



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area December 2015



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*From the Staff of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper*  
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**Mt. Vernon Ave. closed until Dec. 4, 2015**



This is Mt. Vernon looking north from Spring St.

In our October issue we published pictures of Mt. Vernon Ave. and Center St. showing the new concrete curb that was installed about a year ago that was lower than the street elevation. This resulted in water collecting on the south/east corner of this intersection when it rained or when irrigation water flowed to this area.

I remembered there was a storm drain installed in 2007 on the south side of Center St. under the street near this location and suggested there should be an underground connection from the standing water to the underground storm drain that goes down Center Street. I was concerned about the standing water attracting mosquitos and the need for better water flow that is expected with El Nino.

The first part of November, I received a call from the county requesting input about closing Mt. Vernon Ave. between Center St.

and Spring St. to remove the existing asphalt and lower the level of the road to fit the new curb and gutter. I agreed the crown of the roadway was too high and the problem should be addressed before El Nino arrives. A new storm drain was installed on the south east corner of Center St. and Mt. Vernon Ave. where the water had been collecting. This drain will connect to the old storm drain under the street as suggested.

The asphalt on Center St. east of Mt. Vernon will also be removed and lowered to match the new curb elevation. Once the construction is completed both Center St and Mt. Vernon will have new asphalt and the water will flow into the storm drain. There are already two new storm drain inlets on both sides of Spring St. just east of Mt. Vernon Avenue. Please be careful while driving in this area during the construction. More photos on P. 4

**Union Pacific RR track removed from streets**



The track has been removed and the streets patched

The Union Pacific railroad track has been removed from Palmyrita Ave. and Columbia. This track was abandoned when the I-215 freeway was widened due to the need for a wider railroad bridge to span the wider freeway. This track came from Colton across the Santa Ana River through Grand Terrace and Highgrove and ended at Third St. in Riverside. Several years ago when the bridge was damaged, it resulted in two Union Pacific engines that were left stranded until the bridge could be repaired. The bridge was damaged on the north end and the track dead-ended on the south end. After the bridge was repaired there was still minimal income for the Union Pacific from freight revenue and the additional cost of removing the old bridge over the freeway and building a new one was not economically feasible. The usable track now ends near La Crosse

Ave. in Grand Terrace but was abandoned from the opposite side of the freeway southward to Marlborough Avenue in Riverside. At Marlborough Ave. this track used to cross the Perris Valley Line at the same grade level and was called a "Diamond". The freight business between this "Diamond" and where it ends in Riverside is still minimal but a new switch was installed just north of Marlborough Ave. on the Perris Valley Line and the freight business is now handled by the BNSF railroad crews off the Perris Valley Line near the new Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station. This abandoned track is now even shorter because the track, crossing arms, and street barriers have been removed from Palmyrita Ave. and Columbia Avenue. Wouldn't this make a nice trail between Grand Terrace and Highgrove?

More photos on P. 6

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

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THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER

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The Staff and Volunteers would like to thank everyone for their support of the center this past . We look forward to the upcoming New Year and to serving the needs of the community. May 2016 be a wonderful year for Highgrove and all its residents!



**Thank You!**

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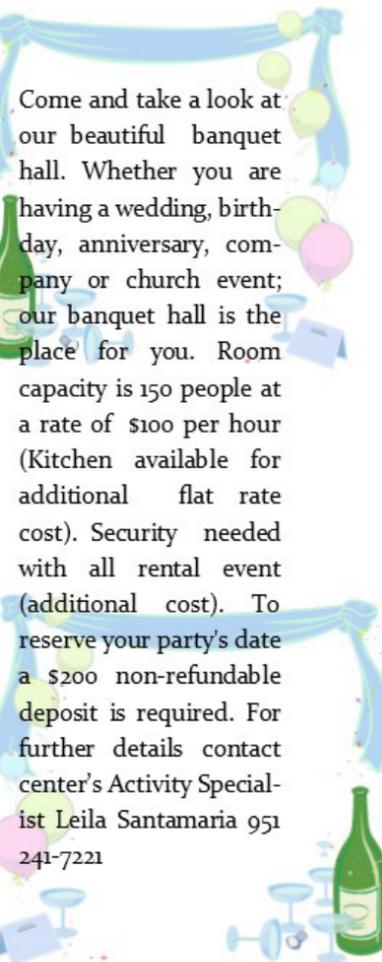
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This is very good and represents a very low level of crime. Service levels are driven by calls for service and it is very important that residents call even if they don't feel it is important. The Sheriff's Dept. has resources to reduce crime but to do that we need to know where the crime is occurring.

**Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 X 5 (Non emergency)**

Capt. Jason B. Horton (951) 955 2600

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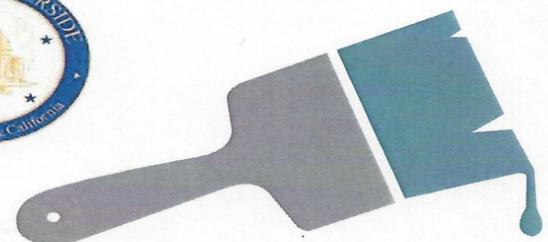


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There have been changes in the Graffiti abatement program. The former program was handled by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency but is now handled by the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

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The new Mt. Vernon will be lowered and much wider.



There is a new storm drain at Mt. Vernon and Center.



Center St. will be lowered to match the curb and will be an entrance to the Spring Mountain Ranch homes.



Spring St. has two storm drains already in place, one on each side of the street just east of Mt. Vernon Avenue.



Spring St. east of Mt. Vernon has been repaved and is also an entrance to the Spring Mountain Ranch homes.



Mt. Vernon is scheduled to re-opened on December 4, 2015. Please drive carefully during the construction.

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## Geological Rambles and Rumbles

By Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York

### Southern California Batholith

In previous articles I have discussed some general geologic phenomena such as earthquakes and landslides; in this article I address the geologic setting of Highgrove and the hills that surround it, and how this area, which 200 million years ago was a shallow sea, rose out of the sea and became what it is today.

The Highgrove area today consists primarily of two distinct types of geologic material: (1) the "granitic" hills that surround the basin in which Highgrove sits, and (2) the much younger loose (unconsolidated) sediments that were eroded off the hills onto the base of the hills where they form "aprons" (alluvial fans); they also form the relatively flat land surface of the basin. This flat surface has been eroded by creeks flowing off the "granitic" hillsides, and by the Santa Ana River, which in doing so, cut the steep side of Grand Terrace. I use the term granitic here because the rocks around Highgrove are not technically granite but are similar.

The "granitic" rock that forms the hills are the visible remnants of what geologists call the Southern California Batholith (pronounced BATH o lith, from the Greek bathos, meaning deep, and lith, meaning rock), or SCB. A batholith is a large body of granitic rock that extends to unknown depth and typically has an areal extent of at least 40 square miles. The SCB extends southwest of the San Andreas fault from the Los Angeles basin to San Bernardino in the north into central Baja California in the south, and locally reaches depths of more than 20 miles. It is 120 to 70 million years old, as indicated by the decay rates of radioactive potassium and argon that occur within some of its minerals.

The rocks that constitute the SCB consist primarily of granitic materials that contain a variety of minerals, including quartz, plagioclase, orthoclase, pyroxene, horn-

blende, and micas. These rocks have interlocking grains that are typically the size of one's little fingernail or smaller, and are mostly granodiorite, quartz diorite, and gabbros, with lesser amounts of granite, quartz monzonite, and diorite. To picture what these kinds of rock look like, imagine the "granite" kitchen countertops that have become popular in recent years. The SBC rocks also contain veins of quartz and feldspar called pegmatites, which may contain rare gem minerals, as I will discuss in a future article.

The SBC's origin and development are tied to the eastward movement of the Pacific Ocean crusts (plates) being thrust beneath the western edge of North America, starting about 200 million years ago. The friction between the oceanic plates and the continental rocks caused melting within the crust and the creation of large reservoirs of molten magma, which was injected through cracks into the crustal rocks above to form volcanoes. Subsequently the magma rose by buoyancy and invaded the marine and volcanic rocks above. The still-buried magma eventually cooled to solid rock that now forms the SCB, by about 65 million years ago. After about 35 million years, the eastward movement of the oceanic plate beneath Southern California had ceased entirely.

The cessation of that movement resulted in the gradual development of long, sidewise-slipping faults at land surface. Those faults are called the San Andreas fault zone, which extends more than 800 miles northward from the Gulf of California to Point Reyes north of San Francisco. The exposed rock southwest of the San Andreas fault from the south side of the Los Angeles basin eastward to the Salton Sea is part of the SCB. Although the SCB is mostly "granitic," it contains some pods of earlier mudstones and limestones that were engulfed by the rising magma and metamorphosed

to schists and marbles, such as the marbles in the cement quarries west of Riverside and Colton.

