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GOOD JOB!



KEEP SMILING!

OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

It Stinks, It Stinks, It really Stinks badly! Saturday night bath. What is up with the water SMELL, there must be a dead animal in the water system. The smell of the water is worse than the people that have to bathe in it. Take a Bath, Smell Worse? Maybe a new Ojai Motto? Has it come to that? Having to ad bubble bath to hide the smell of the water we bathe in?



Coffee? I looked into the glass pot and held it up to the Sun and.... particles everywhere. I guessed wrong on those water filter dispensing machines.... they must bring in a fortune, along with bottled water because the tap water stinks. Too bad the City was busy wasting Millions on Libby Bowl not to rent it out and recover our money. Same thing with the Code and Sky Issue. It's time to stop wasting time and ratepayer dollars and take over the water works already. You had it, you gave it away.

Severo Looking Forward to Golden State Demise

With much anticipation many water ratepayers are looking forward to getting rid of Ojai's gouging water purveyor, Golden State Water Co. Ojai's new City Council Member, Severo Lara is no exception, nor are Council Members Carl Strobel, Betsy Clapp, and Mayor Paul Blatz. They all receive inflated GSWC bills at their private family homes. Council Member Carol Smith has also vocally opposed GSWC.

Said Lara, "Golden State Water is a priority. In my opinion, and I'm just one of the five council members.... we need to work better with OjaiFLOW...." Pat McPherson suggested that having the public go out and actually vote [to form a water district where the Golden State Rate Payers will then Vote on a Bond to buy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ojai Valley Museum Two Original Exhibitions: "Fiber Arts Master Pieces" and "Beatrice Wood, Duchamp & Chess" Jan. 19th thru March 31 In the museum's Rotating Gallery, examples of antique and contemporary quilts, textiles, fiber art portraiture, sculpture and wearable art and will

www.YouTube.com/OVtAView

Time to be bold on the taxpayers behalf for a change. You have the franchise and it says you can take it back at any time. Now is the time! Do it. Do it Now! Do it before I need another Bath. Don't wait. It has been how long??? Me too, Too long. You can save the residents each year more money than you wasted on Libby Bowl, Ojai's very own faulty towers. TAKE back the Water system. The Golden State Water people sit on the same water board, (The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency - OBGMA), as our Mayor and Our Casitas Water rep. Who will replace the Golden State Water board position when they leave the valley next year?

Das Williams, our newly elected official, failed to get a bill passed on the size of rock trucks up and down Highway 33. It was to reduce the size of trucks barreling down through the tunnel. Hey folks, encourage Das to resubmit the bill again. We need Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...

INTERVIEW: Ojai Council Member, Severo Lara

It's refreshing to see an Ojai City Council member, Severo Lara, elected (in November), who was actually born and raised, and currently also raising a family of his own in Ojai. Why, besides being from Ojai, did he run? "I thought that it was important for somebody my age to run and get involved in city politics just to have representation and our point of view represented. We are the future and, especially for my girls....just to get a voice in there that has a young family. I think it's really important for my generation to start participating.... because in the 60s and 70s...there was a lot of youth participating... and now, my age.... young families really don't.... they're more worried about making money (trying to survive). My friends and I thought it would be important to get somebody young in there, and with a family too!" Lara said.



Severo Officially takes his seat Dec. 11. Lara, who is very enthusiastic about the future of preserving Ojai's natural character, is also very approachable. You get the idea he really wants to actually help the people of Ojai accomplish their goals, that he wants to streamline the process of accountability and efficient, smooth governance of the city. He emphasized that the everyday Ojai citizen will be able to easily reach out to him and voice their concerns, whatever they might be. Still effective, his open and wise use of social networking during the campaign has not been put on the back burner.

Lara said, "Casitas..... the meeting in January where they're going to decide to do the ballot measure.... it's crucial and the Council has made it clear that they do support OjaiFLOW. They think it's a great idea for the citizens to go through with it.... It's just a first step and of course Golden State is not going to want to sell. I think, as of right now, FLOW has the full support of the city council. Personally they have my support," Lara said. "Golden State is going to do everything in their power to not allow the Ratepayers to Vote. They are trying to stop and suppress the bill again. We need Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4..."



City Trash: Still in Violation: Widders, Thurs. Dec. 27, 4:50pm City Trash: Still in Violation: Widders, Thurs. Dec. 27, 4:50pm

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The City of Ojai's Top Ten Procrastinations

- CANCEL the GOLDEN STATE WATER franchise CONTRACT. GET THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS paid back into the City reserves from the Libbey Bowl Disaster. STOP HIRING KEY city employees from outside Ojai. SPLIT PARK AND RECS IN TWO; Parks Dept. and the Rec Department. STOP PUTTING NON-OJAI TAXPAYERS into Commission Positions. OUTSOURCE CODE Enforcement. Huge Cost Savings. ESTABLISH A CITIZENS Enforcement Appeals Board. STOP ALL PLANNING COMMISSION Reviews. Inform the Council. ESTABLISH AN OJAI Police Department. ONLY ALLOW OJAI taxpayers to propose ordinance changes, IE: Dark sky.

WikiLeaks Reporting On A Totalitarian Regime

We recently celebrated the two-year anniversary of Cablegate on the same day as Bradley Manning testified for the first time about the torture he has received at the hands of the U.S. government. To mark this occasion Julian Assange wrote a piece for the Huffington Post showing some of the effects of Cablegate across the globe, including helping to end the Iraq War and playing a crucial part in the Arab Spring. When WikiLeaks started to publish Cablegate, the largest diplomatic leak in history, the U.S. government retaliated with unprecedented attacks on Julian Assange and WikiLeaks, including threats to assassinate Assange and establishing an extra-judicial banking blockade against WikiLeaks and Assange. Despite these attempts to close down WikiLeaks we continued with even more publications: the GI Files, Syria Files and the Detainee Policies. Along with our supporters we shall continue to fight through next year as well. Read Julian Assange's full article here: English [en]: www.huffingtonpost.com/julian-assange/wikileaks-bradley-manning-testifies-cablegate_b_2215387.html SOURCE: Investigative partnership organised by WikiLeaks. Data obtained by WikiLeaks.

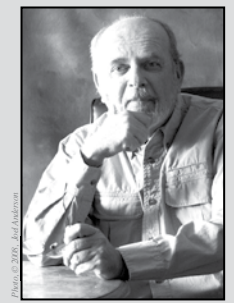
least in running a business, I would not be in business if I wasn't accountable Continued, Page 5... www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com "True happiness... is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." Helen Keller

Your Taxes Pay Public Salaries Ventura City Attorney (Ariel Calonne) Salary+Benefits ~ \$208,405 Ventura City Manager (Rick Cole) Salary+Benefits ~ \$185,345 Community Dev. Dir. (Jeff Lambert) Salary ~ \$171,265 Bldg and Safety Mgr (Andrew Stuffer) Salary+Benefits ~ \$170,562

the Cause of Freedom Dana Good Reading! KEEP SMILING! Photo of a woman reading a newspaper.

Why Ventura is The Broke Capitol of the World? Who's Money is It Anyway? The City of Ventura LOST \$10 Million Dollars over 4 years ago (well before the recent economic crash), through their ambitious high-risk investment plan; having placed precious taxpayer dollars with Bear Stearns (BS) private assets, which went belly up in the JP Morgan fiasco. This reduced Ventura's get-rich-quick-scheme to pie-in-the-sky. Most cities invest their cash assets in highly safe Treasury instruments and other government-backed securities. PETER RUDOLF MILHADO, PH.D. Lic #MFT14142 39 Years Experience drpetermilhado@gmail.com • (805) 640-1810 Blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com Extensive Experience With Folks Over Forty, Artists And Psychotherapists In All Creative Fields

"Don't Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess!" Part I: The Ego Wants Security, The Soul Wants to Live!



