Water election on tap for Aug. 27

Jerry Camuñoz Dunn discussed. “I am slim and I feel as free as a bird flying in the sky to my pipeline to my well.”

Bill Hicks, CBWD board member, to Golden State Reps Dunn’s statements. “The bottom line is that Casitas is accessible to its shareholders. We want that to continue.”

Opponents of Casitas included Camuñoz Dunn. “You can’t deduct your water bill.”

Camuñoz Dunn said she fears losing water rights. “If you pay your water bill, it sends it to a collector and you can’t pay your tax bill, they can automatically take your property, so better to own the water company than the tax collector.”

City of Ojai designates McClary assistant as 2013 Ojai Day coordinator

Amidst doubts, lighting ordinance tabled again

The Ojai Council pulled the controversial lighting ordinance Tuesday, citing concerns about whether the changes would be effective.

The ordinance primarily targets existing properties, limiting the amount of light output measured at the property line, restrictions on the amount of light output, and the requirement to get all her letters sewn on her jacket. That’s when the local police officers got involved.

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Betty Williams, 87, Ojai, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 14 at her home in Ojai. Born on December 19, 1924, Betty was the daughter of Iris and William Peck of Ojai. She is also survived by her sons, James (Dorothy) Peck of Ojai, and William Peck of Ojai. Betty is preceded in death by her husband, John Peck.

Barbara “Ginger” Wilson

Barbara “Ginger” Wilson, 84, a life long resident of Ojai, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at her home in Ojai. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 3, 1929. Ginger was the mother of 11 children, the wife of 50 years to Harold (Harriett) Wilson and the grandmother of 50 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Robert D. Rail

Robert D. Rail passed away February 14 in Ojai. Born in Fairfield, Iowa, the third of four children, Robert died March 16, 2013 at the age of 86.

Sally L. Roberts

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Bettina Biller, 80, a resident of Ojai since 1962, died Friday, March 8, 2013. She was born on October 8, 1932 to Ernest and Erna Hellmers of Germany. She is survived by her husband, Joe Biller, and her children, Peter Biller (Donna), Doris Biller (Theo), and John Biller (Karen), grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Lois “Cookie” Jones

Lois “Cookie” Jones died March 9, 2013 at home in Ojai. She was born on June 30, 1923 in Los Angeles, Calif. to Paul and Susie (Chenowith) Jones. She is survived by her husband, Martha Kroemer, who they raised three children, Martha Kroemer Cor- ner, Susan Kroemer Jones, and Martha Kroemer Har- mon. She is also survived by her five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

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Police Blotter

CRIMES

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Kingston’s CANDY CO., 307 E. Ojai Ave. (approximately one- 

years old, after this event. “The dinner will include tri-

The cost is $20 per person, $35 for couples, $15 for seniors 65 and older, and $5 for kids 12 and younger. Disc jockey Susan Rutland will host music and karaoke; a bounce house and face painting will be available for children. To raise more funds, volunteers will offer opportunity drawings for cash and prizes. Kennedy added, “Same ceiling tiles in the entry hall still look freshlyprime and we are hoping to make enough to get those replaced also.” Call 320-8670 for details.

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I have been financing the Casitas Municipal Water District for years by Golden State Water, which they have been doing so for my property of $1,253, I will still save money in the first year — granted only $1.49, but that amounts to the maximum bond amount and is 8 percent return on investment for every $100 I invested in the bond. This dollar amount they "claim" they have spent is obviously a lowball figure that is not to be paid off to pay anything. In other words, this is the fallacy that the bulk of future rate increases based on infrastructure upgrades that they make is not to make it easier for Casitas to estimate high. The final figure made by Casitas, not by Ojai F.L.O.W., is only an estimate. The final ratepayers for wastings will be expected to pay either. In other words, the only long-term harm our property will face is allowing GSW to continue to be rewarded.

There are many similarities between the city of Ojai that is taking over at the public forum and the FLO heads are repeating themselves. Professors from the University of California, Mr. McPherson's brother is a supervisor, and our other neighbors are saying the same thing so that Golden State never again deducts funds. The savings will increase dramatically as the years go by. The other factor to consider is that property tax is deductible. Water bills are not. Check with your accountant on this. With regard to the disinformation being circulated about the way the unpaid bond balances become personal liabilities — nothing could be further from the truth.

