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

CHP returns gunfire resulting in fatality!

On Saturday morning on October 24, 2015, at approximately 1:45 AM, officers from California Highway Patrol attempted to conduct an enforcement stop of a Silver Dodge pick-up truck on East La Cadena Drive in Highgrove. The truck stopped on East La Cadena Dr. which is parallel to the I-215 freeway between the Center St. overpass and Iowa Avenue.

The driver of the truck began shooting at the CHP officers striking their patrol car. Officers returned fire, striking the truck and the driver of the vehicle. During the shooting a passenger exited the truck and fled the scene on foot and is still outstanding. The driver of the truck drove away from the scene and collided into a chain link fence a short distance away.

The driver of the truck succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The decedent was identified as Juan Eliseo Ulloa,

age 34.

No California Highway Patrol officers were injured during the incident.

The California Highway Patrol requested the Riverside County Sheriff's Department conduct the investigation. Investigators from the Riverside County Sheriff's Central Homicide Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. This is an active and ongoing case and no further details will be released at this time.

The officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave per California Highway Patrol policy. The involved officers' names have not been released at this time. Riverside County Sheriff's Department encourages anyone with information regarding the incident to contact Riverside County Sheriff Central Homicide Investigator Bishop at (951) 955-2777.

Northbound I-215 freeway closed during investigation creating Highgrove surface street traffic.



I took this photo from the Center St. overpass looking north because the traffic was diverted to surface streets due to the freeway being closed and it was impossible to get any closer. The telescopic zoom lense on my new camera helped me get this photo from the bridge. The shooting did not happen on the freeway proper but was closed due to this location being secured as a

crime scene. Authorities are shown looking for bullet casings during their investigation.

The pick up truck driven by the deceased driver is shown on the right side of the wall where it crashed into the fence after the suspect was shot. This also resulted in law enforcement helicopters and news helicopters circling the area and flying very low all around Highgrove.

Highgrove United Methodist Church celebrates 125 years in Highgrove



Sunday Nov. 8, 2015

9:30 Am

S/E corner of Center St. and Prospect Ave.

Rev. Ladislo Flores.

In addition, special music on November 8 will be performed by the combined choirs from Grace UMC (Riverside), Moreno Valley UMC, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church (San Bernardino).

Our historian, Denis Kidd will give a brief talk sharing interesting facts about the history of the church. We normally celebrate our birthday by asking members and friends of the church to donate \$1 for each of their own birthdays, but this year we are encouraging members and church friends to donate \$125 for the church's birthday. This serves as one of the major fund-raisers for the year. The community is welcomed and encouraged to come and help us celebrate at any of these events, but especially at our birthday celebration on Sunday, November 8. Our worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. Following the service there will be a grinder and salad bar along with our special birthday cake.

Highgrove United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 125th Birthday on Sunday, November 8. As we look forward to a big party on that Sunday, we will be using October as our warm up period. We have invited former ministers to come back and preach on each of the Sundays preceding November 8 starting the first week of October. We have confirmed these former minister will be with us during October:

October 4 *Rev. Lincoln Galloway, October 11* Rev. Benny Nicholas, October 18 *Rev. Virginia Fifield, October 25 *Youngstone Jhun

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

People and places that are now gone!

Test your memory about these people and places that may be gone forever! Highgrove Happenings has been bringing you local news for 21 years and there are a total of 25 photos throughout this issue that were taken from our 2008 and 2009 issues. Only the Photo shown below was taken in 2015.

Example: To read about the photo that appeared in the original article, go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net, click on "Latest issues" and look for the date and page it was printed. For Photo # 1 for example, go to www.highgrovehappenings.net, click on "Latest issue" and look for (Oct. 2015 Page 7) Look at each photo and read about Highgrove's past!



See how many of the following pictures from our past issues you recognise that do not exist any more. Photo # 2 is on P. 4

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- Family & Friends
- Your home
- A "good" cup of coffee
- The family pet
- The stash of Halloween candy you snuck out of your kids' bags.
- Vacation days
- Holiday recipes that have been passed down through the family for years
- Your Health
- A comfortable pair of shoes
- Knowing you are loved
- Laughter

County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic has canceled schedule visit for 11/6/15 and 11/20/15. Please check with us for further updates.



Join us for our next **Community Center Advisory Meeting**: Come and share your thoughts and feeling regarding the community's programming and services; and ways we can improve outreach and development of "new" services. The group meets every other month with our next meeting taking place **Dec. 30, 2015 from 10am-11am**. Coffee and doughnuts will be served; hope to see you there!

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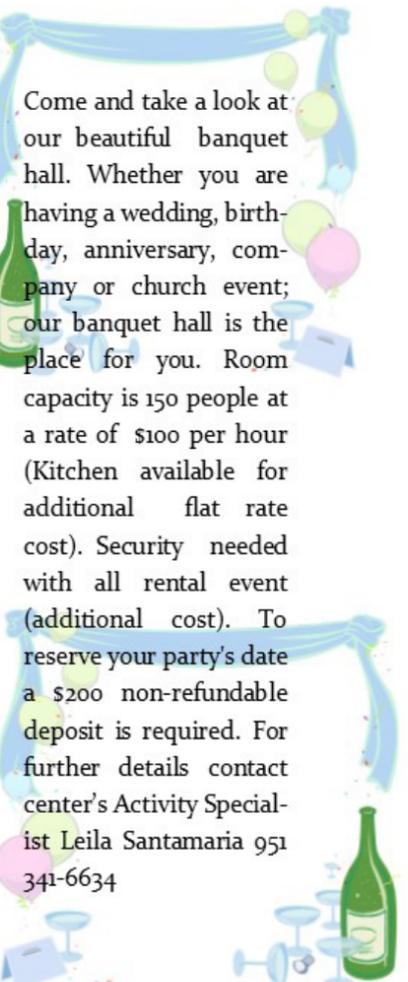
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Fatal Traffic Collision

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, California- On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at approximately 12:20 P.M., A male rider (41, Sun City) was riding a 2014 Harley Davidson southbound on Menifee Rd. south of Ellis Ave. at 40 MPH. Aida Guillen (female, 38, Nuevo) was driving a 2014 Nissan Armada northbound on Menifee Rd. approaching the motorcycle, at 40 MPH. For reasons still under investigation, Mrs. Guillen allowed

her Nissan to enter the southbound lane, which resulted in a head on collision with the Harley Davidson. The male rider of the Harley Davidson succumbed to his injuries and was declared deceased at the scene.