REFLECTIONS ON THE INNER WARRIOR Are you bored, lethargic, lonely, feel alienated or empty inside? Is the monster of the status-quo running your life? Are you stuck? Complaining and whining, or waiting for a rescue will not help. However, being quiet and reflective, checking out your inner landscape and consciously exploring the deeper parts of your self will connect or re-connect you with your inner warrior.

The journey awaiting you usually goes into the inner world first and then into the outer. By traveling into the depth of our being with eyes open we become more authentic and I can't think of anything better we can do for ourselves or our children than to live authentically and responsibly. If you want to change your present condition, action is the only way and for that you will need your warrior energies. Before we act and encounter the outer world we need to make a strategy, because we will have to face both terror and exhilaration when we follow our inner vision. This reminds me again of the unknown poet who said, "What fascinates and terrifies is the way of the soul." Many times when we decide to make a change and blaze a new trail we get discouraged by colleagues, friends, teachers, parents and insurance companies. Check out their motivations. Is it fear, control or envy? Often we've been advised to stay as safe as possible. The ego wants security, but the soul wants to live! There are no guarantees in life, the variables are infinite... but we can't live a soulful life without going on a quest at the right time.

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The Inner Warrior If we continue to repeat the same neurotic self-destructive patterns, avoid making changes and are mostly undisciplined, we've disconnected from the warrior archetype. Our inner warrior helps us fight the enemies within - inertia, addictions, irresponsibility, denial, laziness, and cynicism. It takes strength to tolerate frustration and delay immediate gratification. Warrior energy helps us to make a plan and stick to it. We begin to trust our own perceptions of life and our own truth rather than someone else's, which has been imposed on us early in life. Most of all, our internal warrior gives us courage to face our fears... i.e. fear of failure, fear of defeat, fear of poverty, fear of humiliation, fear of disapproval etc.

The Warrior In The Outer World The warrior archetype had its roots in the hunter archetype of our early ancestors and was about survival of self and tribe. If over time you were unsuccessful as a hunter/warrior you would die and so could your family. In modern times the warrior energy has shifted from the hunt. Today we can witness the warrior archetype displayed in athletics, schools and especially the workplace. At its best the warrior archetype calls us to have courage, strength, a sense of fairness and stamina. Other characteristics include the ability to defend oneself and loved ones verbally, legally and when necessary physically. The warrior lives by and fights for values and principles even when doing so is financially or socially costly. Warriors claim power in the world and commit to making our planet a better place. Warring includes protecting the weaker and to "show up" when required. "Showing up" means sticking to commitments - going to work even though you have to drag yourself there, confronting your boss or asking for a raise, following your vision without anyone's help, opposing the majority view, or locking your mother-in-law from hell in the basement with bread and water only and so forth....

One for all and all for one. Love to Mother Meera PETER RUDOLF MILHADO, PH.D. Lic #MFT14142 39 Years Experience drpetermilhado@gmail.com • (805) 640-1810 Blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com Extensive Experience With Folks Over Forty, Artists And Psychotherapists In All Creative Fields

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to stop the threat of Santa Barbara County allowing a new mine to be opened. Restrict the size to 35 feet or less, take the profit out of pollution and restore our small town tranquility without hundreds of trucks barreling past our high school. Make them stop at the Matilija Dam road. We will need that road to either remove the Dam or Muck it out one of these days. That will help the Cities budget, and provide many much needed jobs too. The City can stop the tens of thousands of legal fees they have been paying out to fight the truck issue.

Interesting article from the PAST City Manager of Ventura (Rick "Not King Anymore" Cole) about picking "the right" City Manager. If he knew so much why is he an X manager?? Because he let the Building Department run wild and push around the residents, just like here in Ojai. Time to get it under control.

Betsy ran on the fact that code enforcement was a problem. Time to get that fixed. Can you believe all the code enforcements for Roosters, extension cords, etc. Why? Because, with the economy dead.... zero building going on here, the department is stirring the pot to keep busy to justify their uselessness.

The thing is being run like Mayberry. The expensive crowd of shiftless officials are so desperate to appear busy that we are offering to have Idle 10 year old building permits activated for the western building across from the sparkling Sea Fresh? Confused, I am.

We still have the Water Runoff thing, DARK (North Korean) SKY ORDINANCE, Big Vehicle parking and a host of others. Is the building

department strategy to offer up dozens of items that will never be complete? Just keep churning and adding more, resolving nothing? Why do we have a full time building department with a 90% decline in permits? Why? We have higher employee and consultant costs than ever.

Severo, I hope you don't get stuck with the Pedi Cab issue, Horse Muffins in the street from the carriage rides or some foolish thing like that first up.

You have more important things to do than that. I never heard what you want to do. I would hope you would publish what your Top Ten Wish List is and when you want to get it done. That would really help. The last 3 Mayors left too many things on the table, like the most common about Code Enforcement. You were at Megs and heard it; the citizens are fed up with getting their rights trounced and their wallets fleeced. YOU HAVE BEEN AT THE city MEETINGS AND HEARD IT, So where is this on your list? Equal protection and equal enforcement??

What are you going to do about the City hiding public meetings? The Chairman of the Park and Rec Commission asked that the Park and Rec meetings be televised and it got squashed by saying we would TRY and Hire A high School Kid to tape.... How much, when?

A Valley wide park is a stretch when we can't even get our city program going?? Help Help Help. You were are Vice Chair of Park and Rec. At least set a deadline. One thing the city excels in is letting everything blow over and accomplishing nothing. Stalling, delaying until everyone forgets it was up for discussion.

Someone wishing a Merry Christmas? I wouldn't be offended if someone greeted me with, Happy Hanukkah or whatever else. It's the intent and the other person's belief that matters. Why anyone should be offended if he or she doesn't believe in Christmas is beyond me, with everything else being forced to change in schools and cities. The "Parade of Lights," not Christmas Parade, the mayor of New York lighting a "Holiday Tree," no "Christmas Carols" or songs, no "Christmas Stories" in schools or libraries. Next year I suppose we will be hear-

tion. Same tactic as Jere Kersnar. Same tactic with Dale at the Park department, just stall until the horse dies.

As the Chair said if the meetings were televised the City wouldn't have had to endure the last 4 1/2 years of substandard management of the Park department.

You are inheriting a huge debt, no solid plan to dig the Libby Project out of the hole, tons of proposed negative and repressive changes to the City rules, while ignoring those codes that don't fit, won't work and mainly aren't wanted. Other codes that aren't really codes because our elected city council never voted them into law. Why are we citing for trash-cans? Must be the best use of public funds. Must be the number one hazard. Must be the most dangerous public safety condition threatening the Small Town community we cherish. That and new sandwich sign citations are sure to make this a safe place. What are the priorities, when will the residents finally speak up now that the dangerous bags have been vanquished. Not everything is negative. A big thanks to the city for taking serious the threat of those Death Ray electric meters. Yes we will find out in a few years that they are harmful. The utility company can't be held at fault because the CPUC gave them permission to install them, It is going to be like having "Love Canal" in our back yard.

New Mayor and new Council Lara best of luck. You are about to experience what happens when the Pit Bull finally catches the Garbage Truck and bites the Steel Bumper. Hang em High!

