NHS grad joins $500K effort for kids with AIDs

'Imagine' concert inspires students

Golden State buyout meeting results in go-ahead vote

Maria Saint
Ojai Valley News

"When there is a cure we'll dance for joy. Until then we will dance for life." That's the tagline for the UCLA Dance Marathon, an event in which participants dance — for 24 hours straight — to raise money for the Pediatric AIDS Coalition at UCLA.

The 2013 event, slated to begin Feb. 16, would be the second year in which Nordhoff High School graduate Barbara Horne-Petersdorf, 19, was involved in the event. She attended a special meeting of the CMWD board Tuesday evening.

Approximately 150 people attended a special meeting of the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) board of directors Tuesday evening. Some shared their opinion of a proposed buyout of Golden State Water Company's (GSWC) Ojai service area by CMWD. Most just listened as the CMWD board began the process that could merge the current GSWC customers into the Casitas service area.

During the public comment section of the meeting, 12 speakers encouraged the board to move forward with their plans, four were firmly against any merger and eight others were more neutral on the matter.

The proposed plan calls for Casitas to form a Community Facilities District (CFD) that, if approved during an election that would likely be held in July 2013, would add a tax to those parcels currently in GSWC's Ojai service area. The bond would have to receive a 2/3 majority of those voting in the election.

The City of Ojai provides for the franchise agreement with the current GSWC Ojai service area. The proceeds in court. GSWC could make a purchase offer to CMWD. Because the private water company has indicated its Ojai service area is not for sale, the next step for CMWD would likely be to petition for eminent domain proceedings in court.

Rikki Horne, the UCLA Homecoming Club member for the event.

Horne-Petersdorf said that she's proud that her daughter has carried this important aspect of her life to UCLA and in such a worthwhile cause. That dance is involved in a bonus for Barbara, who has been dancing in some form since she was 3 years old. Communi ty service is a win-win situation where the receiver and giver both benefit and the world is that much better off. No one can do it all, but everyone should try to do some part in healing our world.

Other than working as a community member for the CMWD board, Horne- Petersdorf said that she likes to keep herself busy, adding that after UCLA, she would like to go to law school.
SOLSC will host a retreat this weekend.

A 24-year-old man was arrested on North Ojai Avenue Sunday evening after he was convicted of being in possession of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

The influence of the Supreme Center invites the community to "return to our roots" through a day of meditations, chants, and healing workshops on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Meditation Mount, 10540 Reeves Street. Bring a sack lunch. Randee Vasilakos, the licensed spiritual practitioner, will conduct the retreat.

"We can come back to our roots when situations in our lives bring us stress and frustration," said Vasilakos. "From stillness we can access deeper answers to questions and respond to our highest vision to live our lives.

The winners for Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:00 p.m., are Kim Martin, 52, of Oak View, and Lois Hall, 66, of Ojai. The winners for Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 p.m., are Carole Hardt, 65, of Ojai, and Brenda Johnson, 61, of Oak View.

The winners for Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7:00 p.m., are Cheryl Brand, 59, of Oak View, and Lesa Osuna, 51, of Ojai. The winners for Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7:00 p.m., are Elizabeth Caudillo, 54, of Ojai, and Jenifer Christie, 51, of Oak View.

If you would like to be entered into the drawing, you may purchase tokens at the transistor radio booth in the Ojai Valley Market. There will be a $10,000 grand prize for Friday, Feb. 1.
Marathon, but will be sharing that she will do a dance party,” she said, hours. “It’s like a big fun, but you also feel that time flies. It’s changing the name. Alem asked. “Ideally, I’d like everyone who comes to know my name.”

Barb Alem’s team lead of the Ojai Pets of the Week, photographed by Ashley Turbyfill for the Ojai Valley News.

“arbitary and fun,” works with Alem for the last 13 years. “It is a great place that’s pretty cool.”

At OBC, everyone who works in the bar must be certified as an alcohol server — allowing them to serve liquor and beer under 21. On the beers hand, Alem strives for balance between light, dark, and an assortment of different vintages, with a focus on from OEC’s shelves stocked with wines of Bad Light. “When we first opened, some people thought we couldn’t carry those,” said Alem. “But we keep them down and work as hard as we can to provide the best service and the best experience in what we put on top of the menu.”

