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Ojai 'Relay for Life' to bring in thousands for ACS

Matthew Wagner
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According to the American Cancer Society, cancer kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Recognizing this massive worldwide problem, the ACS hosts "Relay for Life" events across the country, where teams raise funds for cancer research and show their commitment to the cause by walking for 24 hours straight. In this year's Ojai event, 27 teams and 319 participants — not including volunteers who donate countless hours of time to support the participants — will walk the track at the Ojai Valley Community Stadium at Nordhoff High School this Saturday and Sunday.

Each of the 27 teams will have its own booth and share information about different types of cancers. The opening ceremony and cancer survivors' lap will take place around 10 a.m. Then, teams will take shifts and begin walking the track. There will be music, food and activities all day and night, including a silent auction. At 8 p.m., the luminaria ceremony begins as darkness falls. Considered by some to be the heart of the relay, the ceremony features paper bags which ring the track and will be lit up. The hand-decorated bags offer names of cancer survivors, as well as the names of those who have succumbed to cancer. A closing ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday. The event is open to the public, which is encouraged to attend and view the booths.

Different groups have different reasons for joining the "Relay for Life." Ojai Community Bank has had a team called Skinner's Winners for the last two years. They participate in memory of their past president, Shari Skinner, who died of cancer. "All of our staff is walking. We have somebody walking every hour," said Judy Gabriel, a Skinner's Winners team member and the OCB marketing and community relations director. OCB has raised more than \$5,000 so far — well

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Photo by Logan Hall

Seven Arrested on Cruzero Street; Theft, Drug Use Alleged

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department arrested seven people on the 300 block of Cruzero Street on Wednesday after deputies responded to a report of a stolen vehicle located in the area. The vehicle, a small white pickup truck, was allegedly stolen from Padre Juan Avenue earlier in the morning and subsequently spotted on the suspect's property being dismantled for parts according to Sgt. Randy Watkins. One suspect, Matthew Reeves, was arrested for the theft of the truck, while another suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property related to the stolen

pickup. "He had some dismantled parts from the stolen vehicle in his possession," said Detective Steven Michalec who was on scene investigating the case. The remaining suspects were arrested for drug charges according to the VCSD. One suspect, Tim Creech, was arrested in a previous drug bust on the same property in February on drug charges. Above, suspect Shane Young is handcuffed and taken by deputies to a waiting patrol car after being arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance at the property on Cruzero Street.

Old Creek bridge nearing completion

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Valley citizens who reside on Old Creek Road should get a break from traversing the flooded crossing over San Antonio Creek during the next big storms. The County of Ventura is nearing completion of the \$2 million, federally funded bridge project that will give residents access to Highway 33, even in a 100-year flood.

The county's project manager, Glenn Derossett, says the bridge should be open to

traffic in about a month, but there are still several more issues that need to be tackled before the project can be considered complete. The county is still waiting for federal approval to remove the old crossing from the creek. Because of the potential threat to steelhead trout and the red-legged tree frog, which are endangered species, removal of the old crossing needs to follow very specific guidelines. "We just can't go in there with an excavator and start ripping up concrete," said Derossett. "They want to be able to review our plan."

Despite concerns about endangered species in the area, Derossett says that the different government agencies, which include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are in favor of the bridge and the removal of the old crossing. "Every time we build a bridge we usually end up fighting with the different agencies," he said. "This time, they are all for the project."

One issue arose when project plans called for the relocation of Old Creek residents'

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Local hiking book gets three-generation family update

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A local author, who wrote an Ojai Valley-based, pocket-sized hiking and trail guide in 1999, recently updated and expanded the book with the help of her daughter and granddaughter.

"Roam: Ojai's Hip Little Hiking Guide" is available in many area museums and stores, and now includes new sections on cycling trails, rock climbing and horseback riding. Author Gael Belden originally wrote the book in 1999 when she found she was recreating herself and was writing essays about nature.

"I had a wolf-hybrid dog named Epiphany," Belden recalls of her original inspiration for writing the book. "She needed to walk a lot; to run far twice per day to settle her down."

This required lots of time on the valley trails and soon revealed itself as an opportunity to share the wonders of Ojai's natural landscape with others.



Photo submitted

The new hiking trail guide boasts three generations of Belden family knowledge.

Further inspired by author and adventurer Rick Ridgeway — who wrote the book's foreword — Belden sat down and started to write about the

trails of the Ojai Valley that she was spending so much time exploring.

What resulted was the

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OJAI EVENTS

LOLA HAAG AT BODEE'S SATURDAY

Local musician Lola Haag and her jazz trio will be performing at Bodee's Restaurant, 3304 Maricopa Highway, on Saturday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Haag will perform vocals, Tilford Jackson will be on keyboard, Tom Buckner on tenor sax and flute, and James Antunez on drums. Dinner reservations are suggested; there is a \$10 cover charge. For details, call 646-5300, or see bodees.net.

"SYLVIA" OPENS FRIDAY

"Sylvia" is an Outstanding Comic Play award winner exploring what happens when a man brings home a stray dog (played by a fetching young woman) to his wife, causing a riotous rivalry. The play may be unsuitable for youth due to some language and situations. It runs at the Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 S. Montgomery St., today to June 19 (except no show June 11), Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$18 general, \$15 students, seniors and Art Center members. Box office: 640-8797 or OjaiACT.org.

"MONTHLY AT THE METHODIST"

"Monthly at the Methodist" will present Jim and Jean Strathdee in concert on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Ojai Methodist Church, 120 Church Road. Internationally honored hymn and song writers, the Strathdees' works are published and sung on six continents. Suggested donation: adults \$15, seniors and students \$10; 50 percent of net proceeds will benefit Help of Ojai's Community Food Pantry. Meet the artists at a reception following the concert. Call 646-3528 for information.

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"PUSS IN BOOTS"

Performances To Grow On will present the Oregon Shadow Theater's award-winning show, "Puss in Boots," on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Matilija Auditorium, 703 El Paseo Road, Ojai. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 children; available at Ojai Coffee Roasting Co., or 646-8907 or at ptgo.org (click on special attractions).

"AN AMERICAN PATCHWORK"

The Ojai Community Theater will perform its spring concert, "An American Patchwork," on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ojai Presbyterian Church, 304 Foothill Road, featuring a wide variety of uniquely American songs, led by Connie Woodson and backed by a live band. Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 kids ages 6 through 11 (younger than 5 admitted free); available at Angela's Flowers, from chorus members and at the door. Call 640-0468.

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Obituary



Carolyn Ann Kuhn

Carolyn Ann Kuhn, of Ojai, Calif., passed away on Friday, May 13, 2011 due to complications from an autoimmune disease. Carolyn was born on August 15, 1939 in Santa Monica, Calif. to Emma Rose and

Edward Carl Harris.

She met her husband Tod in 1956 and began a 2-1/2 year fun-filled courtship that culminated in the marriage of best friends on December 27, 1958, shortly after Tod was drafted into the Army. After Tod's discharge, they started their life in West Los Angeles and had 2 daughters, Dana and Kelly, who gave them 2 grandchildren, Megan and Steven. These offspring provided them many adventures and happy times throughout the years. Carolyn was a strong, positive, influence on not only her children and grandchildren, but also on her husband and other family and friends, loyal and protective of them all. A problem solver!

This amazing woman had varied and interesting jobs, pleasures, and pursuits. She was a secretary at Systems Development Corp in Santa Monica, a Realtor for over 30 years, and with her husband, owned a Los Angeles Times home delivery dealership. Later they built apartment buildings, moved houses, and refurbished single-family homes. She was a Campfire Girl leader, PTA president, and for a short time, an Avon lady.

In 1977, she and her family relocated to Ojai. She continued in real estate and got involved with the Ojai Art Center, producing and working on numerous plays. Carolyn loved animals, swimming, the beach, games, sports (Angels fan!), gardening, movies, plays, and all of her offspring's activities and performances.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Tod Kuhn, daughter Dana McCaw and husband Paul, daughter Kelly Laber and husband Mike, granddaughter Megan Lewis, grandson Steven Ambarian, sister Florence Bennett, brother Edward Harris and wife Kathy, sister Edna Upchurch and husband Kenny, stepsister Janice Arndt, and stepmother Marclyn Harris.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Emma Rose Callister Kennison, and her father, Edward Carl Harris.

Our family asks that in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made in Carolyn's memory to either the Scleroderma Foundation or Help of Ojai.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life at the home of her daughter, Kelly, at 1102 N. Montgomery St., Ojai, (646-6477 for directions) on Saturday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m.



POLICE BLOTTER

REPORTED CRIMES

- Petty theft was reported in the 200 block of Cañada Street May 6.
- Forgery was reported at on Encino Drive May 6.
- Commercial burglaries and vandalism were reported in the 100 block of Blanche Street May 10.
- Grand theft of property in the 300 block of Fairview Road was reported May 10.
- Petty thefts were reported on Rice Road and Bryant Circle May 13.
- Vandalism was reported on city-owned property on South Ventura Street May 13.
- Destruction of property in the 500 block of East Aliso Street was reported May 16.
- Graffiti to a water tower on Thacher Road was reported May 16.
- Petty thefts on Foothill Lane and South Ventura Street were reported May 16.

CITES AND ARRESTS

- A Casitas Springs man was arrested on May 6 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was denied because the allegation is a parole

violation. A woman was also arrested on suspicion of a drug-related offense. Bail was set at \$10,000.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested on Riverside Road May 12 following a reported domestic incident. Bail was set at \$20,000. A 20-year-old woman was also arrested on suspicion of domestic violence with bail set at \$20,000.
- A 43-year-old man was arrested in Mira Monte May 9 on a \$20,000 warrant for failing to appear in court.
- A 36-year-old man was arrested on Spring Street May 10 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- A 30-year-old man was arrested on Nye Road May 11 on suspicion of three drug-related offenses and a warrant for failing to appear in court. Bail was set at \$10,000.
- A 24-year old woman was arrested in Casitas Springs May 11 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$5,000.

• A 47-year-old man was arrested in the Arcade area May 11 for trespassing. Bail was set at \$2,500.

- A 48-year-old woman was arrested on Lion and Summer streets May 12 on suspicion of diving under the influence of alcohol and a domestic incident. Bail was set at \$60,000.
- An 18-year-old woman was arrested on Maricopa Highway May 16 for public intoxication.
- A 45-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman were arrested on Matilija Street May 12 following a reported domestic incident. Bails were set at \$20,000.
- A 44-year-old woman was arrested in Oak View May 13 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- A 37-year-old man was arrested in Oak View May 13 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- A 54-year-old man was arrested at Sarzotti Park May 13 for allegedly resisting arrest. Bail was

- set at \$5,000.
- A 27-year-old man was arrested on Anita Avenue May 14 on suspicion of being under the influence of and possessing a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$7,500.
- Two women, 22 and 27, were arrested in Casitas Springs May 15 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- A 23-year-old woman was arrested in Mira Monte May 15 on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- A 55-year-old man was arrested on Lomita Avenue May 16 on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Bail was set at \$10,000.
- A citizen's arrest was made on a 35-year-old man on Loma Drive May 16 alleging misdemeanor battery. Bail was set at \$2,500.
- A 27-year-old man was arrested in Casitas Springs May 18 on suspicion of a weapons violation and possession of marijuana. Bail was set at \$7,500.

New disaster preparedness campaign launched

Cynthia Elliott
OVN contributor

The Ventura County Emergency Planning Council has launched the "Ready Ventura County" disaster preparedness campaign. In partnership with FEMA and the Ad Council, Ventura County localized the national "Ready" campaign to assist Ventura County residents in preparing, responding and recovering from a local disaster.

"The goal of the campaign is to get the public involved and increase the level of basic preparedness throughout

Ventura County," said Laurel Hernandez, assistant director of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.

The "Ready Ventura County" message remains consistent with the national campaign: Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed. The new website (readyventuracounty.org) contains information tailored to Ventura County residents, as well as links to the "Ready Ventura County" Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The campaign was launched at the 2011 Ventura County Schools Disaster Preparedness

Challenge and Contest awards ceremony held on May 16 at the Ventura County Office of Education Center.

Twenty-three awards were presented to students, schools and school districts that participated in the disaster preparedness art and video contests.

"When unexpected natural or man-made emergencies occur, our greatest individual defense is preparedness," said Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Roper, as he addressed the audience of students, families and educators Monday evening. "Our

hope is that these projects have and will continue to facilitate discussions in the schools and assist families in being better prepared."

For more information on disaster preparedness, visit the "Ready Ventura County" website at readyventuracounty.org. This website will display current information in the event an emergency, educate residents on the hazards in our area, and provide a resource on how to prepare, respond and recover from a disaster in our area.

