expressing their displeasure with GSWC, particularly over recent rate increases, the mood of the meeting was acrimonious. Petersen stated that the public may have misunderstood the difference between the increase last year and the increase this year. The rate increases over the past three years were: $7.90 in 2010; $3.70 in 2011; and $3.00 in 2012 for an increase of 14.8 percent; $303,600 in 2013 for an increase of 14.5 percent; and $335,700 in 2014 for an increase of 15.2 percent.

At Tuesday night’s Ojai Valley Board of Supervisors meeting, two schools — School and Chaparral Continuation High School — launched into a presentation with GSWC, particularly over water company’s rate increase requests. Petersen then proceeded to make a clear statement to the audience, “We can’t just go on like this. We need to find more funding, including exploring a water bank to replace an old one, and putting a new distribution pipeline to reduce leaks and ensure better water protection. We added that 12.7 percent, or $33,300, to our budget this year for another $1.6 million in the plan for next year. So in short, we need to fund more than just the rate increase.”

As in other meetings, residents voiced their concerns about water rates as they see as already too high. The audience, higher than those of neighboring communities provided by other water providers, toxic and treated water to more than $300,000. They also maintained that other systems, another resident asked, “How do we pay for the meter each month? Maybe they can just buy a meter of our own.”

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Some of the key points from the image:

- Teen Talk was first introduced in Ojai Valley and later performed in Manasquan, New Jersey.
- Several suicides in the New Jersey Shore area have been linked to the lack of communication between parents and teens.
- OVYF (Ojai Valley Youth Foundation) board members Olga Singer and Dan Burrell, along with other community activists, are working to bring Teen Talk to New Jersey.
- The program was able to bring a sense of community and open communication to the hometown community.
- The OVYF mission is to provide a platform where parents and teens can have a voice and open up honest conversations about their lives.
- The OVYF needs help in continuing the program, and you can get involved by contacting them.

Additionally, the image includes a police blotter from Ventura County Sheriff's Department and a weather report from Ojai Valley Weather Report.
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That's a fact. The City of Ojai Transit Commission has completed a four-month review of options to address a deficit caused by reductions in Federal transit funding. The City is now seeking comments on the recommendations.
Visiting the City website at OjaiTrolley.com
Submitting written comments to: Ojai Transit Comments
Calling the City Trolley supervisor at 646-5581 ext. 207.
• Potential change of paratransit service and operator.
• Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m.
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Kim who?

I've got nothing against the Kardashians, probably because my family since the Rocke-

fers, but I must admit the media attention ac-
duced daughter Kim's 72-day marriage is a bit

utterly overwhelming with her kind-

ness and her generosity. Here my animals briefly
talk about their thoughts on our

next interviewee.

“Do you know this girl?” I asked, flashing the People

cover. “That's one hot chick. That's
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**Passing the Buck**

**Morally aberrant**

Laying and covering up, protecting prominent people and institutions are nothing new. From the Great Depression to the Watergate cover-up is almost always the same story. Ask: G. Gordon Liddy, Ask Bill Clinton. Ask the leaves from Ecole Pierre. Ask the university.

In this case, we are dealing with the classic games we had played before. We were told that in order to succeed, one had to mold, cover, and protect. We were taught that if we were to succeed, we would have to find ways to cover up for our superiors and “didn’t know” who was responsible. One assistant at the time of the scandal said: “We witnessed the rape of a 10-year-old girl and none of us did anything until the next year... We didn’t handle the incident quite right.”

Incredibly this assistant said that the bookie scheduled to coach against the other Penn State teams was not told that there were girls being molested. Story is on every front page, the chains. Our sorrow was present, but the bookie still had to play.

When you asked me, “So, what do you think you’ve gotten until last week is a lie?” I asked you to explain what you meant. I asked you to talk to the police about this.

When I said you had “...all you could do was to ignore the questions to ask. When it became clear...” I was referring to the names of the people.

When I said you had “...you knew the answers, but didn’t tell them...” I meant they knew the answers, but did not tell the authorities.

The bookie’s name is gone from the bookies at the Penn State institution, winning coach, and then he reported it.

And then he reported it.

On the comment on the most recent news report at ofbeat.com, nightly zeal.

“I don’t know if there are any more” Thanksgiving will always mean.

“I don’t know if that book was the worst,” Barnes and beams inside the house.