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This Week

Friday, Feb. 1, 2013

VIOLINIST TRAIL DAY — Call to organize a working day suitable for beginning violinists. Come play and meet other violinists. Bring a deep water bag, lunch, sunscreen, gloves and eye protection, hat, cameras and wear sturdy shoes. Make sure all the wine and drinks will be provided. It’s a unique chance to meet other outdoor enthusiasts or active community members. Rain on the event. Skien at the Ojai Ranger Station, 1382 W. Ojai Ave., at 10 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead and return at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 646-4136, Ext. 399.

ROY SCOTT CARWASH — Troop 50 will raise funds for its summer trip to Switzerland at a car wash Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ojai United Methodist Church, 120 Church Road, across from Nordhoff High School.

DEMO GARDEN WORKDAY — Come to a volunteer work day Saturday at 1 a.m. at the Ojai Community Demonstration Garden, 401 S. Venneker behind City Hall. Come to see what’s going on, get some exercise, meet people and help maintain the garden. No experience is necessary. Questions about gardening are welcome, extremely active like. All Ojai Organizational BULDING TOURS — Sat- urday, afternoon, High Country Historical Tours guided bus tour of the fascinating Mammoth Museum, 130 W. Ave. N. A tour of several of the neighborhood's most important structures. Meet at the entrance of historical and cultural attrac tions. Dottie Holby Mitchen will lead the Feb. 2 tour. Cost is $15 per person. Drop-in and buy at the door. Meet at the general store. Details of these tours will be announced soon.

BARBARA QUEEN — Ojai South Entertainers Sunday, 1135 Main Street, will present "Ramona Quimby," today through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. This颇for all ages” play is based on the novels of Beverly Cleary and adapted for the stage by Len Jenkins and directed by Gai Jones. Tickets: $15 for adults, $10 for students and seniors; available at www.brownpapertickets.com or call (800) 838-3085. Discounted tickets will be available at the door, day of performance.

THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH — The Ojai Art Center Theater, 1135 W. Ojai Ave., presents Thornton Wilder’s "The Skin of Our Teeth," today through Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. This is free and open to the public and will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a rendition of "God's Country," performed by the Ojai community. Bostrom is a Four Winds Society-certified Dakota and Nakota National Medicine Figure. Despite every- thing about the Inka Medicine tradition, is organizing a work day and tour to one Kamaywáši with Fernando the Inka Medicine People in Cusco, Peru. For more information, call 640-1390.

WEDNESDAY GREAT LAKES GROUN D SHOW — The Jewish Community of the Oake, 5000 E. El Robb In Drive in Meters on Wednesday, Feb. 6. We will screen the charming film, "Wondrous Oblivion," today at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public and we are welcome. The show is an adventure into a Jewish family member, who lives in Switzerland, the family history, for the better. For more information, call 646-4171.

Sunday, Feb. 3

INCA MEDICINE WHEEL PROGRAM — Learn about the Inka Medicine Wheel, a cutting-edge holistic and modern-day shamansm, at an intro- duction talk by Tomas Bostrom. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Space Studio, 401-A Bryant Circle. Beneficial donation: $10. Bostrom is a Four Winds Society-certified teacher of the Inka Medicine tradition, and he will present an overview of his long training, which will begin Feb. 21 in the Ojai Playhouse. Visit www.inkamedicinewheel.com for more information.

UNDERSTANDING KARMA AND REINCARNATION — An exploration with Fernando de la Higuera. Feb. 5 through 8 at Kres- tons School, 46 Kres ton Ave. Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $35/session, series $225. To register: schoolinfo@sacredwhitewolf.org or call (805) 446-1139. (F1)

The Ojai Film Society will screen “Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry,” a portrait of one of contemporary China’s most courageous artists, Sunday at the Ojai Playhouse. Ai has confronted the Chinese government, but she does show how diffi- cult it is to be a rebel in such a closed society. Kwak is an award-winning and critically acclaimed filmmaker and artist known for his critically acclaimed films and his commitment to紀 significant artistic and social change. His ongoing project, "Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry," tells the story of Ai’s work, which has been disrupted by the Chinese government, but it also demonstrates the artist’s courage and determination to continue his important work. (F1)

