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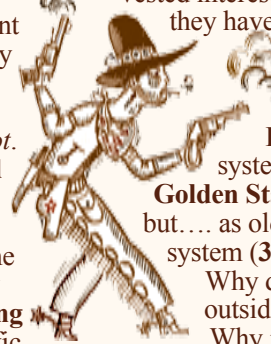


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OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

- Dick Lynch

It looks like the Carpetbaggers and Slum Lords are at it again. Sending E-mails, letters and mailing flyers, showing up to influence what will be and how the Housing Element will be finished, then abruptly leaving to go home..... an arrogant display of how disingenuous they are. They seek to impose their will on the Voters and Taxpayers of Ojai, of which they are not. They make the poison Kool-Aid and dispense the elixer of death for us to drink, then leave town.



What Poison do I speak of? The THEFT of our quality of life by hiring and subverting the Housing Element Laws, exempting Traffic studies under of the veil of the LOW income or Affordable housing study exclusions.

How can we afford low-income housing with Unaffordable exorbitantly priced water, held in a Monopoly by Golden State Water Co. (GSW). GSW, who has thefted Millions of dollars in profit from Ojai citizens each year. GSW, a proved deceitful State-

sponsored Monopoly supported and (under) regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission, (CPUC).

Remember, the CPUC gets a cut of every rate increase; when prices double so does their income. They have a vested interest in gouging you. Yes, they have a CPUC charge on your bill, look at it. How else were they able to go literally jaunt to Rome and study the water system? Now, I grant you that Golden State's water system is old but.... as old as the Roman Aqueduct system (312 B.C.)?

Why do we hire the same failed outside Housing consultants? Why is staff controlling the allowable usages when it was proposed by our FAILED and FIRED prior City Manager. None of the City of Ojai's staff involved in this process lives here, pays taxes here, votes here.... seems just a bunch of carpetbaggers come to town to fleece it. What is wrong with the Citizens? When are you going to stand up and say no, before you let the Outsiders wreck our JEWEL?

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CHP: Above the Law?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is in reference to the recent CHP shooting of Casitas Springs resident Ted Keiper, who died under very questionable circumstances considering that the CHP's version of the events keep changing.

be. At one point, Ted and I were standing together, watching my daughter's antics in the spa. "You know, Ted, I could get her outa there..." Ted told me to leave her where she was. "She's havin' a ball", he said, "Hell she's the smartest one here. She's the only one who's taken advantage of that spa."

My Friend Ted

When I think of my friend Ted, a slow smile begins to spread across my face and ends up being ear to ear. Proud, humble, kind, generous, direct, integrity. These words come to mind and describe a decent man. And he was. Still shots and clips of video run in my minds eye. Ted with his head thrown back in laughter as he hosts a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for thirty. Ted on his bike.



I had been widowed just over a year and the holiday season was bearing down. A young friend and her family invited my daughter and I to join them for a Thanksgiving Day Fest at the home of their very good friend, Ted. Deep fried turkeys, oh so many side fixin's and plenty of desserts! It would be lots of fun and Ted is gonna have the hot tub going... My rowdy water lovin' (autistic) daughter would love that! You see, when my girl hits the water she becomes a human fountain! Water spurting and lobbing down from every direction possible. The water canons at the Bellagio got nothin' on her! I wondered aloud if they were certain, given my water crazy kid, that we would be no trouble. All were welcome and so we went.

The other day a mutual friend told a story of Ted stepping in with several thousand dollars to rescue a family in foreclosure. It did not surprise me. What I have read in the paper sickens and disgusts me. I've read about Ted and his bike goin' off the road and now two CHP's, on that deserted witnessless road, executed him. If he was able, I'd bet he flipped them off. I'm sure he roared. Sometime later, they say a 'replica' (gun) was found nearby. HA! Forensics could take months. HA! Finger print comparisons? A few hours, maybe. Gun-shot residue? In a nano. Shame to those whom we pay to protect and to serve! Seems these days that they are the terrorists. I would see them ostracized, if my brethren. I would not want the association.

I could sign my name to this but this could have been written by any of a number who knew him. Besides, this love letter is not about me, it's about Ted. And so I sign: ANONYMOUS. We are Legion. We do not forgive. We do not forget.

We are here.



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Eminent Domain

- Kathy Richards, Ojai

What's the story with EMINENT DOMAIN? Golden State Water Co. (GSW) wants us to think it's some evil plot being foisted on Ojai water users by a "shadowy" national group seeking to destroy private property rights. GSW is spending big bucks (from our water bills, I fear) to convince us of this. But they don't want to own up to doing it. Instead, they want us to think that the big ads in the OVN [Ojai Valley News] and on the internet, denouncing eminent domain and the so-called "Ojai water grab", are coming from an independent outfit called California Alliance for Property Rights. Interestingly, the head of that "independent" Alliance also happens to be the head of GSW's hired PR firm in Sacramento [River City Consultants]. Coincidence? I don't think so!



... impair or affect the right of the City to acquire the property of the Grantee (GSW) either by purchase or through the exercise of the RIGHT of EMINENT DOMAIN ...

There is nothing inherently underhanded or evil about eminent domain. It's a provision in the U.S. Constitution that allows a government entity to take property for the public good after paying just compensation. In their franchise agreement with the city, GSW accepted eminent domain as an appropriate way for Ojai to take back the system. Now, they want to renege on that agreement without getting caught. Hence the need for front organizations like the Alliance.

- Kathy Richards, Ojai

LETTER: Sen. Jackson 'Acquire Water Property'



Photo © 2013, Joel Anderson
- Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson
Steve Wickstrum, General Manager Casitas Municipal Water District 1055 Ventura Avenue Oak View, CA 93022
RE: Consideration of Acquiring Golden State Water Company Property to Stave off Drastic and Unexplained Rate Increases Continued next page...

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Dear Mr. Wickstrum: I am writing to express my support as the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) considers the best and most efficient way to provide water services to the Ojai Valley. As part of this process, I understand that there is interest in purchasing the Golden State Water Company system.



As the State Senator elected to represent the people of the district that includes the Casitas Municipal Water District service area, I feel this is a decision best left to those voters within the water service area. Prior to such a measure being placed on the ballot, it seems reasonable that the cost of such a purchase should be disclosed and that a feasibility study would help identify the needed factual information for a cost savings analysis.

Ideally, the people of the Ojai Valley would make the decision based on the factual information provided them from CMWD. After all, they are the ratepayers and users of the District and should have the ability to determine the appropriate course of action of their community.

For more than four decades, the Golden State Water Company has managed the water system for parts of the Ojai Valley. That system currently supplies water to more than 5,000 residents. This private,

for-profit water company has averaged a 7.9 percent rate increase each year for the past 20 years.

Furthermore, I simply do not believe it is in the best interest of the public to privatize our scarce water resources. Given the critical commodity that water is for California's central coast, it is of vital importance that we maintain control of these rights at a local level with a focus on the statewide impact.

In addition, I find it unfortunate that my predecessor [Tony Strickland], with less than a week left in his term, used that lame duck opportunity to interject his thoughts on this issue when it is clearly an issue best left to the residents of Ojai who simply would like more control of their water rates and not be at the whim of unexplained and unjustified rate hikes.

