda of *forcing* Ojai to move by **TEARS, FEARS, THREATS** and **MISINFORMATION**. One place (*besides the budget*) the GREENING is really needed is in the landscape. We are **BROWNING** because we have been priced out of the market by a **Monopolistic** system where the **State Guarantees** and encourages the **Fleeing of the Water Rate Paying** residents. If not why were we (*Ojailand*) the only "TEST" for a multitier rate system that saw massive rate increases in **OJAI** alone? Sometimes Ojai is just TOO special, and *simple*.

Water, did I mention Water? We **braved the lack of parking at Chaparral** again and sent almost 10 percent of our water users to the Water hearing meetings.

Stoic. No movement at all. *The LAW* **JUDGE** was motionless, and *Emotionless* as ratepayer after water payer related stories of how we are getting shafted with the **CPUC'S** help. Only **Dennis Leary** and **Stan Greene** were able to get a *semi-smile* from the law Judge. When you see your new bill, look and see how much of your bill has *nothing to do* with the actual water you use.

Thank god I don't have that awful

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Casitas Water - Russ Baggerly

GSW Execs. Asking for More

Capacity Crowd of Ojai Folks

Don't Mess with Stan Greene

GSW Execs - Deserve Less

Law Judge Offered Water

**Will the C.P.U.C. Listen?**

CPUC Feb. 29 Hearing: Chapparral Auditorium set the stage for a capacity crowd of Ojai Water Ratepayers, Fed up with Golden State Water Co's proved record of Lies, Betrayal, and Lack of Public Respect.

Since Capitalism and the Corporate system has so obviously failed the Citizens of Ojai, ie: Ripping Off the Public

at All Costs to Overfeed the GSW Co. Stockholders, Perhaps Mikhail Gorbachev, former Soviet Leader put it right when he recently said, "Finally people have gotten sick and tired of being had and taken for idiots." **Coming Soon: Stay tuned to www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com for EXTENSIVE VIDEO COVERAGE of this CPUC Meeting.**

of Virginia. Many couples said they couldn't afford a divorce.

If you are robbing a bank, stay in line. A bank robber in Chicago was failed when he attempted to cut in front of the line, he ran from the bank followed by angry customers. Check out your pennies. A rare 1793 US Penny was sold for \$1.4 million at an auction in Orlando, Florida, a record amount paid for a U.S. coin.

The over abundance of water on Earth is coming to an end. At present 40% of the world's 6.9 billion people don't have access to clean water. By 2050 there will be 2.4 billion more people on the planet. They will be thirsty.

At a recent wine auction at the Ritz Hotel in London a bottle of Château d'Yquem set the world record when it sold for \$105,000. A great harvest

**Out of the Murk and Mystery, up from the Depths, comes a Creature to confound The City, and Terrorize the People of Ojai! The Creature from Golden State Water Company!**

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by Richard Senate

In the 19th Century when the Church of the Latter day Saints was establishing their state of **Deseret** (*today's Utah*) reports began to be whispered of a huge fur-covered man in the wilderness.

From **Mormon** records came an account of an earlier encounter with this creature and a short conversation a Mormon elder had with the thing and a startling revelation about the true identity of the hairy man.

**Abraham Smoot** recorded the following after early **Church Apostle David W. Patten** described an encounter he had with "Cain" in **1835**: "As I was riding along the road on my mule I suddenly noticed a very strange person walking beside me. . . . His head was about even with my shoulders as I sat in my saddle. He wore no clothing, but was covered with hair: His skin was very dark. I asked him where he dwelt and he replied that he had no home, that he was a wanderer in the earth and traveled to and fro. He said he was a very miserable creature, . . . and his mission was to destroy the souls of men."

The size of the creature does correspond to the standard report of a "Squash," as does the dark skin but, in this case, the monster speaks, something unreported by other **Bigfoot** witnesses who tell of animal sounds only. The creature identified himself as **Cain**, from the **Old Testament**. In some ways the account reminds one of the legend of the "Wandering Jew" who struck and insulted **Jesus** on his way to the cross, and for this was cursed by **Jesus** (a rather unchristian thing for him to do) to walk the earth, deathless, until the return of **Christ**. In the **Patten** account he tells of his mission - *to destroy the souls of men*. He didn't seem to threaten the **Mormon** elder, nor are their many accounts of **Bigfoot** harming anyone. Why would **Cain** be working for **Satan** anyway? The many sightings of the creature over the decades seems to defy the idea that there is only one of them, as this encounter suggests. The witness never delves into how **Cain**, the hairy man, would *destroy souls*. Maybe it was through fear? Or perhaps to spread false doctrine causing doubt that would erode faith?

In light of recent investigations into the **Bigfoot** phenomena we must examine what **David W. Patten** really saw on that ride in **1835**. The encounter was along a road, it may be assumed was a remote spot. The creature was seen very suddenly, unexpected, walking beside the man on his mule. He was clear that the thing was a "man," despite its size, even if he was covered with hair. So far, the story matched that of many **Bigfoot** encounters. It only starts to lose credibility when the two converse and the thing identifies himself as the **Biblical** **Cane**. Perhaps there was a real chance encounter between **Elder Patten** and a "Squash" - but in the telling and retelling of the event, things got mixed up. The monster was linked to the wandering **Cain**, a sad contemptible soul, set to wander the earth because he killed his brother. Now he is doomed to scaring God-fearing people, as an agent of **Satan**.

