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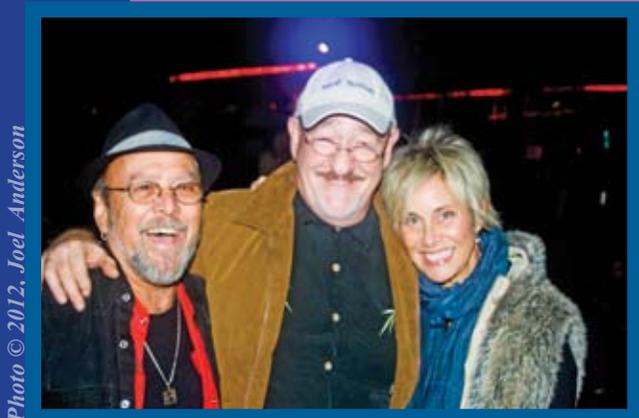


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- HOLIDAYS
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## RAISING MONEY TO HELP PEOPLE What Will Kids Inherit?

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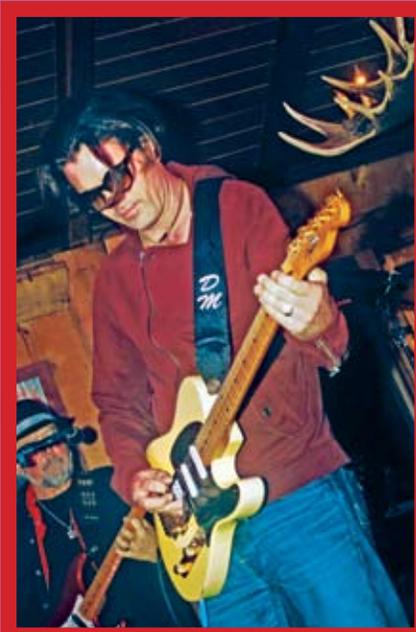


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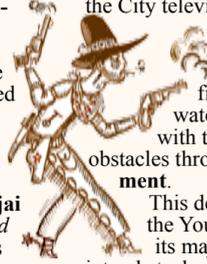


## Ojai City Trash Receptacle Ordinance

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# Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge

Now that elections are over, the next City Mayor, Paul Blatz and Mayor Pro-tem Carlon Strobel will need to replace newly-elected Councilman Severo Lara's position on the Park and Rec Commission. That department is a mess. It has been a trainwreck since the council lost their mind and hired Jere Kersnar as the ill-fated and inept City Manager. His choice for department head has stifled the Rec department for years and almost cost us Ojai Day. The council has continued to be evasive in what it expects from the Parks Commission. It is apparent that the OLD system and OLD directives still overshadow the "W-rec-ked" Committee. The Finance Director Susie Mears, after hours of torturous explanation of "Cost Recapture" and how the Prior (quit) city attorney Monte Widders was cited that cost recapture must be a part of Fee's charged just left every-



one feeling that we'd just followed Alice down a Rabbit Hole. To where? Why has this city been operating on Monte's slippery directives. Why is it still acting on his failed directives? Why? Why won't the City televise the Parks and Rec meetings to let everyone know what's going on so it can be fixed? Because anyone watching would be furious with the petty restrictions and obstacles thrown at the Rec. Department. This department seeks to serve the Youth of this city as part of its major function. It has run into obstacle after obstacle. It is time to get serious and give the Rec. Committee a clear directive and the help to accomplish those directives and City Wide goals. Stop citing Monte Widders failed Directives. As Len Klaiif said Monte has been City Attorney for 30 plus years.... about 30 years too long. It's time for a change... for the Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...

## California's Own Fukushima - Ticking Time Bomb

### Peaceful Party Trouble at San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant



Gundersen also criticizes Edison's plans to rapidly restart the damaged reactors at lower power after having done minimal plugging of damaged tubes carrying radioactive water. He warns that these are "non-solutions" that could lead to even more significant equipment failure and releases of radiation. Edison is expected to propose running the reactors at between 50% and 80% power. The report challenges the safety and effectiveness of such an approach, concluding:

1) Reducing power does not

Near San Diego, on the coast, at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, a large-scale nuclear failure may be coming together. It has been found that Southern California Edison (SCE) avoided Federal Regulatory Guidelines when replacing defective steam generators at San Onofre ~ a costly mistake that CANNOT BE FIXED by plugging the tubes that carry radioactive steam or by operating the plant at reduced power. 5/15/12 New Report Reveals Steam Generator Failures at San Onofre Nuclear Plant ~ <http://bit.ly/3e86A6> From this article, "The content of the report by nuclear engineer Arnie Gundersen details the significant design changes that should have triggered a license review which would have uncovered problems that subsequently led to serious damage and the release of radiation from the defective equipment at San Onofre in January."

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provide a remedy for the underlying structural problems that are creating the vibration that has damaged and will continue to damage the tubes deep inside the San Onofre steam generators

2) Reducing power will not change the pressure inside or outside the tubes—previously damaged tubes will continue to vibrate damaging surrounding tubes and tube supports and worsening the existing damage

3) Lower power might create a resonate frequency at which vibration might increase without notice causing further damage

4) Historical evidence at other reactors has shown that operating at lower power has not been an effective solution

Gundersen concludes that plugging the tubes and restarting the reactor could lead to catastrophe: "If a steam-line accident were to occur, vibrationally induced tube damage at San Onofre could cause an inordinate amount of radioactivity to be released outside of the containment system, compromising public health and safety in one of the most heavily populated areas in the United States."

"Edison should never have been allowed to install these fundamentally defective steam generators," said Damon Moglen, climate and energy campaign director at Friends of the Earth. "Now Edison is planning to avoid dealing with the underlying problems and instead restart at lower power. Their claims of

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# Water Apocolypse

by Ryan Blatz

Last December, I was called by a newspaper reporter and asked what Ojai FLOW hoped to see happen in 2012. I told the reporter, "That is simple. I want to be rid of Golden State Water before the apocalypse and the world comes to an end." The reporter laughed and said, "So your deadline is the end of the world." Fortunately, the world has not yet ended so we are still on schedule, but unfortunately, Ojai continues to leak money one drip at a time as Golden State Water continues to rip us off.