– Dick Lynch

ing Bing Crosby's song changed to I'm Dreaming of a White Holiday. I say, next year, let us all be more tolerant, understanding and loving to each other and respect each other's traditions. Peggy, a reader in Ventura, writes "I am tired of all the petty bickering over Christmas holiday greetings... I am a pagan and respect the earth and mother nature." Out of curiosity, I checked in with Wilma, the good wica witch who lives in a small village outside London. She is mistress of over 70 covens worldwide. Her reply, "Pagans love the earth and work with mother nature in creating a positive balance in growth and harmony. Nature is

mother, daughter, maiden, Virgin, Harlot and hag, all in one. She is mistress of the stars and heavens. The beauty of nature, generating womb-nurturing power of death, earth and fertility, fulfilling of all needs, but also the power of death and the horror of decay and annihilation. From her, all proceed to her, all return. She is Mother Gila, the earth. Honor her, when governments, militaries and private organizations bomb, blast, drill and tear asunder poor mother earth."

Well well, ask a simple question and what do you receive? Many thanks wica witch. Let me know when you're planning your next trip to Ojai.

Over concerns about the fiscal cliff, major U.S. companies are reducing their spending at the fastest pace since the recession. Half of the country's 40 biggest corporate spenders say they plan to cut investment spending this year in order to protect profits in this uncertain environment.

Of the 41 missions sent to Mars, 26 have failed. America now has more computer software engineers than farmers, over 1 million people are making their living with software. Apple paid a corporate tax of 1.9 percent on its earnings outside the U.S. In the last fiscal year they paid \$730 million on foreign profits of \$36.87 billion.

British scientists have discovered that a person watching a horror film will burn up to 119 calories in 90 minutes. A new survey shows that women who stay single are as happy as wives in the first marriage and have better health than those suffering from a split in a long-term relationship.

A skinny 103 pound rapist in Bakersfield met his match when he tried to assault a 25-year-old, 316 pound prostitute. She took his knife, broke his arms, kicked him in his groin stripped him naked and marched into the local police station where he is being held on a \$100,000 bail.

Good news for lovers. In this flu season, you're more likely to catch the flu or cold virus by shaking hands than my kissing, according to medical experts. In Nigeria, a herbalist doctor was shot dead by a patient who was testing the potency of an anti-bullet charm the herbalist had prepared for him.

In Pennsylvania, a bank robber dressed as Santa Claus escaped with over \$20,000 cash. I hear bagpipes have now become respectable. Carnegie Mellon University, a respectable institution of higher learning, is offering the worlds first degree in the playing of the bagpipe. Now there are those who would insist that the word music and bagpipe do not belong together, except as opposites. They might quote that eminent authority, Dr. Johnson, who wrote, "A gentleman is a man who has learned to play the bagpipe but doesn't." I much prefer Rudyard Kipling's quote, "A good bag piper is like a good lover or cigar smoker, slow, steady and sure of his wind." Continued next page...

Remember, Robbie Burns Night is Jan. 25. Jennifer Lopez' bottom may be more famous, but wine taster Angela Mouney has the most expensive body part. After her taste buds were insured for \$40 million, the senior wine taster buyer has boosted supermarket sales by over 18 percent. Her insurance is six times more than the policy on Bruce Springsteen's voice.

Time to relax with a glass of merlot and think what my New Years Resolution will be. Hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a happy healthy prosperous New Year. Your comments are welcome

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INTERVIEW: Severo Lara, Ojai Council

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and honest. So we have to be.... as a city. We can't just take for granted that we are people who are given this money.... NO, we're given this money to make sure that our citizens are being served."

Asked about Code Enforcement targeting ordinary citizens while letting others, who are influential, escape enforcement, Lara said, "That's where we need to be more consistent. We have to be more fair. We just can't target 8 people [for leaving their trash cans out] and not target another.... it doesn't matter if he's a former city attorney... if we are really going to write that code it has to be regulated across the board.... And that's where we should really define and we should really talk and start dialoguing.... what's really our priority?"

"There are a lot of issues that need to be cleaned up... talking to Rob Mulane (Ojai community development director) and going through some of his structures and saying, 'Now, we have to write a complaint down every single time. We can't just say that it was verbalized.'

Now, I think we need to start being more professional in terms of that. And I think it's the city council's job, also, to ask the city manager, 'Have you done this and done that?' It's a collaboration between everybody to keep the city honest and transparent," he said.

As town leaders begin to question the fiscal wisdom of paying precious tax dollars to have code enforcement officers vacantly run around town and discriminately write trash can tickets, the debate heats up. This year the Ventura County Grand Jury issued a scathing indictment of Ventura and their (now former) city manager Rick Cole (who was then "let go") for just such illegal and unwise abusive practices. Ojai has paid Ventura's same "consultant," Stephen Stuart, tens of thousands of dollars in the last couple years for the same advice.

His expensive Code recommendations have Not been adopted into city law by the Ojai City Council. Interestingly enough Ojai Code Enforcement has been illegally enforcing many of these "recommendations" as if they are now Council approved into law. Perhaps, with the building and construction industries down, due to a stagnant housing market and lack of capital loans from the lenders, it's well past the time to trim down code enforcement staff and save city funds. A few years ago, during "the boom years," code officials had their hands busy in the permitting process. Now what are they doing? Can the City of Ojai really afford to enforce codes that don't exist? Code enforcing is costing more than any revenue generation they dream of in the building dept.

Said Lara, "That's something I definitely want to look into and I'll ask Rob [Clark] that myself. I think it's something again, bottom line.... why are we enforcing codes that have not been approved of? That's definitely something that we need to look into. We need to figure out a way to regulate codes and, first of all, ones that are adopted and not adopted. The big concern is be fair and be consistent. It still think there needs more work, obviously and with the input

Event Calendar

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FRIDAY, JAN 4

• Jan 4/Fri., 6pm - AN EVENING OF BEAUTY FOR THE LADIES/ TROWBRIDGE GALLERY, OJAI, After the Hectic Holidays - Relax and learn while you get your eyes and nails done, and a shoulder massage to loosen up those gift wrapping, tree trimming muscles! Guest speakers will talk about skin care and give us beauty tips. Raffle prizes! Wine and chocolate! Everyone Welcome! RSVP 805-646-0967

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Americans Have Less Access to Justice than Botswanans ... And Are More Abused By Police than Kazakhstanis

by WashingtonsBlog Nov. 29: "Information Clearing House" - U.S. Scores Towards the Bottom of All North American and Western European Nations Justice is a key value for Americans.

After all, one of our key mottoes is: "Liberty and justice for all". But the World Justice Project - a bipartisan, independent group with honorary chairs including Supreme Court Justices Kennedy, Breyer, Ginsberg and O'Connor - just released a report saying that Americans have less access to justice than most wealthy countries ... and many developing nations.

The group's "World Justice Index" ranks countries' faithfulness to the rule of law based upon 9 factors (we're paraphrasing so that they're easier to understand):

1. Whether there are checks and balances on the power of government officials

Justice is a Joke Continued, Page 11...

Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe During the "holiday" season there is so much blather coming from the politically correct pundits on how to give a politically correct "P.C." greeting. The "P.C." say, "Happy Holidays" for fear of offending the minority who are not Christians. What is so offensive about

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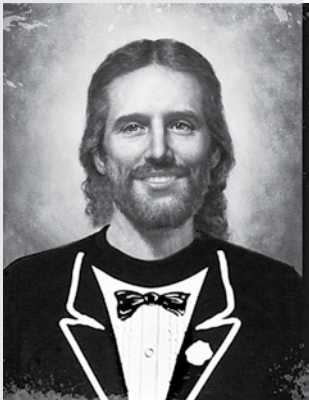
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WikiLeaks: European Commission Enabling Blockade of WikiLeaks by U.S. Hard-Right Lieberman/King, Contrary to European Parliament's Wishes

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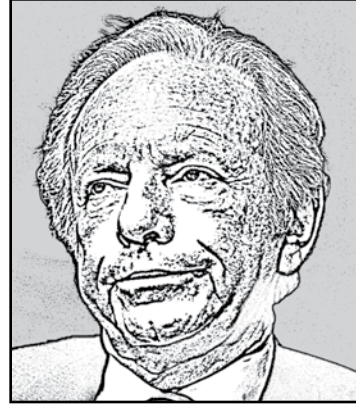
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Tuesday 27th November, 1300 GMT

European Commission documents released today by WikiLeaks show that hard-right U.S. politicians were directly behind the extrajudicial banking blockade against WikiLeaks. In the heavily redacted documents, MasterCard Europe admits that Senator Joseph Lieberman and Congressman Peter T. King both "had conversations" with MasterCard in the United States. Lieberman, the then-chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, boasted of instigating Amazon's cutting of service to WikiLeaks - an action condemned by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers on 7 December 2011.

Senator Lieberman tried to introduce the SHIELD Act into the Senate and advocated for prosecuting the New York Times for espionage in connection with WikiLeaks' releases. Rep. Peter King, chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, tried to formally designate WikiLeaks as a foreign terrorist organization, have its staff listed as "enemy combatants", and have WikiLeaks put on a U.S. Treasury blacklist. On 13 January 2011 the U.S. Treasury announced it would not do so because there was no evidence that WikiLeaks should be on such a list. While Lieberman and King were unsuccessful in these methods of legally cutting WikiLeaks from its popular donor base, they were successful

in doing so extra-legally via VISA and MasterCard, which together hold a monopoly of 97 percent of the market of EU card payments.

VISA Europe is registered in London and is owned by a consortium of European banks. MasterCard Europe is registered in Belgium and has similar ownership, but the Commission papers show that European control of VISA Europe and MasterCard Europe is a fiction. The papers reveal that the instructions



Turncoat: Sen. Joseph Lieberman



Mr. Blacklist: Rep. Peter King

to blockade WikiLeaks' operations in Europe came directly from VISA and MasterCard in the United States. Ownership would normally imply control, but VISA and MasterCard Europe are essentially controlled by confidential contracts with their U.S. counterparts, a hidden organizational structure that the Commission calls an "association of undertakings".

On Tuesday, 19 November 2012, the European Parliament took an important step towards safeguarding the economic sovereignty of all Europeans. In Article 32 of its resolution, the European Parliament expressed the will that the Commission should prevent the arbitrary refusal of payments by credit card companies, which economically strangles businesses and organizations, notably ours. The resolution is an important step to putting an end to the Lieberman/King blockade, which has wiped out 95 percent of WikiLeaks' revenues. The Lieberman/King blockade has been directly condemned by, among others, the UN Special Rapporteur of Freedom of Speech and the New York Times Editorial Board. The blockade is a direct infringement of the Article 19 right to receive and impart information, and threatens all donor-funded organizations and the freedom of the press.

It comes as a surprise, then, that the European Commission is taking the contrary view in its preliminary decision, of not opening a formal investigation into VISA, MasterCard and AmEx's violations against DataCell, the company that collected donations to the WikiLeaks project until the imposition of the blockade in 2010. The Commission's 16-page preliminary decision has been announced after 15 months of deliberations. The 'normal' waiting time is four months. Yesterday, DataCell and WikiLeaks submitted detailed counter-arguments to the Commission's preliminary decision.

Through the leaked documents we learn that VISA and MasterCard have used a false statement by the Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, to mislead the European Commission. The Prime Minister's statement, which she later claimed was made in her "private capacity", was that the WikiLeaks publication of diplomatic cables was "illegal". This was declared to be false by a subsequent investigation by the Australian Federal Police, which declared that WikiLeaks had not broken any Australian law. Earlier this year, the Australian Senate passed a resolution demanding the retraction of the Prime Minister's false statement.

The leaked documents reveal MasterCard's political stance to our exposure of the crimes and horrors of military campaigns: "It is evident that any affiliation with an organisation causing damage to the national interests of several nations involved in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq... will be extremely damaging for the public perception of MasterCard".

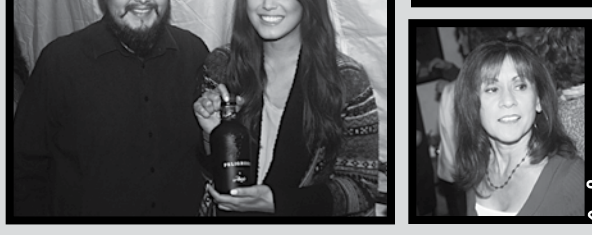
Julian Assange said, "There is no sovereignty without economic sovereignty. It is concerning that hard-right elements in the United States have been able to pressure VISA and MasterCard, who together hold monopoly over the European market, into introducing a blockade that the U.S. Treasury has rightly rejected. These unaccountable elements are directly interfering in the political and economic freedoms of EU consumers and are setting a precedent for political censorship of the world's media."

WikiLeaks will continue to fight the blockade, despite its limited resources, because it is fighting for its survival. Already there have been victories. In June 2012 WikiLeaks won its first court victory in Iceland against the Lieberman-King blockade. Last month WikiLeaks opened a new battle front by filing, together with its partner DataCell, a case against Teller A/S (VISA Denmark).

NOTE: The movement in Parliament and in the rest of Europe is to support WikiLeaks' publishing rights. The German foundation Wau Holland Stiftung (WHS), which collected donations for WikiLeaks via PayPal had their donations account arbitrarily shut down. The tax-exempt status of the Foundation was challenged as well, as a result of political interference which was exposed this month in Der Spiegel ("Taxing Transparency"). Yesterday, WHS announced that, after almost two years of negotiations with German tax authorities, its tax exemption (charitable status) has been reinstated. Citizens of all EU Member States will now be able to donate to WikiLeaks' operations through WHS and deduct the donation from their income tax.

SOURCE: Investigative partnership organised by WikiLeaks. Data obtained by WikiLeaks.

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Zoe Freespirit Really Exists Though SSN Says NO WAY

Zoe, a native born American, has tried to get a Social Security Number since the 1970s. Even though she was born here in the states, she has always lived here, and she has provided every document the Social Security office in Ventura, has asked for, including her birth certificate, Zoe has been denied a Social Security Number every step of the way.

Zoe is very gifted, humorous, musical, artistic and a wonderful chef, to name just a few of her talents. But she has little resources or health to enjoy or share any of these wonderful gifts...

Since 2002, Zoe has been deprived of driving, working legally, receiving any medical benefits, or even benefits due her from her deceased veteran husband. She has medical problems now that plague her greatly so that she deals with great pain every day and cannot eat properly, nor sleep regularly. Yet she is brave and strong in the face of all this hurt. She has no income except from friends and charity, when with a social security number she could receive benefits to help sustain her. Her pain, continually worsening ailments, and arthritis are so bad that she is actually disabled now and probably could not work a regular job anyway, so she is actually quite disabled.



Zoe Freespirit in full dress, hand-made and beaded

We have written to congressmen, representatives and engaged with lawyers who so far have not been able or willing to help her with this cause. We all know the ramifications of this deprivation: No ability to earn a living, no ability to drive, no ability to get medical benefits, no ability to vote, no ability to be buried. Zoe has been deprived of these ordinary citizen's rights since 2002, when the laws changed. The abuses of being a non-person go on and on.