Further reports of **Bigfoot**, encounters years later, south of **Weber, Utah**, gave a certain credibility to **Patten's** story. What was a mysterious phenomena becomes the stuff of sermons and a reflection on the **Church of Latter Day Saints**. They must have thought they were doing something right for **Satan** to unleash his hair agent of fear upon them! **Mormon Prophet Spencer W. Kimball**, wrote of the story in his Book: "The Miracle of Forgiveness," published in **1969**.

Still, one can only speculate on the true nature of what happened. For all we know, maybe the many **Bigfoot** creatures are the sons and daughters of **Cain**, doomed to walk the earth for the sins of their father? Maybe, they lack the power of speech that **Cain** has? Maybe someday, a **Bigfoot** will be caught, and found to speak the language of the **Old Testament**? Maybe all **Cain** needs is a little tender loving care, a good home-cooked meal and a couple of brave Missionaries to convert him?

- Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

by Mary-Jo Murphy

While waiting in line for \$4.00-plus gas, I heard the latest warning related to statins, the drugs that lower our cholesterol. They might increase the risk of diabetes and cause memory loss. On the seat next to me was a to-do list, my alter-brain. The only reason I was in the gas line was because of the flashing orange icon on my dash. Memory loss?

Anything related to diabetes always gets my attention. I tuned in, because someone, somewhere was going to make a decision based on this *breaking news*, and I wondered how much real information and advice would be included in the report. Not much. The listening audience was told that this warning was something to "keep in mind" or for your doctor to "watch." Already I sensed predictable confusion. Keep in mind? Have your doctor watch? What was the public supposed to do with that advice?

Human brains are wired to react to stress. The *amag-dyla*, an almond shaped mass located deep within the temporal lobe of our brain, is involved with emotions related to survival. It evolved as a sort of alarm to prevent our prehistoric ancestors from being eaten by tigers. I was guessing that the statin heads-up was stimulating more than one *amagdyla* to go into overactive mode. Later, I watch TV coverage. A perky woman with a concerned look reports, "Today the **FDA** had a big warning." On another channel, a male reporter adds, "This is a big deal for those who are taking statins."

Is it? Soon, bespectacled expert, **Dr. Steven Nissen**, chairman of the department of Cardiovascular Medicine at the **Cleveland Clinic** speaks to the camera. With his first words he warns about "overreacting."

Too late! In order to draw in viewers, the language had already been ratcheted up to *terror level*. At that point, whatever the doctor says will be filtered through fear. The other filter, cynicism, is activated as statistics about statins and how much the drug companies benefit monetarily are flashed on the screen. **Nissan's** message is not getting through. His attempts to reassure the public that only "a few people will cross over the threshold to diabetes, and that memory loss is rare and reversible" is being lost.

Then, an attractive, fit newsmen enters sharing that he was on statins. "I called my cardiologist and said, 'Hey, how about if I take a six-month break and have my blood checked twice over the six month period and see what happens?'" **Mr. Newsmen** looks pretty happy about his decision. I notice that nowhere in the conversation does he indicate what his doctor has replied.

Now, **Dr. Nissen**, who is also a cardiologist, feels some responsibility to point out that if this guy was on statins, there was a reason. As he sees it, **Mr. Newsmen** is at risk. If he stops his statins, he could have a heart attack.

"But what's the harm of seeing how you feel?," **Mr. Newsmen** asks. Feel? Since when do you feel your cholesterol levels rising? He brags that his numbers are good now, that he exercises and has a good diet. I believe him, and I think the doctor does too. He explains that diet and exercise are recommended for everyone, but those interventions can only lower your levels by 10-15%. He states unequivocally that **Mr. Newsmen's** cholesterol levels are going to go right

back up. Then he delivers his zinger! **Dr. Nissen** stresses that these drugs reduce the risk of death from heart and stroke by 30%! That's great news, but it's lost to a commercial break.

In Your *Medical Mind*, a book about how we make health related decisions, the authors caution against the old paternalistic way of doing medicine. They suggest that we don't have to do what doctors say, that our health care specialists might actually have to explain and negotiate. As I listen to the anxious discourse, I wonder how many people have had a satisfying conversation with their practitioner. How many know what their individual risk factors are? Does anyone negotiate?

It's just a matter of time before a new, scary news report makes you question something that is working to prolong your life. Terrifying tigers are always going to be out there, and we will always react to them. We should. Paying attention is good. So is asking questions.

This is about survival, isn't it? Or, maybe it's about time - to talk to your doctor about what the real threats are for you. Write yourself a note, so you won't forget. [www.pharmacologycorner.com/animation-statins-survastatin-simvastatin/](http://www.pharmacologycorner.com/animation-statins-survastatin-simvastatin/)

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**Executive Order - National Defense Resources Preparedness The White House**

Martial law? Or power grab? Or is the currency CEO of the USA doing this because a senator is taking steps to impeach **Obama**? **Sheriff Arpaio** is investigating the criminal CEO (*aka president*). Please beware of the laws being signed today - they will affect you tomorrow. Thanks - Andrew, The Shy Surfer

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## The Public Speaks The “Con” Edison Smart Meters

Edison Smart Meters began appearing throughout Ojai this month.

Word is someone was going around tearing off the “Delay” tags on the old meters of people who “opted” out of the mess – the police were called....

Not only is it anticipated that the cancer rates (already high due to high agricul-

tural pesticide spraying) will increase, but Edison will eventually use the system to increase revenues – the silver lining, for Edison.... It is expected Edison will conduct individual peak hour blackouts, forcing customers to pay higher rates if they want electricity during those times. It seems the corrupting lessons were learned in the Enron fiasco when rate payers got screwed.