So what is taking so long? If the Mayans had been a government agency, I am sure that the end date of their "long count" calendar, you know the one that is supposed to predict the end of the world, would have been postponed, delayed, and pushed back. I am sure that when the date was first batted around by the Board of Directors at Mayan headquarters, someone said, "Can't we give everyone a little bit longer." But the Mayans knew that a deadline is important. Like a good friend of mine always said, "If Christmas didn't have a deadline, we would be buying presents in March."

Well, we don't have a deadline, and the Board of Directors at Casitas keeps postponing, delaying, and pushing back the date when they are going to make a decision on whether or not there will be a vote to pass a bond that will raise the money to get rid of Golden State. And we understand that a decision of this magnitude takes time and the Casitas board is doing their due diligence. In

the meantime, we (the ratepayers to Golden State) continue to barely keep our heads above water, waiting for a chance to show up at the voting booths and make our voices heard. We don't want Golden State Water. We don't want the PUC setting our water rates. We are all in this together, we are ALL Ojai FLOW. We aren't going to just sit around and wait...or it will be the end of the world. The water bond is our baby, and we are nine and half months pregnant. We even named it already, the "Water Rescue Bond."

Rather than continue to wait for a decision to be finalized or a date to be set, Ojai FLOW is moving forward. That is right, we are putting the cart in front of the horse, counting our chickens before they hatch, and dancing with assumption's daughter. We know that getting rid of Golden State Water and electing to have Casitas as our water purveyor is our manifest destiny. The irresistible force of our community's efforts will move the immovable Golden State Water. It is inevitable, it is our destiny, and it is in the stars. There must have been a Mayan calendar somewhere that showed an end date for Golden State Water in Ojai, but since it was after the apocalypse, it was simply overlooked.

With that, I am pleased to announce that on Wednesday, November 28th, Ojai FLOW will be hosting a "Farewell to Golden State Water Party." (See back page ad for details). We see no reason to wait for the door to hit them on the way out before we get a chance to say "farewell." This will be a fun event aimed at kicking off the "Water Rescue Bond" campaign. We will have a no-host bar, door prizes, and entertainment. This won't be a lecture, but rather a fun get together to energize our community, and garner the support and participation we need from our fellow ratepayers in order to pass the "Water Rescue Bond" to end the Golden State rip off. Please attend and help us achieve our destiny. We are ALL Ojai FLOW.

## There's a FISH in the COURTHOUSE



Gareth (Gary) L. Wean



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following Factual excerpt from the book, *A Fish in the Courthouse*, originally published in 1987 and authored by Gareth (Gary) L. Wean is here reprinted by The Ojai and Ventura VIEW.

**CHAPTER 1: MURDER!!.....** The paper's headlines blared large and black, "BARTENDER MURDERED, Merle Harter, night bartender at the Captain's Table killed, knifed many times and left lying in a pool of blood behind the bar." There weren't too many murders occurring in the beautiful city of San Buenaventura by the Sea, but even so I didn't read the entire story

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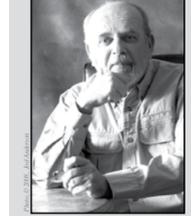
NOTE: Ryan Blatz is a local attorney, grew up in Ojai and is the spokesperson for Ojai-FLOW. Info: [www.OjaiFLOW.com](http://www.OjaiFLOW.com) MORE INFORMATION: Help celebrate the Demise of Golden State Water Company (GSWC). Golden State Farewell Party ~ "A fun Kick Off to the Water Rescue Bond Voter campaign" Details: Wed., Nov. 28, 2012, 6pm, No host bar, 6:30 to 8pm, Party & Information, All are welcome, including GSWC executives and mournful relatives, LOCATION: Ojai Valley Inn, Main Meeting Room (left of the Parking Valet). Donations to Ojai FLOW in lieu of GSWC memorial flowers and presents! RSVP to [info@ojaiFLOW.com](mailto:info@ojaiFLOW.com)

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Goethe said, "None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free."

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



### How Is Your Relationship ? Ψ

*The Past Does Matter When It Raises Havoc In The Present*

When we fall in love, we never think this source of joy will ever come to an end. Why is it then so rare for a couple to grow old together in continuing love, a love that lasts a lifetime? It seems the worst pain we inflict and is inflicted upon us occurs in the area of love and relationship.

**Powerlessness** In early childhood we get deeply wounded by two major traumas. Some are traumatized by getting too little (i.e. neglect, abandonment) others by getting too much (i.e. engulfment, emotional suffocation). Being raised in a family environment of either abandonment or engulfment is abusive and leaves a child in a constant state of powerlessness. This article is not about parent bashing, but it is about taking a realistic look at what happened to us and how this affects our relationships. This underlying condition of powerlessness is mostly unconscious deep inside us and has a major impact of how we behave later in life with our partners. There are many destructive relationship patterns – here are three examples:

1. **Some people who felt powerless** in childhood develop a personality of being overly pleasing, submissive and passive. To get along they go along. They were the 'good child', the responsible one and sometimes mediators of parental conflict. The hope is, "If I am helpful and pleasing to others, they will love me and take care of me." Here is the dark side, avoiding speaking one's truth to stay out of harm's way leads to loss of integrity. They avoid conflict of any sort, because they are sure they will be defeated or humiliated due to their underlying feelings of powerlessness. Insidious dependency brings with it a smoldering resentment and rage against those they are dependent on. This unconscious resentment and anger shows up in passive-aggressiveness and avoidance of honest dialogue, which is death to a soulful marriage.

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

2. **Where power prevails, love is not (Carl Jung).** Some who were oppressed feel powerless and make an early unconscious decision. "Since I feel powerless, I will devote my life to having power over others." At work they appear as obsessively driven and ambitious and in our culture are often rewarded for their productivity with success. However, the driven person never finds peace within for all this productivity is just a defense against keeping fear and anxiety out of consciousness. It's a setup for a major fall or crisis which usually occurs in mid-life (i.e. divorce, depression, illness etc.). Needless to say, abuse of power destroys relationship and ends up in loneliness. If the marriage 'survives' it is by the glue of dependency. Both partners end up lonely. Longevity without emotional intimacy is sad.

3. **A child who feels invaded, crowded or emotionally engulfed** also feels powerlessness. The response to this family pattern often results in the individual needing emotional distance and this can last a lifetime. They have a very limited threshold for closeness. Once this threshold is crossed, they back up, withdraw and isolate. Sometimes they choose partners who also avoid closeness and both only feel safe when they're distant. If they choose a partner who seeks reassurance through closeness, they run. This results in an endless dynamic of approach and avoidance. Those who obsessively and consistently 'need space' are also prisoners of their past.

