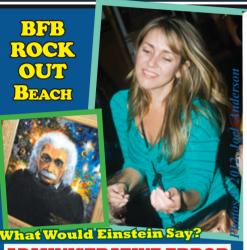
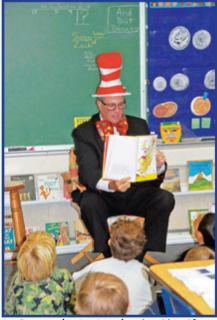
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### Ojai Unified School District (OUSD) Superintendent's **Message To The VIEW**



Dr. Bangser (as Dr. Seuss) makes himself useful in a OUSD elementary classroom.

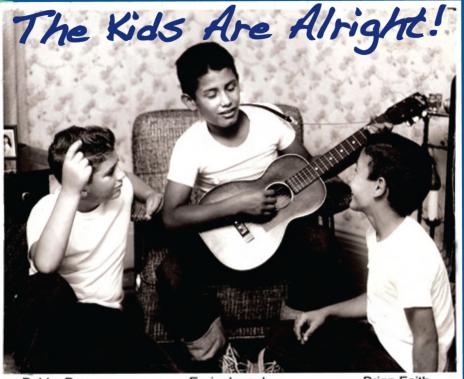
Confirms Chaparral Could be Sold to Shore Up Severe Pension Liability The Cabrillo Connection

PHONE CALL#1 to The VIEW

Wednesday, Apr. 18, 11:06am

"Hi. This is Hank Bangser, the Superintendent of schools of Ojai. I believe we've met, if you're the same person I recall from The VIEW in the last couple of years since I've been here. Um I occasionally pick up your... uh your newspaper and I'm looking now at the March 2012 Issue 44 Page 3.

See Page Two...



Bobby Brown

Ernie Joseph

Brian Faith

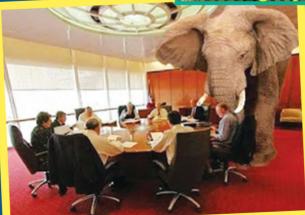


Ojai native and Fulltime Mom, Crystal Magill has to do a lot of things to keep up with her children Lola, 3-years-old, and Skylar, 5. Edison installed a health hazardous "Smart" Meter just above her children's "play" work bench, where they while away the hours of the day. Story, Page Eleven



FOLSOM BLUES





The Elephant in the Closet A Trip Down Memory Lane Sacred Space Studio

Vibrational EFT - Healing RLN's "Two Worlds"

HY HASN'T GIVEN THE OTAL PUBLIC AN ANSWER AFTER ONE YEAR AND 1900 PETITIONS??? **GOLDEN STATE HAS TO GO NO MEETING??? AFTER CASITAS WATER EXHAUSTIVELY SEARCHES** FOR A MEETING PLACE IN THE OJAI VALLEY FOR 9 MONTHS???

### **ACCOUNTABILITY NOW** FROM YOUR ELECTED **OFFICIALS!!! ATTEND** OFFICIAL MEETINGS

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# OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

o this month Ojai will have paid in more to Golden Extortion Water Com- one wants to unload. After all they didn't pany in the last year. After having given a announce to anyone that, if they get the more than 1,900 signatures so that we could have purchased our way out of this me\$\$.

That's right folks **MORE**, not total, MORE. With that kind of money we could have used that extra \$3.5 Million to pay off the WATER BONDS we will need to Rescue us so we can purchase and replace Golden Mi\$take Water.

Whose fault is it that it's taking so much time? Probably no ones. Really? Really. Well reminds me of a story about a gift of an Elephant, valuable----- But they take a lot of care, especially the older ones, just feedin' and maintaining, WHOOO lots of costs, lots of

I can't blame Casitas. If they look at this excess of \$3,500,000 (\$3.5million) as the WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT somepetition (last May) to Casitas Water with Water Co. back from Golden Overcharge Water, Casitas would love to spend A lot

> Ratepayers of OJAI but by the California Public Utilities Commmission (CPUC) system that lets the Retired CEO's of Utility --.(You fill in the blank---

impossible? Criminal?) years, Golden Mi\$\$tate water

### Letter From Michael Lenghan - Michael Lenehan, Ojai

Dear View,

RANGER

I'd just like to send a huge "Atta boy" for your brief *March* 2012 article concerning the bloated, bureaucratic (and some might say corrupt) fied School District (OUSD).

I've been trying to emphasize thes issues since 2007-08

when the OUSD was lead by Tim Baird. Of course I was simply labeled as "anti-education" by the OUSD elitists for my criticism average of 1,000 hours per year to Ojai youth

"Of course the bloated salaries and retirement packages of other **OUSD** administrators cannot be ignored...."

activities, much of that to the school district... all while making about 1/3 of their **OUSD** salary. My wife also volunteered an additional 400 hours per year, almost all of it with the school district.

Everyone who pays taxes in Ojai....and/or anyone who donates money during various school fund-drives needs to be aware that retired superintendent of New Trier Township High School District Hank Bangser, collects a \$261,681 Illinois state pension while making \$170,000 as the current OUSD superintendent. His total annual compensation: \$431,681. And as you mentioned in your article, his daughter stands to make big, big money should the Chaparral School property be sold off to her company, Cabrillo Development.

Of course the bloated salaries and retirement packages of other **OUSD** administrators cannot be ignored, in particular that of the assistant superintender

Unfortunately it appears that with the threat of pink-slips hanging over their heads, the district teachers are fearful of expressing any open criticism of the board.

And much of the public is simply ignorant of the fraud, waste and abuse taking place under their nose while the district cries poor. Michael Lenehan, Ojai

Editor's Note: U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Lenehan, Special Operations, 18th Airborne Corps., is a Iraq War Veteran, having been in the Army since 1982.

- Dick Lynch mess, lots of work, tons of money.

of money, time, effort and risk!
Next month, or so, The

will get Crushed again, not only by Golden \$nake Water, **companies** give rates that are past outrageous and harbor on the near

Casitas doesn't take a rate increase for 3

Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...

### Superintendent "Chicago Hank" Dr. Spin: Cries Foul

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Obviously you have the right to be both sarcastic and humorous, in this case at the expense of school administrators screwing in a light bulb... I'm not commenting on that. I do want to be sure you know however that. the implication that we have 101 administra tors predominantly, and then some support staff. That of course isn't true, and I'm sure you knew that. Now we actually have 16.6 ulltime equivalent administrators, but that's not really why I'm calling

Uh, you seem to be a bit fixated on my daughter working at Cabrillo [Development, Santa Paula]. By the way my name is **Bangser** with an "s"... "s" "e" "r's". She works there part time. She has two children. She is a consultant.... [answering machine times up, limit ends, calls back: PHONE CALL#2 to The VIEW ... Yeah I'll finish up here real quickly. At any case, she works very part time for Cabrillo and does many other things, including being a Mom. But I wanted to be certain that you understood that there is absolutely not one iota of truth that there's any consideration of selling the Chaparral High School to Cabrillo. I'd be beyond shocked if they became a bidder, if we even go to bid. So I think it's incumbent upon you to understand two things. 1. We're very early in the process of even considering having all or part of the land over here uh placed uh before bidders for uh sale or lease. #1 and #2 **Cabrillo** can't possibly have an interest in it here. I'll call ya later on if they do, but just assume they don't and so I don't know what you do about corrections to your comments, but I thought you might want to get that one straight. Thanks.

### PHONE CALL#3 to The VIEW Monday, Apr. 23, 10:00am

Morning, Uh, it's about 10 O'Clock and this is **Hank Bangser**, the **Superintendent** in **Ojai**. Following up real quickly on the message I left you uh a while ago uh, in response to the piece uh that you had in **The VIEW** where you were thinking, suggesting, writing that we would be selling the property to Cabrillo. I left my message regarding that. I don't need to say any more about that, but what I did want to do is to give you the opportunity... and I would enjoy sitting down and talking with you specifically about what has occurred since you wrote that piece and since I responded to it. Uh we did have a board meeting on **April 17th**. We had an extensive

presentation by a real estate attorney with whom we're working... uh perhaps you saw the long article in last weeks Oiai Vallev News about what went on at that meeting Uh, I'd be happy to sit down and give you the information that is pertinent and accurate regarding our consideration, really our analysis of whether selling the property would even be... or leasing the property all or part of it would be a good idea. Uh I hope I've said.. in the message... the first message I left you that I'd be happy to talk with you about what you wrote initially but I certainly want to say that now. So my door is open if you'd like to come in and speak, and my phone number is uh 640-4300, extension 1012. I would look forward to meeting with you if you want to get the information that I have to present to

### - Dr. Hank Bangser, Superintendent The VIEW Responds

you following the board meeting.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The VIEW wholeheartedly apologizes for any administrative typographical errors, or otherwise, which it may have made. However, as originally noted in our March 2012, Issue 44, Page 3, Issue of The VIEW, (SourceD: http://www.localschooldirectory.com/districtschools/5672520/Ojai-Unified-School-District/CA#district\_information@students\_faculty

'Ojai Unified School District, District Information, Faculty and Staff (2009-2010). Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Teachers, 145. Total Administrators & Support Staff, 101." We leave those posted 2010 figures to our illustrious readers to equitably distill. Why hasn't **OUSD** used their now aguired Public Access Channel to broadcast OUSD Board Meetings to the Ojai Citizens?

It is crystal clear, still, to *The VIEW* that more Administrative cuts are necessary and required if real improvements are to be realized. Additionally it is not beyond the realm of concern that **OUSD** would consider selling

off Chanarral High School for a commercial retail venture with Cabrillo Development Corp., considering recent developments. Cabrillo friendly **Dr. Bangser** was conveniently located for OUSD hire by Cabrillo's VP friend, a job/hirin♀ headhunter co. Bangser' predecessor former Superintendent Dr. Tim

Baird (currently with his Accountability? hands full in a lawsuit in San Diego as Superintendent of Encinitas Union School District) had openly courted and advocated just such a venture.



before his sudden surgical removal from Ojai. Bangser was his replacement.



It is *The VIEW's view*, and that of the Ventura County Grand Jury (report begins next page), that public schools here and elsewhere cannot justify current no limit "pay-as-you-go" "substantial unfunded retiree health care benefit liabilities.' There are just too many bean counters in the kitchen and more who are retired and languishing on the sidelines. We also contend that administrative salaries are far beyond the pale, as compared to teachers, who do the real lifting with regard to prep ping our nation's youth for a sound future, within the public (and private) school systems.