Michael R. Peevey, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) President was President of Edison International and Southern California Edison Company (and “Man of the Year” by the Power Association of Northern California), and so it is highly unlikely Ojai will receive a single kilowatt of mandated relief from the C.P.U.C.

The following Statement was made to the Ojai City Council, Mar. 27., by Ojai Resident Kevin Schmidt.



– Kevin Schmidt, Ojai

Good evening Mayor. Good evening Ojai city council members. Tonight I am here to speak on the issue of Smart Meters currently being installed in Ojai which have yet to be proven scientifically safe by any qualified expert, by any independent scientific organization or by any governmental agency on a local, state, national or international level.

In fact there is a growing consensus from qualified experts who believe that Smart Meters are unsafe and should not be used under any circumstances. To that growing list you can include qualified experts working directly for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Since

this is obviously a credible concern with Smart Meter safety issues, this controversy would be better resolved not by the legally qualified California PUC, but by the better scientifically qualified California Department of Public Health, and more specifically by their Environmental Public Health Laboratory branch who currently has a Smart Meter study in place with preliminary findings.

Yesterday I called them and spoke with Dr. Steve Well, who told me the following, “The California Department of Public Health is about to release an advisory against holding cell phones up to the head,

especially by children, and will instead recommend the use of bluetooth headsets.” Next he said, “Major private industry studies claiming the safety of cell phone use, or smart meters are scientifically flawed,” and he also said that he could prove it.

Finally he said their environmental health safety laboratory has been conducting their own study. He gave me his opinion of their findings by saying, “The perfect storm would be to have a child’s bed on the inside wall, opposite of where a Smart Meter was installed.” The Department of Public Health preliminary findings directly contradicts the PUC and indirectly contradicts the PUC’s competency and legitimacy. Dr. Wells office number is 510-620-2818.

**Agenda: Ojai Mecca for eco-TRAFFIC?**

I find it ironic in a couple week that ojai valley green coalition will sponsor an Ojai eco-tourism forum. If you understand the demographics of eco-tourists as well as vegetarians, localvores, organicvores and members of Ojai’s eclectic spiritual community, you will know that a majority of them are accurately aware of the dangers of Smart Meters. So in the years to follow, if our valley is saturated with Smart Meter radiation, all of those people will hardly consider Ojai to be a mecca for eco-tourism or for healthy living, which means the financial health of Ojai will also be affected negatively.

Because of these credible, potential negative effects on our health and on our wealth, I ask that you immediately put the issue of Smart Meters on this evenings agenda so that you can immediately pass an emergency ban or moratorium on the installation and use of Smart Meters within Ojai. I also ask that it stay in effect until such time that the California Public Utilities Commission receives from the California Department of Public Health scientific

Rep. Gallegly Introduces VC Wilderness/Rivers Bill in D.C.

## New Wilderness and Wild River Legislation for Ventura County

by Alasdair Coyne



Congressman Elton Gallegly has today introduced new legislation in Washington D.C. to add significant acreage to Ventura County’s wilderness in Los Pa-

dres National Forest, as well as protecting 50 more miles of local creeks under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

In total, the Los Padres Conservation and Recreation Act of 2012 includes nearly 64,000 acres (100 square miles) of wilderness and 89 miles of Wild and Scenic rivers across the congressman’s district, in the backcountry of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

In Ventura County, over 32,000 acres (50 square miles) of new wilderness will be designated, mostly along the Hwy. 33 corridor north of Ojai, extending the current boundaries of the existing Sespe, Matilija and Dick Smith Wilderness areas.

Wild and Scenic River segments within Ventura County in the legislation are 11.5 miles of Sespe Creek along Hwy. 33, extending upstream from the current 31.5 miles of the Sespe already protected, as well as 38.5 miles of the headwaters of Piru Creek, upstream of Pyramid Lake. Alasdair Coyne, conservation director of Keep Sespe Wild, calls this bill “the most significant proposal to protect Ventura County’s backcountry in the past twenty years. Congressman Elton Gallegly is to

be congratulated for his efforts to grant the strongest federal protection to pristine rivers and wildlands within Los Padres National Forest.”

This legislation has been in preparation for a number of months, and has involved consultations with the off-road community as well as environmental organizations. There are no conflicts in the Ventura County areas of the bill with currently-authorized off-road and mountain bike trails. It will likely be seen as a legacy bill by the Congressman, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

The environmental community is having to balance its enthusiasm about the protection of significant segments of our local forest with concerns about a number of provisions which they hope to see dropped as the bill makes its way through House and Senate hearings in D.C.

At present there is no Senate version of the bill.

Perhaps the most contentious element of the bill is the Lake Piru Landswap, which has been introduced by the Congressman as a stand-alone measure for over a decade, without ever being enacted.

Alasdair Coyne, conservation director of Keep Sespe Wild, describes the landswap as “a giveaway to United Water, for whom the landswap presents an avenue towards erasing their responsibilities for the recovery of the endangered southern steelhead on Piru Creek”.

Exchanging the federal lands submerged beneath Lake Piru will remove the federal nexus which brings into play key provisions of the federal Endangered Species Act. This move has long been opposed by several local and statewide environmental groups (Caltrout, Friends of the River, Los Padres ForestWatch, Friends of the Santa Clara River, Keep Sespe Wild) as well as by the National Marine Fisheries

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## Art Opening/Ojai - Robert Lyn Nelson The Father of “Two Worlds” Ojai - Sat. April 14 / Trowbridge Gallery

by Cher  
Trowbridge Gallery, Ojai, announces world-renowned Artist Robert Lyn Nelson, in person, Saturday April 14th from 3pm-7pm.