Monday, Feb. 4

ART CENTER ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION — The Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., at 7:30 p.m. in the theater. Hear the 2012 reports on 2012 and plans for 2013. The current board members will present the Lifetime Mem-ber Award. Ballots will be served.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

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THE ELECCIC, DISSENT, AND THE THOUGHT OF THE WISDOM FOUNDATION” — The Paper shoppers Society will meet in the Ojai Playhouse, Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Author and activist writing the book "The Doctrine of the Wisdom Foundation" will present his book and discuss its implications. "The Doctrine of the Wisdom Foundation" is a book that explores the idea of a collective, universal wisdom that can serve as a guide for humanity. The book presents a vision of a future society where wisdom is valued and respected, and where people work together for the common good. In 2011, he was a finalist for Time’s Person of the Year. He is a fascinating portrait of a man who, despite his ambition, is a committed activist trying to make a difference within China’s repressive political sys-tem. This feature-length documentary is a lively, funny, informative, and thought-provoking exploration of the life of a courageous, well-versed and highly original man. In recent years, Ai has become a household name in the United States and has an ambitious art world career. In 2011, he was a finalist for Time’s Person of the Year and was jailed by his own government. Robert Bonnell will present Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry in Meiners Woods Society-certified Dakota and Nakota National Medicine Figure. Despite everything about the Inka Medicine tradition, is organizing a work day and tour to one Kamaywáši with Fernando the Inka Medicine People in Cusco, Peru. For more information, call 640-1390.

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Thank you for entering! The winner will be announced on our website soon. Good luck!

**5th Annual Green Hills Green Screen Film Festival**

**Friday, Feb. 1, 2013**

**Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013**

**Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013**

**City Council meeting**

**Monday, Feb. 4, 2013**

**Ojai Festival**

**Feb. 11-19, 2013**

**For more information, visit www.ojaifestival.org or call Jillian Wade at 646-6014, Ext. 112.**

**Bird Walk and Count**

**Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013**

**More information online at www.arizonabirdcount.org**

**The Ojai Library’s Book Discussion Group**

**Feb. 11, 7 p.m.**

**“Ojai Stars” Dance Benefit**

**Feb. 11, 7 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Church, 907 El Centro St., Ojai. All are welcome. Visit www.soisc.org or call 646-1637.**

**The Ojai Valley Library’s Adult Learning will conclude the **

**Ojai Valley School will host**

**at 652-1841 or Bobbie at 8432 for more information.**

**Tickets are $5 and will be available. If you wish to donate items, bring them to the Ojai Valley School gymnasium, 1401 Maricopa Highway. Come and help with Lanyard K. Bertke (640-9037), Feb. 16 from 6:30 to 10:15 a.m. at Lake Cantus. It will be combined with the Great Backyard Bird Count**

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There is power and joy in unconfused belief

It seems that we are too sophisticated in our times, too interconnectivity everywhere, that electronic leashes keeps us as didles on everything that is going on around the world. Whether it is interna- tionally, or even our life event of close friends, electronic leashes keeps the information age where we are connected. We always use all of our advance- ments, there does not seem to be an unconfused belief. The word itself seems to cause someone to scratch their head in wonder if there is any room for a “virtue” in life.

Faith is another one of those concepts that is full with meaning. More than a creed, a doctrine, a blind trust, or a catch, properly applied faith is life- transforming. The Scripture says that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:1). But we don’t manufacture faith — it is a gift. The question is whether one has ever seen what has been given for its proper application. Our lives are full of love, compassion, and spiritual, and often misunderstood. Every one of these words walks into “building” faith as applied. There is a trust that is placed in each of us, an invisible, individual, concern-working brother and sister who were utilized to ensure structural integrity. By entering a home or shop, I am placing faith that people in that building have faith. If one has good reason to believe this, it may be considered “intelligent skepticism.” If there are obvious signs of weak- ness in safety issues, this trust must be challenged. Similarly, we place faith in those who are government, teachers, employers, rescuers, employees, and many others through their life event of close friends.

The call of Christ is fascinating to me. Jesus not only invites us to an intelligent faith in God, but also to properly applied philosophy. He is the one who says the path to return to God for the world is through Christ and the Church. There is only one God and one Christ, and Christians need to realize this when it comes to the salvation of the soul, the profound purpose to life, nor the wisdom — that there is only one God and one Christ will forever remain — we will never forget placing unconfused faith in Jesus.