Ojai Music Festival

Anna Wagner
OVN contributor

Thanks to the generosity of the Ojai community, the "First Blast" gala dinner tickets for the inaugural concert at the new Libbey Bowl have sold out. Due to the high demand in tickets, the Gala Committee has just added a new VIP ticket price of \$100, which will include VIP seats to the concert and parking.

A phone-athon to help with the ticket sales for this event will be held the week of May 23 spearheaded by

Kate Barnhart, Cathryn Krause, Esther Wachtell and Barbara Bowman.

"First Blast," slated for June 4, is a one-night-only premiere event featuring the 2011 Ojai Festival music director and world-renowned soprano Dawn Upshaw. Grammy-winning Eighth Blackbird, award-winning composer-guitarist Claudio Ragazzi, tango pianist Octavio Brunetti and accordionist Michael Ward-Bergeman join Upshaw for an evening of music, food and community celebration.

gala dinner tickets sold out

The "First Blast" gala and concert pays tribute to the hard work and efforts of the three-year "Rebuild Libbey Bowl" project, spearheaded by the Ojai Valley community.

To mark this occasion, Upshaw will give a command performance of Osvaldo Golijov's "Ayre," featured during the 60th anniversary of the Ojai Festival in 2006. Inspired by Luciano Berio's "Folk Songs" (1964), Golijov created "Ayre" as a companion work, merging Eastern and Western clas-

sical influences and melding with Mediterranean folklore. Since its premiere in 2004, "Ayre" has received critical acclaim, described by Gramophone magazine as "an intoxicating, endlessly haunting mixture of styles and musical cultures."

To help set the mood during the first half of the concert, a trio of musical virtuosos — Ragazzi, Brunetti and Ward-Bergema — present a program celebrating the rhythm and vitality of the mix of cultures that collide

in South America.

Prior to the concert, guests will be treated to a sit-down dinner catered by Ojai chef Lorraine Lim with wine donated by The Ojai Vineyard. Following the concert, guests will also be invited to a late-night party on the Libbey tennis courts for desserts donated by the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa and dancing.

There are also concert tickets at the \$55 price as well as the \$100 VIP ticket which can be purchased at OjaiFestival.org or call 646-2053.

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UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Weather History

May 20, 1988 - Thunderstorms in the south central United States produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Omaha, Neb. and wind gusts to 80 mph at Midland, Texas and Dallas. Temperatures in California soared into the 90s and above 100 degrees.

Weather Trivia

How can you tell how many miles away a lightning bolt is?

Answer: Count the seconds between the lightning and the thunder and divide by five.

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Book:

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first edition of "Roam." But in late 2005 when torrential rains caused extensive flooding, thousands of the books were damaged and had to be thrown out. This created a shortage of the book and a demand that drove prices to as high as \$200 for a used copy on ebay.com, Belden says. About 15,000 copies of the book have sold thus far, she says.

Gael's daughter, Dawn Belden, a local teacher and educational consultant, is also an avid cyclist. It was Dawn's idea to come together as a family, expand, update and republish "Roam."

"The book hadn't been printed in a long time and I wanted to republish it," Dawn Belden says. "I bike a

lot, so I added that part."

Gael Belden also noted that her granddaughter, Dawn's daughter, Amanda Belden, a professional aerialist and aerial arts instructor, contributed extensively to the writing and line editing of the book.

"Amanda and her boyfriend are avid rock climbers, so they added that part to the book," Gael Belden says. "She also did a line-by-line edit of the book." At just under 90 pages, the book fits easily in a back pocket. It is printed locally on recycled paper by Ojai Printing and Bigger Love Press.

Selling for \$13, "Roam" can be found, among other places, at the Ojai Valley Inn, The Ojai Foundation, Ojai Surplus, The Farmer and The Cook, and Project Ride.

Bridge:

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mailboxes. Unconfirmed reports indicated the Ventura post office would not drop off mail if the boxes were moved, and that the Oak View post office would not deliver that far down the highway.

The OVN contacted U.S. Postal Service spokesperson James Wigdel who assured that service to customers on Old Creek Road would not change.

"We'd prefer to leave boxes where they are," said Wigdel in a phone interview, "but nothing will change as far as delivery goes and there won't be any address changes. Resi-

dents will still get mail from the same carriers. We'll definitely get the mail delivered one way or another."

Although some people believe the bridge is a waste of time and money for the county, and some have called the project "the bridge to nowhere," residents of Old Creek say the bridge will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood. "It's a benefit for us," said Old Creek Road resident Tim Wolfe. "There's no question about it. There are specific times in the year that the creek is uncrossable. There are people on our street that need medical attention on a regular basis. If the creek floods, they can't get across."

Relay:

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over their original goal of \$4,000.

Team Hope set a goal of \$2,500 and ended up achieving more than \$7,500. "We will be involved every year," said Amber Wilde, one of the captains for Team Hope. "The objective is to get the word out about cancer. We want to see as many of our community members out there to support the cause."

The teams will be holding different kinds of events during the relay. The booth for Laps for Lupe will be having a raffle. "Doing this seems really rewarding to me. We need the commu-

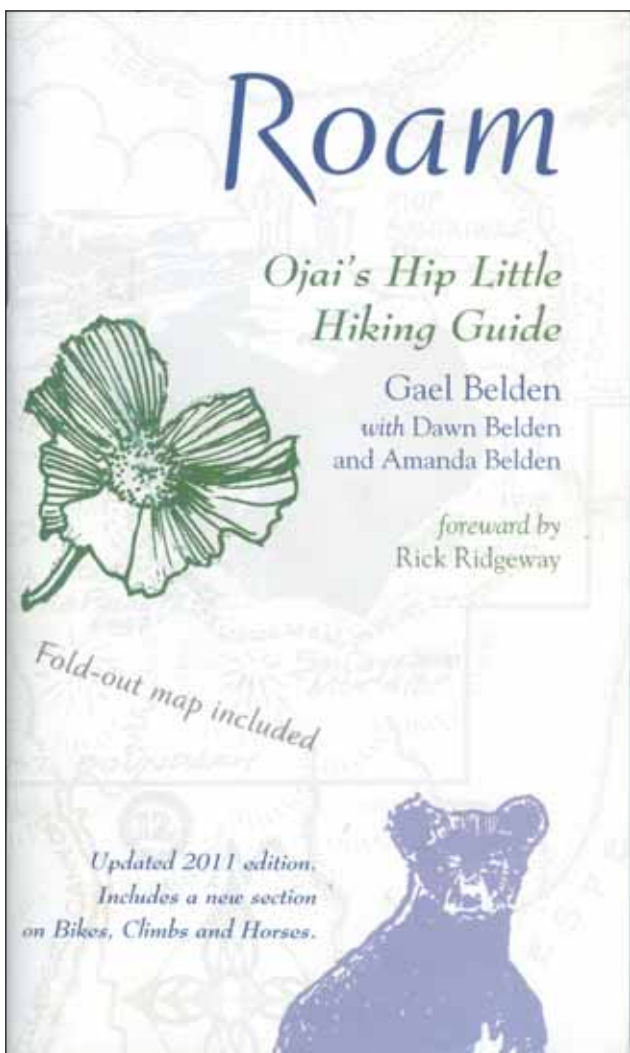
nity's help," said Sarah Long, LFL's co-captain. Laps for Lupe has raised a little over \$1,500 so far and hopes to bring in more.

And it's not only local residents who are participating; businesses are getting in on it, too. Jersey Mike's will be donating 15 percent of all profits to the ACS for those who mention the "Relay for Life" at the cash register.

To donate, visit cancer.org and search "Ojai Relay for Life."

New Deadlines for Memorial Day Weekend

All deadlines for the Wednesday, June 1, edition of the Ojai Valley News are moved up to Friday, May 27, at noon, due to the Memorial Day holiday. The OVN office will be closed on Monday, May 30.



The updated 'Roam' includes new sections on cycling trails, rock climbing and horseback riding

Natural world explored

Lanny Kaufer will lead another herb hike on Sunday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Cozy Dell Trail, teaching native plant and wildflower identification with information about edible, medicinal and

other uses of plants. This hike will be more strenuous than usual, involving a steady uphill climb through a shaded oak forest to a vista point.

Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for high school and college

students and seniors 62 and older. No charge for kids 12 and younger with parent by arrangement. No dogs allowed. Pre-registration and information are available at 797-2072 or lannykaufer@sbcglobal.net.



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Our Future iMatters!

Students from Oak Grove High School in Ojai begin their iMatter march for the environment. From left are event organizer Ana Bostwick-Singer, Melissa Navarro, Eda Maxym-MonSinge, Charlie Wannagat, Mario Garcia Banichi, an unidentified woman, Glosser Tohanh and Avery Hellman (co-event organizer).

Public Announcement Provisional Appointment to the Ojai Unified School District Board of Education

The Ojai Unified School District Board of Education announces the vacancy on the School Board due to a resignation by a sitting Board member. There will be approximately 17 months remaining on the current term of this position. The Board is seeking applicants for a provisional appointment with the term potentially beginning in June 2011. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, a resident of the Ojai Unified School District, a citizen of the State of California, and is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office. Applicants are required to complete an application and a public interview by the Board of Education, scheduled for the June 7, 2011, Board Meeting. Final selection is at the discretion of the Board of Education, tentatively planned for the June 7, 2011, Board Meeting. The provisional appointment becomes permanent within 60 days of the Board appointment.

For more information and an application packet, please call 805-640-4300, Ext. 1011. Applications, including the candidate's résumé and a statement detailing his/her reasons for seeking the appointment, must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2011, in the Superintendent's office.

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Animal cruelty defined

animals do not like animals or they are depressed people. You say some people cannot read animals like others. These people should try harder." Joey the cat says, "Animal cruelty is when parents allow children to play rough with animals. I watch people walk their dog and I think it is cruel to jerk on their neck. I think it is cruel for people to keep wild animals behind cages. I don't like to be behind a cage and wild animals need more exercise than I do."

Bean the rabbit says, "Animal cruelty is skinning rabbits and wearing their fur. It is also wearing a rabbit's fur and pretending that an animal didn't suffer. I think there must be something wrong with a person's heart to do this. I am in a cage but it is a very big one. Rabbits need a

very big cage." Storm the Aussie dog says, "Animal cruelty is not talking to an animal and not believing they have thoughts and feelings. It is also throwing them away instead of finding them a better home." Maia, wolf dog from heaven, says, "Animal cruelty is when it is your animal's time to die that you do not make sure they have a peaceful death. It is also saying that an animal is stubborn and crazy without putting in the time to teach them. It is being angry without being patient first."

Seamore the parrot says, "It is leaving a bird in a basement cage with no light and rats trying to get at their food. Also not making sure they have food and then the parrot has to eat flies and maggots. This happened to

me. My person didn't want me to suffer, but he picked a bad person to care for me. He didn't do his job so my person was not responsible enough to own a pet. He shouldn't not have left me there with no company. It was mean."

Hero the horse says, "Animal cruelty is saying that show horses will hurt themselves if they are turned out in a field or if they are turned out with other horses. These people are selfish and are thinking only of themselves and not the horses' needs."

Zoe the poodle says, "Animal cruelty is hitting an animal with your car and then driving away without getting them help. This happened to a neighbor cat. I found her in the bushes suffering. Animal cruelty is not taking time to take care of animals."

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Laura Stinchfield

PET PSYCHIC

I ask my animals and a few others, "What is animal cruelty?"

Makia the cat says, "Animal cruelty is when someone knows their pet is sick yet they ignore the symptoms and do not get them help. It is also when someone shoves their animal hard."

Serafina the cat says, "I agree with Makia. It is letting an animal starve or knowing they have fleas or worms and not treating the animal with medicine. It is giving up and saying sickness is old age. I think the people who do this to



Mel Bloom

As Juliette asked, 'What's in a name?'

efficiencies undreamed of by their original creators. For example, the cover of their latest catalog features the Morse Code Signal Lamp, a device invented for the British Royal Navy in 1897.

I was intrigued by this item because it brought back memories of that disturbance known as World War II when I was a Navy signalman and master of the Morse code, which like so many things learned in bygone days has faded from memory. I was under the impression tell-star satellites had made the Morse code as inconsequential as the dinosaur. But this one in the H.S. catalog is a thing of beauty. Made of polished aluminum, it would be a striking conversation piece in any household, and whereas the original was powered by a carbon arc, the sleek new model takes only a light bulb.

I appreciate the creativity which hallmarks any successful endeavor and H.S.'s well-written and illustrated catalog contains a bounty of things most of us can't even imagine — a stainless steel wallet, packable Panama hats which don't lose their shape for both men and women, a rear-view automobile mirror that is a speaker phone which announces incoming caller numbers, a bladeless fan, a faceless watch, authentic Yankee

Stadium seats, a mold- and germ-destroying air purifier, a light bulb speaker, a clock which serves as a surveillance recorder recording both audio and video, a shirt pocket digital television set.