What makes a relationship work? Honest dialogue is the foundation of any partnership. If there are too many taboo subjects in a marriage, success is limited, if not impossible. In therapy both partners need to ask the following question, "What is it about my history, my attitudes, and my behavior that contributes to the mess this relationship is in?" If only one partner genuinely asks this question, couples-therapy is a waste of time. How can we have a soulful relationship with our mates if we have an unconscious and wounded relationship with ourselves, as we always impose our wounds on the other? Sometimes one partner needs to do individual inner work first before going back into conjoint therapy. Without insight into oneself, no lasting soulful relationship is possible.

Only when we as individuals become conscious of our dark side and our faults can relationship grow. Consciousness is real power! It gives us the choice not to slip back into self-defeating relationship patterns. Through consciousness, we no longer have to live estranged from others or from ourselves, which is even worse. If both partners take an honest and courageous look in the mirror and become aware of the light and the dark inside themselves, the old rigid and destructive relationship patterns can melt away like snow in the sun.

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

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# OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

Continued From Page 2... better, not a reliance on past dysfunctional mistakes. Tell city council to issue new directives that will assist the Rec. Committee and the Rec. Department.

With that said, we need not repeat the failures of the past. It is way passed the time to continue failures. We need to change.

We have to put our best in. We have a person who has been involved in the Rec. issues for decades, has attended meetings, has been constantly involved, spent more time than ANY other resident and has the best grasp of the problem and how to solve it. I would ask that everyone call your next Mayor, Paul Blatz, and urge him to appoint Wendy Hilgers. Yes Wendy, she might not be Volunteer of the Year but she surely IS the Volunteer of the DECADE. Everywhere. We need her now. We need to take the tens of thousands, the money spent on Stop the Trucks L.A. lawyers and give it to the Kids for recreation. The county just officially ruled against persecuting the quarry.... again. When will the money hemorrhaging from city hall stop?

The truck issue will come up again and now that Das Williams represents us, he needs to go back and revisit the failed Highway 33 truck law he proposed.

Speaking of money, the city overcharged many Ojai Retail Business-owners the Assessment Fee (Allegedly used to keep the place all sparkly clean, tidy, plants trimmed, etc). Besides the city not updating the planters with nice colorful perennials and annual flowers and keeping the trash to a minimum, the City hasn't the funds to repay the overcharged retailers for the city bookkeeping mistake. What gives?

The city spent time on another Jere Kersnar "MASTERPIECE".... "CODE ENFORCEMENT BY CITIZEN COMPLAINT." That Jere sure was special. He did more damage in his 6 years than all the other inept city managers since 1954,

when we went to the NO ACCOUNTABILITY City Manager Form of Government. That needs to change. Why? Because City Managers (including the current Rob Clark) take it upon themselves to directly contradict the City Council's Voted Directives. They do what they want, disregarding the council's "Do This List." We need to elect a strong city manager and pay the salary we pay current city managers \$200,000 plus, plus, plus. Way too much for a small town. Elect a city mayor and have them serve for 4 years as a paid elected position. At least we can stop the musical mayor program through elections that gets us nowhere. At least we will have someone that actually lives in the city and has to live under the penalty of the petty laws and rules we pass. Pass a law and leave town, NO. We should all be residents of this city.

Lookout citizens, when the editor of this Newspaper exercised his First Amendment Rights and spoke up at the Nov. 13 city council meeting (during the "designated" public speaking period), there were apparent repercussions. After the council meeting, the Ojai PD followed him home, doubling back, they blasted his property with their squad car search lights. Guess it's dangerous to speak your opinion at Ojai City Council.....

I want to applaud soon to be Mayor

Pro-tem Carlton Strobel for bringing up the citizen complaint issue. Why have a code officer or a building department if the citizens have to do the work??? We need to get a better system than verbal complaints and leave it at that or a note on a trailer in a public street hooked up to electricity and put a note on it and call it CASE CLOSED..... Amazing. Whose friend or relative is living in that street trailer? Word is the Ventura Grand Jury is interested in the shennigans going on over at Ojai's Code Enforcement



Speaking of preference and who gets away with it every time. The council spent some time on garbage cans. That has got to be the number one pressing issue facing Ojai..... really? Garbage cans left out, wow, past 8pm of the day of pickup.... is against the law. (City Code: Item C: Subject: limitations on trash receptacles, Sec. 5-1.07. - Limitations on placement and removal of solid waste, permanent link to this piece of content). You would think they were wild animals that might jump out and attack an innocent child or senior at any time. If garbage cans are so serious an issue why has prior city attorney Monte Widders been allowed to leave out 4 cans on a busy street from thursday, to Friday, to Saturday, to Sunday to Monday without any of our Building department officials making anything out of it? But you, you, will be busted. You better watch out.

Hang em High! - Dick Lynch

## What is The VIEW?

"The View is funky"  
- Charlene Hartenstein  
Ojai office manager

"Your mag. its bad!!!!"  
- Diane Kruse, Ojai

"The VIEW is pivotal."  
- Sheila Cluff, Owner  
The Oaks of Ojai

"Hope you have a successful year in business!"  
- Regards, Jamie Rodgers,  
Meiners Oaks  
Disengenuous Ojai operator

"You are not beholden to the establishment."  
- Camille Harris  
Ventura, activist

re The VIEW www.YouTube/OVVTA-VIEW channel... "This is priceless. The sound effects are hysterical. This will go viral.... I am sending it on. Thanks, great work"  
- Camille Harris  
Ventura, activist

"I like The VIEW"  
- Sheldon Brown Ventura, unsuccessful contractor, disreputable publisher

"Send it to my office."  
- Elton Gallegly  
U.S. Congressman

When All Else Fails  
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# Is Former City Attorney Widders Allowed to Violate? Ojai City Trash Receptacle Ordinance



Widders Foothill Rd Property, Thurs. Nov. 15, 10:34am



Widders Foothill Rd Property, Fri. Nov. 16, 6:43pm



Widders Foothill Rd Property, Sat. Nov. 17, 3:09pm



Widders Foothill Rd Property, Mon. Nov. 19, 6:19pm

Editor's Note: After City Code Enforcement went down an Ojai street, citing as many as 15 citizens for not bringing in their trash cans on time, we decided to have a look around to see if there were any other violators and low and behold we found one, former City Attorney Monte Widders. He was city attorney when the ordinance was created. What gives? Are "Important" people immune from following the law?

