

Balabhadra Prabhu's Historic Memorial

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October 17, 2026, at the age of 80. the Vaishnava community bid farewell to another dedicated and very accomplished disciple of Srila Prabhupada, Balabhadra Prabhu.

I personally met Balabhadra and his good wife Chaya Devi towards the end of the 1980's. They had driven across the country with a large trailer to bring two enormous bulls from Gita Nagari to the Los Angeles Ratharatra. The bulls they were transporting were so huge, I had to stretch my arm way up just to reach the top of their back and I am over six feet tall! After LA, they were later scheduled to attend the San Francisco Rathayatra.

Because I lived midway between these two major events, Balabhadra chose to stop at my home to allow their bulls to graze in my large side lawn. That plot was adjacent to Villanova Road a prominent street in Ojai, and as people came home from work they were compelled to pull over and admire these huge animals they had never seen before!

What follows is the dramatic story of how I arranged for Balabhadra to show these extraordinary creatures at the Ventura County Fair and how they were later bullied out of the fair by large irate cattle ranchers. This bigotry inspired me to respond with an editorial that was published in four different local newspapers. I also arranged for Balabhadra to speak about it all on a one hour interview which was broadcast on the local radio station.

I am submitting both the editorial I wrote, and the audio from that radio show. I enhanced the interview with video footage of the many hours of service Balabhadra gave. It shows him raising, training and lecturing about how to engage the bulls in productive work which they enjoy doing with ease. His focus was to demonstrate how these blessed bovines are far more valuable when kept alive than when they are cruelly slaughtered, way before they are fully grown, so people can tickle their tongue with the convenience of a fast food burger!

The attached "Commercial Bigotry" article (with introduction) is 1500 words. The duration of the video on Youtube is 35 minutes. I am quite certain that for those of you who take the time to follow this dramatic tale, you will find it quite captivating and uplifting. (Not a dull moment) It is presented here with visuals lifted from his International Society for Cow Protection (ISKOP) organization:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AY_52BgO-B0

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Thank You!



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