The artist will be in town for a meet and greet, showing his breathtaking work over a glass of wine. Robert is known by many as a master painter and truly a living legend. He started painting at just age three and is known as *The Father of “Two Worlds”* over/under sea scapes.

He has truly created his own unique style and invented his own techniques. He has gained world-wide recognition, honored by his contemporaries, and his style has been widely imitated.

He has been recognized for his generous contributions to environmental organizations worldwide and has received awards for his efforts including the “Environmental Hero” award from the White House. His works have been collected by numerous U.S. Presidents, conservationists, fellow artists, celebrities, and countless others who appreciate his message of peace, hope, and a bright future for all generations to enjoy.

In 2001, he was given the incredible honor of being the youngest artist to be featured in a one-man show at the Smithsonian Institute (hosted by Jean-Michel Cousteau). His name is synonymous with the conservation effort



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Artist Robert Lyn Nelson

ences include two incredible American artists of the twentieth century, Maxfield Parrish and Andrew Wyeth. However, he discovered a great love for cubism while studying the work of its creators, Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque – an influence that is evident in Nelson’s work to this day.

Growing up in Southern California, Nelson always had a love for the ocean and the beauty of nature, learning to surf at an early age at the beaches of Laguna and San Clemente. I personally find Robert to be one of the most kind, humble men, and with a great sense of humor and twinkle of mischief in his bright blue eyes.

Don’t miss your chance to meet this amazing talent in Ojai and bring your friends!

– Cher

**SEE MORE** at The VIEW blog at [www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com/blog/](http://www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com/blog/) Trowbridge Gallery, located at 307 E. Ojai Ave., Suite 102, Ojai. 646-0967 [www.Trowbridgeart.com](http://www.Trowbridgeart.com)

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— the work becomes an unintentional journal like map pins plotting out her recent experiences. By incorporating these into her paintings, she puts much of herself into each piece, creating personal layers that straddle the revealing and the hidden. Yet, in the end, with all this in

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# Ojai Mardi Gras Smashing Success

by Joel Anderson

The Ojai Mardi Gras just gets better and better. Although one could say costuming in past years was also phenomenal, revelers were not to be outdone this 22nd year as friendly parties (also from beyond Ojai) turned out for the ball. The event was billed by organizers as the "2012 Ojai Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball and Fais-Do-Do". Truly World Class Artists and Musicians work yearlong to create the magic that, this year, transformed the Ojai Art Center. This year it has to be mentioned the Music was truly outstanding, as well as the decorative "black light" Voodoo Lounge and associated art, art fools and vibe.

A vast number of giving individuals donated their time and efforts to this worthy event. A few of them are; Robert MacNeal, Judy Nelson, Shane and Kelli Butler, Chris Bueler, Lara Hofheinz, Scott and Betsy Smith, Sandy Grotsky, John Welborn, the fabulous Maureen Clark, Katy Car, Don and Pat Cardinali, John Zeretzke, Connie Early, Jimmy Calire, Randy Tico, Dave Stewart, Bill Flores, Burton Lang, Ron Seba, George Friedenthal, Kimberly Roemisch, Lanny Rhondia and Kaufer, Iris Williams, Holly Stone, Kristina Knapic, Michael Levine and many many more....

The annual benefit, held in honor of late founder Lyle Mathews. Lyle was diagnosed with breast cancer shortly after that first Ojai Mardi Gras. It was her wish that the tradition be continued. Artists meticulously preserve the art history and traditions which have been uniquely created since inception. The event raises funds for an individual, family or organization

with a serious financial and/or medical need. This year, \$4,000 was raised and donated to three individuals, who were nominated.

Aubrey, a very young child, with an unusual diagnosis since birth, has had multiple operations since infancy. Currently, her condition is now beyond that of the capabilities of her California doctors and she may not live to see adolescence. There are doctors out of state who may be able to sustain her and hope does remain of a permanent cure. Her Mom has to take her to LA several days out of every week for various procedures; all food is now accessed through tubes to heart.

Randy Purdue, another recipient, is a long time Ojai resident boat builder and musician who plays with local bands including the Milton Kelley band and the Lynn Mullins Pickup Band. Last November, he was unexpectedly stricken with a flesh-eating bacterial infection that attacked his left foot. Five surgeries later, he had sacrificed his leg below the knee. He has fully recovered from his bout with this terrible infection, but the huge medical bills have left him unable to afford an artificial leg. This donation from the Ojai Mardi Gras Krewe is the kick-off challenge grant to a fundraiser to be held April 14th (See Page 12 for more information). This fundraiser will allow Randy to obtain a high-quality prosthetic leg that will enable him to walk again, and maybe play guitar at next years' Mardi Gras!

The third recipient, a long-time Ojai resident battling cancer, wishes to remain anonymous.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**, or on how to get involved in this worthy event, [www.OjaiMardiGras.com](http://www.OjaiMardiGras.com) and [www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com](http://www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com)

## New Wilderness and Wild River Legislation for Ventura County

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### Service.

Other provisions in the bill pertaining to the expansion of off-road use on certain routes, and the creation of brand new motorized trails, are also drawing opposition from environmental groups, both locally and further afield. One proposed new 20-mile road would link Ballinger and Mt. Pinos off-road areas.

*"It is quite unusual to see legislation devoted to the preservation of pristine wild areas also enacting potential changes to other pristine wild areas by creating new motorized routes, which may bypass the normal Forest Service environmental review process"* states Alasdair Coyne of Keep Sespe Wild.

### New Proposed Wilderness Areas in Ventura County

(all proposed wilderness areas begin at least 1,000 feet away from Hwy 33)

(1) Dick Smith East, 2,269 acres, west of Hwy 33 as you descend past the Hwy 33 summit down to and past Ozena.

