

LETTERS



Vesta-

Thanks so much for putting the photo and poem of Chiva in the last issue. We have had so many people come and talk to us about her. I think we have met more people on our stretch of highway since she died than in the whole time living here.

John and Jackie

Hey Vesta,

Your Valentines Day story was great! As a single guy I can sure agree with a lot of what you said. Mostly I thought the part of you finding a true love was awesome!!...made me feel warm and fuzzy.

Good things happen!

Russ Anger

Hi Vesta,

I'm not a long-time resident of this beautiful area. My husband and I discovered it in a riot of intuition and serendipity. We moved here four years ago because we fell in love with the landscape, people, and energy. And then his work took us away, but western Sonoma had our hearts and we found our way back last fall. We're here to stay.

For me, the Gazette represents all that is wonderful about this little corner of the world. It's about people sharing their thoughts, dreams, passions, and views knowing there is a place for everyone and, in the mix of individuality, comes a celebration of life.

In the many winding asphalt-patched, gravel, and dirt roads around Sebastopol, I have discovered there

is an abundance of creative talent blossoming. It's as stunning as the daffodils now lining the roadways.

I believe there are others writers, like me, who have a positive, empowering message without a publisher to help them share their passion so I want them to know about a competition that is seeking the next top spirituality author. It's a mind/body/spirit writer's version of American Idol. During four rounds of elimination, one writer will rise to the top and get a contract to have their book published. Three others will have the opportunity to have their manuscript considered.

Those who have been looking for this opportunity or know someone who would be intrigued can go to nexttopauthor.com. And those who would like to follow and support my dream to get published can visit me at <http://nexttopauthor.wordpress.com>. I'll be sharing my contest adventure, asking for advice, and musing.

Jeanne McElvaney

Graton

Dear Vesta,

Recently, I came across an online article, a proposal outlining challenges we face and suggestions for steps towards overcoming those challenges.

It inspired me to connect with others to see what we can do here, locally, to collectively better our lives. As such, some of the people I connected with and I are setting up a brainstorming meeting to come up with some realistic goals, which we can set and achieve locally.

I hope your readers will take a few minutes to read the proposal, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/iVision>. I hope it will inspire them to take action, as we have, and join us for the brainstorming session. The time and location will be determined once we have a sufficient number of interested people.

We can all agree that we want a better world for ourselves, our children and generations yet to come. We may not agree on everything, but we can work together in the areas and methods that we do agree on. It may not be a giant leap, but it will be a step in the right direction nonetheless.

The three basic challenges that face us today.

- A big gap between our good intentions and our actions.
- Our problems are connected, but we are not.

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