

# Jon's View

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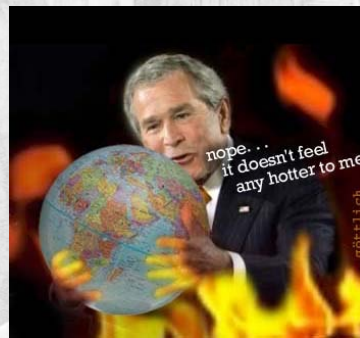


Well, last month I made the mistake of saying spring had sprung and yet we are still knee deep in water, hoping our levees in the delta hold out. This weather pattern has been causing havoc all around the world with Hawaii getting 45 inches of rain from February to now. I think each of us should take the time to read a lot more about global warming and the effects it has had, and will continue to have on us from now on. I had the opportunity to see the film "An Inconvenient Truth," starring Al Gore. Even if he is not from your party, you should see it - I would recommend that each of you take the time to see what has happened in just the past ten to fifteen years with our planet and weather patterns. I

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could not agree more with the former Vice President when he makes the statement that we can spend all the money this country has on national defense but it will do us no good when the World Trade Center Memorial will be under water in just 15 years at the current rate of warming that we are experiencing now. So, if this topic is as important to you as it is with me, I would urge you to please do some homework and see what is exactly going on today and how you can help to slow it down.



Now, my next subject is even more of a hot button issue with many - Immigration and how our country is trying to come to terms with it. I know there are two sides of every story, so before you think that you are on the right side of this topic, I think what each of us should be doing is taking a look at the other sides' view then drop any idea that there is one easy solution to this huge problem. I for one happen to think that if the jobs were being taken from legal citizens of this country why is it that we do not see these folks with their signs out there fighting to do these low paying jobs. The system that we set up in this country made this entire process possible to happen. I would like to see our welfare offices open up their books and start sending all these people who are not working and drive them to these job sites in their vans, let them out and say see you at five PM with your paycheck and all your other perks from sitting at home.



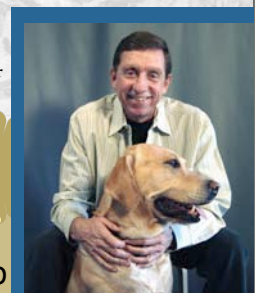
When I had the opportunity to participate in the AIDS bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles it was an eye opener to see this state up close and all the people who are working, not only the fields but landscaping and various other jobs as well. No matter where we looked, there were people obviously NOT living the American dream - they were just trying to survive.

If they paid union wages to every person working the fields we would all be eating rice as our main staple because there would be no one there to harvest. So yes, I do think we are a country of rules, and they should be followed but, if our elected officials do not have an answer to this problem, and they haven't for about 20 years, why blame the people who just want the same thing as what some of us were lucky enough to be born into. I am sure this will upset some, but oh well, it is my view after all.



Keep watching the web site as every day the pictures are changing from the past 30 years. You may even see yourself from many years ago. So not sure if we are going to have May showers but I sure in hell hope not. If the old adage of "April Showers bring May flowers" is true, we'll be flooded with blossoms of color instead of water.

Stay safe and please feel free to send on your point of view - I would be glad to post it here on the site.



Jon & Champ