TED event returns to Ojai, promises surprises

Misty Volaksi

ABSTRACT

More legal battles are brewing downstream for Larry Moses and the Ojai Rock Quarry. A Santa Barbara County Planning Commission voted to let Moses continue operating the quarry under a permit and denied a Stop the Drainage petition for an appeal of that decision. Now, Moses’ company, Grafton LLC, faces a lawsuit from two environmental groups that claim the quarry has violated the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

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Charles "Chuck" Sitten

Chuck Sitten, 92, died peacefully Saturday, Aug. 25, 2013, at his home in the Oak View with his wife Ruth Sitten, after a long illness. He was a 4th generation Arroyo Grande by his side. Chuck was known for his vast knowledge of movies, shared at his 90th birthday party in 2013. Chuck was a long and successful career with the City of Thousand Oaks, serving as a battalion chief in the cities of Thousand Oaks, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Ventura, and in Thousand Oaks for 20 years. His passing has left a void that will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Charles Sitten, who was a veterinarian and a great-great-great grandfather of Jouquin, Joseph, Jacob, and Betsy Christie of Long Beach, Calif.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Martha Orr Churchyard

Martha Orr Churchyard, of Ojai, passed away August 25, 2013, following a yearlong battle with colorectal cancer. She was surrounded by her family at the time of her passing.

Martha was born in Louisville, Ky., to Samuel Orr and Martha Carson Orr. She attended the University of Kentucky in the 1950s. Martha moved to Ojai in 1974 to complete her undergraduate and graduate studies in anthropology from University of Arizona in 1957. The retention of G.C. Buck during her life. She was preceded in death by her partners.


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they wish could have their business meetings up on the hills around Ojai,” explains Levy. “We also reproduce our products with the same ingredients as our prototypes, though I must say I can’t get enough certified organic apricot, so cost is always an issue for us — it is those organic ingredients that go into the prototypes that inspire the people,” she adds.

She tells how it was strawberries from the Ojai Certified Farmers’ Market, potassium from Ojai farmers and local organic that continues to inform her formulations. “I can’t tell you what I’m working on now. But what the local farmers are growing is surprising me. The new daily cleanse KeVita, flavored with lemon and cayenne, was created again with Meyer lemons from Ojai, and cayenne from The Farmer and The Cook, where they grow the peppers and their own cayenne pepper,” says Levy. “Ojai is the garden of Eden. There is so much abundance. Fruit is litter- ally dripping off the trees. Figs are dripping now. Persimmons are coming soon.”

KeVita appears to have hit the mark for health- y and unique. And it makes sense that Ojai is in the birthplace of a beverage that is organic, anti- oxidant-rich, non-GMO, gluten-free and vegan — which KeVita drinks are.

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Aerial yoga demonstration tomorrow

Ojai’s Susan Bronstein is putting on a free demonstration of aerial yoga tomorrow at 10 a.m. for those interested in participating, a class will follow at Vitality Fitness, 406 Bryant Circle. According to Bronstein, aerial yoga is a fusion of yoga and aerial arts. The hammock, which can support up to 2,000 pounds, is used as a tool to decompress the spine, align and strengthen. It can be used to deepen stretches or as a balance tool.

Firefighters remember 9/11 with ceremony

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, all Ventura County Fire Department stations will hold a special remembrance ceremony for the firefighters and others who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. The public is invited to visit any of the 32 Ventura County Fire Department stations to participate in the short ceremony. The remembrance will follow the following schedule:
- 6:45 a.m. Fire apparatus will roll out of the station and be positioned on the station ramps.
- 6:55 a.m. Firefighters will stand at attention and raise the U.S. flag. Silence will be maintained.
- 6:59 a.m. A special tone will be broadcast over the station ramps.

Four sets of five bells. One minute of complete silence will be maintained. The time coincides with the collapse of the World Trade Center South Tower and the bells are traditionally used by the fire service to commemorate firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

In addition, on Sept. 11 all Ventura County Fire Department apparatus will be draped with U.S. flags and all personnel with badges will wear mourning bands. At some stations, prayer may be offered or read, and all stations will participate in the ceremony to ensure that the 243 firefighters who perished that day are never forgotten.

It’s time to shred again

The 12th biannual Shredder Day will be held Sept. 14 in the parking lot of Ojai Community Bank, 402 W. Ojai Ave., between 9 a.m. and noon. The event is hosted jointly by the Ojai Valley Directory and Ojai Community Bank.

