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Third Spring Recital Hits the Stage Friday

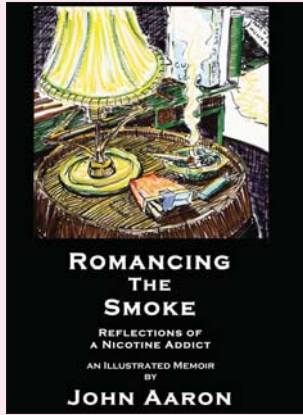
The Starlight Dance Academy's third annual spring dance recital, "Beyond Dance," will hit the Matilija Auditorium stage Friday and Saturday. There will be a 5:30 p.m. show on Friday and two shows on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (tiny dancer show) and 5:30 p.m. Students ranging in age from 3 to 17 will perform tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, musical theater and "glee." Tickets are \$12 each; call Starlight Dance Academy at 646-3732 or e-mail ojaistarlightdance@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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John Aaron to Read From New Book at Bohemia

John Aaron will be reading from his new illustrated memoir, "Romancing the Smoke: Reflections of a Nicotine Addict," at Bohemia, 214 W. Ojai Ave., Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the World University in Ojai as part of "Well Read," Ojai Writers Conference. Aaron is a graduate of The Thacher School and first showed his art at the Ojai Art Center in 1971. His current art exhibition at Bohemia includes more than a dozen illustrations from the book.

Author Sherman will talk at Ojai Retreat

In John Sherman's own words, "Most of us live our lives within a continuous hum of low-level anxiety, concern, and apprehension that spoils our actual experience of life." Sherman, teacher and author, has lived in Ojai for 12 years. He came here with his wife, Carla, in 2000 to give a series of talks and they fell in love with Ojai Valley. Soon they moved from Marin County to Ojai, where they established their home and their nonprofit organization, the River Ganga Foundation. Sherman will give a talk on "The Fear of Life and the Simple Act of Inward Looking that Snuffs It Out" on Sunday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at The Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Road. He will speak about what gives rise to our daily life, and offer its symptoms and effects in our daily life, and offer a simple act that anybody can do to be free of it once and for all. He claims that thousands of people have already tried it and report the dawning of an experience of life that is sane, harmonious and peaceful. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Admission is free; donations are welcome. To learn more about Sherman, call 649-1900 or visit justonelook.org. For The Ojai Retreat, call 646-2536.

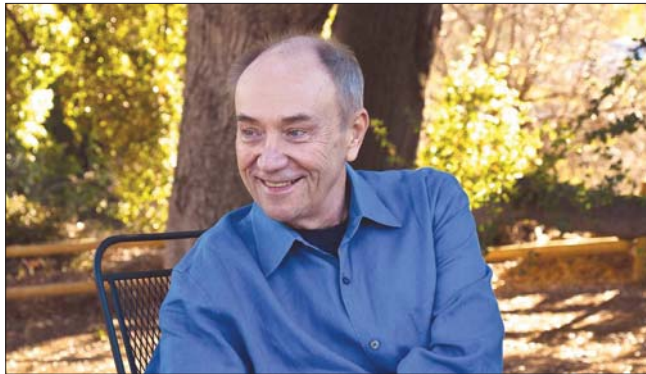


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At School

Elena Ketelsen graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Colorado College. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Margarita Ketelsen of Ojai. The college awarded 525 undergraduate degrees and five master of arts in teaching degrees at its 130th commencement ceremony, held on May 21 outdoors on Armstrong Quad. Musician Abigail Washburn, a 1999 graduate of Colorado College, addressed the Class of 2012. In addition to Gov. Joseph Garcia and legendary jazz guitarist Johnny Smith also received honorary degrees. Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874.

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