Dan Nelson is pastor of the United Church of Ojai and has written “God’s Children Without Borders” for the Ojai Valley News. The opinions expressed in this column are solely those of the author, and do not necessarily represent the views of the church, the Ojai Valley Ministerial Association, or the Ojai Valley News.

Religion Briefs

Ojai United Methodist Church

Father Peter Gelfer will hold worship services at the Ojai United Methodist Church, 125 Church Road, Sundays at 10:15 a.m. for Sunday School for ages 10 through 8 begins at 10 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month.

Paster John Robinson’s sermon is titled “Love Is Earned,” with Scripture readings from Corinthians 13:1-13. Coffee fellowship is held immediately following the service.

The sanctuary is open for meditation on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon for those seeking peace and meditation.

For more information, call 646-5238.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is at 165 St. Thomas Drive. Ojai, Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. services at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Coffee fellowship is held at 8 and 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Last weekend, the St. Thomas Aquinas Church complimentary welcomed the church’s new pastor, the Rev. Tom Verber, OSA, with a live broadcast on EWTN, where he was interviewed for 13 years ago prior to serving here. He is happy to be back. Father Peter Gelfer will continue to assist. Call 646-3387 for more information.

Ojai Valley Baptist Church

Karen Wylie will speak at Ojai Valley Baptist Church at 11642 N. Bristol Road and Ojai Avenue. For information call 646-4901.

Ojai Presbyterian Church

Ojai Presbyterian Church welcomes all who wish to come and worship with them. This Sunday they are revis- iting the parable of the Good Samaritan and will also offer the Sacra- ment of Holy Communion at all serv- ices.

During the 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. services, the Praise Team Choir will sing the anthem, “Heaven Awaits.” At 10:15 a.m. service, the Chattanooga Quartet will sing “I Am the Branch.” During the 11 a.m. services, “Steps of the Temple” will be performed by flutist Karen Wylie at the Piano for Holy Communication. Centering Prayer is held Thursday at 7 p.m. The outdoor labyrinth is open on Wednesday at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The church is at the corner of Oak and Blanche streets in Ojai. Call 646-4091 for infor- mation.

Ojai Valley College

Ojai Valley Baptist Church at 11642 N. Ventura Ave. invites you to join them and welcome the new past, Jason Lomelin, Board- ship Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. 30 minute after your 10 a.m. worship service. During the week, there are events, Bible studies and Christian Life programs. For more information call 646-3306.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church was founded in 1911 by Rev. E. Montgomery McCasland. The church is always looking for new contributors to the mission and events. Call 646-0307 for information.

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is at 411 N. Montgomery Street, Ojai. A Youth Sunday School, Call 646-4411 for information. The church has a wonderful nursery and toddler room. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table for Holy Communion.

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Services are offered at 11 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday. Coffee fellowship is held at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Call 937-3915 for information.

Ojai United Church of Christ

Ojai United Church of Christ, 21212 Moccasin Street, Ojai. Call 646-2064 for more information.

Ojai Presbyterian Church

The church is at 304 Foothill Road. Call 646-6317 for information.

Contact us for infor- mation.

Pasha is a lovely adult domestic short-haired tabby. He is calm, relaxed, and loves the couch & chair. He is a good companion for a home with other cats & dogs. He is spayed & ready for adoption. He is a 7-year-old cat. For more information call 646-5562.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Music milestone**

**B**y Nancy Hill, Memorial Day Committee chairwoman

Our veterans deserve a Memorial Day worth remembering and we can give it to them. We can make our Memorial Day, May 27, in Libbey Bowl here in Ojai, a tribute to those who have served and would like to receive the rent of our Libby Bowl from the Community Foundation for Ojai and Ventura Counties. We will have entertainment, a band, speakers, and other entertainment. Anything you and/or your civic organizations can give will be so appreciated.

We are hosting the Ojai Valley churches to come and help promote this Memorial Day celebration, and that you and your civic organizations will do that, too. This celebration isn’t just for folks from the Ojai Valley — feel free to invite your friends from all over the county and elsewhere.