Mineral collecting in Southern California has been vigorous since the gold rush of 1848-49 because quartz-feldspar veins (called pegmatites), which formed as late silica-rich fluids from the SCB, invaded cracks within the solidified batholith. Such veins can be found in the hills of the Pala region. Marble, which is limestone that was metamorphosed as magma, rose into the marine sediments at the Crestmore quarries west of Riverside and contains rare calc-silicate minerals such as Riversideite. These minerals were formed by the contact of hot silica fluids with the calcium-rich limestones. The chemical reactions between those silica-rich fluids and the calcium carbon-

ate of the marbles formed a suite of more than 135 minerals, mostly of non-gem quality.

Thus, Highgrove is surrounded by granitic rocks as much as 120 million years old that were produced by the melting of continental-crust material as the floor of the Pacific Ocean was being driven eastward and under the western edge of the North American Continent. Elsewhere these "granitic" rocks have been used for commercial purposes, including decorative kitchen countertops. If you do not have a "granite" kitchen countertop, you need not feel deprived, as you are sitting amid a whole mountain range of kitchen countertop material. I will discuss the geologic environments of the rare minerals pegmatite and marble within the SCB in a future article.



## 2016 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT!

**Why:** To count and survey homeless persons living in your community and throughout the City of Grand Terrace.

This effort will help promote government and private grant funding and other resources for local communities to help people exit life on the streets and prevent homelessness.

**What:** Participate in the "Point-In-Time Count" (PITC) to end chronic homelessness.

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- ❖ Identify Locations Where Homeless People Live/Spend Time/Receive Services
- ❖ Promote Community Awareness of Homeless Issues
- ❖ Participate on Street Counter Teams

**Who:** Adult volunteers are needed from every community and from all walks of life including:

❖ College Students	❖ Service Providers
❖ Civic/Nonprofit Organizations	❖ Business & Neighborhood Groups
❖ Faith Based Institutions	❖ Anyone Who Would Like to Help Alleviate Homelessness
❖ Current/Formally Homeless	
❖ Bilingual Individuals	

**Where:** City of Grand Terrace

**When:** **Thursday, January 28, 2016**  
**6 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

For more information or to sign up for a volunteer position please see the San Bernardino County Homeless Counts website:  
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or, contact  
**Jesse Smith, 909-824-6621, [jsmith@grandterrace-ca.gov](mailto:jsmith@grandterrace-ca.gov)**

### Reminder:

No Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council Meeting in December due to the holidays. The Highgrove MAC will meet on the 3rd Wed. of each month starting Jan. 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Highgrove Library located at 530 Center St. in Highgrove. The public is encouraged to attend these monthly meetings.

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## Palmyrita Ave. turning barriers removed due to Union Pacific track abandonment



This view is Palmyrita Ave. looking east from the abandoned Union Pacific railroad track. The dark horizontal portion in the foreground is where the track has been removed and new pavement added.



The dark portion of Palmyrita Ave. is where there used to be a raised curb area that was a turning lane for eastbound traffic on Palmyrita Ave. turning north onto Northgate toward Highgrove.

## Car crashes into back of Chevron Gas Station



On Saturday afternoon Nov. 21, 2015 at 1:49 pm this vehicle was northbound on the I-215 freeway and had exited the freeway at Center Street. This short street between the freeway and Center St. is called Highgrove Place where the road makes a left turn to connect to Center Street. The road makes a turn but the vehicle did not, resulting in the car crashing into the back of the Chevron Gasoline Station. According to witnesses, the 67 year old female driver said she must have passed out and does not remember what happened. The driver (Name unknown) was transported via ambulance and her injuries were reported to be minor.



West side of Chevron Gas station



The impact damaged the electrical panel in Chevron's storage room.



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## California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

If one measures the success of a year by how well people treat each other, this year has been horrific. The number of lives lost, black or blue, has been appalling. The number of innocent lives- children, bystanders, and victims of religious insanity, has been heartbreaking. The reckless ownership rather than responsible management of firearms has been nearly an epidemic with the loss of children's lives the price paid. Religious fanatics continue their attacks around the world, creating at the same time, terror and determination. It's hard not to feel vulnerable if you are gathered with a large number of people in a potential "soft target" location. A can of worms has been opened with no end in sight.

The political stage has been a



**Sam Waterson & Cynthia Williams**

great source of entertainment, if you are into that sort of media. It continues to provide endless fodder for cartoonists and late-night talk shows. Truthfully, I am absolutely dreading the coming eleven months until the Primary Presidential elections. We are going to see the "tail wag the dog" and never get an honest image of any candidate. The mud slinging, and you can guarantee there will be plenty, will obscure any real truths. I am going to do my best to avoid "the third rail" of conversation: religion and politics. What I will continue to think and feel is this-- we are ALL Americans and need to work together for the greater good of our

country.