And the most amazing thing of all, a pirate ship playhouse 23 feet high with all the goodies one would find on a galleon riding the Spanish Main and topped off with a skull and crossbones banner hanging from the yardarm. For \$27,000, it's a mere pittance when one considers the peace and quiet at home while the children live in and spend the rest of their raucous exuberance out in the yard.

As I peruse this fanciful wish book, I'm reminded of a famous correspondence between two of America's most revered authors. Scott Fitzgerald wrote a letter to Ernest Hemingway which contained the sentence, "The very rich are different from you and me." And Hemingway responded with, "Yes, they have more money" — to which I would add, "and they shop at Hammacher Schlemmer." For those into gadgetry and other sleek stuff the place is a prayer answered, a dream come true. Its New York store is a must-see, as dazzling as the Metropolitan Museum, as impres-

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Hammacher Schlemmer is not the most euphonious arrangement of vowels and consonants. Were someone to shout it in Berlin, it's possible a few arms might raise and a few voices yell, "Heil Hitler." But Hammacher Schlemmer is as American as apple pie. To validate its Americanism, it publishes the country's longest-running catalog and has been in business for 163 years. Remember Meredith Wilson's great American classic, "The Music Man"? Among its many delightful numbers was one called "The Wells Fargo Wagon" in which all the town's people were bursting with joy as the package-laden wagon approached River City. That's my response when the Hammacher Schlemmer catalog arrives in my mailbox.

I enjoy browsing at Fry's where I haven't an inkling of what 95 percent of the merchandise is. But it's fascinating to see these cutting-edge devices and realize most people under 25 are completely at home with them while those past 70 are more likely lost beyond recall. Fry's is like attending a world's fair and getting a glimpse of what the future will hold. Hammacher Schlemmer, on the other hand, is equally as cutting edge but with an incomparable elegance and verve. It even purveys stuff which has been around since grandma was a child but which has been magically redesigned to remarkable

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Passing the Buck

Running for none of the right reasons



Bill Buchanan

Just when you think politics cannot get any stranger, suddenly Donald Trump and Newt Gingrich are running for president — and then Trump suddenly announces that he will not run after all. I know that we all have our political differences, but come on, Donald Trump or Newt Gingrich for president of the United States — leader of the free world?

Donald Trump's blustery, self-aggrandizing style has always greatly irritated me. In the past, whenever I saw him on television, puffing up and going into hyperbole mode, I simply chalked it up to an entrepreneur using shameless self-promotion to further his business interests, and changed the channel. When he announced that he was running for president, I could not believe that anyone, other than himself, would actually take his candidacy seriously. But while a candidate, he was near the top of the heap in the early polls.

"I have made myself very rich," he said recently, "and I would make this country very rich." Well, there are at least 300 people who might argue with that statement. They would be the folks who bought condos that carried his name, such as Trump Tower and Trump International and who are currently suing Trump as some of those deals have unraveled financially. The people in the suit assumed that Trump was the developer, and marketing material certainly gave that impression. In some instances, Trump even made appearances at the properties to court buyers. But it turns out that Trump only licensed the use of his name. He was not the actu-

al developer of the projects, and they did not have his financial backing. Some of those projects are now in dire financial trouble and investors have lost millions of dollars while Trump took home large licensing fees. Many of these people are understandably unhappy, and in the fine American tradition of "why blame myself when I can sue someone else," they are taking him to court.

Trump has been involved in other questionable business dealings over the years, including Trump University and Trump Institute, which were started to educate the general public about the Trump philosophy of real estate and money-making savvy. The schools have come under fire with many claims filed with attorneys general in several states. The Better Business Bureau gave Trump University its next to lowest rating, a D minus, after receiving 23 complaints.

As if all that wasn't embarrassing enough for Republicans, Newt Gingrich has also announced his candidacy. Poll numbers show him in the middle of the pack, and he is certainly being taken seriously by some. You will remember Mr. Gingrich as the man who brought divorce papers to his wife's hospital room the day after her cancer surgery, and fought her at every turn on

alimony and child support as she recovered from her illness. Gingrich's wife confronted him about his marital infidelity. She chided him about the hypocrisy of traipsing around the country giving "family values" speeches while carrying on an adulterous affair. She claims he replied, "It doesn't matter what I do. People need to hear what I have to say."

How silly of her to assume that he should be held to the same standards as the rest of us.

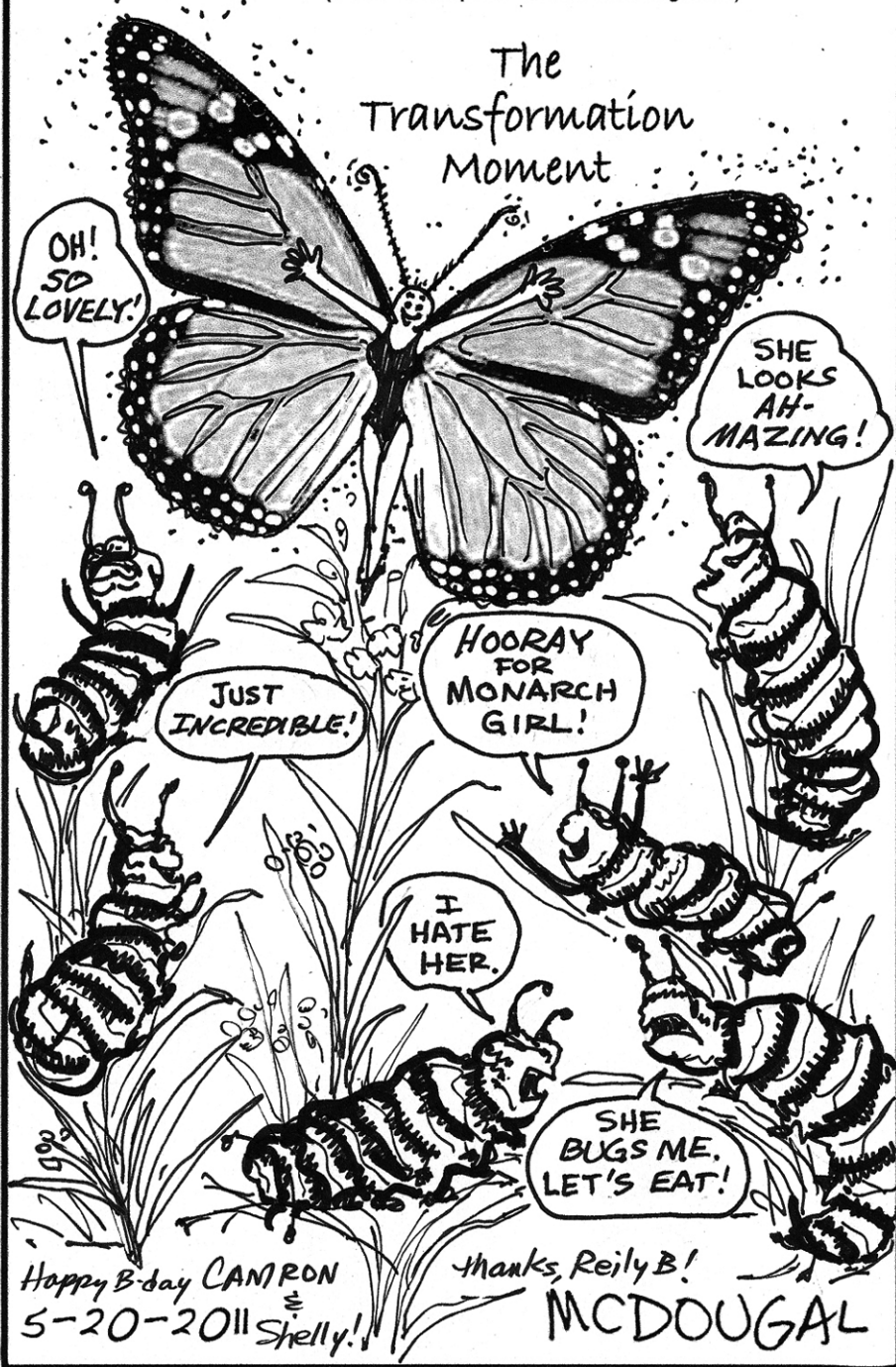
I never believed Trump thought he could take the Republican nomination, much less win the general election. I don't think Gingrich believes he can win either with all the negatives he brings to the campaign. I look at these two guys and wonder how anyone can truly believe they have any motive other than gaining free publicity for themselves.

If fact, I think that is exactly what they are doing. They are in it for the publicity. Period.

Think about it. What else could you do that would guarantee you to get millions of dollars of free publicity to push the inevitable book deal or drive up the ratings of your reality show? Sarah Palin has provided the blueprint on how to turn political celebrity into cash flow. I think Trump and Gingrich knew well ahead of time they had no hope of ever being elected, and so are following in Palin's footsteps to the bank.

This pre-meditated plan may be good personal economics for them, but it is a sad commentary on the state of American politics. The only thing sadder would be if one of them ever actually got elected.

If The Garden Channel had a new combination series:
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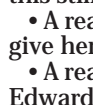
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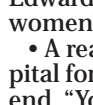
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• A reader sends a thumbs-up to Busy Babes hair salon and beauty supply. "Their staff, services and supplies are fantastic. They make each customer feel like a VIP vs. just a random customer. It's nice to know places like this still exist."



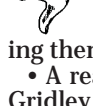
• A reader sends a thumbs-up to the Village Pharmacy for offering to stay late to give her time to pick up her prescription. "I didn't need to, but wow!"



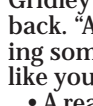
• A reader sends a thumbs-up to Ojai Community Bank, The Gables of Ojai, and Edward Jones Company for their support of an event that honors and aids women's educational opportunities.



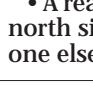
• A reader sends a thumbs-up to Dr. Bailey and staff at Matilija Veterinary Hospital for helping her out with eye surgery on the stray white dog found last weekend. "Your caring is so appreciated!"



• A reader sends a thumbs-down to all the dog walkers in the River Preserve who disobey the "Dogs on Leash" signs, every day. "My horses and donkeys also know their names and come when called yet, I would never take them to a public space and endanger other users, by allowing them to roam free. Play fair, put those leashes on."



• A reader sends a huge thumbs-down to the man driving the white truck on Gridley Saturday morning whose untethered and untagged dog leapt out of the back. "After pulling your stunned and injured dog out of a busy corner, and having someone track you down, you couldn't even bother to say thank you? People like you shouldn't be allowed to own animals."



• A reader sends a thumbs-down to whoever was playing very loud music on the north side of Krotona Hill until 1 a.m. last Saturday. "It's not nice to make everyone else have to listen to what you like, especially after 10 p.m."

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Thanks for care and comfort

TOD KUHN, OJAI

I wish to express my family's gratitude to the Ojai Valley Community Hospital and staff for the extraordinary care and comfort they gave to my wife Carolyn during her seven-plus-week stay in the ICU ward. We especially want to thank the ICU nurses and technicians who we feel went out of their way to not only care for Carolyn, but to give all our family and friends needed support and love. I don't think you could get this type of personal care anywhere else. We also want to thank Dr. Raymond Sims and the other attending physicians for their dedicated treatment in trying to save her.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GSWC prorated practice unfair

JON WHALEY, OJAI

Who will be able to afford GSWC water prices in Ojai as rates and surcharges continue to rise?

Once again my bill from Golden State Water Company (GSWC) has been prorated. Why is that? When Ojai residents receive a prorated bill it is due to a price change. GSWC's billing system is so old it cannot break down the change in rates during a billing cycle. It has been this way for years now, if we cannot see our rates, GSWC water users are not aware of the changes. Does it work to their advantage? You betcha! Do other utilities such as Edison or the Gas Co. do this? No! These utilities show the breakdown in rates so we can compare. If you receive a prorated bill and you want to know the tier rate breakdown you have to request it. The last time I received a normal bill (not prorated) from GSWC was in August of 2010, that was eight months ago. Can you guess what has been happening to our rates?

One year ago my meter charge was \$48 and 1 CCF (748 gallons) was \$2.61. Now my meter charge is \$61 and 1 CCF is \$3.98. That is a 27 percent increase in meter charges and a 52 percent increase in water charges. If you compare the water rates with Casitas, Meiners Oaks and Ventura River Water districts to Golden State Water Company we are paying three to four times more for water rates, more for meter charges and get less water before you go into the next tier. GSWC is already preparing for the next round of rate changes to be filed in July.

How much longer can Ojai customers afford to pay these rates? We can change this!

Go to www.ojaiflow.com. Sign the petition, make a donation, volunteer.

Trail dog needs serious training

JACK SCRANTON, OJAI

I am writing to the lady whose dog attacked mine on the morning of May 12 on the Pratt-Foothill trail.

