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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

August, 2012

Birdie Powell inducted into Hall of Fame

RIVERSIDE EAGLES AERIE #997

Birdie Powell grew up in the Highgrove area of Riverside. In 1958, a few months after her marriage to Dennis Powell, they were transferred to Sacramento, then to Texas, and then to Michigan. They returned to the Highgrove area in 1981 where Birdie still resides.

Birdie is a grandmother, mother, sister and friend. She has one daughter, two sisters, two brothers, three grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one great great-grandson.

SOON AFTER THEIR RETURN TO Highgrove, her brothers Ed and Bud invited Dennis to join them for an occasional drink at Aerie #997, where they were members. Dennis was very interested, and enjoyed the hospitality at #997, so he soon became a member. He didn't know if he wanted Birdie to join at that time, thinking she would not get along with the people. In other words he didn't think she would fit in. She really proved him wrong. He finally agreed and in January 1989 she became one of our sisters. Birdie also enjoyed the hospitality at #997, and our Auxiliary was happy to welcome her. She has been an officer ever since joining and very active. She just keeps going, going and going. She never knows when to stop, and is always there wherever and whenever she is needed.

She does not know the meaning of NO. She works at all functions, always volunteering. She has been kitchen chairman for fifteen years, has worked the Friday night dinners faithfully for more than twenty years, and the Monday night Tacos for twenty one years.

Birdie's Corn Beef and Cabbage dinners on St. Patrick's Day for "City



of Hope" are always a huge success. Sister Dotty DeVille once asked Birdie "If anything happens to me would you please carry on and be the City of Hope Chairman for the Auxiliary?" And carry on she has! We know Dotty is proud of Birdie's work. Birdie has been our City of Hope Chairman for twenty years, and in that time has raised a total of \$37,485.80.

For many years Birdie has been Installing Conductor on our installation team, going to the many Aeries in the district installing new officers.

Birdie has worked at our State Conferences and Conventions, always willing to help. She has served numerous times on the State Election committee, Ways and Means committee and the State Project, crocheting many, many slippers and shoe bags.

Why do we call her "Birdie" since her name is Imogene? Brothers Ed and Bud gave her that name because they said "She has legs like a bird."

Sister Birdie was recommended for the State Hall of Fame and is soon to be 92 years young.

Birdie, we are happy and proud of you and the award is well deserved!

Helmet Protects rider from serious injury!



Victor Olague was riding his motorcycle southbound on the curve at East La Cadena Dr. by the Shell Station on his way to meet Vince Yu from Zorbas for a bike ride on the morning of July 4. Unfortunately he was involved in an accident that threw him over the handlebars and left the above vehicle on top of the motorcycle he was riding. Victor said he always wears protective riding equipment even in hot weather and by looking at the marks on his helmet, shown below, it is a good thing he is so safety conscious. This could have been very serious but he only suffered slight injuries when he landed. This is a perfect example of why motorcycle riders and bicycle riders should always wear a helmet and protective clothing.



On July 17, 2012 these 2 vehicles on the left collided at the entrance to the business complex on Barton Road in Grand Terrace near Canal Street. The Ford F-150 pick-up was eastbound on Barton Road making a left-hand turn into the entrance by Smart Time and collided with a westbound Toyota 4 runner. The impact of the collision spun the pick truck around 180 degrees and ended up headed westbound next to the north side of the curb on Barton Road and the Toyota hit a concrete light pole head on. The driver of the pick-up, Dave Cook, age 20 was not injured and the driver of the Toyota sustained minor injuries and was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Funding approved for housing complex by Library

Tony Mize, President of Workforce Homebuilders LLC announced at the MAC meeting on July 25, 2012 that construction of 89 housing units may start before the end of the year. This is a \$20 million dollar project that will be located south of the Highgrove library at 530 Center St. in Highgrove.

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August 2012

8-10AM Arthritis Relief resource table hosted by Jiro with **Assurance Medical Supply**, 888-291-9830. All medical equipment is at no cost to the qualifying patient. **August 3rd, 7th, 17th, 21st, and 24th,**

8-10AM Mother's Nutritional Center Resource Table by Maria 951-686-6092 (WIC Redemption Center): **August 3rd and 17th**

August 6th: 10:30 AM—11:30 AM Free Workshop session by **Riverside Community Foundation** hosted by Carolina 951-684-5300. Educational program about the prevention of diabetes focusing on good eating and exercise habits. Materials included in the workshops are free.