This collision is still under investigation. Witnesses' or anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Riverside CHP Area (951) 637-8000.



HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

Oct. 6 to 19: 4 part 1 crimes, 1 assault (domestic violence), 1 burglary, 1 theft, and 1 auto theft. This is very good and represents a very low level of crime. Service levels are driven by calls for service and it is very important that residents call even if they don't feel it is important. The Sheriff's Dept. has resources to reduce crime but to do that we need to know where the crime is occurring.



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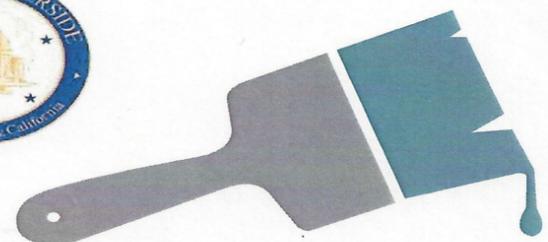


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There have been changes in the Graffiti abatement program. The former program was handled by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency but is now handled by the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

and they only have 4 different colors to paint over graffiti.

If a business has been tagged with graffiti, the business owner or property owner should match the paint on their building and paint over the graffiti themselves.

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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Undated photo stirs curiosity

Photo # 2



Do you know if this is the building on the north east corner of Center St. and Prospect Ave. across from the United Methodist Church? Longtime resident Francis Ayers said she does not know if there is any connection to her namesake. The sign to the left of the awning over the doorway is visible on the original and reads "Highgrove Post Office". I know there used to be a post office on the east end of the building across from the church in the 50's but this post card photo must have preceeded that time.

This former General Store is still standing. Do you know where it is?

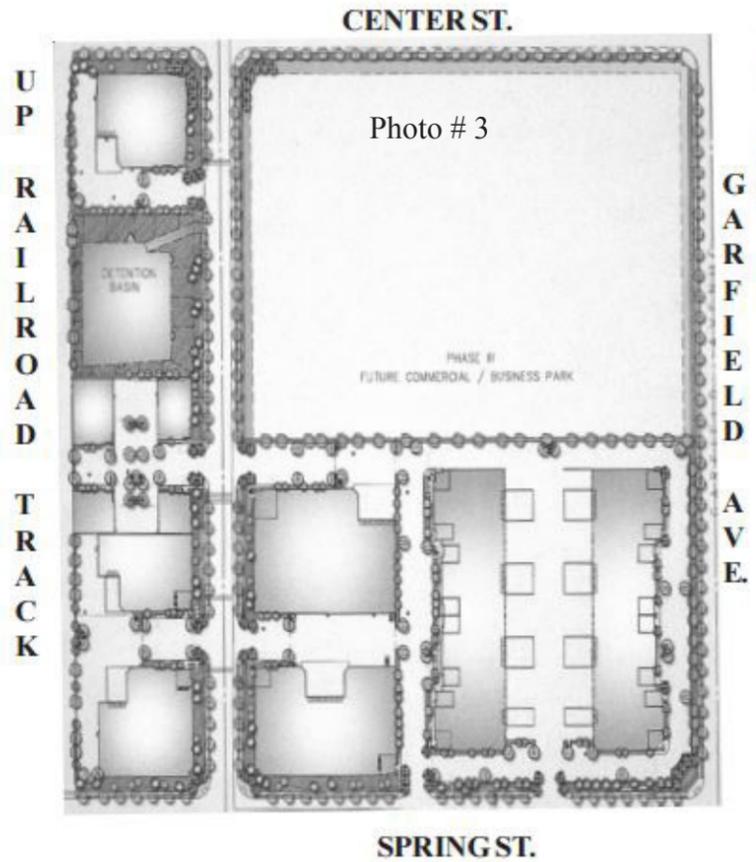


Photo # 3

Do you remember when warehouses were going to be built in the middle of Highgrove. Do you remember why this was changed to housing?

No let-up seen in quest for "Grand Terrace High School" Name!

Photo # 4



When the Grand Terrace High School was being built it was going to be a different name. What was the name picked by Colton School District?



Photo # 5

Do you know what this building was used for in the 30's



Photo # 6

Why was this old building torn down? What was it previously used for?



Photo # 7

What was this pile of bricks in the middle of this parking lot?

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Photo # 8



What was this Highgrove man's name? Why is he on a tractor?

Photo # 9



This street in Grand Terrace was closed and a park was named after the street. What was the name of the street that carries the name of the park?

Photo # 10



What was the main drawback about the old round library by the school ?

Photo # 12



This picture was taken in July of 2008 but where is the sign now?

Photo # 13



Do you know how old Helen Holmes was when she died?

Photo # 11



Who is this man and why is he standing in front of this marker?

Photo # 14



If you lived here a long time maybe you remember shopping here. What was the name of this store on the west side of the freeway?

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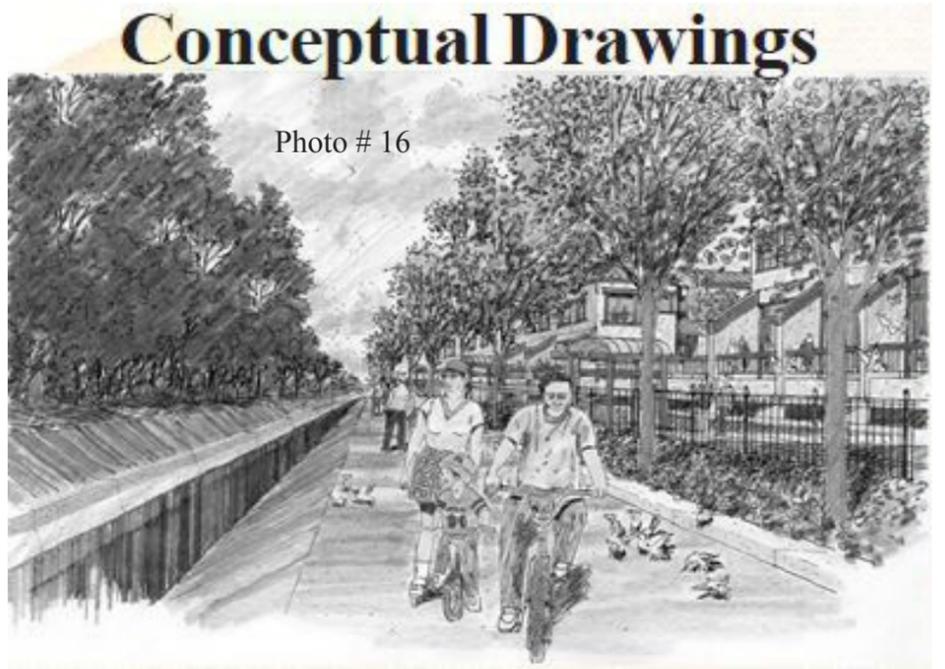


Photo # 16
This Conceptual drawing was for a walking and bicycle trail. Do you know where this trail was planned but has never happened?

