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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

July, 2013

Measure A passes but who was allowed to vote?

I sent the following article to the Press Enterprise 4 days before the vote on Measure A. This article was intended to be used in "Your Views" but never was printed in the Press Enterprise.

"NO" vote on water issue!

Misleading advertisement: (Riverside Public Utilities Advertisement May 26, 2013)

If "Each and every user is a shareholder" in the Riverside Public Utilities, then why don't Highgrove shareholders get to vote on Measure A? Highgrove residents already pay a 50% surcharge for water from the city of Riverside but since we live outside the city limits, we are not allowed to vote on whether or not part of our water bill payments will go to the city of Riverside's General fund to use for city services such as City Police or City Fire protection. We already pay for and receive these services from Riverside County.

Vote NO if you can, because the Highgrove shareholders who have to pay for Riverside city water, are being denied their right to vote on this important issue. Is this fair? How would you vote if you had to pay for services you do not receive?

**R. A. "Barney" Barnett
Highgrove resident**

On Wed. June 5, 2013, the day after Measure A passed, I received a call from the Press Enterprise stating that my article against Measure A was not received in time to print before the June 4th election.

INPUT FROM SCOTT SIMPSON
Many Highgrove residents receive water service billings from the City of Riverside Utility Department.

These bills includes a 50% premium because Highgrove is outside the City limits of Riverside.

Also included is an additional 11.5% premium that can be transferred to the City of Riverside's General Fund.

Then they hit all of the above with the Utility Users Tax of 6.5% so customers outside the city limits end up paying at least 68% hidden taxes in their water bill.

Measure A received voter approval from the voters in Riverside (the residents within the city, not Highgrove) which approved the 11.5% tax

hidden in your water rate. But Measure A violates the state constitution because Article 13D, section 6,(b) 1-5 prohibits water rates that exceed the cost of service to your property and prohibits spending the money on general govt. expenses such as Riverside City Police or street repairs. These city services have nothing to do with providing water service to Highgrove customers.

There are approximately 8,000 voters living in ward 4 who don't get their water service from the city of Riverside. But they were allowed to vote even though they don't pay the hidden taxes. Highgrove residents did not get to vote but will have to continue paying for services they do not receive.

Water History

By Scott Simpson

As the saying goes, "Water is the stuff of Life." Without water the land in Riverside is dry, brown and barren. Much like many of the properties I see in town today. Many of our neighborhoods have 20-60% brown and barren front yards. Why does our city look so dead??

The answer is not so simple nor, what you would think living in Riverside. It all started when California became a state and twenty-some years before John North came to California with the dream of creating a city he called, Riverside. Our earliest State Constitution covered the issue of water by establishing that "the waters of California are to be used for beneficial purposes and must not be wasted" (beneficial uses were later defined as residential, agricultural, recreational, commercial/manufacturing and export in order of priority). Today this remains the Law of the Land. However, in those early days of the State of California conflict over water and the pricing of it was very high.

The conflict was created and driven by (greedy) land developers who had subdivided large tracts of land into small parcels suitable for family farms and built canals, ditches, flumes, pipes and laterals to transport water to the land thus, increasing its value. The developers owned and built the canals and

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Sugarloaf Mountain fire!



The Channel 7 eyewitness news van is shown being passed by Highgrove's station 19 fire truck on Friday June 14, 2013. I took this photo at 2:00 pm and the fire was extinguished by the early evening. The fire burned the dry grass but no buildings were burned and there were no injuries. CDF airplanes and helicopters dropped fire retardant on the fire which really helped due to the steep incline of Sugarloaf Mountain.

We were on the way back from Glen Avon when we noticed the smoke as we headed eastbound on Interstate 60. As we got closer and closer to Highgrove we could see that the gray smoke was coming from Sugarloaf.

Several days later the Press enterprise reported that a 14 year old boy admitted starting the fire when he was playing with a lighter in the dry grass on Sugarloaf. The fire burned about 40 acres and although it filled the air with gray smoke that was headed eastward it could have burned more brush because there is more dry vegetation on the adjoining Tamarac Mountain and the Box Springs range.

The fire looked suspicious to me too because it didn't start at the base of the mountain. My original thought was that someone fired a rocket into the hillside to set the fire.

Did you know that 95% of these types of fires are started by humans? Only You can prevent forest fires!



The dark area shows where the fire burned the dry grass on Sugarloaf.

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July 2013



**July 4th:
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July 5th & 19th at 8AM - 1:00 PM Riverside County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is here to help answer any questions and do blood pressure and blood sugar checks, general medical exams, and health screenings at no cost to you. No appointments needed!

July 19th at 8:15 AM - 10 AM Resource table hosted by Ilsa with Eastside Health Center 951-213-3450

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Rummage Sale - August 31st from 7 AM - 12 Noon
All proceeds go to the Community Center and its daily operations

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Points of Interest

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English Class: Tues 5-6PM \$5 initial registration fee, no additional cost per class
Citizenship Boot Camp: \$20 - 5 Session Class+\$5 Registration Fee. Thursday 5-6PM

Sewing Class: Wed 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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Wed 8:30 - 10 AM \$15 per class/10 class course/Completion Certificate awarded

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Thurs 10-11:30 \$18 for each 4 week level session/ 4 level course. Completion certificate awarded

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Highgrove Elementary School Coins for College Scholarship 2013

Acceptance Speech by Krista Espinoza

Promotion, I remember when I was in your shoes and thinking back it feels like yesterday, except yesterday I graduated from John W. North High School. I finished my senior year with a 4.1 GPA, as an AVID scholar, a Red Cross Member, and a Yearbook Editor. I've had many accomplishments during my 12 years of schooling but the best one by far would simply be finishing and making it.

