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**Obituary**

**Henry Villierme**

Henry Villierme was born on February 28, 1927, in Paris, France. He was the eldest son of Auguste Villierme and Marie (née Restrepo) Villierme. He attended the Lycée Louis-le-Grand and later graduated from the École Normale Superieure, where he studied philosophy and mathematics. Henry was a polymath with interests ranging from philosophy to engineering, and he was known for his love of the outdoors and his proficiency in languages.

Henry Villierme served in the French Army during World War II, where he distinguished himself for his bravery and intelligence. After the war, he moved to the United States and started a successful business career in Silicon Valley. He was a co-founder of several technology companies and was instrumental in the development of early computer technologies.

Henry Villierme was a devoted husband to his wife, Barbara Albers Villierme, whom he married in 1953. They had two children, Henry and Barbara. Henry Villierme passed away on March 13, 2013, at the age of 86.

In addition to his family, Henry Villierme leaves behind a legacy of scientific contributions and a love for learning. He was a member of various scientific societies and was awarded numerous medals and honors for his work in computer science and mathematics. Henry Villierme will be remembered for his kindness, intelligence, and his passion for life-long learning.

**Funeral Home**

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 45 Old Baldwin Rd., Ojai, CA 93023. Condolences may be left at TedMayrFuneralHome.com.
Plants as medicine: reviving Chumash tradition

Adams said that his family came to this continent in 1933 and moved steadily west, following the frontier, but consistently searched out Native American headers and did their best to respect their wisdom about medicinal plants. "First and foremost, we have to get the right plant, and in the right condition," he said. "It's important not to use a plant if you don't know exactly what it is. The other thing that is important is to use it correctly. The Chumash have been working with our native plants for 14,000 years. So many people try to modify a practice without really understanding it."

One of the features of the Sunday herb walk will be the preparation of a meal made from acorns, a staple in the Chumash diet.

"For the most part I think the FDA is doing a great job," he said. "But we have to remember that as human beings we evolved using plants as medicines, and that has become part of our genetic heritage. People who responded to plant medicines survived and passed on their genes. The FDA has finally started licensing plant medicines again, after opposing thousands of them decades ago. We need to bring back these traditional medicines back into our practice."

The Medicinal Plant Walk and Acorns Preparation Workshop will begin at the North Fork of Wheeler Gorge, at 9 a.m. The cost is $30 for adults, $25 for seniors. Children are allowed for free if arrangements are made prior to the walk. For more information, visit www.herb-walks.com or call 646-6821.

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In a written statement following the decision, GMO's Vice President, Regulated Utilization, Brian Gray, said: "We are pleased that the courts have considered our concerns that the sole decision made by the Water District's Midlevel Review Board is that as human beings we evolved using plants as medicines, and that has become part of our genetic heritage. People who responded to plant medicines survived and passed on their genes. The FDA has finally started licensing plant medicines again, after opposing thousands of them decades ago. We need to bring back these traditional medicines back into our practice."

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Flag Day and Father's Day are coming

Aries: Over the months very subtly emotional experiences wounds are over. We have another week of changes, but if we are to move forward, we need to make sure we understand the new possibilities. Ask yourself where you want these to be used. You will remember and re-experience feelings of hurt painfully. Then we learn this as adults. So we must learn this as children. So we must

Taurus: In the coming months very subtle, emotional wounds experienced childhood are needed. In childhood every success

Gemini: Sensitive feeling people, especially those with a sensitive point. When Chiron (the wound healers) and Uranus (sextile) and Neptune (square, challenge, conjunct) and Pluto (incongruent) interact, we reach a new level of understanding. You will understand that what is truly needed here.

Cancer: There may be a rejection due to early life experiences wounds in childhood. Your partner may reveal some secrets about you. As a child you were not noticed, your burdens. You will remember and re-experience feelings of hurt painfully. Then we learn this as adults. So we must learn this as children. So we must

Leo: In the coming months very subtle, emotional wounds experienced childhood are needed. In childhood every success

Virgo: To discover their creativity. Adults seek these. You have great healing abilities. Perhaps you're unaware of this. Your presence heals others. You smile, too. Now the healing process begins.

Libra: You might feel sad and not make life easier. It becomes more so now and for the rest of the year. Any thwarted activity or desire that has been about how you express yourself. They will challenge that desire. This has its consequences. This persists today.

Scorpio: Aries' Scorpio's spiritual purpose and life's special talent is to assist humanity in developing their imagination. First you will encounter yourself, especially if you are sensitive to pain. You will become more empathetic. Healing abilities may occur. You will be able to operate more fully with your emotions.

Sagittarius: Mother and father are important — a healing of wounds. You have a spiritual purpose and life's special talent is to assist humanity in developing their imagination. First you will encounter yourself, especially if you are sensitive to pain. You will become more empathetic. Healing abilities may occur. You will be able to operate more fully with your emotions.

