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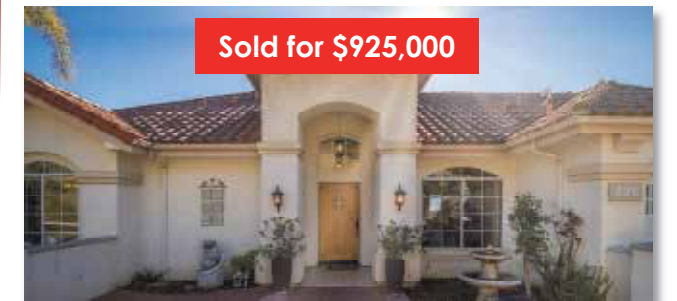


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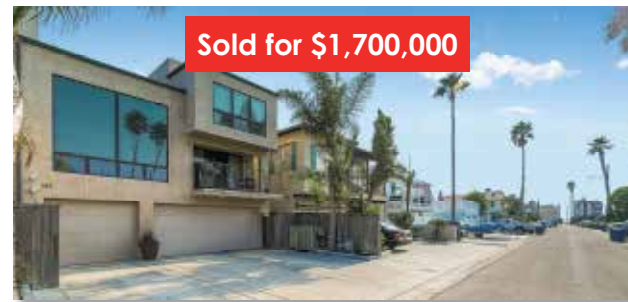
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## DISCOVER OJAI MONTHLY



Bret Bradigan

### YOUNGER SIBLINGS ALSO RISE

Ilona Saari's profile of the Everett family — see pages 12-15 — illustrates that Ojai is a family affair. As the fifth of six children, a coincidence I share with Ojai resident and artist-actor James Morrison, I am particular sensitive to birth order and its effects on our nurture.

As far as coincidences go, one of my favorites is that Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were both born on the same day, February 12, 1809. Together, they did more to define the 19th century than any other two people.

Lincoln was born poor, Darwin to a well-to-do, progressive family. Lincoln was the second of three children, the third of which died stillborn and took Lincoln's beloved mother with him. Darwin was the fifth of six children. Birth order used to be a prime determinant.

According to the Francis Sulloway's fascinating book, "Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives," the further down in the birth order you are, the more likely you are to rebel against the status quo, to forge your own path and make unexpected connections and find creative solutions.

Sulloway's theory has been hotly debated, and there's little proof that birth order is as determinate as he claimed. But what may be true for our age — in which peer relationships play a much larger effect on personality traits — in the past, when our sibling relationships often predominated, birth order was key.

In Sulloway's 1996 book, "he suggested that birth order had powerful effects on the Big Five personality traits. He argued that firstborns were much more conscientious and socially dominant, less agreeable, and less open to new ideas compared to laterborns," according to his wikipedia entry. You can see that play out with Lincoln, who left his hardscrabble farm for the life of a country lawyer, or Darwin, who upended the entire field of science with his 20-year-plus study of natural selection in "Origin of Species." It is worth noting that Alfred Russell Wallace, who independently discovered natural selection, was also the fifth of six children. In those days, the career choices for laterborns boiled down to either soldier or priest. Lincoln, Darwin and Wallace instead chose to take on the establishment.

In Ojai's case, our founders were typically first borns; Edward Drummond Libbey and Krishnamurti foremost. Keep in mind that Krishnamurti's father was a Theosophist, so for him becoming their guru fit with the plan. He eventually did rebel, in his famous "Truth is a Pathless Land" essay, perhaps under the influence of Ojai's warm sun and open attitudes. And in Libbey's case, he took over his father's glass business, but with innovations and entrepreneurial energy, became the tycoon and philanthropist who was instrumental in building the Ojai we know today.

Edward Thacher, founder of the eponymous school that looms large in Ojai's history, brought out his half sibling, Sherman Day Thacher, to help him out with his growing concerns (pun intentional), both the school (motto: "Teach a boy to shoot a rifle, ride a horse, and tell the truth") and his citrus orchards.

So if you squint just right, you'll see that in many ways, Ojai's origin was a family affair. It continues to be. At least, in this splintering world, let's hope so.