Interestingly enough, Dr. Hank Bangser, Ojai Unified School District (OUSD) Superintendent, came to us from the Chicago school system just a couple years ago after he had retired. According to *Chicago Tribune* investigators, who published an article dated Jan. 29, 2011 (http:// articles chicagotribune com/2011-01-29/news/ctmet-superintendent-pensions-20110129 1 pension-rules-public-school-pension-state-pension) "Hank Bangser collects a \$261,681 state pension ıfter retiring as sunerintendent of **New Trier Town**: ship High School District Now he's a full-time superintendent in **Southern California**, earning \$170,000 at a job he'd be barred from in Illinois if he wanted to keep getting retirement checks. His

> annual pension-salary combo: **\$431,681**." Now, it seems, that if one declares "Retirement' in Illinois, then simply skips out of state to start a new career. continuing to receive that substantial retirement pension-sum while working.... this is simply pension abuse. The straigh up thing to do, *The* **VIEW** suggests, would

be to simply inform the New Trier Township High School District of a change in retirement status, and

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Continued From Previous Page... defer pension income checks until such time that a

real retirement date is decided upon. The *Tribune* article points to another half a dozen Illinois School Administrators working the system abuse because our children must pay for our fiscal the same way. According to the *Tribune* article, "Bangser said he moved to California to be closer to his daughter and granddaughter. Although his base salary is \$170,000 at California's Ojai Unified School District northeast of Ven-

tura, Bangser said furlough days this year will reduce that to about \$161,000" Note: A "furlough" is not a pay cut, but only an administrator (temporar-

ily) working less hours for less pay. Just because a loophole exists, DJAI ELEMENTARY which essentially allows for fake re the reality is simply not fair, not ethical, and does not

reflect responsible fiduciary policy, anywhere in any accountant's spreadsheet. In fact, it appears so obviously glaring as one might almost mistaken it for an administrative error. Is this the type of executivework-ethic lesson we should be teaching our small children in schools? No wonder the U.S. can't get on its feet and is sinking deeper!

No wonder the schools are Broke, begging for more and considering selling off valuable historic resources. In Ojai, the property known as **Chaparral** High School, a cherished OUSD/Ojai undeclared historic landmark, was much loved long before the current trends of **OUSD's** *lack of accountability*. The property is now being considered as prime sellable real estate to cover said admin salary/pension unfunded liabilities

One can easily surmise why this true historic 1917 [\*1895 Corrected Online: 5-7-12 - Ed.] Spanish Revival Architect's dream has *not* been designated an officially protected "City of Ojai Historical Landmark." Why indeed? But then, sloppy **OUSD** fiscal miscalculations began long before **Dr. Bangser's** arrival in **Ojai**. Historically designated buildings can <u>not</u> be sold or torn down. So is that why **Ojai's** Historical Preservation Commission has not even suggested historical status for **Chaparral** yet they can get a 3' wall in the Rains parking lot declared a "Historical Landmark"? Something smells like... sell **PUBLIC** schools to pay for pumped up school administration pensions and salaries.

Now, *The VIEW* does not pretend to be versed in solving the United States, the world, or Chicago's substantial public education-money woes, however when is "Retirement" really Retirement? According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "Re•tire•ment" is 1. a: an act of retiring: the state of being retired b: withdrawal from one's position or occupation or from active working life

We, at *The VIEW*, truly feel for **Dr. Bangser's** former employer, that of Chicago's New Trier Township High School District with their also severely unfunded pension liabilities. The Northwest Municipal Conference, a group that oversees changes in local government pension liabilities found that each local government unit in **Illinois** could face a \$900,000 increase (in 2010) to their pension liabilities. Seems like viruses travel. Nothing much has changed in Chicago, or Ojai;

shaky bonds and more taxes try to keep the sick-system fed. Books and pencils are still expensive and we know *New Trier* still struggles, deep and painfully, with funding their schools. Bangser, at Ojai Unified School Disctrict, has less than 3,000 students and makes about 30% more (from OUSD) than his female counterpart that runs 35,000 students in the Oxnard School Disctric (OSD). So, OUSD board members (Rikki Horne, Linda Taylor, etc., who have full on medical coverage by the way, where are vou. Carol Smith?) with administration are trying to change the Zoning on public school lands from "P for public to "C" for Commercial so they can then Sell and pay off the exorbitant salaries and pension benefit liabilities of **OUSD** After the schools are sold then what do they sell? The Ventura Grand Jury said OUSD should be shut down and combined with the **Ventura** district, due to it's serious fiscal abuses

The *Tribune* article concluded, "*Jeremy Gold*, a pension expert and New York-based consulting actuary, called earning multiple government incomes

''indicative of sloppy governance and a cavalier attitude by those 'public servants' who exploit these loopholes selfishly

"Illinois is a poster child for pension abuses," Gold said. "One of my colleagues calls this child irresponsibility.

Perhaps it's time to move over and let someone else drive the **OUSD** wagon? In the 1980s a study found that nearly 50% of

39,500 Chicago's public school students in the freshman class of 1980 failed to graduate — they did not get a diploma. The study stated, this was "a human tragedy of enormous dimensions." According to the study, cited in *Education* Week, Mar. 6, 1985, "These statistics about the class of **1984** reflect

tirements that generate mass waste in pension funds, the destruction of tens of thousands of young lives, year in and year out." The study was conducted by Designs for Change, a nonprofit research and childadvocacy organization in Chicago, "Most of these young people are permanently locked out of our changing economy and have no hope of continuing their education or getting a permanent job with a

Is it any wonder U.S. Public Schools have not been world class since the 1930s?

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– Joel Anderson, editor

# GRAND JURY REPORT



**Final Report** The Half Billion Dollar Elephant in Our Schools' Closets June 11, 2010 A penny saved is a penny earned." **Benjamin Franklin** 

#### <u>Summary</u>

There has been extensive press coverage regarding the magnitude and the problems associated with unfunded pension and health care benefit liabilities at both the state and the local level

The 2009-2010 Ventura County Grand Jury (*Grand Jury*) investigated whether the 20 Ventura County Public School Districts (VCPSD), the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD), and the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) (collectively known as the County School Districts) are in compliance with the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 and determined the extent of their unfunded retiree health care benefit liabilities. [Ref-01 through Ref-07]

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"Don't Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess!" Is Anyone Neurotic Out There?

**Check This Out!** 

(What Happens in Psychotherapy -- Part Two)

my last article I distinguished between real suffering, which is imposed upon us by loss and fateful external events, and neurotic suffering which is 'inauthentic suffering', because we create it ourselves. The good news is, if we create our own suffering and are responsible for our neurotic symptoms of depression, anxiety, loneliness, obsessions etc., we can choose to undo them and heal.

Here's an example. Many people were raised in a household of emotional chaos. At worst, their parents shamed

them or intimidated them, overpowered and controlled them, or rejected and abandoned them, and so forth. In a subtler way, chaos also ensues in a family environment where father or mother were emotionally distant involved only their own self-centered universe or lost in frantic activity, which is the disease of our times. By the way, psychotherapy is not about parent bashing, but it is about having our patients make an accurate and realistic assessment of where they came from. Our parents were wounded too, and they just passed it on, most of the time without conscious intent. The defense against Chaos is Control!

The child tries to control his or her limited universe as much as possible. This makes sense in childhood and is a healthy response to a crazy family situation, but using power and control over others in adulthood leads to neurosis and isolation. So how does the adult neurotic control? There are many ways... i.e. through tyrannical control over others at work or at home, through intimidation and more poisonously through giving guilt, malingering, passiveaggressiveness and other devious manipulations. At bottom, neurosis is an ethical and moral problem. I know, I've been there.

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

In order for the neurotic to heal, he has to cop to being either overtly or covertly tyrannical, to being manipulative and often ruthless. This is a Herculean task because the 'neurotic tyrant' often views himself to be a 'nice guy'. For those brave souls, who can actually cop to their dark side and acknowledge that they're not who they pretend to be, the rewards are awesome. Their neurotic symptoms of depression and anxiety will drop by the wayside. They regain freedom by finally taking responsibility for their lives and lose interest in controlling the lives of others. Our personal strength doesn't come from what I call the 'General Manager of the Universe Complex' nor does our inner authority come from trying to control others and external events.

The brilliant bohemian psychologist Sheldon Kopp had this to say: "Neurosis is continuing to act as if we were coping with the problem of childhood. As grownups the world is not the same as in childhood...Neurosis is a way of

behaving badly without feeling we are to blame."

The art of psychotherapy comes in telling patients painful truths about themselves they don't want to hear. This can only occur when there is trust and caring feelings between doctor and patient, without trust and love nothing happens. Intuition, the doctor sharing his own neurotic detours in life, as well as nighttime dreams can be very helpful. Sometimes only luck or the grace of God can intervene successfully. If we interpret our patient's 'controlling tyrant' too early, they leave therapy pissed off because they are not ready. You can't grow grass by pulling it. If we interpret too late, our patients leave because they don't get better. The old cliche, 'Timing is everything' is especially true in psychotherapy.

Finally, there are two artists who have their own view of treating the neurotic condition. The first is Blues artist, Keb Mo:

"If nobody loves you

And your're feeling like dust on an empty shelf

Just remember you can .... love yourself."

The second one is the soulful German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, "Whatever you want to do or

dream vou can do...begin it!

Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

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

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noticed him limping slowly through the parking lot

with a large rectangular shape protuding from his

pants. They found a 20 inch flat screen TV, remote

Want to try something different in flip-flops? The

feeling of walking barefoot in a grassy field wher-

control, power cords and a bottle of brake fluid in

arrested after he hobbled out of a store. Police

### OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE Sisar Canvon, Ventura River TOWN. I would find it puzzling if of time. Very slight changes in the

Continued From Page 2... blames Casitas for the extra cost of purchased water GSW purchases from Casitas less than they lose through the pipes each year, in excess of 12%. Golden Miscalculate water shows the population of Ojai going up. When is **1,500** less that the **1990** census an increase? They show the total not as it is on the Federal Census, but as they need it to get another outrageous set of rates increased.

You know how one set of Utility Executives treats the other Utility Executives? Look at your water bill and tell me out of Sisar, Hermitage, Siete Robles,



Final Report The Half Billion Dollar Elephant in Our Schools' Closets June 11, 2010 1 penny saved is a penny earned." – **Benjamin Franklin** 

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The **Grand Jury** found that 17 of the 22 school districts in **Ventura** County (County) have UNFUND-ED RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFIT LIABILITIES.



OUSD Elephant in the Board Room!

The five School districts which are fully-funded are:

- Briggs Elementary School District
- Munu Elementary School District
- trict • Santa Clara Elementary School

• Oak Park Unified School Dis-

- District Somis Union Elementary School
- District The Grand Jury found that
- **County School Districts** have: • an estimated total unfunded
- health care benefits liability of \$529,853,272
- · a combined total estimated **Annual Required Contribution** (ARC) of \$44,056,287

The Grand Jury concluded that the *substantial unfunded retiree* health care benefit liabilities, combined with the funding reductions from the **State of California** (*State*), and the steady decline in enrollment over the past five years

Water and Meiners Oaks Water visitors to this town didn't wonder assumptions related to costs and along with Casitas, who is more why all the streets are continually return on investments result in huge than triple in price than all the rest TORN up, water is always runnin, changes in the projected liability. in this valley? The only one that is down the street and asphalt put still Private for Profit

Golden Double - your taxrate hike water company! They are Tri- town is turning **Brown** and why ple the price. They have doubled your rate in the last 8 years and in over this town? THREE years they will be making so much money on this coming rate increase they will have to PAY DOUBLE on their taxes to the **State** and **FED** tax collectors. Wouldn't you like to have your net taxable income double in just THREE years?