Many of you may not know who I am and are thinking, "why is she even talking to us in the first place". Well I'll tell you why. Not only did I win the scholarship that so many of you helped to raise and collect, but because someone other than your amazing parents and teachers need to let you know how important school is. Some of you going on to junior high might not be fans of school, you don't like the work, the homework, and you sometimes won't like the teachers or even the students around you. But, when it comes down to it your future is exactly that, YOURS! So if you have big dreams, you want to be the President, an astronaut, a lawyer, or even a teacher like me, whatever it may be, try your hardest! Some people might put you down but remember the best revenge is proving to them that you can do it, and succeeding at whatever it is. So dream big, make friends, join a sport, join a club, make mistakes, make them again, then learn from them, and never ever give up. As Arnold Palmer once said, "the most rewarding things in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done". School can be rough, stressing and really hard, but it's worth it and goes by faster than you'd think. And remember the only one stopping you is yourself! So thank you to all of those that helped raise this scholarship it will most definitely help me in college! And I wish you all good luck in the rest of your schooling. Thank you, Krista Espinoza.

Rummage Sale

Sat August 31st,
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From 8am - 11am

Setup at 7am

Includes 1 table and 1 chair (20 tables available - first come first serve)

FSA Booth is going to be placed in front office side

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Coins for College Scholarship Winner

Highgrove Elementary School students and community members gathered coins to help fund for a college scholarship of a high school graduating Highgrove senior.

Highgrove Coins for College Scholarship Winner Krista Espinoza gave her acceptance speech at the 6th grade promotion on June 13th. (See letter on the right)

We will continue to collect coins for next school year's scholarship recipient. Please stop by the school office to make your donation.

Delia Murillo, Principal's Secretary, Highgrove Elementary School



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

MAC meetings will be monthly!

The Highgrove community meetings known as the Municipal Advisory Council will meet each month except December. The meetings will be on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Highgrove Library located at 530 Center Street in Highgrove. The public is invited.

Due to financial constraints, representatives from Supervisor Tavaglione's office will come to every other meeting starting on March 27, 2013 but our MAC meetings will be monthly at the library on the 4th Wednesday of the month. You are encouraged to attend and invite a neighbor to come with you.



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Palmyrita Ave. is being widened on the north side between Newport Ave. and Iowa Avenue. Many utilities have to be moved including telephone poles, water lines and railroad crossing gates. This \$592,000.00 project will be under construction for another 2 months. Please drive carefully!

New Colors of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: "Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town" Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county".

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

Highgrove Crime Activity



Crimes increased from 5 to 8 over the past two weeks in Highgrove. The total of violent crimes stayed the same at 0. Robbery stayed the same at 0. Aggravated Assault stayed the same at 0. Property Crimes increased from 5 to 8. Burglary decreased by 50% from 2 to 1. Auto Theft increased from 0 to 6. Larceny Theft decreased by 50% from 2 to 1. Arson decreased by 100% from 1 to 0. Vehicle Burglary stayed the same at 0.

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To report violators please call the Sheriff at: (951) 776-1099 Ext. 5.

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Burro signs missing: Another burro fatality!



Only one warning sign is left on Mt. Vernon Ave. on the southbound lane between Main St. and Center Street. Other warning signs on Mt. Vernon and Spring St. are missing. These signs were placed along the roads for the protection of the motorists, their vehicle, and for the protection of the burros.

Signs like the one shown at the right have been placed along Mt. Vernon Ave. and Spring St. by i-Star Financial to discourage feeding the burros near the roadways. i-Star Financial is the property owner of Spring Mountain Ranch and they have been attending our Highgrove MAC meetings. They also installed a drinking container for the burros away from the roadway to encourage the burros to stay away from the road.

Remember, these burros are wild animals that are free to roam the countryside. If you stop your car they will come to you expecting food even if you just want to look at them.

When they come too close to the road is when they become vulnerable to being hit by a passing car. This incident happened around 7:00 pm on June 23, 2013 which is still before sunset. If you know someone who took one of the burro signs, call the Sheriff (951) 955 2600 or (951) 955 2628 or the Riverside County Transportation Dept. at (951) 955 6880.



The signs that warned motorists about the burros in the area have been removed. These signs were placed along Mt. Vernon Ave. and Spring St. by Riverside County for the protection of motorists, their vehicle, and the burros. As you can see, the vehicle was damaged when it hit the burro and it went up and over the top smashing the windshield in the process. Nearby residents heard the impact and came to the location and placed the cone by the roadway. The CHP investigated the incident and the female driver Hannah Weaver, 21 from Redlands was not injured and no citation issued. It is unknown whether or not the missing signs contributed to the collision or if speed was a contributing factor. But please slow down in this area!

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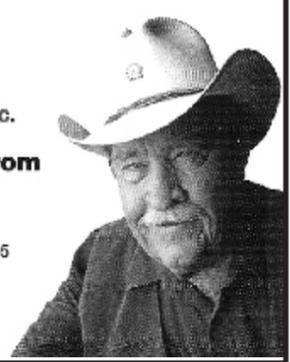
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operated the water delivery systems. They made their money from the sale of improved land and from the sale of water to the land each following year. Typically, the price of water rose dramatically after the land was sold and placed into production by the family farmer. After all, if you can't afford the price of your water service, someone else will pay to use your water allotment. The trap was, "Water Tight". This financial squeeze was used to excess and distressed land owners complained bitterly to the state legislators. Riverside's legislator John Satterwaite was actively proposing new legislation to make more water available at the lowest cost.

In 1862 the state legislature passed a new law that allowed investors/land developers to incorporate private water companies for the purpose of building privately owned canals and other infrastructure for the delivery of water to the land. This would allow more land to be productive and available to the many immigrants from the eastern U.S. Immigration was the basis of California's early economy. Most immigrants came west to purchase land and operate small farms.

