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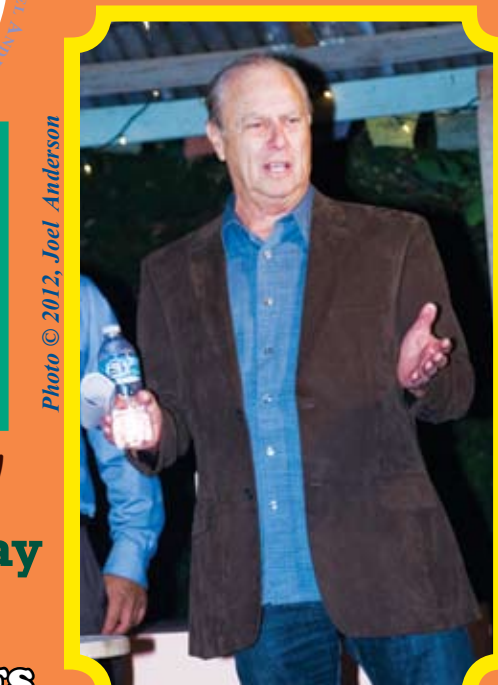
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**Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge**

– Dick Lynch  
 Wot, Hot, Hot. I have my water on the Lawn, but why can't the Ojai Recreation and Parks Dept. stop the water from running into the street every day from Sarzotti Park? The street is *always* a river and the last I heard asphalt and concrete, does not grow. Maybe the city can get R & P paddle boats and charge for river rides.... Anyways, is water FREE for the City??

Why is x-mayor Carol "Let Them Eat Cake" Smith and still current city council member... why is her husband Larry Yuva promoting that Golden Graft Water Co. keep their franchise and continue gouging Ojai Citizens? We know their "family" water bill is paid to Casitas Water.... but Why don't they have the same last name? Is their marriage legit? Why doesn't he sign his wacky Letters to the Editor with the "NOTICE: Larry Yuva is Councilmember Carol Smith's husband"? Why is Larry illegally registered to Vote in both Ojai and also Montana???

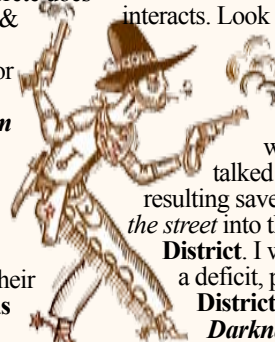
I think I realize why the Ojai Art Center has been having such a difficult time filling their seats in some of their Comedy Stage Productions ~ They Have Competition! After All What Can Beat The Comedy Routine of Councilmember Carol "Let Them Eat

Cake" Smith at each City Council Meeting... What the hay, the Admission is almost FREE.... *the citizens pay the price!!!*

Suza Francina, former mayor, has endorsed Betsy Clapp and Bob Daddi for city council. Is it any wonder? Only Daddi that knows how the Valley Wide Water systems interacts. Look at your water bill, then look at your ballot – enough is enough Elect those who are making a difference.

Anyhow, let's put that water well in Sarzotti they've talked about for years and put the resulting saved money that runs down the street into the BROKE Lighting District. I wonder if the City is running a deficit, purposely in the Lighting District Fund as a way of causing a Darkness Over the Sky when they have to turn out the streetlights because of lack of money. Public Safety will be shot too. Maybe they could shut off the faulty watering system at Sarzotti Park? Resigned P & R Director Dale said months ago the sprinklers were being fixed..... yeah right. With the saved money they could have paid back Paul, owner of the Chevron, for the thousands the City overcharged him in maintenance taxes.

Maybe if we stopped the water from running Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...



**TROY BECKER Response to Golden State Water Co. Hired Gun, Denise Kruger**

– Troy Becker  
 I read senior vice president of regulated utilities for Golden State Water Co. Denise Kruger's editorial this weekend. It brought a vision of the executioner hovering the blade above the revolutionary's neck – and the executioner says, "Wait a minute, this is going to get better, just give me a sec."  
**Quality Service**  
 Golden State contends it, "takes great pride in the quality and reliability of our service." Yet, how would anyone know when they are not conducting customer surveys as required by California law?

Last I checked their water system broke in Ojai over 80 times in at least one recent year. Of course, who knows the actual number as no one is reliably capturing the numbers – do they count the times Ojai Resident Jon Whaley has sought assistance with water pressure as one or twenty complaints?  
 Golden States has poor water service and had their rates reduced because of their poor service.  
 We deserve fairness in rate increases, not GSWC investor needs for Rate of Increase (ROI).  
 Kruger claims their own "rates requests

**Lower Water Rates**  
**Protect Our Basin**

Our beautiful valley has been struggling with water management issues, shortages and rate hikes. It's time we make some changes and take charge.

**ELECT TROY BECKER**

Candidate, District 5 Director of the Casitas Municipal Water District

Ojai Planning Commissioner  
 Owner, Ojai Pool Store

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and risk of rate increases are better than a fixed property tax increase." Really? – Let's look at the **Historical Rate Increases in Claremont, CA., under Golden State Water Company (GSWC).**

- 1996 sought an increase of 56 percent in rates, was given by the PUC an increase of 12 percent
- 1999 sought an increase of 19.37 percent in rates, was given by the PUC an increase of 10 percent
- 2002 sought an increase of 43.84 percent in rates, was given by the PUC an increase of 18.16 percent
- 2005 sought an increase of 27.24 percent in rates, was given by the PUC an increase of 11.54 percent
- 2008 sought an increase of 37 percent in rates, was given by the PUC an increase of 20 percent
- They are seeking 25.54 percent in 2013. So are we supposed to believe compounding 14 percent over five years is somehow better than a fixed rate and locally owned water? Give me a break.

Ojai FLOW states this amount or the cost of the water company will not exceed \$33 million, and they are correct; FLOW has done their homework – FLOW's estimate is based on the Federal, State, California Public Utilities and the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission reports that Golden State's Water Self Reports on their annual Tax report. If GSWC thinks or says otherwise - they must be manipulating or falsifying their tax reports. Is this done to avoid paying their taxes?

GSWC argues the cost to fight this battle is too costly for customers and that there is some unknown liability we are all going to be saddled with.... Didn't we (the City of Ojai) sell the water delivery system franchise to GSWC on May 8th 1967 for a simple 2% of revenues? Wow, sounds like GSWC doesn't want us to buy their cash cow. This same agreement also gives us the right to take back this system as the Agreement term is 'indeterminate'.

Kruger warns us to not be foolish like Felton.

Kruger contends Ojai is just like Felton, CA and other towns that have private water purveyors; Kruger says Felton overpaid and so will we (thank you Ms. Kruger).

In the Felton case (the city of Felton forced the private water co., to sell their water delivery system back to the citizens) a jury was impeached, to decide the private water company's value; 4 days from trial and the private water co. rejected the jury method and settled for 35 percent of what they contended it was worth. Why, because juries see right through a lie.

In the Felton case: GSWC contends the citizens paid 5.7 times more than Felton's initial estimates of the value of the water delivery system. Kruger/GSWC did not explain that the purchase price included 250 acres of Redwood Forest, which accounted for the difference in purchase price.

ARE WE COMPARING apples to apples? (Please don't mislead us Kruger) Golden state water takes a rate increase EVERY YEAR and gets to add new charges for past years.

GSWC: "Casitas has stated unequivocally that they will not expose their existing customers to any costs associated with the takeover. Therefore, current Golden State customers will bear the full cost of

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**ELECT BOB DADDI OJAI CITY COUNCIL Tues. Nov. 3 VOTE**

- Bob thinks all studies should be limited to Ojai. Comparing to other cities is a waste of money.
- There is only one Ojai.

• Bob thinks all residents complaints should be in writing

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a takeover as well as all ongoing costs to receive service."

GSWC customers pay the ongoing cost of overcharging now, why did GSWC have to refund \$12,000,000 because of fraudulent overcharges?... why did the CPUC fine GSWC? Was it because of GSWC's, "Best Practices"? Really, a 12 million dollar penalty for doing a good job?

much lower than GSWC's rate. GSWC says, "We believe that a transparent process will illustrate the facts and that customers will recognize that a takeover will increase water costs without providing certainty of long-term rates or service levels."

