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## OUR READERS' VIEWS

Ojai Valley News

### **Food for Thought's Bowl of gratitude**

7-28

To the editor:

Truly last Saturday's Food for Thought special event was Locally Grown.

First, the perfect name for the event and fantastic logo was developed by local designer and chef Jeri Oshima.

Second, many wonderful people spent countless hours to ensure that everything went off like clockwork. We would especially like to thank Lynn Malone (production), John Jenks and Carol Paquette (security and ushers), Susan Coulter and Jeri Oshima (pre-event catering), Lori Hamor (food court and volunteers), Kay Saillant and Lisa McKinnon (public relations), Steve Grumette and Maggie Cerminaro (Ojai Film Festival) and the 186 volunteers whose hard work made this event possible.

Third, Ron Phillips for the

second year in a row donated his time, money and expertise to produce and direct the wonderful mini-documentary that so charmingly presents the Food for Thought program.

Fourth, the people of Ojai who supported the event came with an incredible spirit of celebration and community.

And finally, the wonderful Locally Grown performers and filmmakers who donated their time and talents made this one magical summer night in Ojai that everyone who attended will never forget. Our deepest thanks to Jack Johnson, Chris, Keith and Dan Malloy and Ted and Tom Lennon. And we must also thank Jack's wife, Kim, who was the person who really made this all happen.

We are excited that Food for Thought will be able to continue to grow. That really means that our own "locally grown" children will be eating more locally grown fruits and vegetables as part of their school lunches, will be

learning more about the importance of our local farmers, and that we will help protect our little bit of paradise here in Ojai.

Steve Fields and Marty Fujita  
Co-leaders  
Food For Thought

### **Sewer line story tragic reminder**

7-25

To the editor:

Upon reading of the transfers from cesspool to sewer lines, I am reminded of a tragedy in Camarillo.

You may remember Denny Lee Master, professional baseball player from Camarillo. His little 9-year-old sister, while playing in the open space, dropped into an abandoned cesspool. That was a terrible loss of life, and I hope it does not happen here or in surrounding territories. Make sure all obsolete cesspools are completely covered.

Maxine Arnheiter  
Ojai