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A blather of respect!



All Locked Up and Nowhere to Go - With parking chores at an increasingly street-fighting premium in rustic-charmed little ole Ojai, one won-

ders why the city can't help resuscitate this East End Lost Horizon....and alleviate some of the yuppie parking paranoia taking center stage all too frequently further on in Upscale Uptown?

Vacant now for more years than is pleasant to count, many have offered suggestions, ranging from a return to its original life as a bowling alley and laid back coffee shop to a family recreation center, restaurant, party place, night club and now perhaps a Children's Museum and Edu-Tainment Center? (See Page 3)

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LETTER - NEW CONTRACT! Ojai Skate Park Thanks

Thanks Dale [Sumersille, Ojai director of recreation] for sharing the wonderful news with everyone - there is something to be said about the patience, persistence and aspirations of many who were involved with this special project

LETTER - "THE GUN IS CIVILIZATION"

If it was only that simple. There are other ways of dealing with other people. I support our troops and know that we need a strong military because there are bad people in the world. But....

Most societies with more guns are more violent. Switzerland an exception.

Let's consider war profiteers whom use other people's sons and daughters as fodder in wars for profit. Iraq for a recent example. Iraq did not attack us during 9-11. They were not a threat. They just had oil we wanted and there were giant profits to be made.

Unfortunately America has supported many tyrants (Saddam Hussein comes to mind) when they do our bidding and/or buy our weapons and weapons systems. (Our largest export.)

I believe that the media caters to the lowest form of violent "entertainment" just for profit under the guise of "free speech" and not responsibility.

I believe that humans, especially men still have too many gorilla genes and go beyond protecting their tribe into wanton killing. Rwanda a recent example.

I also believe that almost anyone can be made into a killer with the right training. Google: "On Killing" by Col. Dave Grossman.

Switzerland has armed households and almost no crime. An argument for armed citizens. But we are not Switzerland were there is little poverty.

Poverty and access to guns creates problems.

Maybe we should address the poverty issue too. Maybe we should address media violence too. It is true that some kids are not effected by media violence, but too many are.

It is just too simple to say that everyone should be armed. It has not worked out all that well in America.

Not everyone is trained to handle guns and with alcohol and testosterone involved, bullets fly too easily.

- Ron Dexter, Santa Barbara Korea War Vet Life member of VFW and Veterans for Peace Arlington West

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(from the get go and thru now; as well as those who will be entrusted to continue to care for this new facility that will benefit both the youth and wise ones to within our community!)

As Rome was not built in a day nor was this collective effort...in some ways, the time and effort that it took from all parties to question, challenge and clarify the important priorities related to this community-wide project remains to be critical if not important to many in order to ensure the longer term success of the park that benefits everyone (beyond what was envisioned back 5 years ago or even a year ago or several months ago).

My warmest congratulations extend to everyone associated with this city-wide and community-wide project. It reminds me of the perhaps overused yet poignant sentiment, the "build it and they will come" sentiment -- in this case, there was a lot of heavy ground-work (sweat, sleepless nights and tears) required but in the end when everyone can say that they also played an important part of making this a Skate Thanks Continued Page 8...

The Power of Verdi



Portrait of Giuseppe Verdi April, 1886, by Giovanni Boldini

Verdi's music was very close to my mother's heart. The family listened to Verdi since we could remember. Mom always had a really good stereo system and blasted Verdi through the windows. Mom was even born the same month as Verdi (October) and died the same month as he did (January). Tonight I listened to "Va Pensiero" from Nabucco (it was the opera that made Verdi famous) - the lament of the Hebrew slaves. The music is so beautiful and deep, touching and moving. (How do you write an opera that is not in Italian? The words just Verdi Continued Page 8...

Damn Good Reading! Image of a man reading a newspaper.

Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge

I must say I thought I knew it all. Well, it was like getting kicked by that horse again that helped me remember. I just figured out what I been missin' for so long. Trying to figure out why Ojai doesn't work....it doesn't feel as good as it once did?

We have for too long had a city council that has been using the City Staff to hide behind. Watchin' Council order staff to return next meetin with a report or recommendation about something. Ohhh I got it....again, the Bicycle Circulation Report that's 13-years-old. What kind of dumb Council waits 13 years, then at long last asks for a REPORT!!! Ours!

Well hooley, I just remembered that a while back they asked how long ago the Water Rip-Off report was done ?? Something like 5 plus years!! What happens to reports and follow ups gone astray? Do they think we stopped riding bicycles or drinking water or flushing ??? I can see not riding a bike but flushing?

Report after Report after Report....Does it have to do with the person that is complaining buckles under, stops coming to the Council meetings after a few times, and the report is then trashed because the Council thinks there is no interest??

Golden State will be at the Chaparral at 2 and 7 pm on June 17 for another hearing. If you have nothing but money to burn don't go, but I hope a few people show up. If you Raggedy Edge Continued Page Six...

Motherhood

Holy good Lord, stop already! my father yelled as he listened to me trying to appease my son. From the time my son was 6 months old I knew I was never going to get the mother of the year award. I had read all the baby books on the market before he was born and thought I had a handle on this new way of life called "motherhood."

It didn't take long for me - and for him - to understand who the boss was. All he had to do was groan, and I was off and running. By the time he was nine-months-old he was talking. He only said one word, but that was all he needed to communicate.

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Why Ventura is The Broke Capitol of the World? Who's Money is It Anyway?

The City of Ventura lost \$10 Million Dollars 2 years ago (well before the recent economic crash), through their ambitious high-risk investment plan; having placed precious taxpayer dollars with Bear Stearns (BS) private assets, which went belly up in the JP Morgan fiasco. This reduced Ventura's get-rich-quick scheme to pie-in-the-sky. Most cities invest their cash assets in highly safe Treasury instruments and other government-backed securities.

VIEW Detailed Financial Analysis Go To: www.ojaiandventuraview.com/OVVtaArt/TheRoseVol.1Issue1WebStealthkatGraphics.pdf

Press Release Future Values?

Ojai Children's Museum & Edu-Tainment Center - Christa Hastie

If you have a Large Vacant Building, and/or are interested in investing/partnering with me for a new hands-on "Children's Museum/Edu-Tainment" Center in Ojai for Children, ages 0-10, Please read on! I need your help!

In late 2009, I received a small arts grant to design, coordinate, solicit product donations, print and mail a Dramatic Play Book to thousands of kindergartens and elementary schools across the US featuring 20 full color pages of 13 rooms/areas that we've planned (see below for the themed rooms descriptions). The Dramatic Play Book is an informative book about the importance of dramatic play (primarily children 2-10) and will be professionally photographed to visually show educators and caregivers inspiring ideas for dramatic play. As an experienced events planner, I create interesting spaces and extreme themed rooms for various corporate and social events and proposed the project for creating inspirational educational and recreational spaces for children based on event design and research studies in young children (2-10). I have solicited well over \$25,000 in brand new play equipment and toys from corporate sponsors to complete these 13 themed rooms for the Dramatic Play Book project. These products now also have an opportunity to be used to create an amazing hands-on children's museum in Ojai.

However, set-up of these 13 rooms and photography of the themed rooms for the book must be completed by end of June this year. It is imperative that I find a Partner to house the Museum/Center or partner/invest in the Center ASAP. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me asap and I will send more details. It would be such a great opportunity for local children to learn and grow and I'd hate to see such an amazing place go away after I complete my project!! Bright ideas welcome any time! Know of a large empty building in town? Please share! Thank you! Best, Christa Hastie, Ojai www.christahastie.com 646.9505

"Damn you villains, who are you? And from whence came you?" - Edward Teach ~ Blackbeard

EVENT CALENDAR

- thru June 5 - A Laugh with Vonder, "Unknown Quantities", Gallery 255, Ventura info. 643-3973
thru June 24, "Kreative Design" taught by Zach Z., Ojai Creates, Children 8 years and up. Class includes drawing an image, then creating a 3-D using various paper mache/sculptural materials... 3pm-5pm @ Ojai Creates! Local artist who's work reflects his love of all things Disney & comic book. His enthusiasm captures the students imagination & inspires their creativity. info. 640-6558
May 1 thru 15 - "Paint a Song" class by Stephanie Pollock, Ojai Creates, Children 5 to 10 years of age. Incl. sketching, painting w/acrylics, learning folk songs, playing basic percussion instruments. Music & Art go together! Stephanie brings her 20 plus years as a grade school teacher in India to great advantage. Classes run 1-2pm at Ojai Creates! info. 640-6558
May 27, 5:30-9:30pm - Downtown Art & Wine Tour, Santa Barbara. Eat, drink, be merry. Tour offers participants opportunity for strolling between art galleries, see latest exhibits, taste dishes from restaurants, sample wines. Tasting at galleries/venues and a sampling of delicious hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants/food purveyors. Final party featuring live music, & silent auction. info. 962-2098 x24
May 28 & 29 - Tina the Ballerina, The Lobero Theatre - Santa Barbara, story of a little girl who has grown up in the countryside outside Paris. Tina has always dreamed of being a ballerina. When she and her friends make an exciting journey to the famed arts festival in Paris one day, they get the opportunity to see the Paris Opera Ballet, but are dismayed when they hear the star ballerina cannot perform that evening because she has been injured. Tina saves the day, takes center stage, delighting the audience with her beautiful dancing. (5/28th@6:30pm) & (5/29th@2 & 6:30pm) info. 963-0761 www.lobero.com Events Continued Page 4...

Pt. III Coming Back by Art Isgur

We know that 'deficit' is not a four letter word. We also know that we have both domestic and foreign difficulties. The U.S. Congress may finally be ready to deal with some of our foreign economic problems. By early April, 2010, 130 Congresspersons, of both major political parties, sent a strong letter to President Obama. They urged the President to 'get tough' with China and the currency manipulations in which the Chinese engage. Almost everyone agrees that we must do more in helping to create jobs, jobs, and more jobs, in the USA. This, the final chapter in this series, will deal with plans and strategies to help create these jobs.

There is no question about the kinds of jobs we must create for long term growth and stability. We must build a better transportation system, largely around inter-city rail transportation. There is no reason that we can't enjoy a trip from California Pt. III Coming Back Continued Page 20...

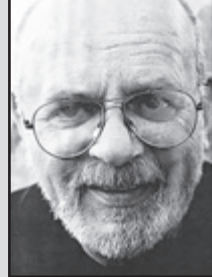
LETTER - The Miracle Workers

If you did not attend the grand opening of the new Kingdom Center this past March 21st, then you missed witnessing an indisputable miracle-in-progress. It was a celebration of the ongoing transformation of the old, dilapidated City Center Motel on East Thompson Blvd. into a fully renovated 30-unit transitional living facility for the homeless.

Its main goal is to rebuild lives by providing individuals a decent, safe place to live while receiving counseling, life skill training and all of the support needed to begin a new life "off the street". This Miracle Worker Continued Page 22...

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"Don't Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess!" Are You On A 'Quest'?



Prime time for following the soul's call is in late adolescence/early adulthood or in mid-life when mortality becomes personal. Anytime is a good time to explore one soul's visions and it's never too late. Ojai itself has been a catalyst for starting a new phase in many lives. Lots of folks who live here came because they were touched by the beauty of nature surrounding us. They made considerable sacrifices to leave their old lives behind and moved into our valley. Some get connected in nature to start their quest.... soul is deeply connected to place.