Goodbye Ojai, Hello BROWN reate a serious financial dilemma for the County School Districts

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a warning and a call to action.

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bandon heir current pay-as-you go approach and adopt a policy of pre-funding retiree health care ben-

efit plans by establishing an irrevocable trust fund for employees' health

care benefits

• that County School Districts leverage off of the economies of scale by acting as one bargaining all employees.

County taxpayers should consider obligations as a liability on its this financial dilemma as a warning and a call to action. They should demand greater accountability from their school districts and take an active role in overseeing the cost of providing postemploytheir public funds and elected officials.

### **Background**

The **Grand Jury** chose to which these commitments have to investigate whether the County School **Districts** have complied

with the requirements of liabilities was required to be noted GASB Statement 45 (GASB 45) and the extent of their unfunded retiree health care benefit liabilities. governments, including school dis-

Several private industries pension tricts, to begin showing the accrued funds (for example Enron, World- liabilities associated with OPEB Com, Adelphia, and Tyco Interna- on their financial statements, and tional) went bankrupt in the 1990s. This resulted in multibillions of dollars in unfunded liabilities; the Financial Accounting Standards It must be noted that the actu-**Board** (FASB) began requiring pri- arial projections of retiree health

vate sector companies to list pension liabilities in financial reports. [*Ref-08*]

**GASB**, which establishes and improves standards for financial accounting and reporting for state and local government agencies. concluded that many public agencies were facing a similar crisis regarding unfunded retiree health care benefits. **GASB** decided to require local governments to disclose the total cost of compensa-

back as speed bumps or a trench in health care costs, mortality rate, the middle of the street? Why the we have **STOP GSWC** signs all

insurance costs and the demographic Sadly it looks like we are going makeup of the to pounded into the ground on this employees one. This rate increase will really and retirees hurt coming on top of that last Gi- which are ant Rate Increase of just 3 years all subject to ago. Isn't that the same period of change from time that Casitas didn't take ANY year to year. This is why Rate Increase??? Why Raggedy Edge Continued Page 6... GASB 45 re-

tion, including compensation owed every two years for employers with not have a fully-funded health care in the future such as retiree health **OPEB** plans with a total membercare benefits, as an expense on their ship (including employees in active **District (OUSD)** is among them]. annual financial reports. On August service, terminated employees who 2, 2004, GASB issued GASB 45. have accumulated benefits but are • that County School Districts [Ref-09 through Ref-12] Other "County taxpayers should conpostemploy-

ment benefits

hearing, life

insurance,

long-term

long-term

care and

disability, must be recognized (but

vears. Thus, each public agency

must identify and disclose **OPEB** 

financial statements. This liability

must be calculated by an actuary.

GASB 45 provides those who

use government financial reports

with improved information about

ment benefits, the commitments

to these benefits, and to the extent

Prior to this change in account-

ing standards, disclosure of these

only in the footnotes of the annual

audit. **GASB 45** requires all local

whether, and to what extent, prog-

ress is being made in funding the

[Ref-13 through Ref-15]

been funded

#### as health care, of fewer than 200. Methodology

dental, vision, mation from all County School **Districts** regarding the extent of for retirees. When all responses not necessarily funded) as a current were received, the information was cost during the employees working summarized for each district. A was sent to the **County School** unit and select a health care plan for as an expense and, to the extent that Districts requesting that they each they are not pre-funded, list **OPEB** tions which were incorporated. Additionally the **Grand Jury** searches on this topic

**- F-01**. Two important numbers be concerned with are:

• ARC, which represents an amor-

### - F-11. Ojai Unified School District (@3,152 Students – 9 Schools)

• the budget for the current school year is **\$22,700,000** 

• the annual costs associated with benefit costs are highly speculative, especially over a thirty year period and \$338.845 for 38 retirees

benefits costs over the next 30 years are expected to be \$60,000,000 • the retiree health care benefits plan remains open

funded health

It's elementary, my dear Watson

**OJAI ELEMENTARY** 

not vet receiving them, and retired employees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits) of 200 or more, or at least every three years (OPEB), such for plans with a total membership

The **Grand Jury** received inforeach entity's costs and liability in providing benefits and health care copy of the summary information validate the accuracy of the information and make any corrections or adjustments needed to ensure accuracy. The **Grand Jury** received **Districts** with only minor correcconducted internet and newspaper

The factors that actuaries use are

the rate of return on investments,

health care

### that governments have made related **Findings**

- the projected total health care which consists of the ARC and the normal costs for the year
- tized payment that would remain the same for 30 years, after which time amortization payments would

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health care benefits are \$2,789,564 \$2.450.719 for 59 active employees • the projected total health care

• ARC as of June 30, 2009 was \$1,149,918

· the health care benefits plan is not fully funded • the un-

\$7,560,968 [\$7.6 million] - F-28

liability is

care benefits

quires an actuarial valuation at least There are 17 school districts that do benefits plan [Oiai Unified School **- F-29**. Credit rating agencies have stated that they will consider **OPEB** funding status in their evaluations of government financial condition. [Ref-09, Ref-12 through Ref-14, Ref-16

**- F-30.** Included in the required GASB 45 actuarial reports provided by the consultants were the following recommendations:

### [Recommendations]

 that it is necessary or even desirable for an agency to establish a policy of funding exactly the ARC on a cash basis each year

- the agencies adopt a policy of pre-funding their retiree health care plan as soon as possible
- establish an irrevocable trust fund for employee's health care
- **F-31**. Student enrollment in the County as determined by the State through a complicated formula validation from the County School called Average Daily Attendance (ADA) has declined a total of 3,775 students over the past five years: [*Ref-17*, *Ref-18*]
  - **F-32**. Several school districts are accepting out-of-district student transfers in an effort to increase ADA. [Ref-19 through Ref-22] - F-33 On March 22, 2010, the
- California Department of Education benefits costs over the next 30 years placed 126 school districts on a fiscal early warning list, an increase of 17% over last year. [*Ref-23*] **- F-34** According to the State
  - the Santa Paula Elementary School District might not be able to meet its financial obligations over the next few years because of the ongoing budget crises and cuts to education funding. Santa Paula Elementary School District informed the **VCOE** that is was

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#### nvested until paid to retirees. The oay-as-you-go approach has led to the accumulation of the financial liabilities to pay for future retiree health care benefits. (F-02 through

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in fiscal trouble after realizing it

was facing a \$3.2 million short-

fall this fiscal year. The **District** 

has increased class sizes, trimmed

management, and eliminated 31

[Ref-23

teaching and 46 classified positions.

next fiscal warning list will be even

I may retire

longer, possibly adding

Hueneme Elemen-

tary School District

and Rio Elementary

future lists. [Ref-23]

- **F-36**. The contin-

of health care and

to contribute to

the increase in

the size of

School

Districts

unfunded

Since 1999

health insurance

premiums for families rose 131%,

far more than the general rate of in-

flation, which increased 28% over

the same period. Health care costs

will increase 9% in 2010 accord-

ing to Health Care Finance News

[Ref-15, Ref-24 through Ref-26]

- F-37. C. F. Braun states that

sole reason for a financial report

reports are a measuring report of

performance. They must be easy to

is to serve the user. Accounting

read and understand. [Ref-27]

- C-01. County School Dis-

health care benefits obligation

- C-02. County School Dis-

tricts have a substantial unfunded

of \$529,853,272. (F-02 through

tricts have a substantial ARC of

**- C-03**. Failure on the part of the

County School Districts to take

may result in downgrades to their

future borrowing costs resulting in

credit rating, thereby increasing

increased costs to the taxpayers.

- C-04. The County School

**Districts** have been paying for

retiree health care benefits in the

vear the benefits were used by the

retirees This is called the pay-as-

from the prefunding model where

costs are funded in advance during

you-go approach, which differs

employees' working years and

steps to address these liabilities

**Conclusions** 

F-24

\$44,644,058

(*F-02 through F-24*)

liability

the County

health care insurance

can only be expected

ued increase in the cost

**School District** to

C-05 The County School Districts offer varying levels of health care benefits to employees and **F-35**. The **VCOE** anticipates the retirees. They have not joined to-

gether to form a single large bargaining unit. (F-02 through F-24, F-34) - C-06. The County

School District's half billion dollar unfunded liability should no longer be ignored: it will not decrease on its own. (F-30. *F-33 through F-36*)

**C-07**. Based on historical data the cost of health care and health care insurance will continue to outpace typical annual inflation. (F-36)

- C-08. The County School Districts have not been proactive in planning for or

dealing with challenging financial conditions (F-02 through F-24, F-33 through district.

- C-09. There may be unintended consequences as a result of the

choices and decisions made by the the half billion dollars in unfunded health care liabilities. (F-02 solutions to their districts. (Cthrough F-36)

- C-10. The time for the County School Districts to make difficult choices is now. Regardless of the choices, the financial burden rests squarely on the shoulders of the taxpayer. (*F-02 through F-36*)

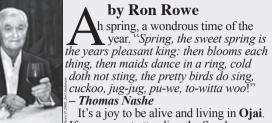
### Recommendations

- R-01 That County School **Districts** adopt a policy of prefund-retirees ing their retiree health care benefits plans by establishing an irrevocable contribution type retiree health trust fund for employees' health care benefits. (C-01 through C-03, ees C-06 through C-07, C-09)

- tricts identify effective cost reductions that will allow the **District** to achieve their respective calculated ARC. (C-02 through C-03, C-06 through C-07, C-09)
- R-03. That County School Dis**tricts** leverage off of the economies of scale by acting as one bargaining Billion Dollar Elephant in Our Schools unit and selecting a health care plan *Closets - June 11, 2010*' Go To *The Ojai* for all employees. (*C-05*, *C-07*)

- R-04. That County School Districts use language in their financial reports so that the average County taxpayer, employee, and retiree can

## Wine And Roses



If you are not attending the Sunday Farmer's veggie market, you are missing the highlight of the week. This is a gathering of **Oiaians** who meet old friends. gossip, chat, find new friends. There is a variety of fresh or-

garden. They are a

motley group of fair-

ies, sea sprites, elves,

gnomes, pixies, water

nymphs and a visiting

leprechaun: who is

lazy and corrupting

the young fairies.