GSWC is not stupid – they are playing our fears. The only fear we have is that we are going to lose our homes our livelihoods and our valley to a Corporate Bully. Troy Becker, Owner of Ojai Pool Store, is a City of Ojai Planning Commissioner and is running for Casitas Municipal Water District #5

WHEN the takeover is successful, we will bear the full cost and own the system. It will cost more if we do nothing, GSWC takes an average 7.9 percent rate increase every year plus adds prior year costs, and Casitas took nothing for 3 years, then a 3 percent increase. This is nothing compared to 7.9 percent each and every year. Look at the Claremont example: at this rate in ten years they will own our town. GSWC is trying to divide and conquer. GSWC: "Currently, 70 percent of Ojai customers have a 5/8 inch meter, with an average monthly usage of approximately 9,000 gallons at a cost of approximately \$73. There are no additional charges for site visits, calls to the customer service center or rapid response in emergencies." Really, do you know anyone paying \$73 per month for water. Did they forget the meter charge in that figure? Ask anyone. I know of people that live here only 6 months a year and pay greater than \$73 per month when the water is turned off. Wait until they get their rate increase in Jan 2013 that will really bite you again this year and every year.

**"Look to Cole's Legacy When Hiring a Successor"**

**R.ELLIS SMITH**



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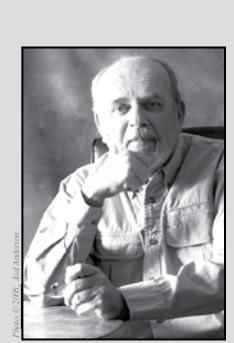
This is the title of the "Rose Colored" article penned by none other than a former Mayor of Ventura, Mr. Bill "Jam um in Tight" Fulton. His first notation is that he pegged Rick Cole as a person who had truly embraced Ventura as his own simply because he met a friend for breakfast. It seems it really doesn't take much to give Mr. Fulton that "Good ol' timey Feeling".

Rick came to Ventura in 2004 and the first thing on his mind was to convince the gullible Gang in the Ivory Tower, (Ventura City Council) to loan him, interest free, almost \$400,000 because he couldn't afford to buy a home himself. Even though he had been in positions in other cities making well over \$100,000 per year he just wasn't able to put enough away to afford to buy a home without a loan of our tax money. Plus now that he is gone he is still being paid his full salary plus benefits until the end of the year, and doesn't have to repay the Tax Money Loan until 2016.

In the time Rick Cole was city manager he managed to alienate 50 percent of the employees of the Ivory Tower and the rest simply avoided eye contact with him. One of his finest moments besides tossing mil-

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



**Can You Forgive Yourself ? Can You Forgive Others ?**

Let's just hope the old saying 'the darkest hour is before dawn' is true, because 2012 has been a very dark year. What on earth is going on in our present day culture? Our outgoing administration, who suffered from the disease of conceit, has left a hell of a mess behind. Poverty, homelessness, anxiety and fear are all around us. Sometimes it feels like the powers of destruction and creation are in a raging life and death struggle. Where there is light, there is shadow. Progress has brought us the healing power of penicillin and the light bulb, but also the abyss of Hiroshima.

Here are some questions for 2012. How much of our gross, excessive consumption is based on environmental degradations and destruction? How much are we, here in the west, beneficiaries of the exploitation of others on different continents? How much time do we spend watching television, shopping, desperately trying to make money, or trying to get laid...? Or all four? Are we going ninety miles an hour down a dead end street? How much have we traded in our daily creativity and joyfulness for social approval, economic success and buying things? Readers will have to answer these questions for themselves.

How do we heal our planet and ourselves? Several decades ago, a major conference was held in Dallas, I believe. The topic was 'Evil in the World'. A lot of big guns from science, government, literature, Nobel laureates, medical doctors etc. showed up with all their theories regarding evil. When it was Maya Angelou's turn to speak, she got up and said something like, 'We can't talk about evil in the world unless we talk about the evil inside all of us.... right here in this room.' Wow! Bingo ! What courage ! This concurs with Carl Jung, who, at the end of his life, was asked what his hope was for our planet and his answer was, 'There is only hope if enough individuals do the inner shadow work !' What is shadow work? It is living the examined inner life. It is the courageous acknowledgement that yes I can be greedy, selfish, cold, cowardly, cruel and yes...evil ! This has been the content of many of my articles, as those readers that have hung in there with me over the years, know.

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Therefore, it appears that we cannot really heal the planet unless we heal ourselves. Likewise, we can't love someone else unless we love ourselves. How? Here are some hints from Jungian psychology and Native American Toltec traditions I have gotten from James Hollis, Ph.D. and Don Miguel Ruiz.

Living the examined life, we explore the depths of our souls, both light and dark. It appears that if we don't go willingly into the shadow, eventually we will be dragged down via depression, anxiety, loneliness, illness, etc. Whatever we are not willing to face in ourselves will eventually hit us like a Mack truck. For myself, I know I've been lied to and I lied, I've been cheated and I've cheated, I've been betrayed and I've betrayed, I've been the recipient of cruelty and I've been cruel. The first step towards healing is to look in the mirror and stare at the naked TRUTH. Not what I want to be to others, but who I truly am...warts and all. Truth is painful, but it is the primary medicine. In my work, I know that eventually I have to tell my patients the truth, but truth has to be anchored in compassion, tolerance and love ! The art of psychotherapy, as I know it, is speaking the truth at the right time.

After becoming conscious of the truth and the dark within us, comes the next step in our healing, namely forgiving others and ourselves. If we do not forgive ourselves and others, we will feel sick and poison ourselves with smoldering resentment, hate, jealousy, envy, revenge etc. Forgiveness is an act of self-love. Just maybe, the healing of our planet begins with healing ourselves. If I know I have a dark side within, I can be much more tolerant and empathic of others who have a dark side also. I do believe life can change if I forgive others and myself. So here is the process we talked about. First, we honestly and courageously face the truth about ourselves, including our darkness, with this acceptance of self in its totality comes self-love and forgiveness and love for others. Truth, forgiveness and love of self and others can heal our planet. Love always accelerates healing.

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

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# OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

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ning into the street we could power wash the sidewalks from Signal to Montgomery Streets, filthy. My boots are sticking to the crud.

Flash... Meiners Oaks Water Co. has been purchasing water since Sept 4. Ventura River Water will or has now started purchasing water. Both water companies have wells sucking air and the well recovery is not able to supply current needs. Casitas Water is and will be supplying water for the rest of the season. Casitas is at 72 percent capacity. Inside info. is that the water bill from Topa Topa School was \$26,000, for a single Two month bill. Is it true that Golden State Water is actually giving away 2 million gallons of water from the new East End well?

Maybe.... if the water stopped running down the street we could spend some of that savings in properly maintaining Libbey Bowl. The Foundation could keep ALL of the Ticket money to develop Libbey into a self-sustaining facility, get some proper in house stage lighting and sound equipment installed. The way it is now Libbey renters have to come up with a ton of costs and many have instead walked on the deal this year, including at least one prominent Hollywood Ojai Film Festival producer. Last I heard, Libbey is still a Public Park and so costs need to be reasonable, not outrageous and set up just to bail out a fiscally irresponsible government and its wicked ways.

Dave Mason concert, great show and reasonably priced too! That reminds me. Parade Artists' Bill Monot.... Thanks for your extraordinary efforts in putting on what is only a start to fulfilling Libbey Bowl's true potential. Good entertainment, reasonable prices and a place to gather and see friends.

By the way, I sure hope Ojai Day comes off well. Let's get this straight, the Recreation and Parks Dept. had \$17,000 in their budget to help fund Ojai Day but they didn't want to put it on because the director thought she was being picked on??? Picked on??? This can't be the same, (minus one now resigned director) group that wants to run Libbey Bowl? This can't be the same group that wanted to put in a water well at Sarzotti Park... well well... we're still waiting.

I was probably misinformed when I was told the Park and Rec. Assistant lives in Long Beach.... I probably got that wrong... uh huh. Do we have a rule that if you work for the City you can't live here??? That can't be right. I always thought that it was the other way around. How many department heads do live here, ANY?

Open season on Ojai pedestrians again. Those little Green signs placed in the middle of Ojai Ave. are gone.... sure was safe in the cross walk for a time. At least the slow walkers had a chance to make it all the way across before traffic tried to run 'em down. I guess now they'll go back to getting their exercise dodging racing motorists.... Sasha, do we have any safe Crosswalks or will the sidewalks instead be littered with burial crosses?