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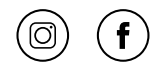
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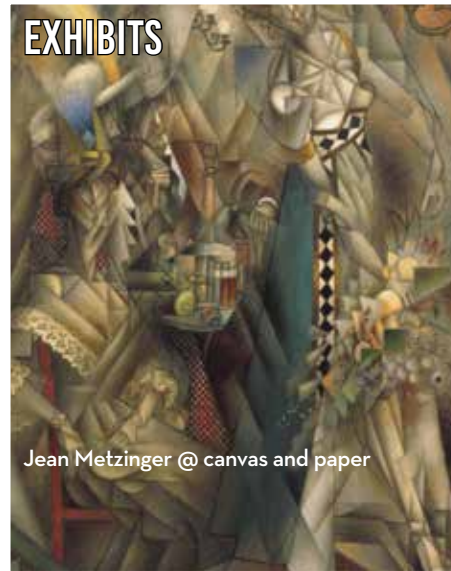
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# JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Jean Metzinger @ canvas and paper

## MAY 27 - JULY 25

**"Paintings by Jean Metzinger"**

Times: Thursday - Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Location: canvas and paper,

311 North Montgomery Street

Contact: [canvasandpaper.org](http://canvasandpaper.org)

canvas and paper is a non-profit exhibition space showing paintings and drawings from the 20th century and earlier in thematic and single artist exhibits.

## JUNE 13

**"The Ounce Project" with Kevin Mills**

Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Online

Contact: [Team@FlourishOjai.com](mailto:Team@FlourishOjai.com)

Phone: 805-707-0070

Through this 90-minute journey, guided by author and master storyteller Kevin Mills, you will find yourself magnetized by a whimsically illustrated tale of Nunu. With her, you will share conversations with Grandma Owl, Mr. Monkey, and Moonlight, her Dog. Each encounter reveals a piece to the puzzle. Follow Nunu as she falls into her dreamland. Dream alongside her to help her as she searches for her Missing Ounce.

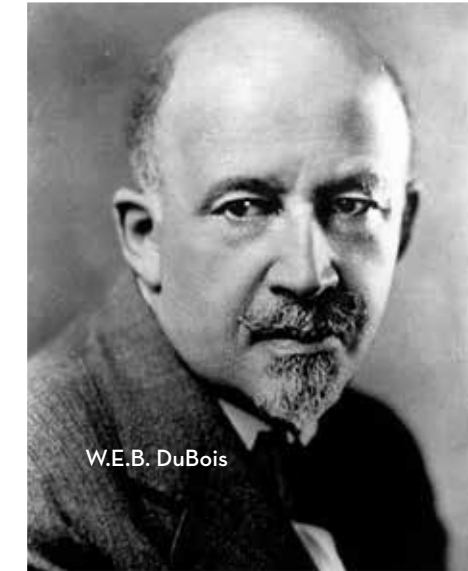
## JUNE 18

**"Downtown Ojai — Third Friday"**

Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

336 East Ojai Avenue

Ojai's monthly free Third Friday Event Series offers a chance to experience conversations with local artists, light refreshments, and live music at downtown art venues. Many stores stay open late with special events and shopping.



W.E.B. DuBois

## JUNE 22

**"Ojai Rotary Clubs' Living Treasures"**

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: 130 West Ojai Avenue

The Rotary Clubs of Ojai induct the 2021-2022 Ojai Living Treasures and honor the 2020-2021 Ojai Living Treasures. On the patio of the Ojai Valley Museum. Treasures are nominated by community members for their service and dedication, then selected by a joint committee of the two clubs.

## THURSDAYS

**"Ojai: Talk of the Town" Podcast**

New episodes come out Thursday evenings through OjaiHub.com newsletter. Sign up at OjaiHub.com. Recent interviews include Malcolm McDowell on the 50th anniversary of "A Clockwork Orange," and Dr. Tiffany Morse on reopening Ojai's public schools during a pandemic. Available wherever you catch your podcasts.

## STAY TUNED

**Tierra Sol Institute's "Muses on the Mount"**

The institute is curating shows for the benefit of Meditation Mount, which recently re-opened its doors after the Thomas Fire. Recent Muses on the Mount performances included RyX, Orpheo and Rachel McCord, and also painter Vera Long and sound bowl artists Trinity of Sound.

Contact: To be notified of events in April and May, go to [tierrasoljai.org](http://tierrasoljai.org) and [meditationmount.org](http://meditationmount.org).

## WEEKLY

**Certified Farmers Market**

Every Sunday

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Location: Matilija Street city parking lot behind the Arcade. Open air market featuring locally grown produce, as well as plants, musicians and handmade items.