Item C: Subject: limitations on trash receptacles  
Sec. 5-1.07. - Limitations on placement and removal of solid waste. permanent link to this piece of content.

(e) Solid waste containers must be removed from any location adjacent to a street or right-of-way not later than 8:00 p.m. on the day following the regularly scheduled collection day.

(l) Violations of this section are punishable as infractions in accordance with this Code. For penalty, see Section 1-2.03 <http://library.municode.com/HTML/16536/level2/TIT1GEPR\_CH2PECOREPR.html#TIT1GEPR\_CH2PECOREPR\_S1-2.03CHVIPE> of this Code. (§ 1, Ord. 775, eff. September 10, 2004)basore@ci.ojai.ca.us Rhonda K. Basore, MMC City Clerk/Records Manager City of Ojai 401 S. Ventura Street Ojai, Ca 93023 805-646-5581 x120 basore@ci.ojai.ca.us

## A SPOONFULL OF SUGAR... OR TWO

by Mary-Jo Murphy  
The October issue of Today's Dietitian reported that we Americans eat 153 pound of sugar a year. That's about 30 teaspoons a day.

"I don't add 30 teaspoons of sugar to my food everyday," you say.

You don't have to. We've all heard that High Fructose Corn Syrup, HFCS, is the culprit. But what is it anyway?

The composition is similar to table sugar, 50/50 fructose and glucose, calories without nutrition. So, when it comes to weight gain, do experts agree that HFCS is the problem? Not exactly.

The people who put together The Dietary Guidelines for Americans, tell us food with added sugars are no more likely to contribute to weight gain than any other source of calories in "an eating pattern that's within calorie limits." Calorie, a French word for heat, measures the energy value of food. Remember the basic weight loss concept of calories in,

calories out? That's hard to monitor when calories are hidden. HFCS, as an additive, has increased by more than 1,000 percent between 1970 and 1990. That's dangerous, because we humans like the taste of sweet, and now it's way more available than when we had to battle bees for it.

So, if we read the labels and cut out all sugar, will we all be lean and mean?

Kelly Brown, Ph.D, a professor at Yale University and director of the Yale Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity says that "...sugar is an important culprit in the obesity problem, but it's Continued, on Page 6.."



## Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe  
As we leave Thanksgiving behind us, the hectic time of Christmas will soon be upon us; stores already filled with Carol's deafening the ear and Christmas goods overflowing the aisles. Winter Solstice Day being December 22 marks the first day of winter. Did you know 23 percent of Americans believe the sun orbits the Earth? Another 64 percent believe the earth orbits the sun, but they think it makes the trip once a day instead of once a year.

Rep. Paul Brown, (R-Georgia) who sits on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology dismissed Evolution Embryology and the Big Bang Theory as lies "from the pit of hell." Speaking to a church group he said, "The earth is only 9,000 years old" and that science keeps people from understanding that they need; a Savior. Alas, we do elect them, don't we?

If the White House were put up for sale on the real estate market it would make about \$1.5 billion. Real estate analysts say frequent renovations, 13 bedrooms,

35 bathrooms and an ideal location would justify the high asking price, though the frequent resident turnover might put off potential buyers.

The world's airlines spend between \$7 and \$8 billion a year on jet fuel while taxing between passenger gates and the runway. Police in Syracuse, New York arrested 28-year-old Arthur Bundrage when he returned to the bank he had just robbed and complained that he wasn't getting the entire \$2,000 he had demanded. A German bank robber was arrested after he e-mailed the police to correct factual errors in the accounts of his crime. The robber mocked police for having missed reporting his age, height and accent and that he had escaped on foot though he has escaped by car previously. Police traced his e-mail and arrested him.

Unbelievable, The Rolling Stones band has announced several 50th Anniversary concerts in London and New Jersey, with top tickets priced at \$700, and the cheapest seats going for \$190.

Good news for belly dancers with falling assets. Mike Wastein, a tax partner in a Chicago firm is going to court to plead their tax relief for the wear and tear on the dancers body. He argues, the female anatomy should be classed as plant and equipment. The IRS said they would have to carry out a closer examination. Mike's

argument would also include topless dancers. Belly dancers might be on shaky ground but topless models could be in for a boost.

I hear the printing firm of Johnson and Galley of Detroit is very unhappy. It seems they got Debbie Wheelers wedding all wrong. They printed her father as the groom. When newlyweds Alan and Laura Kelly sat down to watch a video of their big day they discovered it had Continued, Page 6...

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• Dec. 7, 8, 9 - CHANNEL ISLAND FIGURE SKATING CLUB FUNDRAISER/ OJAI, DEAR Friends: The holidays are around the corner and it's time again for Channel Islands Figure Skating Club's big fundraiser, Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. As you know, all proceeds from this event go to purchase holiday gifts for foster children in Ventura County. As always, I will be performing as Mrs. Santa Claus and encourage each of you to support this most worthy cause. Not to mention, it's a lot of fun! Please see the attached flyer for information on dates, times and pricing. I hope to see you there! Healthy wishes, Sheila T. Cluff, Owner/Founder, The Oaks at Ojai, www.oaksspa.com, Sheila Cluff Returns, as Mrs. Santa Claus in "Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus", Channel Islands Ice Center, 830 Wagon Wheel Road, Oxnard, Events Continued Page 11...

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# The Haunted Historic Tavern



by Richard Senate

**T**he Beachcomber Tavern is one of the last of a dying breed, the neighborhood bar. This Silver Strand watering hole can trace its roots back to 1938. Its not very impressive, sandwiched between two homes, not far from the ocean, but if the stories of the staff and owners are true – it is one of the most haunted spots in Ventura County!

Ms. Clarissa Swallows, part owner of the establishment confided that when she first started to work in the vest pocket saloon she was told that “things get a little creepy when you close up.” She thought it was just due to being tired or having to count out the days takings. It wasn’t until she was there, alone in the building, when she first noticed something that was not just creepy – but downright frightening.

“I was counting out the cash behind the bar in front of a large mirror,” Ms. Swallows recalls. “When I looked up I saw something standing by the shuffleboard.” There was no one there! She would see it almost every night and finally wouldn’t look in the mirror, out of fear she might see it again.