I hear we have "Greg the Grant Writer" and he is doing a bang up job. What we need are some Flashing Safety Lights at Ojai Ave. and Canada, Ventura, the Arcade and Montgomery, both cross walks. That should make it safe in the early evening when the sunset blinds drivers' eyes to folks out for a stroll. Otherwise the only flashing lights are going to be from the ambulances carting off the bodies....

We could also use safety Flashing lights at Park Rd. or just have the Sheriff stop, hang out eatin' their donuts and having their chats.... they could write up a couple dozen tickets a day while cars go Blasting past skipping Pedestrians trying to avoid being hit. Yep, get the Sheriffs a table at the Thai

place.... they can survey just how many cars refuse to yield to Seniors and Kids with young Moms pushing strollers.... kind of a field target practice survey.

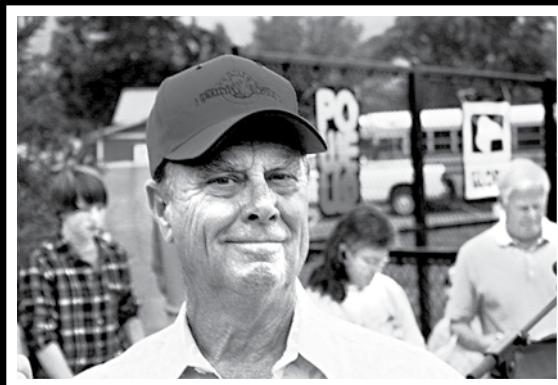
What was that housing thing at the Ojai Valley Inn all about? I thought they signed their name to that agreement back in 2005. This was long before newly indoctrinated Ojai City Manager Rob Clark knew Ojai even existed and how to kiss the Inn's gilded arse.... The Inn voraciously inked the Contract and quickly grabbed their end of the deal, their mega-cash 5 star remodel; their obligation to the city and people of Ojai was to be completed back in 2010. They failed.

Why give the Inn a bad time now! Don't they pay the City the most in taxes?? Seven years ago the contract was inked..... in 2005 that is.... I guess, I can't say at a Glacial pace, even a Glacial pace is faster than our Council and especially our slow/fast-to-learn staff.

With the pace the Ojai City Council is keeping, and the fact that the Residents voted to add 50 Senior Housing units, was that 3 or 4 elections ago if you count this one?

It felt like 2007 or 08 again. I was parked and a Bus came wizen' by, forgot what it was like turning into the Skate parking lot, almost took out my car and six others. Last thing we need is a careening bus driver who decides to take his bus skateboarding. About time.... what were we thinking? What a giant imposition and a short sighted effort by our now fired Public Works Director, Mike Culver. The operative word here is FIRED.

Sea Fresh sure did a bang up job after years of trying to get past our slow-asmolassas Building Department and our Planning Commissioner stalemates. I wonder why the city doesn't help people fix things up? Wouldn't it be a lot nicer around here? I just don't understand why they got on Sea Fresh for having too many plants? Can we really have too many plants in Ojai? Guess their plans exceeded the 5 quart per month water allowance. But then again hundreds of thousands of gallons of water runoff from Sarzotti Park into Park Street. Where is the Planning Commission concern about that? Not to mention GSWC's continued mismanagement



## VOTE FOR BOB DADDI Ojai City Council Member Wants to RESTORE Ojai Not "NO-OJAI"

- Bob wants the city to expedite all permits and lower fees
- Bob thinks all studies should be limited to Ojai, comparing to other cities is a waste of money, there is only one Ojai.
- Bob think all residents complaints should be in writing.
- Bob wants to change the city attitude to treating the residents like customers, not like the fuller brush man.

# Wine And Roses



by Ron Rowe

It has been raining, softly and silently, a benevolent rain, and the large red blossoms of the almonds, and the buds of the lilac, and the branches of the firs are all delicate day dew, glittering and glancing and shaking off showers of jewels into the moistened ground." — John Ruskin, Mar. 25, 1836

No, it didn't rain in Ojai but I thought the words of Ruskin would be pleasant to read in this over 90° heat. At least we are not in the North Pole, which receives no sunshine at all for 186 days. If you feel stressed out on these days researchers advise a trip to the beach, a glimpse of the ocean, or walk in the park to allay the pressures of stressed out people.

Stress affects over 45 percent of city dwellers. Getting up early and commuting to work are the main causes. Only 18 percent of country dwellers suffer daily stress.

The trip to the country is the best stress buster remedy, winning 51 percent of the researchers wrote, while 15 percent preferred green in politics and birdsongs. The study showed that the average city dweller has only about five minutes of absolute silence in a 75 day period. A quarter of those people interviewed had not experienced silence for more than six months. They should heed the words of Henry Beston: "Touch the earth, love the earth, honour the earth, her plains, her valleys, her hills, and her seas; rest your spirit in her solitary places."

Did you know more elderly women are going topless? Yes, elderly ladies are buying more convertible cars according to an insurance company. This was based on a survey of 1 million customers. So it is true..... the oldie but goodie set are going topless.

Speaking of elderly ladies. A 65-year-old grandmother, Renate Dole, announced her plans to retire as a street walking prostitute. She still services eight clients a night but she claims she wants to spend more time with her husband and grandchildren.

Artists never cease to amaze me. British

Artist Sally Madge teamed up with her pet gerbil to create her latest work. An exhibition called *The Gerbil Guide To The Galaxy*, at the Newcastle Way Good Gallery. On display are all the remnants of a 72-year-old box, an empty cage, and a nest of book fragments, plus a video webcast of the gerbil eating the book.

At a South London gallery, Artist Mark McGowan was going to leave a water faucet running in the kitchen sink for a year in his creation, called *A Running Faucet*. After complaints from the water company he stopped his exhibition after 11 months, after using over 800,000 litres of water (844 gals.)

In Vienna, the prestigious Leopold Museum had a free entrance day to their exhibit of erotic art from 1990 entitled, *The Naked Truth*, the only catch one had to enter the museum naked. Director Elizabeth Leopold said, "We find a naked body every bit as beautiful as a clothed one, we stand for the truth."

Ladies rejoice. Your long long waiting lines to use the powder rooms will soon be a thing of the past. No longer will you enviously watch the men who seldom have lines to stand in. A Dutch designer Marian Loth has invented the first women's urinal known as, *Ladyppee*. It comprises of a low ceramic bowl fitted to the wall. The Dutch manufacturer, Spinx, predicts that all women's urinals will soon feature an open row of its urinals, with no lockable doors needed.

In order for the U.S. to meet its target of pulling out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014, a standard shipping container containing military equipment would have to leave the country every seven minutes, 24 hours a day for seven days a week for the next two years.

Foreign buyers spent \$86 billion buying up U.S. homes last year, up 25 percent from 2010. Foreign home sales in Florida, California, Texas and Florida account for over half the sales made. China, Mexico, India, and the U.K. made up 60 percent of those purchases.

You may want to be loved, but Olga Carlson of Ohio throws herself at cars driven by men. She has caused 12 accidents and

ended up in hospital each time, she told police, I thought one of the men would feel sorry for me and marry me.

An Olympic "Gold" Medal is just 1.34 percent gold. At current prices, a single, solid gold medal would cost about \$25,000 to make, with a total bill of \$40 million. The last time the Olympics had solid gold medals made out of pure gold was at the 1912 Olympics, Stockholm, Sweden.

As drought continues to ravage the nation, an increasing number of homeowners are having their lawns painted green. Lawn painting has long been popular in desert states, but it is now spreading. Terry Primo of Staten Island said, "It looks just like a spring lawn after the rain."

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Wine and Roses, Continued on page 6...

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October 2012

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• Oct. thru Dec. - TROWBRIDGE GALLERY/OJAI, Ongoing Artist Exhibitions, Whitney Brooks Abbot, Steve Curry, Steve Eddy, Erin Dertner, Michael Enriquez, Gail Faulkner, Cynthia King, Robert Lyn Nelson, Honor Marks, Elisabeth McGinn, James Menzel-Joseph, Kathleen Petersen, Caren Satterfield, Richard Schloss, Jeff Sojka, Danna Tartaglia, W.B. Thompson, Erna Zeigler, (Open Wed - Mon (closed Tues.)), 11

- 5pm) 307 Ojai Ave. Ste. 102, Ojai, 646-0967 INFO. WWW.TROWBRIDGEART.COM  
• Oct 8/15/22/29, Mon, 7:30 - 9pm - DIVORCE CARE WORKSHOP, OJAI, held at Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro St. 646-4324 or 640-8689

• Oct 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues, 9am - Noon - QUILTERS ANONYMOUS, OJAI, Ojai Recreation Department, 510 Park Road, holds a drop-in class for quilters. 649-5956.