Please, please, please do not take your dog out at this time. Because of his high level of aggressive behavior he is a serious danger to people and pets. He cannot be adequately controlled even with a sturdy leash, a muzzle and responsible intentions.

When we met on the trail you asked me to leash my dogs and move to another location because your dog (which you had on a leash) was aggressive due to abuse. I did so and when you passed us, you tripped and the leash slipped from your hand and your dog attacked mine. Your dog looked to be an 80- to 90-pound yellow Lab type. My 35-pound dog sustained puncture wounds, and the vet says she will probably be fine. However, the dogs could easily have received major injuries or been killed. You and I could have been badly injured. The attack was unprovoked, vicious and out of control. We were all very lucky, but it was very close to being a nightmare. Had children been present it would have been catastrophic.

I believe that you are a fine and responsible person and did the best you could. I have no financial or legal issue with you.

I ask that you please take the simple step of working with an expert on dog behavior and, in the meantime, do not let your dog out.

Thank you so much.

Participation key to golf classic

SCOTT MITCHELL, CHAIR
 2011 OJAI GOLF CLASSIC

The Ojai Valley Youth Foundation and the Ojai Education Foundation sin-

cerely thank all those who took part in making the 2011 Ojai Golf Classic such a great success this year.

The Ojai Golf Classic was held on Monday, May 2, at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. We had a great turnout. Participants enjoyed 18 holes of wonderful golf with great weather and solid play. The day culminated with a beautiful retreat to the Herb Garden where everyone enjoyed cold beverages, a delicious barbecue, trophies for the over 40 winners and a live auction.

The Ojai Golf Classic supports two extremely noteworthy foundations in the Ojai Valley and would not be possible were it not for the participants, sponsors, tournament committee members, and volunteers who assisted the day of the event. With this tremendous support we were able to raise over \$44,000.

We would like to thank the following for their support of the event and their ongoing assistance in our community.

• Committee Members: Olga Singer, Cindy Jones, Mike Caldwell, Bronte Reynolds, Evelyn Avila, Sheryl Whipple, David Hellewell, Steve Jung, Jerry Michaels, Monte Widders and RJ Cutting.

• Sponsors: Meyers-Widders-Gibson-Jones & Schneider LLC, Alert Communications, Santa Paula Chevrolet, Jordano's, Jersey Mike's, FMI Aerostructures, T&T Trucking and Crane, Golden State Water, Ojai Vineyard, Youngs Market, Pacific Western Bank, Ojai Valley News, Ojai Stitchworks, Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, Real Water, Golfsmith and Sport Clips.

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THE CALENDAR OF OJAI VALLEY EVENTS

This Week

Friday, May 20
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.

DANNY CASTRO — teacher and author of "In That Stillness," will give an informal talk today from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Road, Meiners Oaks. Donations only. No registration required. Castro will be in Ojai giving talks until May 27. For information on May 21 to May 27 talks and venues, call Jai Italiander at 646-1135.

"SYLVIA" — is an Outstanding Comic Play award winner exploring what happens when a man brings home a stray dog (played by a fetching young woman) to his wife, causing a riotous rivalry. The play may be unsuitable for youth due to some language and situations. It runs at the Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 S. Montgomery St., today to June 19 (except no show June 11), Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$18 general, \$15 students, seniors and Art Center members. Box office: 640-8797 or OjaiACT.org.

Saturday, May 21
EXPLORERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST — The Sheriff's Department Ojai Explorer Post 2501 will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. at Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave. Tickets: \$5 per person.

OVARC MEETING — The Ojai Valley Amateur Radio Club will meet Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Arc Enrichment Center, 210 Cañada St. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting will include planning for upcoming events (Fourth of July parade) and an antenna building party. For more information about the club, visit ovarc.org or call Wayne at 646-0607.

CREEK RESTORATION WORK — Join members of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition in Libbey Park on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a creek restoration work day. Help is needed to mulch and plant trees. Volunteers will meet up the stairs from the Libbey Park lower tennis courts; recommend parking in the lower parking lot on Montgomery Street. Wear sturdy work shoes, a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring gloves and a shovel or pitch fork. Snacks and water will be available. This phase of creek restoration work is funded by a U.S. Fish & Wildlife grant. For more detailed directions and information call 669-8445.

RELAY FOR LIFE — American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Ojai will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. and run through Sunday, 10 a.m., at Nordhoff High School. Cancer survivors are invited as guests of honor for opening ceremonies and survivor breakfast. Join in the fight to end cancer by starting a Relay for Life of Ojai team. Survivors and new teams can sign up

online at relayforlife.org/ojaica. For questions e-mail: OjaiRFL@yahoo.com.

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 Holly Mitchem will lead the May 21 tour. Cost is \$5. For reservations or to schedule group tours or tours during the week, call 640-1390.

"URANUS IN ARIES" — workshop will be held at The Prosperos Ontological Center, 147 N. Ventura St., corner of Matilija, Ojai, on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m., presented by Robert "Baba" McEwen, H.W. M. CADC I. Uranus in Aries is an opportunity for growth, breaking up old ideas of yourself and reinventing who you are. Learn useful processes and tools to help you rediscover, uncover and explore new boundaries of yourself. Cost: \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Call Rick Thomas at (818) 512-9273 or Baba at (503) 602-1673 for tickets or information. (M20)

"A NEW MIND FOR A NEW HUMANITY" — Talks and dialogues with Professor P. Krishna, Ph.D., will be held Saturday through May 25 at The Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Road, Meiners Oaks: Saturday, 3 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Fees: \$10 per day, \$40 whole series. Registration is not required. For details see www.ojairetreat.org. (M20)

"AN AMERICAN PATCH-WORK" CONCERT — The Ojai Community Chorus will perform its spring concert, "An American Patchwork," on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Ojai Presbyterian Church, 304 Foothill Road, featuring a wide variety of uniquely American songs, led by Connie Woodson and backed by a live band. Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 kids ages 6 through 11 (younger than 5 admitted free); available at Angela's Flowers, from chorus members and at the door. Call 640-0468.

"FINDING JOE" — The Ojai Film Society's screening of "Finding Joe" — with filmmaker Q & A will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave., \$10 at the door. Screening plus reception with filmmaker Solomon at 6 p.m. at Osteria Monte Grappa Restaurant (in the bocce court) at 205 N. Signal St., \$25 in advance. For tickets call OFS at 646-8946 or through PayPal at ojaifilmsociety.org.

BOCCALIS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — will be held Saturday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the restaurant at 3277 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, featuring an all-you-can-eat buffet, door prizes, live music by Blue Latitude and DeWayne Boccali and Bob Jones and magic by Mark Collier. Tickets: \$25; go to boccalis.com or stop by either of the restaurants.

MUSIC AT FARMER AND COOK — On Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Cory Sipper and

The Neighborhood will play at The Farmer and The Cook, 339 W. El Roblar Drive. The Neighborhood consists of John Zeretzke, Rhythm Earthsong and Ray McGee. Admission is free.

"PUSS IN BOOTS" — Performances To Grow On will present the Oregon Shadow Theater's award-winning show, "Puss in Boots," on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Matilija Auditorium, 703 El Paseo Road, Ojai. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 children; available at Ojai Coffee Roasting Co., or 646-8907 or online at ptgo.org (click on special attractions). (M20)

"A SPRING RECITAL FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO" — with Carmelo de los Santos and Eneida Elena Carbonell will be performed at Krotona Hall on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., featuring a variety of classical selections. This annual recital with acclaimed violinist De los Santos will be a special treat for all who attend. Donation: \$10. For more information: 646-1139 or info@krotonaschool.org.

Sunday, May 22
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, after taking time off for Easter and Mother's Day with families. 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.

NATURE WALK — Naturalist Connor Jones will lead a free guided nature walk on the Ojai Meadows Preserve on Sunday at 3 p.m. He will discuss the hydrology and plant and animal species of the preserve. Meet at the trailhead on Maricopa Highway near Nordhoff High School. Wear walking shoes and a hat and bring water. Dogs on a leash are permitted. Sponsored by the Ojai Valley Defense Fund; call 646-1200.

"MONTHLY AT THE METHODIST" — will present Jim and Jean Strathdee in concert on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Ojai Methodist Church, 120 Church Road. Internationally honored hymn and song writers, the Strathdees' works are published and sung on six continents. Bring your whole family for a time of singing together that is joyful, playful, prayerful and heartfelt. Suggested donation: adults \$15, seniors and students \$10; 50 percent of net proceeds will benefit Help of Ojai's Community Food Pantry. Meet the artists at a reception following the concert. Call 646-3528 for information.

"IT'S MAGIC!" — Hollywood's famous Magic Castle comes to Ojai Sunday at 7 p.m. at Matilija Auditorium, 703 El Paseo Road, Ojai, with a performance by magician Rich Bloch to benefit theater, dance and music programs in Ojai schools. Bloch will be joined by other stars of the Magic Castle in this program being produced by Ojai Performing Arts



movie review

Car accidents and love

Submitted by the Ojai Film Society

The Ojai Film Society will screen "Carancho" (Argentina 2010) Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$7 for seniors (65 and older) and students (with full-time student ID). Subscribers with valid 2011 identification will be admitted to regular Ojai Film Society screenings free of charge. This film is not rated.

In Argentina traffic accidents are the No. 1 cause of death, and the only thing more prevalent and possibly more dangerous are the ambulance-chasing attorneys who prey upon the injured and grieving. Sosa (Ricardo Darin, "The Secret in Their Eyes") is one of them, a disbarred lawyer who has questionable ethics but feels he is performing a service. Lujan (Martina Gusman, "Lion's Den"), new to Buenos Aires, is a young, idealistic country doctor who rides with the ambulances to traffic accidents.

Lujan and Sosa first meet



Submitted photo

The Ojai Film Society will screen the Argentinean film, "Carancho," at the Ojai Playhouse Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

on the street — she trying to save lives, he looking for new clients. After repeatedly crossing paths they end up in bed together. Sosa and Lujan form an unlikely romance that is threatened by Sosa's turbulent past. Falling in love changes Sosa and he tries to extricate himself from his entanglements.

Director Pablo Trapero brings out fascinating performances in this dark romantic thriller from the mean streets of Buenos Aires. At its heart, the film is a social exposé of the corruption of Argentina's

health and insurance industries, hence the title "Carancho," meaning vulture. The night lights of Buenos Aires are effectively captured by cinematographer Julian Apezteguia.

Andrew O'Hehir of Salon.com writes, "... in 'Carancho' you can see the influence of 1950s film noir, the bally renegades of 1970s American cinema (especially early Martin Scorsese) and a little touch of the Cohen brothers."

"Carancho" was Argentina's Academy Awards submission this year for Best Foreign Film.

DEADLINE FOR M.O. SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

The Meiners Oaks Business and Artists Association will host its second annual Meiners Oaks Solstice Festival on June 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on El Roblar Drive, between Lomita and Poli avenues. If you would like to be an Avocado Sponsor and get your logo on the event poster, plus other acknowledgements, contact Summer McComas at 746-6476; the deadline to

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Theater Foundation. General admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets are \$150 and include an apres-theater wine and hors d'oeuvres reception with Suzanne's Cuisine. For tickets call (800) 838-3006 or go to ojaiheater.org.

Monday, May 23
YOUTH "CONCERTO CONCERT" — The Ojai Youth Symphony will present its 10th annual "Concerto Concert" on Monday at 7 p.m. at Matilija Auditorium, 703 El

Paseo Road, Ojai. Featured will be competition winners Edaan Byle, Keith Downer and Cecilia Teichert on violin, Chris Waechter on viola, and Emily Hall on flute; they will play works by Kabalevsky, Seitz, Saint-Saens and Mozart. Also performing will be all three of the Ojai Youth Symphony's ensembles playing highlights from Broadway and Hollywood. Admission is \$7.50, free for 18 and younger. Call 649-8086.

Si necesita asistencia en Español, tenemos representantes de servicio al cliente disponibles para ayudarle cuando lo solicite, por favor llame al número 1-800-999-4033.

