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But I believe development was their primary purpose. No longer can we ride to Caspers from SJC. We've gone from generations of San Juan Capistrano respecting our lands and creeks to a new breed of human element that sees no problem with polluting the lands and creeks, and possibly affecting Doheny Beach.

Jerry Nieblas: It is the human element, and they know who they are; it's not the horses. It's the same old human mentality; "I will do what I want and if I get caught, I'll deny it or ask for 'forgiveness'," ... and then they do it again.

Who the hell do these people think they are at Blenheim and a few of the stable businesses, to pollute our land, cry foul and then defame commissioners and residents for bringing Blenheim and other offenders to the attention of the City? I dare any one of them to claim that I am anti-horse because I want our sacred lands to be respected, protected and preserved for future generations. Instead of manning up and resolving the issues brought to light over a year ago by adhering to the City's own 2004 Best Management Practices, City Manager Siegel bullied the commissioners and denied the facts. Never before has San Juan Capistrano seen this level of mismanagement and desecration of our lands and creeks.

When the dust settles and this is all over, Siegel will probably be gone, working at another City after letting Blenheim off the hook; the Council will have cycled again; the city attorneys will be collecting another hefty check... and generations of families/tax-payers will be

left with the legal bills and a polluted mess to clean up wondering what happened to the San Juan they moved here for.

Jerry Nieblas is a Pre-Mission SJC descendant; Ancient Village of Putuidem/Chigilia, Maria Bernarda and descendant of Early Californio Rancho Yorba Familia/Rios Familia. He was born, raised, educated and lives in SJC. He is the Co-founder and President of CHAC/Capistrano Historic Alliance Committee, a Volunteer Docent for Apolonia Montano and Blas Aguilar Adobes and is a life-long horse owner from a generations-old horse family.

Ilse Byrnes has been a resident of SJC since 1969. Ilse was appointed to the State Trails Committee in 1986 by Gov. Deukmejian and was reappointed by Gov. Pete Wilson. She served locally on the City of SJC Equestrian Commission from 1976 to 2010, and was appointed to the Open Space, Trails and Equestrian Commission in 2014. She is a Lifetime Member of the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society since 1976, a Member of the OC Historical Commission since 2009, and has nominated thirteen SJC historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places including the Blas Aguilar Adobe, the Los Rios Historic District and the Swanner House.

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