California was booming in population growth and land development (large tracts turned into small farms). Everyone needed that which we have least of – fresh water. Water, if you had it, made you wealthy, but abusing the economic power of water was intolerable to the populace. So the new law of 1862 granted the newly incorporated private water companies the (reserved for government) power of Eminent Domain. So for the first time a private corporation could exercise the power of government to eminent domain private property for the layout and

construction of the canal and related water transport infrastructure. It was a necessary evil in the time of much argument over the uses of water and the economics of monopolistic holders of land and water rights. It also placed certain public responsibilities upon the water company(s) to serve the public the water they needed without price discrimination (everyone pays the same flat fee for the same volume of water service).

John North and the other founding fathers of Riverside incorporated the Southern California Colony Assn. in 1870 under the law of 1862. The incorporation documents state the reason for incorporation was to construct canals and other water transportation systems to their land holdings (now Riverside) in order to make profits from the sale of the land, the water to be provided to the land at cost forever. So this is why the Riverside Canal was built from the abundant water source in San Bernardino flowing to Riverside. The original canal remains substantially intact today and can be seen flowing through many neighborhoods that lie along the route of the 91 Freeway through Riverside into Home Gardens and Corona.

The original Riverside canal completed in 1871, conveyed water to Highgrove and the land holdings of the Southern California Colony Association (SCCA). Later in 1875, the SCCA became known as the Riverside Land & Irr. Co., with the southern boundary being Jurupa Ave. By 1875 extensions of the canal below the southern boundary of the SCCA were approved by the directors of the Riverside Land and Irr. Co. and construction eventually extended water delivery service to the Arlington tract and the La Sierra tract and beyond to Home Gardens and Corona. The board of directors realized that the abundant water supply

allowed them to profit from the sale of their abundant water by extending the canal into land holdings south of their SCCA (Riverside) lands. NOTE: In the 1870's the highest and best technology for delivering water in the West was by canal. The land owner depended entirely upon this supply for residential and agricultural use with most families owning small farms and subsisting on the fruits of their labor and the availability of water to the land.

1875, One of several lawsuits over water service in Riverside was filed by A.O. Price against the Riverside Land & Irrigation Co (parent to the SCCA). This case was elevated to the California Supreme Court who issued the decision in November of 1880. (Cal. Sup., Price v. Riverside Land & Irr. Co., 1880.) It remains a published case and "Good Law" today and can be found on the California State Supreme Court website. This case allowed the court to write "new law" known as the Legal Doctrine of water rights appurtenant to the land.

Summarizing the major issues in the decision:

- The Riverside Land & Irrig. Co. (in 1880 the Riverside Canal Co.) and its successor owners (including a municipality) is bound by the decision. The city of Riverside is the current owner/operator of the Riverside Canal Co and is also bound to follow the 1880 decision in perpetuity.

- The water is supplied to the land (by the original land sales contract) and is fixed to it in perpetuity and, the water transfers with the land through succession of ownership. This also defines one class of water customer with the highest priority of right to water now served by the Riverside Water Utility.

- The same amount of water as supplied each year by the canal co./city is to be made available each year

as an allotment to the parcel. "The water (allotment) goes with the land in perpetuity". "No act of man can separate the water from the land." "The water stays with the land". Non-use of the water does not void the lands' right to the water allotment from the city water utility.

- The canal company shares issued with the original sale of land represents, "only the capital investment of the land purchaser in the water rights and infrastructure of the water delivery system to your parcel". If the shares are sold the water allotment remains fixed to the land forever. The entitlement to water service need not be recorded upon the title and is not held in the water co. shares.

- The price of the water service shall not exceed the average annual cost to the water company of maintaining and operating the water delivery infrastructure whether by canal, ditch, flume or pipe. This is a flat rate per acre foot of water and every land owner pays the same price for the water service (no exceptions or exemptions for government agencies or "Special Customers"). The service provided is the transportation of water to the land. This means that all contract sales at lower than residential rates for water service to parcels within the City of Riverside are null and void. They violate the Supreme Court order that pre-dates these contracts. Wholesale purchasers of water must be entirely outside the city water distribution system and distribute water to their land customers. The current city definition of wholesale water customer is invalidated by the 1880 court order.

- The canal co./city cannot profit from the sale of the water to the land served by the canal co./city (concept of retail sale). The owner operator cannot make a profit on the invest-

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ment in the water infrastructure (the capital investment having been paid at the time of land purchase). This means you can't transfer water funds to the city General Fund. The court specifically ordered that purchases of the land from the canal co. also paid the capital investment in the infrastructure. Land purchased from others required a charge for ownership/shares in the canal co. Future capital replacement or improvement to the infrastructure to be paid by bonding the land served with water from the canal. The city cannot include capital cost of infrastructure in the water rate and must sell municipal bonds or seek approval of parcel assessments.

- Excess water production may be sold to wholesaler/transporters of water outside of the flow of the water system without establishing a right to future water supply (concept of wholesale sales). Wholesale customers by definition of the Supreme Court cannot be located within the City Water Utility service area. Revenue from wholesale transactions is to be used to offset the annual operation and maintenance of the water utility thus lowering the annual rate, fee or charge per acre ft of water service.

- Each parcel of land is entitled to its' water supply by priority of customer class. The class being determined by the Supreme Court in Price v. Riverside Land & Irr. Co. The higher classes being defined mostly by the date of sale by the SCCA or the date water was first supplied to the parcel by the water company/city (if the land was purchased from other than the SCCA.) The higher the class of customer the higher level of protection of the water entitlement during period of drought or other shortage of water supply. The owner/operator/city of the water utility may declare a water emergency and ignore the priority of water right to the land and redistribute available water equally to the land in order to protect the public health & safety without adding new

customers during the emergency period. This holds true today statewide via the state water code.