(2) Matilija East and North, totaling 16,608 acres - (a) East, starting by Wheeler Gorge Campground, with the Ortega Trail on the west edge, Hwy 33 on the east, includes Dry Lakes Ridge.

(b) North, starts west of Pine Mtn. Inn (Wolf's Grill), with Hwy 33 to the east and Potrero Seco Rd. to the north.

(3) Sespe West, 2 separate areas totaling 9,563 acres -

(a) the northern segment, west from the Boulder Trail (from Ozena up to Pine Mtn. Rd.) out to Hwy 33;

(b) the southern, larger segment, Reyes Peak to the north, Chorro Grande Trail to the west, Hwy 33 to the south, down to the Middle Sespe Trail (near the former Beaver Camp) at the bottom edge.

(4) Sespe North, 4,926 acres, 2 separate areas -

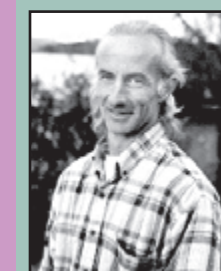
(a) west from Mutau Flat to Thorn Meadows;

(b) a former private inholding, recently acquired by the Forest Service, along upper Piru Creek from Grade Valley Rd. west towards Fishbowls.

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

## Criminal Hikers No More Appeals Court Rules Against Adventure Pass Fee Program

by Alasdair Coyne



In a ruling that is binding in all western states, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals found unanimously last week that the U.S.

Forest Service's recreation fee programs must allow citizens to park at trailheads and go for a hike without paying a fee.

The case (*Adams vs. U.S. Forest Service*) was brought in 2008 by four hikers who visit the **Coronado National Forest** around Mt. Lemmon, near Tucson.

The **San Francisco Appeals Court** found the U.S. Forest Service at fault for charging parking fees to people who go for a hike without using amenities such as picnic tables, trashcans and bathrooms located nearby.

**Judge Robert Gettleman** stated in the ruling that "Everyone is entitled to enter national forests without paying a cent."

Forest access fees began in 1996; the local **Adventure Pass** program, covering much of the four **S. California National Forests**, is one of dozens of such forest fee programs around the nation. In 2004, the **Fee Demo** program was replaced by the **Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA)**, enacted by Congress for ten years. The FLREA clearly prohibited fees solely for parking and hiking, though the U.S. Forest Service continued operating fee programs around the country that did just that.

**Mary Ellen Barilotti**, now of Hood River, Oregon, and formerly a Santa Barbara County attorney, began filing suits against the forest access fee

programs ten years ago. This ruling is the culmination of a decade of volunteer efforts to hold the U.S. Forest Service to the letter of the fee laws that Congress enacted. In recent years, she has been assisted by **Attorney Matt Kenna**, of Durango, Colorado.

The Forest Service is studying the ruling, and has 60 days to request a rehearing.

Locally, fees levied for parking in the **Rose Valley Recreation Area**, and along **Paradise Road** off the **Cachuma Pass**, are expected to be terminated, except for visitors using developed car campgrounds.

States **Alasdair Coyne**, conservation director of **Keep Sespe Wild**, who has led the local opposition to forest access fees since 1996, "Millions of Americans will once again be free to go for a walk in their national forests, which they jointly own and which have been maintained by their tax dollars for over a century, without risking being ticketed by Forest Service staff."

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

**NOTE:** To Read the entire Ruling, written with some elements of humor, from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, go Online The Ojai and Ventura VIEW at [www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com](http://www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com)



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## THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

by Ron Rowe

A recent scientific study shows that dogs have the ability to understand more than the words of a command. They can understand the intentions of their owners.

This study used the same method used in previous research with infants. What many people have noticed with their dog has now been scientifically proven. Dogs realize the intention of the owners when they give commands. According to the study, dogs are receptive to human communications in a way that was usually attributed to babies. As well as babies of six months, dogs are sensitive to cues, including verbal and visual contact, which signal the intention of communication.

The study concluded that dogs should understand some aspect of human communication. It seems that the ostensible communication of humans makes for receptive attitudes easy in the dog, the same way as preverbal babies. According to Dr. Jozsef Topal, Ph.D., at the Institute of Psychological Research of the Hungarian Academy of Science (IPRHA), this is the reason many dog owners treat their dogs like babies. Topal, now intends to use new techniques to deepen the mental process of

dogs.

Bravo to the Republic of Ireland. They are leading the world in the elimination of puppy mills. As of Jan. 1 it will be illegal to operate any puppy farm or Mill in the Republic of Ireland. Finally, one country has the courage to outlaw this horrific practice of puppy mills. Hopefully the U.S. will follow suit. Progress is being made.

The city of Irvine has passed a bill prohibiting the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet shops and prohibits circuses that have wild and exotic animals and (*believe it or not*), prohibits rodeos as well, yee haw. Also, a class action suit has been filed against Barkworks, a West Coast pet store chain. The lawsuit claims the store bought puppies from puppy mills and repeatedly engaged in fraudulent and false advertising in an effort to conceal from customers that the puppies were acquired from puppy mills.

If you have noticed your dog's nose changing color from black to light shades, it could be your dog's drinking bowl. Experts recommend using a stainless steel bowl instead of a plastic all porous drinking bowl which can trap bacteria and cause an allergic reaction.

If you live in Kansas City and have untrained wandering dogs, beware, ignorance of the law is no excuse for allowing your pet to run loose. The city has teamed up with the Humane Society to send first-time offenders to obedience school.