You may know someone (living or not) who has served and would like to have him or her specifically remembered. We have a Wall of Remembrance — posters with pictures, text, newspaper articles, etc., celebrating Ojai Valley veterans. From 8 to 6 p.m., we hang these photos around the tennis courts next to Libbey Bowl. If you want to honor a veteran this way, please contact me and I will send you posters and materials. Text, written text, whatever captures your memories. We’ll make the poster and hang it up for all to see.

We would love to see families and friends of our veterans — what a great way to teach the younger generations about the sacrifices of our veterans and their contributions to protect our precious freedoms.

Come one, come all, meet our veteran and make their day (and yours, too).

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**More than just dogs**

**J**ane Chan

First, a huge thank you for your mind-blowing turnout and attention to the Art Center recital this past Sunday, May 5.

It was a rare pleasure to see so many people in this world experience such a sophisticated treat. It is so fitting and appropriate to have this early music performance here in Santa Barbara, and I am grateful to the Art Center in Santa Barbara and Ventura for making this happen against all the odds and my early music enthusiast.

Make this trip of a lifetime for you and/or your civic organizations.

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Different things have happened Feb. 1

I have already made a personal apology at breakfast to Sweetie, one-third of the readers of the weekly, which appears in this space. Now I address Punkey, love, and Barbara Arthington, the other two readers. All three of you are individuals and I am grateful for your devotion to this column. I have heard in the past that while some of you truly enjoy it, you endure it because of the goodness in your hearts and loyalty to me. To say I am grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I'm grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I am grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I'm grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I am grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I'm grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I am grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements. I'm grateful, would be the understatement of all understatements.

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Did you know?

The word was incorporated into Old English as ‘hæfð’, a noun meaning ‘deep affection’ and a verb “lufian” meaning “to be very fond of.”

The word was later incorporated into Middle English as ‘love’, which came to mean ‘to care for strongly’. The modern English word ‘love’ is derived from Old English ‘lufu’, a noun meaning ‘desire’ nearly 5,000 years ago. ‘leubh’, which described care and desire, was one of the most potent human emotions. The word describes one of the most potent human emotions. The word describes one of the most potent human emotions. The word describes one of the most potent human emotions.

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Love is a powerful word that

So, to you three elites who comprise my fan club, I would appreciate it if you would praise the following list and let me know which Feb. I event appeals to you most and I will do a column on that.

1819: American Supreme Court convenes for the first time in New York City.
1839: First automobile drives on an abundance of stuff for every day of the year.
1883: Swiss males vote against voting rights for women.
1893: Director Murnau begins filming System.
1904: Robert Louis Stevenson dies while sailing on his yacht at 58. (but I can’t promise) that I won’t employ this lazy

2004: Janet Jackson’s breast is exposed during the halftime show of Super Bowl XXXVIII. I’ll work harder and

1959: Swiss males vote against voting rights for women.
1965: Peter Jennings is hired by ABC as its night anchor.
1976: Sonny and Cher resume TV show de-

ments, 26, becomes an-

1978: Director Steven Spielberg’s film

1982: Miss William Auve inspirizes 400 people to a party in her grand ballroom thus beginning the term ‘400’ to indicate a party in the upper crust.
1880: Thomas Edison patents the phonograph. The good thing about

2001: Supreme Court convenes

1914: New York Giants play an exhibition baseball game in Egypt. Sox play an exhibition

1925: Birth of Letterman, host of the Tonight Show.
1927: Chrysanthemums become the new rage.
1929: GDO enters the

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13. 1978: Director Steven Spielberg’s film

12. 1976: Sonny and Cher resume TV show de-

1. 1963: The Beatles’ “Please Please Me” is the No. 1-selling record for women.
2. 1941: New York Giants play an exhibition baseball game in Egypt. Sox play an exhibition

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4. 1840: The first dental

3. 1810: U.S. population

2. 1812: The War of 1812

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With a 61-43 victory over Fillmore High School Wednesday, the Nordhoff Rangers on top of the table for the Frontier League title,Santa Paula that will have Frontier League title implications.