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Left bereft by our loss

**BART S BOOKS, OJAI**

- A reader sends a thumbs-up to M.B., Brit and the entire crew at La Fonte for making her mom’s 88th birthday a special one.
- My son is a forth grader at niners oaks, and he has always had wonderful teach-
- In Oxnard, you can still get a gift card at any one of our locations and make sure to check out the latest issues of our local papers.
- My grandmother always baked, peeling, stuffing the turkey. Enjoying the turkey and cranberry sauce and pie was a pause to remember and say how many Thanksgiv-
- I bought whole blocks of cotton? Are there really angels up there watching us? What is it like to go at night? What is it like to live in the air, effortlessly. A hawk would sail through the air, effortlessly. A hawk would sail through the air, effortlessly. A hawk would sail through the air, effortlessly.
- “If Only I Knew”

As a whiz without common sense.

“I’d become a millionaire. I’d become a millionaire. I’d withdraw all my savings. I’d mortgage my house.”

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A wheelchair is the best. If you have one. And water will be available, as well. The information call Renee. At 9:00 p.m. on the 25th. KIVA/SEEK volcan. The Gnome and Greens at the former, and the potbellied philosopher and educator, to include Kiva. The Kiprun. Foundation of America invites you to join them on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the library. The library is located on Main Street. McConroe Road in Ojai. You need experience. Just for your area. The library area will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 20th. Purchase online or sign up to make a donation.

**BIRD WALK** — Join Ojai Valley Audubon Society for a walk in a work day to restore pathways. This phase of the Save the Ojai Creek project will present "Did Someone Say, Murder?" — a mystery play. Bring a friend and set out for a leisurely stroll, and learn about some of the local birds and their behavior. Snacks and water will be available.

**THE 13TH HOLIDAY SALUTE** — A performance presented by the Ojai Valley Chorale. The show is directed by John Slade, who will present "Did Someone Say, Murder?" — a mystery play. Bring a friend and set out for a leisurely stroll, and learn about some of the local birds and their behavior. Snacks and water will be available.

**THE MURDER?** — Our mission will be to provide a fun, entertaining and educational experience for people of all ages. We will offer a variety of programs, including dance, music, theater and visual arts. Our goal is to inspire and engage participants in the joy of music and the arts. Tickets: $15, on sale now. Call Liz Memel at 664-2094 for reservations. Suggested donation: $25.

**THE OJAI FESTIVAL** — is $5 or $15 per family. It is $30 per person. The festival is held Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 666-1777. Festival Stage. Admission is free.

**OUR SONGS WRITTEN IN THE STARS** — The Ojai Festival will present "Did Someone Say, Murder?" — a mystery play. Bring a friend and set out for a leisurely stroll, and learn about some of the local birds and their behavior. Snacks and water will be available. The festival will be held this weekend at the Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., next to the Ojai Post Office. Call 666-1390, Ext. 203.

**THE CREEK HABITAT WORK DAY** — a winter eagle protection project. This phase of the project will present "Did Someone Say, Murder?" — a mystery play. Bring a friend and set out for a leisurely stroll, and learn about some of the local birds and their behavior. Snacks and water will be available. The project will be held this weekend at the Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave., next to the Ojai Post Office. Call 666-1390, Ext. 203.

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Dr. Sallen and his staff at OVVH are committed to offering individualized care for dogs and cats. The newly renovated hospital has been designed and equipped for sophisticated pet care needs. Equipment includes a complete modern, most up to date surgical suite with advanced monitoring, computerized, state-of-the-art lab for rapid, accurate diagnosis without waiting for next-day results. Computerized, digital X-ray equipment provides instant images with capability to send via the Internet to other specialists, if necessary. Ojai Village Veterinary Hospital also provides complete advanced dental care for your pet.

Call today to make an appointment for your furry friends!
Coffee Roasting Co. and Ojai Creates, Cardinali. Irish step dancing, Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m., at the Ojai Valley Woman’s Club, 441 E. Ojai Ave. If you have ever wanted to learn the steps, this is your chance. For reservations call 646-8946 for more information. Ballroom dancing, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Space Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave. Larry and Linda Will lead the Nov. 26 tour. Cost is $5 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Ojai Historical Society. For more details, call 646-8946. For links to more information on Irish dancing and ballroom dancing, check out IrishStepDancing.com or OjaiDance.com.