Residents with personal documents of any sort, from medical records to tax information, are urged to come by and watch their “old baggage” be shredded.

Last spring’s event, held in April, shredded more than 10 tons of paper, which was brought to the shredder truck by more than 200 vehicles and pedestrians.

Those bringing materials to shred are asked to access the shredder truck by using the bank’s secondary driveway at the corner of Matilija and Rincon streets.

That driveway also accesses the bank’s drive-up window, which will remain open during the event. Watch for the directional signing.

Once you enter the bank’s parking lot at the Matilija Street entrance, specially trained “shredder assistants” will direct you to the shredder truck, where your material will be off-loaded from your vehicle and shredded.

You are welcome to observe the process to ensure security is maintained.
Lending a hand when needed

There are a great deal of people who are often there when others need help, especially in a crisis, and they make a difference in the lives of people. These people are called superheroes, and there are many of them who do not have a costume or mask. They are the people who are always there for others, even when it's not easy.

Children and teens from processed foods; school, accessibility of sugary and the plethora of fast food at sized meals and drinks; blame for the unhealthy normal environments. "Childhood obesity is a normal thing, because one thing is possible," they say. It's a good thing, because one thing is possible, but on the weekends, you may see them playing tennis in the park, or even going for a healthy walk. Instead, throw off being out for a healthy meal. They'll probably think you're crazy, but you're not! I asked my sister what she thought about the article, and she said, "I think it's wonderful, but I'm hopeful the way she looks after them. For her husband, she's three green eggs and ham. I think she's wonderful. I learned one thing from the article, and I want to share it with you. After all, it's not all that hard to find a good recipe for your kids. For me, the thought when I needed her she generously informed me, "I'm sorry, Pops, but you're on your own."

Try this vegan Louisiana-style gumbo

According to what we usually see, cooking gumbo is un- good news. Always serve all the dishes in the repertoire of Louisi- a food at the dinner table. It seems to be changed on average about three times in the last three decades. And this is a good thing, because Louisiana is known for its spicy and flavorful cuisine. The growing season for most Louisiana crops is from March to November, with a break in July and August. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Commerce reports that there are about 20,000 acres of rice grown in Louisiana, and over 60% of the nation's rice comes from the state. Louisiana is also known for its seafood, including shrimp, oysters, and crawfish. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reports that there are over 100,000 acres of shrimp and crab aquaculture in Louisiana, and that the state is a leading producer of seafood in the United States.

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1 bell pepper, chopped medium

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Good news for healthier kids (and their parents)

Lots has been written about the obesity of childhood obesity that has tripled in the last three decades. And this is a good thing, because Louisianians are the most likely to be obese in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 32.2% of adults in Louisiana are obese, compared to the national average of 21.4%. Louisiana is also one of the leading states in the country for adult obesity, with 38.8% of adults being obese, compared to the national average of 33.9%.

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Placing unavailing faith in Jesus

It seems that we are no win appreciated somberness. All the glibness and jocularity through our public places of worship to leashes keeps us dulled in the theatre of getting us in going around the infinite. Yet, whether it is the international news, or simply the awareness of close friends or family, our modern life is a sea of loops. We live in the infor- mation age of the world of the digital. But so, ironically, of all our modern achievements, does not seem to be any corre-

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Faith is another one of those terms loaded with meaning. More than a blind trust, or a crutch, perhaps it is a lifestyle transformation. The Struggle of doing without faith is impossible to (Hebrews 11:1). But we cannot imagine our life without it. The question is whether it has been given to us—whether we are capable of it or not.

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This Sunday, Sept. 8, a celebration to recognize the FLW (Friends of Locally Owned Water) movement will take place at the Ojai City Council. The purpose of the celebration is to open the entire community to the story of the group who came together and demonstrate that it is possible to save our water. This celebration will also recognize the critical role volunteers who led the way in an exceptional effort to break loose from corporate control of local water.

A short program will feature the reading of a proclamation from the city of Ojai to honor the FLW movement and its contributions to the protection of our water. The program will also feature a special message from the FLW Steering Committee to all who contributed to the effort.

On Aug. 27, an unprecedented turnout of more than 50 percent of those who voted to support Measure V ballot let their voices be heard. At the time of this writing, it is estimated that well over 87 percent of the ballots cast were ‘yes’ votes calling for the break loose from Golden State Water.

