



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **July 2015**

## Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council addressing \$120.00 Annual Parcel Fee.

On Feb. 18, 2015 at the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting, Riverside County employee Bill Brown announced that the new residents moving into Spring Mountain Ranch will not have to pay the annual Highgrove parcel fee of \$120.00. This came as a surprise to everyone because the parcel fee has been in place for many years that is primarily for Highgrove's extra Sheriff Deputy and also used for landscaping. Unfortunately the annual fee did not have a COLA to provide for increases in cost for Sheriff protection. The \$120.00 Annual fee has been paid for each parcel for residential parcels, business parcels and parcels of vacant land within the boundaries of Highgrove which is in Riverside County. If property owners own more than 1 parcel, each parcel is subject to the fee.

On April 22, 2015 three Highgrove MAC members, Melanie Zimmermann, Denis Kidd, and yours truly, R. A. "Barney" Bar-

nett, met with Supervisor Tavaglione to discuss why the Spring Mountain Ranch was given an exemption from the fees that would help pay our Sheriff and landscaping costs. There were 11 people at the meeting. The meeting at Supervisor Tavaglione's office included Tavaglione's Chief of Staff, John Field, and Legislative Assistant Jason Farin, Suzanne Holland, Riverside County Economic Development Agency-Assistant Director, Bill Brown Riverside County EDA-Development Manager/Community Services Division, William Di Yorio, Riverside County Undersheriff, Lee Wagner, Riverside County Sheriff/Assistant Sheriff, and Jason Horton, Captain of Jurupa Valley Sheriff Station.

I have a large aerial color photograph that is 5 ft. X 3 ft. that I laid out on the table and I showed everyone the blue line at the top that is the county line and the jagged red line at the bottom of the map that is the Riverside city limits. All of

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**Riverside County votes to audit Sheriff Dept. and DA's offices P. 10**  
**Public hearing for Bixby land use of 65.2 acres in middle of Highgrove. P. 3**

**Highgrove Happenings Newspaper gets around!**



Don Bartee and Arleen Weaver are pictured with the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper in Philadelphia during one of their recent trips. They didn't say whether they picked up the Highgrove Happenings at a store in Philadelphia or if they took a copy with them. Cont. on P. 6

## House "Hit and Run" Again! Same house!



April 14, 2015: South/West corner of house ran into, and two occupants fled leaving a stolen pick up truck stuck in corner of house by the kitchen.



June 7, 2015: North/West corner of house ran into and driver fled leaving license plate imbedded in the wall. License plate was given to the CHP.



Kitchen: April 14, 2015



Bed Room: June 7, 2015

**Theme selected for 2016 Highgrove Day Please turn to page 10**



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*These Restrictions will be updated as needed or required by the State of California.*

## California is experiencing one of the driest periods in its history.

Governor Jerry Brown has declared a drought state of emergency and has directed the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a program to reduce water use by 25% overall throughout the state. At Riverside Highland Water Company we have been tasked with 36% water reduction, as was many inland water agencies including Yucaipa Valley, Redlands and Loma Linda.

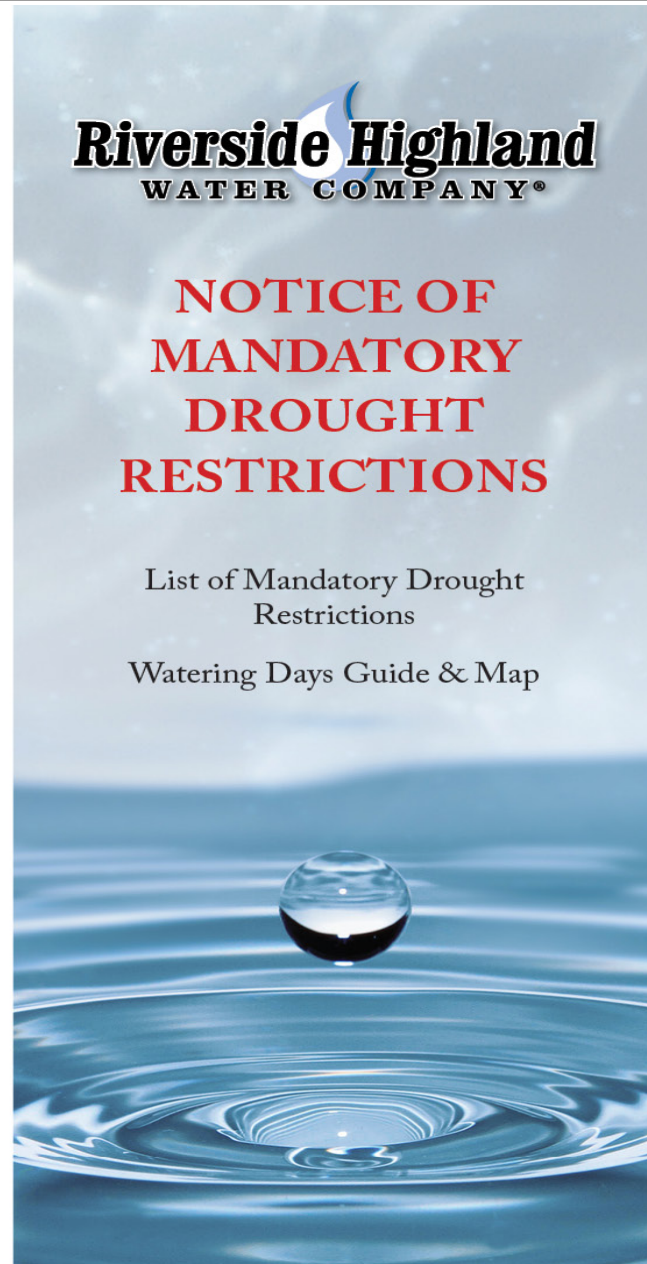
Water agencies across California are implementing water conservation measures to comply with the regulations. Enclosed are the State mandated restrictions that the Riverside Highland Water Company Board of Directors has adopted. In addition to the published restrictions, we would like to encourage our shareholders and customers to continue to use water wisely. Fixing all water leaks and eliminating the unnecessary waste of water are vital to ensure our water needs are met, now and into the future.