I've been exploring new mediums of expression. I had the pleasure of taking a writing course from Ellen Waterston, an award winning writer who is lives here in central Oregon. Her brother, the actor Sam Waterston, came to one of the classes. It made for a lively day, watching the verbal sparring that goes on between brother and sister. Sam shared his experiences working with Martin Sheen, Jane Fonda and Lilly Tomlin on their Netflix original show "Grace and Frankie".

I've been expanding my art quilting techniques and creating new works that have been well received. I built a deck out back with reclaimed Trex and it was wonderful to lounge out there this summer. My September trip to Highgrove was wonderful and too short. I wanted to go back as soon as I got home!

The year 2015 is a wrap. I hope yours has been a good one. For me, it has been an adventure in so many ways. I just "retired" from my position as a Senior Technical Advisor for Apple products, a job I have really enjoyed. Now it's time for me to dedicate more time to writing, art and gardening. I'm looking forward to it!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish you good health and many blessings!



Perris Valley Line Dedication Ceremony Dec. 11, 2015

Downtown Perris Station 11:30 am, 121 South "C" St., Perris



Grand Terrace Lions Club Pot of Gold fund raiser



L-R: Gerd Twiss, Courtney Twiss, Ruthanne Christianson, Darcy McNaboe, Jim McNaboe, Deborah Seuylemezian, Burt Seuylemezian, and Kacy Carlson accepting for Cheri Martinez

On Nov. 21, 2015 the Grand Terrace Lions Club held their annual fund raiser at the Orange Show in San Bernardino. This annual event enables the Lions Club to support the following local charities:

Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, Amputee Connection, Blind Support Services, Boy Scouts. California Lions Friends in Sight, Camp Wilderness, Canine Companions, City of Hope, Diabetes Walk, Eyeglasses for the needy, Food and Toy Drives, Food Baskets for the Needy, Girl Scouts, Grand Terrace Community Day, Grand Terrace Country Fair, Grand Terrace Elementary Library, Grand Terrace High School including Robotics, Tennis, Soccer, Football, Golf and Swimming, Grand Terrace Leos Club, Grand Terrace Library. Grand Terrace Movies in the Park, Guide dogs of the Desert and

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Loma Linda Lions Eye foundation, MD4 Student Speaker Foundation, Scholarships for Grand Terrace High School Seniors, Terrace Hills Middle School Band, Terrace View Elementary Performing Arts Program, Veterans Wall of Freedom, Youth Exchange foundation, and many more.....

*As you can see this fine organization does a lot of good for the community and the surrounding area.*

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## Assistance received for Highgrove Happenings Newspaper!

In our October issue we asked for help in order to continue bringing the Highgrove Happenings to your residence free of charge. After our request we received a call from Alex and Danae Jaramillo from Moreno Valley. Danae and Alex have 2 young sons, Noah 5 and Elijah 2 and they want to move to Highgrove. Alex was raised in Grand Terrace where his parents have lived for 34 years. We have been working with them showing them how they can help us keep the paper going by teaching them what we do. This nice young couple want to become involved in our community. I introduced Alex to the MAC members and audience during the Highgrove MAC meeting on Nov. 18, 2015. Alex is also the Evangelistic Director of the Zion Assembly Church of God that holds services at the Norton Younglove



**Alex and Danae Jaramillo**  
Community Center in Highgrove. Alex's brother-in-law, Pastor Pete Sarry, is the pastor of the church. We look forward to working with this fine couple who are looking to rent a house in Highgrove or Grand Terrace. They can be reached at: [jaramillosdanae@gmail.com](mailto:jaramillosdanae@gmail.com), (951) 448 7730 or (951) 448 7732

