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## 'Flashing' incidents still being investigated

*Sgt. Hookstra deploys two bicycle deputies to patrol trail, downtown area*

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Last week's arrest of a 15-year-old boy on suspicion of indecent exposure and sexual battery sparked controversy over whether the Ojai Valley Trail is as safe as it used to be.

Descriptions from three separate reported "flashings" led detectives to link the incidents and arrest the male juvenile last Thursday.

The first alleged incident occurred last year, on Sept. 1, between Fox Street and South Montgomery streets. The second reported incident occurred Dec. 1 on the trail near the intersection with Country Club Drive. The third reported incident occurred on Jan. 12 on the trail near the intersection with Bristol Road. The juvenile was lodged at the Juvenile Justice Center. Because he is a minor, authorities will not identify him or release additional details about his background.

Responding to concerns that the community should have been informed after the second report of indecent exposure on the bike trail, Sgt. Maureen Hookstra said, "Misdemeanors aren't given to our detectives; our detectives handle felonies. We had the previous incidents, then we had the one on Wednesday, and it sounded like these were connected. We released the information as soon as we put it together. We didn't feel the public was in any danger."

None of the victims were injured, Hookstra said. "One was touched, though. I can't get into specifics at this time. She was not injured physically — but I can't say emotionally."

When asked whether additional victims have come forward, Hookstra said she couldn't comment, as "we're continuing the investigation."

Two deputies on bicycles were deployed Saturday and Sunday to patrol both the trail and the downtown area. These two deputies were out, in addition to the two cars the Ventura County

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Photo by Logan Hall

Performing artist Gill Sotu, right, belts out some rhymes accompanied by his guitar man, Daniel Flores, in Libbey Park during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration hosted by Ojai Valley Youth Foundation on Monday. See more MLK Day photos on page A5.

## OYF salutes MLK with Libbey festivities

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Hundreds of people from Ojai's community gathered on a warm Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Libbey Park, and empty seats started to fill as performer Gill Sotu took the stage.

"I'm going to have all of you up and moving by the time I'm done up here," said Sotu to the crowd before launching into his first song. Some people were dancing, and some were whistling and clapping. Kids were cooling off in the Libbey fountain while others were busy drawing patterns and pictures on the concrete walkway with colorful pieces of chalk.

Hosted by the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation, the event gave the community a chance to remember and celebrate the

life of a man who was so integral in shaping the society of today. Many local artists were on hand to entertain the masses including singer Julie Christensen, the Nordhoff High School brass quintet and performances from schools like Oak Grove and Besant Hill.

"We really try to put something on that celebrates all of the creative outlets," said Meg Wall, Youth Foundation program director. "It's such a powerful event. We're here to celebrate someone who changed the way we view people."

Local artist Kate Hoffman painted a depiction of King that was up for bid in a silent auction. The starting bid was \$1,000 although at the end of the day, no one had bid on the painting, but many stopped to enjoy the vivid colors and historical representation on

the canvas. "Someone really took their time painting that," said local Marty Mellein, pointing at the canvas.

Also featured during the event were different art pieces by kids from local schools that were hung in a row above the sidewalk in front of the park. The art was the students' interpretation of the event's theme, "Unity Starts with Understanding." The Youth Foundation also had local schools submit poetry following the same theme. Four were chosen by the foundation's MLK day committee to have their poems read to the crowd.

Wall says that the planning and organizing of the event was mostly in the hands of the teens involved with OYF, and that many other young people from the valley came to help out with the setup as well as

the cleanup afterwards. The performers were also chosen by the youth of the valley.

The people seemed to enjoy the different performances, but Sotu really brought down the house with original music from his two albums. "It was such a great show," said Sotu, who came up from San Diego just to play the event for the fifth year in a row. "This literally is one of the highlights of the year for me. Seeing all of the people come together like that is amazing."

Sotu added that he believed the event was what America is all about. "It's really nice to see the young and old of all different colors getting together and celebrating life. That's what it means to be an American. You can enjoy life without worrying about being segregated just because of the color of your skin."

## Ojai Hospital gets new CAO

*Haady Lashkari promoted to oversee master plan upgrades*

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With just a handful of months to go until his 10-year anniversary with the Community Memorial Health System, Haady Lashkari has just accepted a promotion and is moving into his new office at the Ojai Valley Community Hospital.

Formerly the assistant vice president within CMHS, Lashkari has now been named chief administrative officer at Ojai Valley Community Hospital and will begin implementing a five-year master plan to overhaul and modernize Ojai's 50-year-old hospital.

Lashkari praised the local community and the Ojai Valley Community Hospital Foundation and Guild whose members and fund-raising efforts have helped to make Ojai's hospital one of few small rural hospitals that remains open and that operates in the black. Generous local

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Photo courtesy CMHS

**Haady Lashkari**

## OJAI EVENTS

### NEW TROLLEY SCHEDULE

The Ojai Trolley Service has published new schedule brochures, which have been distributed throughout the community, and became effective on Monday. You can get a schedule onboard the trolley, or from key locations around town, such as the Ojai Library, the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall. There are a few minor revisions to the schedule, and the trolley staff feels that overall the schedule and map are easy to read. If you have any questions, call Drew Lurie, operations supervisor, at 646-5581, Ext 207.

### MICHELLE HARRIS PLAYS SATURDAY

A concert by Michael Harris will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ojai Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, 291 E. El Roblar Drive, Ojai. Harris is a gifted recording artist who ministers in churches, convalescent homes, rehabilitation centers, missions and prisons throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Fiji, and Australia. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

### "GENGHIS BLUES"

Elevate Studios will host the Oscar-nominated documentary film about blind blues musician Paul Pena, "Genghis Blues," today at 9 p.m. at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave., followed by a live performance by Tuvan throatsinging master and co-star of the film, Kongar-ol Ondar. The film's director, Roko Belic, will be available for a question-and-answer session after the screening. Tickets: \$15 at the door.

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"Annie" opens Feb. 4 and runs through Feb. 27 at the Art Center. Page A10



### COMMON GOOD TALKS

Resuming today, every Wednesday at 7 p.m., Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Road, will host Katherine and Roger Collis and Ellen Hall leading "A Weekly Conversation for the Common Good: Inspired Response to a World at Risk." Teachings and presentations from multiple sources and perspectives will address the critical challenges facing the world community. Drop-ins are welcome to this ongoing series.

### JUNIOR MISS CALIFORNIA SPEECH

The Oak View Women's Club will meet today at 7 p.m. at the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road. The guest speaker will be Deirdra Bennet, former Junior Miss California, who will talk about the Lovely Luggage for Foster Children organization. All are welcome. Call Cathi Nye, 649-1463, or Suzanne Farmer, 407-5119, for more information.

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# Bike racks installed at Y shopping center

**Linda Harmon**  
OVN contributor

After over a decade of waiting, there are bike racks at the "Y" shopping center thanks to the joint efforts of Ojai Valley Green Coalition Transportation Committee, shopping center management, and the city of Ojai.

The shopping center lost its original bike racks when the parking lot was resurfaced during the Vons supermarket's first major renovation more than 10 years ago. The parking lot was improved, but the bike racks were removed. That left bicyclists no place to safely park and lock up their bikes.

According to Transportation Committee Chair Suza Francina, the committee decided to make installation of shopping center bike racks a

priority. The city had the racks and the only obstacle was getting the shopping center's permission. When negotiations bogged down, the committee decided to contact one of the center's biggest renters directly. They wrote a letter drawing Vons corporate officers' attention to the lack of bike racks at the Ojai store and reminded them of their own corporate sustainability policy.

"I would like to give credit to OVGC members Suza Francina, Raymond Powers and Linda Harmon for helping get the racks installed by writing letters, doing research, and making calls," said Deborah Pendrey, OVGC director. "I also want to thank the city for donating the racks and working with the property owner, Dean Vadnais of Vadnais Invest-



A bike sits in a bike rack at the "Y" shopping center near Vons supermarket.

ments, to get them installed." The project is a big win for bicyclists and hopefully this will increase ridership. It is also a major improvement for retailers in the center. Before this, bicyclists had to use whatever structure was available to park and secure their bikes and that was often the posts in front of business entrances. The congestion often proved a hazard for customers.

"A Christmas miracle!" said Francina, after bicy-

cling over to Vons to see them with her own eyes. "They're the right kind, front bike wheel is secure and your bike does not fall over when you fill your bike baskets with groceries, and they are in the right place, with easy access to the front doors."

According to Francina, when she served on the City Council she worked with staff, consultants and members of the Ojai Bicycle Coalition on a Bicycle Master Plan that provided for "bike parking all over the city."

"That was the work of Tom Bostrom and others on the Bicycle Coalition," said Francina. "Until there is bicycle parking everywhere there is car parking we are not done."

To get involved with the Transportation Committee or their projects contact Francina at SFrancina@aol.com.

Photo Linda Harmon

## Area Board 9 to discuss emergency planning with Ojai Valley residents

The Area Board 9 invites you to attend a meeting on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss emergency planning for Ojai Valley residents with developmental disabilities.

Two meetings are planned: the one on Tuesday will be held at the Oak View Park and Resource Center, 555 Mahoney Ave., Oak View; the second meeting will be announced at a later date.

At the first meeting, Ojai community members are asked to participate in a discussion on how to best meet the needs of individ-

uals with developmental disabilities should a major disaster occur.

Speakers, including Area Board 9's Carol Lopes, occupational therapist Judy Freeman and behavior analyst Jillian Lawson, will discuss some of the additional challenges individuals with developmental disabilities may face during an emergency.

The second meeting will cater to family members of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Participants will develop an emergency

preparedness plan for their family, including their children with special needs. The training will be hands-on and interactive.

The workshop prepares families to be ready in the event of a disaster or emergency, and offers information on accessing local emergency shelters and accommodations in the event of a disaster. Participants will also be assisted in putting together a personalized Go Kit.

Area Board 9 is one of 13 local area boards funded with state and federal dollars and serves Ventura,

Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

It is an integral part of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, assisting with advocacy, training, coordination and implementation of the council's goals and objectives.

Training is based on the program Feeling Safe, Being Safe, a project funded in part by U.S. Homeland Security Funds and the California State Department of Developmental Services.

For more information, visit areaboard9.org.

## Heal the Community raising funds for new Boys' and Girls' Club

Heal the Community is hosting a fund-raising event, with proceeds to benefit the opening of a new Boys and Girls Club in Meiners Oaks. The event will be held at Greg Rents in Oak View, across the street from Dahl's Market, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Activities include chain saw carving demonstrations, tiki carvings by a renowned tiki artist, chain saw races, tractor driving lessons, and an onsite woodmill making custom furniture, mantels and tables (custom orders and requests accepted, but you will have to be the highest bidder at the auction to take it home). All items

created at the event will be auctioned off at a live auction on Feb. 19 starting at 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the auction and donations collected at the event will benefit Heal the Community and their efforts to establish the new Boys and Girls Club.

For more information call Greg at 649-2590. Early sign-up for tractor driving lessons is encouraged as space is limited. Burgers, hot dogs and cold sodas will be available on site during the event.

Come cheer on this team of volunteers and watch as these skillful wood masters turn logs into pieces of art.