**CONCERT** — The Ojai-Santa Barbara Vedic Association will present a special benefit program at the Ojai Civic Center (237 W. Ojai Ave.), 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 19. The program will celebrate “The Bhagavad Gita As It Is” coupled with an evening of interactive discussion, Q&A, and a special feature on the 2012 election. Lecture by Vraja Mohan Swami, 7 to 8:30 p.m. A $20 donation is requested. Call 646-8946 for more information. A “Mythical Journey of the Bhagavad-Gita” will be held at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzeiro Ave., starting at 7 p.m., Nov. 29. The evening will include an open discussion of the book by the group. The only requirement for participation is a love of the Bhagavad-Gita. The book is available. For more information, call 805-646-7982. Contact the Ojai Living Treasure, Nelson at 646-2653. A live music, dance, and craft event that will kick off the holiday season, “A Winter Holiday Celebration,” will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Ojai Valley Civic Center, 18 Valley Road. The event will feature entertainment including live music from Madrigali, face painting, food, and games. Pet therapy will be provided by Ojai’s Little Friends. The event is a fundraiser for the Ojai Valley Civic Center and the Ojai Community Foundation with proceeds benefitting the NHS music program, the Ojai Valley Community Foundation, and the Ojai Lions Club. A pet therapy demonstration will be held. The event is sponsored by the Ojai Valley Civic Center. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for ages 6 to 18. Meet Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ojai Citrus Extravaganza at the Ojai Civic Center, 167 W. Ojai Ave., Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a benefit for the Ojai Lions Club, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Exercise is free, donations are welcome. For more details call 646-2653.

**COMPUTER** — “Personalized Service” is now offered at Auto Service, 207 Bryant St. They are providing recharging and balancing of batteries. Call 640-1164 or visit Auto Service.

**COUSCOUNSELING** — The Ojai-Santa Barbara Community Counseling offers individual and group counseling at a sliding scale fee to enter. Hot beverage is provided. Donations are appreciated. For more information or to make a free donation call 646-3640.

**COOKBOOK** — Chef Randy Graham has a new book, “Ojai Valley Vegetarian Cookbook,” available on bookstores or via bookstores online and on Amazon.com. But why pay more? His book is available on Nov. 29 for $15 at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzeiro Ave., his cooking class at Little House, Ojai. Cost: $5 per person. For more details call 646-7982. Chef Randy Graham’s book is packed with savory, healthy, appetizers, soups, salads and main dishes. All the recipes are made properly are super delicious. Chef Randy Graham’s book is available on bookstores or via bookstores online and on Amazon.com, but why pay more? His book is available on Nov. 29 for $15 at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzeiro Ave., his cooking class at Little House, Ojai. Cost: $5 per person. For more details call 646-7982.

**CONCEPT OF TIME** — Visit LabelGMOs.org and provide. Donations are appreciated. For more information or to make a free donation call 646-3640.

**COOL** — The Ojai Historical Society held a free tour of the Nordhoff High School campus. Guides will be available. The tours are held Dec. 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. Held by Ojai’s Little Friends. For more details call 646-7982.

**COOKBOOK SIGNING** — Chef Randy Graham will sign his book at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzeiro Ave., for purchase on Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. In addition, Chef Randy Graham will sign his book at the Ojai Valley Studio, 410-A Bryant St., Ojai. Book is available on Amazon. The book includes 80 fresh, healthy recipes for the season. Come and meet the author! For reservations call 646-8946 for more information.

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**CULTURAL** — “Mythical Journey of the Bhagavad-Gita As It Is” will be held at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzeiro Ave., starting at 7 p.m., Nov. 29. The evening will include an open discussion of the book by the group. The only requirement for participation is a love of the Bhagavad-Gita. The book is available. For more information, call 805-646-7982. Contact the Ojai Living Treasure, Nelson at 646-2653. A live music, dance, and craft event that will kick off the holiday season, “A Winter Holiday Celebration,” will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Ojai Valley Civic Center, 18 Valley Road. The event will feature entertainment including live music from Madrigali, face painting, food, and games. Pet therapy will be provided by Ojai’s Little Friends. The event is a fundraiser for the Ojai Valley Civic Center and the Ojai Community Foundation with proceeds benefitting the NHS music program, the Ojai Valley Community Foundation, and the Ojai Lions Club. A pet therapy demonstration will be held. The event is sponsored by the Ojai Valley Civic Center. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for ages 6 to 18. Meet Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ojai Citrus Extravaganza at the Ojai Civic Center, 167 W. Ojai Ave., Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a benefit for the Ojai Lions Club, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Exercise is free, donations are welcome. For more details call 646-2653.
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Paintings at Gallery 353

Ojai Gallery 353, 335 Montana Road, Ojai, will display paintings by local artists including Tamara Gold, Lynn Simon, and Timothy Markonis on Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at its inaugural show. Shown above is “Ojai Hills” by Franklin. Call 798-0010 or contact jeff@ojaigallery353.com.

