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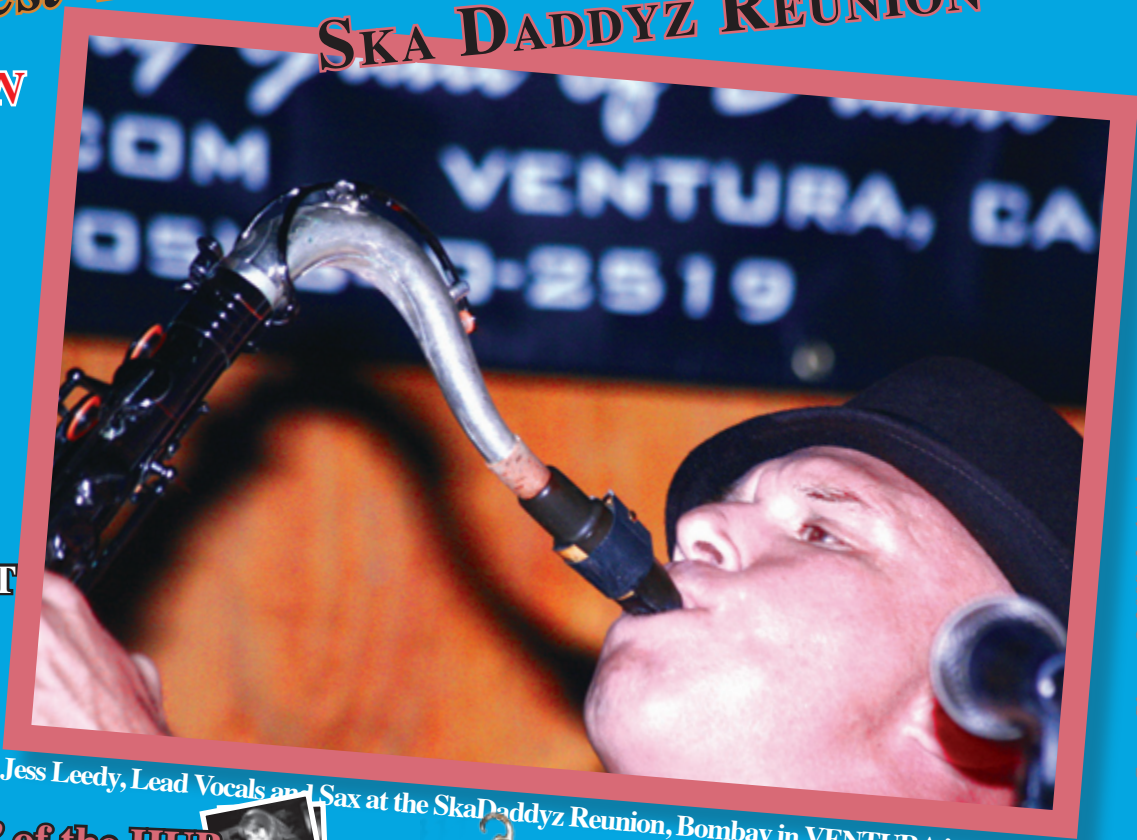
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LETTER

**Remembering Ojai's Noble Cat Lady Irene**



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In the last issue of the VIEW, writer Richard Senate wrote a story (page 7) about the mysteries in and around the two "slated for demolition" Victorian houses next to the Ojai Art Center on South Montgomery Street.

Editor,  
My husband, Lindy, and I were fortunate to meet Irene Noble in late 1997. We were having lunch, finalizing our plans to move from Los Angeles to Ojai. We stopped to take a closer look at the two small homes on Irene's property. I immediately noticed cats and kittens.... the start of our more than six year relationship with this very funny and charming elderly lady.

When Irene was age four, her father moved their house (which had survived the "big fire") from the Main St. to the lot on South Montgomery Street.

He separated the original house into the two you see today. Irene spent the next 82 years of her life at that property.

Irene never married, although her friends told me she left some broken-hearted men along the way. She never got a driver's license. The one time she drove her friend Helen's car, she wrecked it!

She worked for the County of Ventura. Every day at lunchtime, she went shopping.

She loved TV, especially soap operas and tennis matches, and was known to call my husband in a panic if the cable went out. She only drank Sprite and milk because her father told her to never trust the water. She LOVED chocolate and would get absolutely giddy with delight when we brought her cinnamon rolls from Cafe Emporium or homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Irene had boxes of wonderful pictures - the train that used to go through Ojai, where there is now a bike path; her days of dancing next door at the Art Center; pictures of the one-room school she attended in Ojai.

She was so proud of the trees that bordered her house because she had planted several of them at age five. If you look at her houses, you notice the large oak and another tree to the left, close to the townhouses. She planted those over 85 years ago.

In addition to the massive trees around her property, Irene loved animals. When I met her, she had two indoor cats. There

were numerous other cats living on her property. She fed them because people left cats over the years when they moved from the bungalows next door.

With the help of Dr. Matt Bailey and Dr. John Lyon, we trapped all of the outdoor cats and had them spayed and neutered. Once a week, Irene would go to Starr Market and return with a menu for their fine dining!

When the baby raccoons would join dinner, my phone would ring, and if I could not run over to see for myself, she would describe their escapades like a TV announcer.

Irene made sure Lindy and I knew the cats and the trees were to be spoken for when she no longer could. The hospitals greeted us with - oh, you are the ones who will be taking care of her trees and cats!

A few hours after I left Irene for the last time on Thanksgiving Eve, the hospital called to give us the news.

With the support and patience of Tom Farmer, who purchased Irene's property, we began working on her final request. Over the next year, the cats were trapped for a second time and relocated to a variety of homes.

New neighbors fell in love with her trees...and, her property sold to yet another owner.

Lindy and I were very lucky to have met this Ojai original. I still take a few moments each time we go by to remember Irene's great smile, crazy jokes and her most often spoken line--"Wait just a minute, I have to put on lipstick!"

- Cristin Allen Goetz, Ojai

PRESS RELEASE - OCT. 3

**Gallegly Votes 'No' Again Wall Street Bail-out**

Congressman Elton Gallegly (R-Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties) issued this statement today after voting against the Economic Stabilization Act for the second time:

"There is no doubt our economy faces a crisis. To resolve it, we need a solution that addresses the core reasons for the crisis. As I have said repeatedly, while I do not like government intervention, if we are to intervene, we must do so correctly. I believe this bill is fundamentally flawed and Congress should stay in Washington and not leave until we get the right solution.

"The bill the House considered today is virtually identical to the one which the House rejected Monday, except that the Senate added numerous provisions that will not help the credit crunch facing our nation. Some of these provisions can only be defined as pork at its worst. In the midst of a crisis, how can we justify special interest tax breaks of \$192 million aimed at Puerto Rican rum, \$148 million for wool fabric producers, \$100 million for race track owners, \$2 million for kids' practice arrow makers, and \$33 million to American Samoa, which benefits Star-Kist Tuna in Speaker Pelosi's district?

"The underlying reason for our economic problem is that people are in homes they can't afford and for which they never should have qualified. The roots of this go back to previous Administrations, when lenders were told they had to make loans to individuals who could not afford them. This was only compounded by tens of thousands of people, including illegal immigrants, who were given loans without proper scrutiny and often put no money down and made few payments, if any at all. Add to that greedy Wall Street scoundrels, unscrupulous mortgage brokers, and an ocean of consumer debt and it is easier to understand how we got into this mess.

"None of these problems have been addressed in this bill. With the passage of this flawed bill today, it is even more important

that we aggressively make the necessary changes to end these policies and ensure this never happens again. I fully intend to focus my energy on that."

[www.house.gov/gallegly/media/media2008/media2008.htm](http://www.house.gov/gallegly/media/media2008/media2008.htm)

**Voting for the 'Bestest' The Fix is IN...**

**R. ELLIS SMITH**



So yer Gonna Vote?? Yer all excited it's only a couple more weeks until you get to vote for your choice for President of the United States of America. Of course you know your man is the true prophet,

the only hope for our country, the second coming, and you are trying your best to convert everybody else to your way of thinking.

Opps, you forgot one small thing. After all the votes have been voted they still have to be counted, now you remember what happened in 2000 and 2004 way down in Florida and other similar places, it seems millions of votes were overlooked; millions of votes simply disappeared and the method of counting was not even close to how we learned to count in grammar school. You remember ... 1-2-3-4 etc, the new method goes something like this: 1 for their side, 1 for our side, 2 for their side, 1-2 for our side, 3 for their side 1-2-3 for our side ad infinitum.

There's an old saying, "THOSE WHO VOTE DECIDE NOTHING; THOSE WHO COUNT THE VOTES DECIDE EVERYTHING." Who uttered that saying you ask? Believe it or not it was Joseph Stalin who also said, "Demand Verifiable Voting Systems". Not only don't we have "Verifiable Voting Systems" but just about every state has a different system and those all have to be collated and counted by human beings.... Fat Chance and Good Luck!

PS: As the old saying goes, "Vote Early, Vote Often".

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- Local corporate 'Advertising' Rep

PRESS RELEASE

**Straight Up Ventura County**

Straight Up of Ventura County is hosting a teen house party reenactment to increase parent awareness and understanding of the social issues and the dangers young people face today regarding underage and binge drinking.

A private home in Oxnard will be set up to portray a local teen party that includes alcohol. Parents and other adults will have the opportunity to tour through the rooms of the house and see various activities that have become a "normal" part of teen parties in Ventura County. Teen actors from throughout the county will play the parts of young people engaging in the dangerous activities and will express the attitudes and concerns that teens have reported in Straight Up focus groups.

"Parents don't realize how crazy it gets" was a frequent comment among the over two thousand Ventura County high school and college students who participated in Straight Up workshops examining local underage and binge drinking issues. Most teens agreed that it is a mistake for parents to believe that they don't need to worry because their teen is a "good kid" or doing well in school. The Reality Party will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 at a home in Oxnard. Tours are 25 minutes and run between 3 and 8pm.

For reservations and info. 647-4622  
[www.straightupvc.org](http://www.straightupvc.org)

LETTER

**'Your' World Gone to the Dogs**

Your July issue is a cultural comedy: tits and flags on the front cover and dogs and ads on the back. In between is a progressive mix of system bashing and selfdome hashing with enough homecooked fast food to make me stop and smell the poses.

What jumped out at me was all the attention given to pets and the lack of knowledge about how to fix the real world. In other words, the world has gone to the dogs and tits.

I would give you my View but I'm afraid the cultural collar around our collective necks would make it a shaggy dog story and the cat would be let out of the bag.


- Dennis Leary, Meiners Oaks

Note: Mr. Leary unsuccessfully ran for the Ojai City Council a couple years ago. Go to [OjaiandVenturaView.com](http://OjaiandVenturaView.com) to catch up on the July Issue.

-Editor

*the Ojai and Ventura Real*

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## Smoke and Mirrors Yield Sub-optimal Public Policy

by Jefferson Pinto

I was watching TV the other evening and saw a show with a 700+ pound man who needed to be hospitalized; could neither ably walk or fit through the door. This begs a few questions. How did he get this way? Why did he keep eating? How did he keep eating? Who kept bringing him food? Why did he wait this long to remedy his eating habits?

I am left wanting by the poor media coverage and lack of comprehensive analysis of our national financial mess. Moreover, there are a few dimensions to a big issue that have not been addressed very well. If there are two things that keep appearing on the front pages of our news, they are “bail-out” and “\$700 billion.”

The underlying stories seem to follow one or more of the following threads: 1. The cost of doing it, 2. Who is going to pay for it, 3. Whose fault it is, 4. Pork (not the other white meat) and, 5. The urgency to do “It,” “It” being the “bail-out”.

It sounds like we are sitting in a small row boat with some small leaks in the hull; nothing an old can and two small boys can't remedy. It's actually more like the hole in the side of the Titanic left by an iceberg. I assure you, it is a mathematical certainty.

Please allow me to pontificate about some of the other germane dimensions of this tragedy.

### It Would Be Too Costly To Let These Institutions Fail

This hypothesis assumes that we know the cost of letting them fail. Has anyone ever quantified the costs – financial, human wear and tear, etc.? I sure haven't. Let's do the easy math. \$700 Billion (700,000,000,000) divided by 250 million people (250,000,000) equals \$2,800 for every man woman and child in this country. On average, that means that for a family of four that equates to \$11,200 to save these overweight institutions. The underlying problem is the difficulty comparing something to nothing. The something is \$11,200 and the nothing is WHAT?

### Why the Hurry?

The economic situation took a few years to converge to the current state. From a public policy stand point, why the hurry? The bad loans are already bad. Those that will go bad will do so with or without the intervention. It almost appears the medicine is worse than the ailment. What competent doctor would treat a patient without first gaining an understanding of the illness and the consequences of the treatment options? The damage from the original catastrophe is done. Let's not create another catastrophe by forming policy in a rash and impulsive manor that will eventually haunt us long after Halloween is over.