- The canal co./city can take no action forcing the land owner to use less than the annual allotment to the parcel or to accept a lesser quality of water without declaring an emergency. This means no arbitrary price increases, punitive tiered pricing, conservation measures or fees, or any other means of causing a lesser demand/usage of water upon the customers.

- The cost of water service will be determined annually at the end of the budget year from the accounting of only annual operation and maintenance records of the canal co./city utility.

- The canal co./city does not have a right to earn a profit from the capital investment in the water infrastructure. The capital cost of which was paid by the land owners when the Riverside Land & Irr. Co. first profited from the sale of land with the promise of water delivery in perpetuity (a lawful contract to serve the land in perpetuity). Subsequent capital expenditures for infrastructure replacement and improvement are to be funded by the land owners bonding their land. (This prohibits the city from using Revenue Bonds or other instruments of borrowing.)

It is interesting to note that this 1880 decision does not conflict with more recent changes to the California Constitution and Supreme Court rulings interpreting the constitution. It remains good law which our city manager and Water Utility Department are not following and the following issues require action:

1. The city has stated in recent court filings that, it has a right to make a return on its investment in capital infrastructure of the water utility it owns. (Moreno v. City of Riverside, current superior court case) The city is incorrect. The city may propose a special tax ballot measure for voter approval.

A Special Tax would provide tax revenue to the General Fund for

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Old Farts Reunion held at Fairmont Park



It was a beautiful day for a car show and reunion as several hundred classic cars and hot rods parked around Lake Evans during the Old Farts Racing Team annual reunion. Funds raised by this club have been donated to improve and repair the American Legion clubhouse that sits on the road that goes around the lake. New windows have been replaced and other repairs made due to the generosity of the Old Farts Racing team members. Non members were given awards but club members cars were not judged.



People paid \$10.00 for a spring loaded toy car to race on the track set up on folding tables outside the American Legion Hall in Fairmont Park.



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The driver said the weld broke that held the discs up during trips on the road between the fields. This allowed the discs to fall onto the road and created the loud dragging noise that I heard until the tractor stopped. There were marks in the asphalt but the street did not have any severe damage. Meanwhile, the driver went back toward Spring St. to find the part that broke off so it could be welded back again.... this time maybe it should be re-welded by a certified welder so it won't break again!



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Water: cont. from P. 6
 general city expenditures where as, a General Fund Transfer is prohibited by the Calif Constitution Article 13 D. A City may only ask property owners to bond the land or sell municipal bonds to borrow capital for replacement or improvement to the water supply infrastructure.

2. The city refused to stop making transfers to the general fund of profits from the Water Utility Department when the California Constitution was changed by the voters in 1996 forbidding the practice. The city refuses to return the money to the Water Utility Department. Courts have ordered other cities to return (all) the money to the water fund it was taken from or endure a criminal investigation of misappropriation of funds.

3. The city has established and maintained unlawful "higher than cost" water rates since 1996. The city must reduce its current water rate(s) to a single flat rate established in 1996. New rate increases may only be approved after a rate study is done on the most recent budget year ended.

4. The city has and continues to inflate the rates for water service in order to pay the cost of replacing and improving the capital infrastructure. The city must ask land owners to bond their land to fund these improvements or sell municipal bonds.

5. The city refuses to issue municipal bonds for capital expense by the Water Utility Department. Placing the cost of capital debt into the water rate. See 4. Above.

6. The city established and maintains punitive water rates that are designed to economically force (the lower income) residential customers to use less water. The city

established and maintains a water conservation program that requires payment of a fee. The 1880 Supreme Court decision prohibits these programs and the associated rates, fees and charges.

7. The city has not recognized or maintained information that would establish the water allotment your land is entitled to receive each year. The court ordered this action. If the data is not retrievable, the amount of water required to produce a crop of citrus (the dominant crop in Riverside circa 1880) is your allotted amount of water in acre feet of water per acre of land not including rainfall.

8. The city established and maintains different (lower) water rates, charges and fees for select customers. The Supreme Court has ordered that all water customers pay the same rate for water service measured by volume consumed via meter.

9. The city is forcing property owners to pay for recycled water and use it instead of clean water the land is entitled to receive. The city may only ask land owners to voluntarily use water of a lesser quality such as recycled water.

All of the above actions of the city lowers your property value and drives up your monthly cost of living via hidden taxes. The city must change its practices and conform to constitutional law!

No one is above the law!

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"

Mark your calendar for July 24th. The Gen. Manager of Riverside Public Utilities has been invited to the Highgrove MAC meeting.

"SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF" WITH SUMMER ROAD SAFETY



SACRAMENTO, Calif. –Summer is road trip time, and California has a number of great destinations to explore by motor vehicle. To help motorists enjoy safe summer travels on the road, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is reminding the public to take care of themselves and their vehicles during the upcoming hot weather months.

"Throughout the busy summer travel season, safety should never take a backseat; buckle up, designate a non-drinking driver, adhere to the speed limit, and avoid becoming distracted behind the wheel," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Taking a few simple precautions before your road trip is the first step to ensuring everyone has a safe and memorable summer."

Before traveling this summer, have your vehicle thoroughly checked, with special attention given to these items:

- To prevent your vehicle from overheating, make sure your radiator is working properly and is filled with fluid. Check fluid levels regularly.
- Ensure your tires are properly inflated.
- Keep yourself and your passengers in mind by checking that your air conditioner is in good working order before hitting the road.
- NEVER leave children or pets unattended for any length of time in a car. A closed car can heat up to well over 100 degrees in a very short period of time.