How better to demonstrate democracy in action than to let a vote of the people determine the fate of their community's water system?

Sincerely,
Hannah-Beth Jackson
Senator, 19th District
Cc: Paul Clanon, Executive Director, CPUC
Edward Randolph, Governmental Affairs Director, CPUC

GOLDEN STATE SEEKS 25% WATER RATE INCREASE AFTER ELECTION

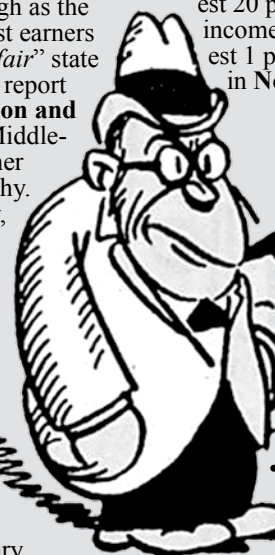
Did you know that Golden State has pending rate increases for 2013, 2014, 2015 in the combined amount of 25%, representing over \$1.4 million in money siphoned

from Ojai rate payers. They are using snakey tactics to shield wide public knowledge of this until astronomical increases after the VOTE to remove them is over.

The Trickling Rich

The poorest Americans are subject to a tax rate at the state and local level that is twice as high as the tax rate paid by the wealthiest earners thanks to "fundamentally unfair" state tax laws, according to a new report from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP). Middle-class taxpayers also pay higher effective rates than the wealthy.

though their state tax systems are already regressive.



When state, local, property, and sales taxes are taken into account, the poorest 20 percent of Americans pay an average effective tax rate of 11.1 percent, the report found. The middle 20 percent pays a 9.4 percent rate, while the rate for the top 1 percent is just 5.6 percent. The lack of progressive income taxes and an over-reliance on consumption taxes are the primary culprit, the report says.

In Louisiana, worst of the four, the poorest 20 percent pay 9.2 percent of their income in sales taxes, while the wealthiest 1 percent pay just 1.3 percent. Even in North Carolina, the best of the four, the poor pay six times as much of their income in sales taxes as the richest one percent. Shifting to a tax code that relies solely on sales taxes would make these states even worse.

- A Conservative Guide To Tax Revenue
- Getting federal income tax out of someone raising a kid on server tips: "skin in the game"
- Making hedge fund managers pay the same earned income tax rate as everyone else: punishing success
- Getting tax revenue from minimum wage workers: They'll stop voting for social programs.
- Taxing million dollar incomes from stock market gains at half the rate of earned income: Acceptable, at least until we can push through a capital gains tax cut.
- Taxing corporations: A terrible idea that must be stopped
- "Fundamentally Unfair": How States Tax The Richest 1 Percent At Half The Rate Of The Poor

In the 10 most regressive states, the poorest 20 percent pay a rate as much as six times as high as the rate for the richest 1 percent. Four of those states — Washington, Texas, Florida, and South Dakota — have no income tax; one, Tennessee, has a limited income tax that only applies to dividends and interest. In these five states, half to two-thirds of revenue comes from sales and excise taxes, well above the national average of one-third.

Still, Republicans across the country are pushing tax plans that would replace income taxes — typically the only form of progressive taxation at the state level — with sales taxes. Republicans in Nebraska, Kansas, North Carolina, and Louisiana have advanced such plans, even

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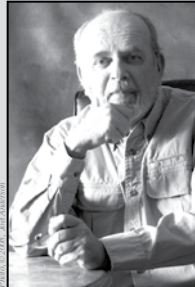
"Don't Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess !"

Part II

The Ego Wants Security, The Soul Wants to Live !



REFLECTIONS ON THE INNER WARRIOR Women And The Warrior Archetype



Even though the warrior archetype has been traditionally rooted in the male culture, the inner warrior is equally important and alive in women in today's world. Unfortunately, traditional society has only condoned direct assertiveness by men. Women are often tagged as unfeminine or worse

when they resort to healthy assertion, but times are changing and from these changes we all benefit. Many women get connected to the inner warrior by initially fighting for their children or other people and only later learn to fight for themselves. If we don't have an internal warrior we're not able to defend ourselves from abuse, neglect or from being undervalued. All of us need to be able to support ourselves economically in our highly competitive society. Our present day 'hunt' is to find a satisfying job. Economically, we live in a warrior culture. So we better get our chops together.

The Shadow Side Of The Warrior

The dark side of the warrior archetype is abuse of power, arrogance, exploitation, bottomless greed and ambition. These pseudo-warriors have an obsessive, ruthless and unprincipled need to win and defeat. Anything goes in order to gain power, money and status. Feeling superior is always a compensation for feeling inferior and empty inside. The soulful warrior protects and enables others. He/she never uses the sword, pen or 'the spoken word' to harm others unless absolutely necessary.

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

There are plenty of deviant pseudo-warriors in our corporations, on Wall Street and in the general business culture. Their anthem is based on fear and paranoia... 'Do unto others before they do unto you' or 'What can you do for me?'

The suits are always talking about 'wiping out the competition' or 'making a killing'. At the bottom of this corrupt culture is a deep fear of survival, a sadistic streak and malicious narcissism. I met quite a few of those deviants when I worked in L.A. many moons ago. They come to therapy not to become more soulful, but to become better sharks than the sharks all around them. To Hell with them, it's time for a revolution!

In Conclusion

Our small community is much more deeply affected by quiet, even invisible acts of service, kindness, sacrifice and generosity than by those seeking applause, fortune or fame. I'm fortunate to have known quite a few of those invisible warriors over the last two decades. What is best for all concerned lies at the root of the warrior's energies. Courage is employed for the greater good. The goal of the warrior archetype is to find peace with oneself, with others and the world. The better the warrior, the less the violence. Freedom starts when we become aware of the outdated roles we've been stuck in and fully realize we can choose a brand new path. Joseph Campbell used to warn people that they can climb the ladder to success only to find it leaning against the wrong wall.

Thanks to Carol Pearson, PH.D. for her many contributions to this article.

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

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Wine And Roses



by Ron Rowe

Happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all of The VIEW readers. Thank you for your support in 2012, and may you all be continually blessed in 2013.

January received its name from the god, Janus, who had two faces looking in the opposite direction. Macrobius states that January was dedicated to him because, from his situation, it might be a retrospective to the past and prospective to the future

Old wives tale; a wet January, a wet spring. Tennyson wrote the following on the death of the old year. Full knee-deep lies the winter snow. And the winter winds are wearily sighing; Toll ye the church-bell sad and slow. And tread softly and speak low, For the old year lies a-dying. Old year, you must not die; You came to us so readily, You lived with us so steadily, Old year, you shall not die.

A cheeky Santa Claus was given a bum's rush by right and proper English department store managers at Harrods for baring his butt in the fairy grotto. Santa and his little gnome and elf helpers stripped off after a very hectic day dealing with children and their parents. The after hour pranks were uncovered when the stiff upper lip bosses discovered photos taken by an elf showing Santa wearing only cap and boots, nothing else. Instead of Ho Ho Ho, it was Go Go Go. They were all fired even though they admitted, after the long hectic day, that they were only letting off steam.