Oddly enough, she never felt threatened by the figure, she believed was that of a man. But this unsettling event was just the beginning of a chain of supernatural happenings that she and other staff members experienced in the next months. Asking around, and with the help of a psychic, Clarissa was told the man was a ghost of a Navy man who was murdered in the Tavern in the 1970s.

He was involved in a lover’s triangle and was stabbed to death in the bar! That was when the place had a bad reputation and fights were a common event – not so today.

One night when two staff members were closing up, the place was empty but as they closed, both of them heard a loud “sigh” from the end of the bar – they ran for the door and were so disoriented by what they heard that they even failed to engage the alarms that night, one of the few times it has ever been left unarmed.

One of the staff has a psychic gift and he has seen a number of things in the Silver Strand area as well as at the Beachcomber Tavern. He was the first to see what has been called “The Little Girl”. “She always wants me to ring the bell,” he said, “She is about five of six, wearing pig tails and a red dress with white trim.” She may have died in a tragic accident decades ago back when the bar was a sandwich shop.

Ms. Swallows recalled a strange event. She was playing old 1940s music in the tavern for a few weeks. She just felt like it was appropriate. One night a group of Navy men came in and were drinking and playing shuffleboard. They were not happy with the old music and wanted modern hip-hop tunes. She undid the old music and put on modern songs on the sound system. After a time the music abruptly stopped! She checked the unit – nothing seemed wrong until she noticed that the plug was

pulled from the wall – the cord rolled and put under a shelf! She was the only person behind the bar and no one else could have reached it!

One night the bar was featuring the drink “Bloody Mary’s” and had a tray set up with the cut vegetables used in this drink. The tray was at the end of the bar, and in front of everyone, it flew off the bar. The witnesses were positive that whatever happened, the tray could not have just fallen – it literally flew off the bar. At other times glasses have fallen and, in one case, a woman’s purse was tossed across the room! Even the bathrooms have their own special ghosts and people tell of a tingling feeling in them.

After hearing these accounts I had to visit the place with my wife, psychic Debbie Christenson Senate. She had lived for a time in “The Strand” and even patronized the place in the 1970s. She was taken by how the place had not changed in all the years.

“I feel a short man here, an older man with a big smile,” she said looking at the empty stool at the end of the bar. She believes it was the ghost of long time Silver Strand resident – one Wayne Spencer whom she knew long ago and who did visit the place before his death. Is this he, the shadowy figure that has been reported at that location? We did find a distinct cold spot at that part of the bar where the staff heard the mysterious sigh.

The data I collected was enough to confirm that the small tavern is haunted. I plan to investigate further and see if we have discover more at the haunted pub. If you’re ever in Silver Strand, Oxnard, look up the place and have a drink, just don’t take the last bar stool, that’s where the ghost likes to sit!

- Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

## SUGAR...

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not the only one... It’s added to the diet in large amounts; it makes things more palatable so that it pushes people to over consume it; and it’s a major source of calories, especially from sugars added to beverages.”

Now, I’m picturing one of those gigantic sodas that doesn’t fit into the car’s cup container.

A lot of what we do is based on what we believe. So what do we believe? The Food Information Council Foundation 2012 Food & Health Survey revealed consumers’ attitudes about sugar and health. Of those surveyed,

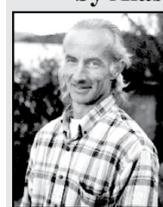
- 20% believe that calories from sugars are responsible for weight gain.
- 62% believed a moderate amount

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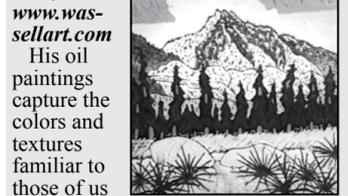
# Wassell Paintings

by Alasdair Coyne



**R**obert Wassell is a local painter who creates beautiful paintings of our local backcountry, and not just the easy to get to

places. His website, where a lot of his artwork may be seen, is: [www.wassellart.com](http://www.wassellart.com)



His oil paintings capture the colors and textures familiar to those of us that venture off down the trails into Los Padres Forest. You can get on an email list that will show you his new paintings as they are ready.

- Alasdair Coyne, sespecoyne@gmail.com  
 Conservation Director of Keep Sespe Wild, a Los Padres watershed Ojai-based organization.

can be part of a healthful diet.

- 61% said it’s not necessary to completely eliminate sugar to lose weight.

- Only 28% believed all sugars are similar and used by the body in the same way.
- 51% are trying to avoid sugars when choosing foods and beverages.
- 35% pay no attention to sugar content.

I received a Tweet recently about a publication that was looking for stories that will send health messages. So here’s a story I’d like to share.

As an inpatient diabetes educator, my clients had been admitted because they were already having some complication from their diabetes, frequently infections. Many had just learned that they had the disease. As hospital stays are often short, I had only one or two sessions to have an impact before the person went home. Knowing that 90% of health care decisions take place out of the influence of medical providers, before I counseled someone, I first

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# Ron Rowe’s Wine and Roses

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been recorded with the sound switched off. They plan to sue.

South Korean tourists are flocking to a new toilet themed amusement park. The Restroom Cultural Park, in the city of Suwon is dedicated to the city’s former mayor, Sim Jaeduck. After being born in a toilet, he spent his life campaigning for better local sanitation. He lives in a toilet shaped house. The sun has set over the yard, time for glass of Merlot and the coming of the Christmas season. Peace on earth, goodwill to all men. Your comments are welcome

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asked about their habits. When I had finished my teaching, with my goodbye I’d say, “I hope I never see you again.” Meaning, I hope you change your habits. “But if I do, we’ll go over this again.”

One person I saw again was a very overweight man in his mid-twenties. But this time he was a visitor, sitting at his mother’s bedside. The doctor had written an order for me to see her. When I walked in, I noticed that the room was strewn with fast-food wrappers and oversized soda cups. I introduced myself to the patient and then to the family.

Then I saw him. “I know you,” I said. “Weren’t you here a few months ago?”

This guy had lost weight – a lot. But how? He was clearly still eating fast food. He obviously hadn’t taken everything I’d said to heart. But he was thinner – significantly.

Even though he had a ways to go, progress is progress. “You look great,” I said.

“I’ve been losing weight,” he said. I looked at the greasy bag and the huge soda next to him. “How?” I asked.

“Well, I still don’t do everything I’m supposed to yet, but I did change one thing.”

The magic bullet? The thing that everyone has been looking for? “Tell me,” I said.

