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Robert C. Miller 1926-2013

Robert C. Miller, a scholar, teacher and administrator at The Thacher School in Ojai, died July 1, 2013, at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura. He was 87.

During his tenure at Thacher from 1955 to 1986, he served as chairman of the school’s language department, college counselor, director of administration and studies, assistant headmaster and soccer coach. In 1974, he was awarded the Morgan Barnes Chair for Outstanding Teaching. His specialty was Spanish language.

Colleagues remember him as a highly respected, no-nonsense teacher who set high standards for himself and his students. He outraged children who were bored with the usual topics of loyalty among students and faculty. He was regarded as a caring and capable mentor and advisor to both students and younger faculty. From his home in Missoula, Mont., and educated at Brown University and Harvard, Bob always returned the New England persona he grew up with despite his wide travels and worldly experiences. He received a fullbright grant in 1966 to study in Peru and he and his young family spent a year there. Among the other countries where he worked and studied were Spain, Cuba, Jordan and Korea, where he served during the Korean conflict with the 69th Puerto Rican Regiment “because I raised my hand when the sergeant asked if anyone else spoke Spanish.”

Bob was married in 1958 to Denise Close Miller, who died in 2011. Denise served for many years as head of the school’s Riverview Elementary School (now Riverview Montessori School) and as an International Executive Service Corps consultant to the Amman National University in Jordan. She also was the school’s director of the Spanish language and as a Lausdicharitarian Action tutor for students. Bob served as chair of the United Service Organizations in a bilingual aide.

In his retirement, Bob remained an avid reader and follower of the arts. He also volunteered as a reader for the blind, a “friend of the earth” and a resource for ESL students. In his younger days, he was an avid cyclist, skier, hiker and paddler. He also enjoyed horseback riding, hiking and camping in the hills behind the old Thacher School. As a young man, he served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. He was a licensed pilot.

He is survived by his three children, Janet Cipriano Conn and Elaine Petroff and Judith Mura, his five grandchildren (Zachary, Nicholas, Sarah, Carrey, and Walker) and a brother, Ken Miller. A memorial service is being planned for Oct. 5 at The Thacher School, which he established in her name. Contributions may be made to the Miller Scholarship Fund at Thacher.

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**AUTOS**

Pre-1969 Autos #1: 1st, Ventura Model A Club of Ventura County; 2nd, Southern California Corvettes

Any Year Special Appeal Auto #2: 1st, Ventura Country Corvette Club; 2nd, Ojai Valley Mexican Fiesta

**MAJOR/MAJORETTE GROUP**

Majorette Group #9: 1st, Bethany Chapel Twirlers

**COMMERCIAL**

Decorated Auto, Van or Pickup Truck #11: 1st, This is for the Birds and Ojai Crypt; 2nd, Ojai Community Bank

Marching Group #12: 1st, Nordhoff High School Music; 2nd, Ojai Valley Taekwondo Do Academy

**EQUESTRIAN**

Group of Two or More Equestrians #16: 1st, ETI Corral 57; 2nd, Ventura County Sheriff’s Posse

Equine Drawn Vehicle, Open, Pair or Multiple #18: 1st, Ojai Valley Trail Riding Co. at Oso Ranch; 2nd, Ojai Native American Association

**FLOATS (NON-COMMERCIAL)**

School #23: 1st, Ojai Valley School and Summer Camp; 2nd, Ojai Community Nursery School

Organization #24: 1st, Danza Azteca Tonalli; 2nd, Ojai Valley Matters; 3rd, Ojai Valley Lions Club; 4th, Ojai Valley School Board of Realtors;

Organization #25: 1st, Ojai Valley Lancers Club; 2nd, Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce; 3rd, Calvary Chapel of the Ojai Valley; 4th, American Vedic Association

**SPECIALTY MARCHING/WALKING UNITS, COLOR GUARD**

Military #27: 1st, Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County

Adult Non-Military #28: 1st, Ojai Valley CERT; 2nd, Ojai Valley Amateur Radio Club

**PATRIOTIC PEOPLE**

Group of Children #32: 1st, Ojai Valley Gymnastics; 2nd, Starlight Dance Academy

**SPECIALTY WITH WHEELS**

Group of Two or More #35: 1st, Monica Ros School; 2nd, The Quilici and Feret Families

**THEME WINNER:**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11461

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**I BELIEVE... in Ojai Community Bank**

I’m Greg Weimer of Greg Avon, a sixth-generation Ventura County business owner. I was taught from a young age the importance of working with my community bank—not only for the shared values of trust and commitment, but also for the sense of working with a friend. I’m not just a member with Ojai Community Bank. They know me and my business, and I receive personalized service. That’s why I believe in Community Banking—since six generations.