In New York, a man robbed a bank dressed as Santa Claus. He was arrested in the parking lot by police who said No No No...

In Ohio, a sixth grader has been given detention for flatulence on the school bus. Christian Summers says the flatulence was involuntary. The bus driver maintains that Summers' stinky wind breaking was intentional, noting on the detention slip that while others yelled and screamed, he just laughed.

As many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Research suggests that over 10,000 identity theft rings operate in the U.S., with crooks most highly concentrated in Alabama, Georgia, Delaware, Mississippi and Texas.

Goldman Sachs profits fell 38 percent in 2012. They marked this 'so, so year' by more than tripling the base salary of C.E.O. Lloyd Blankfein to \$2 million and awarding him shares worth \$12.7 million, up from \$9 million last year. Salaries, benefits and other compensation at banks and securities firms hit a record \$207 billion in 2012., up 4.2 percent from 2011. Looks like the banks didn't loan out the Obama Bail Out gift to people in need, but passed it out, free to their employees and CEO's.

Americans are moving overseas to find work. Some 6.6 million U.S. citizens are now studying or working abroad, the highest number ever recorded. The jet pack used by James Bond is now on sale. The Jetlev R200 uses a pair of high powered water tanks to push the user aloft. It doesn't offer complete aerial freedom and can only be used over open water. It requires full concentration, but once you get used to it you can soar up to 28 feet in the air. Price, \$99,000. Contract www.jetlev.

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OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

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Who else am I speaking of? Outside hired guns from X Senator Tony "The Flash in the Pan" Strickland's Staff, paid off by GSWC trying to keep their 300 percent rate advantage over the rest of the water companies. They have more lie's than CCF's allowed for you to supply water to your home, without a penalty price.

Golden State said we only needed 5CCF because we weren't as warm as Simi Valley. Really? Why then, does Santa Maria get 50 percent more water at the lowest Tier???

Screwed, that's what's happening. Ojai is getting screwed.... hard. Golden State has done the screwing. After asking for another 29 percent water rate increase last July....., they now seek to lower it to make themselves look like good guys to BUY the Water Rescue Bond VOTE.

They have asked to recover the rate back to Jan. 2013 but are billing last year's rate. Imagine how your rates will look if and when that rate increase takes effect.

To make matters worse, the Ventura Star just got it wrong, way wrong. Your Bond amount will be only once a year not 6 times that amount as the Star reported as a Bi-Monthly charge. Again The CORPORATE "Star" wasn't much of a Star. They are wrong and have not corrected their mistake. The

com if interested. The sleep industry in the U.S. is projected to hit over \$33 billion this year, up over 9 percent, since 2008. This figure includes everything from sleeping pills, deluxe mattresses, to sleep coaches and consultants. Nearly 1/3 of all working Americans, more than 40 million, are sleep deprived.

A Chinese company plans to build the world's tallest skyscraper. The Broad Group says its tower will be 2,749 feet tall, 30 feet taller than Dubai's Burj Khalifa and will be made of prefabricated lego bricks.

A German woman is accused of trying to kill her boyfriend by smothering him with her 38 DD breasts. Franziska Hansen, age 33, was apparently upset that boyfriend

amount is a guess anyhow, until the feasibility study is done, and the replacement of the underground pipes are complete. Golden State has more than one leak per week in the City now. For years GSW has been getting rubber stamp rate increases from the CPUC, promising to use the money to fix the pipes correctly.

Instead they hand over the booty we pay to their stockholders as "record profits" and the pipes only get a band aid. What we do know is that the Tax/Bond will NOT exceed the amount proposed, in spite of what the paid liars

kept saying. Look at the tape on the City of Ojai video. There must be a maximum bond. That bond, they said, has plenty of reserve and can't exceed the maximum bond amount. This is State Law.

Now what does all that mean? It means that all those Lies from the fake concerned citizens but in reality paid spin-doctors (at the Jan. 29 Casitas Meeting) were just that, Lies.

Current Casitas water users won't Vote and won't have their rates changed because of Ojai and won't have to pay any costs if this bond passes. It means if you are registered to Vote in the Golden State-Ojai water area you get to Vote on the takeover and the bond. If you own property in the same area but live or have an out-of-state home and don't Vote in that Golden State Water area, you can't Vote.

I hope we aren't being sold out for a little tender loving care. So husbands or boyfriends try a little foot adoration on your wife or partner, you never know what will happen.

Americas oldest wine grape is the Norton grape. If you haven't tried a wine made with the Norton grape, now is the time. 2010 Horton Vineyards, Norton \$15. Virginia's best known Norton has a distinctive earthy note that lends it a touch of old world sophistication. 2010 Cooper Vineyards, Norton Reserve, \$23. Coopers Vines are developing sophistication and consistency. The 2010 is very good. 2011 Chrysalis Vineyards Norton Barrel Select, \$29. Chrysalis borrows a technique

Tim Schmidt was planning to leave her. In court she was accused of trying to kill her boyfriend while in bed. She grabbed Tim's head and pushed it between her breasts with all her force. Tim, escaped the deadly embrace. Franzisca confessed saying, "I only wanted his death to be as pleasurable as possible."

Did you know foot worshiping has been around for centuries and is alive and thriving today. Sex expert Philip Hudson says the soles of our feet are very erogenous, having over 72,000 nerve endings. For many, feet and toes are virtually virgin territory receiving no love or attention, yet feet and toes do respond very well to

LETTER: Ojai FLOW Endorsement

- Sonia Nordenson, Ojai

I've just read a press release from the San Lorenzo Valley Water District about a retirement party for Fred McPherson, who happens to be the brother of Ojai FLOW's Pat McPherson. The announcement credits Fred for his participation on the Board of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District when they acquired the Felton water system from California-American Water in 2008.

Pat McPherson, a marketing specialist and community volunteer, has no doubt received good insights from his brother about that successful acquisition, insights now helping him to co-lead the efforts Ojai FLOW (Friends of Locally Owned Water) to buy the Golden State Water operations here in Ojai.

Along with many others who are forced to pay the inflated Golden State rates, I support Ojai FLOW and the well-qualified people heading up the group's efforts. Richard Hajas, who wrote the excellent Ojai FLOW feasibility study, is a water expert, having worked for Casitas and served as general manager of another municipal water district in southern Ventura County. Stan Greene was the head of the Citizens to Preserve the Ojai, is on the Board of the Ojai Valley Sanitary District, and knows the ins and out of government agencies. Bob Daddi is a local insurance agent who was one of the driving forces that got the Ojai Skate Park built. Dale Hanson has been a longtime board member of the of the Ojai Valley Board of Realtors and knows the business community. Lou Torres is a local CPA and has been the Chief Financial Officer for Rotary West's nonprofit organization, and Ryan Blatz is an attorney who grew up here in Ojai, knows where to get information, and is

Mar. 13 HEARING WED, 6PM - CASITAS PUBLIC HEARING - The Acquisition of Golden State Water/Matilija Jr. High School Auditorium/Ojai INFO, WWW.OJAIFLOW.COM