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List of Mandatory Drought  
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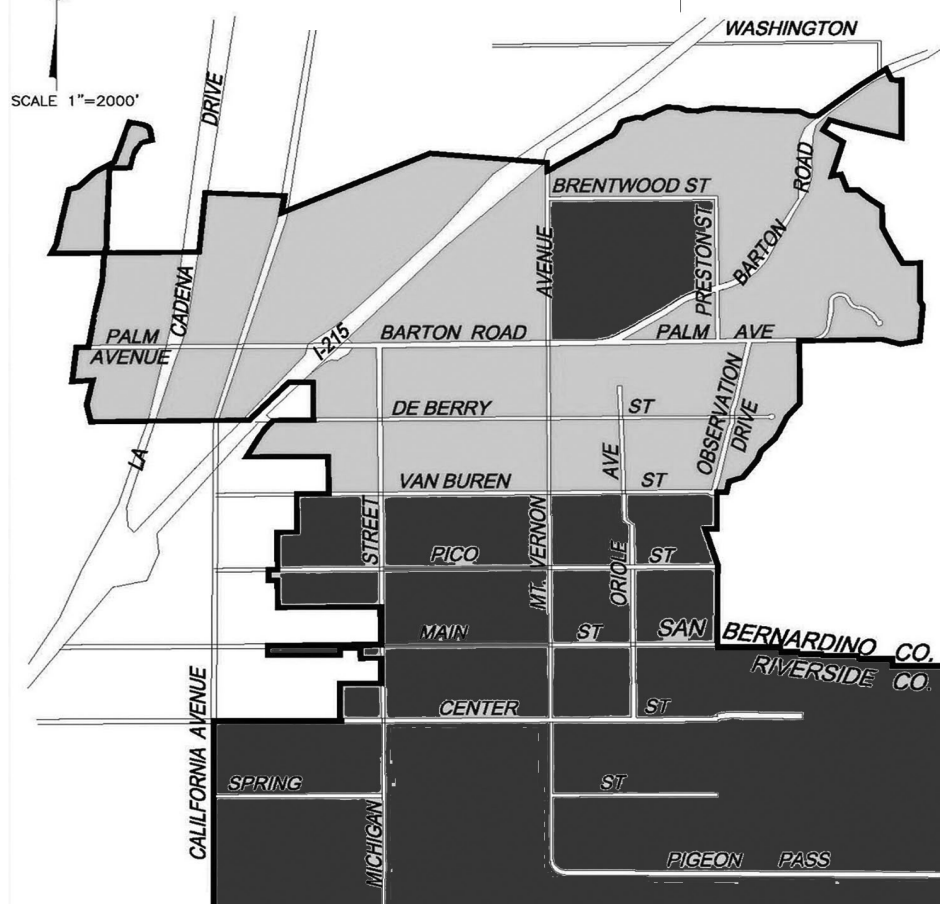
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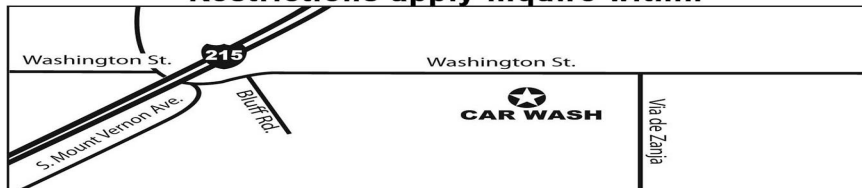
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Part 1 crimes stayed the same at 7 for the past two weeks. Violent crimes, to include Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault, rose from 2 to 4 for the past 2 week period, which included 1 robbery (Valero Gas Station) and 3 aggravated assaults. Property crimes dropped from 5 to 3 during the same period, that included 1 burglary, 1 auto theft, and 1 larceny theft. Overall, Highgrove currently shows a 11.2% decrease in Part 1 crimes for 2015 when comparing the same time period of 2014.