Art show also benefits Help of Ojai

You are invited to the “Art Fundraising Exhibition,” a benefit show for Ojai’s professional artists who have focused primarily on exhibiting their pastel paintings in their collaborative shows, but this show is different. Many of the artists create art using other mediums, including pencil, charcoal, inks, acrylics, oils, sculpture, etc., which they have selected carefully for this event in addition to their pastel-painted paintings.

The show will run Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bert Collin’s West Hills Gallery, 1360 Cuyama Road, Ojai. Come meet the artists at the receptions between 1 and 3 p.m. each day, and enjoy refreshments while viewing the show. A reception for the artists will be held Sunday, Call 646-4605, or visit www.tealrowe.com.

Late Night Screenings

9:00pm Saturday night
Ojai Playhouse
November 19th

Zoolander

Directed by Stiller, Zoolander (2001, PG-13) is a comedy famous for its Jessalyn Fornes. Gerard and Peter Dinklage are a power couple in the modeling business who stumbles across a political scheme (with himself as a pawn) concocted by a powerful fashion mogul. Treat yourself to this ridiculous, laugh-out-loud comedy with performances by Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell, Christine Taylor, and its另一星Jude Klement for $50 during the reception. The artists will also host a gallery fund-raising event sure to appeal to all humanitarian-art collectors and artists at this art exhibit. The artists have chosen the local nonprofit organization, Help of Ojai, as the beneficiary of their humanitarian fund-raising efforts this holiday season. With every $5 donation made (100 percent goes to Help of Ojai, you will be eligible to win original artwork, prints and other fine prizes. You do not have to be present to win. We hope you will join us for a day of artistic delights and help us in our achieving our humanitarian fund-raising efforts this holiday season,” says Corradi. “The Holiday Home Look In Tour show, hosting an eclectic mix of Ojai’s architectural treasures is also happening in Ojai this weekend. Our gallery is centrally located to the Holiday Look homes and events.”

For more information, call 705-9955.

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Rangers open playoffs vs. Bosco Tech

NHS football looking to make a run at a CIF title starting tonight can change a team's season.

If the Tigers play too much defense, Driftka will look to发挥) receiver for the Rangers this season. The senior has 101 stops this season. "We had great contributions from our guys that were healthy to play every down," said Head coach Tyler Wiggins echoed what Wyers said. "The season didn't start for our guys; we expect Natalie will have a pivotal role in the post this season. She has grown taller and stronger and can play inside or outside. She will allow us to change what we do on either side of the court," added Pierson.

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Here's a short, fun trail that's close to town, while offering a number of interesting options for longer hikes. From the top of a hill, you'll get a unique view of the Ventura River, Simeons Oaks and Lake Casitas.

A 10-minute drive from Ojai up Highway 33, the Cozy Dell Trailhead is located near a concrete bridge at Sheldon Canyon, just south of Friedericks Ranches packinghouse. Park on the other side of the highway, directly across from the trail.

The going is rocky at first as you briefly dip into the usually dry creek bed, before starting to switchback up the south side of the canyon. The trail is shaded by oaks much of the way and basically climbs, drops, and repeats. There are a few easy creek crossings and some poison oak, but no other trails or roads cross Cozy Dell Trail until you arrive at Cozy Dell Road, two miles from the start. Take a break on some rocks and enjoy the view from a grassy section of trail at the top of the first ridge, as the Ventura River snakes away toward the coast.

The trail gets much less rocky from the top of the first hill, becoming an easy stroll as you drop into a serene part of the canyon before climbing again. A fond memory of this stretch of Cozy Dell Trail is the perfectly intact Slim Jim I found, still in its wrapper, lying beside the trail in the dewy grass one Sunday morning. The plan was to continue past Cozy Dell Road another 15 miles, up Pratt Trail and down Gridley Trail back to Ojai, and what normally would have gone in the trash went into a very hungry hiker once his energy bars had run out — an acceptable, delicious risk.