## It's My Job: Fabien Castel, winemaker, The Ojai Vineyard

**Amber Lennon**  
OVN contributor

The sense of reverence was tangible as our footsteps and voices echoed in the great cathedral of wine at the Ojai Vineyard store-room. Walking with assistant wine maker Fabien Castel between narrow rows of towering wine barrels and listening to his careful assessment of each wine, I witnessed an unusual fusion of chemist and artist. "To me the passion is really that journey into the senses, how you go from a raw product to this very elaborate product with over 500 chemical compounds," said Paris-born Castel, who began working for the Ojai Vineyard more than nine years ago when his wife prompted him to act on his passion for wine.

Since then, Castel has learned about every phase of wine making, from growing practices to bottling. "I did not know anything about wine, except that I was drinking wine and grew up in a culture of wine," mused Castel. But he may have been predisposed to the cornerstone of wine making attention to subtleties. His mother was a graphologist, studying the correlation between handwriting and personal character; and his father was a physicist and chemist. For Castel, wine making is a way of delving into the science of subjective experience, blending the skills of both his parents into one job.

In between tastings of sauvignon blanc and chardonnay, Castel discussed practical elements of the wine



Photo by Amber Lennon

**Fabien Castel**

making process, like fermentation and aging, but was quick to point out the subjectivity of tasting the final product. "Something that is not often talked about is how much of that experience depends upon your mental state and your biases, whether personal or cultural. To me that is the core of my job. What is really happening when I smell, and how much can I connect it with the process of making wine?"

Adam Tolmach, The Ojai Vineyard's creator, has been making boutique wines since 1983 from grape varietals sourced in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties only. Because grapes are bought by the acre instead of the ton, Tolmach has more control over growing practices and, therefore, taste and quality. Castel oversees all aspects of Tolmach's vineyard, including the office and administrative details that are his least favorite tasks. But Castel likes working with his hands, whether pressing grapes or repairing equipment, which helps to balance out all that "intellectual office

stuff." Castel's apprenticeship under Tolmach's guidance has now afforded Castel the opportunity to make his own wine. "Adam has been great, sending me a couple of bins of grapes, so I would learn by doing and being in control of all the

decisions." Castel even grows a small crop of his own grapes and enjoys experimenting with the myriad components that make a good bottle of wine. "It's not difficult to make wine," said Castel. "It's difficult to make good wine consistently."

The other half of making wine is tasting it, and Castel's curiosity for the senses comes alive in the Ojai Vineyard's Tasting Room on Montgomery Street. "There are 2,000 ways of being sweet, but we say, 'It's sweet.' That's what I'm trying to bring back in the tasting room. Wine is not about knowing. The point is just that you let go of other things, and suddenly that smell is the strength you are pulling from, and you are nowhere else except in that moment."

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## Bridge Results

The Ojai Valley Bridge Club usually meets every Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Ojai United Methodist Church on Maricopa Highway, across from Nordhoff High School. Everyone is welcome, and singles will be provided with a partner. Call 646-1211 for more information.

The N/S winners for Monday, Jan. 10, were: first, Nancy Ritter and Bonnie Letizia; second, Donna Bennett and Carol Myers; third, Betty Lashbrook and Martha Snyder. The E/W winners were: first, Carol Jarboe and Pat Shaw; second, Hal Daniels and James Gay; third, Mike

Gaddis Jr. and Arline Benzen.

The N/S winners for Friday, Jan. 14, were: first Elinor Crawshaw and Joan Glenn; second, Betty Lashbrook and Tee Downard; third, Marie Offerman and Patricia Ross. The E/W winners were: first, Susan Lang and Carol Hayhurst; second, Judith Murphy and Irene Petroff; third, Pat Shaw and Mary Jane Graham.

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### Ojai Valley Weather Report

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residents and business owners and the OVCHF's continued support of the local not-for-profit health system, demonstrate the importance Ojai places on the health and well-being of the community, he said. "I feel very fortunate and grateful," Lashkari said. "The Ojai Hospital is very lucky to have the foundation and guild offering so much support. I'm really looking forward to getting more involved with the Ojai community and working closely with the physicians and staff in Ojai."

As a first order of business after getting moved into his new office, over the coming few months Lashkari will be finalizing the elements and details of the \$8- to \$10-million

master plan, he said. The plan will include a relocation of the CT scan facilities, modernization of the acute care facilities, state-mandated seismic upgrades, an expansion to the outpatient program and various aesthetic upgrades, he said. And although there was one baby born at OVCH in late 2005 when severe flooding blocked roadways in and out of Ojai, there are no immediate plans to offer obstetrics or maternity services in Ojai. Storks are currently under strict orders from CMHS to only drop swaddling bundles of joy in Ventura.

CMH administrator Mike Ellingson added that it was a combination of tenure, skills and qualifications that opened the doors of opportunity for Lashkari at the Ojai facility. And at a time when around 50 percent of hospitals are

losing money, it's rare to have a hospital like the one in Ojai that can operate in the black and handle the health needs of the community. Ojai Valley Community Hospital merged into the CMHS in May 2005.

"Community Memorial Hospital is like a sister hospital to the Ojai Hospital," Ellingson said. "The beauty of it is if there is an emergent need, Ojai can handle it. And if there is a higher level of acuity, Community Memorial is nearby."

Gary Wilde, president and CEO of CMHS, added, "We are delighted to bring someone of Mr. Lashkari's enthusiasm and expertise to the Ojai campus. He is well respected among the Ojai staff, and will provide the right leadership for this important position."

Lashkari noted that he is a native of Ventura and

holds a bachelor's degree in communication and sociology from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree in public administration from California State University-Northridge. He is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and active in numerous community organizations and activities in the Ventura County area.

Community Memorial Health System, a not-for-profit health system, is comprised of Community Memorial Hospital, Ojai Valley Community Hospital, and nine Centers for Family Health located in various Ventura County communities.

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# Trail:

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Sheriff's Department Ojai Substation normally has on duty to patrol the city. "It incurs overtime, so we're limited, but we put them out as often as we can," said Hookstra.

Lori Volk, a 22-year Ojai resident who has used the trail for years, said she feels uncomfortable using the trail now. "I'm training for triathlons, so I'm doing a lot of running. I've already complained about there being people hanging out on the trail, maybe selling drugs, between the (Ojai Valley Athletic) Club and

Vons. It's isolated, and there are a lot of shady characters. I won't be running that stretch anymore. I'm not using my headphones anymore either. I'm trying not to be paranoid, but I'm a mother of three. I could have been one of these women!"

The Ojai detectives are requesting that anyone who might have witnessed an incident or is an unreported victim of a similar crime during this time frame to call the station at 646-1414.

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# 'Zeitgeist: Moving Forward' coming to Ojai Friday

Danette Wallace  
OVN contributor

The independent feature-length documentary, "Zeitgeist: Moving Forward," is experiencing an unprecedented response from people all over the world and is on its way to Ojai. The film is the third in a series of documentaries by social evolutionist Peter Joseph. The first two films, "Zeitgeist" and "Zeitgeist: Addendum" took the Internet by storm with more than 200 million views worldwide and counting.

The third film, "Zeitgeist: Moving Forward," is the first film to be released in theaters. Joseph opened up the release to Zeitgeist Movement chapters and was inundated with requests from chapters all

over the world. That presented the need to have the film translated into multiple languages. More than 500 people worldwide volunteered their time to translate the 40-page film manuscript into 30 different languages over a two-week period on their holiday breaks.

Now the record-breaking film "Zeitgeist: Moving Forward" is coming to Ojai. There will be a one-time showing at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave., on Friday at 1:30 p.m. The Ventura County Chapter of the Zeitgeist Movement will host a question-and-answer session after the film followed by a meet-n-greet next door at The Village Jester. To order tickets online go to [zmvc.ticketbud.com/zmf](http://zmvc.ticketbud.com/zmf).



Photo by Ren. L. Adam

Due to the unprecedented amount of electronic equipment collected at the E-Waste recycling event, held Jan. 8,

Harrison Industries provided a large container to handle the overflow, in addition to a tractor-trailer.

# E-waste event recycles 30,000 lbs.

More than 220 vehicles, plus walk-ins, participated in the second E-Waste Collection event held Jan. 8 in the parking lot of Ojai Community Bank.

Sponsored by the Ojai Valley Directory, the Ojai Valley Green Coalition, and Ojai Community Bank, the event is held once each year, and this year drew substantially more participants, according to the sponsors.

"We collected more than 30,000 pounds of electronic equipment, 838 pounds of batteries, 135 pounds of 'media storage,' 45 pounds of holiday and other decorative lights, and hundreds of printer cartridges," said Deborah Pendrey, executive director of the Green Coalition.

"We had cars lined up in both directions from the bank's drive-through lane," she added, "and others who simply parked on the street and walked in with their materials."

One large semi-trailer was filled to capacity with collection bins, and a second large container was brought in to hold the overflow, she said.

The E-waste is delivered to the bank by its owners, where teams off-load the electronics from car trunks, pickup and flat bed

trucks, or from paper bags, and is then separated by Harrison Industries Rubbish Hauling. Electronics that are still in working order are set aside and donated to worthy causes within the Ojai

Valley. As a participant in the E-Waste event, Rob Tucker, of Jim & Rob's Fresh Grill, won \$100 cash from Ojai Community Bank with which to open an account. The next recycling event

scheduled by Ojai Valley Directory and Ojai Community Bank is Shredder Day, set for April 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the bank's parking lot. The next E-Waste Day will be Jan. 7, 2012.



Photo submitted

Rob Tucker, of Jim & Rob's Fresh Grill, receives a fresh \$100 bill from Dave Brubaker, president of Ojai Community Bank. Tucker was the lucky winner of the

E-Waste raffle after recycling his old appliances and television. The OCB and Ojai Valley Directory Shredder Day is next, set for April 16; old tax documents welcome.

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Ronald had me start writing Troy. I still was in high school. I wrote goofy letters including knock knock jokes! No romance involved there. Before they came home from Korea, Ronald felt I ought to know that Troy was writing a girl in Albuquerque. When he arrived home, the girl was engaged to someone else, but hadn't written him a "Dear John" letter.

When he came home from Korea in 1955, I had just graduated from high school. He, his parents, sister and brother came to California to meet me and visit other relatives up north. That was when the romance started. He came out in October to be best man at my sister's wedding to Ronald and we became engaged. He came out in January of 1956 and we were married in June. We have lived in the same house in Meiners Oaks for 54 years. We have two sons and daughter-in-laws, plus 6 grandkids, 2 great grandkids and 9 granddogs! We love them all!

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## Sidewalk Talk *Should people with no criminal record be allowed to carry a concealed weapon?*

Asked by Logan Hall on MLK Day at Libbey Park



**Dave Hankins**  
I think concealed weapons are appropriate for some folks ... but I don't think just unrestricted access to keep it under your coat should be legal.

**Jessie Blauer**  
No, because it just leads to problems and violence.

**Judith Ann Dazey**  
I don't know why anyone in the general public needs to have a gun at all ... and then we wouldn't have these killings that happen all too often in this country.

**Marty Mellein**  
A possible solution would be to have people checked to see if they're still competent ... Another option is to make guns that just shoot one or two bullets.

**Trent Jones**  
Absolutely not ... I don't think concealed weapons are something that people should be allowed to carry. I believe in gun control.

