



ZIPPING

around ventura county

An inside tour by real estate agents
who live, work and play there.

Generational stories keep ZIP connected

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The 93066 ZIP code, home to agricultural properties, citrus and avocado ranches and estate homes, is located just off Highway 118, a pastoral back road gateway to Camarillo, Oxnard and Ventura. Located conveniently close to Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, this area has somehow retained its quaint charm and essence of a simpler way of life.

Gwyn Goodman, owner of Gwyn Goodman Realty Inc., grew up in Somis — in fact, her family has called the area home for five generations. With more than 30 years in the real estate business, Goodman serves not only Somis but the surrounding communities of Moorpark, Camarillo and areas to the north, expertly assisting clients with transactions involving ranches, estate homes and residential properties, with an emphasis on her particular area of

expertise, agricultural properties.

In addition to her real estate career, Goodman has assembled a fascinating collection of family photographs and stories, which can be viewed on her website, www.gwyngoodman.com.

One of the tales from by-gone days Goodman has recorded involves her great uncle, John Lowes, who was an early homesteader in the Somis/Moorpark area. When a flu epidemic had overcome the Lowes family, including John and his wife, who tragically succumbed to the illness, their son, Bill, 4 years old at the time, was the only family member well enough to go for help. With the family dog as his only companion, this brave little boy set off for his uncle's ranch, a mile away over dusty mountain roads, to save his family.

Stories like these are part of what makes the 93066 such an intriguing area. Many of

its 3,000-plus residents consist of families like Goodman's, who have lived there for generation after generation. Goodman describes the 93066 as "a jewel in the center of the county."

One of Goodman's current listings is 9067 Vista Anacapa Road in Moorpark, a stunning five-bedroom, five-and-one-half bath custom home situated on just more than 21 acres of prime avocado groves.

Located within the gated community of Rancho San Miguel, this property enjoys panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and city lights, with an unexpected glimpse of the Pacific Ocean.

This property includes extensive equestrian facilities, such as custom stalls, metal arena, oversized tack room and endless trails for riding. Also included on the property are a charming guest house and a worker's residence of approximately

1,500 square feet. Listed by Goodman for \$3,500,000, with living space of more than 4,000 square feet, this elegant home features two fireplaces, soaring vaulted wood ceilings and glowing hardwood floors throughout.

In many ways, the 93066 has changed surprising little over the years. The essence of life in the early days of the area was simplicity, community and a sense of family. The 93066 has retained those same attributes, and as Goodman states: "All who experience time in the area realize that they have been exposed to an unusually beautiful area that is the jewel of Ventura County."

To reach Goodman, call her at 987-6695, or contact her online at goodmanrealty@aol.com.

To view this and other current listings (and for a glimpse of the fascinating history of Somis and the 93066), visit her website at www.gwyngoodman.com.



Just outside the 93066 ZIP code Realtor Gwyn Goodman is representing a stunning 5-bedroom, 5½-bath custom home situated on just more than 21 acres of prime avocado groves. Located within the gated community of Rancho San Miguel at 9067 Vista Anacapa Road in Moorpark, the property offers panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and city lights, with an unexpected glimpse of the Pacific Ocean. Contact Goodman at 987-6695.