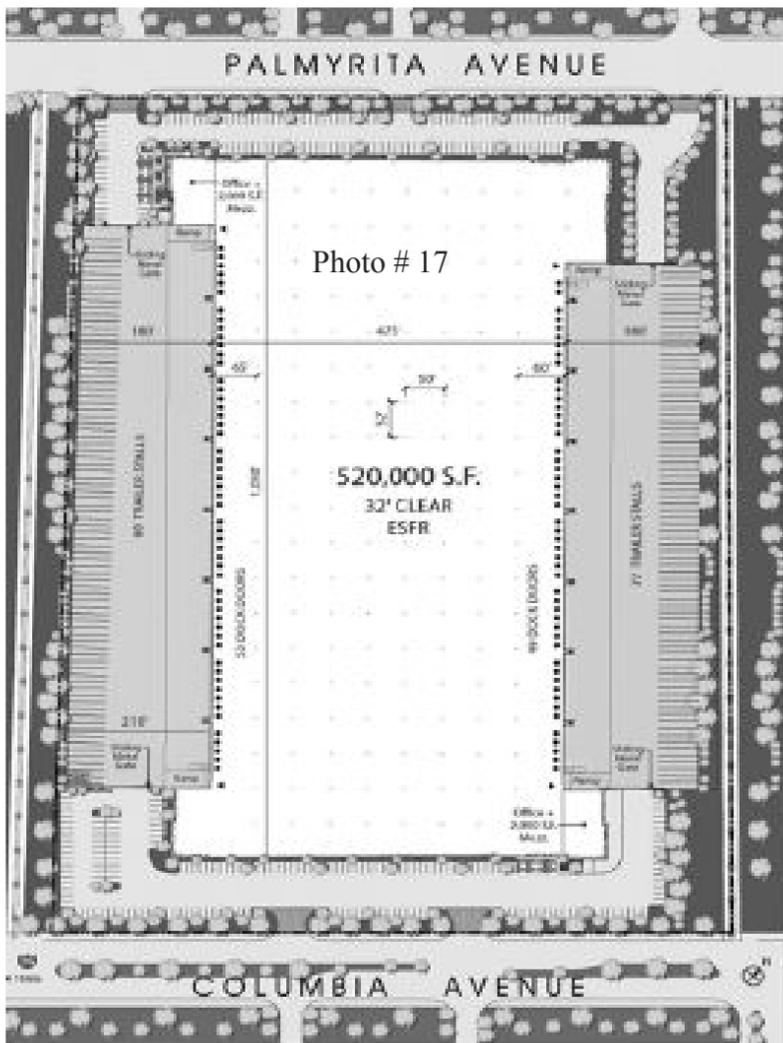


Photo # 17
What was this parking lot for and why was it never built?



Photo # 18
These Orange trees were taken out when the road was widened. Do you know the name of the street and why it was widened?



Photo # 19
Jane Block is inside this pipe but do you know where the pipe is now?



Photo # 20
Who was the first Mayor of Grand Terrace in 1978?



Photo # 21
Where was the EZ Mart located that burned down in Grand Terrace?

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The \$ 5,347,500.00 Question!

It's not a \$64.00 dollar question, but a \$5,347,500.00 dollar question!

After 14 years: why does RCTC continue to oppose the Highgrove Metrolink station?

Many of our readers know that the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper has been supporting a Metrolink station that is needed in Highgrove. And many of you also know that RCTC has opposed building a parking lot at this location for 14 years.

So what is the real reason that the Riverside County Transportation Commission opposes building a station that would take thousands of vehicles off the freeways traveling between Riverside County and San Bernardino County?

Many of you know that the Highgrove Metrolink location is a pie shaped piece of vacant land that is 17.22 acres that has the BNSF railroad on the west side and the Perris Valley Line track on the east side. The Highgrove location is in Riverside County and is 3.5 rail miles north of Riverside and 7 rail miles south of San Bernardino. Highgrove is on the south side of the county line at Main St. and Grand Terrace and Colton are on the north side of Main Street. The Perris Valley Line connects to the BNSF main line about 35 feet south of the County line at Main Street.

The pie shaped Highgrove location that is needed for a Metrolink parking lot is 1/2 mile south of the county line in Riverside County. This unique location has railroad tracks at both ends and is unique because each end is on a different Metrolink route with different destinations.

On the east side of the 17.22 acre property is a single railroad track that is the Perris Valley Line that is an extension of the **Metrolink 91 line** route to and from Los Angeles that will soon extend Metrolink service between Riverside and Perris.

The west end of this same 17.22 acre property has 3 railroad tracks that are the main lines used by the BNSF railroad and the Union Pacific railroad and is the **Metrolink**

Inland Empire/Orange County line route that operates between San Bernardino and Oceanside. The property is actually within the city limits of Riverside but is surrounded on 3 sides by Highgrove which is in the un-incorporated part of Riverside County. You may have noticed that I refer to the location at Highgrove because it is not in Highgrove but this location has been referred to as the Highgrove Metrolink location for the last 14 years.

So what is the **\$5,347,500.00** question?

The Riverside County Transportation Commission paid \$8,625,000.00 for the 17.22 acres of vacant land at Highgrove. But the total cost of the Perris Valley Line between Riverside and Perris can not exceed \$250,000,000.00 in order to qualify for Federal Transportation Funds under the small starts program. RCTC has admitted that the cost of the Perris Valley Line is already \$248,300,000.00 so they needed to reduce the total cost of the Perris Valley Line project, so here is what they did:

Instead of charging the \$8,625,000.00 they paid for the property at Highgrove, they decided they only need the width of the curved track that will connect the Perris Valley Line track to the # 3 BNSF main line. The new curved track is now completed that connects the two railroads but RCTC is only charging 38% of the purchase price which is \$3,277,500.00 to the cost of the Perris Valley Line. The remaining 62% amounts to **\$5,347,500.00** and has been transferred to Measure "A" funds which are Local Transportation funds.