Event Calendar

TROWBRIDGE GALLERY/OJAI, Ongoing Artist Exhibitions, Whitney Brooks Abbott, Steve Curry, Steve Eddy, Erin Dertner, Jane Emerson, Michael Enriquez, Gail Faulkner, Jean Jack, Cynthia King, Robert Lyn Nelson, Elisabeth McGinn, James Menzel-Joseph, Kathleen Petersen, Caren Satterfield, Richard Schloss, Jeff Sojka, Danna Tartaglia, W.B. Thompson, Louise Warner, Wayne Weberbauer, Erna Zeigler. INFO, OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, 11 - 5PM, 307 OJAI AVE. STE. 102, OJAI, 646-0967

Feb 13/Wed. One pm - Ribbon Cutting - Bus Shelter at the "Y"/Ojai, Newly constructed shelter for Ojai folks, INFO, W. OJAI AVE. & MARICOPA HWY 33/OJAI, WWW.CIOJAI.CA.US/

Through Mar. 31 - Exhibits "Beatrice Wood, Duchamp & Chess", Fiber Art Master Pieces, Ojai Valley Museum. Free to Museum Members, \$5 for Non-members at the door. INFO, OJAI VALLEY MUSEUM/130 W. OJAI AVE., OJAI, TUES; THRU FRI 10AM - 4PM, SAT; 10AM - 4PM, SUN; NOON - 4PM, WWW.OJAIVALLEYMUSEUM.COM, PHONE: 640-1390

Feb 9/Sat. 6pm - Dancing With the Ojai Stars, Ojai (BBQ Begins at 4:30pm) The greater Ojai community is invited to be a part of this exciting event, designed to support the Nordhoff High School Dance Program in raising funds for scholarships for the Pasadena Dance Festival as well as funds for expenses in staging their annual Spring Dance Concerts. INFO, TICKETS; WWW.DANCINGWITHTHEOJAISTARS.COM

UNEQUAL AND UNFAIR Code Enforcement



It Must Be Who You Know

"If it's illegal it must come down," so says Sue Horgan. Her neighbor at 537 Del Oro is the exception for Sue Horgan. Can't have a structure within the 40 foot yard setback.

Severo and Betsy said they'd stop this erratic code enforcement. In this Case, it's a Lack of Code Enforcement for Sue's Pals.

Wine And Roses

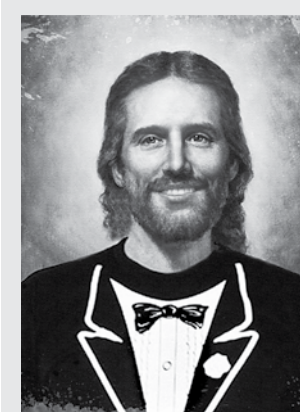
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from Beaujolais to soften Norton tannins, creating a plusher wine that is suitable for early drinking.

The sun has set over the yardarm, time for a glass of Merlot and contemplate the new year.

Peace to all beings on earth, NAMASTE

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MEDIA VIEW/DRIVEL: Pasadena-Based Ventura Corporate Rag Still Screwing Up in Camarillo



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Jan. 11, 7:45pm - Ad sheet/L.A. Based VCREporter found again taking up VIEW Rack space.

What About "NO" Can't You Understand?

Subject: Foster's Donuts VIEW Rack From: editor@ojaiaandventuraview.com Date: January 11, 2013 7:49:19 PM PST To: david@vcreporter.com

Dave Comden, editor, VC Reporter

You sure are still screwing up. Your tawdry Rag is still being found placed in my Rack at "Fostars Family Donuts" in Camarillo, contrary to your promise you made to me over the phone to stop your practices (see attached photo taken a few moments ago). I was even nice enough to explain to you, over our short phone conversation [Dec. 18], that I didn't mind your tripe being placed in my Rack in the interest of conservation of space at Foster's, so long as it's in the lowest shelf. I'm sure at the time you would have and seemed to understand.

Your (slow as molasses) attention in this matter is typical and considering the pointless drivels you publish in your Rag. All that aside and nevertheless, any chance of getting your brain to function enough to see that your Rag stays in the lowest only shelf of my VIEW rack, as I requested and you promised in that phone conversation we had a couple weeks ago? P.S. This Email is for Publication in the VIEW, since direct friendly conversation and Emails with you don't seem to get your attention. Hope to hear from you real soon.

Joel Anderson Editor, Ojai and Ventura VIEW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR editor@ojaiaandventuraview.com



Howdy Neighbor Ventura: Fishy Politics Does This Pass The Smell Test?

It's no secret that Ventura Mayor Mike "Policeman Dick" Tracy is the next door landlord of Community Development Director, Jeffrey "Fired Rick Cole Clone" Lambert. The Ventura City Charter forbids council members from giving direction to city staff members, but it must be difficult to avoid "talking shop" on rent collection day or across the back fence. And how much rent is it?

The house rented from Mayor Mike "Policeman Dick" Tracy by his Community Development Director is adjacent to Mayor Mike's own house. It is purported to be a million dollar home.

Now that Mayor Mike's convenient next door tenant has lost his bid to be Ventura's next City Manager, word has it that Mr. Lambert is pushing for the position of Assistant City Manager, but that will be the choice of the next City Manager. Will the next City Manager feel some pressure from "Mayor Mike" to hire his tenant, so he can legally give Mr. Lambert direct orders without violating the City Charter?

Meanwhile fired former City Manager Rick Cole has been dribbling stories in "The Ventura 'Fact Check' Star" and the VCREporter (conveniently owned by Southland Pubs., which he confounded)... yes, 'stories' about his "financial" expertise. This, despite the fact he was dumped for his failed code enforcement revenue-raising scheme. Cudos to the 2012 Ventura County Grand Jury. Rick fell.

Seems Fired Rickie is no chicken however, not one to run back to Pasadena with his eggs between his legs or in one basket. Instead he's looking to bag a seat on the Ventura City Council. He must be lonely for the ole Ivory Tower, perhaps finding the moralistic authorities (Catholic Church) just a little too dull employment for his big city tricks.

The Ventura City Manager was recommended by our own Johnny Johnston, who has served as Interim City Manager in Ventura for the huge sum of \$1.00. I'll bet he has some interesting stories to tell about his adventures in Ventucky politics.

- Editor



"The American people are free to do exactly what they are told." - Ward Churchill, Author/Pol. Activist

LETTER: Ojai Feeding Frenzy

- Richard Weed

There have been a lot of changes in this community since the mid 90s. Seen a ton of them and watched Ojai come undone. Time was when the Nina's and Jim's had the helm of the City. We had Bill and a number of local stake holders. It was a slower, better time.

State Mandates, Redevelopment Agencies (RDA) or other apparent intrusions from the State seemed to be at a minimum. Now the State of California has invaded us like Cancer and we have slipped in our local governance.

Time was, something came before the council and it got settled right then and there. Done and over. Not now. It goes on forever. I can't even remember how long ago we brought up a couple items and now they are back, still unsolved.

We seem to be engaged in a need to comply with housing needs in Ojai. Why now? We have lost more people and families between the 1990 census (at 8,200) to now in 2013 under 7,000. Yes, the State still shows many different and old population numbers depending on where you look. The U.S. Census shows the year 2000 population at a little over 7,800 and year 2010 in the 7,400 range, dropping.