A new book by Jesse Kennedy, *Dogs are Like Men, Cats are Like Women*, very interesting book. Also, *The Infinite Magic of Horses*, by Candida Baker, is a moving collection of stories about the way horses help, teach and inspire their human partners.

A Chicago woman, Marcy Meckler, is suing the local shopping center mall where she claims she was attacked by a deranged squirrel. She claims the squirrel jumped on her and clung to her leg. In the ensuing struggle she fell down causing emotional and unspecified injuries. She

is suing for \$50,000, claiming the mall owners were not controlling the squirrel.

Anna Yanjhi is making the world's most expensive tea from panda bear feces. She claims the poop is rich in fiber and nutrients. "Thanks to the pandas diet of bamboo," she says "the tea has a mature, nutty taste and a very distinctive aroma."

Greyhound advocates from more than 60 cities nationwide held a meeting in Boston to ban greyhound racing. This is the First International Ban Greyhound Racing Day. Gary Teal, head of the non-profit organization, said thousands of greyhounds are killed when they are no longer profitable in races. To a roar of applause Italy closed down its last greyhound racing track.

Did you know Penguins have an organ above their eyes that converts seawater to fresh water? A cats jaw can't move sideways. Sheep can recognize faces, so can crows. If you place a drop of alcohol on a scorpion it will go mad and sting itself to death. Humans, ants and chimpanzees are the only creatures that wage organized warfare.

At the New York zoo, a young girl and her mother threw peanuts at Jenny, a 10-year-old elephant. They were surprised when Jenny picked up a rock with her trunk and threw it at their car. It whistled past the younger girls face and smashed the windshield. Bob Lawrence, the head keeper, was surprised at the elephant's behavior and can only guess that the elephant was annoyed and frustrated by food being thrown at her. No, she wasn't trunk and disorderly, just plain mad.

After 50 years of study and visits to 500 zoo's, scientists at Oxford University have proven what most people know anyway. Animals that are free to roam in the wild

fare poorly when caged in zoos. The report claims zoos around the world need to build larger, more complex places for roving animals. Polar bears, elephants and lions have higher infant mortality rates in zoos and are more likely to pace back and forth when bored.

A white Spitz dog living in India is believed to be the incarnation of Saint Shirdi Sai Baba who died 100 years ago. The dog was rescued from a local pound and now travels in a limousine, lives in air condition quarters, eats from cut class bowls and has six attendants 24-hours a day. He is carried through town on Mondays and Thursdays to spread his goodwill to the villages. Time to walk Dudley, no he is not carried, he is just a dog.

Peace to all living beings on earth.

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



## Abuse Through Neglect

by Kristie

Recently a lady brought her Rottweiler to the vet's office with the instructions to put the dog down because she was aggressive and vicious. The owner said she could not control her dog in the presence of other dogs and the dog was very dangerous. The dog would charge viciously with intent to bite.

I offered my services to the vet in the hopes of reprogramming the dog and finding her a more suitable owner. I wanted the dog to have a good life, if that was possible. Working with the dog, I realized she had never been socialized, never been trained. She was a young dog, in her prime and extremely strong and muscular. She weighed about 90 pounds.

She was terrified of just about everything. It was like placing an undomesticated, wild, forest-dwelling animal in the city without any prior exposure to civilization. EVERYTHING terrorized the dog, and threw her into a state of instant aggression. Cars, trucks, noises, a change in the wind, a leaf blowing by, strange people, bicyclists, motorcyclists, construction work....you name it....she was terrified by it. And reacted violently to it, whirling about in an attempt to bite.

So I spent many hours with her and gained her love and confidence. We spent a lot of time in training, getting her adjusted to all types of traffic and construction noise and dogs and people. It took hours and hours, and a special intuitive skill necessary in reprogramming aggressive dogs. It took a lot of time, love and patience to get her to successfully face her fears. She progressed well, to my delight.

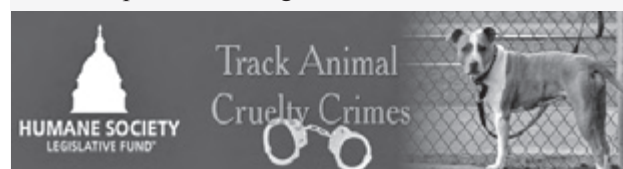
The owner found out that the dog had not been destroyed and in fact was progressing with the reprogramming. So she came to the vet's office and reclaimed her dog before the training was complete.

In speaking with her on the phone I found it impossible to convey information on how to proceed so the progress would not be lost, because she presented an attitude of "I know it all". She seemed always to be on "send" and never on "receive". Do you know the type?

The owner bears the responsibility for the aggressive behavior of this dog. She never socialized the dog as a pup, never trained the dog. She kept the dog behind a chain fence during the day, which allowed its protective aggression to build to such a point that she felt she had to have the dog destroyed. I am sure she loved the dog. But love is not enough.

If you are going to purchase a dominant breed, hard-mouthed dog such as a German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Pit Bull, American Bulldog, Doberman etc., you must be prepared to have the dog properly trained and thoroughly socialized from the very beginning. If you ignore early displays of aggression, they will grow to unmanageable power and you may end up feeling there is no choice but to have the dog "put down"...a dog that with timely and proper training could have lived a happy, enjoyable life.

If the situation has already come to this sad pass, you should still seek the help of a professional dog trainer experienced in reprogramming aggressive or vicious dogs. It is very possible that the dog may be able to be re-programmed if the owner is capable of following the training instructions. It is important to note that having continued success with such a dog depends on the owner properly following through with the training for the rest of the dog's life. The owner must become an active participant in the training, or the dog will revert. If the owner cannot, or will not, then a new owner must be found...one who is capable of following up with the training program and is willing to take the responsibility that comes with ownership of such a dog.