He took a sip of his soda. “I don’t drink regular sodas anymore. I switched to diet.”

“That’s all?” I asked.

“That’s all,” he answered.

- Mary-Jo Murphy, MS, RN, CDE, Health and Diabetes Educator Motivational Speaker [mjmurph221@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmurph221@yahoo.com)

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# Trowbridge Gallery - Artist of the Month

## Danna Tartaglia

**D**anna was born in the small town of Greenville, Mississippi in 1953 where her dad was serving in the Air Force. The family soon moved to San Angelo, Texas where Danna spent the majority of her childhood doing the things creatively-minded children will do. Many dollhouses out of cardboard boxes and mother’s scraps of fabric. Sidewalk art in chalk. Many drawings for the refrigerator door.

Danna excelled in school art classes, most importantly learning the techniques of oil painting which have carried her through to today. Oil painting is still her primary medium.

Marriage and raising two wonderful children left her small spaces for her art, but she managed to be creative in many ways. Painted furniture, elaborate hand-knit sweaters, Halloween costumes, hand-stitched quilts. First place ribbons won in county fairs. The list could go on and on.

In 2004, Danna came ‘out of the closet’ to use her own phrase in becoming a professional artist and exhibiting in galleries around the country. She also found a wonderful experience in managing a unique gallery in Jackson, Oregon where she could set up her easel in the front window and paint her spirited horses and colorful Japanese Koi.

A move to Southern California in late 2011 to live closer to her daughter opened up an unexpected door. Trowbridge Gallery was in transition. Local artist Jeff Sojka had opened the gallery in 1992 and he was thinking it was time for a change. Looking for representation of her own art took her into Trowbridge Gallery and only a few minutes of conversation



Danna Painting the oil, Slippery Knot convinced her to take over as gallery owner. Jeff is keeping the gallery supplied with numerous plein air paintings and Danna is living her dream as gallery owner and artist.

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# Stopover at



**by Joel Anderson**  
**D**ave Mason took a break from his extensive touring schedule taking center stage at an exclusive pre-holiday party for the band (Alvino Bennett - drums, Johnne Sambataro - guitar/vocals, Chris Curtis - FOH, Alex Drizos - bass, vocals) and underlying support group at the Deer Lodge, Ojai.

After hangin' out for several hours enjoying the great food and laid back atmosphere the Lodge had to offer, Dave and the band performed for about an hour and a half. Mason performed *Good To You, Can't Stop Worrying Can't Stop Loving, Dear Mr. Fantasy, We Just Disagree, World In Changes* - stellar heartfelt performances by all. Toward the end of the show Dave loaned his Fender Custom Telecaster to **Jonathan McEuen** who did a kick ass performance - his

own version of *Statesboro Blues (The Allman Bros.)*, in honor of the event. Jonathan's dad, Jon "Dr. J." McEuen (the *String Wizard*) stopped by, having performed with Jonathan and his brother **Nathan McEuen** the night before at *The Lobero, Santa Barbara (Sings Like Hell Series)*.

Mason recently got together with the McEuen's to record his hit tune, *Only You Know and I Know*, included on the *McEuen Sessions* EP released last summer. Other notables present, *Saidman Said of Deer Leg Posse, Kat, Don Lee, Kim, and Scotty*. Be sure and show your support at the **Dec. 8 Ojai Benefit** featuring **Dave Mason**, in remembrance of **Cody Doolittle, The Doo-A-Lot Scholarship For Nordhoff High School Ranger Football**. Also appearing local favorite, **Dr. SURF**. More info. See Page 2 of the paper.

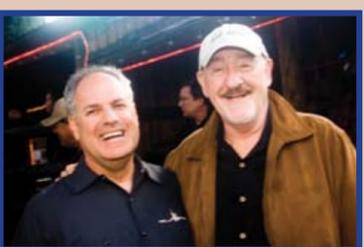


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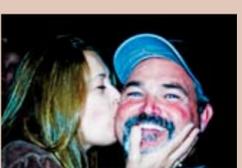
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Jonathan McEuen delivers his tight version of *Statesboro Blues* Nov. 17 (above) & with his Dad (at left), Jon "Dr. J." McEuen (Nitty Gritty Dirty Band).



# Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser



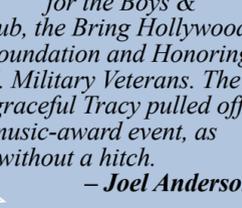
**H**ollywood Event Marketing Maven Tracy Saunders pulled off yet another successful Celebrity Fundraising Event this month at The Pierpont in Ventura. The star studded and fashionable event, featuring such A Listers as Gary Visconti, Michael Thabet, Shanna Olson (Miss California 2013), Said Faraj, Peter Kwong and many more, was held to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club, the Bring Hollywood Home Foundation and Honoring Our U.S. Military Veterans. The always graceful Tracy pulled off the art-music-award event, as always, without a hitch.

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THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

by Ron Rowe

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A the new Gallup Poll shows over 41 percent of American cats and dogs are overweight. Pets gain weight the same way we do; too many calories, not enough exercise. So, if you live with an overweight pet, fight the Battle of the Bulge, feed them a healthy diet and take them on long walks.

Another poll found that a majority of pet owners wouldn't trade their pets for \$1 million. 65 percent said they wouldn't swap their pet for any amount of money.

More complaints from people who have purchased puppies from chain pet stores or on the web. Rhianon Long of Boulder, Colorado purchased a six-month-old Weimorana from a chain pet store. The puppy had wet marks on his paws and sores all over his body. She said she bought the puppy at a reduced price because she felt sorry for him. Unfortunately the puppy is still suffering from sore eyes, ears and paws. The veterinarian said it had been underfed to keep it puppy size.

When will people realize most pet stores obtain their dogs from puppy mills which are overcrowded, have minimum if any medical care, and are overbred. Visit your local Humane Society ADOPTION Center or buy from a reputable breeder. One in five dogs at humane shelters are purebred and there are always plenty available.

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A reader wants advice on training a dog. There are lots of good training books on the market. Training You to Train Your Dog by Barbara Woodhouse, my old mentor. How to Talk to Your Dog by Jean Craighead and The Dog Listener by Jan Fennell. She is an international expert and tells you how to train and communicate with your dog. Also Animal Talk by Penelope Smith.

Books to help you understand your dog and training him or you might take private instruction. Reading a book on any activity, golf, fishing etc. is helpful. You will still have to have hands-on experience and guidance while actually working with other dogs.