NOTIFICATION OF FILING FOR AN AUTHORIZED COST OF CAPITAL FOR GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY APPLICATION NO. 11-05-004

On May 2, 2011, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed Application No. 11-05-004 (A. 11-05-004) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In this application filing, GSWC has requested that the CPUC review and authorize a cost of capital for 2012, 2013, and 2014. The authorized cost of capital determines the amount of money GSWC is allowed in rates as a return on its invested capital. In this proceeding, the CPUC will determine a reasonable capital structure, the costs of long-term debt, and an appropriate rate of return on common equity. GSWC's proposed request is summarized in the following table:

| Year | Cost Factor | Cost | Capital Structure (Weight) | Weight Cost |
|------|----------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | Long Term Debt | 6.99% | 44.4% | 3.10% |
| | Common Equity | 11.50% | 55.6% | 6.39% |
| 2013 | Long Term Debt | 7.06% | 44.4% | 3.13% |
| | Common Equity | 11.50% | 55.6% | 6.39% |
| 2014 | Long Term Debt | 7.12% | 44.4% | 3.16% |
| | Common Equity | 11.50% | 55.6% | 6.39% |

If the CPUC approves GSWC's request, the rates in each GSWC service territory will be increased to reflect the proposed cost of capital beginning on January 1, 2012. Overall, the proposed changes to the cost of capital will increase GSWC's currently authorized revenues by \$6.2 million (2.1%) in 2012. The increase in annual revenues will vary by ratemaking area. The following table shows the proposed increase in 2012 for each of the ratemaking areas served by GSWC.

| | Increase | |
|-----------------|----------------|------|
| | Amount (\$000) | % |
| Region 1 | | |
| Arden Cordova | \$167.9 | 1.5% |
| Bay Point | \$121.5 | 2.0% |
| Clearlake | \$54.9 | 2.6% |
| Los Osos | \$92.1 | 2.5% |
| Ojai | \$161.5 | 3.0% |
| Santa Maria | \$228.9 | 2.3% |
| Simi Valley | \$95.7 | 0.8% |
| Region 2 | \$2,821.8 | 2.2% |
| Region 3 | \$2,497.2 | 2.1% |
| Total | \$6,241.5 | 2.1% |

The impact on customer bills will also vary by ratemaking area. The following table shows the effect on a customer's bill, based on the average usage as shown on the table for the respective service areas. The impact on any particular customer's bill will depend on the customer's actual usage level and meter size as well as the implementation of the rate increase in the rate structure.

| District | Average Usage (Ccf) | Billed @ Authorized 2011 Rates | Billed @ Proposed Rates | Bill Increase | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------|
| | | | | Amount | % |
| Region 1 | | | | | |
| Arden Cordova (Residential Metered) | 21 | \$28.43 | \$28.85 | \$0.41 | 1.5% |
| Arden Cordova (Flat) | | \$49.40 | \$50.10 | \$0.70 | 1.4% |
| Arden Cordova (Non-Residential Metered) | 119 | \$180.21 | \$183.04 | \$2.83 | 1.6% |
| Bay Point (Residential) | 9 | \$66.11 | \$67.45 | \$1.33 | 2.0% |
| Bay Point (Non-Residential) | 16 | \$93.83 | \$95.74 | \$1.91 | 2.0% |
| Clearlake (Residential) | 6 | \$78.15 | \$80.15 | \$2.00 | 2.6% |
| Clearlake (Non-Residential) | 13 | \$111.23 | \$114.17 | \$2.94 | 2.6% |
| Los Osos (Residential) | 10 | \$67.76 | \$69.47 | \$1.71 | 2.5% |
| Los Osos (Non-Residential) | 33 | \$159.28 | \$163.18 | \$3.90 | 2.0% |
| Ojai (Residential) | 13 | \$77.08 | \$79.45 | \$2.37 | 3.1% |
| Ojai (Non-Residential) | 13 | \$77.08 | \$79.45 | \$2.37 | 3.1% |
| Santa Maria (Residential) | 21 | \$49.19 | \$50.24 | \$1.05 | 2.1% |
| Santa Maria (Non-Residential) | 33 | \$67.46 | \$68.92 | \$1.46 | 2.2% |
| Simi Valley (Residential) | 17 | \$62.96 | \$63.46 | \$0.51 | 0.8% |
| Simi Valley (Non-Residential) | 137 | \$520.78 | \$524.80 | \$4.01 | 0.8% |
| Region 2 | 13 | \$59.20 | \$60.58 | \$1.39 | 2.3% |
| Region 2 (Non-Residential) | 33 | \$119.25 | \$121.96 | \$2.71 | 2.3% |
| Region 3 | 17 | \$62.20 | \$63.48 | \$1.28 | 2.1% |
| Region 3 (Non-Residential) | 85 | \$233.02 | \$237.92 | \$4.91 | 2.1% |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION

A copy of GSWC's Application No. 11-05-004 may be obtained on our website at www.gswater.com or at your local district office. If you need additional information, you may call our 24-hour Customer Service Center, toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, TTY 1-877-933-9533.

Copies are also available for review at the California Public Utilities Commission's Central Files, Monday – Friday, 8am – 12 noon, at 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

PUBLIC COMMENT

If you wish to comment on or protest this filing as a customer of GSWC, you may do so by e-mail or writing to the Public Advisor's Office (PAO). Written public comments by GSWC customers are very much desired by the CPUC and may be sent to the PAO at the address shown below. All public comments received by the PAO are provided to the CPUC Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to the proceeding. All e-mails and written correspondences become part of the formal file under public comments. Participating Divisions within the CPUC who are reviewing the request by GSWC will also receive a copy of all public comments.

PROTESTING THE APPLICATION

Formal protests to this application must be filed with the CPUC no later than **June 2, 2011**. The CPUC's PAO was established to assist members of the public who want to protest or otherwise participate in the CPUC's proceedings. For assistance in filing a formal protest with the CPUC or otherwise participating in the formal proceeding, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, or via e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or in Southern California at 320 West 4th St., Ste. 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013 or via e-mail to public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to Golden State Water Company's Application No. 11-05-004 on any written or e-mail correspondences.

THE CPUC PROCESS

The CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) will review this Application. DRA is an independent arm of the CPUC created by the Legislature to represent the interests of all utility customers throughout the state and obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. DRA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. DRA's views do not necessarily reflect those of the CPUC. Other parties of record will also participate.

The CPUC may hold Evidentiary Hearings (EH) whereby parties of record present their proposals in testimony and are subject to cross-examination before an ALJ. These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can present evidence or cross-examine witnesses during EH. Members of the public may attend these hearings, but are not allowed to participate.

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HIGHLIGHTING THE DIVERSE DELIGHTS OF THE OJAI VALLEY GOURMET

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Randy Graham

CHEF RANDY

Magical oatmeal

Kids love this. It is a quick but hearty and nutritious breakfast perfectly measured out for one person. Double the recipe for two helpings. Add fresh blueberries as a topping if you have them!

Magic Oatmeal for One
 1/2 cup quick oats
 1/2 cup boiling water
 1 Tbsp. peanut butter
 1 tsp. organic Sucanat (or organic brown sugar)
 1 Tbsp. wheat germ
 1/2 ripe banana, sliced
 1/2 cup oat milk, room temperature

Put oats, water, peanut butter, and brown sugar in a bowl and stir together until water is absorbed and oats are soft. Stir in wheat germ. Top with sliced banana and oat milk.

Note: I use regular oats, cooking them per box instructions. When they are ready, I stir in the peanut butter, Sucanat and wheat germ.

Randy Graham has been a lacto-ovo vegetarian for 35 years. See ValleyVegetarian.blogspot.com for his recipe collection.

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apply for sponsorship is Monday.

BEADERS UNITE — Starting a beading-jewelry club in Ojai. Intention is to share ideas, tips, knowledge, beads, etc. The first meeting will be held Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Ben Franklin. E-mail RoseMarie at Rubyred50@aol.com with questions, suggestions and to sign up.

Tuesday, May 24 N.H.S. AWARDS NIGHT — Nordhoff High School will recognize student achievements at its annual Awards Night ceremony on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the NHS gymnasium. The public is invited to join the event where students will receive grants, gifts, recognitions, awards and scholarships from a variety of community groups, businesses, colleges and universities. For more information, call 640-4343.

"WATER: CHANGING HABITS, CHANGING POLICY" — a round table discussion, will be held Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ojai Valley Green Coalition Resource Center, 327 E. Ojai Ave. Discussion will be led by Ron Merckling, Kathy Nolan and Bill O'Brien. Free to paid members or \$5 at the door. For more information go to ojaivalleygreencoalition.org or call 669-8445.

"AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC" — The Theosophical Society in the Ojai Valley will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Krotona School, 46 Krotona Hill. The String Tones, a group of local musicians, will present a multi-instrument live

concert. Call 646-2653.

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE — On Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at a retreat setting in Ojai, psychologist Robyn Posin, Ph.D., will lead a discussion on "Let's Dish about Menopause!" Limited to 15 to 20 women; call 646-4518 for reservations and directions. Suggested donation: \$15 (no one turned away for lack of funds).

"AGELESS WISDOM" — Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Road, Ojai, will host a study group on "Ageless Wisdom" on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., May 24 through July 19, led by Tara Blasco, Lyn Hebenstreit and Brock Travis. By donation. Call 646-5508.

Wednesday, May 25 "FIND YOURSELF AND LIVE" — a listening and discussion group on the use of the principles of ontology as practical guides to better living, will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 147 N. Ventura St. at the corner of Matilija on the World University campus. Audio lessons by Thane Walker, founder of The Prosperos School, discussion follows. Donation basis. For more information, contact Al Haferkamp, ahaferkamp@yahoo.com, (310) 717-4482.

Thursday, May 26 YOGA AND MEDITATION — Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Road, Ojai, will host yoga and meditation for all levels with Taran Collis on Thursday from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on the terrace. By donation. Call 646-5508.

BLOOD DRIVE — United Blood Services Central Coast will hold a blood drive Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ojai Community Bank, 402 W. Ojai Ave. For an appointment time or any questions, potential donors can call UBS at 654-8104 or sign up online at bloodhero.com.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER — On Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m., a progressive dinner will be held at four

Ojai venues starting at Azu, then to La Fonte, Feast Bistro and ending at Barrel 33. Seating is limited and reservations are required; call 640-7987.

CHAMBER MIXER — The next Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer will be held Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Road, co-hosted by Ojai Valley Defense Fund and Ferguson Enterprises. It is free and open to the public. Appetizers will be provided by a local caterer, along with a no-host bar. Call 646-8126 for more information.

FREE INTRODUCTIONS TO MEDITATION — Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Road, Ojai, will host a free introduction to meditation with Katherine Collis on Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Donations appreciated. Call 646-5508.

Down The Road

LIBRARY BOOK SALE — Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation will hold its 17th annual used book sale on May 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., in the parking lot. Prices begin at 50 cents for paperbacks and buy three books and get a same-priced fourth book free. All proceeds benefit the Meiners Oaks, Oak View and Ojai libraries.

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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION — will be held May 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Libbey Park at the gazebo, featuring speakers, a live band and the Wall of Remembrance honoring local veterans.

"DO NOT GO GENTLE" — launches Ojai Art Center Theater's "theater of the mind and imagination" on every fifth Monday starting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 30. An active reading of the play has a family shocked at what was left behind by the matriarch in closing her estate. No reservations required at the theater, 113 S. Montgomery St., and only \$5 for a gripping, sometimes humorous event. Details at

OjaiACT.org. **"AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC"** — The Theosophical Society in the Ojai Valley will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Krotona School, 46 Krotona Hill. The String Tones, a group of local musicians, will present a multi-instrument live concert. Call 646-2653.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK AND ELECTION — The Theosophical Society in the Ojai Valley will meet on May 31 at 7 p.m. at Krotona School, 46 Krotona Hill, for a potluck and election of officers. Call 646-2653.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE DEADLINE — Want to join in the 2011 Ojai Independence Day Parade? Registration forms are available at the Ojai Recreation Department, 510 Park Road, Ojai, the Ojai Hair Company, 807 E. Ojai Ave., and at American Hay & Merchantile, 101 W. Short St., Oak View. Forms must be returned no later than June 1. For more information, e-mail fourthofjulyevents@yahoo.com.

OJAI LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP — The Ojai Library's Book Discussion Group will meet June 1 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "An Infinity of Little Hours: Five Young Men and their Trial of Faith in the Western World's Most Austere Monastic Order" by Nancy Klein Maguire. 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.

"THIS THING CALLED YOU" — The Rev. Karen Wylie, M.A., spiritual director of the Symphony of Life Spiritual Center, will be teaching an eight-week class, "This Thing Called You," beginning June 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Little House in Ojai. This class will take the participants deeper into their own personal transformation. We will be looking at who we are, what we believe and how we can shift some of our limiting beliefs and patterns so that we can become our own authority. We will examine the things that get in the way of our true freedom. For more information or to register, contact Rev. Karen at 640-3743 or e-mail Karen.Wylie@sols.org. The registration fee is \$195; payment plans are available. (J1)

DONATE TO HELP PETS

— Ojai Pet Hospital, 1120 Maricopa Highway, across from Vons, will host the nonprofit Woody James Warren Foundation on June 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in a fund-raising event. For a \$10 donation you can get a paw print of your pet companion cast in clay, glazed and fired by FireFly Ceramics of Ventura. (Keep pets on leash or in carrier.) Your donation will help provide financial assistance to a pet in need of a costly veterinary procedure. Call 405-3986 for more information.