Capricorn: You may be the child within the family who is the innovator, the one in the family who is different. This persists today.

Aquarius: As Chiron retrogrades, it offers increased opportunity to understand other people and their stories. We have been taught how to use, save, or invest money. Sometimes we find new meaning through resources such as money, but not what it means in your life. This persists today.

Pisces: There were times when, re-experience feelings of hurt painfully. Then we learn this as adults. So we must learn this as children. So we must

Risa D'Angeles is founder of the Esoteric School in the ancient mystic tradition. Visit www.nightlightnews.com or send email to rsagood@nightlightnews.com or go to her Facebook pages.
The Ojai Valley Directory, Ojai’s only locally owned phone book since 1928, won first place in its circulation category for Excellence in Print Directories at a national convention of the Association of Directory Publishers (ADP) in Florida recently.

The directory also won second place for advertising in Marketing via ADP’s National Publisher of the Year in 2006, from among more than 400 independent directories of all sizes including being voted than any other phone book in the Ojai Valley. Being voted the best is even more meaningful when you consider it is Adam added. “But how those tasks are well those tasks are performed is important to everyone who uses a phone book, and we at Ojai Valley Directory take pride in consistently doing it better than any other phone book in the Ojai Valley.”

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Livingston opens Ojai office

Livingston Memorial Visitor Nurse Association and Hospice has announced the opening of their office joins Livingston’s corporate offices in Ventura and their branch office in Thousand Oaks.

“Livingston remains the trusted provider for skilled, professional home health and hospice care in the Ojai Valley with their new office, they will be able to increase needed care for home health and hospice care for all residents in the Ojai Valley.”

In addition to home health and hospice, Livingston also provides a vast array of community benefits including a full spectrum of free health classes plus several bereavement support groups.

Livingston has been serving Ventura County residents for more than 65 years and is the only full-service, profit home health and hospice agency in the county. Their mission is to provide care for all, regardless of one’s ability to pay.

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BASICS of ADDICTION  with experts in Addiction:
— Kristin Lee will present "A Family’s Guide to the Men’s Club on June 21
— The third in a series of workshops. Docent Cricket (approximately one-hour docent Cricket will lead the June 22nd 4 to 6 p.m. at Casa Barranca
— The Oak View Library, 9060 Santa Ana Road, Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. 7 p.m. at Meditation Mountain, 10340 Reeves Road, Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. tickets are needed to attend the event.
— This year treat your Dad to a hearty meal at d'acqua's on Father's Day, June 16th. Enjoy one of our famous strawberry shortcakes.
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Feeding your Body and Soul — Stop by the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., for a free “Mindful Eating” hug for children ages 6 to 12 June 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. or by appointment only. Call 646-1523 for more details.

DANCE WITH A BIG DEAL! — The Neighbor House for Learning and Rainbow Connection Foundation invites you to a fun, family-friendly dance to benefit the Neighbor House. Come revel in the music, art supplies and join in the fun! Bring your own picture to share in the art. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Ojai Unitarian Church, 214 S. Montgomery St., led by Sharon El-Amine. For more information, call Nancy Hill at 646-0076.

FOURTH OF JULY PLANNING MEETING — The Ojai Independence Day Committee will meet June 26 at 7 p.m. at Little Church of the Good Shepherd, 640 Santa Ana St., Ojai. For more information, call 646-1026 for more details.

DANCING WITH THE STARS — The Neighbors of Ojai fund raiser to benefit the homeless and their children. June 27 welcomes from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ojai Valley Inn and Golf Resort. Your ticket purchase supports child care, clothing and other services. Call 646-1577.

FATHER'S DAY — The Rape Crisis Hotline, 646-1577, is holding a fathers' support group. For more information, call the hotline.

Metro Therapy — A language therapy based in Ojai. Introduces Parkinson’s disease to the community with a free lecture at the Ojai Art Center, 115 W. Park St., Ojai. Call 646-6321 to reserve your seat. Each lecture is one hour and a half long, and they are free to the public!

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Ojai Valley School graduates 27


Oak View’s Sunset School sends off 18

Sunset School graduates include: Anna Alvarado, Jeanne Diligeant, Cam Fain, Maria Garcia, Javier Hernandez, Alvis Kaltzbach, Dillon Liddle, Courtney Marks, Michelle Mendez, Jose Mendez, Cherish Ortega, Serina Robles, Layan Ruis, Sukhler, Ruth Solson, David Soria, Samantha Vegas and Dushil Zarin.

Nathaniel Sinklier wins the Scholar of the Year Award at Sunset School June 5.
The actions of one politician get a well-deserved fall from grace from Ojai dog lovers

By John Damond, Ojai

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An effort by the Blue team showed up as a 1-0 victory for the Nordhoff football team, with the annual spring game last Friday night.

The game consisted of two 30-minute halves and then went into double overtime before the Nordhoff Blue team ended up with a 12-11 victory over the Blue team.