In RCTC's letter to the Federal Transit Administration dated Aug. 24, 2009, RCTC stated that the portion not needed for the curved track is "**an uneconomic remnant**".

BUT THIS IS THE SAME EXACT PROPERTY NEEDED FOR A PARKING LOT FOR THE HIGHGROVE METROLINK STATION!

A copy of RCTC's letter can be read on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net, Station Costs, Uneconomic Remnant.

So far we have learned where the Highgrove Metrolink parking lot is located and how the cost of the Highgrove property has been transferred from Federal and State funding to Local Measure "A" funding and how RCTC considers property they do not need for the Perris Valley Line as something that has no economic value.

What has not been included so far is the public support this location has received for the last 14 years. It is supported in writing from State Senators from both Riverside County and San Bernardino County, residents and agencies from both counties. Congressman Takano believes both stations are needed because they have different destinations. The only opposition for using RCTC's excess property at Highgrove for a Metrolink station has been from RCTC who controls our transportation funds.

At this point I should explain that when I criticize RCTC, I am referring to their Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and their staff who make recommendations to approve or deny items on their agenda. Commissioners from 30 different cities in the county attend a monthly RCTC meeting and almost always vote in support of the staff's recommendations. My main concern is why the commissioners are not asking more questions from their staff before voting.

Members of the public, such as yours truly, are only given 3 minutes at the podium for public comments. But if these comments have merit and written support, they should not be dis-regarded just because they are from members of the public. In the past I have given items to the clerk of the board for distribution to the Commissioners asking them to look at the information and written support that is on our web site.

Nine years ago, on Nov. 28, 2006, the Commissioners instructed their RCTC Executive Director and staff to arrange for a tour of the Highgrove location but former RCTC Executive Director, Eric Haley scheduled it on the same day as the Board of Supervisors meeting. The

5 members of the Board of Supervisors are also RCTC Commissioners but none of them could attend. And instead of a bus load of commissioners visiting the site as requested, two on-track (hi-Rail vehicles) were put on the Perris Valley Line track at Center St. and they did not even stop at the Highgrove site. This property is not visible from the track due to a difference in elevation. The track is lower than the parking lot and there is a dirt bank on the west side of the track. That is why a bus was requested.

Even after Eric Haley retired and Anne Mayer became Executive Director of RCTC, I have never been able to show a bus load of RCTC Commissioners the Highgrove property. (This and other items are documented on: www.highgrovehappenings.net, Metrolink, RCTC's inappropriate actions to prevent a Highgrove Metrolink Station 2004 to 2010.)

On **August 13, 2015** I attended a meeting of the City of Riverside's Transportation Committee and for about 15 minutes RCTC's Deputy Executive Director, John Standiford presented information to the committee about why a Metrolink station should not be built in Highgrove. The agenda that I picked up at the door contained 22 pages that RCTC had submitted to the committee prior to the meeting. As I listened to Mr. Standiford, I heard my name (Barnett) mentioned over and over. And while looking at the 22 page agenda, I saw that my name appeared 25 times! It was apparent to me that RCTC was trying to stop a Metrolink station at Highgrove (which is within Riverside's city limits) at the committee level before it could reach the Riverside City Council. I was the only speaker under public comments and I was limited to 3 minutes by the committee chairman, Paul Davis even though there was only one other person in the entire Art Pick Council Chamber. (I found out later he was from the Mayor's office). It appeared to me that RCTC was trying to stop Barnett at the committee level and I wondered what would have happened if I had not attended!

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\$5,347,500.00 Question Cont.

One week later, on **Aug. 20, 2015**, Paul Davis, the Riverside Transportation Committee Chairman /City Councilman, came to Highgrove and I showed him both Metrolink locations, the Spring Mountain Ranch homes under construction, and the vacant land available for future growth. He appreciated being able to see first-hand why this location is so important and agreed this was a good location for a Metrolink station.

On **Aug. 26, 2015** I attended a Transportation Summit hosted by RCTC in Perris that was divided into 4 groups to discuss transportation issues. Group 1 was jobs and economy, Group 2 innovation and Technology, Group 3 Access for all and Group 4 discussed the environment.

Then on **Sept. 29, 2015**, the Chief of Staff from Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey's office, Cheryl Hansberger came to Highgrove and I gave her the same tour and showed her the Metrolink sites, and the homes in Spring Mountain Ranch. Her Uncle, Dennis Hansberger is a former San Bernardino County Supervisor. Almost 9 years ago the San Bernardino Sun printed an article on Dec. 31, 2006 about Dennis Hansberger that stated:

"San Bernardino County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger believes there is enough demand for a Metrolink station in the Highgrove area. It is a very worthwhile objective", Hansberger said. "Unfortunately, the people in Riverside County who have jurisdiction have not shown a lot of interest. But we are willing to get that discussion going".

Then on **Oct. 8, 2015** I attended another Riverside City Transportation Committee meeting where RCTC Executive Director Anne Mayer talked about vehicle transportation corridors, building tunnels, or the \$2 Billion dollar price tag to double deck the 91 freeway and the lack of funding needed for these projects. It scared me to listen to these exorbitant amounts and I kept wondering why RCTC doesn't just build a parking lot on their excess Highgrove property where there are Metrolink trains

seven days a week that could take people to their destinations in both counties. RCTC complains about funding, but a parking lot on their excess property is the most cost effective way to spend our transportation money. RCTC already has **\$5,347,500.00** invested in vacant land at Highgrove that they do not need that should be used for transportation purposes not just to grow weeds!

On **Oct. 19, 2015** Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione and his Chief of Staff, John Field came to Highgrove and I gave them the Highgrove tour including the Marlborough Ave., and the Highgrove Metrolink locations, Spring Mountain Ranch and the availability of other vacant land in Highgrove. Supervisor Tavaglione agreed the Highgrove property should not be sold and is needed for Metrolink transportation purposes.

After 14 years of collecting opinions, written statements, city resolutions from Grand Terrace, Colton and Loma Linda, State Senators from both counties and input from civic organizations and residents from both counties you would think that public opinion would have some influence on determining Metrolink station location.

But maybe we are forgetting that RCTC is the bottom line, the decision maker, and the transportation agency that governs how tax payer approved transportation money is spent. But does RCTC answer to anyone?