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• Sun, 9am - 12:30pm - SUNDAY BREAK

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## VOTE BOB DADDI Stood up for the Youth's Skate Park Make Ojai Proud Again!

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### Ron Rowe's Wine and Roses

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Looking for a nice cool summer drink? Try a Pimm's Number One. Fill your glass with ice cubes, a slice of cucumber, thin slices of lemon or orange, then fill with lemonade, club soda or sprite and drink. Cool and refreshing indeed.

The sun has set over the yard arm, time to sit back with a glass of Pimm's and reflect on the condition of the world.

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

### "Look to Cole's Legacy When Hiring a Successor"

Continued From Page 3...

**R. ELLIS SMITH**  
ions of dollars to the Gangs idea of art in public places was that on his shift the city lost over \$10,000,000 in the stock crash. (See [www.Ojai-andVenturaView.com/OVVtaArt/RoseVol.1Issue1.pdf](http://www.Ojai-andVenturaView.com/OVVtaArt/RoseVol.1Issue1.pdf), Page 4, 5)

Instead of promoting long time employees into positions of Department Heads, Rick Cole brought in people that he was personally familiar with. This served to further alienate the city employees.

Then Bill Fulton goes on to say that replacing Rick Cole will cost the city a pot full of money what with hiring a recruiter for 40 to 60 thousand dollars and pay the new city manager at least \$40 to \$60,000 per year more than Rick was being paid which was \$170,000 plus benefits per year.

First of all there is no need to hire a "recruiter". Mr. Johnny Johnson, who will be the interim city manager (and at No Pay), has already stated that he would like to possibly recruit the new man. He knows just about everybody in the city government job classification and that alone would save the \$40,000 to \$60,000 paid to a recruiter.

Secondly, with the job market as it is at this time it shouldn't be too hard to hire a good city manager for well under what Rick Cole was being paid. There are a plethora of excellent employees within the Ivory Tower that would make wonderful city managers. These people have been with the city for many years. They know the workings of the city coming and going. They all live within the city, and they must be doing great jobs or they would have been gone a long time ago.

For me personally I was happy when Mr. Bill Fulton said he was moving to Washington, D.C. Now I wish he would stay there and keep out of Ventura's business.

Rellis Smith  
rellis39@sbcglobal.net

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Interestingly, Mr. Cole also co-founded Pasadena based Southland Publications, current owner of the VCReporter/Ventura which has consistently failed to offer critical analysis on Cole's failed policies now so evident.

"We Believe [City of Ventura] code enforcement is on the right track..."  
- VCReporter Management, Editorial, April 30, 2009



Candidates pitch Ojai for support, Ojai House



A Republican in a Democratic haven.



Ojai's Power Dems. show their Strength!



Casitas Water Candidate, Troy Becker, surfs up.



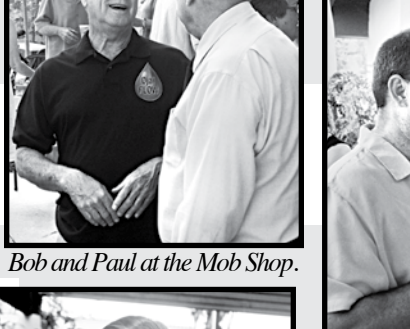
Keeping their eyes on Ojai House.



Is that Steven Spielberg or is that Pat McPherson?



Betsy and Judy strategize.



Bob and Paul at the Mob Shop.



Troy and Heidi discuss the Water shortage.



Signs, signs, everywhere the... signs. Sunday watching the signs.



Carlton & Moe; looking forward to new guard.



Russ was there for the entertainment.



"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."  
- Will Rogers

### Ojai Politics - To Do List

**Musical Chairs:** 2 chairs, 3 candidates. Local Elections for Ojai City Council move along at a quiet roar. (Top Left) Council Candidates Betsy Clapp, Severo Laro, and Bob Daddi at Ojai House debate Sept. 17 (top two rows). Photos below, Betsy Clapp Campaign Kickoff Mob. With Ojai councilman Sue Horgan (not pictured) choosing not to run again and member Carol Smith (also absent) hanging on by a thread, but also now irrelevant, the changing of the guard promises to finally bring a much needed change to town. Who knows... Maybe something will finally get done?

Top on the "To Do List" Kick out Golden State Water and finally develop a Valley Wide Water Program which will mutually benefit all of the Ojai Valley's citizenry. Also high on the priority list is to contain Ojai's Rabid Code enforcement dept., get the budget under control and more.... The Ojai Democrats endorsed Betsy Clapp and Bob Daddi for Ojai City Council at the Sept. 17 shindig. — Joel Anderson

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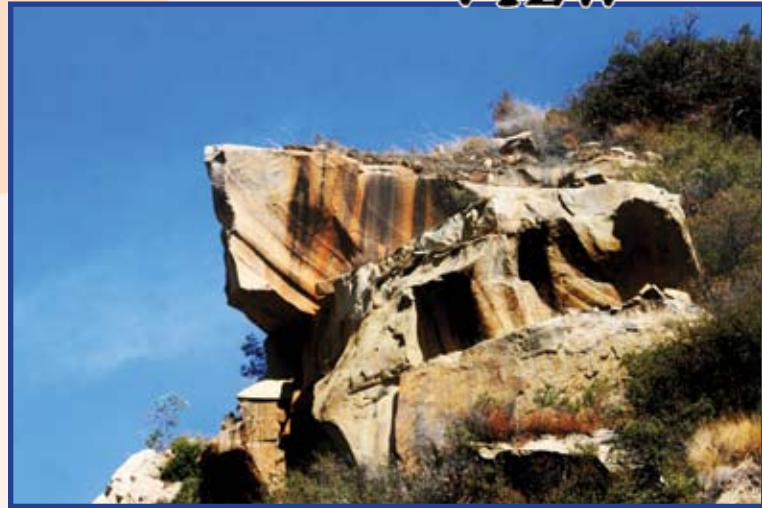
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  - **CODE ENFORCEMENT**-reform our code enforcement policy
  - **ENCOURAGE**-even more public input in important City decisions

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# OJAI Stone

by Joel Anderson

Started in 1939, Ojai Quarry Stone has been in operation ever since, although first historical references have been found showing early excavations began back in 1902.

Mosler Rock Ojai Quarry has donated substantial amounts of high grade building rock to several major public projects in Ojai, Ventura and beyond.

Unique in quality, the Ojai stone comes in 3 different colors; Brown, Greenish-Grey, and Blue which is identical to musch sought after Pennsylvania Blue Stone.

Extremely hard, the Sandstone is the only rock available in the county which is approved by Cal Trans and the Army Corp. of Engineers. It has proved to be useful in projects set in ocean saltwater. Ordinary sandstone absorbs saltwater, expands and cracks readily, however the hard and durable nature of Larry Mosler's rock makes it very resistant to the harsh timeless qualities of the ocean salt and pounding current.

Look around the county and you will see Ojai Quarry Stone in a major way. Mosler has made substantial donations to such notable public projects as Ojai's Rotary Park (\$80,000 donation) at the entrance to town (2005), Ventura's Grant "Cross" Park (2 tons, Blue Sandstone, \$20,000); impressive massive ramparts (2010 - See Story/Photo Essay; <http://ojaiandventura-view.com/OVViaArt/ViewVol2Issue23-FebOnline.pdf>).

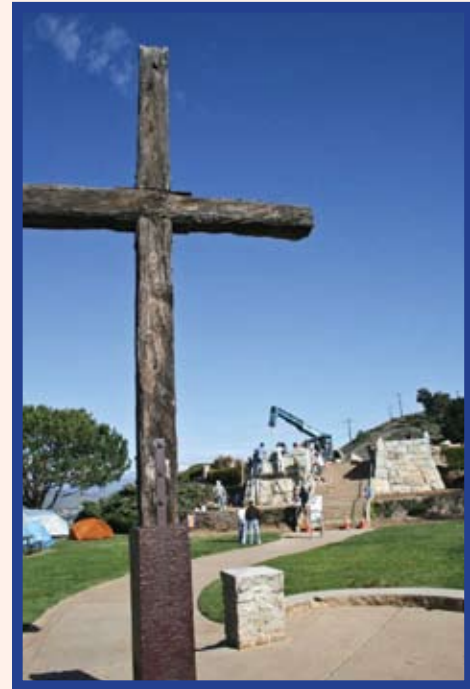
In the private sector a contract is about to be inked to supply Ojai Quarry cut stone on a major public building in the community. Also, several stone companies nationally are interested in Ojai Stone. NASA has also been sample testing the rock and is said to be very interested. They are looking for a specific type of sandstone to blast to other planets for specific testing. Ojai Stone seems to foot the bill.