Let the Ventura Social Security office review her file once more and issue her a social security number. Her health has been declining and her morale has suffered greatly, not to mention all of the financial hardship she has endured in not being able to legally support herself or drive.

One Social Security lawyer actually told Zoe that it would be easier for an illegal alien to get a social security number than her! I have witnessed the continual demise of Zoe, my good friend, who was born in the U.S. and has lived her whole life here, yet has been deprived of her basic right to have

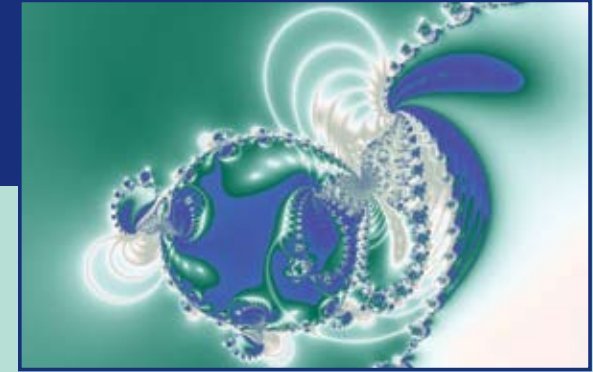
a Social Security Number. To the Social Security Administration she is a non-person and therefore she is shut out of any benefits and rights in her own country in which she was born!

"To the Social Security Administration she is a non-person....."

To Sign the Petition to Help Zoe Get her Social Security Number
www.Change.org/Petitions/Social-Security-Number-Zoe-Freespirit
To Donate to Help Zoe Sustain
www.Wepay.com/Xevh1az/Donations/Friends-Of-Zoe-Freespirit

Katrina Sexton of Treasures of Ojai has suggested that people donate their consignment articles, the sales of which will help Zoe Freespirit. Treasures of Ojai, 110 North Signal St., Ojai, CA 93023, (805) 646-2852

great injustice to a native born American so Zoe can get her rightful Social Security Number! Maybe we can help others who



Nascent, Fractal image, Original Artistic Algorithm by Zoe Freespirit

are stuck in this unfortunate situation. Please help!

Zoe Needs Donations for:
• Food
• Medical Help
• Transportation
• Preparing documents and copies to keep trying to get her social security number and to pay notaries or attorney's fees as necessary

• Shelter, rent if her relative's house is lost in foreclosure
• Something to give her life some quality, and some hope...
• Please help! She is a lovable, wonderful, amazing person - someone to be cherished! She is a master of the fractal image, (among many other things) - does her own algorithms - too!

Thank you!
Meredith and other friends of Zoe
805/633-0113 adventure.mer@gmail.com

Mexico's Most Haunted House

by Richard Senate
One of the most haunted places in North America can be found at the Barrio Antiguo, 1026 Jose Aramberri St. in Monterrey, Mexico.

For many years, persistent apparitions have been seen and encountered that trace their roots to an awful set of murders that took place in 1933. Two people were killed that terrible night with the only witness, a pet parrot.

The killer didn't slaughter the bird, but he should have. The parrot mimicked the last words of the victims - screaming out the name of the killer so loud that the Parrot kept repeating it and giving the police the clue they needed to investigate, find and try the murderer.

From that time on people have heard screams and seen ghostly faces in the windows of the house - many report a woman in white who may well be one of the victims of the 1933 tragedy. It has become a sort of tourist attraction in Mexico with many coming at all hours to see the place and maybe encounter a ghost - many come to pray for the release of the trapped souls in the crumbling house.

Today they even have tours of the place and it has become a mecca for all Mexican Ghost Hunters. Lots of great work is being done south of the border but the language barrier has kept their cases out of the American Media. Investigators have recorded female screams and taken many odd pictures.

"We went in last night and let me tell you, when we noticed one of the windows in the back, we saw a woman's face, a woman dressed in white, who appeared and disappeared," explains one of the nightly visitors. (Milenio Diario de Monterrey (Newspaper) 6-8-1)

Maybe an American team or TV show should head south of the border to check this out?

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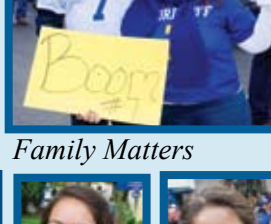
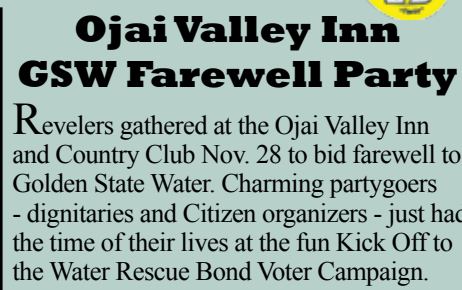
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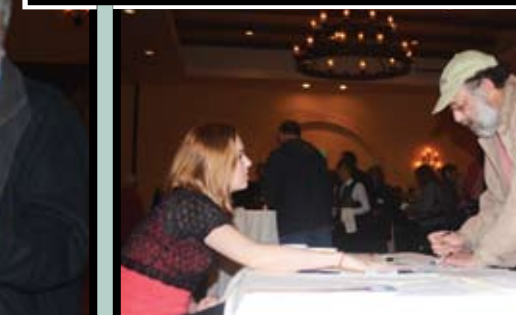
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democracy, trying to make it look like the citizens don't even have a right to vote on this issue.

A year ago *Casitas Municipal Water District* cancelled a meeting to discuss the takeover as the room overflowed with disatisfied Ojai citizens. The space was not large enough to contain the people. Hopefully this time a larger room will be reserved.

Said Lara, "We want this to go through. We want to buy out Golden State.... the users do because the rates are outrageous. So I fully support OjaiFLOW."

- Joel Anderson



Ojai Valley Inn GSW Farewell Party

Revelers gathered at the Ojai Valley Inn and Country Club Nov. 28 to bid farewell to Golden State Water. Charming partygoers - dignitaries and Citizen organizers - just had the time of their lives at the fun Kick Off to the Water Rescue Bond Voter Campaign.

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NHS Rangers - CIF Parade

by Carol Leonard

It is a cold, rainy Sunday afternoon in December, however, you could not dampen the enthusiasm shown by the citizens of Ojai. The main street from Starr Market to the Chevron was filled with people of all ages, there to cheer on the Southern Division CIF Champions of Nordhoff High School.

The rain stopped during the parade, which included not only the band, cheerleaders, NHS Staff and Superintendent Hank Bangser, and supportive parents, but three semi-trucks with all the team players.

Cheers, and cow bells could be heard along the parade route. It was a truly a parade fit for a King and his Court,

but in this case, for the players and coaches of Nordhoff.

Ojai is a town that fully supports the high school and the sports program offered. Nordhoff High School beat Torrance High, Sat. Dec. 1, with the score 34 to 14. With this win Nordhoff made history, coming home with the CIF Championship. We are all so proud of all the players, and want to thank the coaches for their teachings. Thank you Ojai for all your support, for without the parents behind the team, you'd just have an ordinary game, and Nordhoff IS special. Special Thanks is due Greg Grant, Ojai public works director and city engineer for making the parade happen.

- Carol Leonard

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Very intent group as Rachel speaks! Trowbridge Gallery, in Ojai, hosts a fun beauty secret "Real Results"



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Sharon, Debra and Joanne at Trowbridge Gallery.

THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.
by Ron Rowe

Recent studies and research show animals share many human traits. Like us they know fear, joy, playfulness, grieve the loss of a mate or friend and many other social traits. Scientists have already established that male mice can sing complex songs when exposed to females and these songs play an important part in courtship. When two mice are placed in a cage together they will slowly match the pitch of their songs to one another. Their serenades are ultrasonic beyond the hearing of humans, but scientists have processed the sounds to make them audible.

Scientists have already published research showing that animals possess uncanny sensory abilities that we humans can never match; toads predicting earthquakes, dogs smelling cancer, sharks smelling a drop of blood diluted in 100

litres of water. There are many instances of feathered, fishy or four-legged animals exhibiting the kind of behavior that we tend to think of as an exclusive human preserve.

Elephants and giraffes hang around the dead relatives, suggesting that they mourn those that have died and recognize what death is. Elephants stand vigil over the bodies of dead companions for a week before gently covering them with earth and then they visit the graveside for years afterwards, according to research done by Dr. Robert Marshall, lecturer in animal behavior. He says similar funeral behavior is seen in some bird species.

When Western Scrub Jays encounter a dead jay they stop foraging, call out to each other and gather around the dead bird.

Examples of social or emotional behavior among animals do not relate exclusively to death. Scientists have found that sheep can recognize over 50 sheep faces even when they have been separated for years. Cows get anxious and have between two or four best friends. They also have enemies and can hold grudges for years. Chickens call to each other and give different calls if a hawk flies overhead or if a fox is in the vicinity. Wolves have a system of communication involving tail and ear posture, gait, odor and sound.

When vampire bats have had a

good dinner they will feed blood to their fellow cave mates if they haven't found any food. Many birds show how desirable they are by singing to attract a mate and stop singing when a female settles on their territory.

Mark Habben, zoological manager at the London Zoo says the most obvious way in which animals behave like humans and vice versa is within the family. Meerkats are one of the best examples with family structure involving two parents and a variety of youngsters. Their society is based on cooperation and helping each other.

Other animal behaviors are similar to humans. If a child drops a toy dummy into the cage of young squirrel monkeys, one will grab the toy and then all the others will fight him for it, even if they don't know what it is. When lion cubs are born, the parents perform roles similar to humans. The cubs climb all over the father jumping and pulling at his mane, doing everything young animals do until the mother lion comes along and puts a stop to all this fun.

It's not so different to how humans raise their families. Animals and humans learn different behaviors, it's a mistake to imagine that humans

have a monopoly on how we relate to the world. All different species behave in the same way and probably for the same reason.

If you would like to cuddle with a cow, or rub a pigs belly or talk to a turkey then visit Farm Sanctuary, the nations leading farm animal protection sanctuary since 1986, visit www.farm.sanctuary.org or call 661-269-5404. It's a special place where people and animals meet face-to-face in a loving protected environment.

The Humane Society Shelter, located at 402 Bryant St., Ojai, have a spay/neuter clinic, Monday through Friday, by appointment, 7am to 4pm. Call 656-5043 or 646-7849 for more information on making an appointment.

Time to be off, to feed Little Nellie.

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• **Jan. 19 thru-March 31 - Two Original Exhibitions: FIBER ARTS MASTER PIECES & BEATRICE WOOD, DUCHAMP & CHESS, Ojai Valley Museum**, "Fiber Art Master Pieces" in the museum's Rotating Gallery will encompass examples of antique and contemporary quilts, textiles, fiber art portraiture, sculpture and wearable art and will feature fourteen contemporary regional artists.

Simultaneously on exhibit in the Alcove Gallery is an installation by Ojai artist Valerie Freeman entitled "Beatrice Wood, Duchamp and Chess." The exhibit is in homage to Beatrice Wood, in recognition of her friendship with Marcel Duchamp and in celebration of her 120th birthday on March 3, 2013.

The opening reception on Saturday January 26, 5 to 7 pm, is open to the public and is free to 2012-2013 museum members and \$5 for non-members at the door.

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA. For more information, call the museum at (805) 640-1390, ext. 203, e-mail HYPERLINKmailto:ojaimumuseum@sbcglobal.net ojaimumuseum@sbcglobal.net or visit the museum website at: [HYPERLINKhttp://www.ojavalleymuseum.org/](http://www.ojavalleymuseum.org/) Ojai Valley Museum.org
INFO, 415/447-3205

• **Dec 30 to Jan 19 - DREAMKEEPERS: CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ART/RIDLEY-TREE MUSEUM OF ART, SANTA BARBARA**, The exhibition includes large and colorful paintings with energetic patterns and rhythmic compositions. The artwork is used to preserve the stories of Australian aboriginal people, the oldest surviving culture in the world., Recurring Daily, Weekdays 10am to 4pm, Sats. 11am to 5pm (closed Dec 17-Jan. 6)
INFO, LOBERO, /955 LA PAZ RD.,/S.B.,
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• **Dec 30, 6-9pm - 19TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE OJAI RETREAT/OJAI**, Entertainment - Food - Retrospective/Future Plans - Raffle Entrance Fee: \$20 per person (including dinner) RSVP by Dec. 29 INFO, 805/640-1142

• **Dec 30, 11-5pm - SCENERY, STORY, SPIRIT: AMERICAN PAINTING AND SCULPTURE/SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART**, Entertainment - Food - Retrospective/Future Plans - Raffle Entrance Fee: \$20 per person (including dinner) RSVP by Dec. 29 INFO, TIMES: TUESDAY-SUNDAY 11AM-5PM, CHASE FREE THURSDAY EVENING 5-8PM, ADDRESS: 1130 STATE STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101
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• **Dec 31, 8-12:30pm - CELTIC NEW YEARS CELEBRATION WITH SLUGGER O'TOOLE/ OJAI VALLEY WOMAN'S**
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Indeed, the report ranks developing countries such as Botswana and the former Soviet nation of Georgia as having more access to the civil justice system than the U.S.

Americans have experienced more unfair physical abuse by police than in Kazakhstan, Russia, Chile, the Czech Republic, Romania and other countries.

When compared to other countries in North America and Western Europe, the U.S. ranked third to last in checks and balances on the power of government officials and absence of corruption, and second to last in protection of due process, freedom of speech and other fundamental rights, access to civil justice, and access to criminal justice.

The World Justice Project is not alone in this assessment.

As we pointed out in July, Economic historian Niall Ferguson notes: **The World Economic Forum's Annual Global Competitiveness Index** and, in particular, the **Executive Opinion Survey** on which it's partly based... includes 15 measures of the rule of law, ranging from the protection of private property rights to the policing of corruption and the control of organized crime.

It's an astonishing yet scarcely acknowledged fact that on no fewer than 15 out of 15, the United States now fares markedly worse than Hong Kong. In the **Heritage Foundation's Freedom Index**, too, the U.S. ranks 21st in the world in terms of freedom from corruption, a considerable distance behind Hong Kong and Singapore. [*Transparency International puts the U.S. at 24th.*]

Perhaps the most compelling evidence of all comes from the **World Bank's Indicators on World Governance**, which suggest that, since 1996, the United States has suffered a decline in the quality of its governance in three different dimensions: government effectiveness, regulatory quality and the control of corruption.

Compared with Germany or Hong Kong, the U.S. is manifestly slipping behind.

Indeed - as we've extensively documented - the rule of law is now as weak in the U.S. and UK as many countries which we would consider "rogue nations".

This is a sudden change. As famed Peruvian economist **Hernando de Soto** notes. In a few short decades the West undercut 150 years of legal reforms that made the global economy possible.

Given that a country's economic health is correlated with a strong rule of law more than any other factor, that lawlessness in America is even more epidemic than the World Justice Project indicates - and that 2 U.S. supreme court justices have warned of dictatorship... we're in real trouble.