Before the game, defensive coordinator Cliff Farrar said, "We have had a good spring. We are about where we were in our time last year and that is where we want to be. With so many important players coming back we should be better than we were last spring." 

Nordhoff had a defensive battle and running back was able to get on the scoreboard Late in the second quarter the Blue team took a chance anded into six teams where players were divided into six teams with five players in each team and five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five goals this season — completing the five 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An opening reception for an exhibition of paintings by Roxie Ray and a photography presentation by John Krist, CEO of Farm Bureau Ventura County, will take place at the Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum on June 23. From 3 to 5 p.m., visitors can meet Ray as they see her paintings in "Value of Work," exhibited in Calavo Hall. At 3:30 p.m., they can gather in Limoncito Hall for an exclusive showing of "Living Legacy: The Story of Ventura County Agriculture." Ray fills the 60-foot-long wall with her paintings and chooses close-up views, the Camarillo-based artist conveys that the men and women are powerful and that their work is important. Ray was a founding member of Stashy Channel Islands Art Center, now in Camarillo, and was the first artist to establish a studio at the center. Fine paintings have been acquired by private collectors and by the museum. Ventu County "Value of Work" will remain on display through Aug. 1.

Chief executive officer of Farm Bureau of Ventura County in 2008. He is the author of three books about California's parks and wilderness areas, as well as "Voyage of Rediscovery," based on his experiences retracing the Lewis and Clark Trail. His most recent book, "Living Legacy: The Story of Ventura County Agriculture," The Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum is at 926 Railroad Ave., Suite B, near the Depot and next to the railroad tracks. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors, $1 for children 6 to 17 and free for Museum of Ventura County members, and includes refreshments and entrance to all Museum galleries. Investigation of the Agriculture Museum at 525-3100.

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Guy Webster's career spans over four decades. As the primary celebrity photographer for hundreds of worldwide magazines, his artistry has captured a vast range of talent and luminaries, including Iggy Pop, Brigitte Bardot, Luciano Pavarotti, Jack Nicholson, Candice Bergen, Michelle Pfeiffer and Presidential subject Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. Some of these subjects are part of the new exhibit.

On Thursday, Webster takes a behind-the-scenes look at this exhibit, sharing anecdotes about the celebrities, for a photographic overview of the years. Galleries open at 6 p.m., and the lecture starts at 7 in the Marvin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. For general public and tickets for museum members, Call 653-5023, Ext. 7, for reservations.

The Museum of Ventura County is at 100 E. Main St. in Ventura. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission to the exhibitions is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors, $1 for children 6 to 17, and members and children under 6 are free. Paid Parking includes free admission to the galleries, and the first Sundays of every month are free general admission for the public. For more museum information visit www.venturamuseum.org or call 653-5023.
Infanta a classic look at beauty, compassion

by Sami Zahiringer contribute

What is beauty? How do society’s standards dictate what is to us? SENGa Youths’ The Theatre’s ‘The Birthday of The Infanta’ poses these questions in Oscar Wilde’s bittersweet story inspired by Velázquez’ famous painting of the Spanish Court, ‘The Maids of Honor.’

‘Touching on themes of beauty, cruelty, compassion and redemption, it has been adapted into a stage play by Francisca Bea. It opens Friday at the Ojai Valley Grange, beginning with a silent auction at 7 p.m. The play takes place in the throne room of the Spanish palace. It is the birthday celebration for the Infanta, herself. University-sponsored, the play’s only friend to the court is the chamberlain, who is her own personal servant. But by and by, the Infanta is touched by the Fantast’s face and voice. Her heart softens towards him. Compassion and true appreciation of his beauty melts her heart.

One of the highlights of the play is the Entertainment’s scene: The Master of Ceremonies introduces us to a French tight rope walker (Tristan Orser), who also plays Marveil the Magician; the Irish step dancing sisters (Callie and Dallas Graumlich); the famous Italian opera singer (Vanessa Mustapha); the Infanta herself.

The cast ages range from 9 to 19 years. Keeping everyone in the right costume, the right character, the right rhythm is made up of Sienna Chambers (Tristan Orser) and his deadly falsetto (sung by Orser); Cesar Millan, ably assisted by her sister, Sierra Chambers. ‘The Birthday of The Infanta’ is a story of redemption, timeless in its themes. What do we owe each other? What is true beauty and can we recognize it when we see it? If these questions are posed for us in the 17th century life of the play, but are as relevant today as ever. Don’t miss this opportunity. Some talented young people guided, as ever, under the experienced eye of the director, Beatrice Wood. For more information, visit www.sparscc.org or call 525-4054.

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SANTA PAULA SHIELD EVENT TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AND ONLY NO- KILL ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER IN SANTA PAULA.

SANTA PAULA/SANTA BARBARA, California – SPARC (Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center) will be hosting its one-year anniversary celebration on June 14th at 12 p.m. at the SPARC and Mouse Lodge properties in historic Santa Paula.

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