I gave them 10

days to get rid of the

all be on a one-way

trip to Glasgow,

For chili lovers

New Mexico State

University has identi-

fied the worlds hottest

pepper, the Trinidad

a score of hotness it

rates 1.2 million Sco-

with 5,000 for the

Jobs are leaving

U.S. multinational

employment over-

seas by 2.6 million

even as they cut U.S.

**lion** Chief executive

officers at three U.S.

companies earned a

increase from 2010

That amount would

support 103,325

workers earning a

our friends.

medium wage. U.S.

corporations are not

cell phone. Ameri-

cans lost over \$30

phones last year.

industry study an

Eric Lee King

billion worth of cell

According to the new

average consumer lose

their cell phone once

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combined total of \$3.6

billion in 2011, a 23%

companies increased

hottest Jalapeno.

America

ville Units, compared

Scotland

The dreaded gophers are back in my garden. I called a general meeting of the wee folk who live at the bottom of my

understand how tax dollars are being spent and recognize the extent of the district's financial indebtedness (*C-06*, *C-08*)

ganic produce in which to buy.

- R-05 That County School **Districts** place the entire district budget on the district website. (C-06. C-08)

- R-06. That County School Districts schedule sessions to communicate and educate employees, retirees, and parents of students regarding the **OPEB** issue and how this is being addressed by the

(C-01, C-02, C-05 through C-09) - R-07. That the VCOE and the elected officials of the individual districts take a pro-active role in County School Districts to address seeking solutions to the unfunded liability crisis and present these 01through C-09)

- R-08. That the VCOE and the elected officials of the individual districts consider alternatives to resolve this serious financial situation, such as: (*C-01through* (C-09)

 require greater benefit or premium cost sharing from

• implement a new defined care program for new employ-

freeze the employer-provid-- R-02. That County School Dis- ed portion of the retiree health plan at present levels for currently covered active employees.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For More Information on Higher Education and to Read the Entire "Ventura County Grand Jury - 2009 - 2010 - Final Report - The Half and Ventura VIEW ONLINE, below.

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ever you go? Try the Australian-made flip-flops. They have the look and feel of a real grass. \$32 at discovery.com. Everyone is feeling the pinch in these slow economic times, and Queen Elizabeth is no exception. The British government has frozen the royal families stipend, limiting the **Queen** and the **Royals** to

his pants.

**50,000,000** pounds a year. Germany has pushed the U.S. to third place as an investor in clean energy technology by investing \$42 billion last year in renewable energy, The U.S. invested \$34 billion. China, still leading by invest-

ng \$58 billion Speaking of China, Chinese artists are dominating the global art market holding three of the top five auctions last year. Zhang Dagian fetched number one spot with \$50 million in sales, followed by Qi Baish with \$45 million. Andy Warhol came in third.

Office space in Beijing, China cost more than in **New York**. Rents have soared making it the fifth most expensive city in the world followed by gophers or they would London, Tokyo and Moscow.

Chinese legislators make U.S. lawmakers look like paupers. Last year the 78 richest members of the **Chinese** legislator added more to their wealth, **\$11.8 billion**. This was more than the combined net worth of all 535 members of Congress, Pres. **Obama** the entire cabinet and the **Supreme** Court. Our corporate chiefs are a whole different deal - they have the money.

Moruga Scorpion. On When Apple began manufacturing the iPhone, the company estimated that it would take nine months to find **8.700** qualified industrial engineers in the U.S. to oversee assembly line workers. In China it took 15 days.

According to a recent study, men's neckties will soon be a thing of the past, over 45 percent of those polled said they do not think office workers will be wearing neckties in six years.

Are you worried about **Iran** getting the bomb? There are now 20,000, with 550 nuclear warheads and bombs in the world held by nine nations. The U.S. has 8,500 of them. workforces by 2.9 mil-

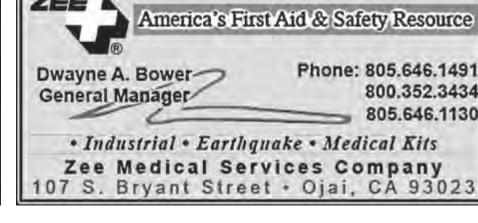
For wine lovers who would like to know about wine *Cor-kz* is the most useful resource for the maiority of wine consumers. Simply scan the name of the wine and the app will call up reviews, provide price comparisons and help you locate other wine stores. Three dollars for Android, two dollars for

According to the **New York Times**, boxed wines have turned the corner. They used to be uniformly bad, now a plastic pouch inside the box keeps air out even after it's been opened. If you are willing to try a boxed wine, here are a few of the best. 2010 maine le Carrington Côtes-du-Rhône \$39 for 3 Litres This was a winemaker's favorite choice fresh and lightly tannic, it comes in a distinctive wooden box. 2009 from the Côtes du Rhône \$37 bright balanced red, a little more straightforward than the Carrington 2010 Cantina Valpatena \$27 boxed whites are often less satisfying than the Reds but this lively nutty wine is a standout, worth a try The sun has set over the vard arm, time to relax and eniov a glass of wine.

Your comments are welcome

Ron Rowe, rhirowe@aol.com





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are the Ratepayers sitting on their hands? Why aren't we filling the Casitas Board Meetings each meeting and calling our representitives each time we get a water bill? Why aren't we attending City Hall like those BAG people or the NO-**LIGHT** People. They are getting changes while you stay at home people are letting

**Golden Sour Grapes Water Company** get the GOLD MINE and you are going to continue to get the SHAFT. Over and over again with each water bill The real winner, APATHY. 2,860

water users, 37 complaints to the California Public Utilities Commmission (CPUC).... not enough for them to mess

case could be made for this claim.

monsters and a lost treasure!

he hates teenagers!

racing about on his farm.

"tronhv

with a few sightings in Ventura.

It is the phantom

of the *Headless* Houseman of

the Oiai. It is the

ghost of a bandit

who raided all

He was so

evil he stopped

and began to

worshiping God

worship Satan as

his personal god

over California

In this lane that winds itself from Oak View

to **Ojai**, there are enough ghosts for episodes

of Ghost Hunters, Paranormal Challenge

and Ghost Adventures with some left over!

Perhaps the best known phantom to wander

Creek Road it that of Char-Man, the burned

resembles a burned skull. They say that if you

stench of burned human flesh! They also say

If some of the stories about this apparition

are true, he has good reason to hold a grudge

on teens. They say that he threw some of them,

and their hot rods, off of his land in 1951. He

didn't like their Rock and Roll music nor their

One of the teens, so it is said, returned that

the main house, and the sleeping farmer was

unable to get out in time and was burned to

death. Now he walks Creek Road looking

for the people who set the fire and ended his

earthly existence. For some reason teenagers

they even play rock and roll music in hopes

that this will cause "Char-Man" to come out

Some young people even tell of seeing the phantom! One **Nordhoff High** student

years ago, was walking on Creek Road and

attacked. It ripped off his Letterman Jacket! Some say the terrible ghost now wears a **Nordhoff High School Jacket** as a sort of

Another well known Creek Road Ghost is

one that traces its roots to the wild and wooly

the whole of the Ojai Valley and Creek Road

days of the Gold Rush. It is said to wander

(By the way, he prefers classic rock).

love to drive Creek Road at night. Sometimes

night and set fire to a shed, the flames reached

figure that stumbles along, with a face that

are unlucky enough to encounter this ghost

you will first smell the sickeningly sweet

Besides that, there are even reports of two

The Mysteries of Creek Road

by Richard Senate

ne say this small

winding thor-

f the most haunted in all

f California. I believe a

oughfare is one

So I guess the rest of the 2,823 users think Golden Shaft Water is providing, Pure quality, clear, sediment free, color free, odor free adequate pressure water for a reasonable cost.... I guess this community is a lot more affluent that I thought? We pay amongst the highest water rates in California and, due to the lack of complaints we must be satisfied satisfied with this? When did the people of Ojai lose their stomach for this? Sad I always thought the people of Oiai would fight to preserve this Jewel..

Well, Finally something has got me for a loss of words. Hello, Is this **Hanson** Well Drillers? Could you come over and start drilling a well, asap? Hang 'em High!

grounds of Villanova School. There, he was

things, so they say, he will come for you! He

rides Satan's own stallion – a huge black horse

named **Brimstone**, that can gallop at "a mile a

headless horseman riding along at the dead of

night. Legend says he rides on the last day of

minute" (Sixty Miles an Hour). Yes, strange

as it seems, people have seen this thing — a

head for a reward.

- Dick Lynch

(Never a good thing). He was

at the great **Oak Tree** on the

chased down and ran to ground

### OIAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS

• Ojai School Board (OUSD)

- Tues, May 8 - 5:30pm

·Historic Preservation **Commission Meeting** Thurs, May 10 - 5pm

Mon. May 21 - 6pm ·Ojai City Council Meeting Tues, May 22 - 7pm ·Casitas Water Board Meeting

Tues, June 5 - 5:30pm

Casitas Water Board Meeting Wed, June 13 - 3pm

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Ojai School Board (OUSD)

### **Baird Been Up to In San Diego?**

gunned down by lawmen who chopped off his s now (as **Superintendent of Encinitas** His ghost was ordered to return to the Earth by his master, El Diablo, to find his head. Encinitas because they won't rezone the Now he rides the **Ojai Valley** and **Creek** Road seeking sinners to take with him back to **Hell** to please his boss. If you have done bad

Monk carrying gold from the Bishop in Santa Barbara. After killing him, the bandit's luck changed — they were caught in a rain storm and flood and washed down the Ventura River into the sea. That's why the **Ghostly** outlaws still guard their treasure — and why it hasn't been found. That is due to a terrible curse upon the gold. It is whispered that anyone who finds the treasure cave will be instantly struck mad and be discovered wandering Creek Road unable to speak! Would you risk your reason for

**Of Note:** These tales and many more will be part of a unique week long class **Mr. Senate** will offer at **The Ignite Creative Learning** Studio, July 23 to 27. The class is titled: Lost Gold Mines, Pirate Treasures, Chinese Rebels and Chumash Folklore. For more information and to enroll see:

www.IgniteCreativeLearning.com

Classes are held in Ojai.

— Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

pension liabilities. City of Encinitas just like Ojai wouldn't do for OUSD.

Histrionics or the Ancient and archaic board members resist? Will the cities evoke gridlock to avoid making any reasonable decision? Has OUSD's Bangser forgot that the Skate Park, he thought had been there only 2 years, not the 14 to come, has First Right of Refusal for Use, or will it be in the cities best interest to put in a mobile home park for the elderly and infirm to allow access to downtown????? Are these school administrators we're talking about or high-powered real estate developers?

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### There are other ghosts as well; a phantom woman in a tattered wedding dress who was murdered by her evil husband on her wed-

ding night, a woman riding a ghost horse, the restless shade of a *Native American*, as well as a new variation on an old yarn, a headless motorcyclist, who rides Creek Road seeking the pick-up truck that forced him off the road and into the wire fence that decapitated him.