Years ago I received great advice and counsel from Jack and Rod Weatherwax, trainer of Lassie. Working with them, plus reading every book in the library gave me a good solid foundation. I also recommend joining the local or Ojai Humane Society Dog Training Class run by Jolene Hoffman. Call 646-6505 for more info, ongoing training classes.

A dog who missed his hospitalized owner traveled hundreds of miles across the busy roads, a Parkway and unfamiliar neighborhoods and tracked him down to the hospital. Zenda, a husky mix, was adopted from a shelter. "He was howling and miserable when I was in hospital," said owner John Dolan of Bayshore, New York. The dog slipped out of the house and found the hospital where he was reunited with



Damn Good Reading!

his owner. For the love of money: Cory and Hope O'Kelly of Largo, Florida has a beagle, Army, who ate a wad of cash worth \$750. The couple sifted through Army's poop and vomit for a week to finally collect shreds of money. They washed it and pieced it together and a local bank redeemed it.

Decades of overfishing for Cod has left fewer than 100 fully grown cod in the North Sea. According to a new study of North Sea Ports across Europe, almost all Cod are now caught before they reach sexual maturity, leaving very few Cod in the sea to reproduce.

If you are interested in pets, go to [www.dogfancy.com](http://www.dogfancy.com) and click on message boards. You can contact thousands of pet owners.

To reader Laura of Oak View, yes I do feed the wild birds, a flock of crows. I feed them dog kibble while Blue Jays, receive sunflower seeds and peanuts in the Shell. Hummingbirds have their own feeder on a peg, and the rest of the birds receive wild birdseed.

For more information on feeding birds, check the National Bird Feeding Society at 708-272-0135.

Pet lovers in the world of apartment living have spanned a booming business in Japan. Japanese or now renting pets by the hour from several companies. Also, the number of parks designed especially for dogs is increasing over Tokyo. One Tokyo dog park says they intend to

franchise 35 more dog parks this year, with the goals of 1,000 more throughout the country. The owners of apartment buildings are responding by eliminating pet restriction clauses, making the buildings more pet friendly. Some are installing dog showers and rooms where renters can groom their pets. Ojai take note and listen. Time to feed little Nellie. Many thanks for all your e-mail. Love to all living beings on earth. Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

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There's a FISH in the COURTHOUSE



Continued from Page 3... because it didn't seem to be much different from what was happening every day of the week a little farther south down the coast in the metropolis of Los Angeles.

One thing passed through my mind, the police would most likely come up with a suspect and I would get the task of investigating to prove that the suspect was innocent. Since September of 1966 I had been the Chief Investigator for the Office of the Public Defender for Ventura County, a new department which had just been formed by the supervisors of the county. After a lot of thought the local politicians had come to the conclusion that it would be far more economical to create the county department of the Public Defender than to have the judges appointing private attorneys to represent indigent people. There was a belief that maybe the court was playing favorites in the selection of certain lawyers and law firms and possibly these attorneys had been conducting far too many unnecessary courtroom appearances in behalf of their clients. Each separate appearance called for higher fees and expenses.

This wouldn't be the first murder case that I'd been involved in through the years, but it sure as hell was destined to be one of the most involved and far-reaching cases to me personally - changing my whole existence and future.

Our offices were on the third floor of a newer building which had been constructed behind the original courthouse. The older more elaborate building was situated on a site overlooking the old section of Ventura. Walking out of the massive front doors you looked down California Street, on across Main to the white sands of the beach and the blue ocean and sky. Usually a fat oil

tanker lay anchored out beyond the fishing pier. Indeed, this beautiful biew met your eyes as you left the front doors of the stately old courthouse - at least it did before the purveyors of cement and steel proceeded to build their master size freeway including the exits and on ramps at the foot of California Street. All this within several hundred feet of the white sand and blue ocean. Now all you could see was Greyhound buses and huge smoky trucks hauling their enormous loads of merchandise from San Francisco and Los Angeles interspersed with Volkswagens and Winnegabos. Progress, what would we do without it?

I parked the county car up on the hillside and walked down to the newer building that housed our offices. I decided to swalk up the several flights of stairs thinking a little exercise won't hurt. Starting up the second flight I heard somebody coming down. Looking up I saw it was Woodruff J. Deem, the District Attorney. I gave a friendly "Hi," he nodded and kept going at a fast pace down the steps. I figured Woody was doing the same thing, trying to get a little workout. But knowing how he pushed himself with his duties, he probably just didn't have the patience to wait for the one and only elevator to arrive. Woody, as he was known to almost everyone, was an average height and athletic build. Turning to watch him for a moment I noticed he still had a butch haircut and thought Lord, why doesn't he get a new suit.

I had known Wood for a long time, having taken many criminal investigative files to him to read and issue complaints on while I was a det. Sergeant with the Ventura Police Department and he'd been a Deputy D.A. He was a shrewd lawyer, very fair while considering both sides of a case and whether there was sufficient good evidence to warrant taking a defendant to court and trying to convict him.

You could expect a knowing, extremely long, sharp look, if he felt that you as the investigating officer had come up with a poor report. I started on up the stairs nursing a feeling that Woody didn't seem quite so friendly since I was with the Public Defender's office. On

the other hand I'd heard rumbles that there was a strong antagonistic feeling being nurtured amongst the staff of the Public Defender against the District Attorney, this a loud, boisterous and quite profane manner by Richard E. Erwin, the lawyer who was appointed to the position of Public Defender by the Board of Supervisors. In fact, Erwin had been appointed in a hurry and under pressure by the Board because the attorney they really wanted for the position had decided at the last minute not to take the job. Unless the position was filled in a hurry the courts would start using court appointed lawyers and this would create considerable problems with funds and clients cases.

It was early afternoon yet and I could see several of the deputy Public Defenders standing in the large front office discussing their problem cases and hoping for advice and encouragement from their fellow lawyers. Beyond them was a desk where sat Claire Brotherton, the woman that Erwin had selected for his executive secretary. She was an average-height female with mousey blond hair, apparently at the age where a woman starts getting unwanted bulges in fairly obvious places. She had placed her desk in a very strategic corner of the room where her eyes from behind a pair of powerful glasses could see every object, moving or otherwise with one swift upward glance from her typewriter. I received one of these upward glances as I entered the main door, only she stared at me for what seemed like a longer period than she gave most individuals, and I was sure I detected a hostile gleam behind the glasses, along with the start of a sneer on her thin, tight lips. Just to the right of her desk was a door, gold letters announced, "Richard E. Erwin, Public Defender."