My brother and I first discovered Ojai in the late seventies hiking the local mountains. Our favorite excursion was to start on top of Sulphur Mountain and slowly wander down to Casitas Springs - the views were awesome. In the evening we ended up in the "Hub", which was still alive in those days with a great juke box, hoisting a few brews. Eventually we ended up in lower Libbey Park, made a small fire and slept soundly until dawn. No one (outside of the ants) ever roused us, and we were there often. Sadness usually overcame us on the way back to L.A. Fifteen years later I returned to live here, gladly leaving Encino behind. Without doubt my soul had made that decision long ago. As usual, it took my ego a while to catch up to the wisdom of soul.

Many are motivated to start the quest after feeling alienated or entrapped. Feelings of emptiness, confinement and poverty (no matter how much is in the bank account) often precede the search. For others the pilgrimage is triggered by falling in love with another person, a cause, a place or a creative task. Still others start their journey after leaving a job and there are some who don't start on their quest until they've been betrayed or abandoned. The triggers for starting the search for meaning are multiple.

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Most of the time the seeker is in conflict before beginning the journey. Leaving the world of the familiar for the world of uncharted waters can be frightening and is always a lonely decision. Safety of the known needs to be surrendered to taking a risk into the unknown. However, if we don't separate from the familiar and search for our independent and deeper self, we're defined by what we surmise others think of us. Independence does not exclude intimacy, both are necessary for a soulful relationship. The ability to act in the outside world kickstarts the quest, but in the long run the quest is primarily about connecting to deeper parts of ourselves...it's ultimately internal. The important changes will be within ourselves, ignited by a desire for authenticity, meaning and a hunger for soulful connections with others.

A note of caution for all seekers! People on a spiritual quest have to contend with the danger of falling under the spell of "spiritual correctness", which is the illusionary belief that "my worldview is not only better than yours...it's the only one!" This exclusionary doctrine of false spiritual pride is the poisonous view held by all militant religious zealots. The biggest source of psychological and physical violence on our planet has been initiated by fanatical Christians, Muslims, Hindus and, yes, New Agers. Looks to me like they're all trying to hijack God. Mother Meera had it down when she said, "There are many different rivers that run into the sea."

Another danger is that the quest becomes a flight rather than a journey. Obsessively running from one self-improvement course to another, one health club to another, one teacher/guru to another becomes an addiction not a quest....it lacks soul.

Any quest worth its salt is honoring and admitting the often difficult truth about who we really are. It's a devotion to the deeper questions in life and not just another self-improvement project. After we walk alone in separateness for a considerable period of time, we need to return to community and share....and serve.

The main theme of much of the world's greatest literature is about "The Quest". Homer's Odysseus took the long way home. Home being not only wife and family, but primarily the inner feminine. Cervantes' Don Quixote always lived by his own personal code of honour on his journey, external approval and affirmation being damned. Then there is the brilliant work of German poet Johann Wolfgang Goethe, who took Faust on a hell of a ride into inner wholeness integrating masculine and feminine, light and dark, which resides within us all. Finally, there is one of my favorite country music artists Tom T. Hall, from the great state of Tennessee, who said: "All my California friends are looking for their heads. Hell, it's been on top of their shoulders all the time."

Love to Mother Meera. One for all and all for one. PETER RUDOLF MILHADO, PH.D. Lic #MFT14142 37 Years Experience drpetermilhado@gmail.com • (805) 640-1810 Blog: www.DrPeterMilhado.com Extensive Experience With Folks Over Forty and Artists In All Creative Fields

Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe



May, the name of this month is of doubtful origin. Scholars suggest **Maia**, the mother of **Mercury** to whom the **Romans** were accustomed to sacrifice on the first day of the month. In the **Roman Catholic Church** May its known as the month of **Mary**. **May Day** is the name given to the first day of the month in **England** when in olden times the people went out at early dawn to welcome the advent of spring.

I like **Robert Browning's** poem on spring. *The year's at the spring, And day's at the morn; Morning's at seven; The hill-side's dew-pearl'd; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn;*

God's in His heaven — All's right with the world!

Now that summer is near upon us, this means **Ojai** will be holding many events; musical, tennis, etc., which means an influx of tourists, which means fewer parking spaces for **Ojai** residents. So I advise all **Ojaiarians** to walk or ride your bicycle into town.

Want to know what events the **Ojai Valley Land Conservancy** is having? Hikes, tours, bird watching etc. check out www.ovlc.org

With all the fuss going all about nuclear power used for electricity, **France** has 15 reactors supplying 77 percent of their electricity, followed by **Slovakia** with four reactors, 57 percent of their electricity, **Belgium** has seven reactors supplying 59 percent of their electricity, **South Korea** has 20 supplying electricity to 36 percent of the country, **Japan** with 20 supplying 25 percent of electricity.

Cost of American Wars: **World War II**- \$296 billion, **Vietnam**- \$111 billion, **Iraq**- 683 billion, **Korea**- 30 billion, **Iraq**- \$683 billion, **Afghanistan**- \$227 billion as of today and still fighting and spending.

Goldman Sachs, recently charged with *civil fraud*, has spent over \$1.2 million on *lobbying* during the first three months of **2010**, a 72 percent increase over the same period in **2009**. They recently hired former Senate Republican leader, **Trent Lott** as their lobbyist. Oh, **Goldman Sachs** has a new 43 story 2.1 million square-foot headquarters in downtown **Manhattan**, which cost \$2.1 billion to build. It contains six trading floors, each larger than a football field, and a 54,000 square ft. gym. Oh it pays to sell stocks and get a government bailout if they fail.

NBC TV has spent over \$10 million to promote **Jay Leno's** new show. Ads are in magazines, cable, TV, billboards and radio with a spot even on gasoline pumps nationwide.

Wonder what happened to **Susan Boyle**? Don't worry, she's doing fine, she received a \$6 million check on May 1, her 49th birthday. She's going to use some of the proceeds from her chart topping album and concerts to buy a new home in **Blackburn, Scotland** where she has lived all her life.

A new record has been set by **Howard Slate** of **North Richard Hills, Texas**. He claims to have set a world record by using his neck to squash 178 raw eggs in one minute., he admits his neck is giving him a lot of pain at present.

If you text a lot take heed. A **Chicago** teenager, **Annie Leavittage**, 16, is going to have surgery because of damage to her hands. She admits to texting nonstop every minute whilst she is not in school, she has lost feeling in the hands and the doctor diagnosed, **carpal tunnel syndrome**. She is now wearing braces on both hands and gets regular cortisone injections. This silly girl still is sending 30 texts a day.

Being a rowdy drunk is not pleasant for the public. **Laura Hall**, a 20-year-old **British** woman has been convicted of a series of drunken public disorder offenses.

She is now the first person to be banned from every pub, club and liquor store in the **UK**. Vegetarians beware. A recent study found that eating tofu and other soy based foods can lower your sperm count. **Dr. Jorge Chavarro**, leader of the study, said men don't even have to eat very much soy to see a large difference in their sperm count. If men eat only a half a serving of soy per day, the equivalent of a cup of miso soup, their

sperm count is cut from the usual 80 million sperm per milliliter to just 40 million, which has a disastrous effect on their reproductive system. Scientists believe this happens because **soy isoflavones** mimic the female hormone estrogen in the body.

If you are on a family vacation and a member of the family dies, contact the local authorities. Two **German** women, **Gitta Jarant** and her daughter, **Anke Anusic** tried to smuggle **Gittas** husband, who had died in their hotel, onto a plane from the **UK to Germany**. They placed a hat and sunglasses on the dead husband as they wheeled him through the **Airport**. They were stopped by police who claimed the women were trying to avoid a 5,000 pound repatriation fee on coffins. Coroners determined that the man had been dead for four days.

Many thanks to **Buddy Wilds**, who sent us info on the **Humble Tea Bag**. He claims it has just celebrated its 100th birthday. **New Yorker Thomas Sullivan** inadvertently invented the first tea bag in **1908** by sending tea samples to customers in small, silk pouches, people just dipped them in hot water as he had not provided instructions on how to use them, he later changed the silk for gauze, I did know that, thanks **Buddy**.

Speaking of **Buddy**, he reported that he had seen **UFOs** a week ago crossing the skies of **Ojai**. He said he saw many lights crossing the sky then hovering and then leaving suddenly. It's a fascinating story, wonder if anyone else in **Ojai** saw them.

You can beat running a red light ticket. A **Florida** woman won that case after her husband used a stopwatch to find that the yellow light at the intersection lasted only 3.8 seconds not the required 4.5 seconds.

So many **Chardonnay** drinkers complain that most **chardonnays** taste like overripe tropical fruit. Why not try **Morgan Metallico 2008** unoaked **Chardonnay** cost around \$20. This wine, from **Monterey County**, tastes of fresh fruit with a crisp finish. Or try **Mer Soleil Silver, unoaked Chardonnay**, cost around \$25. This is what a true **chardonnay** should taste like, fresh clean fruit, goes excellent with seafood, chicken or as an aperitif. Comes from the **Santa Lucia Highlands, California**, and speaking of good wine it's time to raise a glass and toast to world peace.

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

The Power of Verdi

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flow from the singers' lips).

Giuseppe Verdi scored several operas that are famous and produced to this day; *'La Traviata'*, *'Rigoletto'*, *'Otello'*, *'Falstaff'*, *'Il Trovatore'*, *'Aida'*, and his most famous opera, *'Macbeth'*. It was no secret that **Verdi** loved **Shakespeare** and he went about to create an opera out of **Shakespeare's** most magnificent play. The result was mesmerizing.

The centenary of **Verdi's** death was 2001. Many of the famous opera houses around the world celebrated this occasion. In **Milan, La Scala** is a world renown opera house that had a special relationship with **Verdi**. (It was inaugurated in 1778) and it produced **Verdi's** prima opera; *'Giovanna d'Arco'* in 1845. **Verdi** conducted his most fantastic *'Requiem'* on May 25, 1874 at **La Scala**. The premiere of **Verdi's** opera, *'Otello'* and *'Falstaff'* were also given at the theatre.

When reading about **Verdi's** operas the term that is associated most with his work is the 'concertato'.

'Concertato' is a term in music in which groups of instruments or voices share a melody, usually in alternation, "The concertato style involves contrast between opposing groups of voices and groups of instruments."

The concertato sometimes exists over a 'basso continuo' which is an accompaniment that provides the harmonic structure of the music.

The 'cabaletta' also associated with **Verdi's** arias where an intensification or emotion is presented, referring to the final part of an operatic vocal ensemble. For example, "The duet between **Gilda** and **Rigoletto** (in 'Rigoletto')

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ends with a relatively slow cabaletta'.

Verdi continued to adapt the **aria cabaletto** formula to great emotional and dramatic effect as in **Violetta's** pensive "E strano! e' strano!" in **La Traviata**.

- Mina French, artnews510@aol.com

EVENT CALENDAR

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•**May 29 - Blood into Wine**. Docu. Film Screening, Ojai Playhouse, Maynard James Keenan (front man for Tool, Puscifer and A Perfect Circle) and vineyard partner Eric Glomski's mission to bring notoriety and credibility to Northern Arizona's burgeoning wine industry. info. 646-1011

•**May 29, 1-3pm, The Casebook of Erle Stanley Gardner**. Meet @ City Hall front Steps, Ventura. Acclaimed Author/Biographer Richard Senate guides your visit to the courtroom where the author of Perry Mason tried cases as a young lawyer. Tour will focus on the crime writer's legal career and colorful life. info. Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

•**May 29, 6:30-9:30pm, When The West Was Wild**. Train Ride, Fillmore & Western Railway Co., year is 1874; town of Fillmore is booming, rumors of a gold strike in the hills, opportunity is everywhere! These elements DO tend to attract folks of dubious character. Could it be you're hoping to win the Red Rock Saloon's Annual Poker Tournament? Or help Mayor Townsend win the next election? Partake of Miss Kitty Canyon's generous hospitality! Just like a stampede, once things get started there's no stopping, and when the dust settles who'll be left to tell the tale? info. 524-2546

•**May 29 & 30 - Tarot & Astrology Readings**. 12-6pm, Ojai House, on the Patio (304 N. Montgomery), 640-1656

•**May 29 & 30, 16th Annual Used Book Sale**. The Ojai Valley Library Friends & Foundation, gently-used books available for purchase at moderate prices: paperbacks 50¢ ea, large paperbacks \$1.50 ea, hardcover \$2 ea (unless specially priced). Buy three books and get a same-priced fourth book free! Proceeds benefit the Meiners Oaks, Oak View, and Ojai Libraries. info. 29th from 10 to 5pm, 30th from 10 to 4pm, Ojai Library, 111 East Ojai Ave.