### The Blame Game

I don't know what it is about us humans, but we seem to have this insatiable need to blame a bad thing on something or someone. Think back to the last time you vomited. After you regained your composure, wiped the tears from your eyes, and rinsed your mouth out, you probably asked yourself, “What did I eat that made me sick?” The reality is sometimes we

become ill from causes other than something we ate. The blame game at hand is beginning to sound more like a combination between a diet beer commercial and the **Jerry Springer Show** in slow motion: “Less filling – Tastes Great”. Substitute the words Republican and Democrat and you have a good grasp of it. If it is so important to act quickly, it makes sense define and address the problem first then, for giggles and grins, come back later and assign blame.

### Pork: Looting During the Riot

As if the \$700 billion price wasn't enough, but there were many other items inserted that are completely unrelated to the problem at hand. One notorious example is the repeal of an excise tax on *children's wooden arrows*. Since this line was espoused by **Oregon Senators Ron Wyden [D] and Gordon Smith [R]**, I can only speculate the primary beneficiaries are in **Oregon**. This begs two questions: Why was this slipped in at the last minute and why didn't our elected representatives object when the bill was in committee? My question: why weren't these pigs exposed before the bill went to final vote and signed into law?

### Who Is Going To Pay For It

Not so long ago, I walked in to my supervisor's office and explained how another's

*derelict performance* created a *colossal amount of work and was a major set back* for our department. He shrugged his shoulders and said, “Sometimes in life, you have to deal with untreated sewage.” Much to my chagrin, his point had substantial merit. The economic reality is we are all going to pay for “It”. I suppose we could argue the “who ought to pay for it”, but I'll save that for another article.

**My beefs:** Why was the *analysis* of “it costs too much” omitted by our elected officials and our free press? Why did we replay the Jerry Springer blame game during prime time in lieu of core issues? Who's watching the farm when the little piggies go to market during the panic? Why wasn't it explained how much each American would have to pay?

Aside from the core economic problem, the omissions and misdirection (*tricks commonly used by magicians*) will invariably exacerbate the problem and lead to suboptimal public policy. Folks, it's broken; let's fix it!

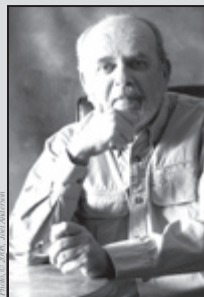
In the next issue, I'll address how “the man” got to be 700 pounds. That is, how flawed public policy incited behavior that caused the current state of affairs. The chain of events included substandard lending policies, destructive real estate speculation, financial institution failures, that have adversely affected small business and individuals.

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



## Where Is Your Passion? Ψ

“What Fascinates and Terrifies At  
The Same Time Is The Way Of The Soul”

-Unknown Poet

Obviously this statement doesn't suggest that we act out some form of neurotic or deviant obsession, nor is it a call to sell the farm and hightail it to **Tahiti** with a 22-year-old. This poetic line refers to a specific time in the middle years when we have to respond to a summons of the soul, make a choice and take a leap into uncharted waters. It's about living life with passion.

Much of the first half of life we've lived according to the dictates of our culture, our parents and our religious and social institutions. Those who lived in compulsive defiance also cut themselves off from their inner center. In this process of trying to establish ourselves in the world, we've left vital and soulful parts of our natural self behind. In the middle years, those neglected and soulful parts, which **Levinson** calls “other voices in other rooms”, come pounding on our door. At that moment, we're caught between a rock and hard place, because repressing those “other” voices, intuitions and images leads straight into depression and despair. Yet, if we allow them to come into consciousness for reflection, we get blasted with waves of anxiety. What complicates this existential dilemma even further is when we begin to hear that voice, see that internal vision and call for action, we never know whether they are a mirage or an oasis. As much as I know, we eventually have to choose anxiety over depression and listen to our inner voice. Needless to say, this is only done after a considerable amount of soul searching... never impulsively. We might have to explore a couple of mirages before we hit the oasis. **Jung** catches the bigger picture when he says, “The right way towards wholeness is made of wrong turnings and fateful detours.”

When we're at the crossroads in mid-life, it actually feels like we're hanging on a cross- a psychological crucifixion, so to speak. No one has prepared us for this- here we truly stand alone. Following someone else's path always ends up in disappointment or worse, self-betrayal.

During the middle passage we reach a point when we realize that no one knows what life means for someone else. Each path is different... there is no Guru. Our old **Ojaian** neighbor **Krishnamurti** helped us with that one a long time ago.

For some, there comes a time at the crossroads where a decision has to be made, which is purely based on one's personal code of honor, even if it is in opposition to spiritual dogma and man-made laws. Obviously, these decisions are made in the service of soul.

**Joseph Campbell** always told his audiences to “Follow your bliss.” He obviously didn't mean to follow some spaced out narcissistic trip. He was talking about following your passions, including all the sacrifices and sufferings we meet up on our soul's journey. The call of passion is to live life fully. Fear of disapproval and how we “ought” to live our lives needs to be thrown by the wayside. Otherwise we're doomed to live the trivial lives of cynics, hoarders, applauders of the past, martyrs, blamers, and celebrity clones... or we'll end up grunting and sweating in so called “health” spas because we're afraid of aging. Believing materialism will make us happy leaves us absolutely bankrupt in mid- life. Not living passionately leads to shallowness and eventually “hardness of heart”!

If we follow our passion we're likely to become strangers to some of the people who know us, but at least we are not strangers to ourselves. If we truly live our lives, our children are free to live theirs (**Hollis**). Ultimately, living passionately provides greater consciousness, more choices and therefore more opportunities to forgive others and ourselves, because on one level or another all of us human beings have been idiots!

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

P.S. *Regarding our city council elections; six moths ago both incumbents declared they would not run again only to change their minds shortly before the filing deadline. One of the reasons given was no one else of worth was running. This hubris and inflatedness astounds me. They voted for the Los Arboles condo project. Los Arboles means The Trees in Spanish. In order for the project to come into existence, the developer had to cut down over fifty trees. I'm sure they didn't catch the irony.*

*Let's give Suza Francina and Betsy Clapp a shot at some real change.*

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# Five Ojai City Council Candidates Seek 2 Council Seats



Candidates - Sue Horgan (incumbent), Mike Lenahan, Betsy Clapp, Rae Hanstad (incumbent), and Suza Francina fielded questions at the Oct. 9 Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce at Soule Park Golf Course. More photos, page 9.

**W**ith two Ojai City Council Seats up for re-election less than a month away, Nov. 4, five candidates are running: two incumbents and three challengers.

The VIEW asked each candidate identical questions in an email posted Sept. 30, requesting their response and statement. Below the questions are reprinted in their unedited entirety.

All five candidates responded to our email. Three candidates participated and their provided statements are printed on the following pages, alphabetically, (pages 5 through 7).

Each candidate was also offered equal size and proportioned 1/5 page advertisements. Again, three candidates responded.

- Editor

**Ojai and Ventura VIEW – City Council Candidate Questions - Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008**  
**Ojai City Council Elections – Nov. 4, 2008**  
**Submission Deadline: Monday, Oct. 6, 6:00pm**  
**Publication Date: Friday, Oct. 10**

1. How do you define “social conscience” as a current or potential Ojai City Council member?  
 2. Should there be more “city” and less “agricultural” in the Ojai Valley? Do you feel Ojai needs more housing? Why? and if so can the traffic patterns/water table support this? Is High Density Housing in downtown Ojai, good or bad? If “Good”, homes or apartments? and how many in the next five years? Do you support new development in Ojai of buildings over two stories high? Also, how will Ojai pay for gang/graffiti reduction? What approach is best to reduce gang activity? Five ways to make Ojai a better place?

3. Rising water rates and utilities, City and Local Agricultural rates. Ojai agricultural ranches are letting oranges fall, unharvested to the ground and die along with their trees, many say, due to the high water rates (and NAFTA-global competition) making it economically unfeasible to pick. What would you do to support local ranchers and fight rising ag water rates? What would you do in real water ways to improve the Ojai City water conservation, and support a citizens right to affordable utilities?

4. How do you feel about a strong independent First Amendment press? Do you support public access broadcasts of the council meetings via CAPS-TV Time Warner?

5. Do you support more funding for the schools/education? If so, what specific areas of education? ie: academics, cultural/arts, sports, administrative, facilities/staff, should be cut? (first to last, please prioritize.) Would you favor Chaparral High School being converted to a commercial development, ie: convention center, shops, etc?

6. What ideas do you have for supporting small business in Ojai and still retain the small town charm?

7. What ideas do you have to improve Ojai while still keeping its small town charm ie. Skate Park, Parks, Performing Arts Center, Youth, Seniors, more or less Commercial Development?

8. Will you think and speak for yourself, or only for a select interest group other than the people? How can voters be assured one way or the other? How will you make yourself personally available to the voters, if you are elected?

9. What one skill is your best which makes you qualified to be a council member and, which one skill is your weakest (which may be compensated for by other council members)?

10. Will you keep your campaign promises? What are they?

11. What practical “green” ideas do you have for Ojai which will actually work and have an impact on Ojai’s environment, saving the taxpayer money? Solar Panels on city hall? Wind mills on the library? Convert city cars to alternative energy?

12. What makes you qualified specifically in budgetary matters, and also in other city business?

**Space Requirements:** All candidate statements will be published to equal lengths, in unedited form as submitted by each candidate. Please make yourself available for a brief head shot photo, or provide one, to be included with your statement.

**Technical Requirements:** Word: Font: 12 point, Helvetica (Normal setting), margins set to 1.25” (left margin), 1.25” (right margin), 1” (top), 1” (bottom), double spaced and be no greater than 2 pages, or no greater than 66 lines in length. Statements which exceed the length will be cut from the bottom.

**Send your Response** to [editor@ojaiandventuraview.com](mailto:editor@ojaiandventuraview.com) Due by Monday, Oct. 6, 6:00 pm for Fri, Oct. 10 Issue. 805/640-8439 phone/fax. Include any campaign website or contact information you’d like included. Thank you.



# Clapp: 'Quality of Life for all Residents'



1. As an "at large" City Council member I have the responsibility to represent everyone. I will listen to residents and business owners and become educated on the issues. Quality of life for all residents is important to me.

2. Although Ojai is an incorporated city, we are not urban and therefore the urban "standards" that have been designed for large cities often do not make sense for Ojai. Clearly, development should only be allowed when we are certain that we have adequate resources for the project whether it be water, clean air, reasonable traffic densities. We need to be practical, conservative of our natural resources and thoughtful to ensure Ojai stays the unique and wonderful place it is. As far as graffiti goes, GAG is doing an excellent job abating graffiti and the Council needs to support their efforts whenever we can.

3. A long-term water management and conservation plan for the Valley is a must. We need to ensure that we identify and conserve what water resources we have in the Valley. This will help both ag and residential/commercial users.

4. I absolutely support the press and our first amendment rights. I would love to see more investigative journalism in local papers.

5. As the parent of a Nordhoff graduate and a product of California public schools, I support funding increases for schools. Clearly, our school board members have some difficult challenges ahead and although it is out of the City Council's purview, I support anything that can be done in Sacramento to raise California's per student funding levels above their current level.

6. As a small business owner, I would like to see us start a collaborative working group consisting of business owners, the Chamber of Commerce, local artists and the City to see what we can do to help business in Ojai. I'd like to see us support a Visitors Center with well trained staff that is open 7 days per week. I would also like us to open

City Hall on Friday and have a phone that is answered by a person 6 days per week. Any marketing efforts for attractions, etc. in Ojai should certainly be supported.

7. The Skate Park shows you what committed residents can accomplish when they put their hearts into a project – my hat is off to them. I would like to see us evaluate the feasibility of a Valley-wide Recreation District. I would also like to see our community build a public pool.

8. I will work hard for everyone. I live in mid-town. I shop here. Our friends live here. My administrative office and graphics department for my business is here. I want to hear from our residents, their wants, needs and concerns. City Council meetings are one of the only opportunities for residents to provide input on issues and I think that in the past, residents have been discouraged and insulted for participating. We must become more responsive to the members of our community.

9. I am a good listener and I do my homework. I like to get things done. I want residents to feel the city is making concrete progress on issues, not just talk or paper compliance with no action. I have learned to work with all types of people as a business owner and I know I will bring these skills to the Council if elected.

10. I promise to listen to residents and do everything I can to ensure that Ojai thrives.

11. I have participated on the Ojai Valley Green Coalition and I think there are a lot of things the City can do. We need to lead by example on issues such as water conservation and solar energy even if we are not in the water or power business. I would like to see the City develop a comprehensive water conservation plan. For example, by encouraging the use of mulch (we can save fossil fuels because we won't be trucking our green waste down the hill. We can save water, improve soil quality and tilth, decrease pesticide use and reduce energy costs.

12. Once again, as a business owner, I am practical and conservative when it comes to financial matters. I would like to see the City establish a Citizens Budget Oversight Committee and prepare a simplified budget (available online and in the library) that is easily understood by residents. This oversight is needed to ensure that Council members don't just think they know what residents' priorities are. Thank you very much for taking the time to help educate residents on the issues and the candidates. Please remember to vote.