To avoid problems like those I have described, a person should take care to select a breed suitable for them. If you do not have the time, physical fitness, financial ability or desire to have the dog properly trained and socialized, then choose a smaller and more docile breed of dog (*although all dogs need training*). If you have physical limitations due to age or other conditions, you must consider them. A good trainer can help you to select the right breed or mixed breed dog for you. Making the wrong decision when selecting your puppy can result in a mismatch that could possibly cost a dog his or her life and other animals and persons injury. Such negative outcomes can easily be avoided with proper knowledge and training – the keys to a long, happy, productive life with your dog.



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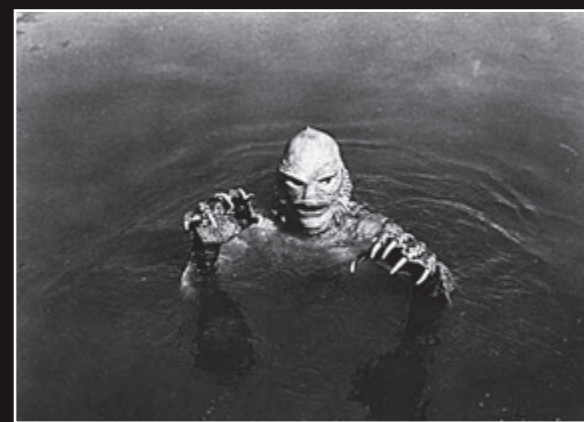
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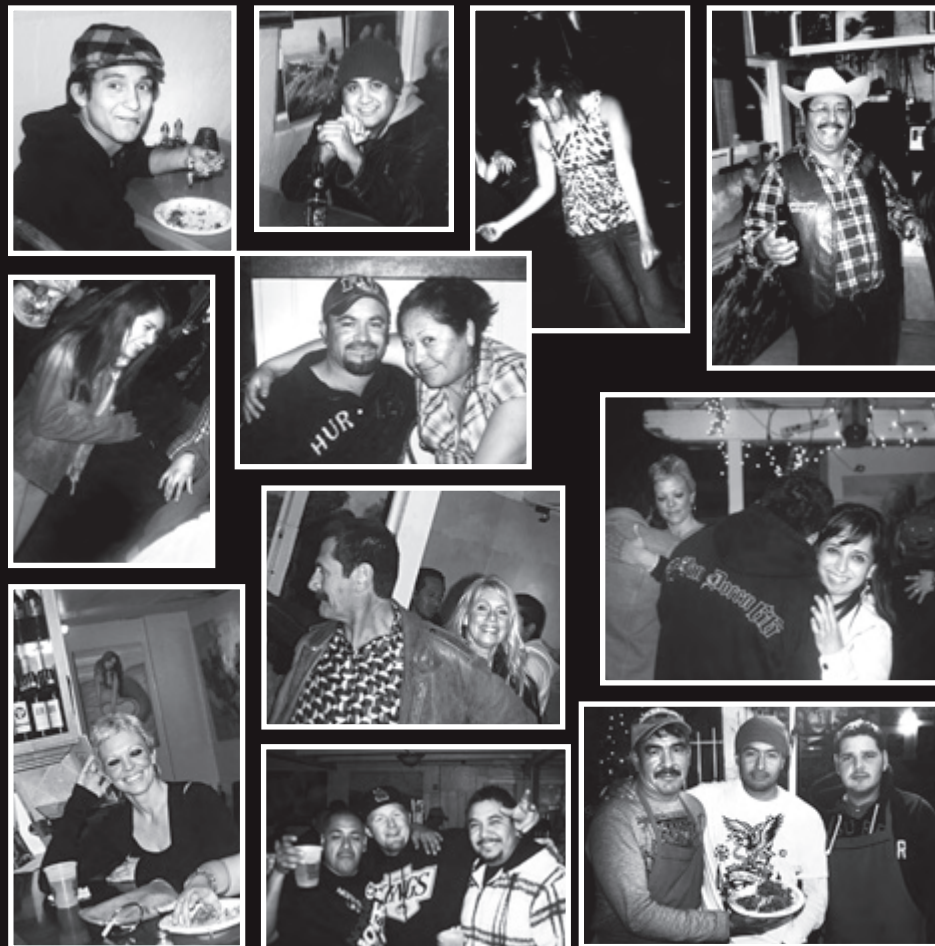
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**C**ésar Chávez long fought for safe working conditions and a fair wage for the Farm Worker with the United Farm Workers (UFW)/AFL-CIO Unions. Massive