We have asked SANBAG in San Bernardino to work with RCTC for the benefit of residents in both counties but so far SANBAG rightfully states that this location is within RCTC's jurisdiction and it is up to RCTC to determine how the taxpayer's money is spent.

RCTC and SANBAG should combine their efforts and build a parking lot at Highgrove using the existing daily Metrolink trains that travel between the two counties.

Remember, you can't get to San Bernardino from the new Marlborough Metrolink station. You will only go between Riverside and Perris. Meanwhile RCTC's investment of **\$5,347,500.00** at Highgrove is doing a good job of growing weeds!

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FOREVER AND AFTER FRED AND STELLA!

On December 8, 2015, Joseph "Fred" Maestas, 95 years of age and Stella Baca Maestas, 94 years of age will celebrate their **75th Wedding Anniversary!**

This story is about an unconditional love between a man and a woman for 75 years and the story is about Fred and Stella. They have shared some of their memories of their life together with me so that I could share with others in this article. I hope this story will inspire many young people in love these days to believe there is a Forever After. Just knowing this wonderful couple has brightened my life. The love they have shared shows in the lives of their children, their grandchildren, and their great grandchildren, which I have had the pleasure to meet. Hope you enjoy reading this story.

On March 17, 1939, in Montrose, Colorado, Fred at the time was 19 years old, decided to go to a movie that evening. As he was walking by the JC Penny store he heard music coming from above the store and decided to go up and see what was going on. What he found was a town Saint Patrick's dance going on. After he said hello to several people he decided to go onto the movies. He reached the top of the staircase to leave just when the door at the bottom of the stairs opened and in walked Stella (at the time was 18 years old) her mother Sofia and her brother Mike. They lived in Olathe, Colorado about 11 miles from Montrose. Fred and Mike already knew each other from their membership in the Knights of Columbus. Fred waited at the top of the stairs to allow them to continue up the stairs. Mike introduced him to Stella and their mother. Immediately, Fred decided he wanted to skip the movie and get acquainted with the new girl he just met. Fred and Stella danced many dances that unforgettable night and still are dancing!

A week later Fred gave Mike a ride to the Knights of Columbus April meeting. Neither one had

a telephone so Fred was unable to let Mike know he was running late. When Fred arrived at Mike's home Stella answered the door and explained that Mike received a ride with another friend. Oh Boy, what luck Fred just had! He then decided to invite Stella to a movie. Of course, Stella would have to ask her mother permission, who said yes. I guess Fred plum forgot about attending the Knights of Columbus meeting. Then they drove to the movies in Montrose. I asked Fred if he remembered the name of the movie they saw, his response was no-wasn't interested in the movie! So that tells you who's Fred's eyes were on.

When Fred attended the Knights of Columbus meeting in May, he knew he was in trouble for missing the April meeting. When a member was absent without a good reason, you had to pay a .50 cent fine. The person conducting the meeting asked Fred to give his reason for not attending last month meeting. Before Fred could answer, Mike, Stella's brother spoke up and said "Fred was out on a date with my sister and I just know he intentionally ran late that night knowing I could get another ride, leaving him to ask my sister on a date". Needless to say, Fred paid his .50 cent fine.

On May 31, 1939, Stella and her mother Sofia took a train to the southern part of Colorado to visit her mother's sister, Aunt Rebecca. Fred arrived at the train station to see them off, at which time he gave Stella a necklace that was a turquoise stone pendant on a silver chain, that she still has. They were gone for 3 weeks and upon their return, Fred and Stella resumed their courtship and shortly thereafter Fred made the "Proposal". Fred and Stella were sitting in Fred's 1938 Chevrolet 4 door sedan when he popped the question and Stella said yes!

Stella's father Teodoro Baca had passed away when Stella was a junior in high school. About 3 weeks after returning from their trip to visit Aunt Rebecca, Stella, her mother



Sofia, and her brother Mike moved from the farm in Olathe to the city of Montrose, Colorado.

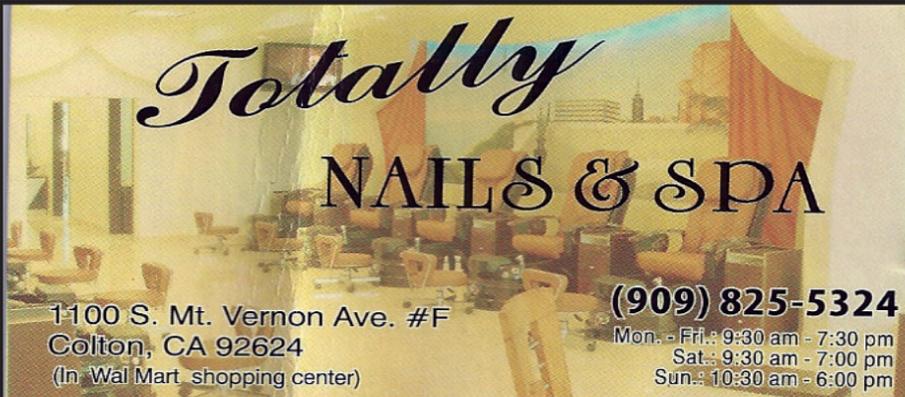
After Stella graduated from high school in May 1939, she worked for the county earning \$5.00 a week. The name of the organization was NYA (National Youth Association) where her job responsibilities were clerical work and running errands. The NYA provided financial assistance and food to the young people in need of help. In addition, she took care of the chickens on her parent's farm.

Fred began working at the age of thirteen for Shoe Terria in Montrose, Colorado earning \$3.00 per week. Fred would go to the shoe repair shop at 7:30 am work until he had to leave for school. He attended school from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm and then go back to work at the shoe repair shop work until 6:00 pm. In addition to that job on Saturdays he washed windows for

an insurance office, jewelry store, and Andersons Drug store.

The following are a few of their childhood memories they have told me which are pretty comical. Stella at the age of five remembered this one mean rooster that did not like her. Every time when she opened the chicken house door to let the chickens out during the day, that one mean rooster would chase her clear back to the house flying up and pecking her bottom as she ran. Today, she said they should have had him for dinner.

The one Fred remembers is when he was about 8 years old, he and his brother Abe, a year older, was asked by their mother Phyliss to go and clean the garage. They had just started cleaning when they found a brick lying sideways behind a barrel and when they picked it up there was a hole dug in the dirt and inside the hole was a bottle of bootleg whiskey. *To be continued*



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Phil's Philosophy

By Phil Turner

The Poor vs. The Criminal

When I was young poor meant poor. That is obviously a generalization, but poor included not having enough money, lack of education, skills, or opportunity.