Why build housing now when we have lost over 1,200 people, and especially kids from our schools that we no longer have the need to build? Now, with Gas prices back up at \$3.97 at the cheap gas, Circle K this week... still near record high unemployment and just stopped looking for work people. We continue to decline in numbers, people who can and want to live in bucolic Ojai. High utility costs, including record water prices, increased Code enforcement and the uncertainty that unpermitted units will be available in the future, have a number of people moving out of Ojai to live where they work, Ventura.

I remember when we had a few employees in town, ITI, Linda.com with 650 employees and Garlic Gold, just to name a few.

Sadly, the prior group of Ojai City Council lacked the backbone to stand up to the City manager; 6 years of real blight and abuse. It appears that we do everything to drive employers and people of the lowest income level out of this town. Why, after fired city manager Jere Kersnar announced that we had over 500 unpermitted dwellings, did we proceed with a plan for a massive amount of new housing starts, an increase of 12 per-

cent?? Why has This Council allowed our Community Development Department (CCD) to restrict those 500 plus currently occupied units to make up only around 15 percent of the new units, instead of a 100 percent??

Ask this Council if we are better off today than we were before we hired Jere Kersnar. How much did we really loose in the RDA money and how much do we owe on payback to the State for RDA including the Fiasco at the Bowl catastrophe?? Did you know Libbey won't even support the weight of the full L.A. Philharmonic like it did before the remodel? They won't show up full orchestra anymore. What's up with that? One Councilmember said something like \$1.7 Million was lost. If so, are we going to end up cutting everything but Chief's salaries and pensions??

I sure miss Bruce Roland and his perspectives, "I was born here and can't afford to buy a home here". Why? When is this Council going to take us where the voters want to go? Before we can add the vast amount of affordable homes when are we going to fulfill the will of the voters and build those reasonable 50 Senior housing units?? Whispering Oaks is a shadow its former self, folks there now living in fear.

The community voted to see improvements made. Why and how, legally, can the Council ignore a vote of the people?? Will the City be able to deny a vetted plan?? Why are we following the rules of the State and ignoring the vote of the people?? We spent an enormous amount to time and money to study and I didn't see where the Senior Housing Project was a primary piece of the housing puzzle. Why have we forgotten our seniors? Maybe the Council doesn't consider them "useful" anymore and worthy participants in the community. Maybe "Affordable Housing" is just for the lower ladder service people to service the rich, in their "Shangri-lala" land plan.

What's the answer? I don't know? More Seniors moving to smaller housing or their kids welcoming them into their own homes, instead of shuffling them off to warehouses? This would make available more units on the market for sale. Maybe Bruce could have found an affordable home if the prior Council bodies had been more dedicated to follow through, which is where I started.

- Richard Weed

Zoe Freespirit Why The SSA Ignores Her

- Zoe Freespirit

My sister and I paid for and submitted certified copies of everything the Social Security Office wanted, such as... Marriage License, Birth Certificate, old Driver's Licenses, and everything they wanted. I've been down to that office so many times that my car knew the way by heart! After all of that, they still refused to give me a social security number. They said everything I did was for my convenience... and they still wouldn't give me a number! It probably cost over a hundred dollars for the government copies they wanted, said Zoe.

Unfortunately, several key people who knew Zoe her whole life have passed away. They could have perhaps given an affidavit that they knew her which would have helped the process along. Zoe has had local folks try to help her in



the past, and they were supposed to be "social security experts" - and they never got anywhere. Now, Zoe's health is so severe that she can't go down to the Social Security office to sit long hours waiting for an answer. Maybe there are more aggressive people in the area who can help her locally without her having to make these excruciating trips to the Ventura office. We welcome further questions and support and thank those who have tuned into this horrible injustice. You may leave a message with Meredith Bowman at 805-633-0113. In the meantime, you can help Zoe by going to these sites www.change.org/petitions/social-security-number-zoe-freespirit www.wepay.com/donations/898387896

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Katie Distl with the Ventura Rhineland Club banner followed by the Prinzenpaar Royalty



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Great Costumes

Karnival

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The Ventura Rhineland Club held their annual Carnival on Jan. 26. The event is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall to promote German culture and customs in Ventura County. People from all over California attend, and also the Santa Barbara German Club participates.

Karnival, elsewhere known as Mardi Gras, is held in New Orleans and is huge in Brazil. Ventura's Rhineland Club was founded in 1965 and the group has a monthly dinner dance with German food, accordion music, and lively dancing. For Information contact Rolf Moll, 985-7253. - Editor



Santa Barbara German Club members



Ventura Rheinland Club President Ralf Moll and wife Cheryl



Paul of the Connections Band



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Marion Huber, our Karneval Jester.



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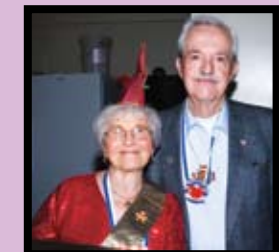
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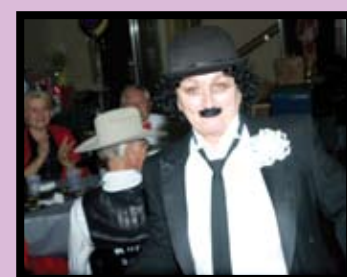
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Jakob and Katie Distl



Charlie Chaplin showed.



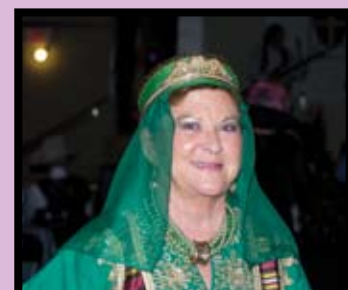
Ventura Rheinland Club Karneval Prinzenpaar, Prince Joseph and his princess Heidi



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Hoffmarhall Andy Anderson, leading the royal procession

Decision Made - VOTERS TO DECIDE

Golden State Spin Campaign



Real Concerned Locals, and Nefarious Out of Towners (posing as concerned Citizens sent by Golden State Water to try and influence) at the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) Jan. 29 at Nordhoff High School. Despite attempts by short-lived former Sen. Tony Strickland' pals to influence the CMWD decision, the board VOTED unanimously to let the Ojai VOTERS decide whether they wanted to continue to allow GSW to continue pumping Ojai's water. The fringe group failed to dissuade the Casitas Board from VOTING unanimously to proceed. Be sure and attend the PUBLIC HEARING WED., MAR. 13, AT 6PM, MATILJA JR. HIGH SCHOOL to disseminate information and get public input on the issue. Stay tuned to **The VIEW** and www.OjaiFLOW.com for Election Scheduling which has yet to be determined. - Editor



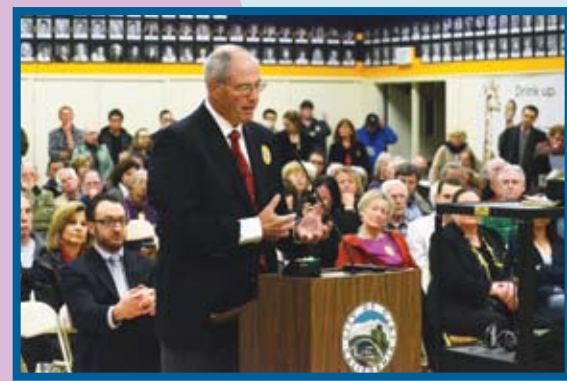
Bill the Voice of Reason; Eminent Domain is a reasonable way to acquire the system.