## EVENT CALENDAR

- Oct. 16, Wed., Ojai Valley Camera Club meets, 7pm, Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St.  
*info. www.OjaiValleyCameraClub.com*
- Oct. 17 - Nov. 16, Bell, Book & Candle (theatre production), High Street Arts Center, Moorpark  
*info. www.higheststreetartscenter.com, 529-8700*
- Oct. 17 - Nov. 23, Little Shop of Horrors, The Camarillo Theatre, Show performs Fri. & Sat., 8pm, Sun, 2pm. Join us after the show for a tasty mini-meal served on the sidewalks of "Skid Row". Reservations suggested.  
*info. 805-216-0253*
- Oct. 18, Sat., Ojai Day, Downtown Ojai, 10-5pm.  
*info. Ojai Recreation Dept., 646-1197*
- Oct. 18, Sat., Battle for the Coast, Seaside Park, Roller Derby Tournament, Ventura County Derby Darlins,  
*info. www.myspace.com/vcddbattlefortheoast*
- Oct. 18-19, Harvest Artwalk Weekend, Ventura Eclectic mix of art, music and community.  
*info. 658-4760*
- Now to Oct. 19, The Pirates of Penzance, Oxnard High School Theatre, Thurs. - Sat. 8pm & 2:30pm Sun.  
*tickets. 218-9590*
- Oct. 19, 4:30pm, An Afternoon of Jazz & Dancing with Channel Cities Jazz Club, featuring Perlene Thurston & "Pure Pleasure", Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, 2600 S. Harbor Blvd., Oxnard.  
*info. Bob, 984-8825, www.chanelcitiesjazzclub.org*
- Oct. 19, 2pm, Robert Krupnick, Piano Concert, Ojai Art Center, tickets sold at door.
- Now thru Oct. 19, The Nerd, Ojai Art Center, 8pm., Fri/Sat and 7pm., Sun.  
*tickets. 640-8797, 640-8797 or www.OjaiACT.org*
- Now thru Oct. 19, Shining City, Irish Ghost Tale Haunts, Fri/Sat., 8pm, Sun Matinee, 2:30pm.  
*info. www.santapaulatheatercenter.org, 525-4645*
- Oct. 22, 7pm or Oct. 25, 10:30am, Ventura Improv Co. Auditions, 34 N. Palm St.  
*info. www.venturaimprov.com or Judy, 901-4001*
- Oct. 24, 25, 26, Ojai Art Center, One-Act Festival, The four plays *Time Flies, The Zoo Story, Please Have A Seat* and *Someone Will Be With Your Shortly*, and *The Blueberry Hill Accord*. Show times, 8pm - Fri and Sat, 2pm - Sun.  
*tickets. 646-0117*
- Oct. 25, Sat., 9 - 2pm, Ojai Valley Museum Native Plant Sale, Flowering & Drought Tolerant Plants, 130  
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# Francina: 'A Green and Sustainable Ojai'



1. Social conscience begins with the willingness to see injustice and suffering. Then it requires action to bring about changes in public policy. It recognizes that economic justice and environmental sustainability are inseparable.

2. No. A green and sustainable Ojai includes as much agriculture as possible. We need affordable housing that is built in ways that are environmentally friendly. The Smart Communities, Green Building websites explain how to do this. We are a town known for our diverse mix of residents. Ojai should be affordable to all income levels. Ojai needs a sustainable transportation infrastructure. It's time to implement the bicycle/pedestrian master plan adopted by the

city when I was on the Council in 1999. The water table can support new housing if we have water conservation policies and sustainable rainwater harvesting systems. It's good if done right and bad if not in keeping with our small town character. It depends on how built. Not sure how many. NO! The City of Ojai's General Plan is a clear mandate for "small town character." A group of volunteers will come out and paint over graffiti. Youth programs. A gang task force. Informed police. Tell developers: Better, Not Bigger! Find homes for all the animals at the Humane Society. Place benches and bike racks everywhere. Build the skate park. Lower the water rates. Stop the Trucks!

3. The Ojai City Council must join with the Ojai Valley Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) to form a partnership to confront those that determine water cost. See previous answer, water table. I would meet with every water expert in the Ojai Valley and research what other cities have done. Find out the truth about how much water there actually is.

4. Freedom of Speech, is the foundation of all our freedoms. Yes! Regardless of the status of Public TV Access, the City web site should have available live and archived City meetings.

5. Yes. Academics, arts, environmental awareness and global consciousness. The development of Chaparral is so important that before any decisions are made there should be public meetings where ideas are discussed. It is not only a question of WHAT goes there but HOW it's built. All future development should be planned so that there is NO increase in traffic.

6. The City needs to become a magnet for the coming surge in green businesses. We need to upgrade our marketing programs and develop new ways to bring people to downtown Ojai without their cars. We must keep the Visitors Center open on the weekends. All things are possible if city leaders will work with the citizens of Ojai.

7. I will do my best to represent the best interest of the people who live here.

8. I am honest. I have lived in Ojai for over 51 years so people stop to talk when they see me walking or bicycling around town. Call or e-mail info@suzaforojai.com.

9. I have been researching sustainable city planning for over thirty years. What distinguishes me from the other candidates are my sense of priorities and my vision for Ojai. I need to communicate more clearly.

10. To the best of

my ability. All the things mentioned.

11. Every idea I have is practical and green!

12. I can do the math! I study what I need to know. The budget is public information. It is the task of the Council to determine how to allocate limited dollars to unlimited needs. An informed citizenry can help the Council decide which services and programs to keep, delay or reduce, or cut in order to meet budget demands. What is important is to see what lies ahead. Solutions lie in understanding the interconnectedness of problems, not in confronting them in isolation. I recommend that all citizens and their elected officials read "Plan B 3.0," "The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight," "Deep Economy," "The Great Turning," "Natural Capitalism," "Dominion," and other books that connect green economics, ecology and compassion. The City of Ojai has put too many eggs in the tourism basket and needs to diversify its tax base. Communities can prosper by acting now to build a green, local economy with a priority to achieving as much self-reliance in food and energy as possible. In Ojai we have the opportunity to do this! For more detailed responses, visit SuzaForOjai.com. Email info@suzaforojai.com; 646-2613.

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W. Ojai Ave.

info. 640-1390, ojaivalleymuseum.org

• Oct. 26, Auditions for *It's A Wonderful Life*, non-musical, Ojai Art Center 2-3:30pm, Mon. Oct. 27 & Tues. Oct. 28, 7-8pm; Callbacks Wed, Oct. 29, 7-8pm.

Call for info. 646-0117

• Oct. 26, Sun., Mount Cross Concert Series, Mount Cross Lutheran Church, 102 Camino Esplendido, Camarillo. Cellist Virginia Kron with pianist Althea Waites. If you haven't heard her yet, you're in for a treat! She's an inspiring artist who performed the *Rhapsody in Blue* this July at Disney Hall. The afternoon program includes *Beethoven A* major and the *Brahms E* minor, both pillars of the cello repertoire, as well as a set of pieces inspired by national folk traditions by *Ravel, de Falla, Poulenc, Chen Yi*, and *Vaughn Williams*.

info. 484-2054

• Oct. 29 - Nov. 15 - Who Got Framed Who Got Framed - Art Show - Buena Ventura Art Assoc., Ventura Harbor - Reception: Nov. 15, 6 - 9pm - Guests will be treated to sumptuous arts d'oeuvres and wine while trying to "guess" which artist painted or sculpted a particular piece!

info. www.harborvillagegallery.com - 644.2750, 648.1235

• Nov. 1, Sat., 9 - 6pm, Ventura High Speed E-Waste Day, Recycle your printers, fax machines, CPUs, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, keyboards, and all other electronic stuff. See Our Ad, Page 17, 2110 Thompson Blvd., Ventura.

info. 643-4375, venturahighspeed.com

• Thru Nov. 2, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History - GIANTS African Dinosaurs, Opens, 10am info. 682-4711 emoorman@sbnature2.org

• Nov. 2, 4pm, Channel Islands Scottish Fantasy, Ventura, Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, Kuan-Fen Liu, Artistic Director, Presents *Scottish Fantasy*, featuring: Violists, *Delores Walker* and *Tom Turner* performing *Brandenburg Concerto No. 6* by *Johann Sebastian Bach*. Orchestra will perform *Concerto Grosso, Opus 6 No. 11* by *G. F. Handel* and *Symphony No. 3, "Scottish"* by *Felix Mendelssohn*. - First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara Street, Ventura info. 643-8621, www.cichamberorchestra.org

• Nov 8-9, North American Trail Riders Confer- Events Continued Page 7...

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## Hanstad: 'A Record of Listening Carefully'



Thank you for the opportunity to answer excellent questions about the City of Ojai. Each important issue raised could cover several pages but my summary responses follow.

1. The social conscience of the City of Ojai is defined by its thoughtful, diverse population. Our citizens are well informed, actively engaged and they participate in our local democracy as dedicated members of the community.

2. The City of Ojai benefits from and respects its agricultural neighbors. Residents and visitors are attracted to its beauty; the air is cleansed and cooled by the acres of trees; and the community has an opportunity to understand farming culture and enjoy a local food source. I have a history of supporting agriculture and will continue to address issues that affect the City outside its 4 square mile boundaries. Ojai must balance the need for housing with its precious natural resources, including water and clean air, and the built environment must be in scale with the rest of the community. We must also continue to be vigilant about all quality of life issues, including public safety, and keep our crime rate low for the welfare and safety of residents and visitors. The new Gang Unit covered by our contract with the VCSD has been an important part of our reduced crime rate.

3. I have been honored to serve for 8 years on the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency, the entity responsible for protecting the quantity and quality of our water. Regional planning issues, studies of the Basin and replenishment of our groundwater are priorities as we face concerns of increased demands and costs.

4. I support government's openness to the public and the press. I also support public access and Internet broadcast of all public agency meetings in Ojai.

5. The City Council unanimously endorsed Measure P to augment School District funding via a temporary parcel tax. Conversion of their large, central public parcel to

commercial use would have to be carefully considered by all involved. Ideally, this land should remain in public, community use.

6. The City, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses are designing a comprehensive plan to enhance local commerce. I especially look forward to new resident-business partnerships so needs of the community might be addressed locally.

7. The benefits of any possible future changes in the City of Ojai must be carefully weighed against possible impacts on the natural, built and human environments. The residents should have an active voice in plans for any major "improvement" projects that would affect the quality of life in their hometown. I look forward to the renovation of Libbey Bowl and to the new skate park for our youth, and soon we must address improvements to create a safe bicycle-pedestrian-equestrian connector at the Y.

8. I have a record of listening carefully, thinking independently and speaking for the people of Ojai. I am always available by phone, email and in person.

9. Since no one Council Member can achieve anything alone, one of my best skills is the demonstrated ability to achieve consensus, at the dais and in the community.

10. My campaign promise is unchanged from 2000 and will always be kept: To work hard, to be thoughtful and fair, and to energetically serve the public.

11. Striving for reduced emissions and a sustainable, green community requires hard work and constant vigilance. City Hall has had momentum for decades with energy-efficient 4-day work weeks, alternative fuel trolleys and vehicles, a commitment to waste reduction, and now dedication to a new policy plan called "The Roadmap to Sustainability." We also extended the bike path to encourage walking and biking alternatives to automobile traffic – and now we need more north-south connectors. This is only the beginning of the ongoing partnerships between the City, the Green Coalition and the residents and business of the entire valley. The possibilities are endless and exciting.

12. My qualifications in budgetary matters stem from 21 years as a local businesswoman; 4 years on the City Finance Committee; and 4 years on the Finance Committee of the VRSD. Two successful terms on the City Council have given me the knowledge and experience required to conduct City business on behalf of the people.

## EVENT CALENDAR CONT.

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ence - SYVAHA SAGE HILL (CA-Reg 2) – Santa Ynez Mountains, CA, A-O/N/CP:B-N CHR:

info. Kathy Stegman, 805-710-4471, [kkstegman@cs.com](mailto:kkstegman@cs.com), LIMIT: 120 SEC: TBA

• Nov. 9, North Indian Classical Music Concert, Pandit Vikash Maharaj on Sarod and Prabhash Maharaj on table.

info. Sacred Space Studio, Ojai 646-6761

• Nov. 14, CD Release Party, Benefit for Peace Thru Music - 13 Bands, Bombay Bar & Grill, Ventura, 7pm to Midnight, DJ til 2am. This CD Compilation features 14 tracks donated by musicians of all levels. Featured artists include: John McEuen and The String Wizards (Phil Salazar, Randy Tico, Jonathan McEuen, Tom Crobett), Crosby Loggins, Todd Hannigan & The Heavey 29's, Jesse Seibenberg, Shades Of Day, The Nathan McEuen Band, Dr. Surf, Delaney Gibson, The Ten Finger Orchestra w/ Johnny Rabb, Chelsea Williams, and more... All monies received from sales of this CD will go directly to helping the children within Peace Thru Music programs.

info. Bombay: 143 S. California Street, Ventura  
[www.myspace.com/nathanmceuenmusic](http://www.myspace.com/nathanmceuenmusic)  
[www.peacethrumusic.org](http://www.peacethrumusic.org)

• Nov. 21, Fri. 7:30pm, Workshop, To Honor the Earth, in Ojai, Discovering the Gift of Attunement. Workshop Nov. 22/23, Sat. 9:30-5pm, Sun. 9-1pm With Dorothy Maclean, co-founder of the Findhorn Community. This is a rare opportunity to meet Dorothy Maclean, co-founder of Findhorn Community in Northern Scotland. A modern day mystic, for the past 50-years Dorothy has been an advocate for developing an attunement and active cooperation with the intelligence within all life. At the age of 88 she is still traveling the world sounding a clarion call for us to discover the God within and in so doing, tap our innate power to attune to, and co-create with the kingdoms of nature. Never before has her message been more needed as a source of inspiration, showing a way forward towards the greater wellbeing and restoration of our planet.

