

# VLACHOS' VIEWS

America through the lens of PAUL VLACHOS



A wall. Just another wall in America. This is northern California, Ukiah to be precise. I could stare at this wall for a long time. I often do. You can get an idea of its grandeur by the size of the dumpster in the lower right.

Texas, just off the Interstate, in 2009. I'm always hauling ass when I travel west and I don't slow down much for photos until I get over the fold in the road atlas. It's a shame, as I often see some miraculous things when I do slow down. That's now what happened here, though. True to form, I was hauling ass west and had just gotten far enough to slow down a bit when I noticed this lovely scene in the de rigeur gravel lot behind the paved lot next to the abandoned store by the side of the lonely, windswept interstate exit, which is actually a pretty common phenomenon in the great state of Texas. I'll try to talk less and just let the photos speak for themselves more in this issue, by the way.

*To see more images and commentary, check out the WordPress version of **The Zephyr...***

Copyright © Paul Vlachos 2014



Eastern Arizona, just off I-40, not long before I ran into a thunderstorm, back in 2008. I believe the “LT TOWING” means “Light Towing,” but I’d love to know if I’m wrong. I especially like their use of punctuation, the happy optimism of the explanation point, the incorrect apostrophes - did you know that there are websites devoted to incorrect apostrophes? And last, but not least, the menu: tires, parts, welding and cutting. It looks like they made the sign and realized you might not divine that they also tow, hence the addition.



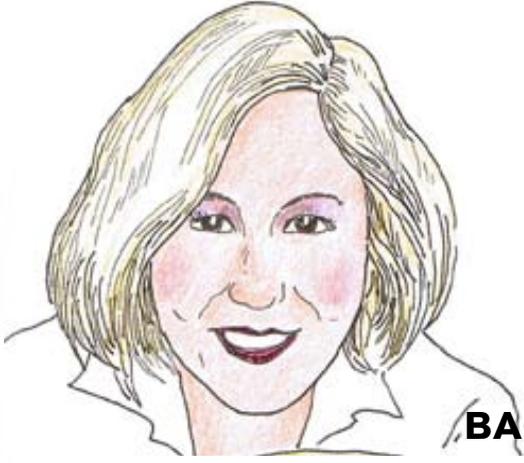
This place is all that’s left of a ranch house in north-central Nevada. I’m not going to give the location or the name of the ranch, as it’s the site of an unearthly hot spring and, sometimes, that information cannot be shared. I’ve never stopped at the house, itself. First, it’s private property, although it’s not marked. Second, I’m always trying to get into that spring to soak my tired bones. Third, it always feels as though somebody’s still there and I don’t want to be the uninvited guest. This shot is from 2008

Paul Vlachos and Elko.



www.sorenomore.com  
info@glogerm.com

Sore No More! is a fast acting pain relieving gel that begins to work immediately once massaged onto affected areas. For years Sore No More! Has provided temporary relief of pain associated with simple backaches, arthritis, bruises and sprains with its unique heating and cooling ingredients. Our special blend of six natural plant extracts in combination with menthol, capsaicin and witch hazel will get rid of pain the natural way

**LYNN WINTER!**

**LIFETIME BACKBONE MEMBER**



CHECK OUT  
**OMAR TATUM'S AmeriCandy**  
in LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

www.easysite.com/AmeriCandy