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## Public hearing planned in August for Bixby Land use of 65.2 acres in middle of Highgrove.

On June 26, 2015 I met with John Guerin and Peter Lange from Riverside County Planning about the 65.2 acres of vacant land in the middle of Highgrove between Center St. and the arroyo. The date of the August public hearing will be announced when received.

The Bixby property is the same property where warehouses were opposed by the Highgrove MAC. The new plan shows 200 houses but does not contain any retail area or a shopping center. For more information please call Peter Lange at: (951) 955 1417.

## New Colors of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## 3 hour wait and 2 trips to Riverside to speak 3 minutes!

I attended the Riverside City council meeting on June 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM but I didn't get to speak at public comments until 3 hours later due to the city budget hearings. The reason I wanted to speak was to make sure the new commissioner on the Riverside County Transportation Commission is filled by the Riverside Mayor, Rusty Bailey or Councilman Mike Gardner from ward one. This commissioner va-

cancy was created when former RCTC Commissioner Steve Adams did not run for re-election in June. A strong representative is needed on the commission because the Highgrove Metrolink location is within the boundaries of ward one in the Riverside city limits.

Two days later on the following Thursday June 11, 2015 I called the city of Riverside to verify that the Transportation Commit-

tee meeting was still going to be at 1:00 PM. The city hall operator at 311 (City information) said yes the meeting will be at 1:00 PM but when I arrived the meeting had been cancelled.

The lady who updates the on-line calendar for the city of River-

side did not update their web-site to show that the meeting had been cancelled so when the operator looked at the web site she also saw that the Transportation Committee meeting was on the day I asked about and she apologized for my having to drive to Riverside

Here is my outline I gave to the City Council at the June 9th meeting:

### Support for Highgrove Metrolink Station

We have written Support From:

- Senator Jeff Stone, Riverside County
- Senator Mike Morrell, San Bernardino County
- Former Assemblymember/Senator, Bill Emmerson
- Congressman Mark Takano, Riverside
- Riverside Land Conservancy
- Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council
- Northside Improvement Association
- University Neighborhood Association by UCR
- Springbrook Heritage Alliance
- Riverside Eagles
- Civil Engineers
- City of Grand Terrace
- City of Loma Linda
- City of Colton
- And residents from both counties for over 13 years
- The only thing missing is written support from the city of Riverside.
- The Riverside County Transportation Commission owns the 17.22 acres at Highgrove next to the BNSF main track where the Metrolink parking lot is needed. This property is actually in ward 1, within the city limits of Riverside but is known as the Highgrove Metrolink location because it is surrounded on 3 sides by the un-incorporated community of Highgrove.

RCTC already has \$5,347,000.00 invested in this property they do not need for the Perris Valley Line.

And a parking lot at the Highgrove location will not stop the progress of the new Perris Valley Line Metrolink service.

**\* "Both the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink Station and Highgrove Metrolink Station are needed because they have different destinations".**

Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

**\* Quote from Congressman Mark Takano**

For verification of the above information please look at our web site:

**[www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net)**

**Please turn to P. 13: Reps. from SB County visit Highgrove!**

## Highgrove Roots Go Deep!

My Highgrove roots go back to 1947 when our family came to Highgrove from Ft. Wayne, Indiana due to my mother's health. Mom and Dad sold our house and service station in Ft. Wayne and they bought a 1946 Chevrolet and a 26 ft. Liberty trailer and Mom and Dad, my two brothers, and our cat, moved to Highgrove.

Mom had hay fever and was allergic to rag weed so we had to move but she out-lived my dad by 16 years. Ardie and I restored the Highgrove house that I first moved into when I was 8 years old.

For 21 years we have tried to bring local news to our neighbors to keep everyone informed about what is going on in our community because in the past the San Bernardino Sun was not available due to Highgrove being in Riverside County, and the Riverside Press would not print anything about Highgrove unless it was something bad.

Years ago I wondered what if something important happened in Highgrove, how would Highgrove know! As an example I wondered what would happen if a prison was built in Highgrove? Would we be the last ones to know it was a prison only after we saw the bars in the windows! This is just an example. There never was a threat of a prison being built in Highgrove as far as I know.

I also wondered what would happen if gangs moved in and wanted to take over Highgrove. Would there be adequate response from the Sheriff Dept. to protect our community?

When Highgrove first considered assessing ourselves for our own Deputy Sheriff, some of the stories I remember were about

how the Highgrove United Methodist Church had been broken into 5 times and how a resident had to chase an intruder down their hall after they broke in and it took several hours for the Sheriff to come to Highgrove from Rubidoux.