•**May 29 to 30 - Memorial Day Weekend Happenings** at Ventura Harbor, live music performances by Drums of Fire, Grooveheads, Groove Pilots. Kick-Off Mini Boat Show on the docks from 9-5pm Sat/Sun.

•**May 29 & 30 - Art in the Park**, Ojai. info 646-0117

•**May 29 thru 31 - I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival**, Santa Barbara. Chalk street paintings by local artists, live music, and an authentic Italian market. Old Mission Santa Barbara. info. 964-4710 www.imadonnarifestival.com

•**May 30 - Ventura Bird Mart**, Seaside Park, Ventura. info. 951/325-2102 648-3376

•**May 31 - 6th Annual Memorial Day Parade on Old Ventura Ave, Oak View**, honors our Ojai Valley Veterans. Theme is "Honoring our Veterans, in War and Peace". Pancake breakfast, 7-10am, org. by American Legion, Oak View. Parade starts, 9:45 along Old Ventura Ave., entrants march/roll down the shortest parade route! Organizations encouraged to join, make this community parade a wonderful event for all. Announcement of winning entrants & brief memorial ceremony lasts about 90 mins. New Hope Christian Church, located at the beginning of the parade, will host a free bar-b-que/concert at 11-15. Many participants & community folks continue the day with a celebration for the Vets at Libbey Park, Ojai. info. Catherine Lee, Parade Chairperson 649-5558 www.oajviewca.org

•**June 1 to July 6, "Beginning Pastel"** class taught by Tom Hardcastle @ Ojai Creates, Adult class feat. technique & design w/pastels. Class runs 2:30-5pm at Ojai Creates! info. 640-6558

•**June 1 to July 6, "Advanced Pastel"** taught by Tom Hardcastle @ Ojai Creates. Class runs 6-8:30pm at Ojai Creates! info. 640-6558

•**June 1 thru Aug. 3 - Attracting Prosperity**, Little House, Ojai, Focusing on prosperity, abundance and a successful life is the purpose of the Prosperity Plus Program by the Symphony of Life Spiritual Center, 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm. Program open to all members of the community. Many biblical passages affirm that God intends people to prosper. In tough economic times, some people always manage to prosper. Participants will learn how to apply the spiritual laws of abundance that make this possible. Rev. Marilyn Miller, a certified Life Coach and prosperity teacher, has been helping people use prosperity principles for more than twenty years. "People are always amazed at the results they produce when they clarify exactly what they want out of life and then develop the confidence to receive it," she said. Limited number of scholarships available for those who can't afford the \$55 material fee. Participants must also agree to donate time & money as part of the program. Further info. 386-2694

•**June 2 - Oak View Civic Council Nominating Committee** presents slate of candidates running for Board positions for new Fiscal Year 2010-2011. info. herndonhouse@sbcglobal.net www.oajviewca.org

•**June 2 - The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club (BCNN) Monthly Meeting**, Ventura, guest speaker, Events Continued Page 10...

Curtain Call

by Ron Rowe

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is on stage at the Ojai Art Center.



A talented cast of 50 adults and children will be performing in this delightful play, directed by **Gai Jones** and featuring that brilliant actor **Cecil Sutton** as **Willy Wonka**.

The plot begins when chocolate factory owner **Willy Wonka** announces a worldwide contest in which five golden tickets are hidden under the wrappers of his candy bars. The prize is a lifetime supply of chocolate.

It soon becomes a craze attracting unscrupulous characters along with a good boy from a poor family, **Charlie Bucket**. This is fun for the whole family; a play designed to entertain both adults, children and parents.

Parents will like the special price for children, only five dollars; show runs until **May 23** so book your seats now, Call **640-8797**.

Opening **June 11** at the **Senga Classic Playhouse** in **Ojai, Great Catherine**, written by **Bernard Shaw**. It's a wonderful comedy directed by **Francesca Beach**, star-



ring as the **Great Catherine** is **Jenna Scanlon**, who is an extremely talented actress. Her last appearance on stage was in the one woman performance at the **Ojai Art Center** as **Shirley Valentine**. This play explores the outrageous mores of **Russia** and **England**, contrasting the two cultures in a dynamic comedy of manners. Memorable characters include **Catherines** ex lover, **Prince Patiomkin**, a super intelligent statesman, brutal barbarian and inebriate. Plus **Capt. Edstaston** off the **Light Dragons**, the insufferable superior and **English** ambassador.



This outrageous comedy of **George Bernard Shaw** is a must see. Reservations are strongly recommended. Opening night is **June 11**; runs until **June 27**. Call now **646-4885**.

The Late Christopher Bean is playing at the **Santa Paula Theater** until **May 23**, directed by **Andrew Tate**. When a Yankee practicality collides with **New York's** sophisticated art world all hell breaks loose. A celebrated painter's early works are traced to the humble home of a country doctor. This play is a biting satire on the destructive power of greed and a touching story of a family in turmoil. This feisty, comedy will have you cheering for the most unlikely of

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heroines so reserve a seat now at **525-4645**. **The American Right** is now on stage at the **Elite Theatre** in **Oxnard**. Written and directed by **Tom Eubanks** it is about a liberal professor who goes missing from a rural **California** college. Detectives investigate his colleague, a conservative political science professor who has recently been widowed. It's a very intriguing play about finding the truth. The truth will expose the biases held by everybody involved, humbling the arrogant and raising the humble. Reserve now at **483-5118**, runs through **May 30**.

Coming to the **Elite Theatre** in **Oxnard, The Pennyroyal Players**. They travel **California** with lively and touching musical portraits about those who settled the **American West**. This is a one night only show, **June 13** at **3pm**, so call **483-5118** or www.elitetheater.org

If you are in grades 2 to 6 and are interested in theater, then check out the **Theater Acting for Youth Workshop**. There will be 12 sessions starting **Mon., July 12** through the **29th** at the **Ojai Art Center**, taught by award-winning theater educator, director **Gai Jones**. She has directed many children's plays, recently...**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** at the **Ojai Art Center**. It's going to be a fun drama workshop and it will build confidence by empowering the students to work with an ensemble in creating a showcase. Register now check, gajones@sbcglobe.net

The curtain is going up time to sit back and enjoy the show. Your comments are welcome - Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

Motherhood

Continued From Page 2...

"It's in my tummy," she answered. A look of horror crossed **Ralph's** face.

"Why did you eat your Baby!" he cried.

With patience she tried to explain some rudimentary facts of life. That was the beginning of my hell on earth. He never stopped. Question after question. I explained and explained

"So, a baby comes from the ocean," he said.

"What are you talking about?" I said.

"You told me a baby comes from the sea," **Ralph** said.

"I said, a baby comes from a seed! Not the sea."

"Like a watermelon seed? Huh? Is that why her tummy was so big? He asked in frustration.

By the time he was eight he could write letters. He wrote to **Disneyland**, every **Chamber of Commerce** in the **United States**, and **Russia**. Mail poured in daily. After sending a nasty letter to the **Premiere of Russia** because he saw children waiting on line for food, he received a book about **Russia** and an application to become a **Pen Pal**. Disgusted, he threw it on the floor and opened his next piece of mail from **Disneyland**. They requested that he no longer send for free information as they had already sent him nine packets and could no longer honor his requests.

"Look, **Ralph**, my father said to him one morning, maybe you shouldn't write so many letters. Your mother is going broke paying for all your stamps."

That afternoon **Ralph** brought my father twenty new letters. "Grandpa, would you mail these for me? You don't have to put any stamps on them. I found a way to mail everything without having to use stamps.

"Great! I've been looking for a way to do that for years. That damn Post Office makes too much money. You tell me and I promise I won't report you to the authorities. I won't even tell your mother."

"It's very simple; Grandpa. "I put my address on the front of the letter and the place I want it to go as the return address. This way when the mailman sees it has no stamp, he will return it to the place I really want it to go! Pretty smart, huh Grandpa?"

My father's face broke into a big smile. "Hum," my father said, as he thought for a moment. "**Ralph**, you're the first kid in this family that takes after me. Let's me

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and you get a malt." **Roslyn Hammer** wrote for the **Ojai Valley VOICE** during the 1990s. She has a background in stand-up comedy and comedy writing.

LETTER - WHO'S SLEEPING WITH WHO ???

- Clive Leeman

Re: Sarah Palin claims Obama in bed with BP Sarah Palin is once again at her inconsistent and nonsensical best when she suggests that the **Gulf** oil cleanup is being impeded because **President Obama** is in bed with **BP**.

Somehow, even though **BP** sponsored her inauguration as **Alaska** governor in **2007**, and her husband worked for **BP**, earning **\$93,000** in **2007**, her association with **BP** is perfectly acceptable, whereas **President Obama's** association with **BP** (if there is any) is suspect.

And somehow, even though in **2008** she described **Obama** as consorting with terrorists and is now criticizing him for consorting with oil corporations, she and her husband **Todd** managed to consort this year with both when **Todd** was sponsored for the **Iron Dog** race in **Alaska** by **Citgo**, the oil company run by **Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez**, whom **Sarah Palin** considers to be a terrorist. - Clive Leeman, Ojai

LETTER - 'Top Two Primaries' WHY I'M VOTING NO ON PROP 14

- Kendra Gonzales

I will be voting **No** on **Proposition 14**, the **Top Two Primaries** ballot measure, and I urge my fellow Californians to vote **No** on **14** too.

Top Two has been shown to sweep independents and small parties off the ballot. Candidates who run on grassroots organizing and good ideas will have no chance against incumbents and well-funded political insiders under **Top Two**. In fact, in some districts both candidates on the ballot will be from the same party. Restricting voter choice and stifling independent voices is no way to improve elections.

Proposition 14 won't fix **California's** problems; it would only reinforce a broken system at a time when we need real reform like **Instant Runoff Voting** and **Proportional Representation**.

- Kendra Gonzales, Camarillo

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OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

Continued From Page 2... don't they will be back over and over again for an even bigger bite. We have for too long had too many council members that have been on the Council and attended too many meetings. If our council can't figure out how to give the staff a deadline to perform, we need to give the council a deadline and start turning back all loafer incumbents with 2 terms or more.

Two terms should be enough. Why should we have any shiftless council member that's been asleep at the switch, having had 14 years for the Skate Park, 13 years for the Bicycle circulation, the Water report or even the roof repair at City Hall. Drive by the city castle for yourself and see a Green and a larger Blue tarp on the roof to keep out the water. What else is leaking? When will the citizens of Ojai figure out the staff and the City can't do even the most basic maintenance?

At least the City workers have a Tarp over their heads. The people that are less fortunate and must use public transportation, (that \$800,000 boondoggle), and wait at Vons without shelter.

May has been a different month....Rain, Wind, Cold and even some very warm days. Don't you think our council members should sit on that bench and see what a number of locals have to do? Be exposed to the elements? Experience a well-placed splinter from that weatherworn bench?

How in good Continnence can they allow this to happen. We should be ashamed as a society that allows government to overlook those in need.