Remember, Ojai Rock Ojai Quarry is Open to the Public as well as providing for major projects, so remember when your day arrives for building a wall or creating an interesting masonry project, go to the source.

Isn't it nice to know Ventura County is built on such a stable and "local" foundation, and that there still exists a "Made in America" stamp here?

— Joel Anderson

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The two ramparts flank the existing steps to Grant Park Cross in Ventura, Jan. 2010.



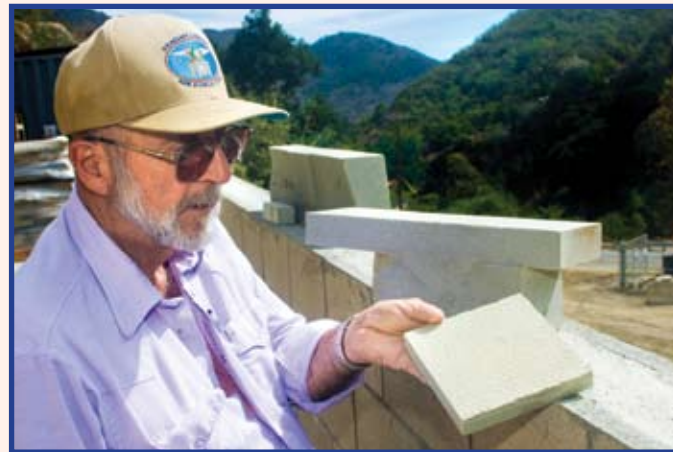
Ojai Quarry Stone donated the valuable stones for creation of Ventura's Grant Park rock work. This phone taken, January, 2010. Suminori Awata (15th generation stonemason in the Anoh tradition of Japan) designed and with his assistant shifts a boulder on the west side of the rampart with a prybar, while the crane cable holds the rock a little up. Suminori knocked one melon-sized chunk off this boulder, with one perfect sledgehammer blow. The mason at the right chisels to shape the rock placed an hour before - he was skilled enough to be able to chisel without protective eyewear.



Some of the finished product that can be made from Ojai Quarry Stone.



As the masons finish the west rim of the west rampart, the view up the hill from the cross now shows two finished rampart fronts. Note the graceful way the ramparts narrow to the top, and how beautifully the rock jigsaw puzzle fits together. The rows of holes on some of the rock edges in the right rampart are visible signs of a traditional Japanese rock-splitting technique.



Larry Mosler with his Blue Stone Split Face Ledge Stone.



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Class Act in the Bowl

# Dave Mason Concert LIBBEY BOWL SUCCESS

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Eric Burdon and Dave sing one for the locals

The Sept 7 All Star Jam was the show of the season. Featuring Headliner Dave Mason with Eric Burdon, and Tom Scott,

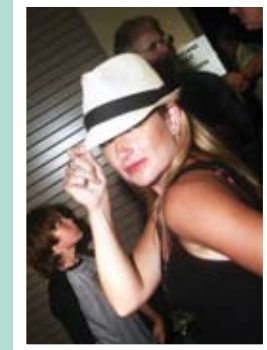
guests; Brian Nova, Stuart Hamm, Billy Valentine, (& many more...) the event packed Libbey - It was a Huge Success!



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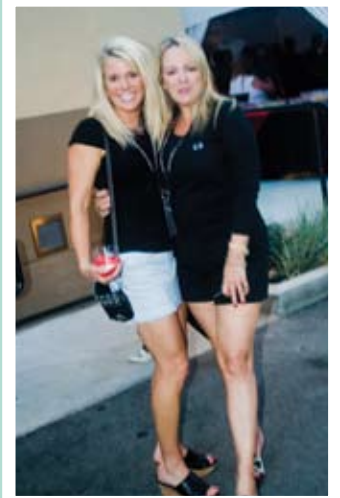
Just Like Clockwork



Tipping the hat



Look for Big Elvis Things to come



That's a pair to draw to, Laurel and Lori



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Ron and his companion, Dudley.

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with them to ensure that all is well down on the farm. The survey showed 50 percent of farmers play mood music or keep their radios tuned to classical music.

popular with the cows. Don't tell x-Mayor now just council member Carol Smith, the whole town knows she's full of blabber. Over 70 percent of farmers talk to the

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livestock about politics, the weather and the well-being. One big farmer, Mark Heywood, regularly plays a harmonica to his pigs, while David Troy claims his cows like Rock n' Roll.

I remember when I owned Rowe's Academy for Dogs, in Beverly Hills, I always left a radio on 24 hours a day, playing classical music. The survey was conducted by research company Agrifocus. Beer Paaaaaht!

A herd of marauding cows crashed a backyard party. The cows had escaped from a nearby farm and truded en masse into the party. Policeman James Ritter said people ran around screaming and the Cows kicked over beer cans and started to drink the beer.

The federal government has proposed new guidelines that would enable disabled people to board airplanes with unusual service animals, including pigs, miniature horses and monkeys. Other passengers may not object. In Japan, many single women are rejecting marriage for a new found friend and love, the dog.

There are lots of women who have dogs as a pet or family. One is Rie Shimozono, owner of a chain of upscale pet stores that feature multi-colored collars, premium biscuits and books that fill her swanky stores in Tokyo. Another, a single 36-year-old woman, Kazoko Endo, is typical of an increasing number of single women in Japan; successful, single and childless, but preferring dogs to children.

A new book titled, Bones Would Rain From The Sky Deepening Our Relationships With Dogs by Susanna Clothier. She trained dogs as a teenager and teaches Tao to dogs. Writing with humor and compassion and care, she tells how to deepen and enhance the connection between ourselves and our dogs.

Dogs crave structure and order and we must provide it clearly and consistently writes Susanna. An excellent book, recommended for all dog owners.

A family in Detroit was preparing to bury the family hamster when a visiting friend suggested they take it to a veterinarian for a final check up. Luckily for the hamster the veterinarian said he was only in the midst of hibernation. Who says hamsters only have one life?

A British hamster, Rex, surprised his owner Dave Eli by coming back to life and digging his way out of the grave. Owner Dave said he buried Rex in the garden after finding him cold and lifeless in his cage, however, a neighbor called Dave to say his hamster was running around the garden. Dave renamed Rex Lazarus after finding a 3 inch wide hole in the ground where he had been buried. Lazarus is now happy and alive.

A golden bark to the five veterinarians who performed the largest spay/neuter clinic in the history of America, 1,340 dogs and cats in six days in three towns. In Montana it was described as a mass piece of medicine choreography.

A reader, Rebecca of OakView, recommends Dogs Are Like Men, Cats Are Like Women by Jessie Kennedy. Thanks Rebecca, I promise to read it.

Did you know catnip, the herb that sends cats into a state of euphoria, is one of the strongest mosquito repellents known. Try it next time you go camping. Time to reflect on how I would like to be the person my dog thinks I am.

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

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FOOD: We will have snacks and drinks as this is not a complicated shoot and we hope to have it done by one. All will be NON-GMO Food (Yay!!!!) This is the time we have been waiting for. Thank you all for your patience and

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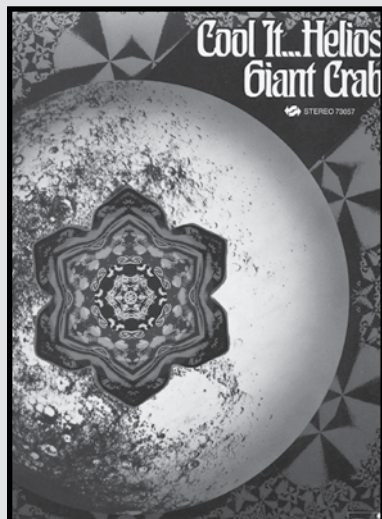
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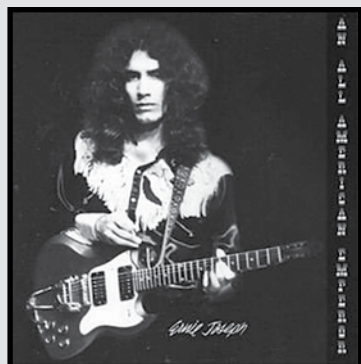
# Vinyl Makes a Comeback



BFB's past vinyl release, Cool It... Helios LP



BFB's South East Tour LP



BFB's European Release, Ernie Joseph collector's album "Confusion" was more recently reissued and introduced to Europe by Italy's Akarma Records. The Akarma vinyl reissue is sold on Amazon for \$199.98. Collectors can find the original vinyl LP "Confusion" album release (All-American Records AA-5770), on the net at the selling price of \$280.