· If you plan to travel long distances, consider getting an early morning or late afternoon start as the weather tends to be less severe at these times. Some additional safety tips to follow before heading out:

- Be sure to set your destination on your navigation device prior to departing and never drive distracted while behind the wheel.
- Always use an appropriate child passenger safety seat when transporting children under the age of eight, or until they are 4 feet 9 inches in height. Be a good example and always wear your seat belt.
- Carry a survival kit with extra water, concentrated food, cellular telephone and charger, sunscreen, matches, collapsible shovel, blankets, good jack, tools and basic extra parts for your car (e.g., hoses, fan belts, extra gas) and maps of your area.
- Always designate a sober driver when you head out for your summer fun. Remember to arrive alive and get home safe this summer.

According to data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, nearly 1,000 people were killed in collisions during the summer months (June-September) of 2010 in California.

The data also shows nearly 78,000 others were injured in collisions during that same time period.

"The public should take comfort knowing the CHP will be out on the road with them this travel season," added Commissioner Farrow.

"Always remember, a little bit of safety can go a long way on the road for you and your travel companions."

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It was a Grand Day for Grand Terrace Community Day on June 8, 2013



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The weather was perfect if you like warm sunshine and the attendance was great when Grand Terrace celebrated their community day on June 8, 2013.

The stage was where Dance Dimensions and other performers strutted their stuff and the announcements were made.

Grand Terrace Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz pictured at right was caught trying to use two potato sacks (one for each leg) just prior to the sack race but his competitors complained.



The cub scouts presented the colors for the opening ceremony.



When they lined up for the race I was rooting for Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz



There were lots of vendors and plenty of things to do and see.



but when he was required to use only one sack..... he didn't do that well!

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DEVILS DEN

by *Dennis Wilds*

Within a couple minutes a line of ten or so had formed in the main aisle from the tent entrance to Delphia's immediate left. The first was a middle aged woman in a white dress and grey hair pulled back in a pony tail. From where Delphia sat, she could see the woman's tired and wrinkled face turn into a worried smile as Danny gestured to her with open arms to approach the stage.

"Come on up here ma'am and tell me your name." Danny said to her.

Taking her hand in his, Danny pulled her onto the low stage and asked again for her name.

"Ahm Hattie Archie an ahm goin blind from drinking bad whisky."

Danny looked into Hattie's eyes and she returned his gaze with the palest of blue eyes with dilated pupils. "Hattie, if God needs you to see, He'll heal you tonight. Do you believe that?"

"Yessir ah do."

"Hattie, lets pray together. Dear God, please help this poor woman to see again."

At that moment Danny had taken a side step to Hattie's left and placed his right hand on Hattie's forehead and grasped her right elbow with his left hand. Quietly and deftly, Baby and Slaybaugh had stepped behind Hattie. Except for the organ music playing "Hallelujah" in the background the only other sounds were Danny's prayer and the flapping of the tent canvas. When Danny was satisfied his assistants were in place, he took Hattie's head in both hands with both thumbs placed over her closed eyes and his fingers wrapped around the back of her neck.....

"Sweet Jesus, this woman, this child of yours has poor sight. Is that

right Hattie? Tell Jesus now. Can you see to read the Bible?"

"No sir. Ah can't see the words no more."

With that, Danny tightened his grip of Hattie's head and felt her simultaneously relax her footing. At this point he was supporting a good part of the woman's weight with his hands and outstretched arms. Baby and Slaybaugh stepped a half step closer and each took hold of her limp arms by her wrists and elbows. Hattie was giving herself over to Christ for all to see. Pressing harder on Hattie's closed eyes, Danny felt guilty for what he was about to do to this poor woman. He knew that when she opened her eyes and he released the pressure her eyes would be momentarily more sensitive to any light so he said, "Brother hand me that lantern." And Slaybaugh reached over and lifted one of the stage lanterns off its hook on the tent pole and handed it to Danny who released his hands from Hattie's head and held the lantern a couple feet in front of her face saying, "Hattie, open your eyes and tell me what you see now."

Hattie opened her lids to the bedazzling flash of light that penetrated her cataracts and registered brilliant sparkles in her light starved retinas.

"It's so bright. Oh God, it's so white, the light, Ah kin see it now!"

Deftly stepping forward and placing his right hand on Hattie's forehead Danny pushed hard enough to rock Hattie back on her heels into the arms of Baby and Slaybaugh who gently laid her on her back on the stage and drug her relaxed body into the shadows.

Delphia was astounded from her front row seat. Danny announced Hattie washed clean in the blood of the Lamb and Delphia thought to her-

self of how dirty she felt inside from living with Booger. Abruptly, she stood up and turned to join the line. Right then and there she decided that her time for salvation had come. Like Hattie, she wanted to be washed clean. Danny hardly noticed Delphia stand up because his attention had shifted to the next in line, an older man with two canes hobbling toward him. While he waited for Slaybaugh and Baby to help the old man onto the stage, Danny gave Leila the nod to take over with the organ. Ever ready, Leila let loose with "Ode to Joy" as Danny picked up his Bible and raised both arms over his head with face raised toward heaven. This was the time to work the congregation into a frenzy and keep their attention before the back rows began to filter out. Danny watched the shadows on the billowing tent ceiling and hoped he could finish with the testimonials and savings in time for Slaybaugh and Baby to pass the offering buckets. The storm outside continued to build and the thunder and lightning came closer together and the wind began moaning through the tree limbs as the door-flaps on the entrance to the tent began to flail uncontrollably, so it was just a matter of time before the locals decided not to press their luck and seek shelter in more substantial structures and storm cellars. Striding back to the front of the stage toward his awaiting elderly supplicant balanced by his two canes, Danny's eyes surveyed the growing line leading from the stage toward the main entrance and saw a flash of lightning brightly backlight the doorway and a shadowy figure standing there. The long flash of lightning lasted four or five seconds and was immediately followed by a crash of thunder loud enough to drown out Leila's organ.

The suspended lamps swayed on the tent poles and the cold icy winds gusted into the tent straining the tent pegs in the muddy ground outside the tent.

