Driver escapes grade crash

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Truck driver Gary Raymundo narrowly escaped injury after his semitruck jackknifed over the side of Dennison Grade on Highway 150 Thursday morning.

Raymundo said he was driving up the grade when he swerved to avoid a deer that was crossing the road. The truck driver reportedly lost control of the semi and went over the side of the road, hanging sideways over the steep hillside below.

"The deer just jumped out from nowhere! I just swerved," said the 52-year-old truck driver on the side of his truck parked on the edge of the drop. "It was just instinct, I guess. When I hit the edge, I thought I was going to go down the mountain, and I jumped out as fast as I could."

Raymundo admits that he was very lucky that he was able to walk away from the crash adding that his trailer was empty at the time of the crash.

"If the truck had been loaded, I was saying, simplex, sharply bracing his arm, "I would have rolled all the way down there. The fire department was here... I had an angle riding with me."

Raymundo said he was on his way to meet a contractor near the Summito Overpass. No one was injured and no other vehicles were involved in the crash. The semi was later removed from its perch by two tow trucks. Unconfirmed reports indicate the truck was in good condition after being hoisted off the hillside.

Museum condor ‘soars’ into new home

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Ojai museum moves sculpture with help of cranes

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The museum moved the sculpture using cranes over the course of two days, from the back of the property to a prominent location in front of the museum.

"The sculpture, originally designed by Carlye Montgomery, was vandalized last year and was subsequently refurbished by arts at City Hall before being placed back at the museum.

Ventura cops arrest stolen car suspect in Oak View

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Arrests

A semitruck driver on the edge of the Dennison Grade before two trucks arrived. No one was injured in the crash.

Smart Meter debate rages on

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Whether they adamantly oppose, don’t know much about them, or may be in the wake of the future, Ojai residents are buzzing about Smart Meters. Southern California Edison (SCE) began installing these gadgets around 2006; the 'debate' has now made its way to Ojai.

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Long emphasized the potential for price savings for customers by allowing them to see their power use in real-time, as well as the potential for homeowners to set up alerts or alerts to shut off the electricity supply in case of a fire.

Artists

Beats Art: Tim Wood

"To know them is to love them, and to love them is to understand them," said Wood.

"Their music has a way of transporting you to another time and place," he added.

"I think they have a unique ability to bring people together through their music and their message. They truly are a unique and special group of artists."
Melody Badgett — OVN contributor

The Ojai Valley News has announced its Honoring Our Community, nominating one partner of 1% for the Planet (1% for the Planet) located in Ojai. 1% for the Planet is a movement of over 1,380 companies, investors, and individuals working to help fund these diverse environmental organizations committed to the protection of our community. Its formation was inspired by Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, who in 2002 established 1% for the Planet as a nonprofit environmental organization.

Currently, the fund has a total of $25,000. The Defense Committee is made up of prominent members of the Ojai community. The fund's board of directors is comprised of 37 organizations from the environmental sector, including the Ojai Valley Fire Protection District and the Ojai Valley Community Foundation.

OJAI VALLEY NEWS is a publication of the Ojai News, Ojai Valley News, and Ojai Valley Fire Protection District. It provides information about Ojai, its residents, and the surrounding area.

Neighborhood wildlife safety, Upper Ojai area

The next neighborhood wildlife safety presentation will be held on Saturday, March 23, at the 500 block of Palomar Road in Upper Ojai, Ojai Valley. It will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and all residents are welcome to attend.

Lightning risk comes to life in the Ojai Valley; Ojai, Calif.

On Saturday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., the Ojai Valley Fire Protection District will host a presentation on lightning risk in the Ojai Valley. The event will be held at the 500 block of Palomar Road in Upper Ojai, Ojai Valley. Cost is $25. For more information, call 646-4904 or 798-7140.
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BENEFIT DANCE — Join us Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m., for a benefit dance. All proceeds will go to Ojai Valley Green. For more information, call 798-5193.

“HOW TO STAY STRESS FREE” — On March 27 at 6:30 p.m., in the lounge, The Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave. Admission is $10 for the general public and free for Ojai Valley Playhouse subscribers. To reserve a place, call 646-1446. For more information, call 798-5193.

FOOD, DRINKS & MUSIC — To celebrate the “Forks Over Knives” movie review, David Whipple-Goldsmith will be at the Ojai Playhouse on Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m., at 798-5193.

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drink, talk, or dance. All proceeds will go to Ojai Youth Club, a nonprofit, non-denominational, non-political organization. Call 640-1170 for more information.

On Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, you can enjoy an Italian spread featuring pasta dishes, warm rolls, and fresh desserts. A Silent Auction will begin at 7 p.m. to benefit the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

**Nuts a good loaf**

A headline for an article on a report by the Ventura County Medical Society about cancer and heart disease. For men and women alike, an alternative to meat are “meat” loaf sandwiches. The article reads: "Women who use it as an entire or part of sandwich filling, this nutty loaf is a tasty alternative to the tradition meat loaf." The article goes on to discuss the nutritional benefits of nuts and how they can be incorporated into a healthy diet.

**Highlighted diversity in Ojai**

The Ojai Valley is home to a rich diversity of people, cultures, and traditions. The diversity of the Ojai Valley is celebrated through events like the Ojai WordFest and the Ojai Festival of Consciousness, which bring together people from all over the world to share their stories and perspectives.

**Education**

Several educational events are scheduled for the week, including a discussion group about the book "Caleb's Crossing" and a talk on "Life Spiritual Center," which will take place at Meditation Mount on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking and admission; donations appreciated.

**Entertainment**

A range of entertainment options are available in the Ojai Valley this week, including a comedy show at the Ojai "Day School," a concert at the Ojai "Day School," and a film screening at Meditation Mount. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit meditationmount.org.

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"That Easter Hat in the Window" is on display through April 30 at the Ojai Art Center. Admission is free.

The Happy Valley Foun- dation supports a series of educational demonstrations on three consecutive Saturdays, beginning 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21, 22 and 29 with artist Valentine Grau at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery Road, Ojai. The center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is closed on Sundays.

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Rain dampens WTT, but not spirits

Rick Thompson

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The incomparable ladies at Pacific Western

...A well-groomed young woman was walking along the banks of the river, her long hair flowing in the breeze. She was wearing a flowing white dress and carrying a beautiful bouquet of flowers. She was clearly enjoying a beautiful day outdoors, taking in the peace and tranquility of the natural surroundings.

...The sun was shining brightly, casting a warm glow over everything it touched. The water of the river was crystal clear, sparkling in the sunlight and reflecting the surrounding trees. The birds were chirping happily, adding to the serene atmosphere. It was a perfect day for a walk along the riverbank.
First Church of Christ, Scientist (Shirley), 8 is the subject of this Sunday’s service at 10 a.m. It is based on a passage from the New Testament, “The goodness of God.” Those who wish to enjoy a joyous morning service and Sunday school begin at 10 a.m. The grandmothers of the Oaks, 530 W. El Roblar Ave. Child care is provided.

Women’s Club, 441 E. Ojai Ave. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Ojai Valley Community Center. Karen Wylie’s topic will be “The One God and the One Life.” People of all ages, Thinking, Change Your Viewpoint, Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Community Center. See Wylie’s book, “Healing the Two ”

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