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**PARADE SPOTLIGHTS**

- A dancing flash mob surprises the crowd and dancers to the song “I’m Walking on Sunshine”, performed by the live band Party of Five at the Nordhoff festivities.
- Hula hoops of not, locals got in the groove during the pre-fireworks concert.
- A member of the American Vedic Association parade float laughs with fellow participants.
- Parade spectators show their American spirit in the heart of downtown Ojai.
- A dancer with Danza Azteca Tonalli waves the American flag during the Fourth of July parade Thursday.
Mars in Cancer is a slow fast dance

As Mars in Cancer, we move at a slow pace. We sidestep, circle, and shy forward in a straight line. Protected under its shell, all. Consider the crab. It crawls slowly forward, if at meandering water sign, moving energy. Cancer, a dual forces come together. Mars is hot and fiery, a dual forces create a complex, power and nurturing. Cancer, remaining there Saturday, Mars enters a new field of rushing force and energy, a new month a new rhythm with change. It takes us task is adaptation — ultimately acclimate, (Mercury) is distributing. We're in the very center 11 through 17: 18.

TAURUS: Many new relationships, companionship, humor, shared experiences, AQAL: Careful at the workplace. Mars could be overstimulating responsibilities, tasks that are overwhelming and hidden, then ruin in the end. Try to stay healthy. Work could be much that the pressures become too much for you. You must ask of your work is hidden. If not, consistently change.

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Friday, July 12

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** — The Ojai Playhouse, 111 E. School St., will host a free benefit concert to bring attention to the Angola 3, Robert Hillary King, a member of the Angola 3, Robert King from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Ojai Playhouse, 111 E. School St., Ojai. Call 646-1639 for more details.

Saturday, July 13

**MINDMINDING** — A morning of mindfulness will be held Saturday from 9:11 a.m. to 11 a.m. for anyone who can attend one or both activities. Call 646-2755.

**GATHER THE RHYTHMS** — The Rhythmic Arts Institute, 107 W. Aliso St., Ojai, will host H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji in a darshan, question-and-answer session and a teaching from Dharma-Charya Chân Niem Hy. No fee. Call 646-3487.

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Four cool summer hikes for kids

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition (OVGC) invites readers to “come feed your environment’s natural soul” at the official opening of the coalition’s environmental lending library and first reading salon. Come share wine and appetizers at the Coalition Resource Center while browsing their collection of books and films, all available to borrow.

“We have so many fabulous books about nature, including overviews of our negative impact on the environment and what we each can do to restore our natural world,” said OVGC volunteer Laurie Slade, who is maintaining the library started by volunteer Evergreen Hendricks. “Plus we have all kinds of field guides on animals, trees and plants, snakes and lizards, which are fabulous if you want to go out and take a hike. And there are beautiful big photo books. You are welcome to come in and browse.”

The opening is the culmination of a lot of hard work and OVGC is proud to offer this resource to the community and appreciate for all the books and film donations received, from classics to recent top sellers. The collection has been catalogued and can be viewed at www.ojaivalleygreen.org.

“We have a cozy little seating area set up in front of the windows,” said Slade. “Now people can drop in anytime Monday through Friday. You can check out books for up to three weeks and DVDs for a week. You don’t have to be a member.”

To be one of the lucky 30 to join the OVGC’s library opening and hamper salon, RSVP to membership@ojavalleygreencoalition.com or call 669-8445. The event, Thursday, July 18, 7 to 9 p.m., will feature select readings from books that have inspired us to carry on for the Earth. Attendees are invited to bring a book that has influenced them and read a passage.

The Resource Center is located at 206 N. Signal St., Suite 5, Ojai. The library opening is free, but donations will be appreciated for the wine offering. Details will be sent with reservation confirmation.