## Freedom Wall unveiled in Grand Terrace

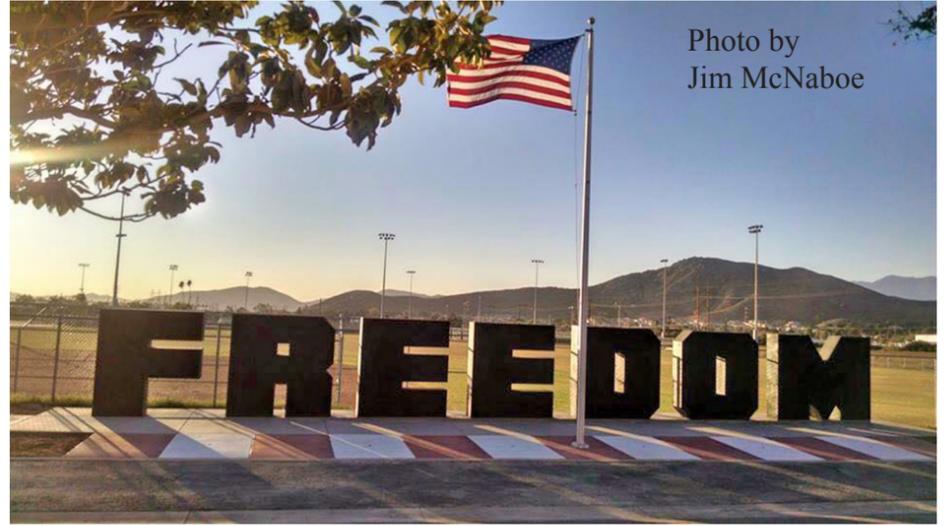


Photo by Jim McNaboe



A large crowd was present at Pico Park in Grand Terrace on Nov. 11, 2015 that included speakers Mayor Darcy McNaboe, Congressman Pete Aguilar, Senator Connie Leyva, Assemblymember Cheryl Brown, San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos, and Jim McNaboe.

After the comments from the dignitaries, the large letters spelling out FREEDOM were uncovered that will contain the names of Veterans that will be added at another ceremony next year. Congratulations to everyone who made this wall of FREEDOM possible!

## United Methodist church celebrates serving Highgrove for 125 years!



Highgrove United Methodist Church celebrated its 125th Birthday on Sunday, November 8. Former ministers were invited.

We also had some of our more recent ministers sharing their thoughts and special memories during worship on our birthday Sunday, November 8. They included Rev. Martini Finau, Rev. Nelson Castorillo, Rev. Nancy Goings, and Rev. Ladislo Flores.

In addition, special music was performed by the combined choirs from Grace UMC (Riverside), Moreno Valley UMC, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church (San Bernardino).

Our historian, Denis Kidd gave a brief talk sharing interesting facts about the history of the church. We normally celebrate our birthday by



asking members and friends of the church to donate \$1 for each of their own birthdays, but this year we encouraged members and friends to donate \$125 for the church's birthday. Those who donated \$125.00 received a commemorative coffee mug. Donations served as one of the major fund-raisers for the year. Congratulations and thank you!

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## A message from the new Grand Terrace High School Principal

Dear Community, Staff, and Students:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at GTHS. I am truly honored to join the Grand Terrace High School Community this year. As the Principal I firmly believe that educational success is founded upon principles of hard work, integrity in the learning process, and mutual respect.

I feel that all students should have the opportunity to learn and grow in a rigorous learning environment that stretches them academically. We have worked hard to provide stimulating classes to inspire your children. Their success in the classroom is directly correlated to the preparation of the school and teachers, appropriate curriculum, support of the parents, and the effort that each student gives. I look forward to working with you to help your children through their high school years and reinforce character traits such as: self-discipline, organization, respect, and hard work; skills that future employers are seeking.

We have a talented teaching staff that shows their dedication to teaching through the use of effective methodologies, ongoing professional development, and a commitment to making a difference in students' lives every day. We work hard and strive to meet the goals and objectives established by the Colton Joint Unified School District, the California Department of Education, and the Grand Terrace community. At GTHS the administration, teachers, and staff are committed to creating an environment for our students that is highly academic and genuinely supportive. We also aim to nurture our students' confidence by fostering the intellectual, social, and technological skills needed for their success



in the future. We believe that our students are diverse, hard-working, spirited, creative, and engaged in the process of becoming college and career ready.

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I would also like to thank you for all of the support we receive from you at home. You really do make a difference in the overall success of the school and your child's education. We appreciate the time you spend helping your child with homework, encouraging them to attend all of their classes on time, checking on their progress, and remembering to make reviewing the GTHS student planner a daily family activity. I know that there will be growing pains as student's transition to adults but together we can help guide our kids to greater heights.

Please feel free to share your time, ideas, and suggestions with the school. It is an honor to be a member of the Grand Terrace community of dedicated teachers, staff, parents, and students. By working together, we can continue to make GTHS an even greater place to learn and grow.