Watch complete video responses online at [ojaivalleynews.com](http://ojaivalleynews.com)



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## thumbs up, down



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• A reader sends a thumbs-up to Gerry Baur for her courageous letter about the neglected neighborhood horse. "When you know something is not right and do nothing about it, then you are part of the problem, that goes for children, the elderly and animals. Her letters are always so much fun to read and now she has inspired me to be brave too!"

• A reader sends a thumbs-up to the Hip vegan restaurant for providing absolutely delicious, healthy food right here in our town. "I've eaten there three times since it opened on the 7th. I will definitely recommend it to my clients when they ask, 'Where's a good place to eat lunch?'"

• A reader sends a thumbs-up to Oscar's Tree Service. "You had to contend with a 'monster.' Job well done, thank you!"



• A reader sends a big thumbs-down to the person who rear-ended the red Subaru in the parking lot behind the Arcade Friday night! "You left a huge dent in my trunk and no note! There is no way you didn't realize you hit the car. Common courtesy suggests you own up."

• A reader sends a thumbs-down to the people who throw litter in the fields at Krotona Institute.

• A reader sends a thumbs-down to the Ventura County sheriff deputies who drive and talk on their cell phones. "They are setting bad examples."

• A reader sends a thumbs-down to a new vegan restaurant for setting prices so high. "Don't worry, people will come and you will prosper. I would eat there every day, but \$18 for a salad and a date shake means I have to save you for 'special occasions' only."

This column is meant to provide commentary on a specific act or statement and is not meant to imply blanket support or condemnation. Submit your suggestions by mail, e-mail or fax. Your name and a telephone number must be included for consideration, though they will not be published.

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**In response to "Teen Arrested on Suspicion of Sex Crimes":**

First off- Well done and thank you to Ojai law enforcement in getting this perv off the streets and bike paths of our community!

Seems our beloved bike path has become a haven for substance-abusers and is graffiti urchins- a terrible shame for what was once one of the (many) crown jewels of Ojai. Many -especially moms with kids and the elderly- no longer feel safe traveling it. I can't remember a week where I haven't encountered someone under the influence wandering its path- seemingly inviting to them because it's off-grid. It would be great if law enforcement would make daily and sporadic sweeps and roundups on bike/foot. I sometimes wonder what clients of the \$500~/night Ojai Valley Inn think of our town once they venture on to our little bike path... Homes along the path \*should\* be the most coveted, not those

winned at.

And the same goes for Libbey Park. The abusers and inebriated are daily evident (fixtures!) and are keeping many from enjoying the landmark's beauty and offerings. Recently I witnessed sexual activity during afternoon hours in the gazebo. Again, why not a daily sweep (..frankly I am dumbfounded that there is not..) instead of resorting to accepting them as being just a part of the landscape-?

And as for the graffiti & scrawl- Does anyone know who these people are who insist on urinating their monikers across public and private property? I see the same names scribbled week after week.. INFNT and others. Prosecute and make public (or blog-post!) their names/parents' names (addresses?) and charge them for cleanup removal (with bland, grossly mismatched paint, dare I add..).

Bring back the beauty and the charm!

Citizen O

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Offers Fun, Food for Thought



Photos by Logan Hall

Above left, 2-year-old Miller Glasgow smiles as he takes a break from wading through the Libbey Park Fountain. Marty Mellein, above right, gives a good look at a painting of Martin Luther King Jr., as depicted by local artist Kate Hoffman.

Below, Gill Sotu and his fellow musicians, Benjamin Solomon, left, and Daniel Flores get the crowd on their feet that gathered for MLK Day festivities in Libbey Park on a warm Monday afternoon.





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I spoke with a fellow photographer and had them photograph me on my one knee with the engagement ring from a birds eye vantage point looking down. I proceeded to frame and wrap that photo and during the course of our desert at Il Giardino, I gave the present to her. As the wheels in her head began to spin and process what she was looking at, I promptly dropped to my knee with the ring so when she looked up, I asked her to spend the rest of life with me and would she marry me!

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A few months later, he took me for an afternoon drive back to Ojai into an unoccupied beautiful country home. As we entered the empty livingroom, he asked me, "Leticia, would you like to spend the rest of your life with me in this home?" Perplexed with happiness, I said "Yes." And we had a beautiful garden wedding in our gazebo on May 7, 1995.

We were joined with 100 friends and family surrounding us with love and laughter. As we both continued to work in Santa Barbara, we took two weeks off and spent our honeymoon in Ojai trying out new restaurants for lunch and dinner everyday along with a hike. This allowed us to intimately get to know Ojai and the beautiful valley. He did keep his promise — we have two beautiful daughters born at Ojai Hospital and have made Ojai our home.

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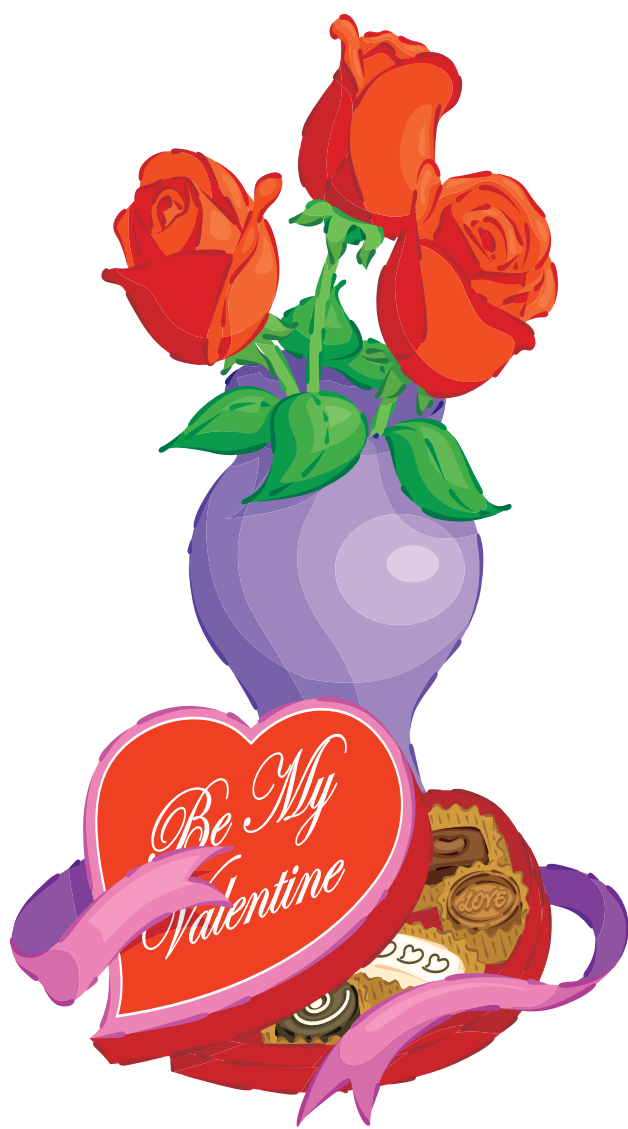
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THE CALENDAR OF OJAI VALLEY EVENTS

## This Week

### Wednesday, Jan. 19

#### WEEKLY CONVERSATION AT MEDITATION MOUNT

— Resuming today, every Wednesday at 7 p.m., Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Road, will host Katherine and Roger Collis and Ellen Hall leading "A Weekly Conversation for the Common Good: Inspired Response to a World at Risk." Teachings and presentations from multiple sources and perspectives will address the critical challenges facing the world community. Drop-ins are welcome to this ongoing series.

#### OAK VIEW WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

— The Oak View Women's Club will meet today at 7 p.m. at the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road. The guest speaker will be Deidre Bennet, former Junior Miss California, who will talk about the Lovely Luggage for Foster Children organization. All are welcome. Call Cathi Nye, 649-1463, or Suzanne Farmer, 407-5119, for more information.

#### "GENGHIS BLUES"

— Elevate Studios will host the Oscar-nominated documentary film about blind blues musician Paul Pena, "Genghis Blues," today at 9 p.m. at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave., followed by a live performance by Tuvan throatsinging master and co-star of the film, Kongar-ol Ondar. The film's director, Roko Belic, will be available for a question-and-answer session after the screening. Tickets: \$15 at the door.

#### Thursday, Jan. 20

#### BOTANY WALK

— Pat Jump will lead a free botany walk on Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. along Shelf Road. Meet at the north end of Signal Stree in Ojai. Call 646-6045 for more information.

#### "PARTNERSHIP"

— Ojai Healing Movement, 960 E. Ojai Ave., Suite 106, is sharing Alison Armstrong's latest CD set on "Partnership" on Thursdays at 6 p.m., open to all, covers all types of relationships. Tea and cookies provided. Call 640-9111.

#### Friday, Jan. 21

#### "ZEITGEIST"

— The much-anticipated documentary "Zeitgeist: Moving Forward" is coming to the Ojai Playhouse for a one-time showing on Friday at 1:30 p.m. There will be a question-and-answer session with members of the Ventura County Zeitgeist Movement following the film and a meet-n-greet next door at The Village Jester. Cost: \$6 at the door or \$5 with a coupon found in local stores. (J19)

#### SHEILA CLUFF AT THE GABLES

— The Gables of Ojai, 701 N. Montgomery St., has invited Sheila Cluff, internationally known fitness expert, author, and owner and founder of The Oaks at Ojai, to talk about the benefits of having more strength, energy and vitality on Friday at 1:30 p.m. The 74-year-old mother of four and grandmother of four is a former professional ice skater and high school physical education teacher. Cluff introduced "cardiovascular dance" to the world in the 1950s; it is known today as aerobics. The public is welcome. Call 646-1446.

#### PEACE VIGIL

— All are welcome to join the peace vigil held in front of Libbey Park on Fridays at 5 p.m. The vigil is in its seventh year.

#### Saturday, Jan. 22

#### OJAI HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

— is held Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., departing from the Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave. (approximately one-hour tours of downtown historical and cultural attractions). Walk-ins are welcome. Docent Elise De Puydt will lead the Jan. 22 tour. Cost is \$5. For reservations or to schedule group tours or tours during the week, call 640-1390.

#### MICHAEL HARRIS CONCERT

— will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ojai Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, 291 E. El Roblar Drive, Ojai. Harris is a gifted recording artist who ministers in churches, convalescent homes, rehabilitation centers, missions and prisons throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Fiji, and Australia. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

#### ROSE PRUNING

— Flora Gardens, 245 Old Baldwin Road, will hold a free demonstration on pruning roses Saturday at 1 p.m. All are welcome. Call 640-0055.

#### THE PROSPEROS OPEN HOUSE

— The Prosperos is a study movement based on ontology, the science of being, which has opened a new learning space in Ojai at 107 N. Ventura St. (at the World University Plaza). Everyone is welcome to drop by on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. for an open house with music, refreshments, idea sharing and presentations on Prosperos' variety of classes and groups. For more information, call Greta at 334-0090 or Al at (310) 717-4482.