## Brian Faith Band on Vinyl

Time to get back into the "GROOVE".... Vinyl Groove that is. Records slipped in popularity with the Sony/Philips invention of the CD. CD's hit the market in 1983. LP's and 45s were thought to be obsolete.



Rowe AMI Juke Box, 1970

Guess what? Vinyl was the fastest growing musical format in 2010, with 2.8 million units sold. Not only have sales picked up, but the interest in record players has increased as well.

People attesting to its tangible pleasures such as the arresting artwork of the covers, the labor of love, and the simple fact that many just say vinyl sounds better, wider range.

Music lovers buying records are not the Mom and Dads of the 60s and 70s, but the "New Generation". Vinyl, or Analog, has a uniqueness to the sound, which cannot be matched.

The Brian Faith Band was originally signed to Warner Bros/Reprise Records as Ernie & the Emperors. Their song Meet Me At The Corner was a regional hit for them in their early beginnings. Later, BFB was signed to UNI Records by Strawberry Alarm Clock manager/producer Bill Holmes. Two albums, released under their band name, Giant Crab, were recorded for UNI Records and produced by manager Bill Holmes. A third album, "Confusion", was released as "Big Brother Ernie Joseph" for All-American Records, which was a label owned by manager Bill Holmes. European releases on collector's vinyl include the Ernie Joseph albums "South East Tour" and "An All American Emperor". Both vinyl LPs were released by Akarma Records.

The Brian Faith Bands "White Dove Album" is unique in both shape and sound. This four song EP features special guests, Cornelius Bumpus of the Doobie Brothers/Steely Dan - sax, and Tim Bogert - bass, Vanilla Fudge. Songs include "Emotional Arrest", "Free the People", "Can't Say Goodbye", and "Never Ending Wave".

All of BFB's prior recordings on Warner Bros/Reprise, UNI Records, All-American Records, and Akarma Records/Italy are highly sought-after by record collectors and music listeners. Giant Crab recordings are being sampled by many of today's hip-hop rap artists, including DJ Shadow and Australia's Hilltop Hoods. Also, the Big Brother Ernie Joseph cult classic

**SRS NEWS:** Denny Aaberg, Jewel's co-writer, is at SRS Workshop doing preliminary tracks on an upcoming project. He is particularly pleased at how the harmony and backing vocals are coming along so well. While taking a break at a recent SRS session, Denny told stories of his close friendship with Jewel. Besides writing together, Denny mentioned how he taught Jewel to Surf. Denny is an avid surfer who also wrote the highly acclaimed surf film "Big Wednesday".

Another film-maker, singer, and songwriter who has recently collaborated at SRS is Ed Langlo. Besides working on songs for live shows, Ed will be doing voice-overs for a documentary on the local history of motorcycle and stock car racing here in Santa Barbara and surrounding areas. He recently screened a preview of the documentary that featured an interview with Virgil Elings who talked about the Elings' collection of vintage motorcycles at "The Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Collection", located at 320 Alisal Road in Solvang.

Virgil Elings is also a physicist and inventor, with 42 patents for atomic microscopes. BFB singer/sax player Brian Faith remembers Mr. Elings as a former professor of physics at UCSB. Says Brian, "I had Professor Elings at UCSB... He made physics interesting and relevant. I still remember some of the things he taught me about the universe in general, and 'negative entropy' in particular... He made physics fun."

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ICU's Jimi LeRoy is writing more tunes for a new album that will also include his latest song, "You Get What You Give"... Singer/Songwriter Jimmy Haggerty is also currently working on tracks on an original project. Also, Ojai's multi-talented James Antunez will be in the studio working on his original material...As is BFB vocalist Karen Perry...Stay tuned for the details.

Also, watch for new BFB YouTube videos produced by Johnny Podz, including "I Never Knew You" and "I Can't Help Being Yours".

- Joel Anderson



## Cash Cat News

The Mighty Cash Cats Tribute to Johnny Cash with June Carter will be back in town for a rare Ventura appearance at the Pacific View mall, 3301 E. Main St., Ventura for the Ventura debut of The Mighty Cash Cats unplugged acoustic show.

Since their last Ventura appearance The Mighty Cash Cats have toured extensively in the U.S., including Northern California, Las Vegas, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Arizona and New Mexico plus festivals in Ireland, Israel and Europe performing at theaters, performing arts centers, summer concerts in the park, malls and casinos.

In September the band was featured on Germany's highly rated reality TV show, "RTL Punkt 12."

The "Cats" recently appeared with Kris Kristofferson and Merle Haggard.

The Mighty Cash Cats cover Johnny Cash's career from the 1950s to 2000s, including fun Johnny Cash and June Carter duets. The band includes a Tribute

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within the Tribute to "The Women of Country Music and Rock n' Roll" featuring tunes by Country and Rock music's most famous female artists.  
**UPCOMING SHOW:** • 13/Oct. - Sat., PACIFIC VIEW MALL/3301-1 E. Main St., Ventura... 805/218-2818 [mjaysm2198@msn.com](mailto:mjaysm2198@msn.com), The Mighty Cash Cats, 2pm

## ROCK THIS COUNTRY COFFEE HOUSE

**EDITORS NOTE:** On Saturday, Sept 29, I found out there was a concert at the Libbey Bowl in Ojai called "Rock this Country" to support our troops, a noble endeavor. I heard that it was a disaster and poorly attended. I am the editor of the paper of record in Ojai. I didn't find out until after it was over, not a good way to promote.



I heard about the band lineup, neither rock or country. They were a bunch of pickup bands by local coffee house performers from Zoey's. This editor thinks that the next time you have an event of this magnitude, hire some of the great Ventura/S.B. County bands that someone has actually heard of. Again, this is a case of local arrogance where venue operators think the venue or the event is more important than the music. A word of advice from your humble editor--It aint!

- Joel Anderson

"I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today."  
<http://rockthiscountry.vpweb.com/Bands.html>

## Event Calendar

**FAST AT MOOSE LODGE, Ojai,** Public invited to purchase breakfast at the Royal Order of the Moose Lodge 1417, 382 Ventura Ave., Oak View, behind the post office.  
• **Oct 10/17/25, Nov 7, 7-9pm - MEDITATION IN EVERYDAY LIFE, OJAI,** The Shambhala Meditation Group will teach "Meditation in Everyday Life," a five-week course, Mindfulness meditation practice can become part of our lives, bringing greater stability, strength and clarity. The Well, 214 W. Aliso St., Ojai 798-4499.  
• **Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, Wed, 7pm - NICOTINE ANONYMOUS, Ojai,** Meetings held in the staff lounge, for those with a desire