If that shelter isn't built say in 2 months we should what, give the staff another raise? Recall the Council? Hold up all City money to the Libby Bowl until this is done, or do we have different rules for the RICH and FAMOUS?

Well it's done! Ordinance 60, illegal sewer hook-up enforcement ordinance is unanimous and will take effect July 1 2010. This will stop amnesty for those non-permitted units and allow the retro-fitting from an additional unit back to a garage or utility building without penalties. If not they will have to pay the new non prop 13 tax appraisal, school permit tax and maybe even Ojai permits, fees and taxes!

The city has done a really good job of stickin' it to the kids again. Look how much the Rec department got hit. How about doing what Ventura did, the City Attorney and City manager took a 10 percent pay cut? Just think, the city gave a LIQUOR PERMIT to the rich and famous at the sight of a spittoon, but not a single DOLLAR for the Trolley Shelter.

Are we trying to show a certain segment of our town they are really trivial and not important. What is this summer going to be like for the people waitin' for the bus in July and August with triple digit heat?? That's going to be very tough. How long has this condition been this way? Isn't over a year (even if they started now) for a simple shelter enough time. It appears that we need to tell our shiftless slacker two term incumbent officials we've had enough. Don't ever ask for a vote again based on actual performance you already promised us and have failed to perform. I'm sure more than just me can see BLIGHT just around the corner....My 2 CENTS.

Hang 'em High! - Dick Lynch

When All Else Fails MUTINY

Press Release Michael Shapiro Endorses Lenny Klaif for Ojai City Council



Len Klaif at the Mar. 22 Forum.

While his opponent is a talented individual who brings professional expertise and experience, only Lenny Klaif adds to his own career as an attorney - years of regularly attending Ojai City Council meetings. His constant vigilance and attendance at Ojai City Council meetings - frequently and actively engaging the Council on a wide variety of issues that are important to Ojai's citizens - has truly demonstrated an unyielding interest in, and concern for, his beloved Ojai while also gaining invaluable experience and understanding of how to best govern if he were to be elected. For example, while Lenny Klaif appreciates that our Council must often interact with, be advised by, the City Manager and the City Attorney - he also understands that the City Council is independent of these two offices. Lenny's years of interacting as a "citizen activist" at City Council meetings, combined with his ability to more fully comprehend the numerous legal issues that often confront the City Council, has uniquely prepared and qualified him for taking a Council seat himself. Indeed - Ojai would be well-served having Lenny Klaif elected to its City Council.

- Michael Shapiro, Ojai

For further information, contact Lenny Klaif for Ojai City Council 2010, Telephone: (805) 640-9659. Website: www.klaif4ojai.com

How Govt. Evolves Frankenstein Policies

by Jefferson Pinto

Recently, I became concerned about some of the word choices my middle son was using on a regular basis in our home. My high school English teacher Mr. McClanahan used to call them "substandard expletives". You and I know them as four letter words.

He and I had a few discussions that there are some places that it's OK to speak freely with whatever word choices you wish; however, at home in the company of ladies is not one of them.

Press Release Former Mayor Joe DeVito Endorses Paul Blatz For Ojai City Council



Paul Blatz at the Mar. 22 Forum.

Joe DeVito announced today that he is endorsing Paul Blatz for the Ojai City Council Election, taking place on June 8th. In his announcement, the 6-term Ojai City Council member and 5-time Mayor stated: "I am to endorsing Paul Blatz for the June 8th City Council Election. I have known Paul for several years and I have seen his leadership first hand. Paul was a valuable asset to Ojai when he worked directly with the City as Chairman of the Planning Commission and on the Redevelopment Commission. His experience working with the City on various Commissions gives him the experience necessary to immediately tackle the important issues facing our city. Paul's ability to lead is evidenced by his hard work on the Pergola Committee, the Libbey Bowl Project, and the Performing Arts Theater Foundation. His commitment to working with volunteer groups to create the Rotary Community Park and the Shelters along the Bike Path shows that he knows how to get things done without asking the City to do all the work."

In a statement following DeVito's announcement, Blatz stated: "I am honored and extremely appreciative of Joe's endorsement. Joe has always felt that public service is both a privilege and a responsibility and to have his trust and his vote means a great deal to me."

For further information, contact Paul Blatz for Ojai City Council 2010, Telephone: (805) 646-1314. Website: www.blatzforojai.com

I politely asked him to cease and desist the offensive words all together. I pointed out that at his education level, he ought to have a large enough vocabulary to articulate himself better. Then I shared something I'd seen posted in a men's bathroom: "Profanity is the crutch of inarticulate bastards." That's when his education kicked in. "Dad, profanity is using the Lord's name in vein or otherwise inappropriately. Obscenities are words like the "F word." Once again I was intrigued when teenagers choose to turn on their brain.

He started using the F-bomb and the S-bomb so often that Frankenstein Continued Next Page...

Why I am voting for Len Klaif for Ojai City Council

Every time I have come to a City Council meeting to voice my concern about an issue, Len Klaif has been there. He has been well prepared and has given a much better presentation than I, and always supported those things I believe in. This includes concerns about chain stores in Ojai, the budget, the Skate Park, the housing element, the City Manager opening mail directed to council members, and the Ojai Valley Inn living up to their promise to build affordable housing for their employees. He has not done this for political reasons or ego, but because it's the right thing to do, the same reason I was there.

We are lucky to have someone like Len, with such integrity, knowledge of issues, and a love for our City, to want to be on our City Council. I back Len 100% because he is not a politician, and I have seen him first hand to be honest and speak the truth from his heart.

As far as I am concerned, Len Klaif is my voice to the City Council.

Pat McPherson

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ? PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **June 1, Tues - OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (OUSD)** Board Meeting, 5:30pm, 414 East Ojai Ave. Room 1
- **June 8, Tues - OJAI CITY COUNCIL** Meeting, 7:30pm
- **June 9, Wed - SPECIAL OJAI PLANNING COMMISSION** Meeting, 7:30am
- **June 9, Wed - Ojai Parks & Rec Commission** Special Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Boyd Center, 510 Park Road, 7pm
- **June 14, Mon - OJAI HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** Meeting, 5pm
- **June 16, Wed - SPECIAL OJAI PLANNING COMMISSION** Meeting, 7:30pm
- **June 17, Thurs., 2pm & 7pm - PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER INCREASE MEETING** - Golden State Water Co. (GSWC) Public Utilities Commission (PUC) - Public Participation Hearing (PPH) - Golden State Water Attempting to heist Water Rates in Ojai drastically, resulting in some \$8 million billed to the Ojai water utility consumer over the next two years. info/Loc. Chaparral School Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai, To comment on proceedings/issues the PUC is considering; contact the Public Advisor's Office: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 2103, San Francisco, Ca 94102; or 1-866-849-8390 or email public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or www.cpuc.ca.gov
- **June 17, Thurs - OJAI ARTS COMMISSION**, 6:30pm
- **June 22, Tues - OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (OUSD)** Board Meeting, 5:30pm, 414 East Ojai Ave. Room 1
- **June 22, Tues - OJAI CITY COUNCIL** Meeting, 7:30pm
- **July 13, Tues - OJAI CITY COUNCIL** Meeting, 7:30pm



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Frankenstein Policies

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others in the house started to pick up on the bad habits, myself included. Albeit, I accept full responsibility for the words that come out of my mouth, I thought it best to "normalize" the language in the household.

I was trying to find the best way to modify the behavior. Asking him politely didn't work. Penalties didn't work.

I thought, I know! In the past I've been challenged with my inappropriate word choices too. I know, I'll make a little contest and everyone in the household could participate.

A New Policy: We sat down together and had a family meeting. I laid out the rules of the contest. We'll have a "swear jar" or in this case a score sheet for one whole month. Each time there is an offense, you ad a tick mark next to the

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Attorney General (CA.)	\$184,301	\$151,127
Supt. of Public Instruction (CA.)	\$184,301	\$151,127
Ojai City Attorney (Monte Widders)	\$182,270	\$182,270
Ojai City Manager (Jere Kersnar)	\$224,478	\$224,478
Ojai Unified School District Supt.	\$170,000	\$170,000
Controller (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Treasurer (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Insurance Commissioner (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Lieutenant Governor (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Secretary of State (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Members, Board of Equal. (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Speaker of the Assy. & Pres. Pro Tem of the Senate (CA.)	\$133,639	\$109,584
Minority Floor Leader (CA.)	\$133,639	\$109,584
Majority Floor Leader	\$124,923	\$102,437
Second Ranking Minor. Leader (CA.)	\$124,923	\$102,437
All Legislators (CA.)	\$116,208	\$ 95,281

person's name who uttered it. At the end of the month, each person puts in 50 cents for each tick mark in the jar and the one with the least, gets the whole jar.

If there was an infraction, the person hearing it must 1) call them out on it, and 2) write down a tick mark (in ink) on the score sheet on the refrigerator. If you forget to write it down when it happens, it doesn't count.

Here's the problem with formulating policy. Then the questions started. Dad, Does c_p count (the C-word)? Do variation of the F-word count? We decided variations of the F-word (adding an "r", "g" or changing the vowel to an "i" or an "e") did count.

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Candidate For Ojai City Council - Leadership & Experience

Statement

"Ojai's city government lacks effective leadership. Too often it looks like policy is being dictated to the City Council by the City Staff, rather than the other way around. The City Council is here for the people of Ojai. Elect me and I will get the job done."

VOTE FOR PAUL BLATZ - JUNE 8th ELECTION

Candidate For Member Of The Ojai Council

My Leadership:

As member of the Ojai community for 26 years, I've worked with these Ojai organizations to make Ojai the best possible community it can be:

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- Pergola Committee
- Land Conservancy
- Redevelopment Commission
- Performing Arts Theater Foundation
- Rotary Club Ojai- West
- Chamber of Commerce

My Unique Experience:

As a Planning and Redevelopment Commissioner, working within the City government, I learned what it takes to address and resolve important issues.

My Promise to You.....I Will:

- Promote small town values that make Ojai a wonderful place to live.
- Protect us from big companies like Golden State Water who constantly raise our water rates and gravel company trucks destroying our roads.
- Get tough on City subcontractors who soak up your tax dollars when cheaper options are available.
- Support projects benefitting seniors and ensure the continued success of HELP of Ojai.
- Promote the amazing artistic work created throughout Ojai.
- Fill empty buildings plaguing Ojai Avenue by creating incentives for environmentally friendly businesses to relocate to Ojai.
- Rewrite outdated building codes to promote green construction.
- Protect Ojai's natural beauty by standing up to developers and large chain stores that would destroy our open spaces.



Paid for by Paul Blatz for Ojai City Council 2010, Treasurer Boyd Ford

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Another Fine Mess...
Governments Frankenstein Policies
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They argued the c-word was also offensive and ought to be included. I argued it was the last name of the toilet's inventor, **Thomas Crapper**. (He was actually the inventor of the first flushing toilet for which he was awarded three patents during his lifetime). After all, how could someone's inherited or given name be a substandard expletive? They argued it's not the word but both the context and passion in which it is used. Therein lies the rub. The idea was to eliminate the use of substandard expletives not to stop all potentially offensive intentions. (This scope-creep happens a lot in public policy especially when the scope is not well defined.)

At some point I asked myself, "Am I making too big a deal out of this? Am I denying them their humanity by trying to keep them from expressing anger?" No, they can express their anger, they can express it with full passion, just not with the specified words."

As the father of the household, I pulled rank and the C-word was eliminated from the do-not-say list.