#### RENAISSANCE DO WOP

— Fresh Roasted Concerts will present the a cappella, street-corner-style, doo-wop singing quintet, Renaissance Do Wop, in a concert on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St. Great voices, comedy and choreography will take you on a trip down memory lane. Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$15 for students or seniors; \$3 more at the door. Call 646-8907 or go to ptgo.org. (J21)

#### Sunday, Jan. 23

#### OLD-TIME FIDDLERS

— California State Old-Time Fiddlers, District 8, will meet Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road, Oak View. Join the fiddlers for a fun-filled afternoon of listening or dancing to country, western and bluegrass music. Free admission and parking. Refreshments are available. Information: 640-3689 or 517-1131.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 25

#### "SAVE THE OJAI"

— The Ojai Valley Defense Fund provides financial support to groups undertaking legal action to protect and sustain the environmental quality and local economy of the Ojai Valley. On Tuesday, John Broesamie will describe to the Ojai Valley Retired Men's Club how the fund has had a significant effect in discouraging outside interests from acting without regard to the well-being of those of us who live in the valley. Resembling sort of a community chest, the Defense Fund has raised \$430,000 toward a goal of \$1,000,000 over the past year. The club holds luncheon meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 11:45 a.m. in the Banquet Room of Soule Park Golf Course. Prospective members are always welcome. Call 646-3497 for more information.

#### "NUTRITION AND FITNESS"

— Dr. Bernhoft will give a free talk on "Nutrition and Fitness" on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Get some support for your New Year's resolutions and learn about nutrition and fitness. There will be time for questions after the program.

#### "BROTHERHOOD: THE ROOTS OF THEOSOPHY"

— The Theosophy Society in the Ojai Valley will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Krotona School, 46 Krotona Hill. Susan and John O'Neill will discuss "Brotherhood: The Roots of Theosophy." Call 646-2653.

#### AUDITIONS FOR "ANTIGONE"

— Senga Classic Stage Company will hold auditions for Jean Anouilh's "Antigone" Jan. 25 and 26 at the Ojai Valley Grange, 381 Cruzero St. For audition reservations (cold readings from script) or more information: 646-4885 or go to franciscabeach.com. The script is available at Ojai Library. Rehearsals start Feb. 15. This modern version of a Greek tragedy will run from March 26 through April 17.

## Down the Road

#### PATRICIA HARTMANN AT THE GABLES

— On Jan. 26 at 2:45 p.m., The Gables of Ojai, 701 N. Montgomery St., will host Ojai writer and local history enthusiast Patricia Hartmann, who will share details on her historical novel, "The Ojai — Pink Moment Promise." Hartmann is a retired English teacher who has lived in Ojai for 39 years. She spent nearly three years researching and writing this colorful story of Ojai's past. A book signing will be held after her presentation. Call 646-1446.

#### ENCORE PRESENTATION OF "LAGAAN"

— an extraordinary dramatic film from India, will be held Jan. 27 at The Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Road. Part 1 is a potluck from 5 to 7 p.m.; Part 2, 7 to 9 p.m., viewing with Indian snacks and chai tea served. Cost: \$10, seniors and students \$5. Donations for those viewing Part 2 only. No reserva-

tions necessary.

#### BIRD WALK

— Ventura Audubon Society will host a free bird walk on Jan. 29 at 8:30 a.m. at Foster Park, led by John Pavelko (640-9040); beginners are welcome. Park under the overpass and meet by the Santa Ana Bridge. Light drizzle will not necessarily cancel trips, but heavy rain will. If in doubt, call the leader.

#### "FUTURE SOUNDS OF LIBBEY BOWL"

— On Jan. 29 at 11 a.m., members of the Nordhoff High School music department will perform a concert at the Libbey Park fountain area. If you would like to take a hard hat tour of the Libbey Bowl construction area following the concert, call Anna Cho Wagner at 646-3117.

#### AUDITIONS FOR "THE ODD COUPLE, FEMALE VERSION"

— by Neil Simon, directed by Susan Kelejian, will be held at the Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 S. Montgomery St., Jan. 30 from 11 .m. to 3 p.m.; call-backs will be held Feb. 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. If you can't make the Sunday auditions, come to call-backs promptly at 6:30 p.m. All characters must have an understanding of comic timing and a "New York" attitude. Rehearsals start the first week of February. The play will run March 25 through April 23. Also need an assistant stage manager and set designer-builder.

#### MONICA ROS OPEN HOUSE

— Monica Ros School, 783 McNell Road, will hold an open house Jan. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. The school has programs for children ages 3 through 9 and summer camps. Call 646-8184.

#### "TRAPPED BY SPIRITUAL ESCAPISM OR FREE IN MATERIAL REALITY?"

— will be discussed at the American Vedic Association Bhagavad-Gita As It Is Fellowship on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at 687 Villanova Road. The proud deity God so they can play with abandon, but spiritualists often proclaim attributes like truth, hopt, beauty and love as the only tangible aspects of his personality. Discover how the Vedas provide descriptions of the Supreme Lord, who his associates are, and what they are doing at the next AVA meeting. Always free. Call 640-0405.

#### OJAI LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

— The Ojai Library's Book Discussion Group will meet Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea" by Barbara Demick. The library is located at 111 E. Ojai Ave. Everyone is invited to join the group. The only requirement for participating in the discussion is to have read the book and come willing to share your opinion and listen to others. Call 646-1639.

#### "ANNIE"

— leaps from the comic pages to the stage at the Ojai Art Center Theater Feb. 4 through 27; Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., except no Saturday matinee Feb. 12 and added show Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Set in the 1930s, kids, dogs and actors inspire hope in troubled times in this Best Musical award winner. Cost: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, students and Art Center members, \$10 youth under 12. Experience the joy at 113 S. Montgomery St., call 640-8797 or visit OjaiACT.org.

#### VOLUNTEER TRAIL DAY

— The Ojai Ranger District is hosting a volunteer project on Feb. 5 on the Middle Sespe or Howard Creek Trail. The project will focus on brushing; total hiking distance is three miles. Bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, gloves, eye protection, hat, and wear sturdy shoes. It's a fun way to meet other outdoor enthusiasts or accrue community service hours. Forest Service will provide tools, instruction and drinks. Meet at the Ojai Ranger Station, 1190 E. Ojai Ave., at 8:30 a.m. to car pool to the trailhead; the project will end by 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Heidi Anderson at 646-4348, Ext. 309.

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

— Meiners Oaks Library's winter preschool story time series, "Head & Shoulders, Knees & Toes," will begin Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. and continue through March 21. Each weekly program will feature stories, simple yoga stretches and poses, and crafts for 3- to 5-year-olds. Younger siblings, parents and grandparents are welcome. Call 646-4804 to arrange to bring a class or day care group or for more information. Meiners Oaks Library is located at 114 N. Padre

Juan Ave. This program is sponsored by Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation.

## Ongoing Events

#### FREE DEPRESSION SCREENINGS

— Gladstone Counseling Center, 530 W. Ojai Ave., Suite 208, offers free depression screenings with a qualified therapist on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., by appointment only. For information, call 848-9724.

#### MAH-JONGG GROUP

— Mah-jongg enthusiasts are invited to join a group Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Ojai. Beginners are welcome to come and enjoy the ancient game for fun and mental stimulation. For more information, call Rhoda Martin at 646-5110 or

Jeanne Harvey at 646-8053.

#### OJAI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

— meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Kent Hall at Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St. Shutter enthusiasts are welcome to share their interest in photography. Each month a professional will impart their techniques and critique submittals. Photo submittals require membership. Visit ojaivphotoclub.com.

#### BEGINNING KRIYA MEDITATION CLASS

— is held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Ojai. Call Mark at 646-7575 for directions.

#### ADULT PINGPONG

— Adult pingpong is held Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Department Center at Sarzotti Park. Call Vincent at 646-8162.

#### BEGINNING KRIYA MEDITATION

— Practice

clearing and balancing techniques and meditation every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the East End of Ojai. Call 646-7575.

#### ADOPTION TRIAD FACILITATED SUPPORT GROUP

— An adoption triad-facilitated support group is now forming in Ventura at Kids & Families Together. Call Faith Friedlander at 643-1446.

#### VOLUNTEER TO HELP FOOD SHARE

— Food Share, Ventura County's food bank, has an ongoing need of volunteers to join the gleaning team in Ojai. On most Tuesday mornings, a group of volunteers meets in Ojai for the purpose of picking local fruit and vegetables. The volunteers meet at 8 a.m. at a designated meeting place near the pick site. They work for about one to two hours. Call 983-7100.

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## Health Insurance Questions

### What seniors want to know

**Nita Whaley**  
 OVN contributor

Beginning in February, all HICAP appointments for the Ojai Valley should be made through the Area Agency on Aging HICAP office in Ventura. The phone number is 477-7310; select the Staff Desk option. Clients will continue to be seen at Help of Ojai's West Campus, 370 W. Baldwin Road.

Here are some frequently asked questions about Medicare.

**Q.** I failed to sign up for Medicare Part B when I turned 65 two years ago. Can I still get it?

**A.** If you didn't sign up for Medicare Part A and/or Part B (for which you pay monthly premiums) when you were first eligible, you may sign up during the General Enrollment Period which runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year. Your coverage will begin July 1. You may have to pay a higher premium or penalty for late enrollment. The longer you wait, the higher that penalty.

However, if you didn't sign up for Part A and/or Part B because you're covered under a group health plan based on current employment, you have a Special Enrollment

Period. The SEP is anytime that you or your spouse (or family member if you're disabled) are working and you're covered by a group health plan through the employer or union based on that work. The SEP is also in effect during the eight-month period that begins the month after the employment ends or the group health plan coverage ends, whichever happens first.

Usually, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty if you sign up during the SEP. The SEP doesn't apply to people with end-stage renal disease.

**Q.** I switched Medicare Advantage Plans last year but want to go back to my old plan. What are my options?

**A.** As of 2011, you will not be able to change Medicare Advantage Plans until the next Annual Enrollment Period (Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2011).

Your new coverage will begin Jan. 1, 2012. However, between Jan. 1 and Feb. 14, you may leave your current plan and switch to original Medicare. If you do this, you'll have until Feb. 14 to join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) to add drug coverage.

To change back to orig-

inal Medicare, all you need to do is to enroll in a stand-alone Part D plan.

This action automatically disenrolls you from your Medicare Advantage Plan and puts you on straight Medicare. A HICAP counselor can assist you in selecting the most cost-effective drug plan for your needs.

Remember, that if you switch to original Medicare, you will be responsible for paying 20 percent of the Medicare-allowable costs for hospital and medical services as well as meeting the Part B and hospital deductibles.

There is a possibility that you may be able to purchase a Medigap (Medicare supplement) from an insurance company, but you may be subject to underwriting and have no guaranteed rights to purchase such a plan.

**Q.** What is the Medicare Part D penalty?

**A.** It is a penalty for late enrollment that is added to your monthly Part D premium if one of the following applies:

• You didn't join a Medicare drug plan when you were first eligible for Medicare, and you did not have creditable drug coverage (for example, a

plan through your employer, union or the Veterans' Administration that is as good as or better than a Medicare Part D plan).

• You didn't have Medicare prescription drug coverage for 63 days or more in a row.

The penalty is levied for as long as you are in a Part D plan and is based, in part, on the period of time you did not have coverage. That is why it is so important to sign up for a plan when you first become eligible even if you don't use prescription drugs at that time.

If you get extra help for your prescription drug coverage through the federal low income subsidy, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty.