Dorothy Maclean has authored several books including, *Seeds of Inspiration, To Honor the Earth, To Hear the Angels Sing and Choices of Love. Meditation Mount*, 10340 Reeves Rd, Ojai.

info. [Meditation.com](http://Meditation.com), 646-5508

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# Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe

**T**wo thousand years ago, a Greek philosopher said, speech is the gift of all but the thought of few. What tremendous power for good or ill, the spoken word has, yet how little thought. Most of us give to the words we speak, we talk at each other without pause to listen, a wise man once said. Energy follows thought; how true, speech is a living entity. It is said everything that is spoken during the day echoes on for eternity. We really should be awed and humbled for the privilege of speech. All of us possess this awesome power in our voices; the tragedy or blessing is that we don't realize it.

Now that we are nearing the end of our national elections, it's fascinating to listen to the political speeches and interviews; how the politicians dodge, fog and weave rather than answer a direct question. The difference between the politicians is in their intent, attitude, sincerity, the essence of their message and the life force or energy. Listening to the polished and practiced speeches they bombard us with on television, with their dull impassioned voices, their eyes blazing with insincerity, their hearts hardened by personal ambition, do they speak for truthful communication, or self aggrandizement. It is an endlessly distorted medley of babble that flows from politician lips. Perhaps **Robert Burns** was right when he said, "What you are, speaks so loudly I canna hear what you say..."

I do not include all local politicians. I have listened to all five candidates for city Council and I do believe they have the future of Ojai and its residents in their minds and thoughts. It is sad in these days of declining moral and ethical standards, when the general norm is, what's in it for me that only a small minority of people have the courage of their convictions to stand up for ideals of morality, honesty, decency and doing the right thing. We admire those who stand tall, true blue, and strongly lead a Path, where you know their word is their bond and you can count on them to stand behind their honesty and their words and deeds. People with these high standards will never betray a friendship or confidence and will always do what is right and honorable. You can count on people like this to be there, to lend a hand and a kind word when needed, not to lie or

slander you when you have given so much of your time and confidence to them. Ah well, such is life and such are people. Hopefully, we grow with experience good or bad, and so, we give honor and thanks to Ojai's dedicated public servants, people like the city council members and those five who are campaigning for the upcoming two vacancies. They all give freely of their time and talent in service to the Ojai community, a grateful thanks to all of you from the residents of Ojai.

Advice to politicians, the tongue weighs practically nothing, but so few people can hold it. Politics is looking for trouble, finding it and misdiagnosing it. Then applying the wrong remedies... If you board the wrong train, it's no use running along the corridor in the opposite direction. Conceit is God's gift to little men. God grant me patience, and I want it now. Find the facts then feel free to distort them.

We cannot all be successful politicians; someone has to line the streets and applaud. Advice given by **Roman Emperor Augustus**, All power is fleeting. **Shakespeare** wrote, Man, proud man dressed in such brief authority plays fantastic tricks before high heaven as make the angels weep. **Martin Luther** wrote, when people in power are wrong, it is the citizens' duty to stand up and say so... So citizens, stand up and vote for truth.

The rural town of **Pillsbury, S. D.** has plunged into constitutional chaos after every one of his 25 residents forgot to vote. **Mayor Darrell Brudevold** said, we normally get a few people to vote, but this year, nobody voted. He has appealed to state elections officials for help. So, don't forget to vote, residents of **Ojai**.

Thanks to **Alaska** oil wealth, every man, woman, and child in the state will soon receive a check for \$3,269 -- \$2,069 as their cut of the state's annual oil revenues, plus a special bonus to offset soaring fuel costs. Last year's payout was at \$1,654, according to **USA Today**, and I thought it was thrifty spending and planning by **Governor Palin**, it was oil...

Over 20 percent of **Excel Energies** 1.4 million customers in **Minnesota** and **Wisconsin** are behind on their bills due to high energy prices, **Excel** disconnects over 650 customers daily.

People in **Patina, India** would not pay



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their taxes, so tax officials sent teams of dancing **eunuchs** to humiliate delinquent business owners, the shame of having sari clad she/males in full makeup, dancing in front of their business establishments; it's a powerful incentive to settle your delinquent, overdue tax bill. Tax collectors received over 425,000 rupees in overdue taxes in the first few hours. **Taxman ATUL PRASAD** said, the **eunuchs** are proving useful collecting back taxes. No, I don't think it would work in **Ojai**.

People in the town of **Lundy, England** are being asked by the town council to share a bath with a friend because there is a severe shortage of water. Visitors are being asked to bring their own water and be prepared to share a bath. The mayor hoped it would rain soon. Now that's a good idea for **Ojai**, share a bath with someone who doesn't share your politics.

Also, dozens of women in drought-stricken **Nepal, India**, shed all their clothes to appease angry rain gods. The villagers were desperate after days of prayer and fasting failed to produce rain. The ladies vowed to remain naked until it rains. Now that's another good idea for **Ojai** residents. Love makes all things beautiful; Love makes all things real; Love cures everything, may I say, not toothache or arthritis, with apologies to actor/director **Gai Jones**.

**Bill Gates** remains the richest man in **America** with \$57 billion. Eighty-nine percent of U.S. billionaires lost money in stocks and were too poor to make the **Forbes 400 Richest Americans** list. I do feel their pain...

Surprise, **John Hendricks** of **Salt Lake City** phoned police saying his wife of five years had disappeared. When police found her a month later they found the woman was a man. Husband John was astonished claiming he never knew she was a man. Come on, John, you should have been suspicious when she wanted a toolset and electric saw for **Christmas**.

The sun has set over the yard arm, eight bells have sounded, time for a good glass of **Merlot**. To people seeking, the truth, have you ever given thought to what you would do with it if you ever found it.

Ron Rowe, Ojai, comments are welcome  
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# Oktoberfest



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## Old Vienna Restaurant

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## PLAZA PANTRY

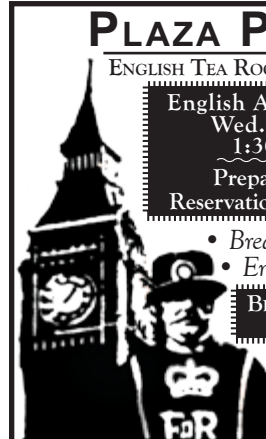
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## Good Coffee and Tea: Still a Good Value

by Lorraine Mariz

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Should you save a little money by buying cheap coffee and tea bags or continue paying more for the good stuff. Keep buying the good stuff! You will feel better and therefore live better and the cheap stuff isn't all that cheap anyway.

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you pay about 20 cents for a wonderful cup of the **Guatemala** and 10 cents for a mediocre cup of the other coffee that you probably will not finish anyway. You will drink all of the delicious **Guatemala** or the **Tanzania Peaberry** or the **Lorraine's Blend**.

As for tea. Should you buy **Stash** or even **Lipton** or some other brand of tea bags or should you buy loose **Earl Grey** or **English Breakfast** or **Sencha** at **Java & Joe** or other tea store. Here the choice is clear. Loose tea is less expensive! A box of tea is 12-20 bags. Invest in a \$2.50 infuser and go nuts brewing the 30 cups of tea you can make with the \$6.00 quarter pound bag of **English Breakfast**. You may like the convenience of bags. At **Java & Joe** we sell a box of bags you fill with tea and viola! A tea bag. We also sell some of our most popular teas already bagged.

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## Ojai City Council Election Events

Political 'parties' abound in the Ojai Valley. With two council seats up for re-election Nov. 4, it's anyone's guess who will reach the helm of Ojai city government.

At right, candidates and citizens gather at recent events.

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Guitarist Russ Baggerly



Joe Daddi



Larry Hagman



Don Cluff, Victoria Adam and Candidate Sue Horgan.



Candidate Betsy Clapp and Joan Kemper



Mary and Jessica



Tom Farmer keepin' an eye on the city



Candidate Michael Lenehan



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Candidates Rae Hanstad and Suzie Francina



Roberta Raye, Made in Ojai



Tim Baird, superintendent of schools, Ojai Unified, and Danielle Pusatere, (seated), assistant superintendent of business and administrative services Ojai Unified, survey developments at the Ojai Chamber of Commerce sponsored City Council Candidates Forum, Soule Park, Oct. 9.

## WANTED: Health Care Choice, Access, and Communication

by Linda Mac Dougall, M.A., HHP, LMT

Medical information and misinformation is abundant. There is so much information that doctors often specialize in one or more systems, organs, or areas of the body. It is not easy to untangle the riddles of how our intricate systems function and dysfunction. Nor are these riddles often easy to treat.

Added to this need for basic systemic knowledge is the ever growing database of pharmaceuticals, their pros and cons, uses and misuses. If that weren't enough, now many of us are turning to more natural health alternatives which many doctors know little or nothing about. It is getting harder and harder to communicate and more and more necessary that we do.

When I go in to see my doctor he usually smiles and asks me what I am in for since I usually cure myself. My standard reply is that, yes, I do, but I need to get a good diagnosis first, if I am in doubt. Once I know the proper diagnosis, I can do research on treatments that go beyond his areas of expertise. To me, informed decision making includes mother nature's gifts and finding balance in my life. We know only a finite amount of any infinite layer of our universe and that includes ourselves. The orchestrated symphony of what our minds think, our bodies produce, and the level upon which our spirit resides is interdependent. To hear the fine music, we must support the musicians. When one instrument needs tuning, it affects all the others and the harmony is lost. If it is lost for long, even when the one is tuned, the rest have lost the melody.

If we examine only one area, outside influences on the system as a whole may be overlooked. Let's say you aren't sleeping well. If you are just given a sleeping pill as an answer, you may never look any further to the cause of your poor sleeping patterns. What if you are suffering from a mild depression or anxiety? What if your melatonin levels have diminished? What if you aren't getting enough magnesium/calcium? Or maybe it is time to buy another

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## Say Goodbye to Hollywood A Loving Tribute to Mr. Hollywood By Donna Jeffries

I am truly honored and blessed to have known this compassionate, warm-hearted man who was the most upbeat positive-minded human being I have ever known in my life.

Larry Leverett, known for the last several years as "Mr. Hollywood", died quietly of a heart attack in his downtown Ventura apartment, Oct. 1, at the age of 71. Larry enjoyed an illustrious and quite varied career in the entertainment business for over fifty years. His enthusiasm for life was infectious. He was a living legend who seemed to have lived a dozen lifetimes rolled into one.

During the course of his lifetime, Larry acquired a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, a vast social network of people that included everyone from producers and waitresses, to popes and bartenders, from presidents and transients, to celebrities and the homeless. It didn't matter who they were, Larry treated everyone with the same level of humanity and respect. "They don't make them like Larry anymore", said one of his dearest friends, Lori Murphy. "He was the kind of man that knew the true definition of a friend."

Larry led a fascinating life. There was always a story about the past or a new adventure to talk about - something extraordinary was always happening with Larry and he loved sharing it with others. Larry grew up in Chicago and began his career working with the Chicago Tribune in the 1950s as an assistant on the city desk where he frequently found himself working in the same circles with legendary entertainment columnist Irv "Kup" Kupcinet.

He began working in the movie industry, doing publicity work and casting background talent for productions shooting in Chicago, including "North by Northwest", the Hitchcock classic starring Cary Grant. He also worked for awhile as a publicist successfully promoting several popular nightclubs and hotels in the Chicago area and booking celebrity engagements. His outstanding reputation did not go unnoticed, and he was soon hired as press chief for the famous Rat Pack (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.). Larry eventually moved to Hollywood in 1964 and worked as an assistant producer on several film projects at Goldwyn Studios. During his years in "Tinsel Town" Larry lent a professional hand to many historical events throughout the years, including the first official lighting of the famous Hollywood sign, which he attended along side legendary actress Gloria Swanson. Larry was also responsible for the unveiling of several Stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame honoring various celebrities that he represented.

He was a constant fixture in Hollywood for forty years, covering the entertainment news and interviewing stars and celebrities for several popular local magazines and newspapers as well as continuing his public relations work. He popped up anywhere and everywhere, and was spotted quite frequently on various TV news shows, often making an unplanned appearance. He just always happened to be at the right place at the right time.

Throughout the years, Larry also hosted and produced several radio and cable TV shows, including the popular "Hollywood Beat" show which featured interviews with such legendary filmmakers as Motion Picture Academy President/Oscar-winning director Robert Wise (The Sound of Music and West Side Story), and Oscar-nominated director Peter Bogdanovich (The Last Picture Show and Paper Moon). Many of the guests on "Hollywood Beat" were longtime friends of Larry's, including Wise, who Larry had originally befriended while doing publicity work for him back in Chicago.