It's Not Fair: Then came the whining. My daughter said, "It's not fair, my oldest brother never uses substandard expletives; + he'll get all the money and he doesn't have to change at all." Implicit in their argument is the reward must be directly related to the effort. I argued, that my son has already exerted the effort long ago and perfected his vocabulary; thus, he did indeed earn it. It really depends upon when you designated the starting point.

The Secondary Underground Economy: About week three into the "contest" my daughter and middle son got into a spat. She said, "Fine, I'll give you your five bucks back and I'm writing down those 20 bad words you said." Upon further inquiry, I learned they "cut a deal" to bypass the rules and enrich themselves. I said to my daughter, "So you took a bribe and didn't play by the rules. Is that correct?" She admitted it.

Skewing the Outcome: Mid month, my son was losing pretty badly and expressed frustration that he had to pay so much money and others would likely pay little or nothing. I caught him saying, "I'll just torment brother until he racks up a few bad words. I asked him if he was OK dispensing justice by attacking others because he thought the existing rules were unjust. He said, "He's never home, it's not fair."

A few days later, I overheard another conversation between my youngest and middle son. Their basic strategy was to antagonize everyone else to increase the total value of the swear jar. Then they would split money and buy a new video gaming system. That was all fine and dandy until my youngest son let one slip. It was then when my youngest son realized his plan was flawed.

Game Over
 At the end of the month, I was into it for about ten bucks. My oldest son, with zero infractions took all.

The good news is, both individually and overall, the use of substandard expletives in the household have decreased to almost zero.

Learnings About Formulating Public Policy

1) If the new rules involve money, there are divergent



Pleased as Punch - Monte and Jere can hardly contain themselves May 11 after the Ojai City Council awarded the contract to build Ojai's first permanent in ground skatepark to California Skateparks on OUSD 'Turf'!

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opinions on who ought to receive it and who ought to pay it. It's sort of like our current taxation and entitlement system. I once had a tax instructor who said, "I don't know if it's a good tax law or a bad tax law, but if it saves you money you think it's a good tax law and if it costs you money it's perceived as a bad tax law."

2) Before The New Rules are implemented, the history from the inception of the country must be reviewed to understand the existing rules on the books. One of the problems with politicians is they think the laws in this country started the day they were elected into office and often fail to take into account the existing laws' history and evolution. Politicians are a lot like new born babies. I am born (elected) today, thus, the world starts today! WRONG!

3) If the scope isn't clearly defined by outlining the positive and the negative, it will be expanded in years to come until it we have "Frankenstein Policies." (Medicare, Medicaid, Rampant Welfare and Socialized Health Insurance, etc)

4) Those who are required to modify their behavior as a result of the new rules feel they are being discriminated against and feel they ought to have special treatment. (I over extended myself and I want a personal mortgage bail out. I've been in this country illegally for 10 years, just give me amnesty).

5) If the rules aren't free of ambiguities and perfectly trans-

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parent, an underground economy will be created by "entrepreneurs" to bypass the rules for a profit.

6) If the outcome is subject to manipulation by individuals who feel the rules are unfair, they will rationalize and dispense justice via manipulating the rules. (The immigration laws are too restrictive, so I'll enter your country illegally because it's good for "your" economy.)

Jefferson Pinto is a retired CPA and holds an MBA from one of the finer accredited universities in this country.

Ojai Skatepark
Thanks for the memories...
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reality...well that is perhaps the best example of what makes our being in Ojai great - when a community takes a project like this on, they do it with all their heart and soul!

Managing the process it takes to get from point A to point Z is just as important as managing the tasks to be done - a shared responsibility among city and school officials, our Parks & Rec commissioners, community members, donors and volunteers and soon the architects. I think there's some truth to this insight de jour: "Life is not measured by the # of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away"! :)

Cheers, Joanna Iwata, Ojai



Celebration among the Skate Ojai group broke out like a wild fire at the May 11 council meeting when the city finally awarded the contract to build Ojai's permanent in-ground skatepark to California Skateparks. The non-profit grass roots organization, Skate Ojai, had fastidiously raised \$250,000 from very generous donations brought forth from



A new crop of Ojai Youth is teaching the Ojai City Council well-deserved and valuable Civics Lessons!

Congressional Wheels of Progress Lag
Climate Change Continues to Spiral Out of Control

by Alasdair Coyne



As work towards a new energy bill progresses slowly in the U.S. Senate, so does hope for the passage of legislation to limit U.S. emissions of greenhouse gases in the near future.

While the House passed climate change legislation last year, the Republican bloc of Senators is refusing to support such a bill in the Senate - except for perhaps Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), who could give the Democrat majority a 60 vote filibuster-proof vote on climate change, but only if the 59 Democratic senators were all on board the bus.

The world is waiting for American leadership on this issue - including, believe it or not, China. While China has the mass-manufacturing capacity, the U.S. still leads the world in technical know-how and innovation. But although a US-China combination effort would really move the world to a greener future, China isn't sitting around waiting for us to join them.

From having no wind energy industry at all, only five years ago, China now leads the world in wind turbines, with over 70 manufacturers. It's also brought the cost of solar energy down from 53 cents a kilowatt to 16 cents.

Bill Gross of California's eSolar recently signed the biggest solar thermal deal ever with China - a 2 gigawatt, \$5 billion deal to construct solar thermal power plants, using Californian technology.

Of course, wind and solar must go hand in hand with greater efficiency in how we use the energy available right now. Efficiency is always the fastest, cheapest - and cleanest - resource in slowing climate change.

Per capita, U.S. energy consumption has declined only slightly over nearly four

decades, while over the same time period the energy used to produce American products has been reduced by half. Much of this drop has been achieved by legislation mandating the more efficient use of energy in appliances, and by stronger vehicle fuel economy standards.

A Cloud Over California
 California's climate change law, AB32, sets our state on a solid path to a clean energy future. It attracts financing for research and manufacture and is likely to create many thousands of new green jobs.

Behind climate change skepticism the influence of fossil fuel industries is usually apparent. Now out from behind the curtain, two Texas-based oil companies (Valero and Tesoro) have succeeded in gathering enough signatures to put an initiative on the November 2010 ballot in California to overturn AB 32!

In an era where much of the American public disapproves of "government regulation," climate legislation opponents know what slogan to use again and again. The trouble is, we can't work to limit greenhouse gases without some forms of government regulation!

The California Teamsters have just voted to oppose the repeal of AB32. LA City Councilwoman Wendy Gruel led the League of California Cities to take the same stance as the Teamsters - in support of our own climate change legislation, and in opposition to the ballot initiative in November sponsored by the oil industry.

Please campaign actively in the fall to defeat this fossil fuel-sponsored ballot initiative. As Fran Pavley (D-Ca) recently told a climate change symposium at CSU Channel Islands, "We have an opportunity to develop a green tech business and export it to China and India. Over the last few years we have seen nearly \$900 million of venture capital investment in this new business opportunity in our state. If AB 32 is taken away, these new jobs will dry up."

A New Vision of Clean Coal
 One option for diminishing the carbon dioxide emissions of coal-fired generating plants has been the proposal to pump the waste gas deep into the earth. This approach has never been tested at a large-scale power plant, and it is limited by the requirement for the appropriate geological formations

to be present under the location of the power plant, so the carbon dioxide stays put when pumped deep underground.

A new approach has been devised by Brian Constanz of Los Gatos, California, which holds much greater promise for allowing coal to be burned in a power plant, with only minimal carbon dioxide emissions.

Using simple chemistry, and mimicking the manner in which coral reefs are formed, Brian Constanz's company, Calera, has combined carbon dioxide with sea water (or any briny water) to form calcium carbonate. The calcium carbonate is then shaped into small pellets which can be safely used in concrete for the construction of buildings or highways.

Although this process has still to be tested on a large scale, it seems extremely promising. The president of Bechtel Renewables said, "The fundamental chemistry and physics of the Calera process are based on sound scientific principles and its core technology and equipment can be integrated with base power plants very effectively." The Peabody Coal Company is set to invest with Calera very soon.

Calera has received funding already from Vinod Khosla, founder of Sun Microsystems, who backs a number of energy start-up companies.

The Calera process will remove a full 90 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants, but its advantages don't stop there. The other byproducts are fresh water and clean air. All the sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, mercury and arsenic emissions from such power plants will end up locked into the concrete mix, rather than released into the atmosphere. The concrete can then be used in road construction.

The potential effect on global warming of this Californian innovation is enormous, as about a third of total carbon dioxide emissions come from power generation worldwide - while traditional cement production alone is responsible for another 5 percent.

Spirals To The Rescue
 Another Californian company, PAX Scientific of San Rafael, designs pump fans based on the precise geometric shapes found in spirals in nature - from seashells to the vortex of water going down the bathtub drain. PAX founder, Australian Jay Harman, discovered that those natural spirals are the most efficient

shapes for moving air and water with pumps. PAX's pumps are 12 percent more efficient than the next best on the market, and their refrigerator fans are 25 percent better. While this may not seem world-changing, consider that pumps use 30 percent of the world's electricity at this point.

The most widespread use of PAX inventions today is a mixer used in municipal water supplies, which uses 80 percent less energy than conventional mixers (and reduces chemical use by 85 percent). PAX also produces air conditioners, heat exchangers and wind turbines with similar efficiencies.

Some Recent National Moves On Climate Change

The federal government is creating a new climate change office to provide data to governments, industry and academics on global warming. There is also a new web site - www.climate.gov - where the public can see government climate data and analysis.

In April the government also released new vehicle fuel efficiency standards. By 2016, cars and light trucks must average 35.5 miles per gallon. Under these new rules, California drivers will save \$4 billion a year at the gas pump and lower climate changing emissions by 14 million tons. This is the equivalent of removing 3 million cars from California's roads, for a year.

The EPA in February ruled that new ethanol plants (where biodiesel is made) must achieve at least a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gases over regular gasoline. Studies had indicated that corn ethanol production on U.S. farmlands can lead to food shortages elsewhere in the world, leading to more rainforest clearance for additional food.

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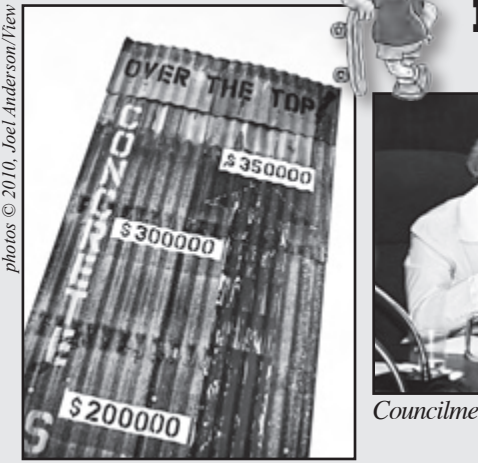


private citizens, local businesses and organizations. The city's amount is \$100,000.

On Monday, May 24 a temporary construction fence was installed (photo, lower right) around the old temporary skatepark, in preparation for surveys, demolition and the ultimate construction of the project. California Skateparks estimated completion of the Skatepark in Three (3) months, and a



Ojai Youth stormed the May 11 council meeting to standing room numbers in support of the skate park, as well as the city recreation program, which Monte Widders city contracted attorney and Jere Kersnar, city manager have been making harsh cut recommendations to the council members.



preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Thurs. May 27 after which the old park will get an initial survey, and next week be demolished.