## EVERY DAY

**Farmer & The Cook**

Location: 339 West

El Roblar Avenue, Meiners Oaks

Times: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This popular farm-to-kitchen destination has reopened, with usual precautions in place to reduce exposure to coronavirus.

## HIRSCH EARNS OJAI LIFETIME ARTS AWARD

The City of Ojai Arts Commission announced Barbara Hirsch as the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts.

Hirsch has devoted significant time and resources in Ojai to almost every aspect of the arts. She served on the City's Arts Commission from 2007 to 2013. Her contributions included adding to the City's public art; acquiring art works for the City of Ojai Art Collection displayed in City Hall; enhancing art at the Ojai Museum, and in the landscape throughout the City under the City of Ojai Arts Ordinance.

Mrs. Hirsch has chaired the local organization Operation Picasso since 2003, creating a healing environment through art installation, an art collection of local artists and programs for Ojai Valley Community Hospital.



TIARZHA TAYLOR

Tiarzha Taylor was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, where her father, Sterling Taylor and mother, Sonia Madden, became community leaders, fighting for equity and civil rights, inspiring Tiarzha and many others as role models.

When she was twelve, Tiarzha’s mother had moved to New York from Puerto Rico. She taught herself English and was the first in her family to attend college. Tiarzha’s father was raised in New York where he and Sonia met.

At Dimond High School, Tiarzha was voted Vice President of the Student Council, Varsity Cheerleader, “Most Spirited,” top sprinter, and the school’s first Homecoming Queen of color! After graduating high school, she initially thought of becoming a pediatrician, and later a journalist. She enrolled in UCLA, earning a

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TIARZHA TAYLOR AND DANNY EVERETT'S WEDDING DAY

TIARZHA  
TAYLOR  
& DANNY  
EVERETT



THE EVERETT FAMILY INCLUDES KARYS, DANNY, COLE, TIARZHA AND AVA

B.A. in Communications and Business, then later an MBA in Business Administration from the Anderson School. When asked why UCLA, she answered, “first and foremost it was, of course, a great school, but they also accepted me right away so I didn’t have to fill out applications to more schools, and I was ready to live in California where it was warm and sunny year-round!”

Meanwhile, Danny Everett and his two siblings (brother Greg “Mack” and sister, Stephanie) began life in Texas where their dad, Samuel Monroe Everett, worked in road construction, and their mom Willie Grace McMillan, was an assembly-line supervisor at Texas Instruments. After Danny’s family migrated to South Central Los Angeles when Danny was in the third grade, his mother became the breadwinner as a housekeeper after his father was injured in a construction accident. Danny was surrounded by poverty, drugs and gang and gun violence, but thanks to his mother and his internal fortitude, he stayed off the streets and focused on school.



DANNY EVERETT - COMPETING IN BARCELONA

At Fairfax High he ran track for the first time in his

sophomore year, but left the team the following year. However, his coach wouldn’t be denied, and pulled Danny out of class, insisting he rejoin the team, reminding Danny of his enormous talent. Danny was not sure about track, his dream was to become a pilot, but all placements for Air Force pilot training were filled, so after graduation, Danny enlisted in the Army as a cook. But fate had other ideas. Before graduating from Fairfax, Danny ran an extraordinary time in the 400 meters at the famous high school California State invitational track meet in Arcadia. He literally went from unknown to superstar overnight.

After receiving a multitude of scholarship offers, he accepted the one from UCLA, where the administration was able to unenlist him from the Army and get him on the right track that would eventually lead him to become an NCAA star, Olympian and world record holder.

At UCLA a friend introduced Tiarzha to her future Olym-

pian. Was it love at first sight? Danny says yes. He’d watch her in class, too shy to approach her, but when they were reintroduced after she became a volunteer manager for the track team, Danny would wait for her with flowers in hand outside of her part-time job on campus. After she put him off with that dreaded cliché that she “just wanted to be friends,” he did become her friend, but knowing that the race is won by the persistent, eventually won her heart.

Danny’s track career soared and he became one of the top 400-meter runners in the world, winning Gold & Bronze medals in 1988 Olympics (Seoul, Korea), and Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the World Championships in Rome and Tokyo. He’s set seven world records in track and has been ranked #3 in the world. He was inducted in UCLA’s Hall of Fame in 2003.