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Fifty years ago, America's largest private-sector employer was General Motors, whose full-time workers earned \$50 an hour and got full health and pension benefits.

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But the Walmart strikes aren't just about wages. It's about unsafe and unsanitary working conditions. It's about excessive hours and near-constant harassment. And it's about one company's notorious retaliation against any workers who try to speak out, from inventing court orders to siccing paramilitants on peaceful protestors.

With no union to protect them, these men and women took a great risk in speaking out against Walmart's mistreatment - and even after the success of the Black Friday boycott, they're going to need all the support they can get if they hope to win a living wage, actual benefits, and an end to the company's constant intimidation tactics.

Please, join these workers in calling on Walmart to set the standard for big box retailers everywhere. End the abuse: *give these workers their rights back, now!*

TO WALMART EXECUTIVES: Stop your illegal attempts to silence and intimidate workers practicing free speech, and meet their demands for fair treatment, safety and a living wage with benefits in the workplace. America stands with Walmart workers; so should the company itself.

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10th Santa Barbara BRAZILIAN CARNAVAL

The Annual Santa Barbara Brazilian "Carnaval Cultural" Celebrates 10 Years with 3 Different Events and Bringing the Internationally Acclaimed Olodum Singer Ney Rios for the Kick Off Concert on Sat. Feb 2nd at SOHO Music Club, Santa Barbara.



The former singer of Olodum from Bahia/Brazil, Ney Rios together with L.A based BATUCAXE brings its nonstop samba-reggae party to Santa Barbara in celebration of the SB Brazilian "Carnaval Cultural" 10th Anniversary, and in the kickoff event series on Sat., Feb. 2, 2013, 9.30pm at SOHO. Its resounding percussion, intoxicating rhythms and mesmerizing vocals spread its irresistible brand of Afro-Brazilian culture to the U.S.

Ney Rios is a Brazilian musician, composer, and singer from Salvador, state of Bahia (often described as the most African city in the Americas), and former Olodum (*1) singer which played with Michael Jackson, Jimmy Cliff and Paul Simon, known for its energetic stage presence and choreographed moves. The BatucAxe band will have the special participation of Fabio Assis, Ney Rios brother and former member of traditional Bahia carnival group Ilê Aiyê. Fabio Assis or "Fabio Jahgun" is the founder and singer of ReggaeMotion, a known reggae band in the L.A.'s scene with various international participations such as the 2012 Dubai Reggae Festival. Ney Rios & BatucAxe live show is worth catching as they get a lot of audience participation.

The kick off of the 10th Santa Barbara Brazilian Carnival will have also the "Carnaval Queen Contest" previous to the Ney Rios & BatucAxe concert, where the 2012 Santa Barbara Brazilian Carnival Queen Kafi Bella will announce the new carnival queen to be chosen by a team of jurors that will include former Brazilian national soccer

player "Palhinha", first Miss Brazil-USA Ana Ligia and local Radio personality Paul Berenson among others. The series of events continues with the already traditional "Cinema & Lectures" to be held on Sat., Feb 9th (TBA time) at the Santa Barbara Central Public Library and this year presenting a "Tour Around Brazil" with the screening of four different videos from four different regions of Brazil. A perfect event for those interested in became more familiar with the country and planning a trip to Brazil. It is also a great event for children of all ages as a interactive geographic and multicultural class. Following the short film screening, Brazilian refreshments will be served following a lecture by a guest speaker.

The third and last event is the "Carnaval Matinee" on Sun. Feb 10th, 1:30pm also at SOHO. During the afternoon "Carnaval Party" people of all ages are welcome to participate and dance through the percussive rhythms of a Rio style samba school and enjoy a Brazilian Culinary Experience - Brazilian food, dessert and drinks will be available. Arrive early for the opportunity to have the Samba dance as well as the Samba percussion introductory class. Tickets and Info. Annual Santa Barbara Carnival www.sbbraziliancarnaval.com (818)468-6474

Calendar

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CLUB/OJAI. Ring in the new year with a wild Celtic concert, then food and dancing 8:00-12:30am! Celtic concert featuring Slugger O'Toole!, dessert and finger-food potluck party, so bring something to share and we'll supply the party favors and the bubbly.

Jan 19, 10-4pm - OPENING: FIBER ARTS MASTER PIECES/OJAI VALLEY MUSEUM. The Ojai Valley Museum's first exhibit of 2013 will feature original art that juxtaposes contemporary fiber art with antique textiles. The exhibit will run from January 19 through March 31, 2013. design, textile design, and weaving. The exhibit will encompass examples of antique and contemporary quilts and textiles, fiber art portraiture, sculpture and wearable art.

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The fiber artwork will include wearable art, crochet, embroidery, pieced silk, knitting, mixed media, needlework, paper, quilting, spinning, surface design, textile design, and weaving. The exhibit will encompass examples of antique and contemporary quilts and textiles, fiber art portraiture, sculpture and wearable art. INFO, 130 WEST OJAI AVENUE OJAI, CA 93023 (805) 640-1390

Feb 8/Fri - A LECTURE WITH DENNIS KUCINICH/ LOBERO THEATRE, SANTA BARBARA. Presented by The Nuclear Peace Foundation, The Annual Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future, 7:30pm INFO, LOBERO, /33 E CANON PERDIDO ST./S.B., PHONE: 963-0761



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On the Road

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Behind the scenes you will find out what truly makes a Rock and Roll Band different from your everyday group. So, you want to be a Rock Star? Here is just a little bit of what truly goes on.

This is just one story of a true ROAD TRIP, and the challenges that face all the players.

The Brian Faith Band is unique in that they never turned to drugs or alcohol to mask the frustration and heartache that comes with touring.

You always dream of the "Road Trip" big fancy party bus, not a care in the world, just play music and leaving the driving to others. Reality check. You have an old cargo van, 4 people and all the equipment for the next gig. Now is when you figure out packing techniques, and what really keeps friendships going.

Lead Singer/Guitarist Ernie Joesph said, "Not everything goes the way you want... you discover how vulnerable you are to outside influences. You have no control." This is what separates the true band players from the "garage groups".