agri-business interests still feel his punch!  
Sunday April 1 Celebrate the Life of César Chávez, by helping to mark the 50th Anniversary of the UFW. Celebration begins, 9am, Cristo Rey Church, 531 Cooper Rd., La Colonia/Oxnard. UFW President Arturo Rodriguez is scheduled to speak at 11am. Others scheduled to attend or be honored include community advocate Lupe Aguiar, CSU Channel Islands Professor Frank Barajas, Clinicas del Camino Real, broadcaster David Cruz, Inlakech Cultural Arts Center founder Javier Gomez, Oxnard Harbor District Commissioner Jess Herrera, labor leader and senior citizen advocate Hank Lacayo, De Colores Art Group founder Xavier Montes, the late community advocate Jack Nava and Ventura County Fifth District Supervisor John Zaragoza.  
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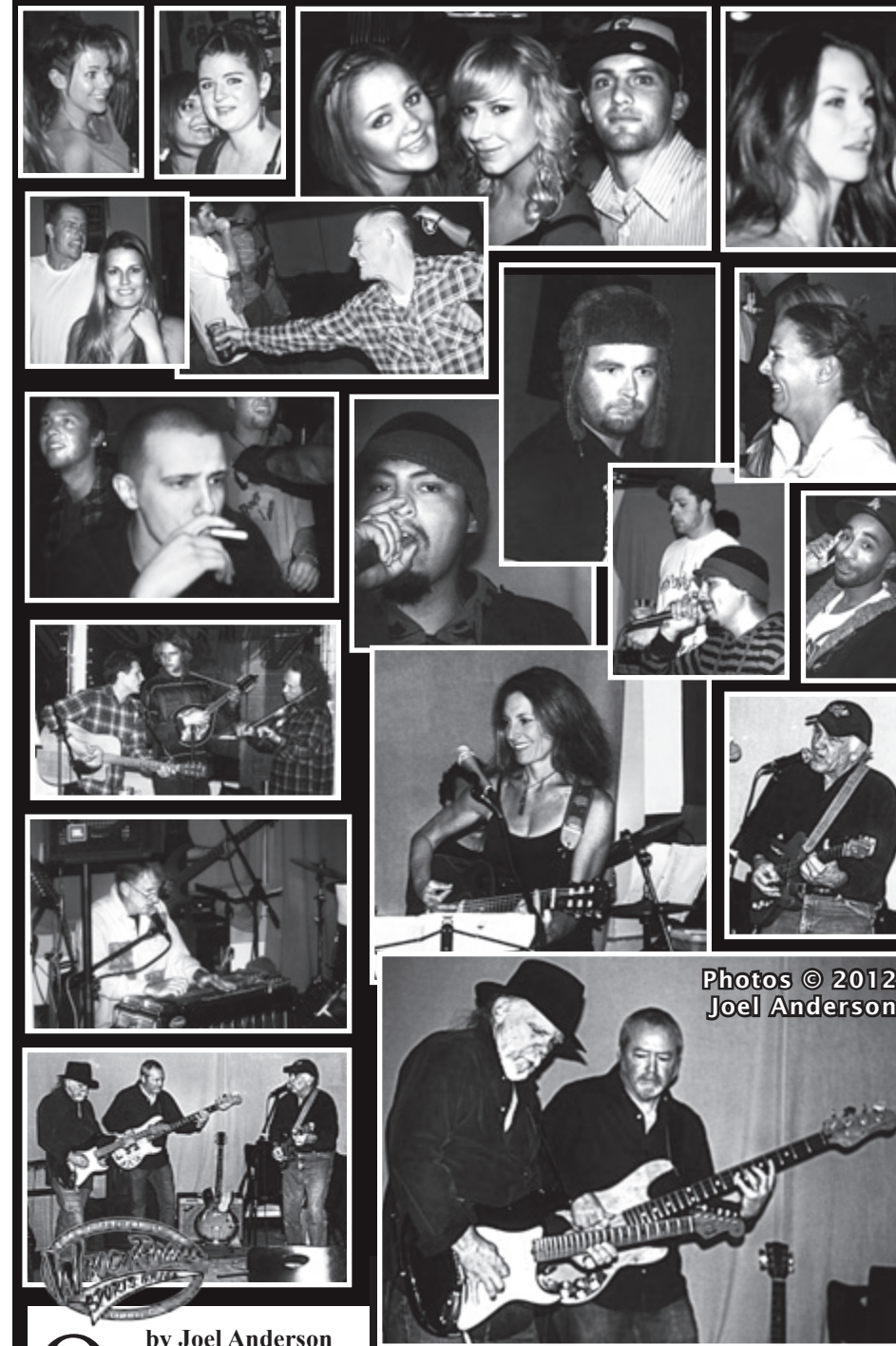
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Cindy Kalmenson's and The Lucky Ducks, feature a very infectious Americana sound that is not to be missed, and particularly suited to "Dinner Out". (more info; www.CindyKalmenson.com)  
Pleasantly surprised I found Steel Guitar virtuoso Bob Jones, Randy Rich- kickin' guitar, backed up by Brad Vance-bass.  
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**M**akin' It Happen at Peabody's/Santa Barbara - with perfect evening weather as a superb backdrop.

As Spring gets started, **The Brian Faith Band (BFB)** and friends put together a nice mid-weeknight session for a delightful dinner and wine crowd in Montecito. The band members, **Ernie Joseph**-lead guitar/vocals, **Cory Orosco**-Keyboards/vocals and **Brian Faith**-sax/vocals reconnected with friends; singer **Ed Langlo**, Drummer **Bob Bowman**, **Jim Haggerty**-singer/songwriter, **Terry**, **Ted**, **Arlie**, and **Trev**.

Manager **Warren Clark**, so cool. Also, Bartender **Jeff** kept the smooth drinks and wine flowing through the evening. And did I mention the food? Great Salad Bar and lunch/dinner menu.

Also in attendance, **John and Grace De Soto** Ferry who discussed their recent fea-

ture length **Rockumentary: "Makin' It - The Band"** which features a unique look at the making of **The Brian Faith Band**. This is a real story with real people, none of the common afflictions most rock bands get bogged down in - drugs and the fast lane, like why would we care?

This talks about the roots and formation of a musical family, also takes us on a trip through the evolution of music itself.

Look for a more exclusive in-depth on this film in the coming issues....

As most locals in the know, and get, **The Brian Faith Band (BFB)** and friends is a real family of musicians, including quite a few great players in their extended family tree.

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