The sandstone badlands at Piedra Blanca

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We thank you for making us the finest Antique Shop in Ojai. We hope to continue to serve you for another 20 years!

Laurie Slade will welcome the OVGC’s library, which is open to the public.

Ojai Valley Hiking Trails

Little legs will love these kid-tested hikes, all easy walking beside water and nature. Most of these excursions are a short drive from Ojai and don’t require a fee or permit. School out, so pack sunscreen and plenty of water— and let’s go!

• Ojai Meadows Preserve

An easy, one-mile trail crosses a peaceful 58-acre preserve, located 1 mile south of downtown Ojai and administered by Ojai Valley Land Trust. The hike is light, as the wetlands pond, where you’re likely to see some of the diversity of birds observed there, including ducks, hawks and herons. It’s level walking the entire way, with benches near the pond for bird watching; and there’s an old eucalyptus grove that’s fun to explore. There are no facilities here and no fee or permit needed to park. The main entrance to the preserve is on Maricopa Highway.

• Rose Valley Falls

A slightly uphill, half-mile hike to the foot of a two-stage waterfall, this hike is a favorite of little adventurers, who can splash in the little cascades and pools at its base. Even when the falls are down, just up the trail is a trickling, the enchanted little brook. No parking pass or fee is necessary; and there are no facilities at the trailhead.

• Wheeler Gorge Nature Trail

Kids can learn about Ojai’s plant life while taking this fun loop less than a mile in length. Fifteen trail markers along the way depict species on the white albica, laurel sumac and poison oak. There’s usually one easy creek crossing and are the only two gorges that are waterfalls to splash.

The trail is located at the upper end of Wheeler Gorge Campground, about 31 minutes north of Ojai on Highway 33. Park at a turnout just before the bridge over Matilija Creek, but don’t block the locked gate. No parking pass or fee is necessary; and there are no facilities at the trailhead.

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Marietta reflects on College World Series history

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As the summer reaches its halfway point, now is the time to create some memories with ArtWalk Ventura, a 20th-year event celebrated Aug. 11 with the first weekend of fiddling fun through Artwalk Ventura, a festival that has transformed into high-art art galleries, new PODS Galleries for more affordable and eco-friendly art, and a bonafide Broadway hit, "Fiddler on the Roof," to be performed at Ojai Art Center, 175 S. Montgomery St. Call 640-8797 or visit ArtWalk at 175 S. Montgomery St. for more information.

ArtWalk Ventura, a weekend celebration of the arts in the historic downtown of Ventura, returns for its 20th year July 27 and 28, with a three-day weekend of entertainers and exhibits. ArtWalk Ventura features a self-guided tour that will lead tourists to about 30 PODS Galleries, each one containing traditional three-dimensional fine art, presented in acrylics, oils, watercolors, photographs and sculpture in glass. Each artist will be present to meet with the public and discuss their work all weekend long. There is no purchase to make.

In addition to art, fine crafts will also be displayed. The event is a great opportunity to purchase handmade furniture, handmade furniture, and more.

The 12th annual Channel Islands Harbor Festival runs Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18, in Oxnard Landing in Oxnard. The festival feature accomplished artists with a variety of original work in all three-dimensional fine art, including paintings in acrylics, oils, watercolors, photographs, and sculpture in glass. Each artist will be present to meet with the public and discuss their work all day long. There is no purchase to make.

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Auditions for Wilde’s ‘Earnest’ set

SENGA Classic Stage Company will hold auditions for “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Ojai Valley Grange, 131 S. Pueblo Ave. in Ojai.

Rehearsals start Aug. 5. Performances are Sept. 13 through Oct. 6. Cast members are required to participate in all performances. The roles Lady Bracknell, Miss Prism and Rev. Chasuble are available for audition.

Visit www.sengastage.com or call the director, 805-649-4885, to make an appointment to read at the Ojai Library, behind the desk.

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Fish and chips, locally caught salmon, and fresh Ocean Trout are served. BookEnds Bookstore is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Wednesday).

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Rubicon’s Theatre Camp brings “Mulan Jr.”

Rubicon’s Theatre Camp will present Disney’s “Mulan Jr.” on Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend at Rubicon Theatre in Ventura.