Mike, again many thanks for your help.



It's just about me and me alone, heck with the rest. I want all my water and all yours, without having to pay for it! Thank God he lost for Casitas Water Board.



Thanks Hank, for being a "Stand Up Guy" your Students will appreciate the money that is saved by the School District.



Thank God - a Board of Responsibility to all its users, providing Quality Water at a Fraction of the Cost of Golden States Water.



Your right, I would hold my Nose too.

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I came all the way from Ventura and I have no say in this fight, I must be a hired mouth-piece.



Don't push me, you have already told this Community enough Lies already.



There is an H in Hanna "H", thank her for us.



Tony \$\$\$tricklands Paid Staff, and Chief of Staff from Ventura, Chris. R.



Stan, Pat, Paul and Rob can't believe the BS either

The reason I have a name tag is because I don't remember where my office is, because we "Are everywhere."



When is the Chamber going to get on board with the residents and get the Carpetbaggers out of town.



Here's a couple of out of towners, one want to suck your wallet dry the other want to turn on the lights gail toppings husband



GSW Big Wig: When asked at another Golden State Water meeting why they charged so much at Golden State Water he said "Because we can" - April 26 2007, Water Rate Meeting. Things haven't changed YET!

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THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

A cat that ran for election for the U.S. Senate in Virginia received over 8,000 write-in votes. The cat, named Hank, who lives in Springfield claimed third place behind the winner. Donations to Hank's campaign ended after raising over \$70,000. Says much about the calibre of our politicians.

A new study of dog and cat bites at emergency rooms around the country reveal an average of five germs a bite. Doctors recommend antibiotics if the skin is punctured. More dangerous than being bitten by a dog is being bitten by a human, who carry many more dangerous germs than dogs. If you have a choice between bitten by a dog OR human, choose a cat says Dr. Tony Mitchell of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

The recent Gallup Poll shows dogs are better pets than cats. Currently over 48 percent of Americans share their home with one or more dogs while only 34 percent share with cats. Did you know a female ferret can die if she goes into heat and can't find a mate. A newborn kangaroo weighs approximately 70.03 ounces and can fit into a teaspoon. Female canaries can't sing as well as the male. Baby giraffes are 6 feet tall and weigh 200 pounds at birth. Despite the hump of the camel, the spine is straight.

Fun is nothing but a positive experience. Fun is when the individual's mind is focused on and really enjoying animals enjoy fun. Kangaroos engage in play fights that involve boxing, wrestling and kicking one another. Rhesus Monkeys make snow balls and roll them around, sometimes teaming up with each other to make big snowballs. Ravens drop objects in flight and swoop down to catch them. They also play tug-of-war with each other and slide down snowbanks on their backs and then fly or walk back up to do it all over again. Even farm animals experience fun. Young

pigs squeal excitedly as they chase and frolic with one another. Juvenile domestic goats play King of the Mountain in which one leaps onto the highest available surface and defends his territory by butting down the playful challenges. Calves and young horses are well known to engage in highly spirited frolicking. Colts chase, mount and play fights with each other and then engage in social play with dogs and humans.

Some animals even appear to play tricks on other animals. Primate expert Roger Fouts tells how captive chimpanzees put on masks to scare each other or people nearby. In her book, Birds on the Couch, bird behavior expert Ruth Hanessian tells how an African Grey Parrot named Delphian learned how to call Jody, the family Irish Setter, using a perfect imitation of Ruth's voice. When Jody came galloping up to the cage, Delphian would try to bite her tail. Delphian took great delight in her

ability to torment the dog. When we ask what makes up the quality of life or happiness they are the same thing in humans and animals; feelings. Life without feelings is not living it is simply existing. Feelings, pleasant or unpleasant, give life. It's color.... it's quality for humans as well as animals. The more that life is filled with pleasant feelings, the higher one's overall quality of life. Science and common sense tell us that, farm animals are complex with rich mental and emotional lives.

Portuguese scientists have found that fish, like cats, dogs and chickens enjoy a good massage. In his book, The Exultant Ark, Dr. Jonathan Balcombe claims that when the lives of animals are deprived of purpose and pleasure they suffer more intensely than humans. Sheep recognize the faces of at least 50 other sheep and remember images for up to two years.

the faces of other sheep. Researchers at Queen Mary University of London have also found that when goats are placed in mixed social groups they adjust their sounds to be more similar to their peers, just as humans develop accents. Chickens are able to communicate through at least 30 different calls. Despite irrefutable evidence that farm animals are indeed sensitive and intelligent creatures, a study detailed in Psychology Today showed that when

“... the quality of life or happiness.... Life without feelings is not living it is simply existing....”

people are about to eat meat they will accord lower intelligence to the animal than when they are about to eat fruit. Time to be off and have a chat with Nelly, our rescued poodle. At times I think she is a lot more intelligent than I am. Peace to all living beings on earth Your e-mails are welcome Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

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Aaron, who also co-founded Reddit, one of the most popular websites on the Internet; who founded DemandProgress.org; and who was instrumental in defeating The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP Act (PIPA), the passage of which corporations so greedily sought; was facing a federal trial on 13 felony charges and a possible 35-year prison sentence pursuant to the archaic Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

no less -- and in doing so, effectively placed the noose around Aaron's neck. Information is power. But like all power, there are those who want to keep it for themselves. Be curious. Read widely. Try new things. What people call intelligence just boils down to curiosity.

It was a sentiment he expressed when he wrote in a blog at the age of 13: "My name is Aaron Swartz. I'm a 9th grader at the North Shore Country Day School. In the summer of 2000, I finally realized that school wasn't working. I decided to do something about it. I'm tired of outdated teaching practices where the students don't learn anything. I'm tired of constantly being prepared for more preparation. I want something new, something worthwhile, something better."

Traditional schooling never seem to take with Aaron; after declaring his independence from the tedious process of "preparing to be prepared," he mainly studied at home. Although he enrolled at Stanford in 2004, he only stayed a year, saying he did not find it a "very intellectual atmosphere." At the time of his suicide, he was a fellow at Harvard University's Ethics Center Lab on Institutional Corruption.

In agonizing detail, 603 pages of The United States v. Aaron Swartz have been released, exposing not only our

broken legal system, but also the deadly, calculated precision with which the government broke a brilliant young man. Also revealed was more detail about the immunity agreement reached between Aaron's ex-lover, Quinn Norton, and Aaron's tormentors, which resulted in her testifying before the federal grand jury that ultimately indicted him, and the affirmation that she would have been tapped to testify for the prosecution had Aaron been able to survive until a trial occurred.