Today that is not the case due to seemingly endless government programs, and outreach, combined with many fine private, and religious organizations. The combination of welfare, food stamps, WIC, and section 8 housing, a family can live well. Not extravagantly, but well, at least for the short term, while jobs and placement can be obtained.

Several months ago, we learned of a mother of five that was being beaten regularly, by her husband. She and her kids escaped their home with absolutely nothing!

An apartment was obtained through a grant. The apartment was in the northern part of San Bernardino on Sierra Way. My wife and others got new mattresses from The Salvation Army and we filled our SUV with every kind of household item we could spare from our home and I delivered the items in the early evening. As I walked around the complex looking for the apartment number, there were people sitting on the stairs, hanging on the railings, and sitting on the curbs. All eyes were focused on me. When I finally found the right apartment number, I went back to my car to begin off loading. This place wasn't safe. I'm very sure that they were

watching me to see what cool stuff I was bringing in to their complex.

I pitied this poor woman and kids, having to be thrown into this lion's den, even temporarily. The complex was run down, entry doors looked like they had been bashed in repeatedly, window screens were hanging loose, and broken cars parked around and on the street.

Jesus said, "The poor will always be with you..."

But for the exceptions like the woman we were helping, today's poor are different. It takes many bad decisions in life to be poor today.

Many of the poor today are felons released from jail or prison, or addicted to alcohol or drugs, or young families and singles that had children before finishing their education and training.

What are the answers to these problems? There are many answers, but never a complete solution. There is one thing I think could be done to protect families like the family I mentioned above. There should be extensive background checks done for applicants who are applying to move into an apartment and there should be separate living arrangements for non-criminally poor. Non-criminals could live at a reduced rate, in apartment complexes segregated, yes I said segregated, from those that allow felons. Non-criminals are much more likely to take care of the facilities.

It is a biblical principle that we are to take care of widows, orphans and the poor. It is not a suggestion, that it would be a nice thing to do. It is a commandment!



Photo # 22

This man will be remembered for his many year of helping feed the people.



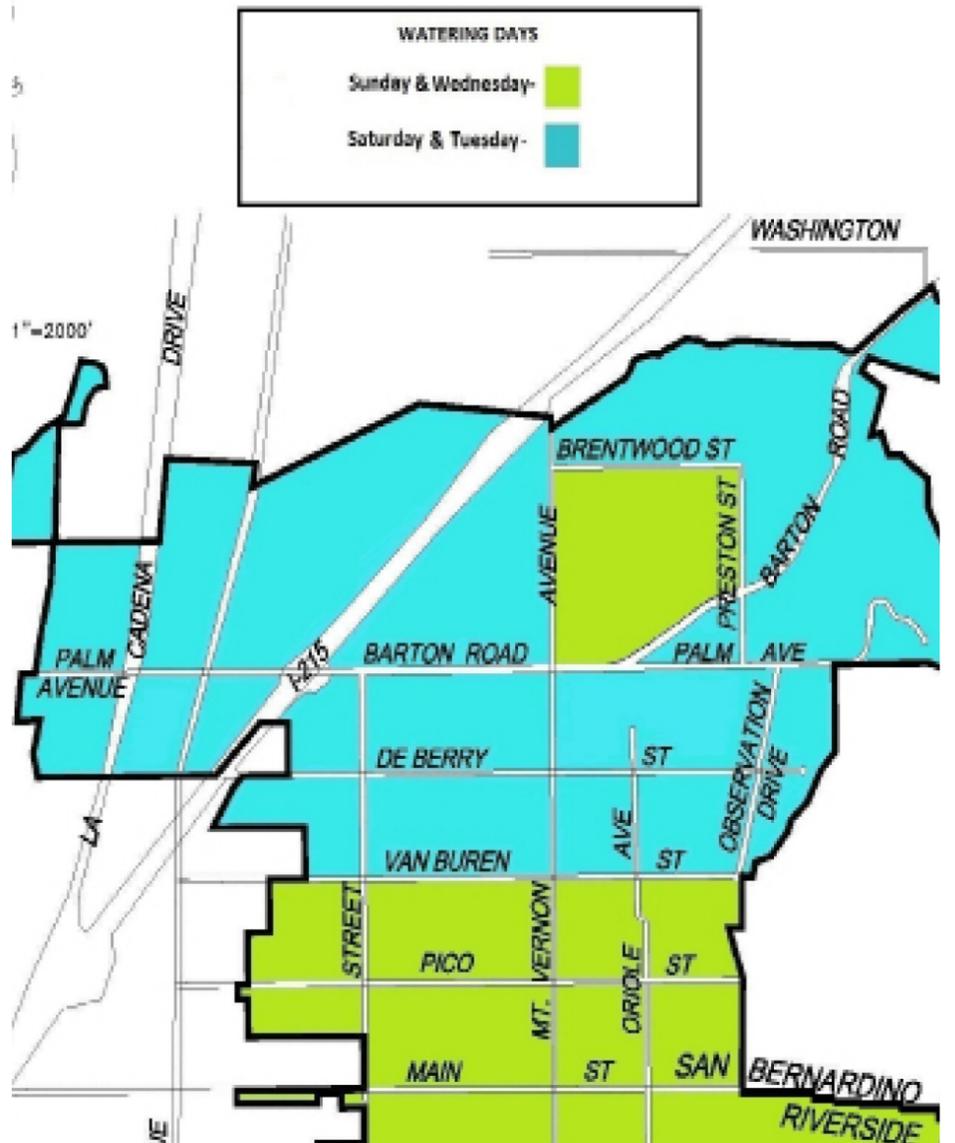
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Who were these 2 Highgrove Deputies?

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RIVERSIDE HIGHLAND WATER COMPANY

WATERING ZONES



Riverside Highland Water Company to Reduce Watering to Two Days per Week

Also, November is usually the start of our rainy season. Remember to turn off your sprinklers during and after a rain event. This time of year you can keep your irrigation system off for a week or more after measurable rainfall as the soil retains the moisture longer than the summer months.

In order to meet State mandated water reduction, customers of Riverside Highland Water Company will be required to limit outdoor watering to no more than two days per week instead of the current three days starting November 1, 2015.

All other water restrictions will remain the same, but the number of days will be reduced because outdoor vegetation does not require the same amount of water as the summer months. Shorter, cooler days along with many plants cycling into dormancy means plants require less water.

