



POLICE BLOTTER

REPORTED CRIMES

• A Sony laptop, flash drive, modem, Sanyo cell phone and a wallet were reportedly taken from a residence in the 300 block of West Aliso Street May 24.

• An Ojai man reported the fraudulent use of a credit card online for goods worth more than \$3,000 May 25.

• Vandalism to a truck in the 600 block of Goodhope Avenue was reported June 2. The loss was listed at less than \$400.

• A Treo smart phone and leather case valued at \$600 were reportedly taken from an Ojai Avenue service station rest room June 3.

• Vandalism to windows and a door jam at a business in the 1900 block of East Ojai Avenue was reported June 4.

• Traffic cones placed for safety on Bryant Circle were reportedly stolen June 6.

• A Sony car stereo, wallet containing \$10 cash, credit card and an insurance identification card were reportedly taken from a vehicle on Matilija Canyon Road after a vehicle window was

Pro were reportedly taken from a residence in the 10600 block of Creek Road June 9. The loss was listed at \$6,985.

• Vandalism to a vehicle in the 100 block of North Encinal Avenue was reported June 8.

• A MacBrook Pro, a Motorola Blackberry, a credit card and a debit card were reportedly taken from a vehicle parked at mile marker 1.7 on Matilija Canyon Road June 10.

• Graffiti was reported at the Libbey Park rest room area June 10.

• Vandalism to vehicles in the 900 block of East Ojai Avenue, 2200 block of Maricopa Highway and 1300 block of Gregory Street was reported June 11.

CITES AND ARRESTS

• An Oak View man was arrested at his residence June 3 on suspicion of making criminal threats.

• A transient man was arrested at Libbey Park June 8 on suspicion of public intoxication.

• An Ojai man was arrested at his residence June 8 on suspicion of making criminal threats and elder abuse against two people



Photo by Rob Clement

Teach Their Children Well

Chosen by their peers for excellence in and out of the classroom, eight teachers and eight classified employees of the Ojai Unified School District were selected as Employees of the Year by the Ojai Education Foundation. Pictured from left are Christine Peterson of Mira Monte Elementary, Steve Gard of Matilija Junior High School, Cathy Maynard of Topa Topa Elementary, Janis Duncan of Meiners Oaks Elementary, Dennis Daneau of Nordhoff High School, Leanna Graham of Chaparral High School, Jenny Blue Meeks of Summit School and Nan Davis of San Antonio Elementary. The OEF awarded each teacher a plaque and a \$100 check for their outstanding service.

U-Pick Lavender begins Saturday

Once again there's a purple haze spreading throughout Ojai as lavender plants around the valley burst into aromatic bloom. For centuries, lavender has been touted as a source of delight for the senses and as a healer for abrasions and bites. Today, in Ojai, there are additional lavender-inspired pleasures for visitors to New Oak Ranch.

Owners Bill and Karen Evenden invite their guests to meander through seemingly endless rows of gracefully curving lavender and with Ranch-supplied clippers in hand, cut their own bundle of lavender. Some of the varieties that are available for cutting are known for their aroma while others are celebrated for their culinary desirability or their intense and long-lasting color. Guests are also invited to bring along a picnic lunch and dine under the walnut trees. And if the timing is right, visitors will have the opportunity to observe the newly installed still at work — producing intensely aromatic essential oil and sweetly scented

And don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera. This ranch, located in the vista-rich green and serene Upper Ojai boasts stately walnut trees and row upon row of silver-green olives in addition to the nearly two acres of lavender. The feeling is definitely Mediterranean.

New Oak Ranch is located at 9599 Ojai-Santa Paul Road, just six miles east of Ojai and 12 miles west of Santa Paula. On weekends, U-Pick Lavender signs are posted near the entrance to The Ojai Foundation.

The New Oak Ranch lavender season begins on Ojai Lavender Festival Day, Saturday, and continues as long as the lavender remains colorful and fragrant. On Saturday, we'll have a booth at the Lavender Festival in Libbey Park in downtown Ojai as well as being open for U-Pick Lavender at the ranch. Hours throughout the lavender season for U-Pick Lavender are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment on weekdays. Call 640-3026 for more information.