Besides ghosts on this road there are two monsters. One is a huge bat that has been seen swooping over cars at late night (in fairness, it might be a California Condor that flew over the vehicles—but if you have ever seen one of those majestic birds up close, it can be scary).

Another monster is that of a huge black dog—a dog almost as big as a Shetland Pony! Like all proper ghost canines, it has eyes that glow like hot coals. One skeptic came face to face with this beast one morning as it jumped on to the hood of her car! The tale is that it was a demon dog sent by a **Chumash Holy Man** to exact revenge on a cruel **Spanish Officer** from the **Old Mission**.

Others link the dog to a **Vampire** legend set in the Ojai Vallev in the late 19th Century. A few people have seen this oversized beast on Creek Road

There is also a story of a lost treasure hidden some where along San Antonio Creek. It was hidden there by outlaws in Gold Rush times. They placed their ill-gotten gains in a hidden cave, after murdering people traveling on Creek Road! There last victim was a Spanish

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Tues, May 8 - 7pm

Ojai Valley Sanitation District

Wed, May 23 - 3pm ·Ojai School Board (OUSD) • Ojai City Council Meeting - Tues, June 12 - 7pm

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·Casitas Water Board Meeting

- Wed, July 11 - 3pm
- Casitas Water Board Meeting

·Ojai Valley Sanitation District Mon, July 30 - 6pm

Tues, Aug. 21 - 5:30pm

## So What Has Former OUSD Super Tim

A Trip Down Memory Lane

ormer OUSD Super, Dr. Tim Baird Union School District) suing that City of school property he wants to sell there. The state changed the proceeds rules until 2014

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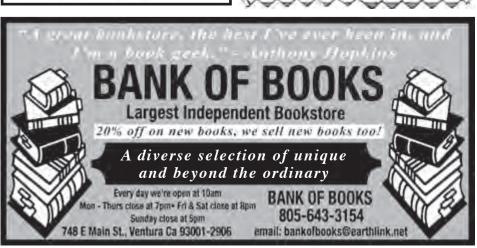
ev for whatever it wants even outrageous administrative salaries and overwrought wouldn't change the zoning for the school Can they move fast enough? Will the

where any school can sell and use the mon-

Stay tuned, for the Lake Ojai-Weslake homeowners radio vignettes of DENIAL.

Ojai never really got behind Preservation - Jeffrey W. SanMarchi, Publisher, Ojai and Ventura VOICE









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### My Path to Citizenship

by Jefferson Pinto hen I first arrived in the U.S., I didn't speak the language. I didn't know who was president. I didn't even know the Constitution existed. I didn't even have functional teeth.

Fortunately, I had a sponsor. We hadn't spoken before, and my sponsor didn't really know me. My sponsor didn't fully understand the full cost of such a sponsorship. What if I were a slow learner or arrived with a horrible disease or defect?

Nevertheless, she accepted the terms of the sponsorship knowing there were no guarantees. My sponsor prepared for my arrival many months in advance to ensure my arrival was a smooth transition.

As my sponsor, she took me into her home where I caused a great disturbance for the existing occupants. I never missed

During my younger years, a day didn't go by where I didn't receive my one-on-one education: how to speak English, manners, and customs, morals, citizenship, etc. Because I was incapable, she made many decisions on my behalf without consulting me, such as diet, clothing, religion, enter-

tainment, education, friends, and even cast her ballot in my best interest. Thanks Mom

Thank you for taking your prenatal vitamins and not smoking when you were pregnant with me. Thanks for forcing me to take piano lessons from the grouchy old lady with rhinestone studded cat glasses. Thanks for taking me to the doctor to get a cast for my broken foot, even though you warned me to stay off the garage roof from which I jumped. Thanks for taking me to the dentist to get crowns over my previously perfect teeth I knocked while riding my bicycle down a steep hill near our home.

But thank you most of all for telling me the truth when I needed to hear it. Thanks for letting me take chances where more than often, I succeeded. And when I failed, vou let me learn from my mistakes and encouraged me to keep trying.

Thank you for teaching me right from wrong and guiding me to become the man I am today. Thank you for giving of your mind, body, and soul without the expectation of anything in return. Thank you for giving me the very best of everything you had.

There's something unique about mother-

By selling us out to financial political contributors, taxing the "tar" out of us all, lowering our standard of living, and requiring mothers to take a job outside their home to make ends meet. By over charging them for maternity clothing. Why is a garment with maybe 10% more material triple the price of non-maternity counterparts? By judging her, if her children don't have perfectly combed hair, straight white teeth, and spotless clothing as portrayed in the television commercials. By overlooking them for a promotion because then can't sustain long out of town business trips or work crazy

Happy Mother's Day
President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed
May 9, 1914, the first Mother's Day. He asked Americans on that day to give a public "thank you" to their mothers and all

Depending on who tabulates the numbers, there are more long distance phone calls on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. That's a tradition worth keeping. By the way, I understand mothers like calls to hear your voice several times throughout the year, with or without a good reason. Text messages or e-mails don't count either. And, by the way happy Mother's Day.

Jefferson Pinto is a retired CPA, and holds

an MBA from one of the finer accredited universities in the country.

hood. In addition to the sleep deprivation, emotional stress, back aches, and distortion on the mother's body, there is a nine month waiting period to psychologically prepare her for the change of a lifetime (hers and

No licenses or contracts are required. She can't be voted in or out of office. There are very few regulations. Those government rules that do exist are at such a low standard that most mothers wouldn't dream of violating them. If motherhood were a corporate job, it would violate occupational safety laws (OSHA) and labor laws (not child birth, the other labor). With poor ergonomics, exposure to biohazards, lack of safety equipment, compensation far less than the federal minimum wage, excessive overtime, workplace harassment from self-absorbed teenagers, no health or retirement benefits, who wouldn't look for a better job? Moth-

#### On the Job Performance

So why do they perform so well on the job under conditions considered intolerable by government standards. Motherhood is the *epitome of agape* (ἀγά $\pi\eta$ ). It is defined as the love that brings forth caring regardless of the circumstance. It is unconditional love.

So how does society thank our Mothers of



The Father of "Two Worlds

## **Prayer Request 5th Marines**

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012 - These young hearts are innocent by birth. Nor could they possibly comprehend the catastrophic politics of our world today with such short lives. The principles of the Patriarchal rule continue to ram steel heads together crashing and killing the joy out of life. And, human beings will never agree at the level of the mind! True freedom requires such sophisticated inner technology that very few acquire or care to know. We live in such a primitive whirl of god forsaken politics fighting and gambling at a crap table! "Slaughterhouse 9"? – Ariel, Ojai

We are asking everyone to say a prayer for "Darkhorse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines and their families. They are fighting it out in Afghanistan & they

4 days. IT WOULD

BE NICE TO SEE the message spread if more could pass it on. Nothing in the media about these guys because no one seems to care: Justin Allen, 23, Brett Linley, 29, Matthew Weikert, 29, Justus Bartett, 27, Dave Santos, 21, Chase Stanley, 21 Jesse Reed, 26, Matthew Johnson, 21, Zachary Fisher, 24, Brandon King, 23, Christopher Goeke, 23, Sheldon Tate, 27. All are Marines that Learn from the Past gave their lives for YOU this week.

Listen to the Present



aturday April 14th was a successful night in art sales over lively conversation wine and hors d'oeuvres at Trowbridge Gallery, Ojai nternational acclaimed artist Robert Lyn Nelson showed his incredible breathtaking art paintings to a friendly group of art lovers.

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Robert is known for his impressive murals, sculptures, landscapes, seascapes, and amazing still ifes. Over the last several years he has also been inspired by The Beatles, interpreting their albums

Nelson was heavily influenced by some of the greatest and well known artists, including Rembrandt, Monet, Salavador Dali, Maxwell Parrish and Andrew Wyeth. His early love of Cubism, in studying the work of creators Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque, greatly influenced Nelson and his work, profoundly apparent to this

A festive night unfolded as intriguing people filtered in and out of **Trowbridge** in a long steady stream all night. Said gallery owner **Dan**-

na Tartaglia, "Trowbridge Gallery was honored to host the incredible Smithsonian Artist Robert Lyn Nelson for a Spring show of his art. Great fun and a great turn out here at the gallery, with old friends and new fans of Robert and his art. A great selection of Robert's original art is on perma-nent exhibit here at **Trowbridge**." Robert was joined by other in-house

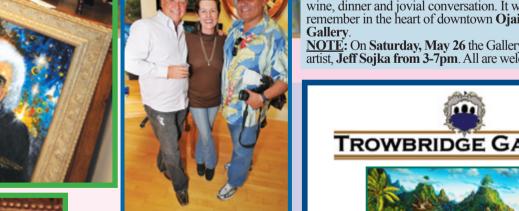
artists and prominent others who stopped by; all from **Ojai**, **Santa** Barbara, Ventura or beyond; sculptors, painters, photographers and friends such as Caren Satterfield, Denise Carbone, Elisabeth McGinn and Jeff Sojka, John Stutz, Ingrid **Boulting**, numerous others. A few artists and patrons also stopped by to meet Robert, some coming from L.A., Temecula, and beyond the

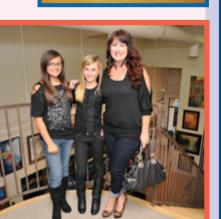
Later Robert said he really enjoyed doing an exhibit in beautiful **Ojai**, "I met some really nice **Ojaians** and I really appreciate them coming over to the gallery" and it did not end there as planned but moved on to El Giardino **Restaurant**, as a large group enjoyed

vine, dinner and jovial conversation. It was a nice time to remember in the heart of downtown Ojai at Trowbridge

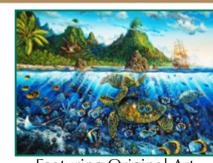
"Great State."

NOTE: On Saturday, May 26 the Gallery is hosting featured artist, Jeff Sojka from 3-7pm. All are welcome.



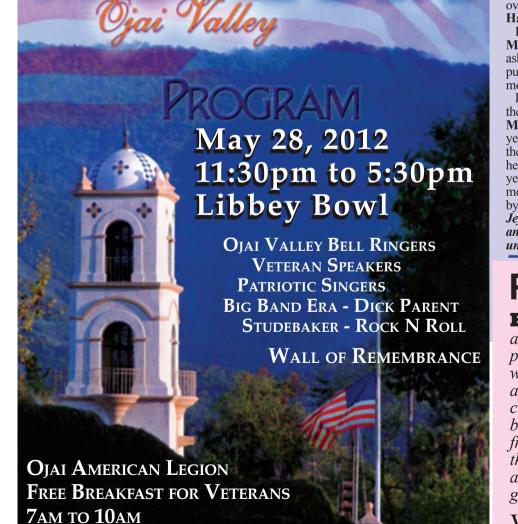






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### THE LEASHES END



**by Ron Rowe** 

ith a slow economy and money tight pet owners spent a record \$50 billion on their pets in 2011. Of that amount, food and veterinary costs took up over 65 percent. Service catering, pet grooming, boarding, pet sitting etc. grew more than any other aspect, surging with an 8% increase from \$3.5 billion in 2010 to \$3.8 billion in 2011.