Stepping inside the tent, Booger's front and face was illuminated by the lanterns and Delphia was the first to recognize her daddy at the end of the line leading to the stage. Glancing over at Baby, Danny nodded upward to the flapping tent and Baby got the message to head out and check the tent pegs. Striding up the line Baby passed Booger on his way out noticing that the old man just stood there staring at the stage. Their shoulders brushed as they passed and the old drunk never looked his way. Myrtle was sitting closest to the aisle immediately to Booger's left and he elbowed Caesar and nodded toward Booger. Caesar went on alert as he remembered Delphia's earlier warning about Booger going home to get a gun. By now Slaybaugh had noticed Booger's arrival and Delphia shrank back down into her chair on the sight of her daddy. The next gust of wind at his back propelled Booger down the line toward the stage past the patient Christians toward Danny and the cripple. Before Slaybaugh could intervene Booger bounded onto the stage and pushed the old cripple over and took his place in front of Danny. All around the tent, the shadows shifted and moved with agitation. Simultaneously, Leila hit three loud "G's" and an "E flat" on the organ giving Danny the warning "Ta Ta Ta dum" of Beethoven's "Fate is at the door". Reflexively, Danny extended his arm toward this unknown intruder and slapped his right hand on Boogers sweaty forehead.

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Let's Think About Health While We Are Healthy!

There are many simple habits that we can incorporate into our daily lives to boost our immune system to its optimal functioning level. Eating fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and clean proteins is one. Adequate rest combined with proper fluid intake is another. So how do we free ourselves from illnesses that are brought on by lifestyle choices and interaction with our fellow man? How do we safeguard our health and create an immunity armor that will protect us at home, at work, and out in the public?

A quick explanation about how our immune system works is in order to inform us of what body systems are in play in protecting us. Our first line of defense is our hair, skin, and nails. Weak germs can be trapped by hair and skin cells that we can shed or wash away through proper hygiene. The first way then to create our suit of immune armor is proper hygiene. Keeping our bodies, teeth, and nails clean is a great way to 'buff' our armor daily. Skin protection also means limiting sun exposure to avoid burning and allowing germs to enter in cracked and weakened skin. Some germs will make it into our bodies through our mouth and travel either to our lungs or into our stomachs. Here it is important to maintain good gut health by eating foods with fiber and antioxidants as they will push along germs through our digestive system and send important vitamins like A and E to our lungs to keep them sterile and clean.

Those germs that do enter into our body will be met with our most sophisticated defense yet, the wide array of specialized cells that engage in specialized germ warfare. Immune cells can be assisted by our habits to do their job properly. Again, eating well, exercising regularly, getting adequate sleep and fluids are the best habits to boost our immune system. Supplements are also very beneficial to keep our immune system in shape. Here are habit and supplement suggestions to enhance our immune system;

AT HOME:

• Proper and frequent hygiene • Good fresh foods • Keeping common areas clean, dusted, and open to air • Create a stress free getaway

AT WORK:

• Take lunch and assigned breaks, use this time to reduce stress and recharge your batteries • Stay home if too ill to perform your job, this will reduce germ transmission rates • Bring immune foods with you a.k.a. colorful foods high in antioxidants and low in processed sugar and fat • Get outside when possible. A little sun exposure is good for our disposition • Wash hands...clean hands are the number one way to prevent colds, flues, and foodborne illnesses

SUPPLEMENTS:

• Multivitamin and extra vitamin C (reduces the severity and duration of colds)
• Concentrated greens powder (to alkalize the body) full of minerals • Coconut water, chock full of minerals and antioxidants • B vitamins, important to activate immune system and help in boosting energy

Thinking about health while we are healthy is the surest way to maintain the gift of health. There really are no secrets to avoiding lifestyle diseases and living a long happy life but there are new and timely ways of reminding ourselves that a good steady basic approach to living can help us make health a cherished habit of the heart!

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Be Aware of the Need for Disability Insurance

It probably doesn't show up on your calendar, but May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month. And you might agree that such a month is useful, when you consider the following:

• Three in 10 workers entering the workforce today will become disabled before retiring, according to the Social Security Administration.

• At age 42, you are four times more likely to become seriously disabled than to die during your working years, according to National Underwriter Life & Health.

• Disability causes nearly 50% of all mortgage foreclosures, according to Health Affairs, a health policy research journal.

Given these statistics, it's not surprising that the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE) sponsors Disability Insurance Awareness Month to encourage Americans to address their disability income needs. Here's the bottom line: You can be really good at budgeting your money and you can be a disciplined long-term investor — but unless you've protected at least a reasonable percentage of your income, your whole financial strategy is incomplete. And all your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, could be jeopardized.

Of course, you may not be totally unfamiliar with disability income insurance; if you work for a large employer, a group disability policy may be part of your employee benefits package. If so, you should certainly accept the coverage, which may be offered to you free, or at minimal cost. However, this coverage might be inadequate to replace the income needed to allow your family to maintain its lifestyle without dipping into your investments.

Consequently, you might need to think about purchasing an individual disability insurance policy. Here are some tips:

• Look for a policy that is "non-cancellable" until you reach age 65. When you purchase a non-cancellable policy, your policy premiums can't be changed, provided you pay them on time.

• Pick the right waiting period. Typically, disability insurance policies don't start paying benefits immediately; there's usually a waiting (or "elimination") period ranging from 30 days to two years. Obviously, a shorter waiting period is more desirable, but it's probably also going to be more expensive. You may be able to give yourself the flexibility of choosing the longer waiting period if you have created an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid account that offers significant preservation of principal.

• Avoid overly restrictive policies. You may want to avoid an "accident-only" policy or one with a limited benefit term (five and 10 years are common). These policies may be cheaper, but they don't cover either a disabling illness or the entirety of your working life.