- Joel Anderson



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• June 3 thru 27th - Loot. Ensemble Theatre, Santa Barbara, An upside down corpse, a bank robbery and an unhinged police inspector make up this edgy farce about greed, hypocrisy, and police brutality. On the eve of his mother's funeral, Hal robs a bank while his mother's nurse, who has a penchant for murder, plots her eighth marriage. Mayhem and anarchy reign in this hilarious and shocking comedy by one of Britain's funniest playwrights. **Info. 965-5400**
www.ensembletheatre.com

• June 4 thru 6 - Santa Barbara Bicycle Festival @ Elings Park South, Many different races; Bike Swap Meets; BMX Beginner Clinic; Demo tents, shop, clubs, Beer Garden, Food Area, Live music; BMX Exhibition Dirt Jump & Stunts; Awards & Raffles. **Info. 569-5611**
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• June 5 - Zoo Brew. Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens, Beer Festival where public can enjoy **Events Continued Page 15...**

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POLICE WATCH
Press Release - May 25/Loose Crooks

Good Morning Watchers. Vehicle and Residential burglaries are steadily increasing within the Ojai Valley. The affected areas have spread through the valley and also include the Los Padres Forest trailheads. Our detectives have identified some common trends that are contributing factors (see below) to how these crooks choose their victims. Our goal is to catch these thieves and fast! Unfortunately, a witness has yet to come forward with a description or other leads on the burglars. If you see any suspicious activity around parked cars/residences where your neighbors are not home, please make the extra effort to call the suspicious activity into dispatch ASAP (805-654-9511). Ojai Station Detectives. (805) 646-1414

One pro-active Watcher could make all the difference in solving numerous burglaries! When we get some specific suspect info, I will put it out in another alert.

SECURITY TIPS - Be Safe, Randy
Keep personal belongings/valuables out of view in their vehicles. Keep vehicle windows closed and doors locked. Often, stolen items have been left in plain sight in vehicles making them a prime target for thieves. Also several unlocked vehicles have been targeted, ransacked through and items stolen.
During the coming summer keep doors/windows secured when away from home. Recent trend is to target homes where it appears no one is home.

If Going Out of Town or on Vacation Remember:
1. Secure your home, make sure all doors and windows are locked.
2. Let a trustworthy neighbor(s) know to keep an eye on your house.
3. Stop mail/newspaper delivery or have a neighbor collect it.
4. Request a "house check" from local law enforcement.
5. Talk with neighbors, report any suspicious subjects or activity in the neighborhood.

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LETTER - Catholic schools rejecting the children of gay parents

- Clive Leeman
For some reason, when I read the news that Catholic schools are rejecting the children of gay parents (*Human Rights Campaign-hrc@hrc.org*), it really tore at my gut.

Not only have the leaders of the Catholic Church allowed priests to prey on little children with impunity for decades if not centuries, they now compound this abuse by excluding or throwing out from Catholic schools the children of gay parents.

A church is a sanctuary of healing and love, not a dungeon of fear and bigotry. Is the Catholic Church still a church?
- Clive Leeman, Ojai



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For the pirate seeking independence from repression and unfair taxation, the life of a pirate was attractive. Euro empires sought to enrich their royal courts and the personal fortunes of corrupt government officials. The pirate way of life increased as England placed extra taxes on less favored colonies like Bermuda, New York and Rhode Island, where colonial governors were willing to overlook transgressions by 'pirates' in exchange for coinage. Americas based Pirates/patriots helped fight against inglorious tyrannical euro power and tax without representation... Arrrrrrr!!!

- Joel Anderson

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Mako

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info. www.ncventura.org/Ventura/about_us.asp



Lotus



Lucy

Volunteer Debra Senkir and "Lucy", a well-adjusted sweet Boxer-mix.

Lia, Kennel Staff Extraordinaire, with "Lotus", a very nice Pug-Datsun mix.



Volunteer Orientation, May 22, (front row, left to right); Danielle, Lori, Kate Nelson (staff), and Hanna. (Back); Jongseung, Nathalie, Alana, Tim, Jannesa, Sara, Katherine and Debbie.

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Recently orientation was held for new Volunteers at the Ojai Humane Society shelter. Kate Nelson, shelter staff, provided an enriching tour for the group, which is looking for Volunteers to join in the Ojai Fourth of July Parade Humane Society turnout, as well as a June 6 Clean-up Weedpull at the facility.
Of the 107 originally horses rescued last year from the Lockwood Valley, Ojai wound up with 48. Five remain at the shelter, which now has new barns, at a donated cost of \$200,000. The barns will be needed for emergency evacuations in the future.
- J. Anderson

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Ron and his companion, Dudley.

by Ron Rowe
This is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month.
Over a dozen police and animal control officers busted an open air cockfight in Riverside County, near the Salton Sea community of Mecca. Thirty-two people were arrested and 37 roosters had to be euthanized. Dog and cockfights are cruel, bloody and brutal and should be banned in all of the states. Only two states allow cockfights, Louisiana and New Mexico. In New Mexico a law is pending on banning cockfights and animal rights activists are ready to testify on the new law banning this barbaric event. It's a fight between the cockfighting industry, which makes millions of dollars, and animal rightists. Let's hope this bloodsport will be banned.

If you would like to be involved in animal rescue care, the Ojai Humane Society is looking for volunteers; for more info. check www.HumaneSocietyUC.org or call Suzanne at 646-6505 ext. 110.

Starting April 13 you can buy stamps at the Ojai post office that help to buy food for shelter pets. You can also pre-order them online.

An Indiana community is alarmed over giant bubbles that have sprouted in lakes of liquid manure..... farmer Tony Goldstein has asked if he can cut holes in the growing 20 foot bubbles, which were created when methane, released by the manure got under plastic linings in the waste pools on his property. Neighbors fear any action could cause a devastating explosion.

Last year the gas in a single waste pit in Minnesota exploded hurling a burned farmer over 50 feet in the air. Official Bruce Balian said, "We are very concerned."

Doggy news - Maryland jeweler George Kaufmann spent three days sifting through his dogs poo until he found the three carat \$20,000 diamond ring that the pet had swallowed. George was quoted as saying, "Man's got to do what a man's got to do."

Commander ML Schama, head of Indian Army Dog Training, is looking for sniffer dogs. Since the number of terror attacks, the demand for sniffer dogs has soared. Because dogs are cheaper than electronic explosive detection devices, Cmdr. Schama wants to double his core of trained dogs.

Modest dog owners who are embarrassed by their pets unsightly anus can now relax, a new product is on the market called *Rear Gear*. It's a decorative cover for your pets anus; it dangles from the base of the pets tail obscuring the anus, comes in a variety of designs including a flower and a heart. The cost at retail is five dollars. I wonder if pet owners in Ojai will now want an 8 cup bra for their female pets? In Louisiana, Dexter Blunt claims his product called *Pet Anti-Breeding System* locks comfortably over a female dogs hiring quarters and can spare pet owners, who are squeamish about putting the dog through surgery. If cost about \$65.

Dexter said, a company in Turkey wants him to develop a chastity belt for camels. The device is used only when the dog or cat is in heat. A new product called *Global Pet Finder* is on the market, it's a collar that monitors your pets precise location and can keep you informed of the pets location via phone or wireless, it uses a global positioning

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Lions and Lager, Anteaters and Ale, Porter and Penguins, and Stout and Snow Leopards! Beer-friendly foods, including bratwursts and sustainable seafood tacos, will be served from the Zoo's hilltop cafe, The Wave. Special animal encounters planned. Zoo animals will be brought to the Festival for close-up meet and greets. Animal attendees may include Channel Island fox, red-tailed hawk, tawny frog-mouth, python and other reptiles. info www.sbzoo.org 962-5339

• **June 5 - VRA Sprints**, Dwarf Cars, IMCA Modifieds, CA Lighting Sprints, Jr. Midgets, Mini Dwarfs, Seaside Park, Ventura, info. 985-5433 648-3376

• **June 5 & 6 - Tarot & Astrology Readings**, 12-6pm, Ojai House, on the Patio (304 N. Montgomery), 640-1656

• **June 5 & 6 - Gun Show**, Seaside Park, Ventura. info. 648-3376

• **June 5 & 6 - Pacific Coast Equestrian Championships**, Seaside Park, Ventura, info. 951/685-4593 648-3376

• **June 5 & 6 - IMEE's Program II: Verbal Interludes**, Lobero Theatre, Santa Barbara, Ballet, Infinite Movement Ever Evolving, focusing on its "mix-it-up" collaborative of artistic genres, showcases the company's flair for the dramatic, feat. a unique collective of artists with diverse talents, emerging choreographers, internationally acclaimed dancers Spencer Gavin Hering and Andrea Dawn Shelley will present their visually stimulating works 4Ward & 4Gotten and Acquiescence, originally created in collaboration with artists from S...
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Animal Events - June

• **JUNE 12 - All-Breed and Household Pet Cat Show**, Seaside Park, Ventura, 8:30 to 4pm, Watch cats of all colors compete for prizes and learn about breeds you've never heard of. Enter your household pet (cat) too!
info. www.seasideparkventura.com 648-3376

• **JUNE 5 - Zoo Brew**, Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens, Beer Festival where public can enjoy Lions and Lager, Anteaters and Ale, Porter and Penguins, and Stout and Snow Leopards! Beer-friendly foods, including bratwursts & sustainable seafood tacos served. Special animal encounters are planned. Zoo animals will be brought to the Festival for close-up meet and greets. Animal attendees may include Channel Island fox, red-tailed hawk, tawny frog-mouth, python and other reptiles.
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• **JUNE 10 - Poultry Meeting, Seaside Feather Fanciers**, Seaside Park, Ventura, info. 524-5588 648-3376

• **JUNE 12 - Cat Show, Malibu Cat Club**, Seaside Park, Ventura, info. 951/769-2949 648-3376

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Did you know the Tiger population of Asia has dropped from 100,000 tigers in 1992 to just 3,800? According to the United Nations (UN), Tigers are illegally hunted for their skins and body parts used in traditional medicine.

In pursuit of tasty insects, a chameleon fires its tongue with explosive force with more than 10 times the acceleration of the space shuttle. Researchers used a high-speed camera to film chameleons feeding in a range of temperatures. They found that its amazing tongue, which coils inside like a spring and can extend to twice its body length, explodes outward with 41 Gs of force. The space shuttle produces only three Gs of force in its fiery takeoff.

We usually view a field of cows as the epic tome of countryside tranquility, when in fact it may be a smoldering cauldron of petty grudges, love, friendships and anxieties. Many so-called contented cows could be in a bad mood, scientists now say, cows often worry about the future and enjoy using their problem-solving skills, even leaping into the air to solve a riddle.

Donald Broom, professor of Animal Welfare at Cambridge University spent days measuring cows brain waves, as they were confronted with opening a door to find food. Prof. Broom states their brain waves show excitement and the heart beats go up as they jump into air. He claims animals as lowly as chickens should be treated as individuals with their own desires and needs. Studies show cases of depressed sheep mourning over lost friends and cows recognizing over 15 fellow cows, even after a year of separation. While cows can form close relationships to some fellow cows they are annoyed by others and will try to avoid them. Dr. Peter Brand of the Netherlands Institute of Ecology has studied the personalities and genetic makeup of hundreds of animals.

His research has found a wide range of animal personalities; some dogs are shy while others of the same breed will greet everyone with a wagging tail, some parrots cower in their cage while others boldly strut around. Baffled scientists wonder why natural selection has allowed so many personalities to persist and why hasn't one personality become the standard of a particular species. Brand is hoping further studies will give them similar clues into the evolution of human personalities? Dr. I call it the divine mystery. Time to feed the dog and contemplate on life, peace and love to all beings in the world.

Your comments are welcome
- Ron Rowe, rjrowe@aol.com

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Walking Between Trees A Journey to Kindness

Why did I write this book. Well, there's a passage, a diary entry, that reads; 'January 4th. We live in a gray world of lies... Our history of lying is bringing down upon us changes that threaten our very existence... We kill each other on a vast scale, watch as many go hungry while others have a glut.'