It is old news that Norton (@quinnorton on Twitter), 13 years Aaron's senior and a tech and science writer (occasionally for Wired Magazine), a photographer, and a blogger, had been granted immunity, and testified before the grand jury. References to a "secret agreement with feds to avoid prosecution"; and "WIRED reporter HYPERLINK 'http://topsy.com/s?q=%23QuinnNorton&utm_source=otttag' #QuinnNorton soon to be 2nd most hated snitch in hacker community after HYPERLINK 'http://topsy.com/s?q=%23AdrianLamo&utm_source=otttag' #AdrianLamo" were circulating around Twitter as early as December 2011, all relying on a link to a single letter written on August 12, 2011, as an initial discovery response by United States Attorney Carmen Ortiz, who plays West Side Story's spiteful and lonely Anita with remarkable accuracy as she struts and leads her band of Sharks. The link contained two sentences that ricocheted around the web:

3. Promises, rewards, or inducements have been given to witness Erin Quinn Norton. Copies of the letter agreement with her and order of immunity with respect to her grand jury testimony are enclosed on Disk 3. (HYPERLINK 'http://topsy.com/www.archive.org/details/UsaV.AaronSwartz-CriminalDocument20_774' http://topsy.com/www.archive.org/details/UsaV.AaronSwartz-CriminalDocument20_774).

But the release of the court case reignited the controversy, along with the usual speculations, denials, and rationalizations. On Facebook, one tells lies to one's friends. On Twitter, one tells the truth to strangers. When @timeoutcorner tweeted upon release of the court case: "Takes some serious balls to be all boo-hoo at the funeral of one's ex, when one was paid to be a snitch against said ex. HYPERLINK 'https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Swartz&src=hash' #Swartz" (HYPERLINK 'https://twitter.com/timeoutcorner/status/293941102908686336' https://twitter.com/timeoutcorner/sta-

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Brian Faith Band: Ending of a Tour Makes for New Beginnings

On the Road

by Carol Leonard
Playing music for a living is a very hard road. When your parents tell you that you need "a real education for a real job," listen to them.

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- Carol Leonard



Energizers on hand including Danny Hamilton & Family, Carol, Susan, Ashley, Tiffany & Spence, and Pauly The Surfer, were really fun too!

Jan had a little fun singing along with the band, a few songs.

It was great to see musicians Drummer Dave & guitarist extraordinaire Ron Sexton (father of Chad - 311), who occasionally sits in the BFB.

Bartender Jill was a great host "You guys ROCK!"

Check out the BFB at Blackbeards, Fri., Mar. 29... See ya soon for another Rockin' Evening, BFB. Keep the Faith.

- Editor



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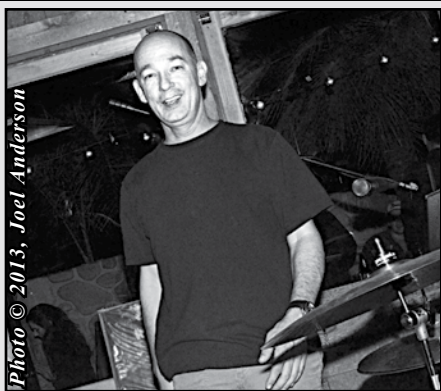


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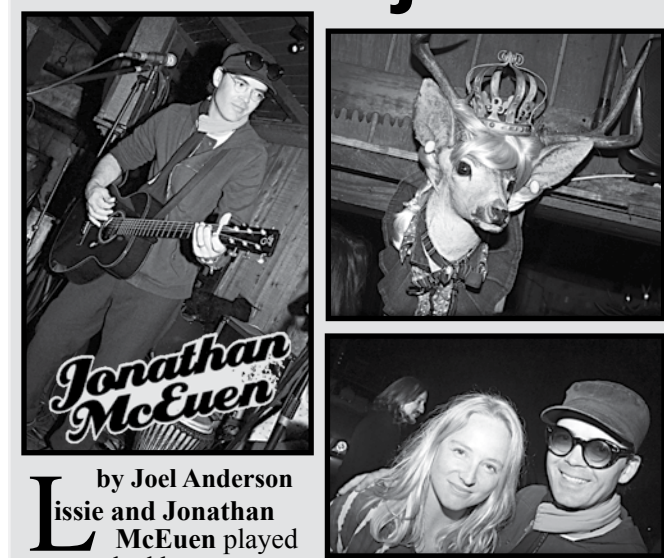
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Lissie and Jonathan Rock the Deer Lodge



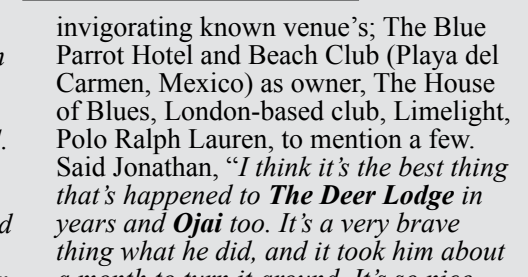
Lissie and Jonathan McEuen played to a packed house at the Deer Lodge Feb 2 in an event billed as the "McEuen Pre-tour Launch Party."

Lissie started off the night just before 10pm, playing for around 45 minutes - some new material for upcoming dates. Said Lissie, "Yeah, I write all my songs. The lyrics? Just stuff like that's happening in my life, or memories of things or observations..."

Said Jonathan, "Lissie is wonderful. She's one of the most humble female artists I've ever met and genuine.... very genuine. Also, extremely talented and their band sounds like a record when they play, they're so tight, clean, and professional."

The Deer Lodge was recently purchased by Tom Doody, who has a very clean record for marketing and invigorating known venue's; The Blue Parrot Hotel and Beach Club (Playa del Carmen, Mexico) as owner.

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Back to the music at "the Lodge".... said Lissie on her last record, "... because I wasn't currently struggling, like when I wrote my first record I was struggling a bit more emotionally, whereas now I'm just sort of cool with whatever. So, to write songs for this last one I had to sort of dredge up the past a little to deliver....."

"For me, songs mostly... come from struggle.... I think if you are happy, you don't really need to write a song... for me.... other people may, but if I'm feeling good I'm just feeling good... it's only when I turn to my guitar and writing... I feel I need to work something out.... it's usually anxiety or romance or whatever." Lissie is not one to be complacent.

the timing was good. He treats everybody with respect and it doesn't matter how big time you are... or not. He treats everybody with the same amount of respect." Lissie continues, "Yeah, yeah... and it's not even just about music? I mean it's about, like you know, Continued on page 14..."

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tus/293941102908686336), the reaction was fast and furious. Australian Internet activist @Asher Wolf was her typically scolding self: "HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/timeoutcorner" @timeoutcorner you need to stop. she took the 5th." (HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/Asher_Wolf/statuses/293942989267546113" https://twitter.com/Asher_Wolf/statuses/293942989267546113)

Reading through the 603 pages that comprise The United States v. Aaron Swartz brought recurring images from Tom Wolfe's Bonfire of the Vanities: Dissatisfied and disgruntled prosecutors screaming, "We've found him, the Great White Defendant!"

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Lissie and JMac

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your life. What are you doing with your life? Are you making the most of it? Are you accomplishing the things you wanted to? Are you making the decisions? Are you choosing the right people to be involved with?

You might have tired legs to catch up to this bunch. Jonathan is going on Tour with Dave Mason in a few days. The pair will be in Nashville Feb. 23 (Tennessee Performing Arts Center-War Memorial Auditorium) where they will do an "Industry" show for the likes of Gary and Randy Scroggs, Jaime Hanna, Jeff Hanna and Matraca Berg, Crystal Gayle and her Enterprise, and others.