The State mandated water reduction for Riverside Highland Water Company is 36 percent less water produced between the months of June 2015 and February 2016, compared to this same time as 2013. For the months of June through August we achieved a 33 percent reduction. This means we not only need to reduce water use the 36 percent for the remaining months, but we need to make up the three percent we were short for the previous three months. If we do not achieve these mandated restrictions, the State may take action, including fines against Riverside Highland Water Company which will be passed on to our customers.

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Geological Rambles and Rumbles: Earthquakes

by Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York

Causes of Landslides—Part 2: External Causes

The previous issue discussed the major internal conditions that keep hillslopes from collapsing—cohesiveness; moisture content; friction between particles and blocks; and presence of weak zones. The external forces that can overcome the internal stability of a hillslope and trigger landslides may be natural or manmade—or a combination of both. The most common triggers are (1) overloading the top (head) of the slope with soil or fill material, (2) removing vegetation, (3) decreasing the buttressing material from the base (toe) of the slope, (4) heavy or prolonged rain or irrigation, and (5) shaking of the hillslope, such as from earthquakes. Each of these factors is explained below.

Landslides caused by natural forces (1) Natural overloading occurs when debris from erosion or landslides from above falls or migrates downward to a location where its added weight destabilizes the rest of the slope.

(2) Natural removal of vegetation from the slope can damage or destroy the root systems that bind the hillslope's soil particles. This can be caused by fires, plant diseases, erosion, and other factors, including beavers or browsing deer,

(3) Natural removal of the buttressing material at the toe of the slope can occur through erosion by an adjacent stream. Both the mudflow of March 22, 2014 at Oso, Washington, which killed 43 people, and that of May 26, 2014 at Collbran, Colorado, which killed 3 people, were triggered by heavy rains and erosion of toe material by streams.

(4) Heavy or prolonged precipita-

tion on the top and sides of a steep slope precedes most landslides. This water adds weight while lubricating the soil or rock particles until friction is overcome, allowing the slope to give way.

(5) Earthquakes can cause landslides by disrupting the internal cohesion of a feature. Some silts and clays can become liquified by shaking—as when saturated beach sand turns to fluid when you jump on it. Liquifaction happened in the Marina District of San Francisco during the Loma Prieta earthquake of October 17, 1989 (magnitude 6.9), damaging dozens of buildings, breaking a gas main from which fires began and spread, and breaking a water main so that firefighters had to use bay water rather than hydrants to extinguish the fires.

Landslides triggered by human activities

Many landslides are triggered with the help of human activities that occur mostly at the top or bottom of steep slopes in urban and suburban environments. The principal human errors that can lead to landslides are:

(1) Overloading the tops of many slopes: hilltops are attractive sites for home construction because they provide a view, but the weight of a house at or near the top of an already unstable slope, or bulldozing soil onto or over the edge of a slope to extend yard space, may overload the slope and trigger a landslide. Also the infiltration of water from inground septic systems and from irrigation of lawns, gardens, and trees at the top of slopes may lubricate the underlying material and cause it to slump.

(2) Removing trees or brush on the slope to enhance the view, clear a path for pipelines and powerlines, or for fire control: this may weaken or destroy the root systems that hold the soil in place.

(3) Removal of buttressing material from the toe of quasi-stable slopes or from the toe of a previous landslide: this is another common practice that can induce slope failure. For example, cutting side slopes along roads, bulldozing soil away from the base of a slope to extend a back yard, or cutting into slopes to make plats for buildings, removes base support and thereby decreases slope stability.

A recipe for creating a landslide at your home is as follows: First, buy a piece of land with a driveway leading to the top of a hill in earthquake country. Next, flatten the top by bulldozing and push the bulldozed material to the edge of the slope to extend the flat area. Now build a large house near the slope to take advantage of the view and add a swimming pool, which adds weight and could leak water into the subsurface, and install a septic system with leach lines that drain into the soil near the slope. Next, remove the trees and shrubbery along the top and side of the slope to enhance the view, and plant gardens and large expanses of lawn that will require irrigation. Now dig out the toe of the hill to enlarge the driveway entrance, and move into the house to await your landslide.

A typical situation was at the new home of one of my relatives in a new residential project at the foot of the Santa Ana Mountains in Orange County. First, the contractors did not take into account the local geology, where poorly cemented sediments formed sea terraces that tipped toward the sea. Almost all engineering-geology textbooks present similar examples as a setting with a high potential for landslides. The contractor bulldozed into these soft, sloping deposits to create flat plats and roads for housing sites. My relative's house was across the street from a house

whose back yard ended at the base of a steep slope from which the contractor had removed several truckloads of soil to enlarge the back yard. Concerned for my relative and his neighbor, I visited the contractor's office to see the plans for the development, and noted that part of my relative's yard had been flattened by bulldozing, with the extra material pushed to the edge of a slope behind the house—again to enlarge the back yard. I informed my relative that, although the house was probably safe, he could lose the back yard. Within a year, the slope behind the house across the street had failed and moved as a debris flow through the house and out the front windows and doors and across the street into my relative's front yard, where it stopped. My relative's back slope had not yet failed, but he moved anyway.

My wife and I live in landslide country in the Hudson River Valley of eastern New York, where much of the valley is underlain by thick clay that is noted for slumping. One of our pastimes while driving within the valley is observing the large number of recent slope failures, mostly where hillsides have been cut into to create sites for new houses, and predicting where the next slides will occur. You, too, can do this also along the Pacific Coast Highway.

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Photo # 24



Can you name 3 businesses that used to occupy this building?



Photo # 25
Do you remember this stunt pilot practicing over Spring Mountain Ranch before the houses were built? What was his name?

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California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

The PINK month is over. B.B.C. (Before Breast Cancer) October and "Breast Cancer Awareness" was the month women are reminded that 1 in 8 will be diagnosed with breast cancer and we would should remember to get our mammograms done. A.B.C. (After Breast Cancer) the whole pink month takes on a new meaning and has a much different affect on me as I'm sure it does on many other women.

The "support" and "awareness" has reached marketing to the level of a cliché. We have pink coming at us from all directions. Of course there's clothing for women- t-shirts, scarves, socks, hats, jackets and bags. Then there's many other items- mugs, cups, keychains, jewelry, flags, fabric, stuffed animals, and many more items. The pink ribbon shows up on almost any product; it is everywhere. Even professional athletes have pink on their uniforms; hundreds of uniforms with little pink ribbons, trim on their shoes, and pink towels hanging off their waists. How does that help the cause? The casino here has a big pink promotion- they will donate "a portion" of the money spent gambling to research. Re-

ally? A motel in town has their sign out front: "we support breast cancer". Huh?