Most of my Highgrove Elementary schoolmates have moved away or passed away so many years ago I had to decide if I should also move away or stay and try to make Highgrove a better place to live. I decided to stay because this is my home town and I wanted to keep everyone aware of what is happening in Highgrove.

One of the reasons your local news got started is explained on the front page of each issue:

**"Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues"**

We have copies of the Highgrove Happenings that date back over 21 years ago to the spring of 1994. An early issues in 1994 even had Highgrove spelled wrong and we had to place a sticker over the wrong spelling. The 1994 Spring issue listed our phone number starting with 783 because we lived in Grand Terrace at the time. I lived in Grand Terrace for a long time but I have always considered Highgrove my home. And yes we even published the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper when we lived in Grand Terrace before we moved back to Highgrove to restore our house. Recently I wondered if any of our articles and/or photos have accomplished anything! We still encourage you to be aware of your surroundings and get involved in Highgrove. The next MAC meeting is July 15, 2015, 7:00 pm at 530 Center St. (Library).



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**Parcel Fee** (cont. from page 1)

the area between these lines is in Highgrove which is in the county. The land south of the Riverside/San Bernardino County Line and north of the Riverside City Limits is in Riverside County and in the community of Highgrove. Supervisor Tavaglione had a doctor’s appointment and had to leave early so he missed part of the meeting.

Later, I asked for another meeting and on May 4, 2015 I met with 3 county representatives: Supervisor Tavaglione, John Field, and Jason Farin.

Supervisor Tavaglione said he was not the Supervisor in Highgrove when the assessment was established but he would get a legal opinion by consulting with county council about who should be paying the parcel fees that are within Highgrove’s boundaries.

On May 22, 2015, I sent this e-mail to Supervisor Tavaglione:

*The Highgrove MAC feels that the parcel fee was in place before any of the new homes were built and the fee should be paid by all present or future parcel owners within the Highgrove Boundaries. But the Highgrove MAC recently learned that another developer is planning on building homes within the Highgrove boundaries that is subject to the existing annual parcel fees. If the first stop concerning major developments in Highgrove is supposed to be the Highgrove MAC and the Shopoff Group is planning another housing development, then why hasn’t the Highgrove MAC been notified about the Shopoff development?*

*This fee was approved by voters to enable better Sheriff coverage in Highgrove. But if the new residents in the Spring Mountain Ranch development are not required to pay the \$120.00 annual parcel assessment then will the future property owners in the Shop-*

*off development also be exempt from the parcel fee?*

*We understand that you will be meeting with county council in regard to who should pay the parcel fees and we feel that all parcel owners should be paying the fee to help pay for our Sheriff coverage.*

*We appreciate your help in resolving this issue. Thank you, “Barney” (As of June 24, 2015 I have not received a reply.) A copy of the 1997 ballot is shown below.*

CSA 126 was the Highgrove area before it became a Municipal Advisory Council. Zone “A” is the Highgrove area east of the I-215 freeway. The 1997 ballot that passed by 75.8 % states all parcels within CSA 126 Zone A.

The key word is ALL because since this was voted in, each parcel has to pay the fee whether it is a business, residence, or vacant land. All property owners should pay their fair share!

Related article on P. 10

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS

COUNTY

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 126 ZONE A

Shall the County of Riverside be authorized to replace, at the same rate, the existing assessment of \$120.00, with a Special Tax on all parcels within CSA 126 Zone A to continue to finance the same Extended Sheriff and Park & Recreation Services?

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Here is a copy of the actual ballot that was passed by 75.8 % of the voters back in 1997

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## Highgrove Happenings Newspaper gets around!



Picture on the left was taken of Don and Arleen holding another Highgrove paper from Regensburg, Germany. Isn't that amazing how our paper gets around?



Here they are again on the right in Vienna, Austria. But it looks like the same copy! We thank them for taking our paper to all of these places.

I wonder if they ever found time to actually read the Highgrove paper on their trip!

(Actually it has been on line since July of 2008!)



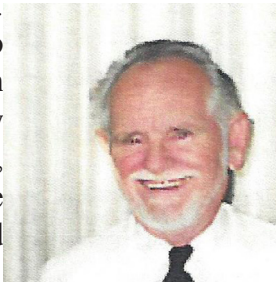
## Obituaries

Hugh J. Grant, age 83, passed away Wed., June 3, 2015. He was born October 12, 1931, in Ft. Smith, AR. He served in the U.S. Army, from 1955-1957, later marrying Frederika Pauline Grant in Rotterdam, Holland. He moved to Grand Terrace in 1970, and worked in Corrections, until retiring in 1997. Hugh served on the Grand Terrace City Council from 1978-1992, including two terms as Mayor from 82-87. He is a lifetime member of the Lion's Club International, worked on the Grand Jury and the San Bernardino County Board of

Supervisors.