Larry's longtime friend, actress Ann Robinson (War of the Worlds, Imitation of Life) was very saddened by the news of his passing. "He was such a dear friend. He knew everybody, and was so connected to the Hollywood of old. I'm going to miss him dearly." Larry did a lot of publicity work for several well-known celebrities and filmmakers throughout the years including Mike Todd, Hedda Hopper, Joe E. Brown, Jayne Mansfield, Johnny "Tarzan" Weismuller, Henny Youngman, the King



Larry at the Ventura Pier, May, 2007 Photo © 2007, Varon Thomas

Family, Billy "Old Black Magic" Daniels, and the late actor Lee Van Cleef, whom Larry maintained a close friendship with for many years. Van Cleef's wife Barbara expressed her feelings upon hearing of Larry's passing, "He was a bright spot in the world. His positive attitude never let him down. I'm glad I knew him." She reminisced about how Larry was instrumental in having Van Cleef honored with one of the very first Golden Boot Awards - which, in the western entertainment genre, is the equivalency of winning an Oscar. Barbara also fondly recalled how much she and Lee enjoyed spending Thanksgiving holidays with Larry at their home each year.

Among his many talents, Larry had a special knack for being able to recognize and appreciate the special qualities in everyone he met. He became somewhat of a champion of the underdog in many ways. He enjoyed encouraging people to go after their dreams, and steering them in the right direction whenever he could - looking for nothing in return. "I'm a disciple of the arts" he would say, "richness of the soul is where real wealth lies". Larry was a genuine people-person. Connecting with people on a meaningful level, creating a positive impact in whatever way he could, and sharing the compassion for the "pathos of life" was what really mattered to him. He encouraged all he met to reach for their dreams and celebrate their unique individuality. "You're only somebody when you're like nobody - otherwise you're just like everybody else" he would say!

Although these last four years he was living miles away from Hollywood, his affinity for show biz never ceased and the two of us, "partners in crime," as we affectionately called each other, would cover local entertainment industry events such as the Ojai and Santa Barbara film festivals for various publications. We would also occasionally venture back to our old stomping grounds in Los Angeles, where we first met, to cover the American Film Market, the Environmental Media Awards, and the Genesee Awards among other events. Of course we would always run into old pals of his wherever our journey took us. Over the years, Larry has introduced me to everyone from Jack Lemmon and Billy Wilder, to George Lucas and Ted Turner, from Charlton Heston and Faye Dunaway, to Taylor Hackford and Tippi Hedron. I certainly can't say it's



Larry & Donna at the recent Randall Richman taping for the upcoming local CAPS-TV "Mr. Hollywood: Living Legend, Past and Present."

been dull!

Indeed, Larry was a virtual Who's Who of Hollywood. You could literally name any well-known person in the entertainment world and he would have either known them personally, or been connected with them in one way or another - and then he would promptly launch into a fascinating story and tell you all about it!

Of course, since Ventura is quite a ways from Hollywood, when Larry first moved here and started telling his stories - some eyes began to roll. But once he whipped out his cherished photo albums and the doubters saw the proof - he left their mouths dropping wide open. His photo albums were indeed something to behold and contained striking images of Larry at various Hollywood events and awards shows, either shaking hands or hugging, everyone from President Ford to Harrison Ford, from Bette Davis to Heather Locklear, from Frank Sinatra to the Lone Ranger!

Although Larry was truly

larger than life, he wasn't perfect, and he'd be the first to admit his faults. Some might say he talked a little too much (but he had so much to share), and he could act like a big irresponsible kid at times (but heck, he left home at age 12). When you confronted him he would apologize profusely, promise to get his act together, and those twinkling smiling eyes of his would win you over in a flash. Yes, he had his ways. And oh, how he loved the ladies. Although he had a keen eye and profound appreciation for glamour, Larry proudly described himself as a "platonic Casanova". Nurturing career dreams, encouraging self-esteem, and connecting with women on a "higher level" was all that was on his agenda. "Most men can't do this" he boasted. But of course, he did enjoy his hugs and was very happy to be a recipient whenever he got the chance!

Residents at the Ventura Inn, where he lived, miss seeing him walk through the hallways or cross the lobby sharing his stories and wisdoms of life with them like he so often would do. According to resident and friend David Scott, "Larry was the Wizard of Oz of show business. Like a mirage made real. He was a free beautiful show. I didn't need to go to the movies, I had Larry."

Larry loved Ventura, and I believe the years he spent here were some of his finest. If he wasn't strolling along the beach "talking to the seagulls", he was walking his beat along Main Street, leisurely stopping in to say Hi to pals at his favorite shops and restaurants, and smiling to everyone he passed along the way. "...People loved him here. He was like a huge encyclopedia of Hollywood. He knew so many people" says Ventura shopkeeper and friend, Tamara Carlson. Those closest to him are thankful that much of Larry's fascinating past was the subject of a recently produced TV show, slated for the Ventura cable market. That came on the heels of several other recent ironic tributes highlighting his life and career. You could say he left on a very high note, and natural ham that he was, he was really getting a kick out of it. Larry's friend and the producer of the tribute show, Randall Richman said, "There was something about Larry that endeared you to him. Always gracious, an interesting man with lots of stories to tell, I am glad we got an interview with him before he passed. He'll be sorely missed." ...And indeed he will. I am proud to have been able to call him my friend and partner for eighteen years. He'll be greatly missed, not just by me, but by countless others whose lives he has also touched. God bless you Larry. We will always remember and love you.



Donna Jeffries, Ventura

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## Ventura County Weird VIEWS

### Big Foot in the Ojai by Richard Senate



**R**cently yet another hoax was put forth as proof that the mysterious **Bigfoot** creature does exist. It was a hairy man-like something frozen in a block of ice. When the ice

was melted it proved to be a rubber **Halloween** costume. But this caused me to do a little research to see if the man-beast ever visited **Ventura County** in general and the **Ojai** area in particular.

I found a curious account in an interview with a **Bigfoot** hunter published in the **Orange County Register** newspaper. The fellow has the unlikely name of **Matt Moneymaker**. He takes people out on "**Bigfoot** hunts" for a hefty fee. He credits his interest in the creature on a remarkable event that happened in the **Sespe Condor Sanctuary** in the **Los Padres Forest** in November of 1969. While hiking on a remote trail he chanced upon several large footprints in the dirt. The size and shape were enough to convince him they were the product of a **Sasquatch** creature. The amazing find prompted him to found the **Bigfoot Field Research Organization** ([www.bfro.net](http://www.bfro.net)). Is this a true account? Who can say?

A little further digging on my part unearthed other sightings in the **Los Padres Forest**. In 1950 a young woman was horseback riding and chanced upon a group of three creatures drinking from the **Sespe Creek** near **Piedra Blanca**. Being 1950 she had no idea what they might have been. Two seemed smaller and she took them to be young creatures. They were covered with reddish brown hair but stood upright and had human-like faces. When she waved at them with one hand, the larger of the threesome waved back in a similar gesture. This is something bears do not do. The witness is convinced that the things were not bears. Strangely enough, she felt no fear during her odd experience, others who have encountered the **Bigfoot** creature report this as well.

Another hiker told of getting a "funny feel-

ing" and then hearing a high pitched whistling sound while in the **Sespe**. He is convinced it was a sound he had never heard before and **Bigfoot** experts believe it might be the call of a **Sasquatch**.

Another encounter took place on the upper **Ojai** not far from **Highway 150**, near the **Saint Thomas Aquinas College**. A group of campers say it took place after midnight. They heard something in the brush and when they checked they saw two red eyes glaring at them. When one of the party, braver than the rest, came forward to frighten the thing away, it lunged forward in an attack. The brave man received three deep scratches from shoulder to waist. Was it a **Bigfoot** or some other creature?

The **Sespe** is a wild place and the **Los Padres National Forest** is some 219,700 acres making it one of the larger wilderness areas in the continental **United States**. A whole army of **Bigfoot** could hide in there and never be found. They say there are canyons in the back country that have never been seen by human eyes.

Question: What is the Plural form of **Bigfoot**? **Bigfeet**? **Bigfoots**?

Stranger still are the accounts of an odd monkey-like creatures seen in the **Ojai Valley**. These things are covered with fur and have the long arms of a simian. One was seen drinking out of a stream and another was encountered raiding the cornfield of a woman in **Oak View**. Was it some escaped monkey or perhaps a baby **big foot**?

Still another man confided in me that he saw the thing up in **Lockwood Canyon** late one night. The thing ambled onto the road and stood there, with glowing eyes as he drew close. It just stood there perfectly still as he slowed down. Then, it turned with a swift twisting movement and vanished into the brush along the side of the road. He swears it wasn't a bear or a man. It was maybe eight feet tall and was covered in dark reddish hair.

Could some unknown animal be living in **Ventura County's** backcountry? Perhaps. Still, I will reserve judgment until one is captured or a body found that isn't made out of rubber.

Richard Senate, Oak View  
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### LETTER - CLIMATE OF COOPERATION

#### Skate Ojai Update



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Editor, Just wanted to give you an update on the **Ojai Skate Park** progress. We had two public design meetings with **Site Design Group** and they were wonderful. The kids loved it. They actually cut out shapes of different elements and pasted those onto the

outline of our skate park. It was an interactive process and the kids can log on to the **Site Design** website and give ideas about what they want the park to look like. The design is progressing.

On Oct. 1st there was a joint meeting with **Ojai Parks and Recreation** and the **Planning Commission** to see the presentation of the conceptual design of the park. It was very well received.

On **Tuesday, October 14** at 9am we have a meeting with **public works director, Mike Culver**, and **Dale Sumersille, recreation department**, and **Jere Kernsar, city manager**, to look at the final design.

Check our website for details on the construction schedule at **OjaiSkatePark.com**

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If you're looking for romantic Italian by the sea, recently opened **Spasso Restaurant** (where **Eric Ericsson's** was located, 1140 S. Seaward) features fine Italian dining (often quality organic-style), prepared by chef **extraordinaire, Reagan Moore** (above).

I recently stopped by, and found a fine array of **Caesar's with Shrimp, homemade Ladyfingers, Calimari and Bruschetta Classica** (tenderly marinated chopped tomatoes, with garlic, oregano, basil and extra virgin olive oil). Above (L-R) **Yajaira and Rocco Suriano** (owners), **Francesco Cionti** (owner) and **Chef Reagan**. info. 643-2777

Joel Anderson, editor

**Sea Breeze Art Gallery** in Ventura will host the **Fourth Annual El Dia de los Muertos Open Call, Juried Art Exhibit, Oct. 30 - Nov. 29**, in Celebration of the El Dia de los Muertos, Nov. 2, 5 to 10pm. Festivities include an interactive Community Altar, art, music, food, face painting, and a photo booth.

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## Ojai-Ventura Kool Kars



**O**jai Vintage Vehicles hosted a few of Ventura's hometown boys at the recent car show in Ojai. This is not a "juried" show, just some kool kar guys getting together for some car fun.

**Tad Dewire** (Ventura 101 Highwaymen), showed up in his sleek '37 Ford 'Slant'. Starting on the outside, Tads PPG painted, "Corvette Millennium Yellow" provides a little update to his ride as do the **Boyd Coddington Billet** wheels. The original **Detroit** steel **Ford** body sits nicely on a **TCI** modern frame with modern suspension (disc brakes all the way around). The business end of Tad's machine sports a 350/350 combo which delivers 375 hp to a **Ford 9"** rear end; 3:15 posi-traction, **Richmond** gears.

Inside this package: XM ipod capable radio,

GPS navigation, leather seats and upholstery. This ride is a kool cruiser, keeping Tad comfortable for those regular rod runs out to the river.

(Background in photo; Sam Flowers' Lavender '41 Hollywood Graham).

Ventura 101 Highwaymen, Mark Novak (pictured with Sam Flowers, at left), turned out for the event with his wife, Mary, in their unique '48 cabover (COE) Studebaker. The 'big truck' was placed on a Chevy S-10 frame so Mark can "fit it in a parking stall". It also sports a nice 350/350 combo 'care package'.

"Practical Pig" – Ojai's Elmer Swift and his patina 1933 Ford pick-up was aptly named by



Courtney and Brian

an earlier owner who used it in the lower Southern California and Mexican deserts, as a working 'practical' truck. Elmer has had the truck since 1980, and it's a driver. Specs: Smooth running 239 cid V-8, 95 hp, with General Tire Co. wheels, (the first low pressure tires available.) Note the externally mounted battery for practical accessibility.

Among Ojai's best – Brian Williams inherited his 1965 Mustang from his mom. It's a real family car, having been lovingly worked on by himself, his father and his grandfather. "Countless night's and summers have led to this car, as well as my paychecks," said Brian. The engine is a 302 cid, with an Edelbrock Performer RPM Intake, has too many nice features to list. Keep your eyes open at the car shows for this "stang".

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Spencer the Gardener, and band

## Fun in Spades



Darlene deals the cards.

**E**very Sunday, starting at 10am, forty to sixty people from all walks of life sit down together at tables. Not only do they meet for the chance to win thousands of dollars for their thirty-five dollar investment, but also to be a part of a unique social atmosphere that is Ventura's "Players Poker Club."