As a child, Danny had become fascinated by the art of cooking. He’d watch his grandmother meticulously prepare family Thanksgiving meals from scratch, using her hands as her measuring tools. He also loved to watch his father barbecuing, and his mom making nightly meals, all with a little “southern soul.” When Danny was only ten, he was already cooking the family meals. He maintained his passion for cooking and expanded his palate as he sampled the world’s cuisines while travelling the globe for track competitions. Infused with a revived passion for food, he enrolled in the LA Culinary Institute. When he wasn’t competing in track, he worked as Pastry Chef at the Ritz Carlton, and appeared on “Good Morning America” for a segment on holiday baking.

After graduating from UCLA, the couple moved to Valley Village, a suburb of L.A., then a few years later to their home in Calabasas where they married in their backyard. Tiarzha’s corporate career flourished in leadership positions in Corporate Social Responsibility, Strategic Philanthropy & Inclusion and Community Outreach, becoming a Manager, Executive Director and Vice President for various Fortune 500 companies and Foundations, including Warner Bros. Records, Bank of America and Nissan North America, Inc. where she immersed herself in the non-profit side of the corporate world.

While still students, Tiarzha and Danny would visit a friend in Ojai who’d been a student at Thacher School and had become a member of its Board of Trustees. These visits triggered fond memories of towns in Alaska and Texas where they had grown up, and, in 1999, they moved to Upper Ojai to start their family, now consisting of daughters Karys and Ava, and son Cole.

As their family expanded, their commitment to leadership and community expanded as well. Inspired by her parents,

Tiarzha is very active in the Ojai community. Her focus is centered on public education, health, women and children. “To practice kindness and compassion and find a way to help someone in need, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation economic status are the values I was taught and teach my children.” And, she practices what she teaches. She served as Board Member, Co-President and President of the Ojai Education Foundation for six years, and served either on the PTO or Site Council for Summit Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School and Matilija Middle School. She was a volunteer and Vice President of the Ojai Roadrunners Youth Track & Field Club for eight years. For the past seven years, she has served on the Steering Committee of the Ojai Women’s Fund (OWF) which raises money for local non-profits, in roles as Co-Chair of Membership, Finance, and their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force. She is also currently a three-year Board Member of the Ojai Valley Community Hospital Foundation. Danny’s commitment to the community includes serving in various roles as Coach, Head Coach and President of the Ojai Roadrunners. For ten years, he also volunteered his time and resources to host “Culinary Day” for elementary school students in Summit and San Antonio Elementary School. Starting with inspiration from his elder daughter, Karys, when she was in the 1st grade, Danny introduced food education to kids early, and helped them expand their palettes. This dedication garnered him the Ojai Unified School District’s “Volunteer of the Year” award.

Currently Tiarzha works in the Advancement Office at Cate School while Danny continues his role as the Sprint Coach at Nordhoff. Danny also integrated his love for cooking and world travel to launch SoulFête! (“Soul Celebration”) a catering and culinary event series of multi-cultural cuisine. He’s now a full-fledged caterer and private chef, specializing in elevated soul food and multi-cultural, healthful, cuisine with a “Southern” twist.

**In Upper Ojai, they practice living sustainably.** They raise chickens, ducks, turkeys ... even pigs, and grow fresh fruits and vegetables. Karys, son Cole, and younger daughter Ava, are all active in social justice and environmental causes. All have been members of the 4-H Club and have enjoyed performing on stage in school and community theater productions. They are also athletes who run track, and Cole plays tennis. Danny, who still occasionally runs and rides his bike, now also plays tennis, a sport he began playing some years ago and has become an avid (perhaps, even addicted) player... a “game, set, match” love he’s passed onto his son. And, Karys, who will enter Cornell University this fall, was voted Nordhoff’s 2021 Homecoming Queen, following in her mom’s footsteps! Sonia, Tiarzha’s mother, moved to Ojai several years ago to live near her family. She, Karys and Ava, are also active members of the Ojai Women’s Fund,

serving as inter-generational members for the last four years. This experience has been a delight as they have been able to continue the tradition of working as a family to support philanthropy and to give back together.

Living in Upper Ojai has also had its challenges. The second start of the Thomas Fire began after the transformer in their front yard exploded. As the only African-American/Puerto Rican family in Upper Ojai for over 20 years, Danny and Tiarzha have cultivated long-lasting relationships and wonderful friendships with their neighbors. Disturbingly, however, our beautiful hamlet of Ojai is not immune to the overt racism prevalent in our society. Each of the children have been called the “N-word” and some kids have confided to them that other students warned them not to be their friends because they are black. Karys once went to a convenience store with white friends, where she was the only one asked to leave her backpack at the door, and was closely monitored while her friends were allowed to roam freely. Just recently, someone hurled out the “N-word” at Danny while he was jogging near Maricopa Highway.