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Ninth Grader, Aaron Swartz, meets with Online Freedom Activist and Harvard Law Professor, Lawrence Lessig.

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"very real risk of serious and irremediable harm," and it is the final one that bemuses the most: "earlier posted on one of his websites, guerrillaopenaccess.com, a call-to- arms entitled "Guerrilla Open Access Manifesto" which concluded "We need to download scientific journals and upload them to file sharing networks. We need to fight for Guerrilla Open Access." (Emphasis in the original.)"

That he wrote those words when he was only 21 years old, and nearly two and one half years before the occurrence of events for which he was charged, apparently did not make them, or Aaron himself, any less "threatening" to our illustrious United States Attorneys. Instead, perhaps his youthful manifesto was the motivation for adding Aiding and Abetting to each of the charges he faced. Or perhaps he had company in his efforts to liberate knowledge. Perhaps the answer lies within the Ortiz letter itself.

The letter itself was not rooted in altruism: the government is required by law to provide evidence to a defendant facing federal charges. How much evidence is provided is invariably a protracted battle. As Ortiz ticked through her obligatory list, she arrived at the category "Exculpatory Evidence Under Local Rule 116.2(B)(1)," Ortiz sniffed: "The government is unaware of any information that would tend directly to negate the defendant's guilt concerning any count in the indictment. However, the United States is aware of the following information that you may consider to be discoverable under Local Rule 116.2(B)(1)(a)."

These revelations prompted a letter from Aaron's attorney to Stephen Heymann (for some reason reminiscent of Richie Valens' older, drawing-by-numbers brother in La Bamba), dated May 8, 2012, requesting production of additional discovery, including: 11. Any and all Grand Jury testimony

provided on or about June 16, 2011, and any memoranda of interview with Quinn Norton; (Pages 200-201) Heymann, who now calls to mind that dreaded teacher who always wanted you to show your work, requested that Aaron's defense provide him with a "legal basis" for the discovery being sought. In a responsive two-page letter dated May 10, 2012, Aaron's attorney addressed the ex-girlfriend issue by stating: 3. As to paragraph 11, [Any and all Grand Jury testimony provided on or about June 16, 2011, and any memoranda of interview with Quinn Norton] Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). (Pages 203-204)

The Brady case is a landmark SCOTUS decision in which the prosecution had withheld from the criminal defendant certain evidence, in violation of the 14th Amendment. Brady evidence includes statements of witnesses or physical evidence that conflicts with the prosecution's witnesses, and evidence that could allow the defense to impeach the credibility of a prosecution witness.

A subsequent discovery motion filed on June 6, 2012, by Aaron's defense did not address @quinnorton's testimony and interview notes, so I assume they were provided -- which the United States was obliged to do pursuant to Brady. However, it did request as follows PARAGRAPH 15. This paragraph asked the government to "identify the origin of any and all statements of Aaron Swartz including but not limited to emails, text messages, chats, documents, memoranda or letters, i.e., to identify the source from which each statement was received and the legal procedure used to obtain each such statement of the defendant." (Page 196) Further, the motion sought: Paragraph 1 requested that the government provide "[a]ny and all grand jury subpoenas -- and any and all information resulting from their service -- seeking information from third parties including but not limited to Twitter, MIT, JSTOR, Internet Archive that would constitute a communication from or to Aaron Swartz or any computer associated with him."

Paragraph 20 requested "[a]ny and all paper, documents, materials, information and data of any kind received by the Government as a result of the service of any grand jury subpoena on any person or entity relating to this investigation." (Page 197) Being forced to duel for every scrap of evidence -- whether harmful or helpful -- seeps into the marrow of one's bones. Further, a 16-page Superseding Indictment was filed by the government on September 12, 2012, adding an additional nine counts against Aaron -- all 13 carrying the same Aiding and Abetting charge. (Pages 240-256)

I assume that, when subpoenaed, Quinn Norton intended to invoke her 5th Amendment privileges. That right would have been co-opted by a crafty immunity deal -- there is no need to refuse to testify if the testimony will not be self-incriminating. Still, without the immunity agreement, I am uncertain of the prospective success of an attempt by her to rely on 5th Amendment guarantees. Close family members can argue that they should not be forced to testify against each other, but cousins, nieces, nephews, and so on, are not considered close enough to qualify. (United States v. Seewald, 450 F.2d 1159 (1971)) As an ex-girlfriend, that argument would not have held up. If, on the other hand, she was considered a potential defendant, then an immunity deal would have been the only method by which to elicit her testimony. Since the released documents do not contain the information

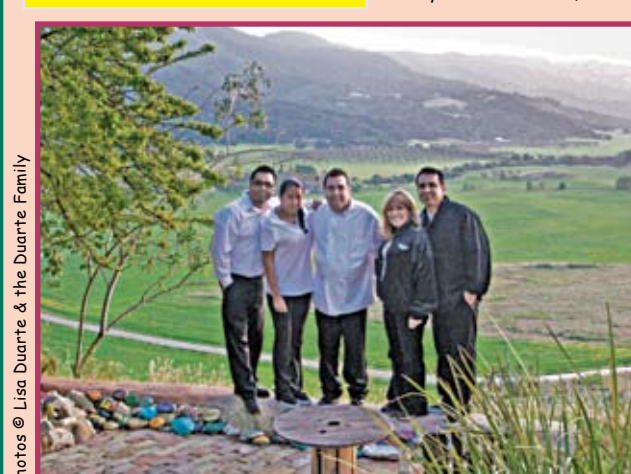
tucked into "Disk 3," I will not speculate about the terms of the immunity deal, whether it was immunity (meaning her testimony could not be used against her, but independently discovered evidence could), or if it was transactional immunity (meaning she could not be prosecuted at all in the matter about which she was testifying). One thing is certain: Quinn Norton was boxed in by The United States. How and why remains a mystery I cannot solve. Besides, it is not my story to tell. That right -- to do so or to not -- belongs only to @quinnorton.

On February 4, 2013, Congress held its own memorial for Aaron Swartz. California Rep. Zoe Lofgren has called for revisions to the CFAA, which she has dubbed, "Aaron's Law." California Rep. Darrell Issa has called for a congressional investigation of the prosecutorial overreach that hounded Aaron to death. Hackers -- close friends of Aaron's -- do not believe those efforts go far enough in addressing the problem of an antiquated and ambiguous law, burgeoning technology, and disproportionate punishment for Internet "crimes" people are often unaware they are even committing. It is their fervent belief that only those who understand computer science and technology possess the know-how to fashion Internet laws that are productive and proportionate for the advancement of American society; certainly driving hackers to suicide or locking them up indefinitely only demonstrates fear of the best and the brightest scientific minds -- a tradition that can be dated back to Galileo or even as recent as Alan Turing. (Aaron was the second hacker who committed suicide while being pursued by US Attorney Heymann; Ortiz' husband had the gall to take to Twitter to criticize Aaron's parents and his obituary before Aaron was even buried -- an act he no doubt regretted when it was discovered by Anonymous). One such group can be found at forkthelaw.org. I have been asked to serve as the legal advisor, and wrote the dedication that appears at the bottom of the page:

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