Go Titans,  
James Western, Principal



## Speeding Motorcycle in Highgrove!



For several days I saw (and heard) a motorcycle speeding up and down Prospect Ave. and running the stop sign at Spring Street. Not only was he speeding but he was going through the gears and I could hear the engine revving up on other surface streets in Highgrove which meant he was really going! I called the CHP and I know I was not the only one to call. After several days I was able to determine where he was originating from and found out he was coming from a residence on Prospect Avenue. After one of his rides, I went to this location and con-

fronted the rider about how dangerous this was to our residents and our kids. When I asked him his name I thought he had an unusual name because he said his name was: "None of your business".

I thought by me talking to "None of your business" it had solved the problem because he hadn't been racing past my house, but several days later another resident said he was still at it!

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## Phil's Philosophy

By Phil Turner

### The Medium is the Message!

Years ago Marshall McLuhan coined the phrase, "The medium is the message". Meaning where and how we receive information changes our perception of that information. At the time, I don't think he had any idea of what was to become "the media".

In 1964, when he wrote that phrase, the media consisted of print, radio, and television. Today those same sources of information exist, but in explosive numbers. In print, due to vastly improved, and cheaper methods of print, there are many times more newspapers, magazines and publishing sources.

Although the circulation of many of our major newspapers has dwindled, the number of newspapers has grown. The same is true of both magazines, and book publishing. Today, if you can't find a publisher to take your book, you can self-publish.

Turn on your car radio, twist the dial, and you will find stations in every language. And today, instead of three major TV networks, and a handful of local stations, there are hundreds of television stations specializing in everything from cooking to stamp collecting. Every political, cultural, religious, language, and nationality is represented. There are all sports all the time, and 24-hour news networks. All this is available on TV, computer, phone, even while you're pumping gas, or ordering a Big Mac.

The social network including e-mail, Facebook, and Twitter, and

instant messaging, are rather new and are inescapable additions to where we receive our news and information.

We are inundated with information, we're on information overload. Today it is common for me to not be able to recall where I've heard, or read, or seen, such and such a piece of information. I often think where did I get that? Did I dream it?

The spread of information is a good thing. Poland was able to free itself from the grip of the Soviet Union by the spread of information. The Soviet Union itself was crushed by information. Russians were able to see and hear the way the rest of the world lives. China has been transformed from one of the world's most repressive economies, to a thriving hotbed of entrepreneurs. Information was regulated and twisted until these countries could no longer control it.

Anyone my age can recall Walter Cronkite tearfully reporting when John Kennedy was assassinated. There was no "spin", no sub-context, and no agenda, attached to his message. We trusted what he said. As great as the media is, we need to be discerning in what we consume. Not all the information we receive is true or even half true.

Information is important no matter how it is received. But we need to be careful who we trust whether it is written, or broadcast on the TV or Radio or if it appears on Facebook or any other form of media!

*Editor's note: the opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings".*

## Drive by Shooting in Grand Terrace

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015, deputies from the Central Station responded to a report of a shooting. The reporting party was requesting medical attention for an injured juvenile. The deputies arrived within minutes of receiving the call and a juvenile was located in the front yard of the residence with multiple gunshot wounds. Fire Personnel and medical aid arrived a short time later and transported the victim to a local hospital. The victim was listed in stable condition and will require surgery.

Prior to the shooting, the victim was in the front yard of the residence waiting to meet with someone. A gold colored sedan drove passed the victim and the passenger of that vehicle opened fire. More than a dozen rounds were fired. The suspect vehicle fled the area west

bound on Vivienda Avenue.

Two additional occupied homes and one vehicle in the area were struck by bullets fired during the shooting. However, nobody else was injured.

The investigation into this incident is continuing, unfortunately at this time investigators have few leads. Sheriff's investigators are asking for the public's help in solving this crime. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information on the We-Tip website at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

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## What is El Nino?

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- Store outdoor furniture and other objects that could be damaged by storms or thrown by winds.
- Inspect retaining wall drain holes, surface and subsurface drains and yard drains for signs of obstruction or malfunction.
- Establish native plants or place other ground cover on bare ground, slopes or freshly graded areas.

## Before the Storm – Clear private drainages of obstructions

- Most flood-prone drainage areas of low-lying property will have a natural water courses that must remain clear of obstruction.
- Failure to maintain drainage areas can contribute to flooding of adjacent property.

### Riverside County Unincorporated Community Drainage Task Force

- Homeowner guidance for watercourse cleaning and slope stabilization;
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- Assistance with regulatory permitting; and
- Drainage junk/debris removal support.