He loved to travel, both domestically and abroad, enjoying the natural and historical

beauty of the world. As a proud American, he liked politics and current events. He enjoyed all types of theatre, including plays, musicals, the symphony and opera. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, his daughter and his two grand-children.



JUNE LADONNA CHRISTIANSEN Age 86, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at home with her family by her side. June was born in Minneapolis, MN on June 20, 1928, the daughter of Thomas & Ella Gould, and the youngest of 5 sisters. June, along with her first husband, Gene Stalcup, moved to Riverside, CA in 1962 where they opened a motorcycle shop in Rubidoux. June married her second husband, Louis Christiansen, in 1973 and the two resided in Grand Terrace. June became an active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles on May 14, 1980. Over the years she held all offices in the local Riverside #997, as well as all offices in the California State Auxiliary. June is survived by her children, Brad (Kathy) Stalcup of Moyie Springs, ID. and Vicky (Rudy) Trujillo of Mira Loma, CA; grandchildren, Dena (John) Neice of San Jacinto, CA, Tiana (Amos) Dirks of Potlatch, ID, and Adam (Lauren) Michel of Moyie Springs, ID; great grandchildren, Daniel, Tessa, Wyatt, Holly, Jonah, Noah, Natalia and Abigail. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy, Mildred, Mary and Barbara; her husband, Louis, and her great grandson, Nicholas. A memorial will be held Sunday, August 16th @ 1pm at the Eagles Lodge located at 466 E LaCadena Drive in Riverside.



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## New track and grade crossing improvements on Perris Valley Line



This is where the curved track will connect to the Perris Valley Line track toward Perris. The property on both sides of this curve is owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission but RCTC is only charging 38% of the actual cost to the PVL project. RCTC has \$5,347,500 invested in the remaining vacant land that is not needed for the Perris Valley Line but has been needed for a Metrolink Station for over 13 years!



Just north of the Iowa Ave. overpass is the location where the new track leaves the BNSF main line. Future Metrolink trains and freight trains coming from under the overpass will go around this new curved track to Perris.



The Citrus St. crossing was closed so new track and heavier rail could be installed to accommodate new Metrolink service between Riverside and Perris. This was taken on May 29, 2015 but the crossing is now open and has a median to prevent vehicles from driving around the gates.



This photo was taken on June 8, 2015 as workmen were installing a median in Palmyrita Ave. over the Perris Valley Line track. The old worn out rail has been replaced with heavier rail between Perris and Highgrove. The crossing is now open but in August of 2013 we did an article about widening Palmyrita Ave. but at that time we didn't know it would so long.

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## Grand Terrace Community Day June 6, 2015



This photo of the main canopy was taken from the hillside located on the east end of Richard Rollins Park on DeBerry St. in Grand Terrace.



There were several jumpers for the kids to play in, on, and around! This is just one of many things for the kids to do on "Community Day"



There were also a lot of vendors who had their EZ Ups set up in Richard Rollins Park and there was a stage at the south west corner of the park.



Denis Kidd, longtime resident from the area and President of the Friends of Blue Mountain was selling Avacodos from his grove in Grand Terrace.

### Springbrook Heritage Alliance opposes warehouses

A petition is being circulated opposing warehouses to be located across from the Ab Brown Sports complex on Center St. near Placen

tia. The proposed warehouse would be 308,000 Sq. Ft. on 15.9 acres.

The petition states: "We believe this case should not be decided

without a public hearing or an Environmental Impact Report". It also states: "We wish to appeal this case to the Planning Commission or City Council so these matters may be de-

liberated at a public hearing".

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Yes there are Coyotes in Highgrove. This one is in the field next to the Highgrove Elementary School. Photo taken from Spring St. on 6-6-2015.

Early view of Spring Mountain Ranch during grading. Taken on Feb. 10, 2008 from top of Sugarsloaf Mountain looking toward Blue Mountain.



## Geological Rambles and Rumbles

by Robert Fakundiny

New York State Geologist, Emeritus

### The Movie “San Andreas”

I recently saw the 3-D version of San Andreas because that fault system trends through the San Bernardino Mountains and runs close to Highgrove. Also I was curious as to whether the screenwriters depicted damage around Highgrove (they didn’t). The movie presents some valid information about earthquakes, but real-world seismologists who have studied the San Andreas fault system do not at present accept the premise that earthquakes in Southern California can be that large. The San Andreas has been drilled into, sampled, and analyzed and is one of the most thoroughly studied and understood of all strike-slip (or sideways slipping) faults in the world.

