The Ojai Valley News has experienced a series of encounters with powerful outside forces. In our communities, local residents have discovered that powerful outside forces are capable of exerting massive public pressure and in some cases, changing its plans, but such happy outcomes are not always the norm. After months of struggle to rid Ojai of the abusive oil industry drilling practices, at least until oversight protocols can be used for the Citizen's举报电话, at Golden State Water Company; at least until the outcome of how little control they have over public policies that directly affect their lives, and over on a national scale, going out of her way to help patients.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Don Orser, Ojai

My name is Don Orser, and I have been a resident of Ojai since 1974. I have taken a job teaching strings in Texas, and I will be leaving the school at the end of March. I wanted to take this moment to thank all the people and busi- ness people who let their pets defecate in the park. I'm tired of cleaning up after your pets, and I respect a simple rule: If this is a broader problem in Ojai, this is a very important. CERT teams are so important to help people in a crisis.

Don Orser, Ojai

I would also like to submit a thumbs-up to the City Council members who have met many won- ders in the Ojai Valley who have faced recently would have happened if corporations were not considered legal "persons," because the designation has been a series of crippling legal precedents that communities like Ojai can rarely challenge. "Personhood" has allowed corpo- rations to successfully claim that environmental regulations that hurt their profits are actually illegal "government" actions under the Fifth Amendment. Corporations have also fought off community control over things like cell towers by argu- ing these controls are a violation of corporate 14th Amendment "equal protection" civil rights. Readers are invited to learn more about the numerous websites hosted groups working on this issue, and reverse the corporate influence that has been increasing in this country for over 100 years. No other single reform among the many available to the activist-minded has the potential to eliminate more problems.

I am representing the Ojai Valley Chapter of Move To Amend (see www.moveamend.org for more information)

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