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• **thru Oct 28, Ana Marini - Metaphors, Artamo Gallery,** Argentinian-American artist Ana Marini imaginatively illustrates her evolving perspective on the human experience. Her work invites us to explore her vivid migrations not only across the world but through phases of life. 11 W. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, 568-1400 INFO. [WWW.ARTAMO.COM](http://WWW.ARTAMO.COM)  
• **Oct 4, Thurs, 7pm, - GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRAND-CHILDREN, OJAI,** Meets at 922 Tapaz Court, Ojai. Group is open to all relative caregivers, not just grandparents. 646-6118  
• **Oct 11, 18, 25, Thurs, 8:45am - Noon - CASUAL BRIDGE, Ojai,** Games held Thursdays. Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St., Ojai. Donna Hunt at 646-2980, just drop by.  
• **Ongoing, - READING TUTORS NEEDED, Ojai,** Training for volunteers to tutor for the Adult Literacy Program is offered by the Library Services Agency. 641-4484  
• **Oct 11, 18, 25, Thurs, 11:30am - PLAY GROUP, OJAI,** A play group for caregivers and infants 18 months and younger. Sarzotti Park, 510 Park Rd., Brook, 525-9931  
• **Oct 11, 18, 25, Thurs, 10am - Noon - SENIOR WRITERS GROUP, LITTLE HOUSE, OJAI,** Writers of all kinds are invited to meet with the Ojai Senior Writers Group. Come and share; we're friendly. Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St., Ojai. Call Nathaniel Wolper, 646-7077.  
• **Oct 19, Fri, - AMERICAN LEGION DINNERS, OJAI,** Public welcome to dinners. All proceeds benefit veterans, student scholarships and packages for troops overseas. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Ojai American Legion Post 482, 843 E. Ojai Ave.  
• **Oct 12, 19, 26, Fri, 10am - SELF-ENRICHMENT AT LITTLE HOUSE, Ojai,** Group of seniors meets to bend, stretch, stimulate, exhilarate and recreate their minds. Featured are speakers, group participation, armchair travel, hot topics, current news, etc. with refreshments being served. All seniors are welcome. Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St., Ojai, Call Dolores at 640-0088  
• **Oct 6, Sat - OJAI VALLEY LAND CONSERVANCY, "Wild About Ojai: The Chaparral Ecosystem"** Richard Halsey of the California Chaparral Institute, leads a hike on the Ventura River Preserve, 10am - 1pm, Ventura River Preserve 370 Baldwin Road, Bldg. A-4 Ojai, 649-6852 ext. 2, [marti@ovlc.org](mailto:marti@ovlc.org) [www.ovlc.org](http://www.ovlc.org)  
• **Oct 6, Sat - HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS OF OJAI,** (Also Oct. 13, 20) Foot tour of downtown historical landmarks & cultural attractions. Ojai Valley Museum, 130 West Ojai Ave., 10:30am - 11:30am, Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., 640-1390  
• **Oct 6, Sat - ART EXHIBIT AT THE BEATRICE WOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS,** "Vessels That Dance," recent works by Derek Bencomi in the Beato Gallery; and "Brilliance," recent works by Gerri Russ and Tom McMillin in the Logan Gallery. Also view the permanent displays of work by Beatrice Wood. Open Fri. Sat. Sun, 11am - 5pm, 8560 Ojai-Santa Paula Rd., 646-3381  
• **Oct 6/Sat, 7:30pm-9pm - THE 4TH ANNUAL MENTOR MADNESS POKER RUN, Car and Motorcycle Show, Soule County Park, Ojai,** Benefit for a future Afterschool Program in Meiners Oaks. In Memory of Hollywood Stuntman Sam Wagner. Raffles & 50/50 Food, Vendors, Music, The Hut Beer & Wine Garden, Hollywood Stuntman Monte Perlin (Stuntman for Jax from Sons of Anarchy), BMX, Sk8 Stunt Show, Pin up Girl Contest. Registration: Bike & Car Show 7:30am, Poker Run 8-9:30am, Awards at 3pm, Sponsored by the Oak View Civic Council. Info. 649-1466, Dusty  
• **Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, Wed, 7pm - NICOTINE ANONYMOUS, Ojai,** Meetings held in the staff lounge, for those with a desire

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• **Oct 6/Sat, 7pm - 3rd 2nd ANNUAL OJAI WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL, Libbey Bowl,** Virtuoso ukelele musician, Jake Shimabukuro and Cedric Watson, Grammy-nominated Cajun fiddle/accordion player. INFO. [WWW.OJAIWORLDMUSIC.ORG](http://WWW.OJAIWORLDMUSIC.ORG)  
• **Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Sun, Noon - 5pm - TAROT CARD READING, Ojai,** Tarot card reader Donna Ellen reads the cards, Ojai House, 304 N. Montgomery St. Drop in or call 493-7707 for an appointment.  
• **Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Sun, 5:30 - 7pm - SHAMBHALA MEDITATION, Ojai,** Offers free sitting and walking meditation. Instruction Available. Attend all or part of the session. The Well in Ojai, 214 W. Aliso St. 798-4499  
• **Oct 8, 22, Mon, 6:30pm - 8pm - PINK MOMENT SANGHA, Ojai,** Meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, The Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Road, Meiners Oaks. FREE. Ginny, 646-5707  
• **Oct 9/23, Tues, 11am - 1pm - MEINERS OAKS KNITTING CLUB, Meiners Oaks Library,** Knitters of all ages & skill levels welcome. Knit squares which are assembled into afghans and

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04/Oct - Thurs, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Urban Fairytales, Sunflower Dead with That Metal Bar, & Railroad to Alaska.

04/Oct - Thurs, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... Paul Adelstein (of TV's Private Practice) with his band Doris, w/Chris Pelonis Band

04/Oct - Thurs, MONTY'S/5114 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/683-1003, BFB's Ernie Joseph, ICU's Jimi LeRoy

04/Oct - Thurs, THE VILLAGE JESTER/139 East Ojai Ave/Ojai, 640-8001 - Jamboree Showcase Kyle Swan and Brad Buley's Music Showcase Every Thursday 8pm

05/Oct - Fri, OLDE TOWNE/261 Orange Ave, Goleta... 805/961-2403, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

05/Oct - Fri, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, The Lonely Drunks Club Performing Led Zeppelin IV, Gypsyhawk, with special guest Scorpion Child, The Fabulous Miss Wendy & On The Fifty.

06/Oct - Sat, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... SB Blues Society Battle of the Bands/Peter Wolf (of The J. Giles Band)

06/Oct - Sat, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, English Beat, 7pm

07/Oct - Sun, Canyon Club/Agoura... 879-5016, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, 9pm

07/Oct - Sun, SANTA BARBARA BOWL... 962-7411, Further, feat. Phil Lesh & Bob Weir, 6pm

07/Oct - Sun, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Kenny Wayne Shepherd with opening set by Teresa Russell.

08/Oct - Mon, The Creekside/4444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy

08/Oct - Mon, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776... SBCC Good Times and Lunch Break Jazz Ensembles, and The 'A' Jazz Combo

08/Oct - Mon, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Tracy Thomas & Circlesight, Living in Question, The Hugeness.

09/Oct - Tues, SANTA BARBARA BOWL... 962-7411, An Evening With Peter Gabriel/ Back to Front - 25th Anniversary of iconic LP, Sa 7pm

09/Oct - Tues, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Daniel Powter, Jared Lee, Sonnet Simmons.

09/Oct - Tues, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Brett Hallam Holland, Chris Ahlman, Ian Tepper & Erick Stucky

10/Oct - Wed, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Black Crystal Wolf Kids, Becky Kramer's Brother, Geezer, Awesome City Limits.

10/Oct - Wed, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, J Boog

11/Oct - Thurs, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Cage 9, That Metal Bar, Black Belt Karate, The Sammus Theory, Marishi Ten.

11/Oct - Thurs, Paul Paul Theatre, Big Fresno Fair... 559-650-FAIR, Foreigner

310/358-1881, The Bear's Den, The Greg Gomes Band, Dirty Sanchez & The Fuckits, Our Hospitality, Uniform Standard, 4 Billion Souls, Rockimera (CD Release), Barry Levine Acoustic.

12/Oct - Fri, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Sean Hayes

12/Oct - Fri, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Wanted (Bon Jovi Tribute) & Bonfire (AC/DC Tribute), 9pm

12/Oct - Fri, OLDE TOWNE/261 Orange Ave, Goleta... 805/961-2403, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

13/Oct - Sat, PACIFIC VIEW MALL/3301-1 E. Main St, Ventura... 805/218-2818 mjay-sm2198@msn.com, The Mighty Cash Cats, 2pm

13/Oct - Sat, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Unwritten Law, London Cries, Gunpowder Secrets, Chasing Claymores, VJ Jamie Scrap.

13/Oct - Sat, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Steve Vai, 9pm

14/Oct - Sun, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Tea Leaf Green with Shaky Feelin'

15/Oct - Mon, THE CREEKSIDE/4444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy

15/Oct - Mon, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Its So Easy (and other lies): A Punk's Review feat: Duff McKagan and Loaded.

15/Oct - Mon, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, STRPKR (Star\*\*\*\*\*)

16/Oct - Tues, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Duff McKagan's Loaded.

16/Oct - Tues, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Bowerbirds

17/Oct - Wed, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Black Crystal Wolf Kids, Gangastagrass, Luca Band, Geezer.