This is disinformation that Golden State and its agents are trying to build hysteria about — and another of their many lies. When you sell your house, a buyer can certainly ask you to "pay off the bond" by lowering your asking price. They can also ask you to pay for their kid's college education, but there is no legal responsibility any homeowner has to "pay off a bond" for a geographical homeowner. There are other bonds on our tax bills, for schools, infrastructure, etc. This is normal and usually no one makes a big deal out of it. When was the last time a buyer asked any of us to pay off a school bond? "Taxpayers" have to pay estate agents in the valley support the Casitas bond because, according to them, buyers already avoid property in Golden State-served neighborhoods. In other words, the market has already depreciated your property because of Golden State's poor management of the district. The only long-term harm our property values face is allowing GSW to continue to be rewarded. In other words, the only reasonable.

Finally, everyone in the community should be aware that the Ojai Valley is the only property in California that is not provided state water — that is water from the Feather, Owens or Colorado rivers. Everything we drink, bathe in, and urinate in is water that falls as rain and snow in our local mountains. If our waters are contaminated in the manner of outside for pollution for outside of our control, then there is nothing the state can or will do to bring up our water. Local management is the only responsible solution for our community.

Like all of you, I am not, nor have I ever been an Ojai F.L.O.W. activist. There are aspects of the proposed bond that I would like to address, and I think there is a chance we might be able to do so, but this proposal is the only taxable future for us.

Jim McEachen, Ojai

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This is disinformation that Golden State and its agents are trying to build hysteria about — and another of their many lies. When you sell your house, a buyer can certainly ask you to "pay off the bond" by lowering your asking price. They can also ask you to pay for their kid's college education, but there is no legal responsibility any homeowner has to "pay off a bond" for a geographical homeowner. There are other bonds on our tax bills, for schools, infrastructure, etc. This is normal and usually no one makes a big deal out of it. When was the last time a buyer asked any of us to pay off a school bond? "Taxpayers" have to pay estate agents in the valley support the Casitas bond because, according to them, buyers already avoid property in Golden State-served neighborhoods. In other words, the market has already depreciated your property because of Golden State's poor management of the district. The only long-term harm our property values face is allowing GSW to continue to be rewarded. In other words, the only reasonable.

Finally, everyone in the community should be aware that the Ojai Valley is the only property in California that is not provided state water — that is water from the Feather, Owens or Colorado rivers. Everything we drink, bathe in, and urinate in is water that falls as rain and snow in our local mountains. If our waters are contaminated in the manner of outside for pollution for outside of our control, then there is nothing the state can or will do to bring up our water. Local management is the only responsible solution for our community.

Like all of you, I am not, nor have I ever been an Ojai F.L.O.W. activist. There are aspects of the proposed bond that I would like to address, and I think there is a chance we might be able to do so, but this proposal is the only taxable future for us.

Jim McEachen, Ojai

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A reader sends a thumbs-up and thanks to Chistin Minton for the cover photo of the Food and Thought garden at Meiners Oaks Elementary School.

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Not all things are ever sure things. Not all things will work. I wanted to thank the Casitas Municipal Water District officials for changing their mentality to a more reasonable and conscientious concerning their perception of the long-term costs. The $15 million, already, that could have been saved by changing their estimate high. Included in the $60m Casitas is estimate to repair or rebuild the Feather Dam, which all now, has been intentionally neg-
Religious Briefs

Dan Nelson

Ojai Valley Ministerial Association

Using God’s GPS to locate grace

Have you ever found yourself lost, lacking the direction you need to take? Perhaps you’re wonder-

ing to know which way to proceed? That’s exactly what happened to me when I was lost in the glower of despair. My soul was in ruins, and I was searching in vain for salvation. The feeling of disorientation was so intense that even when I turned to my usual sources of comfort, I found no solace. I was lost, and I needed help.

Then I remembered the words of the apostle Paul: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect for the will of God.” Romans 12:2

I realized that the answer to my search was not in the world, but within myself. I needed to look inward and understand my own thoughts and actions. I needed to seek guidance from a higher power, someone who could help me navigate the currents of my own mind.

That’s when I turned to God. I began to meditate on the words of Jesus: “The kingdom of heaven is within you.” Luke 17:11

I started to see that the answers to my questions were already within me. I just needed to open my heart and listen. I began to listen to the voice of God, and I was amazed at how clear and direct it was.

I began to see that the challenges I was facing were not obstacles, but opportunities for growth. I realized that by embracing the challenges of life, I could find meaning and purpose.