This victory in Ojai is the result of a community effort. After the ballot count, OJFLW website had this to say: “We should all be proud to be part of such a vibrant community. This election will go down in history and used to show that people can control their own destiny.

It is hoped that the entire community will join us on Sunday morning to express thanks to all who contributed. Coffee and pastries will be available until they run out. Members of the FLW Steering Committee being honored are: Pat McPhillan, Joel Michael, Bob Dull, Brian Flan, Dale Hanson, Lou Tower and Stan Greene.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Misty Volaski

Voter for 20 years, in our community

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The project that began back in 2007, in the face of an impending rate increase, was a grassroots effort spearheaded by a group of community members who were determined to protect our water rates and prevent them from being sold to a corporation.

The project was named Friends of Locally Owned Water (FLW) and the group worked tirelessly to educate their neighbors about the importance of protecting our water and the potential consequences of allowing a corporation to control it. They held meetings, distributed literature, and worked to build a coalition of support.

In 2009, the group successfully lobbied for the passage of Measure V, which would prevent the city from selling our water to a corporation. The measure passed overwhelmingly, and the Ojai City Council subsequently passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of our water.

Since then, the group has worked to ensure that our water remains under the control of the people of Ojai. They have continued to monitor our water rates and work to prevent any attempts to sell our water to a corporation.

I am proud to be a part of this movement and I encourage everyone to support it. Together, we can ensure that our water remains a public resource, protected by the people of Ojai.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Citizen of Ojai

FEATURED LETTER

Christine Golden, Ojai

Everyone is invited to celebrate this community’s victory over corporate control of local water.

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QOAI Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., will present another “Town Talk” related to the museum’s exhibition, “Collectors,” which showcases unique collections in eight Ojai private collections. The exhibit runs through Sept. 15.

Guy Webster will give a PowerPoint presentation, “Tiffany Teams of Motorcycling and Collecting,” Sept. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the museum’s Rotating Gallery. Legendary portrait photographer Webster has assembled the world’s finest collection of vintage Italian motorcycles that happen to be his in a p r o j e c t — o n l y museum in Ojai. He will focus on his passion for his collection of motorcycles that began at age 14 despite the wishes of his mother and the direst laws of time.

Webster will tell the story of collecting that spans his lifetime. Webster says, “I could tell you how much this bike is worth, and sure, it’s a lot of money. But that’s not what this (collection) is about. I don’t justify my passion in dollars and cents. Instead, I collect these machines to commemorate lives and times, and loves, that comprise the stuff of legends.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this revealing adjust experi- ence in the “Collectors” exhibit. Webster notes, “The members are interested and non-members pay $5 at the door. Seating is limited, so call the museum office to reserve seats at 640-1290, Ext. 201.”

Webster will present the next “Town Talk,” Sept. 27, “Johno’s Blues Bar in Cairns,” and “Bottomless Mimosa’s $15 Call Nigel for booking info (805) 302-2784.”

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September 13: Irish Hoan (1952)
A rioting woman faces a looming gone bent on revenge in this Western classic starring Gregory Cooper and Jo Ann Ross. This riveting tale of courage and cowardice rivals many years up when the townswoman has protected her son and hisUEL is her past. Cooper’s performance is magnificent.

October 11: Psycho (1960)
The Macbeth of a man without a woman. Psycho is a terrifying tale of violence about what happens when a man who has been dismembered by a woman in his past returns for revenge. Much of the movie’s impact is underplayed by its director, Alfred Hitchcock.

November 8: The 600 (1959)
Frank Sinatra’s masterful getaway into a world of high fashion of a man who becomes a famous painter and is forced to face his past. Cooper’s performance is magnificent.

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The City Gallery at City Center will present the opening reception for the 20th anniversary of Osa’s Collectors, Friday, Sept. 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. Call 640-1290, Ext. 205. Susan Trowbridge Gallery, 307 E. Ojai Ave., will display work by photography George Marks of N.M., “Saturday. Personal portrait sessions can be sched- ulated. Call 645-0967.

Sept. 7: Carnegie Art Museum, 426 S. M St., Ventura, will display works by artists selected to create public installa- tions for “The Collection at Rincon Park,” through Nov. 24. The artists include Osa’s Susan Medicine Man, and Mary Vanden Heever. Call 652-1130.


Through Oct. 2: The Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., will exhibit “Artists of the Ars Museum Gallery, through Oct. 2. The nine artists in the guild work in a variety of media. Call 645-0117.