*Nita Whaley is a Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program volunteer counselor-community educator certified by the California Department of Aging and working under the auspices of HICAP-Area Agency on Aging for the County of Ventura. Medicare recipients are invited to submit questions to this column by writing to HICAP, c/o Help of Ojai, P.O. Box 621, Ojai, CA 93024. Include your name and telephone.*



**Kathleen  
 MacGregor**

## A look into Chinese medicine

It is cold and flu season. Sniffles and coughs abound. The changes in weather stress and weaken our immune systems. According to

Chinese medicine, dampness and cold winds carry "evil qi" or pathogens that attack us and make us sick.

They come in the form of wind cold and wind heat. Wind cold starts with chills, a mild sore throat, fatigue and a runny nose with clear phlegm. It can progress into wind heat which includes fever and sweating, severe sore throat, body aches and sinus and lung congestion with yellow or green phlegm. Sometimes pathogens start as wind heat like the flu. Each presentation is treated individually with different herbs and acupuncture

points.

If you catch the symptoms early enough an acupuncture expelling treatment can help fight off the pathogen along with herbs and vitamins. An herb formula called Cold Away that is carried by many acupuncturists is very effective as is Cold Snap found at Rainbow Bridge or Lassen's. Goldenseal and echinacea are also excellent at mobilizing the immune system. The same for vitamin C and zinc. Echinacea works by activating the virus- and bacteria-eating white cells so taking it preventatively is a waste.

Echinacea was my first powerful experience with herbs. I was 19 and living in Vancouver, Canada in a damp, chilly basement in the winter. I had strep throat three times and the third round of antibiotics was not working. I went to an old-fashioned (before convenient tablets and capsules) herb shop called the Golden Bough. The shelves from floor to ceiling were full of jars with mysterious looking roots and barks, leaves and flowers. I was given echinacea root to cook up into a tea. It smelled and tasted awful but by the third cup I was feeling better and quickly recovered completely. This was the beginning of a lifetime journey with herbs and natural healing.

Once a pathogen has taken hold you can continue to take these products to help the immune system. Along with acupuncture they will help you recover more quickly and prevent complications and secondary infections. I frequently see people

who have been sick for a month or two. This is quite preventable. Along with the support protocol herbs should be added that treat the individual symptoms and the acupuncture treatment should be adjusted accordingly.

In order to prevent illness it is good to get maintenance acupuncture and take an immune tonic once a month during cold season. An immune tonic should include Chinese mushrooms such as cordyceps and ganderma as well as astragalus root. A tonic should not be used once you are sick as the herbs will make the pathogen stronger. Studies and my 22 years of experience have shown that people who get regular acupuncture get sick less frequently and recover more quickly.

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## Uhlein returns to Krotona

**Submitted by  
 Krotona School Staff**

Inspirational teacher, Gabriele Uhlein, OSF, Ph.D., returns to Krotona School for three programs beginning Feb. 1. Uhlein is internationally known for her practical spiritual perspectives. She offers seminars grounded in the experience and wisdom of the Christian mystics as well as contemporary eco-spiritual thought.

Her program topics will include: "Cosmos, Soul and Holy Ecology" (Feb. 1 through 4); "Shining Through the Living Light: The Spiritual Journey of Hildegard of Bingen" (Feb. 4 through 6); and "Celebrating the Mystics of Assisi: St. Francis and St. Clare" (Feb. 8 through 11). Weekday programs run Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. until noon. The weekend program runs Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to noon.

All three programs will be held at the Krotona School of Theosophy, 46 Krotona Hill in Ojai. The school is an integral part of the Krotona Institute and supports the work of the worldwide Theosophical Society. The institute's educational services include Krotona School, Library and Research Center, and Quest Bookshop, providing a range of resources for valley residents and guests as well as a retreat setting for visiting students. For more information contact Krotona School at 646-1139 or info@krotonaschool.org.

  
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# performing Arts

Highlighting the diverse incarnations of the performing arts throughout the Ojai Valley

## Art Center looks to canines to fill starring roles in play

**Linda Harmon**  
OVN contributor

After meeting the newest cast members of the Ojai Center for the Arts' production of "Annie," I walked away thinking the production may be going to the dogs. And I mean that in a good way.

Director Gai Jones has assembled a 59-member cast, including four suitably lovable, scruffy dogs. Yes, you read that right, dogs.

The canines will share the role of Annie's dog, Sandy, in the endearing tale of little orphan Annie.

According to Jones, the play's heroine has been described as "a metaphorical figure standing for innate decency, courage and optimism in the face of hard times, pessimism and despair."

Alongside Annie, the playwright has given us Sandy, the personification of all those qualities Annie herself possesses. His hairy physique holds an open heart and the integrity of

man's best friend. It's not the first time Jones, a veteran director, has staged the play, it's the fourth. Nonetheless, she looks forward to it being one of the most rewarding.

"We have six or seven families in this show and many generations," said Jones, who had more than 80 people audition. "I decided to double cast the orphans to give more kids the opportunity to perform." Many cast members have worked with Jones in previous productions.

Jones says she loves watching the older actors, too. "They learn just as much from working with the younger ones."

The idea to use dogs, as opposed to a person in a dog costume, came to Jones while walking her own dog, Buddy.

"I called Carolyn, who I often see walking her own dog on Shelf Road, for help," said Jones. "She found the dogs ... This is just fabulous, and it



Photo by Linda Harmon

Emmy Hilgers, left, and Riley Conrad are shown with Ginger, Dolo, Bodhi and Sierra, practicing for "Annie."

wouldn't have come together without Carolyn."

Jones is referring to Carolyn Moore, who found the dog owners willing to be "stage parents" for the run of a play. It's definitely a time commitment that applies to canines as well, no late nights or out-of-town trips while the play is open.

Moore also helped Jones

by finding a professional dog trainer for the play.

"I remembered Rick McCombs, who I met years ago," said Moore. "I had saved his card and just called him out of the blue. He said yes without hesitating."

Moore and McCombs were in the audience as the dogs took the stage for their first run-through. The

two leading ladies, Riley Conrad and Emmy Hilgers, walked through their scenes on stage with all four dogs, getting used to their movements and letting the dogs get used to being in the spotlight.

"Everyone got along really well, no dog fighting," said Jones, also pleased with the chemistry between the two-legged and four-legged stars. "And we have six weeks to get it together. Even the human actors need rehearsals to learn their lines."

None of the dogs have performed before, but their new trainer has no doubt that the dogs' performances will be star quality. And McCombs should know, he owns The Wizard of Paws, a Ventura-based pet training instruction business.

"The dogs are great, they'll do fine," said McCombs as he, the director and the dogs' owners discussed logistics of performance schedules and staging.

Jones said the play's program will list all the dogs, and which are performing on what days, just as she does for the human actors. That is in case the dogs' friends want to come, the two-legged kind that is.

Jones also has plans to include some canine freelancers being brought in every night for the four-weekend run.

"Kate Nelson, the volunteer coordinator at the Humane Society, is bringing in a canine-adoptive to play in the two dogcatcher scenes," said Jones. "She doesn't know what dogs she'll bring but she knows she'll have them."

Ummm, come for the play and you may go home with your new best friend. See why I say the production may be for the dogs?

"Annie" runs Feb. 4 through 27. For more information or reservations, go to ojaiact.org, call 640-8797 or see the calendar listing on Page A8.

## FRC brings back do wop

**Brian Bemel**  
OVN contributor

Fresh Roasted Concerts will present Renaissance Do Wop on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St. Come take a trip down memory lane and experience the smooth sounds of Renaissance Do Wop. With great voices, comedy and choreography, the group will take you back to a musical corner filled with spirit and joy.

Renaissance is an all a cappella, street corner-style, doo-wop singing quintet, dedicated to showcasing and preserving this critical art form of the African Amer-

ican musical and cultural heritage. These cats can flat out sing and their infectious energy is quite entertaining as they transport their audience to another space and time. Renaissance Do Wop intertwines social and cultural awareness themes in their music, offering "food for the spirit" as well as the soul. Whether it's a soul-stirring tribute to the legendary Sam Cooke, love songs for the ladies, Black History-themed conscious music or a rousing Gospel celebration, their superb vocal skills shine through.

Tickets in advance are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students or seniors, \$3 more at the door. Call 646-8907 or go to ptgo.org.



Photo submitted

Renaissance Do Wop

## Senga presents 'Antigone'

Senga Classic Stage Company will present "Antigone" by Jean Anouilh, a modern version of a Greek tragedy, directed by Francisca Beach, March 26 through April 17, at the Ojai Valley Grange, 381 Cruzero St., Ojai.

Auditions will be held Jan 25 and Jan. 26 and rehearsals will start Feb. 15.

The ancient Greek play, "Antigone," involves two sons and two daughters of mother-loving Oedipus, lately deceased king of Thebes.

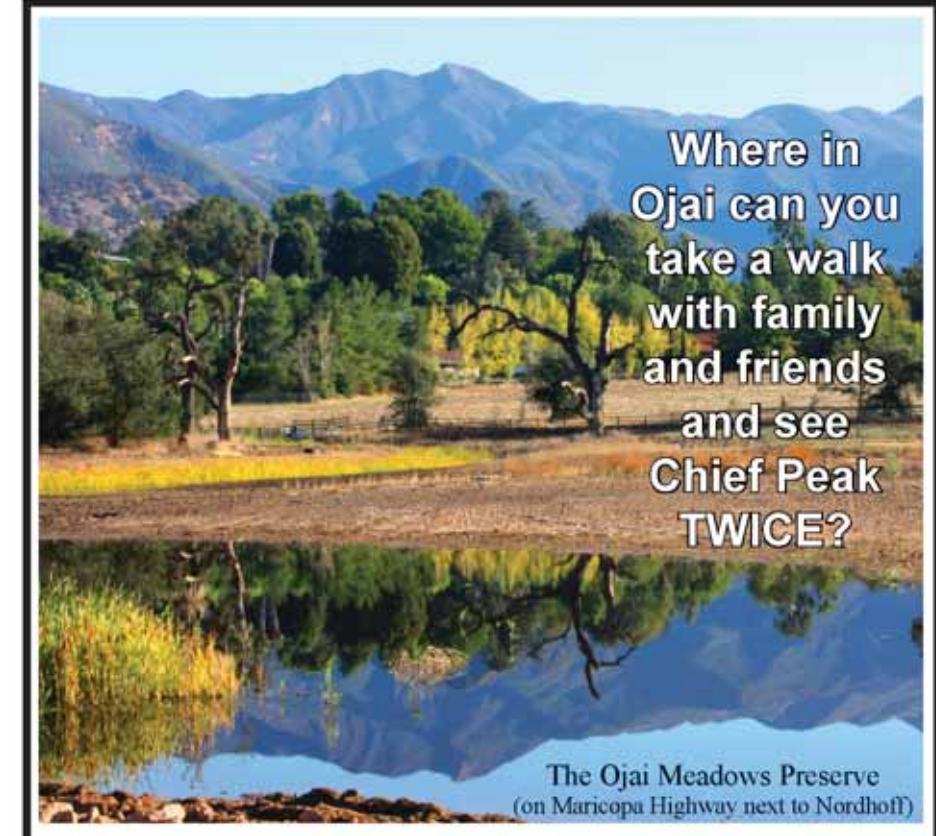
In an attempt to claim the throne, Oedipus' two sons have killed each other in civil war. Their uncle Creon has now become king. Creon has ordained that one of the

brothers be left unburied — carrion for dogs and vultures. Antigone, a sister, defies the edict, heaps earth upon the dishonored corpse, and is buried alive for punishment.