DANNY - HOSTING CULINARY DAY AT A SCHOOL

In spite of these unsettling incidents, Tiarzha and Danny know how important it is to share their story, and fight for causes that will improve their community, just as their parents taught them, and just as they are teaching their children.

“We feel so fortunate for our life in the Ojai Community and the friends we have made. And as a family of color, we also choose not to let others’ ignorance define us and instead continue to give back and be examples for our children.”

Clearly, Tiarzha and her family hold fast to the legacy of giving back and making a difference. Given their imprint in the Ojai Valley, Tiarzha and Danny have just been designated by the Ojai Rotary West and the Rotary Club of Ojai as “Living Treasures of Ojai.”

A better description cannot be found.



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## Does A Pre-Approval Letter Really Help?

By **Therese A. Hartmann**

Unless you've been hiding under a rock, and some have to be fair, you'll know all too well what a competitive real estate market it is of late. It's not unheard of to have a home go on the market and within a few hours, attract multiple offers.

Yep, it's like THAT!

Now, if you're selling your home, it's normal to review all offers to find the strongest one. From what I've seen, the winning "bid" doesn't always go to the buyer offering the highest price, as my nephew and wife recently discovered. Even though their offer was \$10,000 under the highest offer, the owners selected them as their buyers of choice. The pre-approval letter I wrote and a heartfelt letter from them cinched the deal.

Now this might surprise some of you that an offer that was less would be accepted. However, it is a direct reflection of the strength of the buyers, the pre-approval letter and the quality of their offer. Having a good credit score is important as is employment history, size of the down payment and sincerity of the buyer. These qualities are summed up in a compelling pre-approval letter written by a good loan officer. We pull credit, we check borrower background and also check the property history itself.

As an example, I recently had a family who were first-time

homebuyers. They honestly didn't believe they had a chance at securing an accepted offer. When they came into my office, we did a little research on the sellers of the property they were interested in. It turned out the owner had been there for decades and had raised his family there. His wife had, tragically, passed away years before. This, according to the history on the property profile. We looked up her obituary and found this woman to have led a kind and compassionate life. She had taken in foster children and was very keen on having them participate in 4-H. Synchronistically, this couple was ALSO planning on raising their little girl and having her in 4-H. This fact, along with their hopes and dreams of owning a home went into a letter addressed to the owner.

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# SAFETY FIRST

## Six Easy Home Security Tips

By Aimee Jo Davis-Varela



A low crime rate is just one of the many reasons folks are drawn to the Ojai Valley. Feeling safer at home and being able to walk around the village after dark are nice perks of living in a small town. But even if you live in a low-crime area, it never hurts to take a few measures to make you and your family feel even more secure at home.

To help keep you, your family, and your guests safe, here is a checklist of easy steps you can take to increase security, as well as a couple of suggestions that take a little more effort but that are well worth it.

**1. Check existing hardware:** The first step is just making sure what you already have is working. Check all of your doors and windows to make sure they close, latch, and lock properly. Keep in mind that window and door locks are for keeping people out and keeping people in, so this is important to keep intruders out, but it is even more important to keep your little ones from accessing a pool or the street without you.

**2. Add additional security measures to windows:** Even if your windows close and lock properly, you can likely make them even more secure by adding a dowel in the track to keep the window from opening when locked or by purchasing window locks designed to attach to the track to allow the window to open only as

far as you would like.

**3. Add a video doorbell:** Video doorbells are ubiquitous at this point and take almost no skills to install or set up. Rechargeable options mean you don't even have to run wiring, and there are plenty of options available, including ones that allow you to have a conversation with someone who is at your door or gate or sending the video to police if a package is stolen from your porch. At the very least, the most basic models record who comes within range of the doorbell and allow you to see who is at your door before you answer it.

For a low-tech alternative, you can install a peephole in your door, but this will not let you check out who is on your porch while you are traveling out of state.

**4. Make your home a little smarter:** Converting your house into a fully automated smart home might seem like a bit much, but you can increase security by making your home just a little smarter. For example, smart plugs placed in one or more rooms allow you to control lamps or other items plugged into them from your phone.