I'm afraid the urgency is losing its impact. My sister phrased it best: because of the marketing and the emphasis on women who have been cured, breast cancer is seen as a "drive through". I'm here to tell you, it is not. Women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, have finished treatment of whatever kind, and been declared "cured", always have the fear of recurrence. And it does reoccur. And women still die from complications of breast cancer. Some types of breast cancer are very difficult to treat and cure. The "triple negative" breast cancer is the worst as it is resistant to the known chemotherapy medications. The prevention and cure of breast cancer is far from accomplished. Just this year one friend has died from triple-negative breast cancer and another diagnosed with breast cancer and scheduled for surgery in the next few weeks.

Here are some current numbers: In the United States in 2015:

- Breast cancer is the most com-

mon cancer among American women after skin cancer.

- 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.
- 62,570 new cases of breast carcinoma in situ (non-invasive, has not invaded nearby tissue), including ductal carcinoma in situ and lobular carcinoma in situ.
- 40,290 women will die from breast cancer.
- 2,350 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in men.
- 440 men will die from breast cancer.
- The five-year relative survival rate for female invasive breast cancer patients has improved from 75 percent in the mid-1970s to 90 percent today.
- The five-year relative survival rate for women diagnosed with localized breast cancer (cancer that hasn't spread to lymph nodes or outside the breast) is 98.5 percent. In cancer that has spread to nearby lymph nodes (regional stage) or to distant lymph nodes or organs (distant stage), the survival rate falls to 84 percent or 24 percent, respectively.
- There are more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S., including women still being treated and those who have completed treatment. *

* <http://www.bcrfcure.org/>

I greatly appreciated the support I received from people. It made my healing journey much easier and greatly increased my change of recovering completely. Please make your support go further by making a money donation instead of purchasing an item. (Breast Cancer Research Foundation is an excellent one.) If you can offer your time, energy or money for support systems, it is seriously needed and patients will be grateful. There are needs such as rides to doctor appointments, radiation or chemotherapy; run errands to the pharmacy and grocery store; do some basic housekeeping, walk the dog, prepare a few easy to heat meals, or if you have the strength and the gift to do it, be a shoulder to cry on. Your time and energy will be appreciated.

The most important point to remember is that breast cancer isn't just in October. It occurs every day of the year. An average of 33 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer every single hour. Tragically, 4.5 women will die from breast cancer every single hour. These statistics are numbing and devastating. Your participation in the effort to prevent and cure cancer could have very personal benefits.

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1. The south end of the UP Riverside line RR track ends at Marlborough Ave. (Oct. 2015 P. 7)

2. Ayers General Store was across the street from the United Methodist Church and was a Post Office in the 50's. (Sept. 2008 P. 14)

3. Warehouses on Bixby's 40 acres were stopped by public opposition led by the Highgrove MAC. (April 2009 P. 9)

4. The Grand Terrace people opposed the name when the Colton School Board wanted to name the High School after Ray Abril Jr. (May 2009 P. 10)

5. This was the Highgrove Bank in the 30's. (April 2009 P. 5)

6. This tin building was once a chrome shop at Main and Taylor by the Grand Terrace HS. The contaminated soil was capped with

concrete and is still vacant.

(Nov. 2008 P. 7)

7. This used to be a car wash at Daytona Auto Parts. Aug. 2009 P 1

8. Danny Stouffer used his tractors for free hay rides at Christmas that toured Highgrove to see the beautiful Christmas lights.

(Dec. 2008 P. 2)

9. Pico St. was closed to build Pico Park in Grand Terrace.

(May 2009 P. 14)

10 The old library by the school did not have a rest room.

(April 2009 P. 8)

11. The Brass Marker about the Highgrove Hydroelectric plant in 1888 was stolen and replaced with a granite marker. Andy Frost-EDA (Jan. 2009 P. 8)

12. Highgrove station sign is gone south of Main St. on the BNSF tracks. (July 2008 P. 1)

13. The late Helen Holmes from Highgrove is pictured at 100 years old but lived to be 106 years old.

(Oct. 2008 P. 5)

14. The Market House was on the west side of the freeway and was one of my first jobs in this market.

(May 2009 P. 5)

15. This Metrolink train is going across Iowa Ave. to San Bernardino before the overpass was built. (Jan. 2009 P. 1)

16. There was a conceptual plan for a trail along the canal but it has never happened due to the state taking our redevelopment funds.

(March 2009 P. 4)

17. For many years RCTC said there would be a Metrolink station at Palmyrita Ave. but this 25 acre property now has a Dole warehouse on it. (Feb. 2009 P. 6)

18. These orange trees on Palmyrita were removed when Palmyrita Ave was widened at the Perris Valley Line railroad crossing. (Feb 2009 P. 7)

19, Jane Block is shown inside the pipe for a trail system but this pipe is

now under the road between Citrus St. and RCTC's 17.22 acres.

(March 2009 P. 10)

20. The late Tony Petta was the first Mayor of Grand Terrace in 1978. (Jan. 2009 P. 12)

21. EZ Mart was behind Demetri's in GT (Oct. 2008 P. 1)

22. Joe Morones was a dedicated volunteer in Highgrove and brought food to our neighborhood for the brown bag program.

(Oct. 2009 P. 2)

23. Deputy Bryan Vig is shown with Deputy Dean Colbert as our last 2 Highgrove Deputies. (July 2009 P. 3)

24. Hughes Appliance store became a thrift shop then a Marijuana dispensary (Aug. 2008 P. 3)

25. Martin Kennedy used to practice his airplane tricks before any new homes were built in Spring Mountain Ranch but he moved to Australia. (April 2009 P. 1).



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Mark Hadden Jr. Mark is 8 years old and is in third grade, he is the son of Marko and Angelica Hadden. Thank you Mark for providing us with the words for this months word search. Get your's in early and you too can be a winner.



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October 4 *Rev. Lincoln Galloway, October 11* Rev. Benny Nicholas, October 18 *Rev. Virginia Fifield, October 25 *Youngstone Jhun

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

In addition, special music on November 8 will be performed by the combined choirs from Grace UMC (Riverside), Moreno Valley UMC, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church (San Bernardino).

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