This sets off a chain of suicides, which leaves Creon devastated and alone to ponder on his actions.

In addition to actors from age 12 to 60, a percussionist is also needed to drum and play sound effects. The script is available to read at Ojai Library. Auditions will be cold readings from the script.

To reserve an audition slot and for more information: 646-4885, e-mail franciscabeach@gmail.com.



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## Rangers blinded by Flashes

NHS basketball drops key Tri-Valley League contest to Fillmore, 65-40

Mike Miller  
mike@ojaivalleynews.com

The Nordhoff Rangers and Fillmore Flashes faced off in a key Tri-Valley League matchup last Friday night that both teams needed if they hope to make the postseason. Fillmore used strong second and fourth quarters to take down the Rangers, 65-40.

In the first quarter the two teams went back and forth, trading buckets and the game appeared as though it would be another close game between the two schools. The Rangers' Sean Bettles scored six first-quarter points but Fillmore benefitted from Cory Cole's three buckets from beyond the three-point line and led the Rangers 14-13 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Flashes went to a zone defense and the Rangers could not convert their outside shots. "We don't have much size on the inside and when teams

zone us, we need to hit outside shots and we did not do that tonight. Give them credit, they outplayed us," said head coach Mike Probyn.

Fillmore went on an 8-0 run to start the second quarter before freshman Jake Boyd hit a three pointer to temporarily stop the bleeding for the Rangers. The Flashes stretched their halftime lead to 36-22 after outscoring the Rangers 22-9 in the second quarter. Gerardo Arevalo used his athleticism to slash to the hoop and scored nine points in the second quarter to pace Fillmore.

After the half, the Rangers' defense began to slow Fillmore's offense but NHS still struggled to score points as they looked to cut into the 14-point deficit. After the third quarter, the Rangers trailed by 13 points.

In the fourth and final quarter, the Rangers looked to make up points by shooting from beyond the three-point line, but were not able to knock any down and Fillmore once again started hitting their shots and they pulled away for their 11th win of the season. "We

played as hard as we could, but we are a team that needs to play well all of the time, otherwise we fall behind and that is what happened tonight. We had stretches where we just did not play well and Fillmore took advantage," said Probyn.

Cole led the Flashes with 16 points, including five three-point shots. Arevalo was also impressive, scoring 13 points on the night. For Nordhoff, Bettles led the team in scoring with 15 points and Brad Sloan added eight points. Boyd scored five points, all came in the second quarter.

With the loss, the Rangers drop to 4-12, 0-3 on the season and will play three games this week.

The Rangers host powerhouse Oaks Christian tonight and then will travel to take on Santa Clara Friday night. NHS then turns around to play Hueneme Saturday afternoon.

"We scheduled the Hueneme game because our preseason schedule is cut short due to the football playoffs," added Probyn.



Photo by Apri Medina

Sean Bettles, Robert Perron, Jake Logsdon, Paul Johnsen and Brad Sloan prepare for the Fillmore Flashes to take the floor in last Friday's Tri-Valley League showdown.

Submit local sports info to [mike@ojaivalleynews.com](mailto:mike@ojaivalleynews.com)

## Soule Park Men's Golf Club: Jan. 15 tournament results

The first Soule Park golf tournament of 2011 featured a two-man scramble format which was held last Saturday.

Gross score winners Jim Doyle and Lonnie Gibson, who shot a 67 with an impressive five birdies on the back nine.

Flight A net winners were David Van Winkle and Mike Flanagan with a 62 and Mike Kerkering and Henry Franco won Flight B with a 63, just

edging Mike Williams and Tom Wilcox by a single stroke. Tony Montenegro and Rex Simonson had the lowest net score of the day, winning Flight C with their combined 61 effort.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were Paul Forchione (1 foot, 1 inch) on the third hole, Bob Ridgway on the sixth, Mark Kenyon (13-1) on tenth and Mike Kerkering (7-8) on number 16.

*"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them — a desire, a dream, a vision."*

— Muhammad Ali

## Sports Shorts

- The Ojai Roadrunners Track and Field Club will be holding sign-ups on Saturday Jan. 22. You can find more information and printable registration forms by visiting [ojairoadrunners.com](http://ojairoadrunners.com) or call Ed Italo at 640-8337.
- Nordhoff High School is offering free admission to all students with current ID, to the Nordhoff vs. St. Bonaventure girls' basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 5. Ojai

Recreation department's youth basketball players will also be admitted free of charge with a paid adult admission.

- The Nordhoff softball team will be hosting their annual golf tournament to raise funding for improvements to Deputy Peter Aguirre field. For \$125, golfers will receive a cart, dinner, a T-shirt and other prizes. For more information, call Don Rodarte at 797-2147.



Photo by Holly Roberts

Lilly Baker pauses for a moment while the installation of the Montessori School of Ojai's rock climbing wall. Additional rock climbing classes, which will benefit classes begin today and end Feb. 23.

## Kids' rock climbing classes benefit MSO climbing wall

Holly Roberts  
OVN contributor

Pro climber Tiffany Levine-Campbell and Montessori athletic director Stan Schneider recently volunteered to lead a group of 10 students between the ages of 5 and 14 through a four-week rock climbing course at Vertical Heaven Climbing Gym in Ventura.

The proceeds of the class entry fees will directly benefit the installation of a new rock climbing wall at the

Montessori School of Ojai, which will eventually be open for use by the Ojai community.

Levine-Campbell, world class professional climber, and known as one of the "5 Women Who Climb," along with Schneider, guided students through the basics of footwork, posturing, movement from the core, straight arm climbing and reading sequences.

The Montessori School of Ojai will offer two spring rock climbing classes for students 7 to 14

years old (beginner to intermediate levels). The classes will run on Wednesdays for six weeks each (today through Feb. 23, and March 2 to April 6) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The class is open to the public, but space is limited. The cost is \$150 per class.

All proceeds benefit the MSO rock climbing wall installation. For more information or to register for a class, contact Karrie Keys at [Karberry67@gmail.com](mailto:Karberry67@gmail.com) or call Montessori School of Ojai at 649-2525.

## VPS cagers 3-0 in league play

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The Wildcats (10-9, 3-0) defeated Malibu 57-47 last Friday night and then turned around and took care of Grace Brethren last Monday 40-29 to improve to 3-0 in league play as they eye a post-season berth. The Wildcats led from start to finish against the Sharks and according to head coach Jon Wyers, the Wildcats played great defensively.

Andrew Meyer and Erik Palmer combined to hold Malibu's best player, Justin Holmes, scoreless in the first half and he ended

up with just 11 points which is well under his 18 points-per-game average. The Wildcats' stingy half-court defense held Malibu to only four field goals in the entire first half and the Sharks shot just 24 percent from the floor in the game.

VPS led by 20 points late in the game, but miscues late in the game allowed the Sharks to get back in the game before the Wildcats finally solidified the 10-point victory. In the winning effort, the Wildcats were once again led by Connor Placial who scored 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished out five assists. Jon

Woodcock scored 11 points and had seven rebounds while Jackson Doyle and Brad David both scored 10 points for Villanova.

Against Grace Brethren, VPS was led by Placial and David who both scored nine points apiece. With the win, the Wildcats claimed sole possession of first place in the Frontier League.

This week will be big for the Wildcats as they face Santa Paula tonight and then they will play Bishop Diego Friday night. Both games are at home and are against teams battling for the Frontier League title.



Photo by Dan Placial

Jackson Doyle shoots a running jumper earlier in the season against St. Genevieve earlier in the season. Doyle has been instrumental in the Wildcats' success this season, averaging 9.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.

## Ojai Valley News Sports Question of the Week:

Two teams have lost four Super Bowls each without ever winning one. Can you name them?

See the answer on Friday's sports page!

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE TS #: CA-10-  
385867-JB Order #: 100545287-CA-MAI YOU  
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TRUST DATED 6/22/2005.  
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MAY BE SOLD AT A  
PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU  
NEED AN  
EXPLANATION OF THE  
NATURE OF THE  
PROCEEDING AGAINST  
YOU, YOU SHOULD  
CONTACT A LAWYER. A  
public auction sale at the  
highest bidder for cash,  
cashier's check drawn on a  
state or national bank,  
check drawn by state or  
federal credit union, or a  
check drawn by a state or  
federal savings and loan  
association, or savings  
bank specified in Section 5102 of  
the Financial code and  
authorized to do business in  
this state, will be held by  
duly appointed trustee. The  
sale will be made, but  
without covenant or  
warranty, expressed or  
implied, regarding title,  
possession, or  
encumbrances, to pay the  
remaining principal sum of  
the note(s) secured by the  
Deed of Trust, with interest  
and late charges thereon, as  
provided in the note(s),  
advances, under the terms  
of the Deed of Trust,  
interest thereon, fees,  
charges and expenses of the  
Trustee for the total amount  
(at the time of the initial  
publication of the Notice of  
Sale) reasonably estimated  
to be set forth below. The  
amount may be greater on  
the day of sale.  
BENEFICIARY MAY  
ELECT TO BID LESS  
THAN THE TOTAL  
AMOUNT DUE.  
Trustor(s):  
CHRISTOPHER R LYTLE  
, A SINGLE MAN  
Recorded: 6/29/2005 as  
Instrument No. 20050629-  
0158488 in book, page of  
Official Records in the  
office of the Recorder of  
VENTURA County,  
California; Date of Sale:  
2/7/2011 at 11:00 AM  
Place of Sale: At the main  
entrance to the Government  
Center Hall of Justice, 800  
South Victoria Avenue,  
Ventura, CA 93001 Amount  
of unpaid balance and other  
charges: \$508,622.03 The  
purported property address  
is: 105 Shady Lane Ojai,  
CA 93023 Assessor's  
Parcel No. 022-0-161-405  
The undersigned Trustee  
disclaims any liability for  
any incorrectness of the  
property address or other  
common designation, if  
any, shown herein. If no  
street address or other  
common designation is  
shown, please refer to the  
referred legal description  
for property location. In  
the event no common address  
or common designation of  
the property is provided  
herein directions to the  
location of the property  
may be obtained within 10  
days of the date of first  
publication of this Notice  
of Sale by sending a written  
request to Litton Loan  
Servicing LP 4828 Loop  
Central Drive Houston TX  
77081 Pursuant to  
California Civil Code  
2923.54 the undersigned,  
on behalf of the beneficiary,  
loan servicer or authorized  
agent, declares as follows: [

] The mortgage loan  
servicer has obtained from  
the commissioner a final or  
temporary order of  
exemption pursuant to  
Section 2923.53 that is  
current and valid on the  
date the notice of sale is  
filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe  
for giving notice of sale  
specified in subdivision (a)  
of Section 2923.52 does not  
apply pursuant to Section  
2923.52. If the Trustee is  
unable to convey title for  
any reason, the successful  
bidder's sole and exclusive  
remedy shall be the return  
of monies paid to the  
Trustee, and the successful  
bidder shall have no further  
recourse. If the sale is set  
aside for any reason, the  
Purchaser at the sale shall  
be entitled only to a return  
of the deposit paid. The  
Purchaser shall have no  
further recourse against the  
Mortgagor, the Mortgagee,  
or the Mortgagee's  
Attorney. Date: Quality  
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92101 619-645-7711 For  
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247-9727 Quality Loan  
Service, Corp. If you have  
previously been discharged  
through bankruptcy, you  
may have been released of  
personal liability for this  
loan in which case this  
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the note holders right's  
against the real property  
only. THIS NOTICE IS  
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USED FOR THAT  
PURPOSE. As required by  
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that a negative credit report  
reflecting on your credit  
record may be submitted to  
a credit report agency if  
you fail to fulfill the terms  
of your credit obligations.  
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01/26/2011