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## Before the Storm – Stream Stabilization

Contact the County to determine if local, state or federal permits are required before doing any of the following in a wash, stream, lake or river (whether or not water is flowing):



- Remove soil, rock or plant material from a streambed or bank;
- Place any waste, material or structures within or on the bank—even if to armor or stabilize;
- Divert, obstruct or otherwise modify the bed, channel or bank; or
- Dispose or deposit debris, liquid, solid waste or soil.

**Failure to do so may result in violations of local, state and/or federal law – Call (951) 955-2004 for assistance from the County (in unincorporated areas).**

## Sandbags available at Highgrove Fire Station

Highgrove Fire Station # 19, located on the north/east corner of Center St. and Michigan Ave. next to the Norton Younglove Community Center has a pile of sand and sandbags available for Highgrove residents.

Ten sandbags will be given out but residents will be asked to sign for them. Bring your own shovel and fill your own sandbags.

At our Nov. 18, 2015 MAC meeting at the Highgrove library a power point presentation was made by Zully Smith, Chief of Operations and Maintenance from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Wendell Bugtai, Agency Program Administrator from the Riverside County Transportation And Land Management Agency, and Dennis Day the Emergency Services Coordinator from CAL FIRE.

We appreciate these agencies coming to Highgrove to explain what we should do prior to the El Nino that is predicted to hit California.

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## FOREVER AND AFTER FRED AND STELLA

(Continued from November issue  
about 75th Wedding Anniversary)

By Marlene McIntyre

The one Fred remembers is when he was about 8 years old, he and his brother Abe a year older was asked by their mother Phyliss to go and clean the garage. They had just started cleaning when they found a brick lying sideways behind a barrel and when they picked it up there was a hole dug in the dirt and inside the hole was a bottle of bootleg whiskey. They knew the whiskey belong to their much older brother Rudolph. Well, they decided to see what it tasted like, so they began taking turns drinking from the bottle. Hours had passed and their mother decided to go see what was taking so long to clean the garage. When she opened the door, both boys were sound asleep with the less full whiskey bottle lying between them. Fred and Abe lucked out, as their mother was more upset with Rudolph for having it in the garage.

On December 8, 1940, Fred and Stella were married at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Montrose, Colorado. They had to have special permission from the bishop in Denver, Colorado because the date was a holy day. Friend Pete Ortiz was best man and Lucy Gallegos was maid of honor. A small reception was held at Stella's mothers home in Montrose, Colorado. After the reception, Fred, Stella, Phyliss and Luciano Maestas, Fred's parent's, with Fred's brother Abe driving the car headed to Salt Lake City, Utah where Phyliss and Luciano lived.

Fred had a job waiting for him with Broadway Shoe Repair located in Salt Lake City earning \$35.00 per

week. Fred and Stella the next day after arriving in Salt Lake City, found a place of their own. Stella found employment at Fort Douglas performing clerical work, and making dog tags for the Army. Fred worked at Broadway Shoe Repair until he joined the Navy in July 1940. He went through basic training in San Diego, California.

Fred was aboard ship from July 1943 – November 1945. He remembers some of the islands the ship brought supplies to. Midway, Samoa, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal, Australia, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Eniwetok, Borneo, Marshall Islands, Wake Islands, Leyte, Phillipines.

Fred remembers there were many Japanese airplane attacks while out to sea. One of those times he will never forget was when the USS Hammondsport was in port at Pearl Harbor to load supplies to take to the South Pacific Islands. He stated he never knew their destination, ever. Leaving Pearl Harbor along with the USS Mount Hood AE-11 and 5 destroyer ships as escorts they traveled in a zig zag pattern. They made their way to Seeadler Harbor, Manus, Admiralty Islands. Mount Hood anchored along with the USS Hammondsport. The Hammondsport was secured, so the crew thought. A short while later, the ship was ordered to anchor further away, more inland, possibly ½ to 1 mile away from Mount Hood. The destroyers were patrolling further out in the ocean. There were also many other ships in the area. The next day, November 10, 1944 at 8:55am the USS Mount Hood exploded. Three hundred fifty crew aboard, no survivors. Fred re-

members hearing and seeing the explosion. The exact cause was never known.

Liberty for the crew of the USS Hammondsport was few and far between. When Fred received liberty Stella would take a train from Salt Lake City, Utah to San Francisco where the ship would port to be with Fred even just for a few days. Sometimes the ship would port in San Diego, where Stella took the train from Salt Lake City, to San Francisco then a bus from San Francisco to San Diego. On some of her train rides the train was so crowded that she had to sit on top of her suitcase half the way to her destination.