This was not a litany of condemnation, but a painful observation of our frailty, and our fears, our dislocation one from another as a species. We are in danger of such fear overtaking us and commanding our lives such that we find ourselves running like Lemmings toward our possible demise.

So I offer James Owen's story as just one striving soul among the seven billion human lives at present on this earth. Being a true story it's not 'tidy'. In the Post Script, coming after a section offering insights into the practice of Walking Between Trees, we read of a totally unexpected challenge to our desire for order and tidiness.

James' story also refuses to be contained, it moves through imperfections, distractions and mysteries. It's a tale of birth and death, love and loss, anger and finally a kindness born of searching, practice and submission to that which is greater than any one of us. No not God, but nature, that all and everything, seen and unseen, known and unknown within which we live the story of our lives. 'January 10th. ...we only know one thing for sure after we're born - that we will die.'

Best wishes, Succino aka James Owen jameswbtowen@gmail.com

The diary lay on the bare floor, he lay beside it. He treated it with great Respect. It told him things. There was no time here, only truth. He liked The Truth. The Truth was he was in love with it, yet it lay just beyond him. A siren calling from out Of

its own oblivion... A temptress, disrobed of opinion and form, bare essentials, (you might say). The nature of being, who could resist it he thought and started writing...

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EVENT CALENDAR

Continued From Page 15... Florida. Celebrated choreographers Jerry Opdenaker (artistic director of O Dance) and Yanis Pikiaris (Moscow International Ballet Competition Gold Medalist) will also present new choreographic works for the pgm. Pikiaris, long known for his expressive & dynamic choreographic works, will create a world premiere pas de deux for and inspired by iMEE Directors, Hering and Shelley. Verbal Interludes highlight the company's inventiveness with Hering's short dance film created to appear alongside the artists. The music and drama of theatrical artist/musician Graham Patzner blends each piece with thought-provoking interludes dispersed throughout the program.



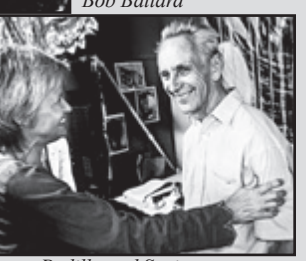
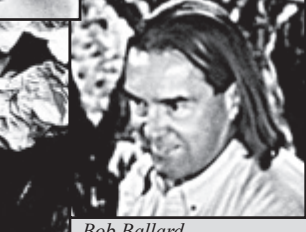
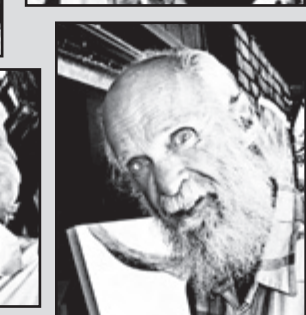
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7:30pm, June 12 at 2pm & 7:30pm. info. 653-1962 www.ptya.org • June 6, 5pm - Mayoral Election & Awards Ceremony pres. by Oak View Civic Council, Spaghetti Dinner/ Music, council is seeking nominations for the following 2010 Honors: Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Most Improved Business Appearance, Parent(s) of the Year, Organization of the Year, Hall of Fame Award for community involvement 5+ years, Honorary Mayor Candidates, All nominations for the first 6 categories must have a written statement describing why that person, organization or business should be honored. Nominations should be mailed or returned to the Civic Council by May 28. Nominees must reside or be a business in the Oak View Community or in the surr. unincorporated areas. Election will be held the evening of the awards ceremony. Your dinner ticket will count as a ballot & additional ballots can be purchased for \$1.00 where you can truly buy your way into a mayoral seat! info. Send nominations to Oak View Community Center 18 Valley Rd., Oak View, Ca. 93022 www.oakviewca.org • June 6 - Compassionate Communication Training w/Anne Walton, Artbarn, Ventura, Events Continued Page 20...

"Change can come as fast as the turn of a leaf in the wind" - Old Buddhist saying

Stayin' Alive

by Mary-Jo Murphy

Have you ever felt that sense of foreboding or uneasiness that surfaces despite the busyness of the day? Something is nagging at you. You push it away; stifle the thoughts that lead up to it, but the feeling that something bad is happening creeps into your dreams. You have the sense that you have forgotten something. What is it? And then you remember...

In Ben Sherwood's, The Survivors Club, we learn that lucky people listen to these hunches. They don't stay in denial. They make good decisions without really knowing why. Unlucky people make unsuccessful decisions and trust the wrong people. Lucky people persevere in the face of failure and have an uncanny knack for making their wishes come true. Lucky people have an ability to turn bad luck into good fortune.

So now you've remembered that you have this weird new symptom or feeling that you've been trying to ignore. But will you do anything, or will you ride our your luck?

Richard Wiseman, a professor at the University of Hertfordshire in England writes, "Luck is not a magical ability or a gift from the gods, instead, it's a state of mind, a way of thinking and behaving." He believes that only 10 percent of life is purely random. The remaining 90 percent is "actually defined by the way you think."

Lucky people constantly happen upon chance opportunities. "Being in the right place at the right time is actually about being in the right state of mind." They seize upon openings that other people miss.

In 1994 a man named Paul Barney survived the sinking of a ferry, the Estonia. In a Force 9 gale, the vessel hit an island in the Finnish Archipelago and went down, killing 852 people. Was there something extraordinary about Mr. Barney? How much of his ability to survive was luck?

John Leach in his book Survival Psychology speaks of the 10-80-10 theory. He says the top 10% will handle a crisis in a relatively calm and rational state of mind. This group pulls themselves together quickly. They assess the situation clearly and make decisions that are sharp and focused. They develop priorities, make plans and take appropriate action. They refuse to let themselves be overwhelmed. Psychologists call this "splitting." It's common among people who keep cool under great stress.

Most of us fall into the 80 percent group. We become stunned and bewildered. We have trouble thinking. We behave in a reflexive mechanical matter. We feel lethargic and numb, sweat; we feel sick. We don't see what's around us. We become like statues. The good news is that most of us recover from our brain lock and figure out what to do.

The last 10 percent do all the wrong things. They freak out and can't pull themselves together. They actually become a danger to others.

How do you see yourself? Are you lucky or unlucky? If you fell down the stairs and broke your ankle, would you see the luck in the injury being only your ankle and not your neck? Or would you feel as if you've been singled out for bad things?

I can't speak with authority about the scenarios described in The Survivors Club. Unresponsive parachutes, plane crashes and mountain lion attacks are thankfully not on my list of things about which I can give advice. But I have spent time with other types of survivors, people who picked up cancer early because they had regular mammograms or colonoscopies, people who survived car crashes because they wore seatbelts, stroke and heart attack sufferers who got to the hospital in time, those who discovered their diabetes before complications set in.

Do these people feel lucky? They have stories to tell about "catching it early," and responding. Sure, maybe they became statuesque for a short time, but they listened to the nagging uneasiness that was pushing them to respond. I think that ability to listen to your body puts you in the Survivors Club.

You may never be in a sinking ferry or a plane crash, but thinking like the top 10 percent could save or prolong your life. Whether you worry that your excessive thirst might mean that you have diabetes, or wonder what that chronic indigestion can be, action is always better than watching your luck unfold from the sidelines.

When we decide to take control, to address a concern, we may feel an initial panic, we may even feel we are overreacting. It's not that bad, we think. We tell ourselves, I'll put up

with it, put it off another day. Maybe the doctor will think I'm a hypochondriac. Wouldn't that be the best news, to find that your concerns are all in your head? But if they aren't, if something is really happening that you need to address, wouldn't it be great to be counted in the top 10 percent, to be a survivor?



If you've been putting off or procrastinating I'm suggesting that you consider spring, house cleaning. Start with your garage. Do your windows too. Give some old clothes away. And when you finally feel energized and engaged, consider taking on one of those health related things on your "to do" list. Pick up the phone and make that appointment. You might just be a survivor. - Mary-Jo Murphy, MS, RN, CDE, Health and Diabetes Educator, Motivational Speaker mjmurph221@yahoo.com www.mary-jomurphy.com

Wake Me Up In The Morning

Lyrics and Music by The Brian Faith Band's Ernie Joseph

In this world Con-fu-sion lies With-in the heart and mind

The head-lines say No Peace To-Day We've Oth-er Games to Play

Wake me up in the morning Let the sun-light lift my eyes

Wake me up in the morning Wipe the tear drops from my eyes

White man says This land is mine Black brothers Thrust their pow-er sign

Stu-dents boss With cris-cross thoughts Our blood is sipped like wine

Wake me up in the morning Let the sun-light lift my eyes

Wake me up in the morning Wipe the tear drops from my eyes

But in my dream I can see A world full of love and har-mo-ny

This is my dream Let it be No mo-re war On-ly peace

We walk up-on A sea of tears The prom-ise land We seek

So lay me down To sleep my love And pray my Soul to keep

Wake me up in the morning Let the sun-light lift my eyes

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Climate Change Keeps On....

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production in the tropics, for example. The new federal ethanol rules will instead encourage fuel production from non-food sources such as crop wastes, perennial grasses and plant cellulose from shrubs.

The nation's first large-scale offshore wind farm - with 130 windmills 440 feet tall - is closer to approval. The \$2 billion project will provide power to about 180,000 residents of Cape Cod, three quarters of the population there.

Around the nation, about half the states have enacted broad plans and regulations aimed at reducing greenhouse gases. When fully operating, these would cut U.S. emissions by 7 percent in the next 10 years. Around half of this would come from mandatory emissions limits in six big states, the rest from requirements to increase the use of green fuel sources, such as wind and solar, and mandatory increases in efficiency standards for buildings and appliances.

The House Economic Stimulus Package passed in early May authorized \$5.7 billion to go to homeowners across the nation for improving insulation and installing energy-saving windows. The program has been dubbed cash for caulkers. Three million households could benefit, saving over \$9 billion in energy costs over 10 years. 168,000 jobs would be created.

In an unusual move, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently told publicly held companies to warn investors of potential effects on their profit margins from climate change. Companies may have to discuss these effects in their financial filings. State insurance regulators have been expressing increased alarm about future costs to American business from global climate change.

Local Good Works to Fight Climate Change

There are many positive developments to report on in California, and even in Ventura County, related to the movement to reverse global climate change. Here are a few that crossed our desk:

47 square miles straddling Kern and Fresno Counties are slated for an enormous solar energy "farm," producing enough electricity for around a million houses. Environmentalists, legislators and farmers are all backing this use of barren former farmland that is now unusable because of selenium buildup in the soil. Transmission lines are already close by to carry this green power to urban areas.

The U.S. Export-Import Bank announced on Earth Day new loans for solar power projects - and the announcement was made at Solar World in Camarillo, the largest maker of

FLASH: Johnny Podz is producing two anti war (you tube videos) 'Wake Me Up In The Morning' Ernie Joseph taken from Confusion LP & 'On With Peace' Ernie w/ Bobby Harris - The Drifters & Jonn Principe 'Streets of San Francisco' Check out SK Wallers Tribute to Ernie Joseph site SRSRECORDINGNEWS- BFB's Karen Perry & Brian Faith just finished Lead vocal tracks on 'Freaky Madonna' & the titled LP TRACK 'In The Groove College Tour' will be out soon.....

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solar panels in the U.S.

Ventura County Supervisors voted in January to join the California First program, which loans private homeowners funding for green building projects.

Ventura College is offering scholarships for students who add green technology classes to their study schedule.

California public schools have a new environmental curriculum approved, available free to teachers soon, online. Educating children about their environment and ecology will help a new generation come to terms more readily with the realities of a planet under the grip of a changing climate.