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ASAP #3876733  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE Trustee Sale No. 10-  
514940 INC Title Order  
No. 100528512-CA-BFI  
APN 673-0-160-180 YOU  
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TRUST DATED 11/13/06.  
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ACTION TO PROTECT  
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PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU  
NEED AN  
EXPLANATION OF THE  
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PROCEEDINGS  
AGAINST YOU, YOU  
SHOULD CONTACT A  
LAWYER. On 02/01/11 at  
11:00 a.m., Aztec  
Foreclosure Corporation as  
the duly appointed Trustee  
under and pursuant to Deed  
of Trust Recorded on  
11/22/06 in Instrument No.  
20061122-00247109-0 of  
official records in the  
Office of the Recorder of  
VENTURA County,  
California, executed by  
Celso A. Velarde, Jr. and  
Melissa A. Velarde,

Husband and Wife, as  
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FSB, as Beneficiary, WILL  
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AUCTION TO THE  
HIGHEST BIDDER FOR  
CASH (payable at time of  
sale in lawful money of the  
United States, by cash, a  
cashier's check drawn by a  
state or national bank, a  
check drawn by a state or  
federal credit union, or a  
check drawn by a state or  
federal savings and loan  
association, savings bank  
specified in section 5102 of  
the Financial Code and  
authorized to do business in  
this state), at the main  
entrance to the Government  
Center Hall of Justice, 800  
South Victoria Drive,  
Ventura, CA, all right, title  
and interest conveyed to  
and now held by it under  
said Deed of Trust in the  
property situated in said  
County, California  
described as: 1995  
RUDOLPH DRIVE,  
NEWBURY PARK, CA  
91320 The project is located on an  
11.4-acre District-owned  
parcel in unincorporated  
Ventura County,  
approximately 1.1 miles  
north of the State Route  
150/Carne Road  
intersection, about 0.9  
miles northeast of the City  
of Ojai, California.  
**Why A Public Notice?**  
The Ventura County  
Watershed Protection  
District intends to adopt a  
Mitigated Negative  
Declaration (MND) for the  
San Antonio Creek  
Spreading Grounds  
Rehabilitation Project. The  
proposed project would  
result in potential adverse  
impacts to air quality, water  
resources, cultural  
resources, and  
transportation and  
circulation. All adverse  
impacts would be mitigated  
to a less than significant  
level.  
**Where Can You Review the  
Report?**  
The Draft MND is  
available for review at the  
following locations:  
1. Watershed Protection  
District 800 S. Victoria  
Avenue Ventura  
2. Ventura County Clerk,  
800 S. Victoria  
Avenue, Ventura  
3. Ojai Public Library, 111  
E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai  
4. Meiners Oaks Public  
Library, 114 North Padre  
Juan, Meiners Oaks  
5. Santa Paula Public  
Library, 119 North 8th  
Street, Santa Paula  
6. E.P. Foster Public  
Library, 651 East Main  
Street, Ventura  
7. Avenue Public Library,  
606 North Ventura Ave.,  
Ventura  
In addition, the Draft MND  
is available for review at  
the Ventura County  
Watershed Protection  
District website:  
www.vcwatershed.org,  
where the document can be  
found under the "What's  
New" link.  
**How Can You Participate?**  
Public comment and  
participation is encouraged.  
The public review period  
for this MND is January  
12, 2011 through February  
11, 2011. During this time,  
anyone may comment on  
the MND by writing to:  
Ventura County Watershed  
Protection District  
Attention: Elizabeth  
Martinez  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1610  
Or email  
Elizabeth.Martinez@ventur  
a.org  
In addition, the public is

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NOTICE OF  
INTENT TO ADOPT A  
DRAFT MITIGATED  
NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION  
Ventura County Watershed  
Protection District  
What's Being Done?

invited to attend the next  
Ojai Valley Municipal  
Advisory Council (MAC)  
meeting on January 31,  
2011 at 7:00 p.m. at which  
the proposed project will be  
discussed. The MAC  
meeting will be held at the  
Oak View Community  
Center located at 18 Valley  
Drive, Oak View.  
A public hearing by the  
Board of Supervisors will  
be scheduled for a later  
date. Please contact us for  
information on the  
time/date of this hearing or  
you may check the Board  
agenda.  
**Contact**  
For more information  
please contact Elizabeth  
Martinez, Environmental  
Planner, at 805-658-4374.  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
SALE  
On Friday, February 4,  
2011 at 10:00 a.m., Ojai  
Self Storage will sell the  
following units in a Public  
Auction at 404 Bryant  
Circle, Ojai. These units  
have failed to pay their  
storage fees and have  
received proper notice per  
the California Self Service  
Storage Facility Act  
(SS21700-21716) and these  
units have expired.  
B-56 Julie Pitcher: Bed,  
dining table set, dresser,  
futon, table, trunk, coffee  
table, household goods &  
many boxes.  
C-15 Carol Paulson: TV,  
BBQ, chair, many boxes,  
misc.  
C-101 Zach Zastrow:  
Wood chest, speaker,  
clothing, toaster oven,  
many boxes & misc.  
C-173 Todd Metlen: 2  
shelving units, flat screen  
monitor, paper binder, file  
boxes, computer, storage  
containers & misc.  
C-174 Jeffrey Miles:  
Portable A/C unit,  
computer, many boxes &  
misc.  
C-179 Ian Reid: Golf  
clubs, bike, bike rack,  
fishing poles, 2 sm. tool  
boxes, crutches, boots &  
misc.  
D-38 Gary Spivey: Bed  
frames, grandfather clock,  
outdoor bar fum., shelving,  
trunk, armoire, side table &  
misc.  
D-39 Steve Snowbarger:  
Couch, mattress, table,  
chairs, shelving, dresser, ice  
chest, tool boxes, water  
tank, saddle bags, camping  
gear & misc.  
Ojai Self Storage reserves  
the right to set opening  
bids. Units, which pay,  
will not be auctioned. All items  
sold "As Is" and must be  
removed at the time of sale.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN, that the City  
Council of the City of Ojai,  
California at its regular  
meeting on January 11,  
2011 adopted Ordinance  
No. 802, Approving and  
Adopting the Proposed Text  
Amendment to the  
Amended and Restated  
Redevelopment Plan for the  
Downtown Redevelopment  
Project, and Approving and  
Adopting the Proposed  
Amendment to Extend  
Certain Limits Applicable  
to the Downtown  
Redevelopment Project  
Pursuant to Health and  
Safety Code Sections  
33333.6(e)(2)(D) and

33333.6(e)(3).  
I, Rhonda K. Basore,  
Deputy City Clerk of the  
City of Ojai, do hereby  
certify that the foregoing  
Ordinance was introduced  
at a regular meeting of the  
City Council of the City of  
Ojai held on November 18,  
2008 and adopted at a  
regular meeting held on  
January 11, 2011 by the  
following vote:  
AYES: Blatz, Clapp,  
Horgan, Strobel, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
A full copy of the  
Ordinance is on file in the  
City Clerk's office at 401 S.  
Ventura Street, Ojai, CA.  
This Ordinance shall  
become effective on the  
thirty-first (31st) day after  
its passage.  
/s/RHONDA BASORE  
Rhonda K. Basore, MMC,  
Deputy City Clerk, City of  
Ojai

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SUPERIOR COURT OF  
CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF Ventura  
800 Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009  
Ventura Courthouse  
PETITION OF  
RICKYISAAC ZEPEDA  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME  
56-2011-00389353-CU-PT-  
VTA  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS: Petitioner Noe  
Flores filed a petition with  
this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
a) Ricky Isaac Zepeda to  
Ricky Isaac Rodriguez; b)  
Anthony Zepeda Jr. to  
Anthony Rodriguez.  
THE COURT ORDERS  
that all persons interested in  
this matter shall appear  
before this court at the  
hearing indicated below to  
show cause, if any, why the  
petition for change of name  
should not be granted.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
Date: 3/8/11  
Time: 8:30 am  
Dept.: 42  
The address of the court is  
same as noted above.  
A copy of this Order to  
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published at least once a  
week for four successive  
weeks prior to the date set  
for hearing on the petition  
in the following newspaper  
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Valley News.  
Date: JAN 11, 2011  
BY ORDER OF THE  
COURT  
MICHAEL D. PLANET  
Ventura Superior Court  
Executive Officer and Clerk  
BY: /s/A. GUTIERREZ,  
Deputy Clerk

OVN01-15-11  
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February 2 & 9, 2011  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 201101106-  
10000209-0 1/1  
Ventura County Clerk and  
Recorder  
MARK A. LUNN  
File Date: 01-06/2010  
THE FOLLOWING  
PERSON(S) IS (ARE)  
DOING BUSINESS AS:  
kpcmm  
Street Address of  
Principal Place of Business:  
207 Park Road, Ojai, CA,  
93023, Ventura County  
Full Name of Registrant  
(Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited

Liability Company:  
Keith G. Peters  
207 Park Road  
Ojai, CA 93023  
Full Name of Registrant  
(Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited  
Liability Company:  
Alisan L. Peters  
207 Park Road  
Ojai, CA 93023  
THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY:  
Husband and Wife  
The registrant  
commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious  
business name or names  
listed on 1/3/2011.  
I declare that all  
information in this  
statement is true and  
correct.  
(A registrant who declares  
as true information which  
he or she knows to be false  
is guilty of a crime.)  
/s/KEITH G. PETERS  
Keith G. Peters  
NOTICE – in accordance  
with subdivision (a) of  
Section 17920, a fictitious  
name statement generally  
expires at the end of five  
years from the date on  
which it was filed in the  
office of the county clerk,  
except, as provided in  
subdivision of section  
17920, where it expires 40  
days after any change in the  
facts set forth in the  
statement pursuant to  
section 17913 other than a  
change in residence address  
or registered owner. A new  
fictitious business name  
statement must be filed  
before the expiration. The  
filing of this statement does  
not of itself authorize the  
use in this state of a  
fictitious business name in  
violation of the rights of  
another under Federal,  
State, or Common Law (see  
section 14411 ET SEQ.,  
Business and Professions  
Code).  
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Ventura on the date  
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Ventura County Clerk and  
Recorder  
MARK A. LUNN  
File Date: 01/11/2011  
THE FOLLOWING  
PERSON(S) IS (ARE)  
DOING BUSINESS AS:  
(1) Rataway.com, (2) Dirty  
Filters.com  
Street Address of  
Principal Place of Business:  
2114 South Rice Rd., Ojai,  
CA 93023, Ventura County  
Full Name of Registrant  
(Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited  
Liability Company:  
Rick Suddes  
2114 South Rice Rd.  
Ojai, CA 93023  
THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY: An  
Individual  
The registrant  
commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious  
business name or names  
listed on 1/3/11.  
I declare that all  
information in this  
statement is true and  
correct.  
(A registrant who declares  
as true information which  
he or she knows to be false  
is guilty of a crime.)  
/s/RICK SUDDSES  
Rick Suddes  
NOTICE – in accordance  
with subdivision (a) of  
Section 17920, a fictitious