The following is some history about the USS Hammondsport.

Hammondsport (AKV-2) was built as Seatrain Havana in 1932 by Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., Chester, Pa. After operating for Seatrain Lines, Inc. until 1941 she was acquired by the Navy through the Maritime Commission on a bareboat basis and commissioned at New York Navy Yard as Hammondsport (APV-2) 11 December 1941, Comdr. P.R. Glutting in command. She was reclassified (sic; reclassified) AKV-2 on 15 September 1943.

Designed to carry cargo and aircraft, Hammondsport got underway 18 December 1941 for Chesapeake Bay, Va., and a short shakedown cruise. She continued to the Canal Zone, where she arrived 26 December and unloaded five PT boats transported from New York. Hammondsport arrived San Francisco 7 January 1942, and began loading cargo and aircraft to be carried to beleaguered allied forces in the western Pacific. Departing 15 January she steamed into Brisbane harbor with her precious cargo 5 February 1942. After unloading her cargo of

120 P-40 aircraft the ship sailed for San Francisco, arriving 17 March.

From March until August Hammondsport made four voyages from California to Pearl Harbor with general cargo and aircraft for further transfer to the forward areas. Departing from San Diego 1 September 1942, the ship then sailed into the western Pacific area, carrying cargo and aircraft to Noumea, Espiritu Santo, Efate, New Hebrides Islands before returning to San Diego 3 November 1942.

Hammondsport carried out this vital supply duty for the remainder of the war. She carried not only replacement aircraft for the far-ranging fleet groups of the 3rd and 5th fleets, but land-based aircraft as well. In addition, she brought to such staging bases as Espiritu Santo and Noumea spare parts and other vital cargo and carried damaged aircraft back to Pearl Harbor and California bases. As the allied armies and navies advanced toward Japan, her destinations moved northward and westward. After the fall of the Marianas, Hammondsport's most frequent supply point was Guam, to which she carried hundreds of aircraft during 1945.

With the surrender of Japan Hammondsport continued to sail regularly between San Francisco, Pearl Harbor, and the Pacific islands, bringing aircraft and supplies back from Samar, Philippine Island, and the Marianas during September – November 1945. The ship departed Eniwetok atoll 21 December 1945 on her final passage, carrying 44 aircraft and 600 tons of cargo to Pearl Harbor and San Francisco. After touching at the latter port Hammondsport through the Panama Canal to Philadelphia, where she arrived 9 February 1946.

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The program also involves mutual aid with other water agencies in the area as well as communicating with the State Water Resources Control Board – Division



of Drinking Water and the City of Grand Terrace's Emergency Operations Committee. This plan is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors annually or whenever changes are needed.

In any emergency situation, the loss of electric power is of major concern. At Riverside Highland Water Company, we have a variety of ways to meet water demand in an emergency. The first line of defense in a power loss is our large reservoir capacity. A large reserve of water gives us the ability to maintain the water supply until

either power has been restored or another form of energy or water can be obtained. In a situation where power cannot be restored in a timely manner, Riverside Highland Water Company has two portable generators available. These generators can be transported to any number of booster pumps or well sites to provide power until electricity is restored. We also have a fixed generator at our corporate yard to maintain power to our offices in the event of a power outage.

Riverside Highland Water Company has several intertie connections with several other water agencies. These include the cities of Rialto, San Bernardino and Colton, as well as with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. These not only give us access to a large

volume of water in an emergency or if we ever faced a shortage of water for other reasons, such as the threat of contaminants, as other water agencies have experienced.

In addition, Riverside Highland Water Company has an Emergency Response Vehicle that has an emergency generator and other equipment as well as two 300 gallon tanks that can be transported to an area for drinking water.

We also have an automatic shut off valve at one of our reservoirs that can maintain water in the tank in the event the water mains are ruptured.

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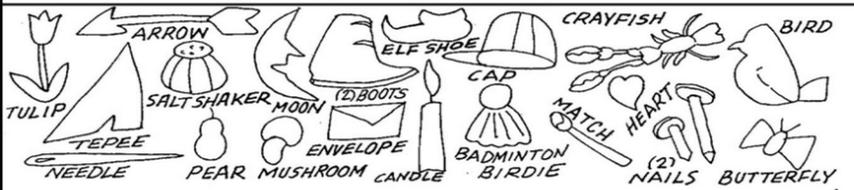
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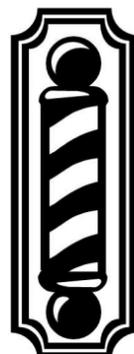
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