“Mulan Jr.” is an adaptation of Disney’s hit film “Mulan.” Set in ancient China, it tells the story of the misfit Mulan, who is determined to save the emperor after the Huns invade. The show includes favorites like “Reflection,” “Honor to Us All” and “I’ll Make a Man Out Of You.” Performances are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Adult tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door, kids 12 and under are $10 in advance or $15 at the door. Visit www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900 for tickets.

Rubicon Theatre is at 1006 E. Main St., in Ventura.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, July 12
  - “Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.
  - “Giantess” at Tool Room Gallery beginning Friday.

- Saturday, July 13
  - “Sgt. Pepper,” 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., The Jester, 139 Main St., www.thejester.com for details.
  - “The Tempest,” 8 p.m., Rubicon Theatre, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or 667-2900.
  - Natalie Gelman, 6 p.m., Rubicon Theatre, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Sunday, July 14
  - “I’ll Make a Man Out Of You,” 11:30 a.m., The Jester, 139 Main St., www.thejester.com for details.

- Monday, July 15
  - “The Taming of the Shrew,” 7 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Tuesday, July 16
  - “The Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.
  - “Mulan Jr.,” 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Rubicon Theatre, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.
  - “Mulan Jr.,” 7 p.m., Rubicon Theatre, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Wednesday, July 17
  - “The Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Thursday, July 18
  - “The Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Friday, July 19
  - “The Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Saturday, July 20
  - “Fiddler on the Roof,” 8 p.m., AGP Center for the Performing Arts, 112 Main St., www.agpcenter.org or 640-8797.
  - “The Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Sunday, July 21
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  - “The Accidental Icon: The Real Gidget Story,” 7:15 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1006 E. Main St., www.rubicontheatre.org or call 667-2900.

- Monday, July 22
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- Tuesday, July 23
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Exhibit to feature photos by Jack London

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum will host the most expansive exhibition of photographs by author Jack London ever mounted, including 50 images from his cruise on the Snark, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the Russo-Japanese War, and more.

The exhibit opens July 18 with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and a lecture/book-signing at 7 p.m. by Sue Hodson, a co-author of "Jack London, Photographer," the first book devoted to the writer's photography. The book features more than 200 photos and adds a new dimension to one of America's best-loved writers.

Hodson, who authored the book with Jeanne Cambell Reesman and Philip Adam, is curator of literary manuscripts at the Huntington Library in San Marino. The lecture is $10 general admission and free to museum members. To register, visit www.sbm.org or call 962-8404, ext. 115.

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum is at 113 Harbor Way.

Studio founder Roxie Ray to talk at ag museum

Roxie Ray, the first artist to establish a studio at Studio Channel Islands Art Center, and one of the center's original founders in 1998, will speak at the Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum on Thursday at 2 p.m. Ray will talk about her artistic journey, from credentialed social worker to full-time painter, during the Museum's monthly Second Thursday Gallery Talk.

As Ray walks with visitors through the Museum's Reiter Visitors Center and Calavo Hall, she will also talk about her current solo exhibition of paintings called, "Value of Work." These monumental canvases of laborers at work in Ventura County fields bring viewers' attention to the valuable contribution made by farm workers.

Born and raised in Corona del Mar, Ray has been a Ventura County resident since 1983. She received her master's degree in social work from Washburn University in Kansas, but found her true calling at the Department of Fine Arts at Ventura College, beginning in 1990. Her paintings have been exhibited at the Museum of Ventura County, Carnegie Art Museum, Oxnard, and Pepperdine University, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Studio Channel Islands Art Center, and Buenaventura Art Gallery. Ventura, she was selected to be a Documented Artist by Focus on the Masters. Admission to the Gallery Talk is free for museum members and is included with regular admission for the general public. No reservations are necessary. Admission includes refreshments and entrance to all museum exhibits.

Another Second Thursday Gallery Talk will take place at the Santa Paula Art Museum, located a block away, at 5 p.m. Free parking is available at both locations.

The Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum is at 926 Railroad Ave., Santa Paula, near the Depot and next to the railroad tracks. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors, $1 for children 6 to 17 and free for Museum of Ventura County members and for children 5 and younger. Paid events include free admission to the galleries, and the first Sundays of every month are free general admission for the public. For more information, go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 525-3100.

*Strawberry Pickers* by Roxie Ray.

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"Boats" by Jack London.