For a lower-tech option, you can also just put some lights on timers, but controlling lights from an app on your phone is nice, especially when you are coming home unexpectedly late.

**5. Install a security system and cameras:** Advances in home security technology have made it possible to install a security system in a single afternoon without the help of professionals. This means that some kind of security system is accessible for most renters and homeowners. For intricate camera systems, you are better off hiring a professional who can help you choose the right system to fit your needs and advise you on camera placement.

**6. Keep your family and guests safer with outdoor lighting:** Adequate lighting makes your home and yards safer by guiding traffic, illuminating walking paths, reducing tripping hazards, and making sure first responders can see your address. Creative placement of landscape lighting and motion detector lights are also great ways to avoid shadowy corners and potential hiding spots for intruders.

**7. Add landscaping features that enhance security:** You can increase your home's security with how you design and maintain your landscaping. For example, planting thorny bushes under windows and keeping tree branches trimmed to reduce access to second-story points of entry are helpful deterrents. Make sure you keep bushes and trees pruned to allow for a clear line of sight to your main entry and to avoid creating hiding spots in your yard.

## FOUNDING FATHERS & MOTHERS



While Edward Drummond Libbey is rightfully regarded among Ojai's chief benefactors – having been behind the building of such Ojai landmarks as the Ojai Valley Inn, St. Thomas Aquinas Church (now the Museum), Post Office Tower and the Arcade – others have been very influential in shaping Ojai's identity. Here's a few:

**Annie Besant.** Free-thinker, feminist and noted Theosophist. Though she only spent a few days in Ojai, she brought Krishnamurti to Ojai, and helped buy hundreds of acres of property in Ojai, (now the sites of Besant Hill School and, along with A.P. Warrington, the Krotona Center) which she called "the smiling vale." She is considered one of the pioneers of introducing Eastern mystical thought to the West, and was an early advocate of India's independence. and the labor movement.



**Jiddu Krishnamurti.** The spiritual teacher and writer, came to Ojai in 1922, sponsored by the Theosophical Society, though he later broke with that group ("The Leaderless Path.") He gave talks to many thousands of people each year, in the Star Camps in the oak groves west of Ojai (now the site of Oak Grove School. He once held the Guinness Book of World Records for having spoken to the greatest number of people.



**Beatrice Wood.** The famed ceramicist's ("The Mama of Dada") greatest work of art may well have been her life. The irreverent, avant-garde Wood lived and worked in Ojai for decades until her death in 1998 at age 105. She inspired two classic movies, Francois Truffaut's "Jules et Jim," and James Cameron's "Titanic." She attributed her

longevity to "chocolate and young men." Her autobiography was appropriately titled, "I Shock Myself." Many of her distinctive, whimsical, luminous luster-glazed pieces are on display at her former home, now the Beatrice Wood Center, in upper Ojai.

**Sherman Day Thacher.** After coming West to farm and care for an ailing brother, the Yale-educated Thacher realized that he was going to need another source of income. So he founded The Thacher School in 1887. Now one of the most prestigious preparatory academies in the country, its founding creed was "teach a boy to ride, shoot and tell the truth." Also, in 1896, his brother William founded "The Ojai," the country's oldest amateur tennis tournament. Among Thacher's more illustrious students were industrialist, aviator and film producer Howard Hughes and three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and novelist Thornton Wilder, who wrote his first play while a Thacher student.



### Weather in Ojai

	Ave. High (°F)	Ave. Low	Precip.
Jan	67	36	5.04
Feb	67	38	5.24
March	70	41	3.35
April	74	43	1.22
May	78	48	.47
June	83	51	.12
July	89	56	.04
Aug.	91	55	.005
Sept.	87	53	.2
Oct.	80	47	.98
Nov.	73	40	1.69
Dec.	66	35	2.95

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Record High 115°	Year 2018	Population: Valley: (est.)	7,461 21,300
Record Low 16°	Year 1990	Households:: Elevation:	3,176 745



### OJAI QUICK FACTS:

The name "Ojai" is believed to be derived from the Ventureño Chumash word 'awha'y, meaning "moon." In 1837, Fernando Tico received a land grant and established a cattle ranch. Thomas A. Scott, who had financial success with oil and railroads, bought the Ojai Valley in 1864 for oil exploration. By 1868, Scott, through his agent Thomas Bard, began selling properties to homesteaders. By 1874, R.G. Surdam plotted out the town he would call Nordhoff, renamed Ojai in 1917.