• Consider adding appropriate "riders." It will likely add to the cost of your policy, but a cost-of-living rider will help protect your future benefits from the effects of inflation. You also might want to add a future income options (FIO) rider, which provides you with the ability to purchase additional coverage in the future with no further medical underwriting.

These suggestions are general in nature. Your financial advisor can help you determine if you need a private disability insurance policy — and, if so, what type of policy is best suited for your needs.

But don't wait too long to take action in this area. You can't predict the future, but you should still prepare for the unexpected.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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California Dreaming by Dr. Cynthia Williams

Being a transplanted native Californian I am suffering from shock just like my plants. I miss Highgrove and all my family and friends! I moved to central Oregon a little over two years ago and it is nothing like Highgrove. I knew the change would be dramatic—this little city has about 80,000 people, hundreds, if not thousands, of wild deer, and more dogs per capita than any place I've ever been. It is another planet compared to California. Let me share with you my journey.

Central Oregon is a fickle area for weather. Three weeks ago we were still wearing sweaters, coats and gloves. My woodsy neighborhood had the fragrant haze of smoke from the wood stoves and fireplaces. I still had my few herbs that survived the winter covered at night to protect them from the freezing temperatures. SNAP! The warm weather arrived. I'm doing the happy-dance. Overnight our daytime temperatures went into the 80's and nights were temperate and I could release my herbs from their cover so they could enjoy the sun and fresh air. I've planted a few tomato and bell pepper plants that will capture every little ray of sun that filters between the pine trees. I've relocated my herb bed to a spot that is more protected during the winter so they will hopefully winter over successfully. We always have to look ahead. They will be exposed to frost in less than four months!

Central Oregon has a vast number of ranches and farms which pride themselves on producing a wide variety of organic fruits and vegetables; free-range organic chickens and turkeys; "humanely raised" goats, pigs, and beef; organic-pesticide free herbs and edible flowers; and a nice variety of baked goods and products. There are many restaurants, shops, and stands that focus on using the local sources of produce, poultry and meats. The term used extensively here is "Lo-

cavore" which includes the people who produce foods that are grown, harvested and sold in the tri-county area, the stores and stands who sell them, the restaurants who purchase and prepare and serve them, and the customers who purchase and consume the fresh local ingredients and prepared dishes.

Farmer's Markets, backyard produce stands, and festivals celebrating the bounty of the few months of warmth run every weekend and many days during the week. Locavores turn out in droves! The main farmer's market in downtown Bend opens at 3pm Wednesday and is picked clean by 5pm! Our own Locavore locusts attack the fresh produce with a gusto that reflects the enthusiasm and excitement that comes with a much anticipated Spring on the heels of Summer.

In my woodsy area, much like living in Crestline, there isn't much direct sunshine unless the area has been cleared of trees. Our property has several dozen trees so I have to find and plant in the few sunny spots. The biggest challenge for gardeners in our neighborhood is keeping the deer from eating the results of our hard work! There is a bounty of greens for the deer, a veritable buffet. The locals have their favorite methods of barriers including wire fences that are eight feet high marked with brightly colored flags, tall chicken wire tubes around young trees and shrubs, six-foot wooden fences (our property), and greenhouses. I share with the deer. I can't resist tossing some salad greens or a fresh apple or two to a doe with a little nursing baby wobbling along behind her.

Just as the deer don't respect property boundaries, the other wildlife doesn't respect my doors either. I feel like I am borrowing the property from the ants, beetles, spiders, and

lizards. They all help themselves to my house. My cat and little dog are helpers by either consuming them (icky) or alerting me to their presence. I've told these intruders my rule: "If you are in my house you are going to be either removed to the outside or exterminated. If I come across you outside, I will respect you in your home and leave you alone."

Unfortunately they don't get it and I am pretty much frequently crossing the path of one bug or another. At least the squirrels and the deer can't get into the house!

Enjoy your sunshine and warmth. Send some my way! We can always use more.

A Remembrance: Randy Williams by Cynthia Williams, DC

This is the most difficult piece I've ever had to write. On May 29th, 2013, my dear brother Randy lost the battle of his life to brain cancer.

Brace Randall Williams (b. 1958) was the fifth born of the eight Williams children of Highgrove. He went to Highgrove Elementary School, University Heights Jr. High, J.W. North High School, and Riverside City College. He lived in Grand Terrace for many years and had been working for the County of Riverside.

Randy was a fun, outgoing, confident man. He had a razor sharp wit and a delightful sense of humor and always had a smile and a good story. He had stories of funny antics at work, books he had read, movies he'd seen, current space exploration, and what the kids, cats or dogs had been up to. He told his stories in colorful details, reeling them out a bit at a time, never in a hurry, always with a good ending coming (eventually).

Randy was a life-long learner; his greatest interest was space. He knew every planet, size, special trait and then on out of our solar system, our galaxy and the universe; he was our source for any and all space questions. As my brother Cory said-- we didn't Google our questions, we called Randy. He was quicker, more accurate and more interesting. Space exploration fascinated him and Randy made many trips to Pasadena for televised launches and landings, made trips to the desert for shuttle landings, and visited museums and space centers.

I called him RANDYMAN! He liked that moniker; it symbolized his superhuman strength, his determination, and his dedication to family and friends. Randy was STRONG! He could pick up a heavy desk, heave it overhead and move it when two mere mortal men he worked with would struggle to lift it together. He really was that strong. Randy was also

a kind, helpful man. He was always available, always dependable, always willing to lend a hand, take on a task and he continually gave of himself; he had such a generous heart.

Randy's true strength was in his love for family for he was a deeply passionate man. He fiercely loved his family and no doubt, would have done anything, including give his own life, for them. He had two lovely daughters, Bonnie and Eva, who were his reason for living. He cherished his wife and he had a deep love for his parents and for his four brothers and three sisters.