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 Barbara Washburn will lead the June 4 tour. Cost is \$5. For reservations or to schedule group tours or tours during the week, call 640-1390.

"FIRST BLAST" — Celebrate the opening of the new Libbey Bowl on June 4 at 8 p.m. with the "First Blast" concert, featuring Dawn Upshaw, soprano; Eighth Blackbird, chamber ensemble; Claudio Ragazzi, guitar; Octavio Brunetti, piano; and Michael Ward-Bergeman, accordion. An after-party with dessert and dancing will begin at 10 p.m. For tickets, call 646-2053 or go to OjaiFestival.org.

"FIRST SUNDAY MUSIC" — at the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., on June 5 at 1 p.m. will feature singer-songwriter Cindy Kalmenson and The Lucky Ducks (Jim Landsman, Ray Magee and Jim McCarthy). She is currently a finalist at the Wildflower Music Festival in Texas for her song, "Hold On." Now an Ojai resident, Kalmenson and her band frequently perform at The Village Jester. Admission is free. Call 646-1639 for more details.

"DAY OF MUSIC" — To celebrate the reopening of Libbey Bowl, Ojai Music Festival is producing a free one-day concert event at Libbey Park on June 5 from 11:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., featuring music, dance, theater, storytelling plus community booths and activities. Performing at 4:35 p.m. will be the Ojai World Music Ensemble (John Zeretzke, Judy Piazza, Kenny McGill and M.B. Gordy). At 6:10 p.m., the Ojai Mardi Gras Band will play. For more details, call 646-2095 or go to dayofmusicjai.org.

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Dan Nelson

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Leadership is a term that carries various meanings, intonations and nuances depending on the setting. In business, leadership can often reference the structure of authority, points of accountability, management styles, and supervisory roles. The military has a leadership hierarchy that is constructed of a very strict chain of command. Political leadership administrators its influence balanc-

God's ideas about spiritual leadership

ing one's own aspirations with the desires of a constituency. But the Christian church is intentionally very different from all of these.

Many high school students are under daily reminders that their grade point averages and SAT scores will directly affect college admission status. And one's university degree can diametrically correlate to receiving the intended employment offer. On the job, exceptional performance often entitles one to a raise in pay or promotion. And one's thinking on what qualifies someone for leadership in ministry can easily be influenced by this type of understanding, derived from secular experiences. But Jesus came to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth, which

operates by a whole different set of rules.

In my role, lots of things cross my desk, including an occasional, seemingly random, solicitation from a church looking for a new pastor. As I peruse these types of letters, I am often shocked at the qualifications being sought in a minister. Sometimes they are seeking a "Superman": an unrealistic epitome of Jesus incarnate, the sort that doesn't really exist anywhere this side of heaven. But just as often, it seems that a corporate manager theologian is desired, a CEO type that can communicate publicly, pontificate spiritually, demonstrate credentials academically, and work real cheap.

It may be a surprise to

some that God has actually given to us the qualifications for the ministry leader. We find these instructions in the Bible in the books of I Timothy and Titus, for example. Attributes such as having a reputation of good behavior, and clear thinking, being blameless, and temperate, hospitable and gentle, not covetous for stuff, nor greedy for money, not quarrelsome, nor violent, nor a drunkard, are listed alongside being committed to one's wife and raising children well before God. We are further warned not to put a new Christian into this role, despite one's resumé in earthly success. And the public presence must correspond to the private life. The central message is that

qualifications for "spiritual" leadership in the Kingdom of God require "spiritual" characteristics. Tragically, I think sometimes non-Christians might get this principle better than the church.

We expect our auto mechanic to be thoroughly trained in modern diagnostic and repair techniques, equipped with the tools necessary to do the project effectively. We insist that our doctors be skilled in recent medical advancements, innovations and methods. And yet, our criteria for leadership in what we claim to be the most important aspect of our humanity, impacting eternity, our relationship with our creator, is often misguided. Instead of looking to standards

established for non-spiritual purposes that may be useful at work, let's examine the Scriptures for our ideas. As we begin to think biblically, everything changes. Jesus emerges as our model. And worship service becomes neither concert nor comedy club, but authentic connection with the Holy Spirit of God, as the promise of Jesus Christ is upheld in joining at the gathering of his people.

Dan Nelson is pastor of Calvary Chapel Ojai Valley (calvaryojai.org). The opinions expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of his church, the Ojai Valley Ministerial Association, nor the Ojai Valley News.

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Calvary Chapel of the Ojai Valley

Calvary Chapel Christian Church of the Ojai Valley welcomes you to join the congregation for Sunday worship service at 195 Mahoney Ave., Oak View. Service times are 9 a.m. for Family Worship (children and adults together) and at 10:45 a.m. (Children's Ministry provided). Pastor Dan Nelson will continue a chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of Matthew.

The Ojai Valley Bible Study and Calvary Kids Club meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. and the Youth Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.. Call 640-9498 for more information.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church worships the Lord with joy and laughter, good music, short sermons and free coffee. Come to Holy Eucharist this Sunday at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m., with child care and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is open to all.

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Taizé services on the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m.; the next service will be June 5. Taizé is an ecumenical, contemplative service of song and prayer from Taizé, France. The service will include singing, Scripture reading, personal reflection, adoration of the cross, contemplation of icons and prayers of intercession.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at Bristol Road and Ojai Avenue. For information, call 646-1885.

Jewish Community of the Oaks

Today at 7 p.m., the Jewish Community of the Oaks, 530 W. El Roblar Drive., Rabbi Yossi will lead Shabbat services; come at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper with the rabbi and fellow congregants. The Basic Judaism class continues Saturday at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Call 646-4464 for more information.

Our Lady and All Angels Liberal Catholic Church Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady and All Angels Liberal Catholic Church, the Rev. James Voirol, parish rector, will celebrate the

Holy Eucharist for the fourth Sunday after Easter. The service will be preceded by an Homage to Our Lady Mary at 10:20 a.m. All are welcome to attend and receive Holy Communion. Refreshments will be served after the Eucharist.

A Solumn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Liberal Catholic Church encourages freedom of thought and belief.

Our Lady and All Angels is located at 1502 E. Ojai Ave. For information call 646-0570.

Ojai Presbyterian Church

Ojai Presbyterian Church welcomes all who wish to come and worship with them. This Sunday, the sermon comes from John 20:19-31, continuing to look at the disciples encounters with Jesus after the resurrection. At both the 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. services, the Praise Team Choir, with soloist Hannah Dial, will sing the anthem, "Hallowed Be Thy Name." During the offertory at the 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services,

flutist Laurel Walter, accompanied by Jim Calire, will perform "The Water Is Wide." The Chancel Choir will sing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" during the 10:45 a.m. service.

Three morning services are offered. The first is a contemporary service at 8 a.m. with nursery and toddler care. At 9:15 a.m., a contemporary service is offered with Sunday School for nursery through eighth grade. At 10:45 a.m. a traditional service is held with nursery and toddler care. The Presbyterian Church is located at 304 Foothill Road. Call 646-1437 for information.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Aquinas Church is located at 185 St. Thomas Drive, Ojai. Sunday Mass is held at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass is at 8 a.m., 5 p.m. and Hispanic Mass at 7:30 p.m. Daily Mass is held at 6:30 and 9 a.m.

Readings will be from Acts 6:1-7, Peter 2:4-9 and John 14:1-12. Open Pantry will be held Saturday at 9 a.m.

Call the parish office at 646-4338 for information.

Symphony of Life Spiritual Center

The Symphony of Life Spiritual Center practices the teachings of Ernest Holmes and the Science of Mind, "Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life." People of all ages, faiths, lifestyles and ethnicities are welcome, knowing there is only one God within all.

This Sunday, the Rev. Susan Burrell's topic will be "The Global Heart Vision." Services are held Sundays at 10 a.m. with a pre-service meditation and the service starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Ojai Valley Woman's Club, 441 E. Ojai Ave. Child care is provided.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Children are offered classes after the children's message and rejoin teens and adults for Holy Communion at the end of the service.

Throughout May, the congregation will discuss "Don't

Settle for Less!" This Sunday's focus will be "Don't Settle for Less than Living Free and Strong!" Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 1212 Maricopa Highway. For information call 646-5652.

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Libbey Bowl in May 2011 by Fred Rothenberg

The Ojai Valley Time Capsule

Today is drop-off day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Be a part of Ojai history when we bury our time capsule during the grand opening of Ojai's new Libbey Bowl!

Ojai Valley News is collecting items for a time capsule that will be buried during the grand opening of the new Libbey Bowl on June 5. The time capsule will see light again on Ojai Day in 2061.

We are seeking submissions ... anything

up to the size of a basketball is eligible. If you have something related to the Ojai Valley that you would like people to see in 50 years, bring it to the OVN office at 408-A Bryant Circle today between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

"Soul and Body" is the subject of this Sunday's lesson at the Christian Science Church, based on a passage from 1 Corinthians: "... the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." The church service and Sunday school begin at 10 a.m. Testimonial meetings are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The church is located at the corner of Oak and Blanche streets in Ojai. The Reading Room at 215-C E. Matilija St. is open to the public from noon to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 646-4901 for information.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 1290 E. Grand Ave., invites all to worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. A time of fellowship and conversation follows the service. During these Sundays after Easter, the congregation at Our Redeemer will study the First Epistle of St. Peter. Focus this Sunday will be on his words, "Christ also

suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." Let's learn from our Lord how to face the hardships and problems of our life.

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is located at 1290 E. Grand Ave., Ojai. Call 646-2064 for information.

Ojai United Methodist Church

Everyone is welcome to the Ojai United Methodist Church, 120 Church Road, every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for worship for all ages. Adult Bible study begins Sunday at 9 a.m. Sunday School for ages 0 through 12 is held at 10:15 a.m. Praise time singing and music begins at 10 a.m.

On this Heritage Sunday, special people will be added to the Tree of Life, and children will be recognized and new members received. Pastor John Robison's sermon will be "WWJWD: What Would John Wesley Do?" Coffee fellowship follows the service.

The sanctuary is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon for personal prayer and meditation.

For more information, call 646-3528.



Larry Hartmann

SENIOR MOMENTS

The friendly-looking senior with the engaging smile held the sign proudly, "Free Hugs," it advertised. My wife Pat and I discretely took a seat on a nearby Santa Barbara bench. I wanted to see what kind of results this animated gentlemen was getting. After 10 minutes of watching, it appeared he was getting about a hug a minute from young and old, male and female. It also appeared he was not selling anything or asking

Do seniors still need hugs?

for donations. He was just having a good time and so were those getting hugged.

There's plenty of research about the benefit of hugs for children. What about seniors? Do they need hugs too? You bet they do! There are all kinds of studies about the benefits of touch. Physical, emotional and social changes occur when we touch each other. One interesting study says that waiters and waitresses who unobtrusively touch their customers receive larger tips. A professional gentleman I know has often commented that at the lowest point in his life, a fellow worker gave him a shoulder hug with an encouraging word. He has never forgotten how much it influenced his life 30 years ago.

Research has also shown that the person doing the hugging also receives huge

benefits from the physical contact. At church last Sunday, I got several surprise warm handshakes and hugs. The one I usually look forward to is from Mike. It always involves a hug, back slap, and "How you doing, buddy?" From his smile, I know Mike appreciates it and benefits from it too.

Seniors, because of their age and sometimes being frail, come out short on the physical touch experience. Their friends, relatives and even doctors are afraid to touch them. Don't be shy or reluctant. Appropriate touches, whether it be a hug, pat on the shoulder or a warm handshake all have their places in our everyday social interactions. Even a physical eye contact acknowledgement has many benefits.

Seniors usually love the friendship and physical

contact with their pets. While on a walk recently, Pat and I met a neighbor with a beautiful wolfhound dog. Petting that friendly creature sure made me feel better and it appeared the pleasure was mutual. Who hasn't had their pet purr or nuzzle them with a resultant feeling of comfort, security and affection to both parties?

May is Older American Month. I often see our Ojai seniors quietly volunteering at Help of Ojai. Knowing some of the volunteers and their lives of helping others, I am grateful for their love and generosity. Try giving your senior acquaintance a touch or hug with a word of love or support.

Larry Hartmann is a longtime resident of Ojai and a senator in the California Senior Legislature.

Internet training for seniors now available

Ann Reeves
OVN contributor

Do you know someone 50 years old or more who's on the wrong side of the "digital divide"? That's the growing gap between those who feel comfortable using the internet and those who don't. Maybe it's you, or maybe it's a parent, grandparent or relative. If so, help is here.

The Congress of California Seniors is offering free hands-on computer training to help older community members feel confident using the internet to set up utility accounts, apply for Social Security and Medicare and access information, benefits and services that can enhance their lives.