Against Fillmore, both teams started slowly with an over-abundance of turn-overs, but they had 23 miscues on the night, with Fillmore still managing to defeat Fillmore and improve to 7-1 in Frontier League play. “I thought we played pretty good tonight. We had a couple of rough spots, but a couple of guys stepped up and we pulled together as a team,” said head coach Matt Murphy.

The Rangers were without their leading scorer, Gin Robinson, and senior Brad Stein picked up early two fouls so the bulk of the work was done by junior point guard Luke Boyd in the first half. Boyd scored all of his 12 points before he left to intermission and he made several nice interior passes that resulted in easy points for Fillmore in the second half.

After the first quarter, NHS led 16-9 and then they started to impose their will in the second quarter. After junior forward Rocky Murphy scored a long three-pointer with 1:50 to play in the third quarter, Fillmore was 13 points down. Luckily for the host Flashes, Williams was able to hit clutch three-pointers all night to keep Fillmore’s threats. Luke’s hit a big three-shots and Luke (Boyd) also hit a big three that we needed it. When we shoot well from outside like that, we are a tough team,” said Murphy.

Leading 45-36 after three quarters of play, the Rangers then clamped the door on Fillmore for good in the final quarter when Williams score seven of his game-high 26 points to give the Rangers the 61-45 victory.

Junior center Austin Whitten enjoyed one of his best games of the season on the offensive, scoring 10 rebounds, including four on the offensive. He also scored seven points on the night. Stein finished the game with 10 points, 19 rebounds, and five blocked shots despite seeing limited minutes for the first time in his career.

As the Blades took the season’s last game against Santa Paula on Jan. 16, coach Donkamp said, “This is one of our best games of the season with a knee injury but the Lakers allowed Denckmamp to score one more basket as a Wildcat when they left him uncontested under the basket.”

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Wildcats snap Lancers, 73-32

Wednesday evening, the Villanova Prep Prep’s basketball team said goodbye to its seniors and fans in attendance with an outstanding show of sportsmanship by the Villanova Prep Lancers.

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The Nordhoff Ranger football team will celebrate its 2012 CIF-Southern Section Division VI title at halftime of tonight’s basketball game against Santa Paula. As part of the celebration, the program will have their championship ring ceremony. The Rangers defended North Torrance 41-14, back on Dec. 2 to claim the school’s first-ever CIF championship title in football. Tipped is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Ojai Roadrunners Youth Track Club will begin practices for their 37th season Feb. 11. Ojai Roadrunners, the 3,209-meter Tom Edwards, is taught the fundamentals of track and field in a safe, competitive environment while stressing the importance of hard work and good sportsmanship. Children ages 7 to 15 are encouraged to participate. Visit www.ojairoadrunners.com for more information or to register for the upcoming season.
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The Arts

Ojai Arts Commission says thanks for support

To get an idea of the depth of artistic diversity that Ojai is home to today, one needs to look no farther than the collection of diverse projects recently showcased in the City of Ojai's art grant funds. Each year, the city awards grants to worthy local arts organizations, as well as local individuals.

The grant award winners are:

- Kristina Paysono, $900. This individual grant will provide funds toward producing a free playwriting program for children that will answer the question, “What would you change right now?”
- Ojai Community Choir, $750. The Community Choir has been presenting choral and instrumental entertainment for all ages since 1977.
- Bravo!, $1,000. Funds will be used to support “Toys in the Attic”, an eight-week program introducing Ojai teens to art and culture.
- Kytriena Payseno, $700. The Community Choir is a performing choral group to introduce Ojai youth to the arts organizations, as well as local individuals.
- Foundation for the six-week theatre class, $900. This individual artist will provide funds toward producing a free playwriting program for students teaching master classes to elementary and junior high school students.
- Ojai Music Festival Bravos, $1,500. Funds will provide percussion suite “Victoriana” and the city received more applications for the city art grant funds.
- City Art Grant, $1,200. The funds will support the Ojai Art Center's weekly Free Film Frenzy.
- Ojai Mexmex, $500. The City Art Grant will provide funds toward producing a free playwriting program for students teaching master classes to elementary and junior high school students.
- Senga Classic Stage Company, $1,500. The funds will provide period costumes and accessories for Ojai’s “The Importance of Being Earnest.”

The Ojai Arts Commission sought additional funding this year specifically to support an expanded grant program after seeing how popular and effective the program had become in recent years.

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