That strength and courage was needed when he was diagnosed with brain cancer last year. Glioblastoma Multiforme aka GBM, the nightmare of cancers, was a hard match to win. Randy fought it with his typical confidence: He would exclaim "I'm in it to win it!" If anyone could beat this monster cancer, RANDYMAN was the one who could. He did fight, he did try. He waged a silent horrific battle.

We mourn the loss of our brother; there is a hole in our hearts where he belongs. He was too young, too vital, and had many things left he wanted to do. However, we don't get to choose the day, the time or the method in which we leave this planet. But if we are fortunate to be able to know, we can choose to do it like he did- with grace, courage and a strength that will always be a lesson to all of us, should, God forbid, we ever have to face the same kind of battle ourselves.

Randy was welcomed by our Dad and Mom, our grandmothers and our recently passed Uncle Roland. We can look at the stars and take comfort that Randy is shining brightly among them, because that is where his spirit truly resides; with the universe and the infinite possibilities he saw there.

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Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner

Friends

Unlike our co-workers, business associates, in-laws, and our relatives, we get to pick our friends. Additionally, we categorize our friends. We have acquaintances, new friends and old friends, close and very close friends. There are probably more categories, BFF (best friends forever) and various Facebook idioms.

Epicurus said, "Of all the things that wisdom provides to make life entirely happy, much the greatest is the possession of friendship". I can't imagine going through life without friends. Friends are there through war and peace, death and divorce, joy and sickness.

We share experiences with our friends. I almost never golf alone. I need a friend to share the joy of making a good shot, or having a good round, as well as making a crummy shot and having a terrible one. I can't imagine fishing, or surfing or skiing alone. Friends turn things that we "just do" like eating and drinking, into fun occasions.

Some friendships need to be groomed and pruned like a garden. Others need very little attention at all. I have a very old and close friend that lives on Seldom Seen Road, really, in a very small town

in Texas. We couldn't be more different, as well as far apart. He is a real cowboy that trains horses for a living. He likes to go hunting for big game on his vacations. I really don't like horses beyond betting on them at the track. I don't hunt or eat meat. But despite this gulf of differences, we have been close friends for more than 50 years.

These days we are often suspicious of new acquaintances motives for befriending us. There are so many people "on the make" these days. We are constantly called on to become a "friend" on Facebook, LinkedIn and such. I'm not sure how much of a friend I can be from a website. On the other hand I easily think I have friends I haven't even met. I thought of Huell Howser as a friend. Maybe Rand Paul and Ann Coulter are would be friends?

But still, like marriage, friendship needs to be nurtured and kept in repair. E. W. Howe said "Instead of loving your enemies, treat your friends a little better. Friends are treasures. I hope that I have been a friend to those I've known for most of my life, as well as those I've known for a short time. I thank you one and all for you that treasure of your friendship.

Obituaries

Brace Randall Williams, known as Randy to nearly all who knew him, born August 15, 1958, died at his home with his family by his side, in Grand Terrace on May 29th, 2013 from malignant brain cancer (Glioblastoma Multiforme). He was 54 years old.

He was born in Riverside, grew up in Highgrove and lived in Grand Terrace for the last 26 years. Randy recently retired from Riverside County Information Technology Department, where he was admired by his co-workers for his strength, work ethic and sense of humor and will be missed.

Randy was a fan of science fiction, as well as science fact, NASA, Doc Savage, Superman, as well as many other comic book superheroes, Vince's Spaghetti in Ontario and Disneyland. He liked Jazz music, Diana Krall (he got to meet her last year at the Hollywood Bowl), Pat Matheny, Moody Blues, as well as many other artists, "B" movies from the 50's and 60's, enjoyed the television shows The Walking Dead, Big Bang Theory and Dexter. He was a big fan of the indie music group Ghost of the Robot and the Twilight movies. He has attended numerous science fiction conventions over the years, most recently Grand Slam, in February 2013, where he got to see many of the Star Trek (The Next Generation) actors. Randy took part in many community projects; Market Night, movies in the park in Grand Terrace, pancake breakfasts at the Fire stations (Highgrove and GT), Friends of the Library book sales and was a common visitor to the local libraries. He studied Tae Kwon Do at Golden Tiger Tae Kwon Do in San Bernardino and Kicks in Colton and was working for his black belt. He was an integral part of the



Grand Terrace Community Players and played Pop Bailey in "It's A Wonderful Life" in December 2009 at the GT Community Center. He is survived by his loving wife of over 26 years, Loraine ("Lori"); their two beautiful "Bracelets", daughters Bonnie and Eva; his aunt Alice Hampton, of GT; his uncle Howard Williams and his wife Ann, of Vista, CA; his brothers Dana, of St. George, UT; Mark, of Imperial Beach, CA; Cory, of Corona, CA, his sisters Cynthia, of Bend, OR; Darcy, of Palatka, FL; and Colleen, of Roseville, CA, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and his unofficially "adopted" kids, Heather, Merisa, Jason and Lisa.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest "Bud" and Hughee Williams, his Grandmother Viola Marie "Momo" Green, his Grandfather Howard Green and his uncle Roland Hampton.

His wish, instead of flowers, memorial or funeral, was for his friends and family to adopt a pet from the local animal shelter or help fund an adoption, or several. He adored his adopted "furred herd", and a few of them were there to meet him at the "rainbow bridge".

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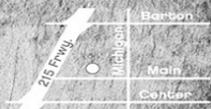
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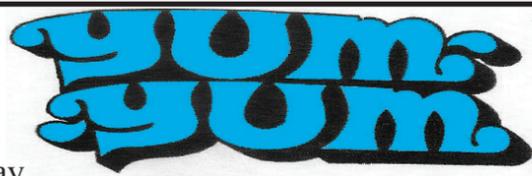


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