"The ability to navigate the Internet safely — without getting scammed or falling victim to identity

theft — is more important every day," says Edie Brown, deputy director of programs and community relations. "Far too many seniors aren't getting benefits they qualify for, simply because they lack internet skills."

Brown is determined to change that. "Our goal is to train 3,800 Ventura County residents by the end of September," she says. "Students will have individual computers, so they'll get lots of hands-on practice and class size is limited to allow for one-on-one assistance from the instructor."

The Internet Basics training is being given at libraries, senior centers and other sites throughout the county in three sessions — one a week for three weeks — totaling five hours.

In the Ojai Valley, the first series of classes will be held at the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., on three consecutive Friday mornings: June 3 from 10 a.m. to noon, June 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and June 17, again from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To reserve a place, call 646-1639.

"We're delighted to host these classes," says branch librarian Mary Lynch, "and this should be an excellent service for our seniors. But,

as most of you know, we only have eight computers, so reserve your place early."

Among other things, attendees will learn how to:

- Compare kinds and costs of services offered by local internet providers
- Navigate federal websites such as those for Social Security and Medicare
- Navigate websites of utility services (gas, electricity, telephone), apply for low-cost utility programs and access the state's utility oversight agency
- Use the county's website to find information on elder abuse, disaster preparedness, housing, legal services, transportation, food programs, and so on
- Identify safe and unsafe internet sites, avoid common internet scams and safely pay online for goods and services.
- Know and take advantage of their rights and protections as consumers

Participants should already have basic computer skills such as turning a computer on and off and using a keyboard and mouse. Sites will take names on a "first reserved, first served" basis.

For future times, dates and locations, check the

"Around Our Valley" section of this newspaper, pick up a flier at your nearest library or senior center, or call 646-1736. Organizations with at least four public-use computers that would be willing to host this training are also encouraged to get in touch.

"We greatly appreciate the willingness of local organizations to host this training," Brown says, "and we want to make it clear that hosting the training does not imply any endorsement of CCS's policies or advocacy positions."

The nonprofit California Congress of Seniors provides educational programs and consumer information for seniors to constituent groups and the greater senior community throughout the state. The Internet Basics computer training program is funded by a grant from the California Consumer Protection Foundation.

All deadlines for the Wednesday, June 1, edition of the Ojai Valley News are moved up to Friday, May 27, at noon, due to the Memorial Day holiday. The OVN office will be closed on Monday, May 30.

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Ojai Studio Artists announce new vice president

Gayel Childress
OVN contributor

Ojai Studio Artists have announced that Duane Dammeyer is their newly elected vice president for the term 2010 until 2013.

A former engineer and public defender, Dammeyer is a sculptor working in alabaster, marble, granite and almost any other type of stone that is capable of being carved. Engineering influences the



Duane Dammeyer

geometric forms such as triangles, cubes and

spheres that are seen in many of his pieces. Construction and stone masonry experience contribute to design and composition as shown through the integration of different stones into a single piece. Nature inspires the organic and fluid forms often seen in his work.

Dammeyer's work has been shown at the Ojai Center for the Arts, Ojai Valley Museum, Ventura

County Museum, Ventura County Government Center, Buena Ventura Art Gallery and Artists Union Gallery in Ventura. His work has received

numerous awards including Best of Show at the 2010 California Sculptors Symposium. He has a solo show opening May 24, running

through June 18, at the Buena Ventura Gallery.

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Arts Calendar

- **May 22:** The Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., will hold a free "Sunday Gathering" this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. with author **Elise DePuydt** discussing and signing her photo guide book to Ojai plus presentations by OSA members **Ted Gall** and **Sylvia Raz**. Call 640-1390.
- **May 26:** The Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura, will host a reception on Thursday starting at 5 p.m. for Ojai resident **Guy Webster**, celebrity photographer, who will give talks at 5:30 and 7 p.m. on "How I Shot the '60s and Survived." Reservations are required; call 653-0323. His photographs and motorcycles will be on display through June 19 in an exhibit titled "Rock 'n' Roll! Guy Webster: Photographer and Collector."
- **May 26:** Artists are invited to paint and decorate canvas bags that will be sold at "Art in the Park" to raise funds for youth programs at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St. Bags must be returned by Thursday.
- **May 28:** The Ojai Valley

- Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., will host a reception and scholarship awards ceremony on May 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. for the **Ojai Studio Artists "Made in Ojai IX"** exhibit titled "Know Hope," featuring works by 50 artists. Call 640-1390.
- **May 28 & 29:** The 34th annual "Art in the Park," a free fine arts festival, will be held May 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Libbey Park. For more information, call the Art Center at 646-0117, e-mail ojaiartcenter@aol.com or go to ojaiartcenter.org.
- **Through May 29:** Ojai Café Emporium, 108 S. Montgomery St., will display paintings by Ojai Valley artists **Kerry Crank** and **Dennis Wood** through May 29.
- **Through May 31:** Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., will display the fifth annual exhibit of the **Santa Barbara Print-makers**, and artwork in the showcases by Ojai's **Marta Nelson** and **Marsha Braun** throughout May. Call 646-0117.
- **June 11:** The Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., will display its eighth

- annual juried photography exhibit, "**Solitude**," June 11 through July 6. A reception with refreshments will be held June 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 646-0117.
- **Through June 15:** New artwork by **Leslie Marcus** will be on display through June 15 at Ojai Valley Family Medicine Group, 117-D Pirie Road, Ojai.
- **Through June 19:** The Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura will host the exhibit, "Building the Collection: Recent Acquisitions," through June 19. Included is work by the late Ojai potters, **Vivika and Otto Heino**. Call 653-0323.
- **Through July 14:** The Ojai City Gallery, 401 S. Ventura St., will display paintings by **Mark Thompson**, Ojai Studio Artists member, through July 14.
- **Through Sept. 11:** The Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura, will display an exhibit of **George Stuart Historical Figures** titled "How Sweet Power Went Sour: The Bourbon Dynasty" through Sept. 11. Call 653-0323.

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Photo by Ken Brown

Senior Tim Lesuer pitches in his final game as a Ranger. Nordhoff dropped its playoff game against South Pasadena, 2-1, to finish their season 16-8 overall.

Nordhoff exits postseason after loss to South Pasadena

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Rangers lose close game to South Pasadena, 2-1

After finishing their season with eight consecutive wins, the Nordhoff baseball team faced the South Pasadena Tigers in a wild card game. The Rangers fell to the Tigers, 2-1, ending their season with a 16-8 overall record.

Things looked good for the Rangers after they jumped out to an early 1-0

lead after they scored in the bottom of the first inning. NHS sent Tim Lesuer to the mound, who allowed less than a run per game this season. The Rangers took their 1-0 lead into the sixth inning but then the Tigers tied the score when they scored in the top of the sixth.

The Tigers then took the lead for good in the top of the seventh and the Rangers could not rally to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh. With the win, South Pasadena advances to face Torrance in the next round of the CIF-SS playoffs.

The Rangers out hit the Tiger seven to four, but Nordhoff committed three errors in the loss.

In other CIF-SS baseball action, the Frontier League Champion Villanova Wildcats faced Windward yesterday afternoon in a first-round playoff game. Check next Wednesday's OVN for more details on the Wildcats' playoff progress.

ORD gearing up for youth flag football season now

The Ojai Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for its 2011 Youth Flag Football League.

Registration is currently taking place and will continue until Aug. 25. After June 30 the registration fee will increase to \$75. The league will run from Aug. 27 to Nov. 12. Register your child by June 30 and the registration fee will be \$65. The league fees will increase \$10 on July 1 and on Aug. 19.

The Ojai Recreation Department Youth Flag Football League is a volunteer coach program for children in grades one through eight.

The Ojai Youth Flag Football League emphasizes skill

development and good sportsmanship while competing in a fun and positive environment. Flag football players of all levels are welcome to participate in this league.

A vital part of the success of the ORD Youth Flag Football League is the volunteers who generously donate their time to support the youth in the community. Anyone — parent, friend or football enthusiast — is welcome to volunteer to coach.

For more information on the ORD Youth Flag Football or to find out more about becoming a coach, contact recreation coordinator Matt Landon at 646-5581, Ext. 303, e-mail landon@ci.ojai.ca.us. Also visit ojairec.com.

Local church offering summer sports camps

This summer Ojai's Church of the Living Christ is offering Mega Sports Camp for kids in first through sixth grades. It's a time of fun, skill development in sports electives such as basketball, flag football, soccer, volleyball, skateboarding or cheerleading while developing character and discovering God's love for them.

The first camp will run from July 11 through 15, and the second camp will run from July 18 through 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come for one or both. Cost is \$135 each camp, which includes a camp T-shirt, camp photo, souvenirs, two snacks and lunch. For complete information call 646-1296 or register online at ojaiclc.org. Cherry Loe is the camp director.

Swim lessons on tap at ORD for all ages, skills

The Ojai Recreation Department has announced the start of its Summer Aquatics program held at Villanova Preparatory School.

Lessons will be offered with three, two-week-long sessions starting June 20. All skill levels and ages are available beginning at ages 6 months and older. The cost of each two-week

session is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Also offered will be public swim and lap swim for those who want to cool off and get out of the heat.

For more information, feel free to pick up a brochure at the office, 510 Park Road. Or call us at 646-5581, Ext. 390, or check it out online at ojairec.com.

Tchoyi signs to Div. II Cal Poly Pomona

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Besant Hill senior Francois Tchoyi makes college decision

Current Besant Hill student Francois Tchoyi signed a national letter of intent to play college basketball at Cal Poly Pomona next year. The 6-foot 7-inch forward was an integral part of Besant Hill's recent success on the basketball court. Last season he averaged 21.8 points, 14.2 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game for the Coyotes.

Tchoyi was recruited by several Division I programs and visited Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Montana State and Rider

University but Cal Poly Pomona was the best fit according to Besant Hill coach Randy Bertin. "It really came down to Francois wanting to play and contribute right away and he wanted to be a part of a winning program," noted Bertin.

The Broncos are currently one of the premier NCAA Division II basketball programs in the nation. They won the NCAA Division II championship in 2010 and went to the finals in 2009. Tchoyi will major in international business when he steps on campus next fall.

Tchoyi is the third Besant Hill player to take his basketball skills to the next level in the last two years. Yannick Atanga signed to play at Santa

Clara University and redshirted the 2010-2011 season but promises to be a force for the Broncos next season. Ivan Matip is currently playing at Cal State Bakersfield and played in 12 games last year after battling through some injuries.

"Having our kids go to the next level is great for our school. The entire school gets together and we have a signing party so everyone gets to share in the experience.

"For our team it has changed the outlook for a lot of our players and it gives them a tangible goal. It has made all the difference in the world in how hard they practice when they have guys like Yannick, Ivan and Francois to look up to," said Bertin.

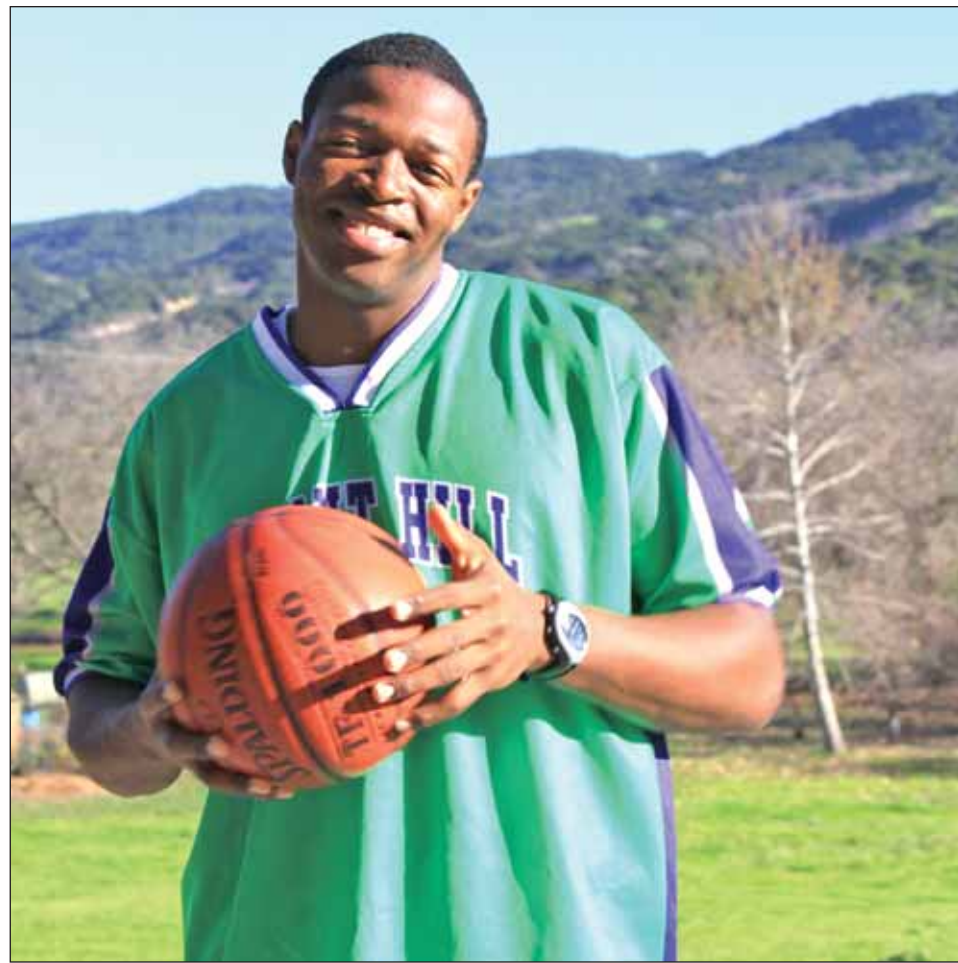


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Francois Tchoyi recently signed with Division II powerhouse Cal Poly Pomona.