Event Calendar December 2012

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 DECEMBER 7, 8 & 9, 2012, Show Times: Friday, December 7: 7:30PM, Saturday, December 8: 2:00PM and 7:30PM, Sunday, December 9: 2:00PM, For Tickets, reservations and Information call: (805)988-4440, PRICES: \$10 (bleachers); \$17 (on-ice general seating), \$25 (reserved front row & group seating). Tables \$48 per person. Minimum 2 per table. Maximum 5 per table. (Tables available for all four shows). Skaters range in levels from age 3 to 75. This show is produced by the Channel Islands Figure Skating Club To raise money for the Children's Fund. (A volunteer charity in conjunction with Children's Fund at KVTA radio's Morning Show, which provides presents at Christmas time For foster children in Ventura County and supplies clothing for the Children throughout the rest of the year). If you are unable to attend, we hope you will assist Sheila Cluff in raising money for these Foster Children Make your check payable to Channel Islands Figure Skating Club (Designate that it is for Children's Services Auxiliary Christmas Program) Mail to Attn: Janene Wasserman Channel Islands Ice Center 830 Wagon Wheel Rd., Oxnard, CA 9303 See you at the ice rink!  
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# Brian Faith Band: Overcoming the Challenges - Part I

by Carol Leonard

The phrase "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger" by Kelly Clarkson, truly shows the meaning of overcoming challenges. Life brings lots of different challenges, both for individuals, and as a group or family. It is how you deal with these events that assist us in becoming the people we are today.

The Brian Faith Band has withstood many obstacles along the way. Family was always first, then music. Ernie Joseph started playing professionally at just 14 years of age.

In junior high, the band "The Emperors" was formed and performing locally. Joseph, Ern's father, was the band's manager. The first out-of-town performance was at Dunn School in Ojai. Competing with the



**Southeast Tour:** Strawberry Alarm Clock Producer/Manager Bill Holmes, Ernie Joseph, Jack Hayward (right). Photo © 1970s, Richard Savage

on a time schedule, and STILL having to make it to the various venues, no matter where they are. YOU are held accountable.

play music. This does not include the stress of dealing with the fans. At 21, your recording contracts take on a life of THEIR own. YOU



are now in charge of decisions that could either make or break you. More demands face you; creating new songs in record time, recording



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Discovering different venues to play can be a challenging adventure. It is not easy to market yourself in the beginning. Having people that truly believe in you and love your music can be very



beneficial in booking gigs. Beginning with their first production CD..... to the DOVE EP, and now more than

Battle of Bands, brought not only wins, but the notice of various record labels. Being in school, and practicing your music can be difficult without the support and understanding of your family.

One lesson you learn quickly is that your life suddenly is NOT your own. You not only have your parents telling you what to do, you now have producers, studio personnel,

Said Ernie, "We were

## Brian Faith Band

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### Olde Towne Tavern - Goleta

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Presents ~ BFB's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimmy LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer Thurs; Dec 6, 13, 20, 27, 5114 Hollister Ave ~ ph. 683-1003

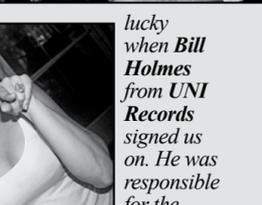
and concert hall representatives. A whole new group of responsibilities and being held accountable for both yourself

and your group now face you. It can become very overwhelming to a group of teenagers just wanting to

hinder your performance, but the BFB strove to



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lucky when Bill Holmes from UNI Records signed us on. He was responsible for the

group "Strawberry Alarm Clock".

Overcoming fears of playing in front of people can be hard to overcome. Not everyone can stand up in front of crowds and either speak/sing or play an instrument. Shyness can



ever their original music, i.e. Emotional Arrest and Michael the hard work, determination and focus shows the Brian Faith Band has had, and continues to have. They can conquer anything that comes along. Said Ernie, "Always look up, never down, Smile, never frown. Continued next page..."

# Brian Faith Band

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## BFB Continued...

Great things will come your way with faith, love and understanding..... "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."

## SRS NEWS: BFBs

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". By the way, John Ferry's Brian Faith Band Film, "Makin' It" has won the prestigious Golden Reel Award at the Nevada International Film Festival in Las Vegas.

ICU's Jimi LeRoy is co-writing more tunes with BFB, that will also include his latest song, "You Get What You Give"... "Why Do You Love Me" BFB Singer/

Songwriter Jimmy Haggerty is also currently mixing tracks on an original project, "Love of My Life." 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

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Bishop Diego Game at Santa Barbara City College last month, our only loss: 14 - 7.



Nordhoff's Eric Lara, 5 - wide receiver



Student support at Nordhoff game.

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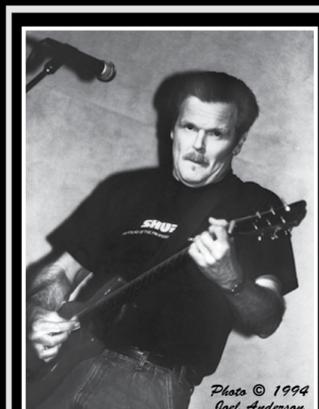
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Ojai Community wishes Nordhoff good luck and are very proud of both them and their coaches.

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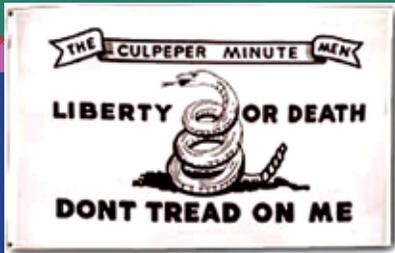
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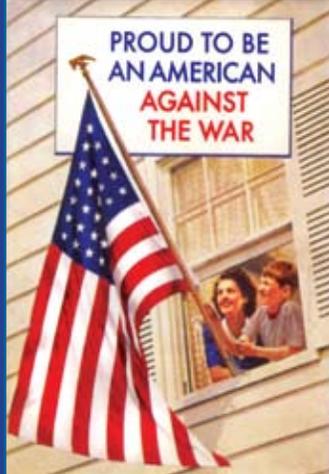
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3. Golden State charges us close to three times as much for water as Casitas or any other water purveyor in the area.
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