American Pet Products are predicting 2012 will be another banner year for services, predicting it will grow to an estimated \$4.11 billion. In 2011 pet owners spent \$20 billion on food, \$13.4 billion on veterinary care, \$11.8 billion on supplies and over-the-counter medicines, \$3.5 billion on other services and \$2.5 billion on live animal purchasers.

Pet insurance is also another growing industry topping \$450 million in 2011, with an expected growth to \$500 million in 2012.

A pet dog will walk an average 11,270 niles in an average lifetime. Dogs, who typically live 12 years, will spend one third of their life sleeping, gnawing 1,160 bones and chase cats from their garden 892 times. Dogs will be stroked or groomed for 9,980 times and drink 12,502 bowls of water. A survey also showed that pet owners

are more indulgent than they were 50 years ago.
Every third and first Sat-

urday of every month 10 am to 1 pm at the **Ojai Humane** Society Shelter on Bryant Street, Ojai, veterinarian **Dr. Lewis** conducts low-cost shot clinic for pets. Call 646-2442 A brand new **Best Friends** 

Animal Society opened a new spay/neuter clinic in Los **Angeles**. This will provide shelter for homeless pets from **L.A.** It's a large facility 44,000 square feet, and includes exercise yards, meet and greet gardens, a

veterinarian clinic and a ready to service staff. Promises to be leagues better than most of our public schools.

This is just the beginning for **Best Friends Animal Society**. They are planning on opening no kill shelters all over the U.S.

Did you know over 10 billion chickens

are hatched in the U.S. every year? The vast majority of these, intended for meat, are crowded by the thousands into warehouses. Raised assembly line style, they are barely able to move. Called "broilers", they are bred to grow faster and larger than their ancestors: most can't even walk, hundreds die of heart





Sad but true, every year they die in filthy disease-ridden factory farms before reaching slaughter, weight: just six weeks of age. If you would like to help call Farm Sanctuary at 607-582-2225.

Finally justice. A strict animal code has been passed in **Rhode Island**. Repeat animal abuser **Todd Perkins** became the first person to be sentenced to jail time and banned from owning animals for five years, the dog he neglected is on the mend at the **SPCA** shelter.

Iwo new dog leashes are on the market. A tug preventive dog trainer: this ultra sonic device trains dogs to walk without tugging their owners. The device attaches between the leash and collar and, when the dog tugs, the speaker emits an ultra sonic frequency that dogs find irritating, yet is inaudible to humans. The dog associates the unpleasant sound with pulling on the leash. A four level sound adjustment is available. Cost, \$39.95. Check www.Hammacher.com

Also, *The Unleashed*. A shoelace thin super strong cord retracts into the collar itself, freeing your hands when you let your dog roam, \$33 at www.Myraddog.com. Some cats do have charmed lives. A one-

year-old cat in **Massachusetts** survived a 19 story fall by gliding like a squirrel. Witnesses say the cat landed on her feet in a patch of mulch surrounded by concrete. Animal rescue worker, Mike Brahma said cats have extra fur where their legs join the body, during a long fall they use the flaps of extra fur to spread like a parachute.

A city in Taiwan is offering dog owners who clean up after their pets an incentive: a ticket to a lottery drawing for every bag of dog poop turned in. Prizes include gold ingots worth \$2,200.

The number of pets euthanized in the U.S. has fallen from 20 million in 1972 to million in 2011, even though the number of pets has doubled over that period to 160 million. The biggest explanation is acceptance of spay/neuter programs.

Do politicians respond to voters letters of

protest? Yes, in the U.S. people are writing to · Boards · Wheels · Accessories · Repairs · Sportswear **®BS**× Xojai Skate Park 646.6404 423 East Ojai Ave. #103 - Ojai, California 93023

their congressmen and senators about animal cruelty and circus abuse with positive results. In **Norway** thousands of animal activist wrote in protesting the **Norwegian** government plan to make seal hunting a tourist attraction. The government abandoned the idea after an avalanche of protest letters.

Looking for a good book to read?
Try One at a Time, A Week in an Animal Shelter by Diane Leigh and Marilynne

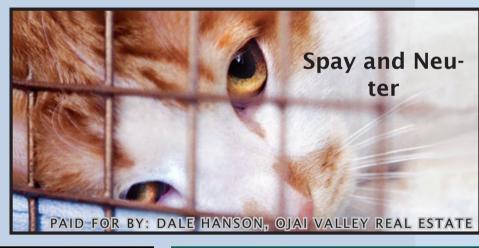
Up to 12 million animals enter animal shelters in the U.S. every year, yet only 2 to 3 million will be adopted. An animal is euthanized every 5 seconds. It's a powerful book with success stories as well.

Peace to all living beings on earth

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















### Ojai Residents Say SoCal **Edison Smart Meters** Causing Health Problems



by Joel Anderson Ojai Edison customers Trinity Alexander and her brother, Eric complain of headaches, dizziness which started within an hour of Edison installing a "Smart" Meter on their home a couple weeks ago.

Trinity already suffers from high blood pressure,

and is on two different medications, while Eric has never experienced headaches.... until the meter was installed. "I got a headache. I had to go lay down, but uh.... Now when I cough my eve hurts, like my blood pressure is... and I've never had high blood pressure......" said Eric. According to Trinity,

Edison showed up and "he said, I'm gonna be turning off your power for just a few minutes... not long.... I said, Oh oh ok. He didn't tell us why? ...just for a few minutes he said.... when he got done I went over there and this machine's in there.... he had left...

days according to Eric and you stand next to it *you* Trinity the dogs had never feel funny, it doesn't feel altered the carpet before. right.... pressure in your head.... right away," she said. Trinity said she was not informed and was unaware she could "Opt Out".

According to Eric, his Obedi-

ence-trained dogs Osa and

Bosco began Pee'ing on the

living room carpet with the

first hour of the Con Edison

radiation meter installation.

The dogs didn't stop for 5-7

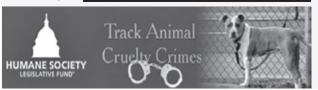
"I had headaches for over a week, a couple weeks since the day they put it in. I didn't know this stuff was going to mess you up in the first place," she said. Eric concluded, "Hopefully we can get to the root of these things. The most amazing part to me is that if I just go stand over there you can feel it, you know that can't be

What I don't understand is why the bill spikes when they put it in?" Apparently the extra dangerous "Electro Magnetic Frequency" (EMF) technology uses more electricity than the old school analog meters, so customers will pay more, one way or the other.

Chances are that children being exposed to the EMF's can be dangerous, according

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to many studies. Ojai resident Crystal Magill is concerned about her kids, "Their toys.... that's where they play.... it (toywork bench) is literally right here, and that's where they play, usually within feet..... It's a passive form of protest against something you don't beleive in, that's being forced upon

For More Detailed. scientific and medical information about the "Not So" Smart Meters,

Crystal Magill, and kids, Lola, 3, and Skylar, just 5.

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### **WHY THE** OJAI ART CENTER CAN K\_SS MY A\_S

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I am not sure we have met. I am going to be brutally honest with you so that you will understand my policy and reticence to run P.R. associated with the Ojai Art

My newspaper, The Ojai and Ventura VIEW, has not received the support etc. in spirit, material or otherwise from the Ojai Art Center with which THE VIEW wholly deserves. In fact, Ojai Art Center Office Manager Teri Mettala has banned it from being distributed in any way there, without sound reason. Mettala said





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several years ago that the reason was that the Art Center Board/or policy did not accept commercial publications displayed/distributed there. This is despite several commercial publications regularly available there (check the rack just outside the double doors and you will usually find several "accepted" commercial publications).

I am not completely sure why this is, however I suspect it has to do with the factual, truthful and real nature of **The VIEW** content. Most people cannot handle the 'truth" in publications, and elsewhere and, I believe, this is in part what is at the core, and of societies current false condition.

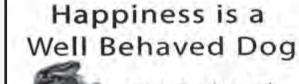
It is unfortunate that the Art Center in fact has a proved double standard, because over the years **The VIEW** (and also in my capacity with **The VOICE** for a majority of its years in publication) has in fact generated high quality stories, photo essays, and "Free" event listings, which t has in fact benefitted (one need only google to see).

It is widely known I have been a great supporter of 'free' volunteer listings, photo essays, stories, etc. ever since I arrived in Ojai in the early 90s. I have donated near endless column inches of expensive "ink" which I pay for out of my own pocket in the checks I write to my printer. I have never asked for sympathy, pity or otherwise from this community, and will not start now as I am a realist. I. in fact have a B.A. in Art myself and so find it disheartening that I am unable to contribute, and that any art community behaves in such a narrow, limiting and exclusive manner

I do wish you good luck with your endeavors. I hope vou understand my position, that my hands have been

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The Mighty Cash Cats continue to spread the gospel of Cash to a varety of age, geographical, and ethnic groups. On April 28, the band played a concert for the students at Thacher School, a private High School in Ojai.

On Sat. May 5, they perform at a theater in Laguna Woods Village, a retirement resort in Laguna Hills – from teens to seniors in one week!

At a recent show at the **Norwood** Library in El Monte, Michael J and Leticia Blumette did a musical workshop for school children from elementary grades to high school!

Also of significance, on April 14, Mi**chael** was asked to be the opening act at the new Folsom Ampitheater. The Mighty Cash Cats played to a standing room only crowd and received several encores. The band got a tour of Folsom Prison, site of Johnny's biggest hit.

Also on the Mighty Cash Cats' calender last month was the San Bernadino **Train Festival** – what could be better than Iohnny Cash and trains plus Folsom! This summer, The Mighty Cash

The live Folsom concert April 14.

Cats shows include the Sonoma County Fair, The Sutter Creek Theater, The Coalinga Horned Toad Festival and Races, The Lab Brewery, and The Isalnd Packers Johnny Cash Cruise. They will be back in Europe next year at Festivals in Ireland and France.

Michael J. Smith started the Mighty Cash Cats in 2006. They are the first group in America to do a Johnny and June Tribute. He started playing Johnny Cash's music in a Ventura-based band called the **Rhythm Rangers** 

He had an inspiration to not only perform the Cash's music, but to tell the stories behind the *Man in* **Black** and his music. As a former teacher, Michael concurrently put

Cash Continued on Page 15...