An incorrect item in the film is that the seismologist, played by Paul Giamatti, can predict the loca-

tion, timing, and magnitude of an impending earthquake. This is not currently possible, as I mentioned in a previous article. Another error is the premise that movement along the San Andreas fault system could generate a tsunami. That is highly improbable because tsunamis are generated at subduction zones—areas in which an oceanic plate is moving beneath a continental plate, such as along the coast of North America north of San Francisco and the eastern coast of Asia. Strike-slip faults such as the San Andreas do not cause ocean-floor upheaval because their movement is sideways rather than vertical, although the many strike-slip faults offshore between Santa Barbara and San Carlos in Baja California contain thrust faults that could undergo vertical movement and thereby present slight tsunami hazards, according to geophysical consultant Mark Legg ([www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/05/](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/05/))

## Riverside County votes to audit Sheriff Dept. and District Attorney’s office.

In the editorial printed in the Riverside Press-Enterprise on June 20, 2015 the article stated that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted “to seek bids to audit county criminal justice departments and review contract rates for services by the Sheriff’s Department”.

Other information in this article states: “Public safety costs in Riverside County are driving a lot of cities and the county itself into financial turmoil, so a review of some sort makes sense”. (enter pe.com page 14)

The following day on June 21, 2015 the Press-Enterprise ran another article on the front page titled: **Debate Over Public Safety** that mentions auditing the public defender’s office and probation department.

We recommend reading these two articles in the Press-Enterprise that has extensive coverage of this subject. (enter pe.com and the dates)

In Highgrove, our main concern is also directly related to the cost to obtain Sheriff coverage for our area. Captain Jason Horton of the Riverside County Sheriff headquarters in Jurupa Valley has been to our Municipal Advisory Committee meetings and stated that our area has 24/7 Sheriff coverage even though we do not have our dedicated Highgrove Sheriff Deputy any more.

Another concern we also have in Highgrove is directly related to cost because we are waiting for a response from the county about who is required to pay into the fund that is used for our Sheriff expenses. We need new development to also pay into the fund and not be exempt from the annual \$120.00 fee so we can afford Sheriff coverage for our area.

### J W Guns out of business!

After 36 years at the same location on Iowa Ave. in Highgrove, J W Guns is closed and the owners are retiring to Montana.

Rosemary Wehunt was a volunteer member of Highgrove’s CSA 126 in 2002 before it became the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council. She was on the CSA 126 board when

three Supervisors from the fifth district were present on Nov. 26, 2002 that included former Supervisors Norton Younglove and Tom Mullen, and newly elected Supervisor Marion Ashley. We thank Jerry and Rosemary for their long term dedication and service to our community and we wish them the very best in their retirement.

The 31st Annual Highgrove Day will be on the Saturday before Mother’s Day May 7, 2016. The 2016 theme will be: Highgrove Day-Country Fair.

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## Highgrove's longest swimming pool

Before the Gage Can was covered it was used to irrigate the orange groves and grapefruit groves in Highgrove. It also had another purpose when we were growing up because it use to be the longest swimming pool in Highgrove. For many years when we attended the Highgrove Elementary School, we would go skinny dippin in this slow moving waterway. The boys had a ball jumping into the water while they kept a watch out for girls who may be trying to get a look from the nearby orange grove. Whenever the girls came into the area we tried to hide under the nearest bridge. The hardest part was when we had to go up the bank in order to get out and run and hide or keep the girls from stealing our clothes.

Most intersections had two posts with a locked chain so cars could not drive in next to the canal.