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January 19, 2011  
CNSB #2026457  
NOTICE OF CENTRAL  
COUNTING  
PLACE AND  
NOTICE OF RANDOM  
SELECTION OF  
PRECINCTS FOR  
MANUAL TALLY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN to the qualified  
voters in the 17th  
Senatorial District, State of  
California, that a Special  
Primary Election will be  
held on Tuesday, February  
15, 2011, for the purpose of  
electing one State Senator.  
Pursuant to Elections  
Code Section 12112, the  
ballots of the precincts of  
17th Senatorial District will  
be counted at a Central  
Counting Place, County of  
Ventura, Hall of  
Administration, Elections  
Division, 800 South  
Victoria Avenue, Ventura,  
and shall be open to the  
public.  
Polling places will be  
open between the hours of  
7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on  
Tuesday, February 15,  
2011.  
NOTICE IS ALSO  
GIVEN to the qualified  
voters in the 17th  
Senatorial District, State of  
California that the random  
selection of precincts to be  
verified for the one percent  
manual tally of the votes  
cast for the February 15,  
2011, Special Primary  
Election will be held on  
February 16, 2011, at 10:00  
a.m. The random selection  
of precincts will be held in  
the County of Ventura, Hall  
of Administration,  
Elections Division, 800  
South Victoria Avenue,  
Ventura, and is open to the  
public. The manual tally  
process of the randomly  
selected precincts will  
begin on February 23,  
2011, at 9:00 a.m. and will  
be held in the County of  
Ventura, Hall of  
Administration, Elections  
Division, 800 South  
Victoria Avenue, Ventura,  
and is open to the public.  
Dated this 13th day of  
January, 2011.  
MARK A. LUNN, Clerk  
Recorder/Registrar of  
Voters  
By: Monica D. Terrones  
Deputy County Clerk  
Ventura County Elections  
Division  
1/19/11  
CNS-2026457#  
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## RISA'S ASTROLOGY

# Move forward, step back

### Esoteric astrology as news for the week of Jan. 20 through 26:

The news that astrology has  
changed is a hoax! It's another  
diversion from reality.  
The sun enters Aquarius  
Thursday (Mayahma, the  
Buddhist New Year). We leave  
the mountaintop of Capricorn  
and enter Aquarius, sign of  
serving humanity, to serve  
and in Pisces, to save.  
Saturday Jupiter enters Aries,  
an important shift, preparing  
us for Uranus' entrance into  
Aries, March 11. Aries is "all  
things new," Jupiter expands,  
Uranus revolutionizes.  
Together they create "new  
ideas that become ideals" that  
bring forth the new culture  
and civilization. Helping us  
assess this is Saturn, Dweller  
on the Threshold, demanding  
discipline and attention to  
structure, retrograding  
(review before the new  
arrives) in Libra (creating  
right relations, new,  
sustainable, practical  
economic model). Saturn  
retros at 17.14 degrees (till  
June 12, Pentecost, Holy Spirit  
as tongues of fire, new  
information, new minds,  
virtues and gifts to create the  
new world). It's an exciting  
time.  
**News and Notes:** 1. The

Tucson shooting informs us  
we need to teach ahimsa  
(Sanskrit/Hindu for "do no  
harm"). 2. With flooding in  
Brazil and Australia, the  
destruction of the banana  
plant, (New Yorker, Jan. 10,  
2011, "We Have No Bananas"),  
along with the many other  
compromised crops around  
the world, everyone needs  
greenhouses - on balconies,  
patios, rooftops, in back  
yards, blocks and  
neighborhoods, creating  
"greenhouse communities."  
Cows and chickens, pigs,  
sheep and llamas, too.  
**ARIES:** What's happening in  
your home, with family and  
loved ones? Something from  
the past needs tending, a new  
structure perhaps, new  
disciplines. Created with love,  
of course. How is your  
biological family influencing  
your life now? Each of us,  
within our families, has the  
spiritual task of healing  
generational family wounds  
(Chiron), a soul contract, the  
purpose of our lives. Love (the  
heart of sacrifice) that  
understands this.  
**TAURUS:** You're the focus,  
speaker, leader, facilitator of  
the community and/or village  
you live within. You have  
patience with individual  
emotional vicissitudes,

understand behavior patterns  
and different ray structures.  
You have the capacity to see  
the whole picture containing  
the many smaller ones. Your  
abilities bring individuals  
together, help them identify  
as a group that, trying your  
patience at times, eventually  
(through resistance) forms  
community. I'll thank you for  
them.  
**GEMINI:** The impulse, the  
message, the (hierarchical)  
impressions being placed  
upon you to travel to a  
community (not anyone, a  
specific one) is becoming  
greater and greater. What is  
needed by you to follow this  
impression? Many of us are  
being "impressed" these days,  
by greater intelligences who,  
observing us, know what we  
need, know what others need,  
know who can fulfill those  
needs. You could perhaps  
consider that you are needed  
elsewhere. Ponder this. Do  
you have the book?  
**CANCER:** You are  
participating in something  
with family, something  
personal? You continue to  
return to a place that either  
needs you or you need it.  
Perhaps, and most likely, it is  
both. You feel serious about a  
family situation, make plans  
to bring more discipline. The

next six months you will  
consider the needed changes  
to be made. You will consider  
you're the direction, meaning  
and purpose of your life. A  
new direction will be taken.  
**LEO:** Have you found your  
thoughts more serious, more  
concerned with rules and  
regulations? Are you feeling  
restricted by a certain  
relationship? Do you feel the  
need to run away, far away? Is  
someone or something  
waiting for you there? Is work  
more serious and is change  
needed there? Do you seek  
community to fulfill  
relationship needs?  
Something new will happen  
soon. Surprising.  
**VIRGO:** Take seriously the  
idea that you are of deep  
value. Also, be aware how  
your money and resources are  
used need reviewing. Is there  
enough to continue with your  
present-past lifestyle? If not,  
what needs to be changed,  
restrained, revitalized, added?  
And how can these be  
accomplished? Each day is  
filled with tasks. Each day  
changes, no matter how you  
plan. Remember you hold  
hidden within new realities.  
**LIBRA:** Soon you'll feel a  
shift deeply inward, lasting for  
about six months where you  
assess responsibilities, review  
self-identity and self-image,  
and participate in the total  
transformation of the beliefs  
that have held you for so long.  
Your future is in the roots of  
the plants that you grow. So,  
as I wrote last week, begin  
your garden with herbs,  
medicinals, flowers (edible)

and vegetables. Include fruit  
trees. All this becomes your  
creativity. Begin a writing-  
drawing garden journal.  
**SCORPIO:** It's a good time,  
as the new world appears, to  
ask yourself Scorpio's most  
potent questions. Always you  
seek the truth and your truth  
creates your philosophy,  
which constantly changes.  
Searching within, realigning  
beliefs and values, ask  
yourself what goals and  
dreams you hold. Do you have  
any left? Sometimes  
disappointment destroys  
them. You want reality. In our  
morning meditations our  
prayer is, "Let reality govern  
our every thought. And truth  
be the master of our lives."  
**SAGITTARIUS:** Is your  
mind racing, full future ideas  
and possibilities? Is there a bit  
of recriminatory thinking, of  
things you failed to do in the  
recent past? Shafts of both  
darkness and light fill through  
your life. These are the  
elements you are made of. We  
all are. I read a line of poetry  
that reminded me of you. "I  
am cunningly made, a  
universe of elements." You  
hold not only your own, but  
others as well. This new year  
will be a surprise.  
**CAPRICORN:** As you  
continue to transform  
internally, your sense of self  
and communication  
transform, too. It's important  
to be aware that Mercury is in  
your sign. Mercury in Cap can  
sound harsh to others.  
Astrologers know it's not  
harshness, but practicality.

Most of humanity isn't  
astrology-wise or practical  
(yet). You may turn this upon  
yourself. I caution you. Don't  
be (self) critical. It's  
destructive and separates you  
from life. Turn the criticism to  
self-praise creating value.  
**AQUARIUS:** You're in the  
community, sensing, feeling,  
discovering values and  
resources assessing their  
usefulness in terms of your  
daily life and needs. There's a  
quiet transformation taking  
place. You're asking deep  
questions, the answers of  
which will alter the patterns of  
daily life. There are special  
friends around you trust and  
care for. They laugh at you.  
However, they also respect  
you. A life could be built  
around your collective  
dreams, hopes and wishes.  
**PISCES:** A spiritual  
presence is making itself  
known, perhaps through your  
acts of kindness and care,  
sacrifice and love. It's good to  
tell others about your spiritual  
tasks. That before you die  
(and that could be years from  
now), you are to have right  
relations with everyone and  
with all kingdoms. With this  
promise, by living within this  
standard of values, you  
increase your worth,  
authority, happiness and joy.  
Life then follows.  
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## Community Cares About Hospital

The Continuing Care Center, in back of the hospital, has received a face-lift thanks to three community outreach organizations. The Ojai Valley Garden Club, under the creative leadership of Sherry Smith, shown above, has beautified the entrance with numerous plants and a birdhouse which both the patients and staff are enjoying. The patio was re-painted last March by volunteers from the Ojai Presbyterian Church, one of their March Madness Mission projects. Then both the Hospital Guild and the Garden Club, under the direction of Dottie Combs, provided money to buy new awnings, patio furniture and attractive planters to make the patio inviting for the residents.

## OFWC tours bowl construction site

Many members of the Ojai Festivals Women's Committee recently took one of the hard hat tours offered by the Save the Libbey Bowl campaign to give the community a chance to view the construction site and see what has been accomplished so far.

OFWC is a major contributor for the Ojai Music Festival. In 2010, it donated to the festival and its Bravo! education program — more than \$57,000 raised through fund-raising events such as the Holiday Home Look In, the Legacy Luncheon, the poinsettia and chocolate sale and the Farm Tour held last April. On top of donations to the Libbey



Photo submitted

The Ojai Festivals Women's Committee poses in front of the Libbey Bowl after taking a hard hat tour of the site.

Bowl campaign from individual members, the OFWC also gave \$5,000 to the project. "It's so exciting to see how the work has progressed," declared Rena Randall, president of the OFWC. "The new bowl is actually taking shape!"

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## OVYF appoints new director

Bronte Reynolds, president of the board of directors of the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation has announced the appointment of Barbara Workman as the new executive director.

Workman comes to the OVIYF with many years of professional experience in the nonprofit arena and has successfully raised considerable funds as an executive and consultant. She has been a college administrator and has

worked for local and county governments. She has served as director of development for several large nonprofit organizations and has also done considerable consulting to various nonprofit groups.

"On behalf of the OVIYF, I am thrilled to be welcoming Barbara. Her wealth of experience and knowledge will be an asset to our foundation as together we promote the youth services that we provide to our local community," said

Reynolds.

"I am looking forward to bringing my experience and background to OVIYF," said Workman. "I am very impressed with the Youth Foundation and the great people that are here and I am eager to participate and promote their future success."

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