I started to practice the art of mindfulness, to be present in the moment, to let go of the past and embrace the future. I began to see that the way to find peace was to look inward, to understand my own thoughts and emotions, and to connect with the higher power within me.

I found that by doing this, I was able to connect with a higher power and find my way. I was able to find my way back to myself, to find my way back to the light.

I realized that this journey was not just for me, but for everyone. I realized that by connecting with the higher power within me, I could connect with others as well. I could connect with those who were lost, those who were struggling, and those who were searching for answers.

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Growing up in Brooklyn, Amend traveled at every opportunity into the city to see and devour the myriad art exhibitions available through museums and galleries. As a youngster, he committed himself to Manhattan in order to pursue his art. Amend studied Art and Design, where his talents were recognized and cultivated. He went on to the Cooper Union in New York for his BFA and earned his MFA at California Institute of the Arts in 1973, both degrees completed under full scholarships.

This exhibition is a knockout, and anyone who has ever questioned Ojai’s claim as an arts “Mecca” should not miss it. For Amend, it’s all part of the family. You’ll see his exhibit of school-themed ceramic goblets and newly constructed sculptural forms, on view Saturday afternoon. March 16, at the Beargrass Wood Center for the Arts, where the young artist Amend serves as an intern, and art$museum@ojaicity.org – Art$museum@ojaicity.org

Annually, the Ojai Valley Woman’s Club, 441 E. Ojai Ave. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise the $10,000 needed to fund the Art Trek program for the 2013-14 school year, as well as to provide fine art supplies for every classroom and for scholarships for after-school art studio memberships. The Ojai Art Center, a Westlake-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to training volunteer parent docents to deliver hands-on art lessons designed to impart rendering, painting, and sculpting skills, as well as to build student confidence and continuity.

Wynn will present at Photo Club meeting

Kevin Wynn, award and portrait photographer, will present his 1982-2002 "Portraits – From Headshots to Environmental Portraits" at the March 19 meeting of the Ojai Photography Club. Wynn will discuss lighting, lens selection, angles, composition and camera settings.

Wynn is an international award-winning photographer and travels coast-to-coast to document weddings and portrait clients. He is also an artist, producing paintings and sculptures for his own and others’ architecture. Wynn lives with his wife and two kids. He describes his work as stylized portraiture. In his words, “I love how a photograph can capture a moment, a split-second frozen in time can make words unnecessary. A photograph can bring out so much emotion in people. Words are not always enough.” Wynn is based in Ojai, where he lives with his family. He is an internationally published photographer whose work has been featured in magazines and newspapers, and has produced numerous books. The public is invited to this free press workshop and travels coast to coast to document weddings and portrait clients. He is also an artist, producing paintings and sculptures for his own and others’ architecture. Wynn lives with his wife and two kids. He describes his work as stylized portraiture. In his words, “I love how a photograph can capture a moment, a split-second frozen in time can make words unnecessary. A photograph can bring out so much emotion in people. Words are not always enough.” Wynn is based in Ojai, where he lives with his family. He is an internationally published photographer whose work has been featured in magazines and newspapers, and has produced numerous books.

Photo by Kevin Wynn

We’re back!

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Arts information is now housed in the Ojai Art Center at 113 W. Montgomery Street. Call 640-1390, Ext. 203.

• March 17: The Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., will host a panel discussion on “Fiber as Art” Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free to members, $5 for non-members. Call 640-1390, Ext. 203.

• March 20: Ivan’s Art Workshop Gallery, 161 W. Montgomery St., will participate in “Ojai California Chestnuts” by offering art students hands-on creative chestnutarda. Fun! 27 Jean 5:30-5 p.m. Call 640-1390.

• March 24: The Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., will host a Town Talk with Kevin Wynn on “Beatrice Wood: The Art of Life” March 24, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free to members, $5 for non-members. Call 640-1390, Ext. 203 for more information.

• Through March 28: The Ojai Art Museum, 113 W. Montgomery St., will display oil paintings by Sharon Russell. Call 640-1390, Ext. 203 for more information.

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Rangers to host Crescent Valley in 2013 opener

VHS gradficles will face first-ever non-California opponent in 2013

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Tapenade is a delicious spread

Tapenade is an olive-based spread common in Mediterranean cuisine. The most traditional recipe involves only a few ingredients, including olives, caper berries, olive oil, anchovies, and garlic. To make a spread that is easily available, the dish originated in the south of France, but is popular all over the world today, and comes in many different varieties.

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