The familiar landmark building is located at 906 N. Ventura Avenue. The structure has been there for over seventy years. **Owner Bill Kracht** changed careers twenty five years ago to become CEO/general manager of what has become known as "the friendliest little card room in California". He says there are a variety of stories surrounding the place, but he prefers to leave those to urban legend. The people who play cards there, of which fifteen to twenty percent are women, do so more for the social aspect than the competition. The club discourages "big city attitudes" and does not tolerate cussing or rude behavior. Smoking and drinking

may not be allowed but a great, and possibly profitable time, is guaranteed. The **Players Poker Club** is open seven days a week from 9am to 2am. **info. 643-1392** Play local !



Sean Clark, floor supervisor



Text by Cristobel



Rich gathers his chips.



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"The only difference between us and the people in Washington D.C. is that we gamble with **our own money.**"



Robert Randolph, Susan Randolph, and Mars

The first weekend in October to Carpinteria - the Gold Coast, dancers and avocado lovers, Barbara County, being the third America provided beautiful weekend side businesses, as well as vendors events provided the food and fun



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Chris Lytwyn, Brian Joe, and Josh Finn, having a little 'Guaco'

## Santa Barbara Navy League



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Shoring up moral for the boys overseas in the military is the Navy League of the United States, Santa Barbara Council, here at the Carpinteria Avocado Festival.

Post cards, pictures, notes and care packages from 'regular folk' and school children are going out daily to our young men and women in the service to assure them that their sacrifices are being appreciated back home, said Lynn Behrens, Board of Directors (pictured top right with), Cadet Sundara Probst, and Bob Allison, ENS, AIR PAC (All Pacific).

According to Sister Christine Bowman, OSF, the organization was reaching it's goal, with community support, of 1,000 post cards to be filled out at the festival. The sister emphasized that Cal State Channel Islands sorority, Zeta Pi Omega has been instrumental in this important outreach project.

To help out, info. 967-5228, [www.sbnl.org](http://www.sbnl.org)



### Closer View

## 'What Happened in the Past is the Present'

It has often been said that an artist does not find Ojai, but Ojai finds the artist.

On Sacred Ground is Photographer Bobbi Bennett's most recent series and what brought her to Ojai. "I was doing a lot of work at the Ojai Foundation and then I felt called to do this Chumash work - a lost warrior theme. I felt, when I was doing the meditation, there were a lot of warriors here and that they died in an unjust way."

Bobbi's models are indigenous people from different parts of the world. "So the trees are telling me the stories... homage to these warriors... I would wake up and literally be called to a property... I would be walking around a property and be told to go this way and I would come to a tree graveyard, they were all falling down, dead and usually there was a root to that tree and that's where I would place the model."

Then I would ask "who's my model" They are all from Ojai...sometimes they would have a story that would relate to the story I was trying to create from the past. Everything was shot on the Chumash burial site and then there's a tree that is affiliated with each one and a feather icon... I felt really called to do this work. I've done half of it so far, shown it in my gallery in Santa Barbara and the other half I will show in Santa Fe next year. What happened in the past is the present...



Photographer Bobbi Bennett with her Lost Warrior, Warrior # 10, Andrew and Henna Soliz (models).

- Joel Anderson

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# THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

## by Ron Rowe

Good news for animals living in Switzerland; a new law came into effect September 1; it states that animals classified as social species, parrots, guinea pigs, hamsters etc. will be considered victims of abuse if they don't live or interact daily with others of their kind. People with dogs will have to pay for and take classes focusing on the dog's needs and wishes; the second class explains how people should walk the dog and deal with different behavioral situations. Hobby fishermen who fish with hooks will need to pay for and take a class on humane fishing, no more catch and release. Farmers won't be allowed to tether horses, sheep, goats, house pets or cows in buildings with hard floors; pigs will have the legal right to shower and freshen up after rolling in the mud; aquariums, including ones in the home must have at least one opaque side and people must make sure the fish experience night and day, and light cycles. Flushing sick fish down a toilet will not be permitted.

A leader of the country's animal rights group says, the bill does not go far enough to protect animals. What do you think, dear reader; please let me know. In Cheshire, England a piglet was terrified of mud; she suffers from mysophobia, a fear of dirt. Farmer Andrew Keble outfitted the piglet with miniature Wellington rain boots, and they worked, the piglet now joins her siblings as they happily wallow in mud...

A 72-year-old Scotsman, Peter Hart, spent all his retirement years fishing by the river Huntsville. When he died, he requested his ashes be mixed with a special ground fish bait and tossed into the river, followed by a farewell angling competition. His wife, Carlene, said he wanted the fish to gobble him up so he could swim up and down the river, which he loves so much. Speaking of death, more pet owners want their pets to have an open casket, viewing and grave-side service when their pets pass on. There are many pet only cemeteries in the country; it's all part of the pet industry that has grown from \$23 billion to \$43 billion in the last 10 years. There are even pet bereavement counselors and support groups available. For more information go to [www.APLB.ORG](http://www.APLB.ORG).

Boy bites dog; 17-year-old Gabriel Almeda of Brazil saved himself from a pit bull attack by biting the dog's neck. The boy is now a national hero. If you walk your dog at night, buy a lighted collar and leash as they are carefully engineered for maximum visibility. The collar is adjustable. If interested contact [Brookstone.com](http://Brookstone.com).

Wow, a woman who lives in Mendocino, California tried to kill mice in her trailer with a .44 caliber Magnum revolver, in her excitement she dropped the heavy gun which went off as it hit the floor. The bullet went through her kneecap, bounced off the keys on the belt loop of a 42-year-old man who was sitting in the trailer and grazed the man's groin before ending up in his coin pocket. The police did not release the victims names. The mice escaped unharmed, so, you reap what you sow.

Scientists claim rising ocean temperatures and over fishing of jellyfish predators have spawned an explosion in the jellyfish population worldwide. They are now clogging harbors and stinging beach goers, so if you're

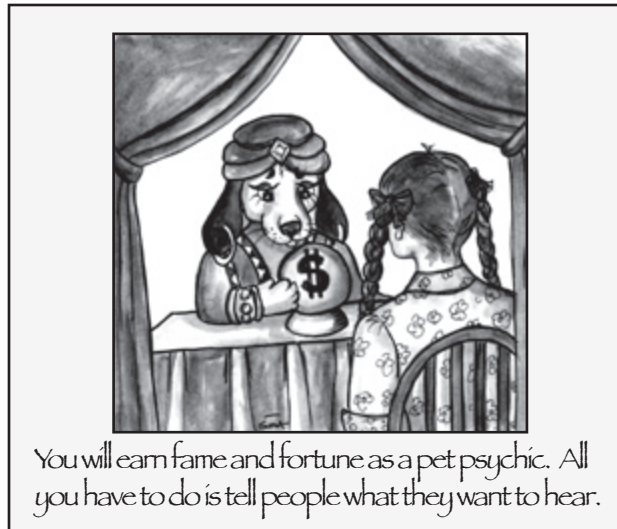
going to the beach, keep your eyes open.

Do you think your dog can read your emotions? You may be right, scientists report that human yawns are contagious to dogs, perhaps a sign of empathy. I have tried yawning in front of Dudley; alas, he just sits there in front of me and ignores me. If you have a dog try it, let me know the result.

Which brings me to communicating with pets alive or dead. For the past few months I have received e-mails from many readers asking my opinion on training and animal communications. So, after having my own training school, **Academy for Dogs in Beverly Hills** for eight years, I can say, there are no state laws or licenses to become a dog trainer, no license necessary. As regard to, "certified trainer," I would ask, certified by who?

Any person can set up a dog training school or teach dog training classes, no experience required. As far as communicating with pets who have passed on, there is no proof whatsoever, it's strictly an emotional field, sometimes taking advantage of people's grief. There is still a \$500 reward offered by a local trainer for anyone who has proof of communicating with pets that have passed over. The reward is unclaimed after 10 years. As far as animal communicator, again, no state license or permit is required.

For people interested in communicating with their pets, I



You will earn fame and fortune as a pet psychic. All you have to do is tell people what they want to hear.

would suggest reading, Jan Fennell's book, *The Practical Dog Listener*. It's a very good book. Jan has been a very successful trainer for over 20 years; I highly recommend her books.

Another recommendation is, Dr. Frank McMillan, who wrote *Unlocking the Secrets of the Animal Mind*. Dr. Frank is now in residence at *Best Friends Animal Shelter* where he performs miracles in helping, traumatized animals find new homes. He can be reached at [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org) or call 435-644-2001.

Another good book on animal communications is entitled, *Bees Dance and Whales Sing*, the mystery of animal communication by Marjorie Facklam. It explores the mystery of animal communication and behavior of elephants, ants, birds, whales, gorillas, etc. I assure you you'll be fascinated by this book.

Other books on animal communication; *How to say it to Your Dog* by Janine Adams. She translates canine behavior

while teaching owners what their human actions say in return. These easy-to-follow chapters provide a good introduction to what dogs do and why.

Another good book is *Why Dogs Do That*, by Tom Davis, another excellent book helping you to understand your pet's behavior.

I am open to readers comments. Please let me know what you think.

A German zoo has introduced female penguins in an effort to influence a group of male Humboldt Penguins that have gone gay. The 22 males at the Bremerhaven Zoo had few females to choose from. This year they formed pair bonds with each other adopting pebbles as eggs. Females were imported from a Swedish zoo, alas, all but two of the males went right on as gay couples.

A British town in England has formed a watch committee that sprays dog droppings with pink paint in order to shame people in cleaning up after their pets. Sounds like a good idea for Ojai to adopt.

Time to visit the Ojai Dog Park with Dudley for his daily run. Remember, most living things, beyond a certain level of consciousness have the same requirements that we do, to love and be loved, to need and be needed. And so it is.

Your comments are welcome  
Peace to all living beings on earth  
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## Adopt a Pet: Smokey



Smokey is a 5-year-old Labrador mix fellow. he was rescued from animal regulation where he was found as a "wanderer". Sweet personality who likes and gets along with all comers (2 legged and 4 legged alike). He is golden in color. Though 5-years-old, he's willing to accompany you in any adventure you're interested in. If you have any questions call. Thank you.

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# To Reptile or Not to Reptile

by Janet McNeil, D.V.M.



Dr. Janet McNeil and Devi, Ventura, 2006

Occasionally the warm and fuzzy universe lacks a little something. The urge to explore leads to the bizarre and ancient halls of the **poikilothermic** (cold-blooded to the thesaurus deficient – put that in your

next scrabble game).

To those of us who grew up looking under rocks and poking in holes for our next companion, the call of the reptile is nothing new. To the rest, the question is why? They look weird, they feel weird, and they have weird habits and eat weird food. A good number of people have discovered weird is good: the satisfaction of watching a Box Turtle gobble up a snail with gusto beats watching a cat snarf up it's kibble; A **Uromastix Lizard** can look like **Godzilla** in miniature; and the silky cool movement of snake scales under the fingers can be soothing. The company of a creature whose ancestral heritage pre-dates your own species by mind-boggling amounts of time is humbling. The reptile world is extremely varied, owing to the time it has had to fit into almost every niche, and generally falls into one of three categories – snake, lizard, and turtle/tortoise.

News Flash: there is no such thing as a beginner's snake/lizard/turtle. There are several species, such as **Bearded Dragon Lizards**, that have a lot more tolerance for new owner's mistakes. All reptiles have specific needs. These needs, such as for specific nutrients and light conditions, can be the difference between life and death. This is the main reason all reptiles should not be an impulse buy/adopt. The needs of the reptile should be thoroughly researched so you can provide everything that is needed. Reptiles in captivity deserve to have their needs 100 percent provided for. Get the best habitats and food you can afford and keep your choice of creature within your budget also; you and your herp (reptile) buddy will both be happier. Thankfully the internet provides access to some very good resources (and a lot of misinformation, so be aware of the credentials of those providing the information). My favorite is **Melissa Kaplan's Herp Collection** site, [www.anapsid.org](http://www.anapsid.org) that has links to some good resources, including a glossary of reptile terms (look in the kid's section). Also check out **California Turtle and Tortoise Club's** site [www.tortoise.org](http://www.tortoise.org).

Where to get the reptile you have researched and prepared for? Consider adopting. Many (*Iguanas especially*) end up at shelters. Check out [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and **Reptile Rapsody Reptile Rescue** site [www.reptilerescueca.org](http://www.reptilerescueca.org). Many amateur herp breeders are passionate and careful to breed well, but as usual beware. Buying online requires a lot of nerve.

**Salmonella** is the most notorious reptilian zoonosis (another good Scrabble word meaning diseases that can be transmitted from reptile/animal to human). Bluntly put, assume most reptiles can carry **Salmonella**! Domestically bred reptiles may have less pathogens than wild-caught, and most reptiles usually do not show signs of this disease when they have it.

Humans that have immune compromise, elderly, or young should avoid handling reptiles, especially since direct contact with the creature is not needed for disease transmission. Thou shalt clean your hands before and after handling a reptile. Thou shalt not let the reptiles bathe where you bathe, or prepare your food. Thou shalt not clean reptile habitats where you prepare your food, or bathe. Thou shalt not KISS your herp. Cleanliness is next to godliness and will preserve you from diarrhea, amongst other things.