For longer hikes, once you hit Cozy Dell Road, make a left turn and walk two miles uphill to a saddle with Pratt Trail. It's four miles from the saddle to Northridge Ridge and beyond, or head downhill to Foothill Road and Ojai.
OVLC receives grant from Patagonia

Darcy Gamble
OVLC executive director

Last week Sandy Buechley, a Patagonia employee and friend of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, represented Patagonia in presenting a $20,000 grant to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy for continued work on the Ventura River Steelhead Preserve.

OVLC received the “miracle grant” from the outdoor retail company. The money will be used to help finance the restoration of the Ventura River Steelhead Preserve.

"Residents of the Ojai Valley and western Ventura County continue to realize that, despite our work, we have not achieved the wildness that we have dreamed," said OVLC executive director Greg Gamble. "We are taking steps to assure that this valuable resource is protected. With the Ventura River Steelhead Preserve, we are partnering with federal officials to assure that there will be a leaning toward the protection of the ocean. This is an important money that will help us create a sustainable, living, working environment that we can pass on to future generations."
Boy Scouts upgrade Ventura River County Water District office

Do you wish you could have a low-maintenance, attractive, edible, and water-saving garden? Help is on the way. An Ocean Friendly Demonstration Garden is under construction at the Ojai United Methodist Church. Ojai, local artist and sculptor Scott Ricksen, along with Marilyn Johnston-Scott and a few other folks from the Ojai Academy for the Arts, said, “This will be a beautiful, educationally focused art display that is dedicated to educating and empowering artists as they find full self-expression; healing them and finding a purpose.”

Cardinali Brothers Music teams with Ojai Academy for the Arts

Cardinali Brothers Music in Meiners Oaks recently graduated from the Aviation Survival Technician Class “A” course, which was promoted to his current rank at Coast Guard. Thorp and fellow students were instructed in a variety of hostile environments, water rescue operations, and a rescue swimmer. As a rescuer, he will be expected to perform tasks while completing very rigorous physical training and water rescue training. Upon completion of the program, graduates are qualified to perform tasks in subjects such as maintenance, management, plumbing, military water, and water rescue operations. Upon graduation, graduates will be employed as a basic water rescue technician. They will also be eligible to attend the Coast Guard’s Petty Officer Academy.

The next work day will be on Nov. 26 starting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided, cooked scout-style.

A Choir for King’s

Children from the King’s Academy children’s choir, Gala Beveridge, and American Legion’s Veteran’s Day breakfast, American Legion Post 482 is located at 843 E. Ojai Ave. The garden sang “America, the Beautiful,” and “God Bless America.”

The Ojai Valley Bridge Results

The Ojai Valley Bridge results were: 1st N/S, Richard Dickason and Marvil Dickason; 1st E/W, Barbara Myers and Ina Daniels; 2nd N/S, Irene Ritter and Judith Murphy; 3rd N/S, Bonny Letizia and Nancy①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧⑨⑩⑪⑫⑬⑭⑮⑯⑰⑱⑲⑳㉑㉒㉓㉔㉕㉖㉗㉘㉙㉚㉛㉜㉝㉞㉟㊁㊂㊃㊄㊅㊆㊇㊈㊉㊊㊋㊌㊍㊎㊏㊐啴 фев AsStringAsync

In Uniform

Marine Corps PFC

Michael B. Thorp, son of Claudia L. and Burton F. Thorp, graduated from the Naval Special Warfare Support Technician Basic Course while assigned as a student at The Thacher School, Ojai, and joined the Marine Corps in February 2011. Thorp is a 2010 graduate of Nordhoff High School and joined the Coast Guard in April 2011. Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Winters is a 2007 graduate of Wasatch High School and joined the Marine Corps in February 2011. Winters, son of Cheryl L. and Joel Winters, attends at The Thacher School, Ojai, and recently graduated from the Aviation Survival Technician Class “A” course, and was promoted to his current rank at Coast Guard. Winters was instructed in a variety of hostile environments, water rescue operations, and a rescue swimmer. As a rescuer, he will be expected to perform tasks while completing very rigorous physical training and water rescue training. Upon completion of the program, graduates are qualified to perform tasks in subjects such as maintenance, management, plumbing, military water, and water rescue operations. Upon graduation, graduates will be employed as a basic water rescue technician. They will also be eligible to attend the Coast Guard’s Petty Officer Academy.

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