Sept. 2: The Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, 130 W. Ojai Ave., will display “Silkstone Newsweave Post Pop Poetry Fineprint” Nov. 2 through Dec. 29. Call 640-2936. p.m. The exhibit will also include small costume works created in the museum’s educational programming. Call 645-0117.

Nov. 17: The Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura, will display the high fashion of George Stewart Historical Figurines through Nov. 17 in an exhibit entitled “All That Glitters.” Ojai artist and historian Stewart will give townlores on the exhibit Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Call 653-0123.

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Nordhoff to face Pacifica Tritons tonight

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Tonight the Nordhoff Rangers (1-0) will travel to Oxnard to face the Pacifica Tritons (0-1) in a nonleague battle. The Rangers and Tritons have met in some exciting games in recent years, but last year NHS blasted Pacifica 41-7 in a game that saw quarterback Tanner Workman throw three touchdown passes while Taylor Lingenfelter scored two rushing touchdowns. The Nordhoff defense also got into the action by intercepting three passes.

This year Pacifica figures to be much improved and they have a new head coach in Mike Moon, who takes over for longtime coach Donnie Rae. Rae was best known for his wide-open offensive attacks and that should not change for the Tritons this season because he is now the Pacifica offensive coordinator and Moon is a familiar face to the Tritons’ coaching staff. He played along with assistant coach Russell Farrar in the 1997 Ventura County All-Star game, which was also coached by Cliff Farrar and Tony Hennessey.

When asked what Nordhoff fans can expect to see out of the Tritons tonight, Hennessey said, “They are much improved. We will run a different defensive scheme than we did last year. They are also going to be tough to prepare for because they are so athletic.”

This season, the Rangers will need to prepare for quarterback Mike Moraga, who will run a full roll-out option according to Hennessey. Running backs Kevin Taylor, Deondre Vines and Derin Faljo both have big plays, and Moraga has a big target to throw to in Deondra Vinos.

In their season opening win over Crescent Valley a year ago, the Nordhoff defense came up big when they needed to and they’ll be called upon to perform again tonight. ‘Every team we play this year is much improved this year, but Pacifica is one of the most improved teams we will face this year,’ Hennessey said. The NHS defense was handled by middleback Katie Winkel, Emmett Hennessey and Running back Kevin Taylor but there were also some new faces starting to emerge as key players for the Rangers.

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Rangers 17, Tritons 10

‘Nov’A‘s volleyball has high expectations for 2013

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The Lady Wildcats will host their first game of the season tonight at 6 p.m. when they host San Gabriel Valley at home. Villanova Prep volleyball player Katie Norris goes up for a ball against Nordhoff last season. The Wildcats are favorites in the first round of the playoffs. The Wildcats are the 3-0 after last year before losing in the state championship against the Los Angeles Country All-Star game, which was also coached by Cliff Farrar and Tony Hennessey.

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Wildcats to open season vs. Monarchs

Tonight the Wildcats will open their season against the Monarchs at 6 p.m. in a classic format. To join, just dial 805-684-6080 and ask for league director, Mike Thompson. If you would like to play, but are not available to play tonight, call Thompson at 805-684-6080 for information on how to play during the week. If you would like to play, but are not available to play tonight, call Thompson at 805-684-6080 for information on how to play during the week.
Howard Creek Trail offers breathtaking views

Photograph by Perry Van Houten

Howard Creek Trail offers breathtaking views of large sandstone outcrops (usually indicative of an old road cut) and an area of anes like Thorn Point and Haddock Mountain. Howard Creek Trail ends at the ridge top, where a left turn takes you uphill in the direction of Chief Peak and the Topa Topa Bluffs. Howard Camp is situated on a spur trail just past of the Howard Creek-Nordhoff Ridge junction, offering a fire ring, picnic table and hitching post. It’s a mile farther to the Nordhoff fire lookout. This is a view of the Rancho Grande property from Howard Creek Trail.

ON your way from the Ranger station in Ojai, you’ll pass through the lovely Rose Valley, taking you uphill in the direction of Chief Peak and the Topa Topa Bluffs. Howard Camp is situated on a spur trail just past of the Howard Creek-Nordhoff Ridge junction, offering a fire ring, picnic table and hitching post. You can turn off the ridge trail at the lookout and descend a mile to the Topa Topa Bluffs, and from there another two-plus hours of legwork back to Ojai.