Ojai is about 90 miles northwest of Los Angeles and 30 miles east of Santa Barbara. The valley is about 10 miles long by 3 miles wide, surrounded by hills and mountains; the rare east-west orientation with a slight southward tilt gives the valley an extraordinary sun exposure; Ojai's citrus and avocado crops are highly prized. This orientation also gives rise to Ojai as a spiritual destination.

It was due to the resources and organizing energy of Ohio glass manufacturer Edward Drummond Libbey that Nordhoff was rebuilt and renamed Ojai, inspired by the City Beautiful Movement. By 1917, with the construction of the Arcade and Post Office Tower, the town took its present shape.

The city's self-styled nickname is "Shangri-La," based on the story that Ojai was the backdrop (later left on the editing room floor) from the 1937 movie as the mystical sanctuary of James Hilton's novel "Lost Horizon."



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Randy Graham is a noted chef and writer and has been a lacto-ovo vegetarian for over 38 years. Chef Randy has written and published a series of seven cookbooks with original recipes developed over the period 1975 through 2020. He writes for the *Ojai Quarterly*, *the Ojai Monthly*, and the *California 101 Travelers Guide*. His vegetarian recipes are published in newspapers throughout Central California under the header, Chef Randy. He and his wife, Robin, live in Ojai, California, with their dog Cooper. Robin and Cooper are not vegetarians.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1-1/2 teaspoons Ancho chile powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 red bell peppers (seeded and cut into quarters)
- 1 medium eggplant (cut into 1/2-inch rounds)
- 4 medium zucchini (halved lengthwise)
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups baby arugula
- 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro (chopped)
- Lemon wedges

## DIRECTIONS:

Preheat grill on medium-high heat (about 450 degrees).

In a medium bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup of the olive oil, lemon juice, coriander, chile powder, garlic powder, paprika, and cumin, salt and cayenne pepper. Set this dressing aside.

Place bell peppers, eggplant and zucchini in a large baggie along with remaining three tablespoons olive oil. Add ground pepper to taste. Close baggie and shake vigorously until veggies are well coated with oil.

Grill veggies for four minutes on one side, turn over and grill for another four minutes on the other side. You want the veggies to be cooked throughout and have nice grill marks on the outside. Remove from grill.

Arrange arugula on a large platter. Cut eggplant rounds in half and place in concentric circles on top of the outside edge of lettuce, leaving center empty. Cut bell pepper and zucchini into 1-inch pieces and mound in center. Drizzle with half of the dressing and garnish with cilantro.



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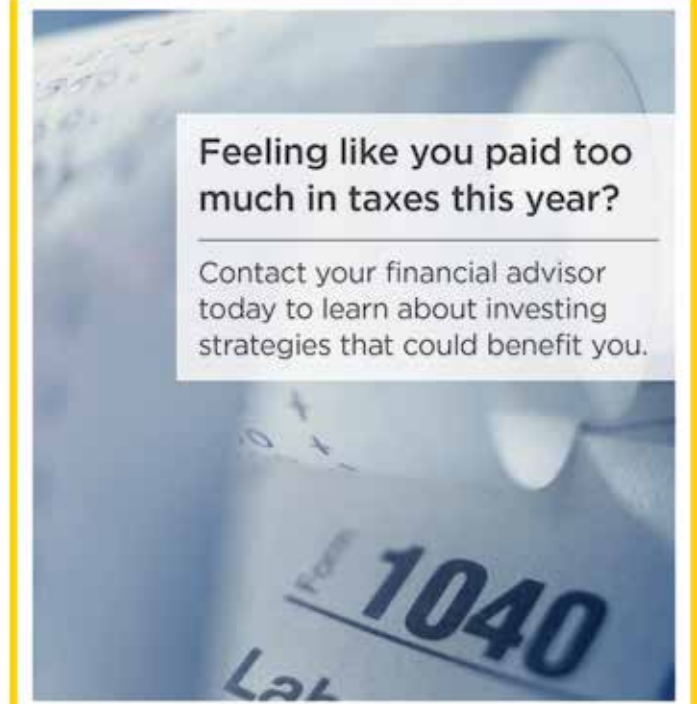
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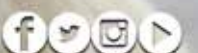
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