Responsibility is a big part of reptile ownership. Remember that they are not party animals or accessories. Parading a snake around in public, as a necklace is very stressful to that animal and most certainly does not provide an ideal habitat! Be aware there is legislation proposed that will restrict some reptile ownership (mainly the large constrictor snakes), so don't snooze and lose your rights, likewise bad behavior and irresponsibility will lose them for the rest of us. Check out [www.reptilechannel.com/lettersNOI](http://www.reptilechannel.com/lettersNOI)

On a seasonal note, many turtles and tortoises are winding down towards hibernation (**Brumation**, if you prefer to be in the know). Not all species hibernate, so don't

force a **Sulcata Tortoise** from the toastiest part of **Africa** to hibernate, you may stress it into illness or kill it. In species that do hibernate, it is an essential part of their preparation for breeding as well as an adaptation to their native environment. When a box

turtle or desert tortoise's appetite starts to drop off in early fall, be sure to withhold food for 1-2 weeks before hibernation to allow the turtle to clean its gut out. Check on your pond turtles also. Ideally these turtles and tortoises should be treated for any intestinal parasites before their long winter nap. Sick specimens should not hibernate. Water should always be provided during the clean-out period.

Also be sure your hibernation site (indoors or out) is safe and appropriate so that a healthy turtle/tortoise will be back with you in the spring. Details are available at the sites mentioned above as well as [www.turtlestuff.com](http://www.turtlestuff.com).

-Janet McNeil, D.V.M., Ojai



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## VOTE for PROPOSITION 2

by Sharon Lindsay

Just a quick note to please take a look at **PROPOSITION 2**. Although it may not be perfect it is a start. The spots I have seen on TV have made me sick and I applaud the veterinarians who are backing this proposition. So much more needs to be done for these animals even though they are destined for our plates doesn't mean they shouldn't be treated fairly. From what I have googled there is not much opposition to this bill, mainly from vegan websites, and that is fine, but the whole world is not going vegan asap. So this is a start even though the industry of meat raisers has 6 years to comply. If this proposition is passed with a large amount of votes it may make the industry stand up and take notice. Google Proposition 2 and read for yourself and I think you may just **VOTE** for it.

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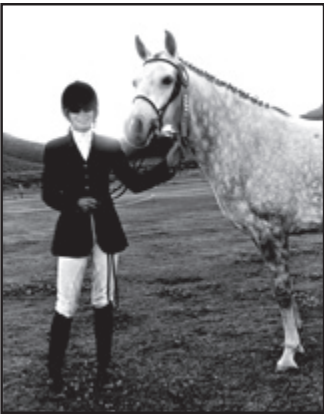
# The No Dummies Guide to Holiday Horse Hunting

by Mary M. Long

**C**hristmas time's a-comin' and it's just around the bend...!

When you find your thoughts turning to mittens on kittens and sugarplum fairies don't be surprised if your kids will be asking Santa for the Christmas Pony. When you wake up in the morning to the chant of Pony, Pony, Pony, don't reach for that wallet until you read these handy dandy tips for interpreting the oh so clever verbiage of the typical horse trader.

Safe for anyone = *founded*  
 Great family horse = *navicular*  
 Perfect for children = *too small for adults*  
 Would make a great driving pony = *can't be ridden*  
 Puppy dog personality = *chews, nips, slobbers and has no respect*  
 Husband-safe = *a sure fire way to cash in on his life insurance policy!*  
 Sadly outgrown = *a smart person's attempt to make their horse sound desirable*  
 Looks like a Connemara = *Arab cross*  
 P.O.A. (piece of attitude) = *smart Shetland, strong*



Mary Long and Cashel Lorica, Wildhorse, Napa, 2001

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*minced Appy cross*  
 Warmblood = *plan on marrying a big German man to go with it*  
 Loves to jump = *jumps like a bat out of hell*  
 Jumps anything = *the corral, the wheelbarrow, the dog, and not necessarily when you expect it*  
 Would make a great endurance horse = *nuts no matter how hard you ride it*  
 Easy Keeper = *thyroid problem*  
 Would make a great breeding prospect = *unrideable*  
 Has been used for broodmare, could go back to work = *barren*  
 Great bloodlines = *five generations back*  
 Great investment = *a vain attempt to recoup theirs*  
 Professionally trained = *did any of it stick?*  
 Great Christmas present = *the only time of year they have any chance of selling it*  
 Great mover = *hates to jump*  
 Event prospect = *not suitable for hunters*



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Good prospect for professional = *completely unhandled*  
 Looks like a Warmblood = *ugly head*  
 Tons of personality = *bites, kicks, lies down when asked to move forward*  
 Bombproof = *cushionoid*  
 Spirited = *Arabian*  
 Would make a great show horse = *unsuitable for pleasure riding*  
 Would make a great trail horse = *ring sour*  
 Would make a great arena horse = *barn sour*  
 Names to beware of = *Bucky, Critter, Spirit, 8 seconds, 50 cents (what they paid for it) Daddy's Paycheck (what they spent on it), Leprechaun (changes form on a whim), Lightning, Cyclone, Zephyr, Circe, LB (Little Bastard), Taz (Tazmanian Devil), Godzilla (good G name, must be a Hannoverian)*  
 Light use = *lame*  
 Dressage only = *lame*  
 No jumping = *lame*  
 Free to good home = *lame, nuts, crippled, or million years old*

Remember, the opinion of a good professional and a really thorough Vet check are the least of your expenses and the price of a really good horse or pony is an investment in your child's safety.

Mary M. Long  
 Ojai

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## Stable Dirt: As the Rowel Turns

by Mary M. Long

**A**las with the Perils of horse riding one can never be too confident when riding out alone. I always go fully equipped with cell phone, wire cutters, knife, leatherseat breeches and my favorite safety feature, a sensible horse. Still, with all safeguards in place, things do happen you can never predict.

When the fickle finger of fate points in your direction it's nice to know that there are emergency alert systems being developed making riding, or rather "the absence" of riding safer and safer. I have always wanted someone to invent a "motion-less" sensor for the solo trail rider. Unlike *Lassie*, it's doubtful that your horse will run and get help for you in the case of a fall.

*Photo © 2007, Mary M. Long*

Now, a **New Zealand** horse magazine reports that an engineering student at the **University of Massachusetts Amherst** has developed a motorcycle helmet that wirelessly calls 911 in the advent of a "traumatic deceleration". This helmet is designed to work when the wearer is unconscious. The downside of course, is that it would take an impact to activate it, which leaves loss of consciousness do to the event of cardiac arrest, stroke or submersion unprotected.

Still it's an exciting advance which should be adaptable to equestrian helmets, you just have to remember to fall head first to activate it. Whatever will they think of next?

Mary M. Long, Ojai

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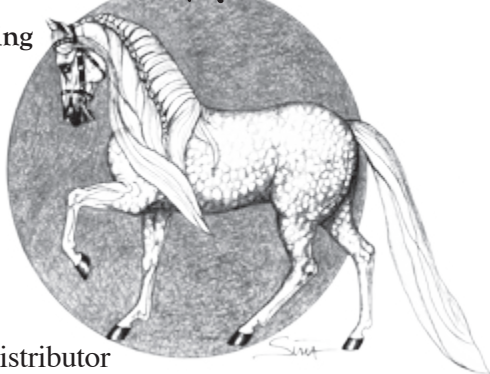
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mattress or pillow? Perhaps it is pain that's keeping you awake or stress. Is your environment quiet and dark enough for good sleep?

When I was suffering from poor sleeping, no doctor could find the cause. I finally did after a few years. The answer was a medication for thyroid that I had been told to take at night when it should have been taken in the morning. To this day the bottle says to take at night, even though I have told my new doctor what that does. Were I a normal, compliant patient, I would now be taking sleeping pills and my medication at night and the two would be at odds in my system and probably still causing some sleep disturbance.

In **Hawaii** where I was a federal advocate for the disabled through their protection and advocacy agency, I saw cases where it appeared that a mental client was given a behavior modifying medication with many side effects. From that first medication there was then a cascade of others all seeming to deal with the side effects of another before it. How anyone is supposed to not be a mental case after that, I cannot say. How is your body supposed to adjust to such a storm of chemicals, each opposing the actions of the next? A true war within.

I am not saying that there should be no drugs. I need my thyroid medication and have learned to support that gland naturally as well. But we need to be our own advocates and our own detectives or at the very least have someone who can be that for us. That was part of my role in **Hawaii**.

- If our diets and food production methods were what they should be, many of the problems we bear either would not exist or exist in a less threatening form.

- If our foods and consumer products weren't full of chemical stewes rather than pure and simple ingredients, we would feel better.

- If our environment were not full of pollutants, estrogens, and stress, we might be in less pain.

- If we would look further than a magic pill for solutions, we might find magic in our lives.

These are the opinions of a baby boomer who has experienced the world in a better state. I would love to return to a time when milk came straight from the cow or goat, meats from free ranging animals grown locally, and vegetables from a neighbor or your own patch. You knew then what you were getting and where it came from. Obesity was rare. Doctors asked questions, didn't have a bevy of drugs, and used common sense and knowledge of their patients as their guide for treatment.

Simple, effective answers to what ails you may be right before your eyes in your environment, your heart, mind or soul. Ask yourself first and listen to the answer that comes through you. You know more than you believe you do. Go into your quieted mind.

Today population demands have changed the personal world I grew up in to a more impersonal, mass marketed, one size fits all environment. We have to demand better in order to stand any chance of getting better. But not only do we need some kind of universal health care, but we need insurance access to integrated and alternative care as we choose. Each type of health care has its place in total care.

We as patients, as doctors, and as alternative health practitioners need to be able to communicate and be heard. No one practitioner and no one sector know all the answers to everyone's ills. We all have much to learn about our infinite universe, and how each individual chooses to relate to it through their mind, body and spirit. We need to honor the wisdom of each and of the incorporated whole, both within the client and within our community of health care.

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**Yvonne Padilla**

Artist Yvonne Padilla exhibits some of her work entitled *Mosaics for the Soul, Altars, Mirrors, and Sacred Portels*. She was the featured artist at OJAI HOUSE - ART WALK B-Tour.

For more info, Yvonne can be reached at 649 8688

Talented Artist Tree Bernstein (top right), presents her works on the ART WALK B-Tour, held in Ojai. Tree is a multi creative artist; she paints and creates Water Colours, Ephemera, Wacky Altered Art, Book Forgeries, and more. For More info, on her Work, contact; treebernstein@gmail.com

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# Nordhoff Volleyball: Sideout Lady Rangers....



Captain Nicole Bergmann, makes another kill against Simi Valley's Grace Brethren Oct 7, while teammate Andrea Bennett moves in to cover.



Lady Rangers celebrate the moment of their win, after a hard fought 3 - 1 victory against Grace Brethren. Everybody is enjoying the moment.



'Fight til' We Win' - Bonding and teamwork are as much a part of Volleyball as court play.

(NHS), home to the Lady Rangers volleyball team. The ladies have their tryouts in late June, practice and conditioning throughout the summer, stopping only for a few weeks before school starts to satisfy CIF rules, and begin non-league games and tournaments in September.

This year's opening league match was Oct. 7th against Simi Valley's Grace Brethren played at NHS. After the Junior Varsity team won their match, with assistant coaching by Sean Clark, the varsity stepped on to the court and got down to business with a loud and supportive audience in attendance.

This year's motto is "Fight til' we Win", and it shows. The Lady Rangers Varsity team is high energy and competitive. The match was hard fought by both talented and athletic teams and was thrilling, bringing roars from the crowd. The Lady Rangers emerged victorious 3-1 (25-18, 25-18, 15-25, 26-24).

Two days later the girls headed over to play cross town rivals, the Villanova Wildcats. It was another get down, play hard, exciting match that finished with

the Lady Rangers winning 3-1 (26-24, 25-23, 15-25, 25-17). Hitters Nichole Bergmann and Andy Bennett dominated games with their powerful kills, assisted by setter Chloe Baur-Jensen. The outstanding defense displayed by Meggie Graham and Laila Litonjua also contributed to the wins. Long time Head Coach Rene Nakao-Mauch and Assistant Coach Sean Clark were pleased and not surprised by the team's performance.

The Nordhoff High School Lady Rangers consist of seniors: Chloe Baur-Jensen, Andy Bennett, Nicole Bergmann, (captain) and Michelle Green; juniors: Elida Becerra, Brittany Curtis, Meggie Graham, Laila Litonjua, and Leah Paquette; and sophomore: Jessica Lugotoff.

These girls work very hard to be competitive and are required to maintain a high GPA, many being honor students. Most importantly, they are also learning valuable life lessons through this athletic experience. The best news of all is that the Lady Ranger games are held Tuesdays and Thursdays which leaves Friday nights open for....Football!



## 2008 Nordhoff Lady Rangers Girl's Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 14, Tues. Santa Clara	Oct. 30, Thurs. @Santa Clara
Oct. 16, Thurs. @ Fillmore	Nov. 1, Sat. Grace Brethren
Oct. 21, Tues. Santa Paula	Nov. 4, Tues. Fillmore
Oct. 28, Tues. Villanova	Nov. 6, Thurs. @Santa Paula
	Freshman 4:00 JV 5:00
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Still smiling after a hard days practice, the Lady Rangers Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball team. Top right Head Coach Rene Nako-Mauch and Assistant Coach Sean Clark. The Lady Rangers season goes through Nov. 6 up to play-offs.