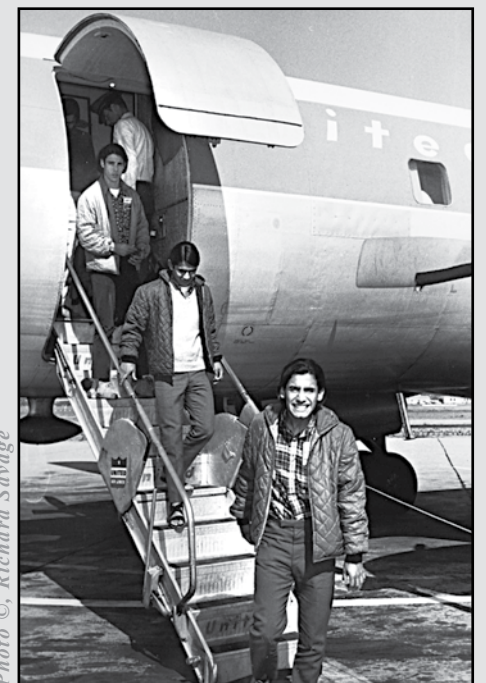


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- LIVE WIRES & HOT TIPS**
- *28/ Dec - Fri., The Deer Lodge, 2261 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai, 646-0611, Entertainment: Far Too Close, 11:30 - 4pm...
 - *28/Dec - Fri., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Drop In 7-10pm
 - *28/Dec - Fri., Olde Towne/261 Orange Ave., Goleta... 961-2403, Brian Faith Band's Ernie Joseph ICU's Jimi LeRoy & Jenny Zimmer, Brian Faith Band
 - * 28/Dec - Fri., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Evidence
 - * 28/Jan - Fri., Whale's Tail/3950 Bluefin Circle/Ox., 985-2511... Action Down
 - * 28/Dec - Fri., Lobero/33 E Canon Perdido St./S.B., 963-0761... The Santa Barbara Jazz All-Stars with special guests
 - * 28/Dec - Fri., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic
 - * 28/Dec - Fri., Canyon Club/Agoura... 879-5016, Hollywood U2 (tribute), 9:00pm
 - * 29/ Dec - Sat., The Deer Lodge, 2261 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai, 646-0611, Entertainment: Buker Bros., 11am/John Swift CD Release Party, 9:30pm...
 - * 29/Dec - Sat., Canyon Club/Agoura... 879-5016, Donavon Frankenreiter, 10:00pm
 - *29/Dec - Sat., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Steve Fort 2-5pm, Holdfast Rifle Company 6-9pm
 - *29/Dec - Sat., Amigos Surf Cantina/Vta... Mighty Cash Cats, 9pm
 - * 29/Dec - Sat., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, The Aggrolites, Brewfish, Kounterfeit Change and Sinizen
 - * 29/Dec - Sat., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, The Growlers
 - * 30/ Dec - Sun., The Deer Lodge, 2261 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai, 646-0611, Entertainment: Lucky Sons, 11am...
 - * 30/Jan - Sun., Whale's Tail/3950 Bluefin Circle/Ox., 985-2511... The Bomb
 - * 30/Dec - Sun., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Shades of Soul New Year's Eve EVE Party
 - *30/Dec - Sun., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Sean Wiggins and Paul Houston, 1:15-4pm/Dusty Jugz, 4:30-7:30pm
 - * 30/Dec - Sun., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Dirt Nasty with Beardo & the Attack
 - * 31/ Dec - Mon., New Year's Eve at The Deer Lodge, 2261 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai, 646-0611, Dinner: New



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"Tours can run from months to a full year with only Sundays off. At times you find yourself driving 200 to 300 miles a night to the next gig, all the time knowing you are expected to write more songs when you get back to home base. Time is precious, and you realize there is not enough of it," he said.

At one point, the "BFB" found themselves outside Flagstaff, Az on Route 66 in the middle of the night when their van blew an engine. About 100 yards up the road was a closed gas station. All you can do is get out the sleeping bags and wait til morning, hoping the attendant is a mechanic.

Sometimes you run into great people with super hearts. The attendant of the station not only fixed the van but drove BFB to the airport for their next gig in Colora-

Midwest Tour do Springs, allowing a couple of the roadies to stay with him until the BFB came back thru to get the van. That was about 2 weeks later. There still are fantastic people in the world.

Another concern is having all your equipment at the gig on time. Arriving at Colorado Springs, it was discovered the speakers were not available. People were hurrying about and were only able to find some "practice" speakers. The show MUST and DID go on. The main attraction, The Strawberry Alarm Clock let the BFB borrow their equipment, and things turned out great.

It takes a lot of things to happen to make touring a success, and ANYTHING and everything can and WILL occur. It is teamwork from the beginning to the end. You need to remember to keep a balance in your life to be truly successful.

Nothing is given to you; it takes lots of practice, and the true of love of music. Do not let anyone tell you, IT can NOT be done, because with faith, practice love and a little luck, anything can happen. Follow your dreams.

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Year's Eve Primer Rib Buffet Dinner, 7pm to 9pm, Entertainment: New Year's Eve Party with Daniel Ash and Christopher the Minister, 9pm to 2am...

* 31/Dec - Mon., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, ALO (Animal Liberation Orchestra) w/ Huckle - "Cirque du ALO!"

* 31/Dec - Mon., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, New Year's Eve with English Beat, 10:00pm

* 31/Dec - Mon., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez..... 800/248-6274, New Year's Eve Dance Party w/Boogie Knights/The Spazmatics, 9pm

* 1/Jan - Tues., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Hair of the Dog Show, With Bizarra, Survive the Weather & My Own Ghost

* 2/Jan - Wed., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Santa Barbara Jazz Collective

* 3/Jan - Thurs., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Benefit for the Surf Happens Foundation feat. Matt Jennings w/Cali Conscious and Genelle Ives

* 4/Jan - Fri., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, The Wrecking Crew: The Film, 9:00pm/Boogie Knights @10:30pm

* 4/Jan - Fri., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Dylan Schmidt and the Rhythm Souls 7-10pm

* 4/Jan - Fri., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Soul Machine

* 4/Jan - Fri., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Downtown Attraction, KingQueen, Hey You

* 5/Jan - Sat., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Goh Kurosawa

Sierra Reeves *10/Jan - Thurs., Chumash Casino/Santa Ynez..... 800/248-6274, Which One's Pink, 8pm

* 10/Jan - Thurs., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Andrew McMahon (of Jack's Mannequin/Something Corporate)

* 11/Jan - Fri., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, Wilson Phillips, 9:00pm

* 11/Jan - Fri., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Pacific Coast Blues 7-10pm

* 11/Jan - Fri., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Christian Martucci, The Lonely Drunks Club, Future Villains

* 11/Jan - Fri., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Carp & IV Skate Park Benefit, w/Mongo, iLa Vasa!, Duane Peters Gunfight

* 12/Jan - Sat., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Area 51

* 12/Jan - Sat., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, John Lyle 2-5pm/The Treadwells 6-9pm

* 12/Jan - Sat., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, Kenny Cetera plays the music of Chicago, 9:30pm

* 13/Jan - Sun., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Rebecca Kleinmann pres. The Dusty Brough Band w/special guest Eva Scow

* 13/Jan - Sun., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan 1:15-4pm/ Teresa Russell and Cocobilli 4:30-7:30pm

* 14/Jan - Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Dayle Gloria Pres. Amie Miriello (formerly of So & So)

LA... 310/358-1881, Lady Starlight's Official After-party for the Born This Way Ball, with a special performance by Lady Starlight & the Dirty Pearls

* 20/Jan - Sun., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Daniel Lower 1:15-4pm/ Sky Ferguson Band 4:30-7:30pm

* 20/Jan - Sun., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Fools and Sages, The Wha Wha's

* 21/Jan - Mon., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Dayle Gloria Pres. Teleskopes, with Decode Radio, Battle Tapes, Sierra Swan, and Diana

* 22/Jan - Tues., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown with Franky Perez & The Truth and Jared James Nichols

* 23/Jan - Wed., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Tristan Prettyman

* 23/Jan - Wed., The Viper Room/LA... 310/358-1881, Matt Mann & the Shinerunners With Apache Rifles Armada, Remains of Giants & Switchback

* 24/Jan - Fri., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, The Stray Cats' Lee Rocker, 9:00pm

* 25/Jan - Sat., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, Berlin, 9:00pm

* 25/Jan - Fri., Cold Springs Tavern/S.B... 967-0066, Jez Blacker 7-10pm

* 25/Jan - Fri., SOHO/1221 State St., Ste. 205/S.B., 962-7776, Numb-skull & New Noise Present: Ken Stringfellow (of the Posies, Big Star, REM), The Maldives

* 26/Jan - Sat., Canyon Club/Agoura..... 879-5016, DSB - Journey Tibute/Dry Country - Bon Jovi Tribute, 8:30pm



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