Ojai Valley News Sports Question of the Week

What 1990 championship sporting event attracted a television audience of one billion people?

More than one billion people watched the 1990 World Cup final on television, making FIFA World Cup Soccer the world's largest spectator sport.

Youth volleyball registration under way

Fall registration for the United States Youth Volleyball League is now open. The USYVL is bringing a fun-filled season of volleyball to your community this fall. All children between the ages of 7 and 15 are invited to enjoy instructional volleyball practices and games that focus on participation, sportsmanship, and fun.



Photo submitted

Chargers Top Division in 5-A-Side Soccer; New League Forming

The Wrec Room recently wrapped its 5-A-Side spring soccer leagues. Above are the Chargers, coached by Griff Williamson, who won the Under 6 Coed Division. A new summer league will begin May 25 and run through July 13, with games held each Wednesday at Matilija Junior High School; call 797-7094 or e-mail wrecrm@att.net to register. Under 6 and Under 8 divisions play at 4 p.m.; Under 10 play at 5 p.m.; Under 12 play at 6 p.m. and Under 15 play at 7 p.m. All divisions are coed. Cost is \$50 per child and includes a jersey.

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Answers to Wednesday's N Y Times Crossword Puzzle

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Liability Company:
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statement is true and
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of sale) to T.D. Service
Company) all right, title
and interest conveyed to
and now held by it under
said Deed of Trust in the
property hereinafter
described: Trustor:
GEORGE R. WALCZAK,
ELIZABETH A. NORRIS-
WALCZAK Recorded
December 22, 2004 as
Instr. No. 20041222-
0338816 in Book ---
Page --- of Official
Records in the office of the
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County; CALIFORNIA,
pursuant to the Notice of
Default and Election to Sell

thereunder recorded
February 17, 2011 as Instr.
No. 20110217-26424 in
Book --- Page --- of
Official Records in the
office of the Recorder of
VENTURA County
CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE
IN DEFAULT UNDER A
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DECEMBER 6, 2004.
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YOUR PROPERTY, IT
MAY BE SOLD AT A
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EXPLANATION OF THE
NATURE OF THE
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YOU, YOU SHOULD
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661 VILLANOVA RD.,
OJAI, CA 93023-3919
“(If a street address or
common designation of
property is shown above,
no warranty is given as to
its completeness or
correctness).” Said Sale of
property will be made in
“as is” condition without
covenant or warranty,
express or implied,
regarding title possession,
or encumbrances, to pay
the remaining principal sum
of the note(s) secured by
said Deed of Trust, with
interest as in said note
provided, advances, if any,
under the terms of said
Deed of Trust, fees, charges
and expenses of the Trustee
and of the trusts created by
said Deed of Trust. Said
sale will be held on: JUNE
9, 2011, AT 11:00 A.M.
*AT THE MAIN
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CENTER HALL OF
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CA At the time of the
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above described Deed of
Trust and estimated costs,
expenses, and advances is
\$641,203.70. It is possible
that at the time of sale the
opening bid may be less
than the total indebtedness
due. Pursuant to California
Civil Code 2923.54 the
undersigned, on behalf of
the beneficiary, loan
servicer or authorized
agent, declares as follows:
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has obtained from the
commissioner a final or
temporary order of
exemption pursuant to
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current and valid on the
date the notice of sale is
filed; The timeframe for

giving notice of sale
specified in subdivision (a)
of Section 2923.52 does not
apply pursuant to Section
2923.52 or 2923.55. If the
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title for any reason, the
successful bidder's sole and
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successful bidder shall have
no further recourse. If the
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reason, the Purchaser at the
sale shall be entitled only to
a return of the monies
paid. The Purchaser shall
have no further recourse
against the Mortgagor, the
Mortgagee or the
Mortgagee's attorney.
Date: May 12, 2011
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Agent for the Beneficiary
KIMBERLY THORNE,
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SANTA ANA, CA 92711-
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05/20/11, 05/27/11,
06/03/11

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Registrant (P.O. Box or
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Ojai, CA 93023-3053
THIS BUSINESS IS
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commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
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listed on N/A.
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.)
Richard Petropoulos
/s/RICHARD
PETROPULOS
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name statement generally
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years from the date on
which it was filed in the
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subdivision of section
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Ventura County Clerk and
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MARK A. LUNN
File Date: 05/11/2011
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(P.O. Box or PMB are not
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Ventura County
Full name of 1st
Registrant (Individual)/
Corporation/Limited
Liability Company:
Richard Petropoulos

CA 93023, Ventura County
Full name of 1st
Registrant (Individual)/
Corporation/Limited
Liability Company:
Nicholas Andrew Bessette
Residence Address of 1st
Registrant (P.O. Box or
PMB are not acceptable):
11961 Morgan St.
Ojai, CA 93023
Full name of 2nd
Registrant (Individual)/
Corporation/Limited
Liability Company:
Ariana Elaine Bessette
Residence Address of 2nd
Registrant (P.O. Box or
PMB are not acceptable):
11961 Morgan St.
Ojai, CA 93023
THIS BUSINESS IS
CONDUCTED BY:
Husband and Wife
The registrant
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business under the fictitious
business name or names
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I declare that all
information in this
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correct.
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is guilty of a crime.)
Nick Bessette
/s/NICK BESSETTE
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#3) 381 CRUZERO. Ojai Valley Grange pkg. lot sale. Multiple families, variety of items, come out and join us.

#4) 1214 ALVIRIA x. RICE RD. Sat. only, 8 am-2 pm. Fundraiser for Girls All Star Softball Team. Multiple families with a variety of items.

#5) 1057 CAPELLO WAY x. RICE RD. Saturday 7:30 am-noon. Plumbing, lights, tools and lots more.

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#9) 1405 DALY RD. x. PLEASANT. MOVING SALE. Sat. only, 8 am-close. Sporting goods, clothes, jewelry & some furniture.

#10) 509 N. FULTON ST. Sat. only, 8 am-1 pm. Fabulous multi-family sale. Antiques, wrought iron patio furniture and shabby chic galore! Vintage metal kitchen cabinets, portable dishwasher, stove, collectables, clothing, books, PDP Z5 drum kit and toys, toys, toys.

#11) 201 BRYANT ST. Sat. only, 7:30 am-2 pm. High-end couches, overstuffed chair, Japanese screen, upright piano, gumball stand, Tiffany lamps, twin hospital bed, restaurant supplies, glassware, patio tables, lots of white plastic chairs, stainless table and more!

#12) 422 LOS ALAMOS DR. x GRAND AVE. Sat. 8 am-3 pm, Sun. 9 am-1 pm. NO EARLY BIRDS!! Huge sale. Furniture, mens, womens and girls clothing, home accessories, CDs, bedding and much more!

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People



Ojai Youth Symphony celebrates 10 years

Laurel Young
OVN contributor



Photo by Tom Hall

The Ojai Youth Symphony is celebrating the end of its 10th anniversary year with a "Concerto Concert," featuring five soloists from Ojai and Ventura, on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Matilija Junior High School Auditorium.

Soloists from Ojai include Edaan Byle, a home-schooler; Keith Downer, a senior at Nordhoff High School; and Emily Hall, a junior at Nordhoff High School. The other two soloists are Cecilia Teichert, a senior at St. Augustine Academy, and Chris Waechter, a senior at Foothill Technology High School.

Byle, a previous soloist with OYS, will play the "Kabelevsky Violin Concerto," movement no.

Soloists performing in the Ojai Youth Symphony's "Concerto Concert" on Monday are: Keith Downer, left, Chris Waechter, Emily Hall, Edaan Byle and Cecilia Teichert.

1. Downer, also a previous soloist with OYS on the horn, will play the "Seitz Violin Concerto #3," movement no. 1. Hall will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto in D Major, movement no. 2. Teichert, who is playing her third solo with OYS, will play the "Introduction and Rondo

Capriccioso" by Saint-Saens on violin. Waechter will play the "Kol Nidre" by Bruch on viola.

The Ojai Youth Symphony, conducted by Andy Radford, will also play a medley from the musical, "Wicked." Other groups performing at the concert are the Ojai Strings

and Sinfonia, conducted by Amy Hagen.

Radford also conducts the Santa Barbara Youth Symphony, is the educational coordinator for the Ojai Music Festival's Bravo Program and is a professional bassoonist. Both Radford and Hagen are members of the Santa Barbara Symphony, and Hagen also teaches violin privately in Ojai. "We plan to keep providing this vital education and performance experience," says Radford.

In 2005, Hagen was instrumental in bringing strings to Ojai students through the "Got Strings" program at Meiners Oaks Elementary, which was originally funded by a grant from Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, and provided each sixth-grader at Meiners Oaks with a violin which they could use

for free as long as they stayed in strings in the public schools. More than 100 students in the Ojai Unified School District are currently using instruments loaned to them by the Ojai Youth Symphony.

As a result of the high interest created by the "Got Strings" program, OUSD now funds strings programs at all the elementary schools, with elementary music teacher Laurel Denne providing instruction. Matilija Junior High School has two string ensembles conducted by Don Orser, and Nordhoff High School has a string orchestra conducted by Bill Wagner. The Ojai Youth Symphony's "Got Strings" program continues each

year at Meiners Oaks and is also supported by the Bravo Program, the Rotary Club of Ojai, and numerous awards and grants.

Ojai Youth Symphony, Sinfonia and the Ojai Strings have approximately 100 members, with two-thirds of the membership living in the Ojai Valley and one-third from Ventura. These three groups will join other community performing groups at the "Ojai Day of Music," to be held at the rebuilt Libbey Bowl on June 5.

Tickets for the "Concerto Concert" are \$7.50 for adults and free for students younger than 18. For more information, go to ojai-youthsymphony.org.

Competition not the purpose of Soap Box Derby

Holly Roberts
OVN contributor

Rainbows, unicorns, matrix and shark themes prevailed at the bi-annual Soap Box Derby races at the Montessori School of Ojai recently. The stage and ramp to success stood ready for the annals of school history. "I'm ready to rock!" one student exclaimed in anticipation.

Students from third through seventh grade participated in designing, engineering and building the plywood box cars over the course of five weeks with art teacher Stan Schneider. "I told the kids to bring whatever scraps and pieces of material they could find lying around at home to help make their cars unique."

Like the Soap Box Derby tradition which began in 1934 in Dayton, Ohio, Schneider encouraged students to draw their

designs on paper, and then sketch the two basic sides onto plywood to be screwed together. Students painted their cars in electric blues, Ferrari reds, rainbows and bumblebee stripes, then added extras such as hula hoop tops, hood ornaments or flags.

"Some of the kids didn't care about speed, they just wanted it to look cool, but I talked to them about design and wind resistance," said Schneider.

Using rope and foot steering and the force of gravity down a wooden plank ramp, students matched up to determine the success of their designs. Alternating drivers, each of the 10 cars raced three times for the finish line. The outcome of each race was anyone's guess.

Driving goggles in hand, seventh-grader Jefferson Beckham explained his elongated pyramid design

idea. "I was looking for something aerodynamic. This is going to be one of the fastest cars yet. General Motors should come up with this idea!" Beckham's completely enclosed triangular "matrix" car opened up like a sandwich to allow entry into the cockpit where a backrest faced toward the 6-inch circular sight opening. A handwritten message stood out clearly in bright sharpie at the driver's eye level, "Emergency Exit."

Even the tiniest toddlers came out to cheer on the races, while many preschoolers enjoyed rides with the creators. Designed and driven by 11-year-old Gerald Jones, the spiked red wagon car proved particularly useful in hauling several younger kids at once.

Although scores went purposely unrecorded, an interesting diversity of designs seemed to succeed again and again. It's no

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