The Mighty Cash Cats toured Folsom Prison April 14



Nurturing the next generation of Johnny Cash fans at Norwood, Ca. library, Michael J. presents a great educational workshop for kids who love the bouncy beat, the fascination with the trains and storytelling aspect of Cash originals. They're also eager to learn about the Carter family. Rockabilly music. Sun Records. Carl Perkins. Elvis... and how it all evolved out of real country must







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### Ernie's First Guitar

- by Joel Anderson Emie just told me that his first guitar was a Christmas present. He said he remembers tearing open the wrapping just enough to get a glimpse of what was to be his first guitar. Ernie's "Stella" guitar – a Christmas gift. It came from a music store downtown Santa Barbara called "Bennett's Music"

Ernie recalls looking, with his brothers Cory and Brian, at all the musical instruments in the Bennett's Music store window as they passed by on their way home from the movies on **State**. Street Brian remembers that store because it's sunburst color 3/4 scale "Stella" guitar that Ernie still has even today.

So many memories with that guitar. As Ernie said in the recent film documentary, "Makin'it", nis first "performance was singing the Elvis tune

'Hound Dog" at the ntrance of **Brownie's** Market on De La Vina Street in Santa Barbara i

Ernie was shy, but nis classmate and friend Bobby Brown alked Ernie into sing ng in front of the little neighborhood store that was owned by Bobby's parents. Years later

Bobby Brown became Ernie's team mate and All-League Center

the SBHS JV Dons. Bob later coached Varsity Football at San Marcos & SB High schools.

Anyhow, both Bobby Brown and Ernie were only 9-years-old. Maybe **Ernie** was shy, but he sure had that confident Elvis stance when he played. He even had the Elvis leg movements down. And he really belted out that song while strumming that first guitar there in front of **Brownie's**. Emie always got the crowd going even without the help of "The

Soon there were other "Shows" where Ernie did his Elvis impression. Ernie earned even more songs, and got his confidence up too. One neighborhood Halloween party, and before anyone knew it, Ernie was on his way home to get his guitar. Someone snapped a photo of Ernie singing "Hound Dog" with that Elvis stance, white T-shirt and matching white pants. Friends and family were all excited when the shot appeared in a news story the following

day. Hey **Ernie**, where is that photo? It will never be erased from their memories, but it may be one of those lost treasures they will never see again. nis musical journey to the next level. It was a very public performance as a band. Yes, it was a real oand. ..kinda. "Ernie couldn't wait for us to learn to play real instruments", explains Brian so they got a friend, Larry Reed, to play some percussion

Yes, Larry had one of those "junior" drum sets,

and team quarterback Ernie were co-captains with just kept getting bigger and bigger. The businessman that he was, the store owner put out a little container that he called "a tin iar"

you get the money to buy all that?

alleď him "*Big* 

Brother Ernie Joseph". He could sure sing, play the guitar and

The band didn't have a name, but "Big Brother Ernie Joseph" sure had a great idea. And it all started with that Elvis song and Ernie's first guitar. Joel Anderson



Frnie. Sunshine. Lance, and "Stella

and Ernie recruited brother Corv and Brian to where Emie got his first guitar. It was the black and play kazoos. The kazoos were shaped in the form of a saxophone, so it wasn't long before Ernie had an accompanying rhythm and "horn" sections.

They did their very first public performance with Ernie singing and playing his "Stella" guitar. It was during the annual summer celebration of "Old

Spanish Days" in Santa Barbara. The locals call it "Fiesta" They did that first show for Fiesta right here on **State Street** the entrance of an ntique shop, with the vner standing to the side with a big smile on his face as he istened to them play watching them draw a crowd to his store. Ernie was the main attraction, and the crowd of Fiesta

The "tip jar" was a great idea. The boys were sure happy about that. They finally made it home still eating their ice creams that they bought with the tip jar money. Their Mom, Esther Orosco, saw the ice cream and bags of candy and asked, "Where did



smiles when answering, "From our tip jar...We olaved on **State** Street for Fiesta at an antique shop with **Ernie** and his guitar?

get a crowd going. Everybody loved it. The boys all felt it was the start of something good. Those summertime ice creams and candy were great always sharing it all with their friends. And the best part of It was only a matter of months before **Ernie** took it all was that the people who saw them play were

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Groove" & hopefully "Hollywood Cast Party" at

SRS Studios. These tracks will be the finals for a

follow-up CD entitled. "Best of the Brian Faith

Also, singer songwriters Ed Langlo, Jimmy

Haggerty & Jewel's co-writer Denny Auberg

(who wrote the blockbuster surf film **Big Wednes**-

recording and live projects. ICU's Jimmy LeRoy

will be in there too backing them up, and working

day) will be in the studio working on upcoming







Brian hammering down the beat with Johni

Photos © 2012, Joel Anderson

on his new song, "You Get What You Give."

In the near future, Ojai's jammin' James Antunez will be working on a new project also.... BFB was pleased with the great reception @ the Riverside Film Festival for John and Grace Ferry's film on the band, "Makin It." It hit the Big Screen on April 27th! Part of the Film featured Santa Barbara's Brownies Market noted in the story above.

Watch new **BFB YouTube Videos**, produced by Johnny Podz; "Popcorn Double Feature", " Never Knew You," "I Can't Help Being Yours," Stay tuned to *The VIEW*, and Check page 14,

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LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer
•4/May - Fri., O'Leary's Side Bar/6555 Telephone Rd
# 7, Ventura... 644-4619, Action Down, 9pm
•4/May - Fri., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St.,
Ojai... 646-6150, Battle Zone - Rap Off, 8:30pm
•5/May - Sat., Laguna Woods Village, Laguna Woods,
CA... The Mighty Cash Cats, 7pm
•5/May - Sat., Bella Terra Mall, Huntington Beach....
Aduarius. 9pm

Aquarius, 9pm

•5/May - Sat., Conejo Valley Days/1300 East Janss
Road, Thousand Oaks, 495-6471.... Action Down,

6:30pm
 ◆5/May – Sat., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St.,
 Ø Ojai.... 646–6150, Group Therapy (Alternative Rock),
 ■ 8:30pm
 ◆5/May – Sat., Santa Barbara Bowl.... 962–7411,
 ■ Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros/Las Cafeteras,

Agron Embry, 7pm

5/May - Sat., SohO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

65/May - Sat., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,
Val And Her Lovers, Sonsoles Musica, Adrien Vera,

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RocKimera, Ralph Oyaga, Hotel Sleep, Robt. Avolevar
Tara Alouise, Ryan Sy, John Hunter

- 6/May - Sun., Deer Lodge/Ojai.... 646-4256,
Action Down, 11:30am

- 6/May - Sun., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste.

- 205/S.B., 962-7776.... Renegade Stringband

- W/Givers & Takers

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of/May - Sun., The Viper Room/LA...

310/358-1881, Yeah.Ok.Alright, The Show Ponies, Indian School, Firefox, Galen & Compendium, Krista Mone', Kilfire Air, Alicia Broussard,

dium, Krista Mone, Kilfire Air, Aiicia broussara, and Bryan Valko •7/May - Mon., The Creekside//4444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer •7/May - Mon., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, Cluster Pluck (Bluegrass),

8:30pm •7/May - Mon., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/ S.B., 962-7776.... Jazz Jam/Jeff Elliott •7/May - Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,

O'/May - Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,
Cliff Em All, Barbarian Overlords, Devil In Drag, Black
Magic Driver
O'/May - Tues., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St.,
Ojai.... 646-6150, Tom Calzini (Classic Rock), 8:30pm
O'/May - Tues., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,
962-7776... Bradford Shaw, Kathleen Sleck, Kat

Parsons

•8/May – Tues., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,
Elan, Rodsogarden, The Moog, Menage, and The

Laundry Shop

•9/May - Wed., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija
St., Ojai... 646-6150, Andrew Guernsey & Carl Hess (Classic Rock), 8:30pm •9/May - Wed., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

Olymay - Wed., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776.... Benjamin Francis Leftwich w/spec. guest of May - Wed., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, The Spazmatics, Neo Geo, DJ Drea, & Louis Gaston olo/May - Thurs., Monty's Sports Bar/5114 Hollister Ave., Goleta... 683-1003, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer, 7pm olo/May - Thurs., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, 33 North (Classic Rock), 8:30pm olo/May - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez... 800/248-6274, Mariachi Vargas, 8pm olo/May - Thurs., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... Local Rock Showcase: The Portion, Nate Latta, Comfort Machine, St. Anne's Place olo/May - Thurs., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, The FountNhead, Ruby Eyes, The Gallery, and The Cocanuts, Juliet Weybert, Ms Maura & Lynz Floren, and Dani Hagen

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oli/May - Fri., Peabody's/1198 Coast Village Road.,

Montecito... 969-0834, Brian Faith and Friends

oli/May - Fri., Olde Towne Tavern/261 Orange Ave,
Goleta... 967-2403, ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny

•12/Nay - Sat., Soho/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., •12/May - Sat., SOho/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776.... The Tearaways "British Invasion" with Big

in Japan •12/May - Sat., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Josh Madden, Dj Bobby Alt, Logar's Heroe's, and more TBA

•13/May - Sun., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776.... SB Jazz Society Presents: Peter Clark &

962-7776... SB Jazz Society Presents: Peter Clark & Friends, Jessica Fichot

913/May - Sun., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,
Drug The Kids, Raushi, Stamps, In Motion, more TBA

914/May - Mon., The Creekside//4444 Hollister Ave,
Santa Barbara... 964-5118, BFBs Ernie Joseph ICUs

Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

914/May - Mon., The WREC Room/219 E. Matillija St.,
Ojai... 646-6150, Cluster Pluck (Bluegrass), 8:30pm

914/May - Mon., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,
962-7776... Fundraiser for Crohr's & Colitis Walk Feat

14/May - Mon., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... Fundraiser for Crohr's & Colitis Walk feat. Rebecca Chapman & Phoebe Light
14/May - Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, JD Bender, Deacon & The Devil, more TBA
15/May - Tues, The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, Tom Calzini (Classic Rock), 8:30pm
15/May - Tues., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Philm feat. Dave Lombardo (of Slayer), Goldsboro, Its

•15/May - Tues., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776.... Michael & Jessica, Alex Nishi, Conor

•16/<u>May</u> - Wed., **The WREC Room**/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai.... 646-6150, Andrew Guernsey & Carl Hess (Clas-

Ojal.... 646-6150, Anarew Guernsey & Carl Hess (classic Rock), 8:30pm

•16/May - Wed., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

962-7776.... Rusty Lindsey & more TBA

•16/May - Wed., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,
The Spazmatics, Ex-Gentlemen, Billy Boy, and London

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17/May - Thurs., Monty's Sports Bar/5114 Hollister Ave., Goleta... 683-1003, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer, 7pm

17/May - Thurs., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, 33 North (Classic Rock), 8:30pm

17/May - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez....