## by Cristobel

Summer ends, school starts, and comes the fall. For many that means one thing, football. That is unless you happen to be a female athlete or a parent of one, then it means something else; women's volleyball. This year in grammar schools, high schools and colleges across the country the 2008 women's volleyball season starts on the heels of the exciting Beijing Summer Olympics where the world witnessed the U.S. women's and men's beach volleyball teams both win gold medals. The American indoor volleyball teams fared almost as well, with the men's team winning the coveted gold and the women's team taking home silver. For lovers of the sport it was truly a magical and satisfying moment in time. Volleyball is a popular, highly competitive, international sport and it is not a given, historically, that the American teams will do well.

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## Hi-Cees at the Harbor



Kirk Maxson and Steve White



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Paul Fasulo and Kirk Maxson

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Joan and Greg Launert



Ray Jay

### INTERVIEW

Ventura Harbor's **Hi-Cees BBQ Cafe**, where there is plenty of good times, plenty of good people, plenty of good music and great food. **Hi-Cees Owners Joan and Greg Launert** have done a great job keeping the original atmosphere and adding great things to it. Launert is preserving the music at Hi-Cees that, for years people have come to love. He joked, seriously, "I bought the band and the club came with it!" **Blue Stew** is a great and well-known band in Ventura County that has made their home at **Hi-Cees** for years. These players are the greatest.

Buddy maybe 14 or 15 years... and then you know Buddy passed away. Buddy was one of the greats his feel of the blues and rhythm, playing the blues was second to none. Buddy was one of the guys. Buddy played many years ago with a band called the **Turquoise** with **Bill Payne** from **Little Feat**... he used to play with **Kim Wilson** he had a little stint with **Debra McClinton**.

Debra... a pretty big act; singer songwriter from Texas... **Kim Wilson** and Buddy were friends from **Santa Barbara** many years ago. **The Thunderbirds** was **Kim Wilson's** band. But Buddy didn't play with the **Thunderbirds**, he just played with **Kim**. So then, after all that Buddy passed away... we've had different guys filling in here with Paul and I

trying to keep the gig going so to speak. We finally ended up with **Paul Fasulo**... myself, **John, Mike Miller**, and myself. Paul went out on the road and played with a lot of different people like **James Harmon**... Then **Matt Ralston** joined the band. He was the drummer for many years in the band. We did 4 CD's together...everything was based out of **Hi-Cees**. Then **Matt** was here for probably 10 or 11 years, then he moved to Utah and that's about the time that **Randy Kizer** joined the band

**Maxson** closed, "For whatever reason the fans still come out to see us every weekend...so we're still having a good time... we're still playing and the fans are still dancing so long as that keeps going, I guess we do to".

- Joel Anderson

### Closer VIEW - Metal Girl

**Anne Marie Simon**, "takes a shine" to metal work, creating something cool out of anything and everything. Her pieces are mostly made of steel and can include recycled metal, such as old gears, car parts, saw blades, and even old woks! She is always experimenting and creating something new! Visit Anne at [www.GirlSweatMetal-works.com](http://www.GirlSweatMetal-works.com)



### KOHLI'S MUSIC PIT Le Meu Le Purr - Billy O's Alanis Morissette - US Tour

By Michael Kohli  
Late last month, members of **Le Meu Le Purr** and **Army Of Freshmen** did a couple of shows as a disguised cover band in honor of their members' birthdays. I happened to stop by a their **Billy O's** performance. Other **Ventura** scene alumni, **Evan Sula-Goff** and **Jeff Hershey** both did guest spots. They opened and closed with **Europe's "The Final Countdown"**. This rare band show kicked off to a killer start. **Aaron Johnson** kicked it off vocally. They

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### MEDIA VIEW

#### The Ol' Breeze Blast...

by Ron Ellis Smith



**Ventura View**, (a real local newspaper), for printing what he refers to as "derogatory" articles about him and his rag.

Come on Sheldon, now ya went an done it, ya really hurt my feelers. Since it is not actually the "View" that writes those articles but in fact it is yours truly, I would appreciate it if you gave me the thanks, or at least the blame. First of all my articles are not "derogatory" but are all based on pure unadulterated fact, if you can prove to me where in any of the articles I actually lied about you or your rag I will give you 3 days to draw a crowd and then I will eat a copy of the Breeze raw without any condiments.

Oh by the by Mr. Brown, the street talk in Ol' Downtown Ventura, is that there may be some internal, family style staff stress going on in the hallowed halls of the Breeze ... What's up with dat? This newspaper work is a bitch ain't it???

R. Ellis Smith, Ventura [rellis39@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rellis39@sbcglobal.net)

**EDITORS NOTE:** The **VIEW** categorically denies publishing "derogatory" articles about Mr. Sheldon Brown, or his publication the **Ventura Breeze**, as he stated in his Oct. 8, issue, (page 2).

**VIEW** writer **R. Ellis Smith** was critical of Mr. Brown's firing from the **Breeze** of one of **Ventura County's** longtime prominent and professional authors. This firing occurred, according to the writer, because of the writer having a longtime professional and personal affiliation with political writer and satirist **R. Ellis Smith**, which existed many years before Mr. Brown recently moved to **Ventura County**.

According to the writer, the firing also occurred because the writer simply had written for the **VIEW** (features).

**Ventura County** has a long tradition of supporting writers, the arts, and the **First Amendment**. The **VIEW** does not believe it is in **Ventura County's** best interest for less investigative publications to begin a practice of inhibiting the **First Amendment** by firing writers because they may have differing political beliefs or an affiliation with a writer they may not agree with, ie: google recent **Santa Barbara News Press** union personnel disputes.

"Fair Comment and Criticism" are foundational and essential protective elements of the U.S. Constitution and Democracy.

See **R. Ellis Smith VIEW** article Sept. Issue, Page 3, also available, [OjaiandVenturaView.com](http://OjaiandVenturaView.com)

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## Glen Phillips: Rocks Intimate Gathering at Zoey's



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Who says musicians can't be political? Recently **Glen Phillips** (*Toad the Wet Sprocket, S.B.*) let his liberal political leanings be known in an entertaining stream of anti-wall street, anti-bad government, anti-bad corporate folksy chat at **Zoey's** in downtown Ventura. Said Phillips, "Greedy sons of bitches... probably alienated somebody... but talking like a pirate helps to stop global warming..."

**Zoey's** (the intimate venue) is not to be confused with recent **Zoe's** on at what was formerly the **Elks Lodge** at Ash Street (Elks moved out in 2005), although it's the same Zoey's management. With real estate in the state it's in, anything could happen with the mega structure...

The historical 1920s building is now owned by Mega Commercial Developer Becker (which has bought up a great deal of old Ventura).

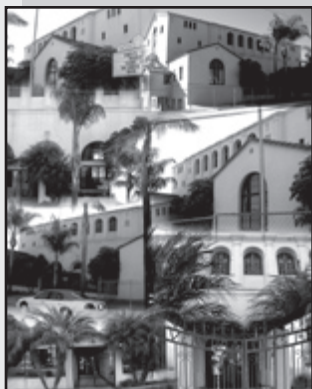
Looks like big things are just on the horizon for Zoey's at the ole Elks. Let's hope Becker is planning on removing the big surround 'sound' chain link fence and sprucing up a bit.

Joel Anderson, editor

## Ojai - Village Jester



## Down Home with JMac and Kyle Hunt



Elks Lodge, Ventura

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Tracy and Lindsay



Ojai's Arlo- Kyle Hunt wow's 'em at Ojai's Jester.

**Kyle Hunt** and **Jonathan McEuen** played solo bits at the Jester recently, then got together for a jam session. Kudos to Nigel for creatively booking these two incredibly talented young artists into the same evening. Jonathan is just back from a few days playing in Florida for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and his bookings are jammed -- busy dividing his time between local, and National shows.

Kyle has strong family support, introducing one of his songs as 'his grandmother's favorite'.

- Joel Anderson

## Kinda Testy Huh??

by Ron Ellis Smith

Monday night meeting, (Oct 6, 2008), of the **Gang in the Ivory Tower**, (*Ventura city council*) was a real "hoot". We had **ex-mayor Carl Morehouse** accusing all of the past council members of being in the pockets of the developers and that's why according to Carl that the **Citizens of San Buenaventura** don't have much trust in the present council. Hey Carl do you suppose the fact that the present council is constantly lying to the public and spinning like a kids top has anything to do with the mis-trust?

Then we had councilman **Andrews**, (*McCannaholic*), telling us all that because he is supposedly worth a couple of million dollars that he is obviously a financial genius. I don't suppose that he accidentally purchased some property a few years back real cheap and now it's worth a whole lot more has anything to do with his worth of a couple of million dollars. Even though the position of **Ventura Council** member is supposed to be non-political **Andrews** is the only one that wears his **McCannaholic** badge wherever he goes even to the council meetings.

All I can say is these two guys need to abdicate their positions on the dias, it's quite obvious to even us common people that the strain is becoming too much for their minuscule brain power to adapt to, plus in Andrews case when **McCann** loses the election he is gonna feel like the fool he really is.

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# Up for a Bowl of Chronic Stew at the Deer Lodge ?



Patrick Duffy - D.W. Drums & B-Vocal



Richard Metcalfe - Guitars & Vocals. I love the Paul Read Smith (above) and Gibson guitars. Above Metcalfe strums a 1996 Paul Read Smith Custom Ten Top.



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## INTERVIEW

by Joel Anderson

Stoppin' into the Deer Lodge recently I caught a great rockin' show with Chronic Stew, who performed some of their originals (Fadin' Fast, Stranded, Lonesome Highway, To Whom it May Concern) as well as some great rockin' covers from Neil Young, Aerosmith, etc. Richard Metcalfe, Guitar and Vocals said, "We try to do songs that not everyone does. A lot of the original songs are from personal experiences I've had with

people in my travels and in the music business. It adds a different flavor to the Stew. Eventually we want the originals to be the main ingredient to the Stew. "Patrick, our drummer, he's just a motorcycle freak.

Anything with motorcycles he's into it. He loves to go fast; he's a fast person, like



Leilani and John Morgan

most drummers, beating in his head, keeps yeah movin'. We love to play on Sunday at the Deer Lodge because of the bikers; they just listen more to the music. Trip Brown is the newest addition. We were looking for a bass player because our old player lived in LA and it became a hassle for him to drive up here all the way up here. We put an ad on the Internet; Trip Brown responded. He used to be a booking agent for Nirvana, Sound Garden, Red Hot Chili Peppers, ALL the grunge bands of the 90s... It's nice having a booking agent as your bass player because you know you're going to get gigs... would be nice if they had a few more venues for rock bands in this town, the Bowling Alley that would be awesome.

Check out Chronic Stew at [www.myspace.com/chronicstew](http://www.myspace.com/chronicstew)



Trip Brown and his Traben Bass Guitars, B-Vocal



Rick Zavdil - Vocals

## KOHLI'S MUSIC PIT

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did **Beastie Boys**, **Foo Fighters**, **Weezer** and a whole bunch more classics. Let's hope this becomes a yearly tradition. I have to say, this was the best time I've ever had at **Billy O's**.

**Alanis Morissette** recently took part in a phone conference with various reporters. Talking about her upcoming US tour which arrives in **Hollywood** this November. She also talked about her new single/video for, "Not As We." The video premiered online Oct. 3. This might possibly be **Alanis'** most emotional song to date. This was one of the first songs she wrote after her break up with actor **Ryan Reynolds**. Almost anybody that's dealt with a traumatic breakup could relate to the song -- and even more, to the video. Check out the latest at **Alanis.com**.

**Madonna** recently got applause at her **New York** performance. Telling the audience that she was so happy they came to her party! Then she exclaimed, "You know who's not invited to my party? **Sarah F\*\*king Palin!**" The clip (which is very popular on **Youtube** right now) really shows the energy she shares with her fans. And the way she is truly a magnificent performer.

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Bobby Galyan



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Alan lipps Lomax and Jess Leedy



Jess Leedy and Daren ZORBA Cruz.



When I picked up the phone and Billy Davis was on the other end inviting me to the SkaDaddyz Reunion Party at Bombay... didn't have to ask me twice... I knew it was gonna be good... I quickly retrieved my rock n' roll diary, loaded my film... 'er digital.... and made plans for the Saturday, Oct. 4 Event!

Check it out!

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Billy Davis, and pals, Daren ZORBA Cruz after the show



Ska Daddyz - Beach Party, Bombay, April 28, 1995

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## The Folks at the HUB are the 'Best'!



**Gwenovive Lamb**, Ojai's most badass addition to the scene, recently imported from Liverpool, is about the coolest thing to happen in a long time, great addition to the Ojai gem collection... Looks like she'll be helpin' out with the Music Production in Town and back in Liverpool.

Things are definately happenin' at Ojai's HUB, downtown. Jonathan McEuen, (screamin' guitar), Suzanne Paris (above vocals), Dan Wilson (at right mandolin), and friends getting together. April Hendrix (Baby Sister, left), Jackie Lomax (right), Carla MacEwan (below), Leland "Peacenik" Hammerschmidt, amongst friends owner Joey (far right), and 'Hey' to Kathy, Bulldog, Phyllis, and Nicolaus.

The Folks at the HUB are the 'Best'!



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