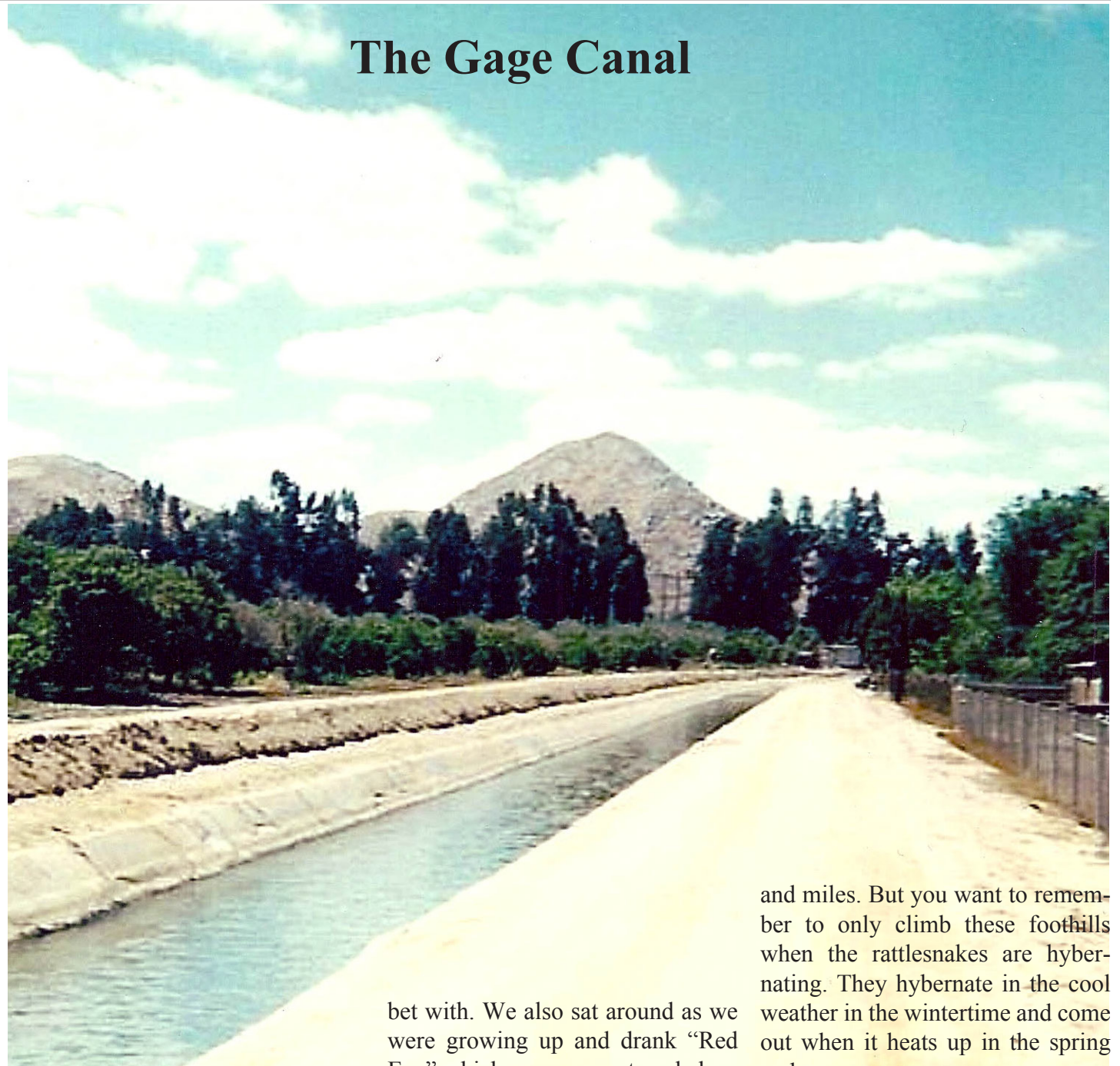
But many years ago, my brother tried to ride hisushman motorscooter around the post but he lost his balance and he and the motorscooter fell into the canal.

I remember too that once someone drove down the adjacent road while they were pulling a water skier but I don't remember who it was.

One winter after I had been cut off from the Santa Fe due to not having much seniority, I actually worked for the Gage Canal Company when there was no water in it. Our job was to shovel out the dirt and sand then use concrete to patch the cracks and holes so when they put the water back in it would not leak.

The Gage Canal job and driving the wrecker at DeAnza Chevrolet in Riverside kept me going until work on the railroad improved and I was called back.

I remember the swimming hole, the humps where we rode our bi-



## The Gage Canal

cycles down by Villa St. near the railroad track, or the platform at the Highgrove Depot where the sign said "NO BICYCLE RIDING ON PLATFORM" and the late Bruce Easton, the Santa Fe Agent, would chase us away. I remember playing football in the middle of Prospect Ave. until someone knocked an old lady down and broke her arm and all of the eggs she bought from next door. We were a rather roudy bunch because we would get together at Denis Spikers house and play poker using toothpicks as chips to

bet with. We also sat around as we were growing up and drank "Red Eye" which was unsweetened cherry Kool-Aid. Yes, those were the days that helped make us tough! A fight back then ment wrestling the other one to the ground. punching or maybe kicking but no weapons were ever involved. Nine times out of ten after a fight the opponents became best friends.

Highgrove was a good place to grow up. Many people may say I never grew up-I just got older and older and....

As kids we used to climb Sugarloaf in the background. On a clear day in the winter you can see everything in every direction for miles

and miles. But you want to remember to only climb these foothills when the rattlesnakes are hybernating. They hybernate in the cool weather in the wintertime and come out when it heats up in the spring and summer.

Many years ago a friend of mine and I climbed straight up from the Highgrove side and it took us 3 hours. It was so steep we had to dig the heels of our boots into the dirt to keep from sliding back down. We had a mirror and red flag in case we needed a helicopter to rescue us. Ardie was in the car below and she could see the reflection from our mirror and hear us on the cell phone. The best plan is to wait until Jan. or Feb. then drive to the east end of Blaine St. and go up from there. It only takes 30 to 45 minutes and on a clear day the view is great!

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## California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

What comes to mind when you think of the “4th of July”? Parades? Picnics? Flags waving and fireworks? What comes to mind when you think “Independence Day”? Cannons and tea parties in Boston. Old guys in white whigs? A dark piece of parchment with a big John Hancock scrawled in the center? Or maybe Will Smith in the movie “Independence Day”?