17/Oct - Wed, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, The Girls in the Band

18/Oct - Thurs, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Leon Russell, 8pm

18/Oct - Thurs, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Free Dominguez, with Coma, 8mm, Scarletha.

18/Oct - Thurs, MONTY'S/5114 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/683-1003, BFB's Ernie Joseph, ICU's Jimi LeRoy

18/Oct - Thurs, CHUMASH CASINO/Santa Ynez... 800/248-6274, Ian Anderson performs "Thick as a Brick" in its entirety, 8pm

18/Oct - Thurs, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Kelly Joe Phelps, New Noiz

18/Oct - Thurs, THE VILLAGE JESTER/139 East Ojai Ave/Ojai, 640-8001 - Jamboree Showcase, Kyle Swan and Brad Buley's Music Showcase Every Thursday 8pm

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19/Oct - Fri, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, The Loney Drunks Club Band, Oedipus, Diety's Muse, Overwatch.

19/Oct - Fri, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Eddie Money, 9pm

20/Oct - Sat, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Beth Orton

20/Oct - Sat, SANTA BARBARA BOWL... 962-7411, Snow Patrol/Lissie 7pm

20/Oct - Sat, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, The Shakers, Mergence, Tiffany Madadian, VJ Jamie Scrap.

205/S.B., 962-7776, Jason Lytle (of Granddaddy)

22/Oct - Mon, THE CREEKSIDE/4444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy

22/Oct - Mon, SANTA BARBARA BOWL... 962-7411, Bob Dylan & His Band performing with Mark Knopfler, 6:30pm

22/Oct - Mon, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Jazz Jam with Jeff Elliott

23/Oct - Tues, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Death of a Star, with special guests Rockett Queen.

23/Oct - Tues, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Nicki Bluhm & The Gramblers w/Brothers Comatose

24/Oct - Wed, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, John Mayall, 8pm

24/Oct - Wed, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Nate Latta, The Mac Talley Trip, Holdfast Rifle Co.

25/Oct - Thurs, MONTY'S/5114 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/683-1003, BFB's Ernie Joseph, ICU's Jimi LeRoy

25/Oct - Thurs, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, That Metal Bar Halloween Show, They Stay Dead.

25/Oct - Thurs, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, The Stray Cats' Lee Rocker, 9pm

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26/Oct - Fri, OLDE TOWNE/261 Orange Ave, Goleta... 805/961-2403, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer

26/Oct - Fri, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Diamond Lane, Lonely Drunks Club Band, Future Villains, Delta Rose, Trick Pistol.

27/Oct - Sat, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, My Ruin, with special guests Goldsboro, VJ Jaime Scrap.

27/Oct - Sat, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Area 51

27/Oct - Sat, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Boogie Knights - 20 Year Anniversary, 10pm

29/Oct - Mon, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Close To Home.

29/Oct - Mon, THE CREEKSIDE/4444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara... 805/964-5118, BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy

30/Oct - Tues, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, Mischief Night with Plague Vendor, Brian Burn The Knits.

31/Oct - Wed, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, ALO (Animal Liberation Orchestra)

1/Nov - Thurs, CHUMASH CASINO/Santa Ynez... 800/248-6274, B.B. King, 8pm

3/Nov - Sat, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Led Zepagain, 9:30pm

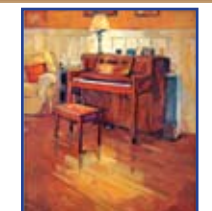
8/Nov - Thurs, CANYON CLUB/Agoura... 879-5016, Robin McAuley Michael Schenker Group, 9pm

21/Oct - Sun, SANTA BARBARA BOWL... 962-7411, Jane's Addiction/The Airborne Toxic Event, the newno2, 7pm

20/Oct - Sat, THE VIPER ROOM/LA... 310/358-1881, The Shakers, Mergence, more.

21/Oct - Sun, SOHO/1221 State St, Ste.

TROWBRIDGE GALLERY



Whitney Brooks Abbott Art Show & Reception Sat Oct 13 - 12:00 to 4:00 (805) 646-0967 www.TrowbridgeArt.com 307 E. Ojai Ave. Ste 102 Ojai



Erin Dertner with her son, Abe, and their friends from L.A.

Erin Dertner ~ Featured Trowbridge Artist

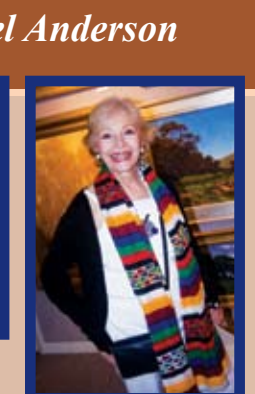
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Erin Dertner Wayne Weberbauer (lower right), Trowbridge artist, and Danna Wayne's purchase of jewelry - a surprise gift for his wife.



Robert Bernstein with gallery owner, Danna Tartaglia



Brenda Stone, visiting artist



Visiting Metroman



Erin Dertner with her son, Abe, and their friends from L.A.

Event Calendar

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The 4th Annual Mentor Madness Poker Run Car and Motorcycle Show - Benefiting a Future Afterschool Program in Meiners Oaks - Saturday, October 6th 2012 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Awards at 3:00 pm ~Soule County Park, Ojai~ In Memory of Hollywood Stuntman Sam Wagner Raffles & 50/50 - Food - Vendors - Music ~The Hut Beer & Wine Garden~ ~ Pin-Up Girl Contest ~ Hollywood Stuntman Monte Perlin Stuntman for Jax from Sons of Anarchy BMX / Sk8 Stunt Show Registration: Bike & Car Show 7:30 am - \$20 per entry Poker Run 8:00 am - 9:30 am - \$25 per entry (Includes lunch) \*\*\*\*\* \$4 park admission \*\*\*\*\* More Info Contact: Dusty @ 805-649-1466 or Cindy @ 805-640-0995 www.healthcommunityojai.com Official Sponsor: Oak View Civic Council

Pin up Girl Contest 4th Annual Mentor Madness Poker Run Car & Motorcycle Show October 6th, 2012, Soule Park, Ojai RULES Contest is Open to all girls in vintage period 1940's attire. No nighties! Each girl is responsible to sell their votes to the public with tickets. The girl with the most votes (tickets/cash) wins. The purse is split between the event & the winner of contest. This is a fundraiser for an afterschool program. All girls must register for the contest. Entry fee is \$25 per pin up girl. Please contact Dusty @ 805-649-1466 more info.

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The Mighty Cash Cats Tribute to Johnny Cash with June Carter plus Country Music, Rock n Roll, and Blues "Thank you for helping to keep my dad's music and legacy alive." - Cindy Cash THE MIGHTY CASH CATS BOOKING INFO: 805-218-2818 WEB: www.mightycashcats.com YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/mjaysm Email: mjaysm2198@msn.com

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## Re-Elect Betsy Clapp for Ojai City Council

When Betsy Clapp first ran for office in 2008, our City Council only gave lip service to its citizens, and most citizens felt locked out of our city government.

Since Betsy has been in office, things have changed. Ojai has:

- A new City manager
- A new City Attorney
- A new Public Works Director
- More transparency in our City government
- Respect at council meetings for all citizens and all points of view
- Bike racks installed that were in storage for years
- Benches in the arcade
- A high-quality skate park we can be proud of so kids don't need to skate in the Arcade
- A blighted building fee incentive program that helped replace the abandoned gas station across from the Oaks with today's MOB Bicycle Shop.
- Reduced lifetime medical costs for future City Council members by nearly 90%.
- A city proclamation that supports the Ojai FLOW's plan to buy Golden State Water Company

Betsy Clapp was the first elected official in 2008 to support the buyout, and she has spoken at many meetings and events, most recently at the County Board of Supervisors meeting, asking them not to extend a franchise agreement to Golden State. Betsy understands that Golden State water rates are the #1 issue facing the citizens and businesses in Ojai today.

Betsy Clapp owns a business, knows how important it is to live within a budget, and can make the hard decisions that are in the best interests of everyone in the City of Ojai.

**She has the experience and tenacity to get things done, no matter how big the challenge may be.**

Betsy appreciates how special and unique Ojai is, which is why she and her husband, Aaron, are charter sponsors of the Ojai Valley Defense Fund and long-time supporters of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy and Ventura County SOAR. She supported the rebuilding of Libbey Bowl, and you'll see her helping Ojai Trees plant, water, and prune the trees throughout the city.

### Join us in voting for Mayor Betsy Clapp

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