800/248-6274, Wanda Sykes, 8pm

17/May - Thurs., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

●17/May - Thurs, SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776.... Milo Greene
●17/May - Thurs, The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, King Fantastic Record Rel., El Prez, YP, more TBA
●18/May - Fri., Olde Towne Tavern/261 Orange Ave, Goleta... 967-2403, BFBS Ernie Joseph ICUS Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer
●18/May - Fri., Keynote/10245 Telephone Rd, Ventura, 647-9390.... Action Down, 9pm
●18/May - Fri., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776.... Crane School Event, Benefit for Breast Cancer Fund

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•18/May - Fri., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Sponge (Playing Rotting Pinata In It's Entirety), The Lonely Drunks Club Band, Future Villians, Sidewinders, Vendetta Red

•19/May - Sat., The WREC Room/219

E. Matillja St., Ojai.... 646-6150, Action Down,

9pm •19/May - Sat., The Strawberry Festival/Oxnard... Heart Love Alive, Ioam

•19/May - Sat., SohO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,
962-7776... Grand Lee Phillips (solo acoustic), Cornerstone w/The Limbz

•19/May - Sat., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-

1881, Wayward Sons, Whiskey Fix, Mara & The Big Rockstars, more TBA
 20/May - Sun., The Strawberry Festival/Oxnard..... Action Down @ 12:20pm
 21/May - Mon., The Creekside//4444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara. 964-5118, BFB's Ernie Jocath ICLI's Timmy LePay & Tenny Zimmer.

Ave, Santa Barbara... 964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

•21/May - Mon., The WREC Room/219 E. Matillija St.,

Ojai... 646-6150, Cluster Pluck (Bluegrass), 8:30pm

•20/May - Sun., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

962-7776.... Aha! Teen Breakthrough Performance

•20/May - Sun., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,

Rachel Sierra, Ultra Love, Lumaria, Erick Schackne,

Faith Johnson, Esprit de Corps, Jenska

•21/May - Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,

Coma, Teleskopes, MK4, & Beat Club

•21/May - Mon., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

962-7776.... Clap Your Hands Say Yeah w/ The Darcys

•21/May - Moh., SONO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... Clap Your Hands Say Yeah w/ The Darcys
•22/May - Tues, **The WREC Room**/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, Tom Calzini (Classic Rock), 8:30pm
•22/May - Tues, SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... False Puppet, The Kinds, Little INdian, Indian Trading Furs

Indian Trading Furs
•22/May - Tues., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Mishka & Anuhea, Micah Brown, more TBA

•23/May – Wed., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija
St., Ojai... 646–6150, Andrew Guernsey & Carl Hess

•23/May - Wed., SohO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

962-7776.... Tyrone Wells w/Josh Brooks •23/May – Wed., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, The Spazmatics, The Bad Bad Things, The Dares, and

Fire Tiger
•24/May – Thurs, Monty's Sports Bar/5114 Hollister
Ave., Goleta... 683–1003, **BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's** Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer, 7pm

•24/May - Thurs., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija
St., Ojai... 646-6150, 33 North (Classic Rock), 8:30pm
•24/May - Thurs., Santa Barbara Bowl... 962-7411,

• 24/May - Thurs., Sama Barbara Bowl.... 962-7411, Beck, Devendra Banhard, 7pm • 24/May - Thurs., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Diamond Baby, Franky Perez & The Truth, Jared James Nichols, more TBA • 25/May - Fri., Olde Towne Tavern/261 Orange Ave, Goleta... 967-2403, ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

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 25/May - Fri., GiGiś/2493 Grand Ave., Ventura... 642-2411, Brian Faith Band, 7pm
 25/May - Fri., Capistranoś/2101 Mandalay Beach Rd.,



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Oxnard.... 984–2500, Action Down, 8:30pm •25/May – Fri., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358–1881, Special C, The Originalites, Enternal Mind Control,

•26/May - Sat., 76th Horned Toad Derby, Olsen Park, N. Garfield St., Coalinga, CA... Headliner, The Mighty Cash Cats, Budweiser Stage 8pm
•26/May - Sat., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

962-7776.... Area 51 •26/May - Sat, The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, The Chimpz, 100 Proof, 23 Shades (Feat Aaron Caudra) and DEDVOLT

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•27/May – Sun., Santa Barbara Bowl... 962-7411,
Sugarland, Lauren Alaina, Canaan Smith, 6:30pm

•27/May – Sun., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,
962-7776.... Teka & Rebecca Kleinmann feat. Fabiano

27/May - Sun., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Kyle Hunt & The King Gypsy, Devastating Karate,
Apartment 28, Reggie Ginn, A War Party's Farewell

28/May - Mon., The Creekside/4444 Hollister Ave,
Santa Barbara... 964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's

Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

•28/May - Mon., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija
St., Ojai... 646-6150, Cluster Pluck (Bluegrass),

8:30pm •28/May – Mon., Santa Barbara Bowl.... 962–7411, The Beach Boys – Historic 50th Anniversary Tour, 6pm •28/May – Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358–1881, Voxhaul Broadcast, Wildcat! Wildcat!, LA Font ●29/<u>May</u> – Tues., **The WREC Room**/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai.... 646–6150, Tom Calzini (Classic Rock),

●30/May – Wed., **The WREC Room**/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646–6150, Andrew Guernsey & Carl Hess (Classic Rock), 8:30pm

30/May - Wed., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B. ●30/May - Wed., 30/10/1221 State St., Ste. 203/3.B., 962-7776.... Tommy Alexander & Wm. Vasquez ●30/May - Wed., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, The Spazmatics, Ariana Savalas, Diamonds Under Fire

The Spazmatics, Ariana Savalas, Diamonds Under Fire, & The Laundry Shop

31/May – Thurs., **The WREC Room**/219 E. Matilija

St., Ojai... 646–6150, 33 North (Classic Rock), 8:30pm

•31/May – Thurs., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962–7776.... Ghost Tiger, Omar Velasco, Dante

Elephante

•31/May - Thurs, The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881,
Rakaa & Prevail, more TBA

•1/June - Fri., O'Leary's Side Bar/6555 Telephone Rd
#7, Ventura.... 644-4619, Action Down

•1/June - Fri., Santa Barbara Bowl... 962-7411, KJEE
Summer Round up feat. Silversun Pickups, Garbage,
Naked and Famous, Grouplove, Gardens & Villa, 4pm

•8/June - Fri., SOhO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B.,

Chickenfoot, Black Stone Cherry, 6:30pm •4/June – June., The WREC Room/2!9 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, Cluster Pluck (Bluegrass),

•5/June – Tues., **The WREC Room**/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai.... 646-6150, Tom Calzini (Classic Rock), 8:30pm •6/June – Wed., The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, Andrew Guernsey & Carl Hess

St., Ojai.... 646-6150, Andrew Guernsey & Carl Hess (Classic Rock), 8:30pm

•7/June - Thurs, The WREC Room/219 E. Matilija St., Ojai... 646-6150, 33 North (Classic Rock), 8:30pm

•7/June - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez.... 800/248-6274, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, 8pm

•8/June - Fri., The Keynote/10245 Telephone Rd, Ventura, 647-9390... Action Down, 9pm

•9/June - Sat., The Jester/139 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai... 640-8001, Action Down, 9pm

•10/June - Fri., The Jester/139 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai... 640-8001, Action Down

•14/June - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez.... 800/248-6274, The Fab Four, 8pm

•15/June - Fri., Duarte Concert... The Mighty Cash Cats

Cats

•16/June - Sat., Palms/701 Linden Ave. #1, Carpinteria, 684-3811.... Action Down, 9pm •21/June - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez.... 800/248-6274, Kenny Loggins w/Spec. Guest, Blue

Sky Riders, 8pm
29/June – Fri., Blackbeards/1591 Spinnaker Dr #115, Ventura... 650-7773, Brian Faith Band, 7-11pm
30/June – Sat., Montalvo Square Concert, 1746 S. Victoria Blvd., Ventura, CA.... The Mighty Cash Cats,

6pm •30/June – Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez.... 800/248–6274, Boogie Knights & the Spazmatics,

9pm
•30/June - Sat., Santa Barbara Bowl.... 962-7411, Ben
Harper, Fitz & the Tantrums, 6:30pm
•3/July - Tues., Santa Barbara Bowl... 962-7411, The Dukes of September Rhythm Revue: Donald Fagen, Michael McDonald, Boz Scaggs, 7pm •4/July – Wed., Nordhoff Stadium Fireworks/Ojai...

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Aquarius, 12-3pm •12/July - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez.... 800/248-6274, Happy Together, 8pm •21/July - Sat., Santa Barbara Bowl... 962-7411, An

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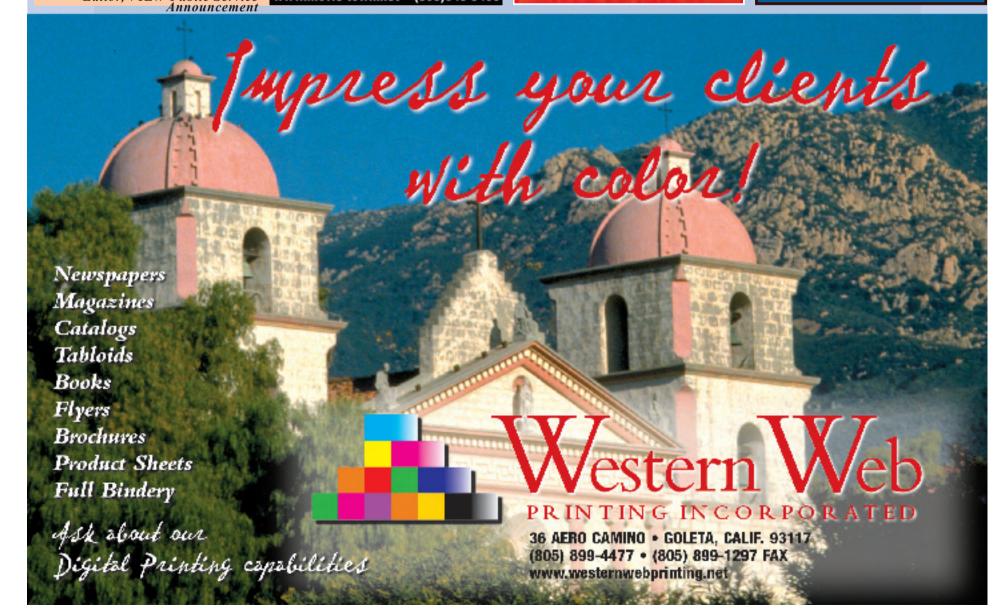
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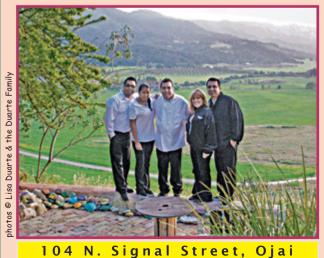












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