Gill Onions of Oxnard has just won a prestigious nationwide engineering award for their waste-to-energy plant in Oxnard. Costing nearly \$10 million, the plant takes 100 tons a day of onion waste product and digests it to produce methane, which powers 40 percent of the plants' energy requirements.

The company also saves up to a million dollars a year in electric bills and waste disposal costs.

The Ventura Regional Sanitation District is evaluating the potential of waste-to-energy plants locally. Landfill-bound trash would be heated as high as 2,500 degrees (not burned). Twenty percent of the gas produced would be used at the plant, leaving 80 percent to be turned into electricity and fed into the local grid. Ten such facilities could eventually produce enough power for 18 percent of homes in the county.

Casitas Water District voted unanimously to sell up to 2,000 acre-feet of water to a new solar power plant in the Mojave Desert. The Mojave Solar Park will provide clean electricity for around 400,000 homes. The temporary water sale will not actually send local lake water all the way to the desert - the water will be traded at various junctions on the way, relieving the need to locate more usable water in the desert itself.

Edison recently announced the completion of the first phase of an enormous electric transmission system to connect solar energy plants in the Mojave Desert to urban users in Los Angeles. When the entire system is completed in 2015, it will have the capacity to deliver power to 3 million homes.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) in Pasadena is to buy power-saving devices from Germany that can reduce air conditioner power consumption by 25 percent. NASA has mandated a 3 percent reduction in power usage at all its facilities, every year. The device, called an Airco-Saver, is distributed by Mountain Clear LLC in Moorpark.

- Alasdair Coyne, Ojai www.sespewild.org

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Sheldon Brown...In Court Agin.....

Jim Fry vs. Sheldon Brown
 May 26, Dept 21, 8:30am Ventura Courthouse

Another Day in Court: Brown Loses Yet Again.....

Mr. Sheldon "LA" Brown, chief bottle washer publisher and editor of the Ventura Breeze (City of Ventura mouthpiece-newsletter-style publication) just can't seem to keep out of trouble.... or win in the Courtroom. This time it isn't the successful Criminal Theft Prosecution by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, as happened April 2 (Sheldon was found "Guilty" for the Oct. 17 criminal theft of The Ojai and Ventura VIEW, as noted in the last April Issue #25 of the VIEW).

May 26, as an "Architect", Sheldon was yet again hauled into court by Contractor Jim Fry in a Breach of Contract suit. Brown did not perform well, but in fact performed very badly.

In 2009 "Bottlewasher" Brown accepted \$12,487 to provide Architectural Design Plans to Mr. Fry and the Oxnard based Four Square Open Church, www.OpenChurch.cc

The congregation had painstakingly raised the funds, Brown accepted, to remodel the church facilities. In addition to being a center of worship and leading a "God First" life, the facilities are desperately needed to feed many Oxnard families. Their outreach program feeds some 1,500 of Oxnard's neediest individuals each Wednesday; however, since Brown's architectural plans were not useable or approvable by the Oxnard Building Dept., permits for construction could not be issued. Brown was unable to perform changes to the plans requested by the building dept., and he refused to refund the Church/contractor their monies.

Said Fry, "He took the money and shut his doors." Fry said in court, to Judge Pro Tem Michael Sment May

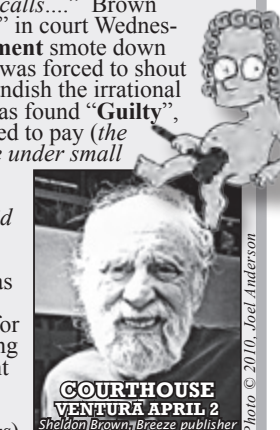
26, that Brown "has not returned a phone call once, 40 phone calls...." Brown presented "evidence" in court Wednesday which Judge Sment smote down as "irrelevant", and was forced to shout down Brown's outlandish irrational behavior. Brown was found "Guilty", yet again, and ordered to pay (the Maximum allowable under small claims) \$5,000. In addition to the lost \$7,487 (\$12,487 paid out minus \$5,000 judgement), the church/contractor has had to shell out an additional \$10,000 for the necessity of hiring a new and competent architect to draw up a functional plan.

The VIEW phoned Mr. Brown after the trial for comment; however, as of Presstime, Brown had not returned our calls, meanwhile construction at the church is at a standstill due to their Sheldon-induced fiscal shortage.

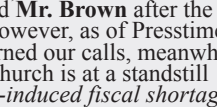
More info. on Sheldon's Shenanigans: www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com

P.S. Word is the California Architects Board is investigating Brown, looking a bit more closely at his license and the operation he is running.

- Joel Anderson Editor



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Oxnard's Open Church (Pictured last year) unable to use their broken kitchen (left) due to incomplete permits. Construction progress still lags. (Far left) Grace and her son Jude volunteer weekly at the OpenChurch foodbank.



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The Miracle Workers

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seemingly impossible project is the dream of Pastor Sam Gallucci from the Harbor Church, whose compassion and zeal enabled him to enlist the support of local churches, other faith-based entities, fund raisers, donors, in-kind labor and materials, volunteers and community support.

Like a pebble tossed onto a tranquil pond, the emanating ripples are certain to create similar projects being undertaken both locally and beyond our borders. For any support the City may have provided in using reasonable code enforcement, and avoiding unreasonable delays in reaching the ribbon-cutting stage, I, for one, congratulate them.

Hopefully, the balance of this miraculous project will be completed in the same timely manner. Needed donations can be sent to: The Kingdom Center, 837 E. Thompson Blvd. Ventura, 93001.

When I see a true "bootstrap" project of this size and complexity, initiated and successfully pursued by concerned citizens, - and done within one short year, - and then compare it with my 12 +yr. struggle with the City to face its responsibility to fix Lot #7, it overwhelms me.

Even though the City recently allowed its resale, thus avoiding again its own responsibility, it still remains a sad testimonial to the City's neglect of duty, with no assurance that the new buyer will do the proposed "fix" (aborted by the first buyer after a 4-yr. failure).

Easter week we observed Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Before He died on the cross, He forgave the repentant thief his sins. Being a Christian, I want everyone to know that I forgive the present and five previous councils for allowing and perpetuating the outrageous tragedy that has stolen 12-yrs. of my life. I forgive, but I cannot forget. I can only pray and hope that no citizen ever in the future can be so victimized and persecuted, such as I.

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Yunker

The Casebook of Erle Stanley Gardner

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Architects Practice Act Business and Professions Code Chapter 3, Division 3

§ 5553 Denial of License; Grounds; Conduct of Proceedings Issuance of a license may be denied if evidence is received by the board of the commission or doing by the applicant of any act which, if committed or done by the holder of a license, would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of that license.

The proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

§ 5560 Investigations; Suspension or Revocation of License
 The board may upon its own motion, and shall upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, investigate the actions of any architect and may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke, the license of any architect who is guilty of, or commits one or more of, the acts or omissions constituting grounds for disciplinary action under this chapter.

§ 5565 Extent of Discipline; Conditions
 The decision may:

- Provide for the immediate complete suspension by the holder of the license of all operations as an architect during the period fixed by the decision.
- Permit the holder of the license to complete any or all contracts for the performance of architectural services shown by evidence taken at the hearing to be then unfinished.
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 - The nature and severity of the act(s) or crime(s) under consideration as grounds for denial.
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 - The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or crime(s) referred to in subdivision (1) or (2).
 - The extent to which the applicant has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant.
 - Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant.
- When considering the suspension or revocation of the license of an architect on the grounds that the person licensed has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his/her present eligibility for licensure will consider the following criteria:
 - Nature and severity of

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the act(s) or offense(s).
 (2) Total criminal record.
 (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).
 (4) Whether the licensee has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.
 (5) If applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
 (6) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.
 (c) When considering the petition for reinstatement of the license of an architect, the Board shall evaluate evidence of rehabilitation submitted by the petitioner, considering those criteria specified in subsection (b).

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§ 5590 Malpractice Judgment in Civil or Criminal Case; Clerk's Report
 Within 10 days after a judgment by a court of this state that a license holder has committed a crime or is liable for any death, personal or property injury, or loss caused by the license holder's fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or recklessness in practice, the clerk of the court which rendered the judgment shall report that fact to the board. However, if the judge who tried the matter finds that it does not relate to the defendant's professional competence or integrity, the judge may, by order, dispense with the requirement that the report be sent.

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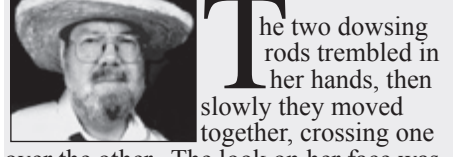
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Psychic Archaeology at Olivas Adobe

by Richard Senate



The two dowsing rods trembled in her hands, then slowly they moved together, crossing one over the other. The look on her face was one of surprise as the rods in her hands seemingly moved by themselves! It was all part of an experiment conducted by students from a class in ghost hunting offered by the Ventura College. The team was to use the new and controversial science of "Psychic Archaeology" to uncover the mysteries of the site. The expedition was a qualified success.

The team had three goals: A) Locate and confirm the existence of a family burial ground within the courtyard, to determine how many were buried there. B) Find and trace the location of the legendary lost tunnel of the adobe, and C) Discover if a Chumash Shaman's allegedly discovered a Chumash Native American Burial grounds was really true and how many were buried there. These were tall questions. The courtyard cemetery is mentioned in local lore and several groups have used such means in the past - but would this new team, operating completely independently, find the same results?

The team members, armed with dowsing rods, scanned the corner of the old courtyard where stories claim there was once a cemetery. They first targeted "Skulls" and at each point the rods crossed a coin (showing heads) was placed on the location. A second scan was conducted with the team focusing on "Feet" more markers were placed where those rods crossed.

Next, the points between the two markers were measured. Three "burials" were discovered. A woman, 5 foot two, a man, five foot six and a baby were found. The burials were strangely orientated to the path of the sun - typical of early Spanish burial practices. These were the same

findings as teams who investigated nearly a decade ago, yet none of this team knew of early California burial customs or the maps drawn by other teams! Using the rods, questions were asked and the answers confirmed that all were members of the Olivas Family, the baby was an un-baptized infant who died at birth from a woman named Dominga (Such a name is found in the records of the family).

The team then went to the East Lawn in an attempt to locate the legendary lost tunnel. Stories say it was built as an escape route if the hacienda was surrounded and went to the river nearly a quarter mile from the house. Other teams had failed to locate the site in the past. At first this team met with frustration, but they continued and found that the tunnel didn't start at the house at all but in the walled courtyard. The team found it was four and a half feet wide and came right out of the courtyard and turned towards the water well. It may have provided access to water and the adobe homes of the Native Workers employed by the Olivas Family.

Stories, not as well founded as the rumors of a family burial plot in the courtyard, exist of a cemetery for the Native Chumash workers. Years ago a visiting Chumash holy man claimed he "felt" there was a burial ground near three trees on the east lawn. Could he have felt something?

The team went on to try to use dowsing rods to locate these burial grounds. They found four burials using the same methods they employed in the courtyard. Two, a man and a woman, were buried side by side oriented to the path of the sun. The woman was short, about five foot tall, but the man was nearly six foot tall! This was too tall for a Native American of that era.

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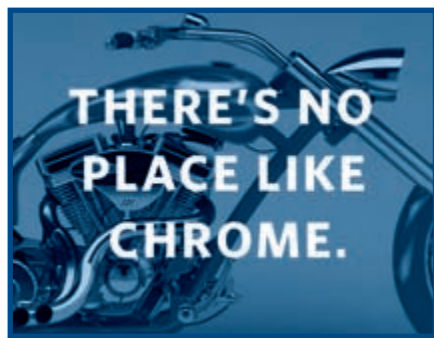
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