Let’s look at some fun facts about Independence Day:

2.5 million: In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

(1) 318.4 million: The nation’s estimated population on this 2015 July Fourth.

(2) 56 Numbers of signers to the Declaration of Independence.

Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston comprised the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration. Jefferson, regarded as the strongest and most eloquent writer, wrote most of the document.

(3) Adams (second President) and Thomas Jefferson (third President). Both died on the 50th anniversary of signing the Declaration (July 4, 1826).

\$203.6 million: The value of fireworks imported from China in 2013, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$213.8 million). U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$10.2 million in 2013, with Israel purchasing more than any other country (\$2.7 million). (4) \$781,222: Dollar value of U.S. flags exported in 2013. The Dominican Republic was the leading customer, purchasing \$160,000 worth. (5)

The Pledge of Allegiance received official recognition by Congress in an Act approved on June 22, 1942. However, the pledge was first published in 1892 in the Youth’s Companion magazine in Boston, Massachusetts to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus



Day on October 12, 1892.

(6) The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Daylight Saving Time (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. standard time) are the most hazardous for UV exposure outdoors in the continental United States. UV rays from sunlight are the greatest during the late spring and early summer in North America. (7)

The film “Independence Day” released July 3, 1996; had a combined domestic and international box office gross is \$817,400,891, which, at the time, was the second-highest worldwide gross of all time. (8)

Have a fun and safe Independence Day!

(1) Source: Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970

(2) Source: U.S. and World Population Clock <<http://www.census.gov/popclock/>>

(3) <http://census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2014/cb14-ff16.html>

(4) U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics, Code 360410 <<https://usatrade.census.gov/>>

(5) U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics, Code 6307909825 <<https://usatrade.census.gov/>>

(6) <http://publications.usa.gov/epublications/ourflag/pledge.htm>

(7) [http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic\\_info/prevention.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/prevention.htm)

(8) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence\\_Day\\_\(1996\\_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(1996_film))

## Phil’s Philosophy

By Phil Turner

### COMPUTERS

I once read that the computing power contained in a musical greeting card is greater than existed on earth in 1950. Additionally there is more computing power in a medium size automobile, than all the computers used to send the astronauts to the moon.

Today, computers are ubiquitous. Many wonderful things are now possible because of computers. Growing up, there was never a time that the Encyclopedia Britannica wasn’t close at hand. What I couldn’t find in the encyclopedia, was available in the local library. Today, even if you are in a remote town, deployed in some dirt bag town in Afghanistan, or traveling across the country, you have access to the entire world.

All this is good. But there is a darker side to all this access and convenience. Today’s children are more sedentary than ever in history. When I was young, mothers had to yell, and threaten to get their kids to coming in from the yard, or playground. Today with computers, and computer driven games, music, movies, and phones, there is so much to keep a young person that doesn’t involve physical exercise. Very obviously,



there is an epidemic of overweight, and physically unfit young people.

Today as we enjoy the sun, surf, and beauty of the beach, we see people concentrating on their smart phone, and ignoring their surroundings. We see people stepping off the curb, not even aware they are risking their lives in traffic. Every day we see erratic driving, only to pull up and see the driver texting.

In medicine, financial services, schools, government, and every other public and private institution, computers have put vital information at our fingertips. Research and design are made at lightening speed. It’s very hard to think of any human activity that hasn’t been greatly affected and enhanced by computers.

How do we adapt to all this explosion of knowledge, all this access? I prefer to go out and play, get some exercise and soak up some Vitamin D. Computers can be unhealthy if you stay inside glued to a computer or walk out in front of a car while looking at your cell phone!



Here is the Highgrove Depot and the tower where the crossing guard let the gates down when a train was approaching Center Street. The Perris Valley Line used to be called the San Jack or the Turkey Trail and ran behind the depot. The Santa Fe main line between San Bernardino and Riverside is shown in front of the station

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### Representatives from San Bernardino County visit Highgrove about Metrolink Station location.

On June 18, 2015 representatives from San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos's office visited Highgrove to see the Highgrove Metrolink site, Marlborough Ave. Metrolink site, and the new homes under construction in Spring Mountain Ranch.

Supervisor Ramos's district includes Grand Terrace, Colton and Loma Linda and each city supports the Highgrove location in writing.

John Futch is the Field Representative for Supervisor Ramos and Otoniel Mejia is his Legislative analyst.

We want San Bernardino County to how important the Highgrove location is to the entire region in both counties.

The Highgrove location already has 7 day a week Metrolink trains going past RCTC's property to San Bernardino. But one mile away, future Metrolink commuters will not be able to get to San Bernardino from RCTC's Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station.

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The winner for the word search puzzle this month is Rebeca Vargas. Rebeca is 10 years old and in the 4th grade at Highgrove Elementary School. Her teacher is Mrs. Gregory. Rebeca submitted the above words for this month's puzzle. Congratulations to Rebeca and good luck to the next winner. The rules are shown above.



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