August 9th: 12:30 PM "Cool Center" **Indoor Picnic Event**

August 9th: 11:00 AM Sensible Senior Homecare Resource table and music by Tim Crawford 951-553-5785

August 21st: 8:30 - 10 AM Free Blood Testing and Resource Table Sponsored by **Anderson Research Clinic**

Summer Food Service Program: 11AM - 1 PM Monday thru Friday. Nutritious lunch meal provided during school vacation periods. **Last Day - August 17th**

10:15 - 11:15 AM **El Sol Mental Health Free Workshop** by Adriana 951-445-7252: **August 7, 14th, 21st, 28th.**

The Highgrove Center is an official Cool Center... Sponsored by the Fair Housing Council & So. Calif. Edison Are you looking for a cool place to beat the heat? The Center has been designated as an official Cool Center. Anyone who visits the Cool Center may receive energy-saving tips, energy-saving light bulbs, water and a snack. Information about senior discounts on SCE bills is also available. The Cool Center's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Upcoming Program Session:
WeightWatchers' class to begin 9 AM - 10 AM: call for more info.
New Cake Decorating Series to begin Thursday Sept 13, 2012 (no cake class 8/16 to 9/6 for vacation)

Points of Interest
 Center Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM, Friday 8 AM - 2 PM

Aerodance Exercise:
 Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-10AM, \$6 per week or \$2.00 per day **Evening Class** Tues 7-8:30 & Fri 6-6:50 PM \$5 per week or \$2.50 per evening.

Sewing Class: Aug feature
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Balloon Arrangement Class:
 Wed 8:30 - 10 AM \$15 per class./10 class course. Completion Certificate awarded

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 Wed 10:15 - 11:00 AM ages up to pre school. No Cost Program

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT



Highgrove Crime Activity

Crimes decreased from 7 to 4, total violent crimes 3-0,

Robbery 0, Rape 0, Aggravated Assault 3-0, Homicide 0, Property

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Highgrove Library News

The library has pre-school story time with Miss Ashley every Tuesday starting at 10:30 am. On Thursdays there are games from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Children can come to the library to play board games, card games, puzzles and the library has a Wii system. The library is located at 530 Center St. in Highgrove. For more information call the library at: (951) 682 1507.

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July 3rd "Concert for Heroes"



On July 3, 2012 we took the Iowa granddaughters to the Riverside National Cemetery for an evening program titled "Concert for Heroes". The beautiful music was played by the Riverside County Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Tomasz Golka. There were hundreds of people there and we sat in lawn chairs across the lake where the music was relayed to everyone through a really good sound system. It was a very enjoyable and patriotic program on the evening before July 4th.



July 4th Car show



The Packing House Church in Redlands hosted a car show on July 4, 2012 in the grass just west of the church sanctuary. After looking at the cars, Cassidy and Paige relaxed behind my pick-up truck. We had a busy day on July 4th. On our way to the car show, we saw the motorcycle accident (front page) and after the car show the girls went swimming, and in the evening we watched the fireworks from Mt. Vernon Ave. and Spring St. in Highgrove then we drove to Grand Terrace to see more from Jap Hill.

California Grandchildren meet Iowa Grandchildren for the first time:



L-R: Cassidy Wassenaar (IA) Cheyenne Barnett (CA) Roxie Barnett (CA) Paige Wassenaar (IA). These 4 had a sleep-over at our house in Highgrove.

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New Grand Terrace High School now ready for first students!



Grand Terrace Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz is shown addressing the crowd at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 26, 2012. The new high school Principal, Angela Dischinger was the master of ceremonies and is shown looking toward the camera.

Classes for the very first high school in Grand Terrace will begin on Aug. 6, 2012. The ribbon cutting ceremony was very well attended and the new parking lot was full. There were many speeches and many people to thank.

The new high school is the latest addition to the Colton Joint Unified School District and it has been 50 years since a new high school has been built by the school district. But it was worth waiting for because this \$151 million dollar facility is first class! The new high school will be the Grand Terrace Titans and their first football game is scheduled for

Friday Aug. 31, 2012.

Additional speakers included Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent of the Colton Joint Unified School District and other members of the Board of Education, and Alexis Rodriguez, 11th grade student who is looking forward to being in the first graduating class from Grand Terrace High School.

After a short ribbon cutting ceremony members from the Grand Terrace Lions Club and students from the new high school escorted community members onto the campus for a tour of the new high school facility. Good luck to the "Titans"!

Gasoline prices through the roof!



During our trip to Iowa the most expensive gasoline we found is shown at the lower left at Cima Road between Barstow and Las Vegas. Hollow Mountain above was in Utah where the sign at the lower right was displayed on the door.



We didn't buy gasoline here!



Hollow Mountain was carved out of solid rock. This sign was on the door!

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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 a year ago and it is nothing like Highgrove. I knew the change would be dramatic- this little city has about 77,000 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 my journey with you.

First of all, last month I requested some warmth be sent this way. Thank you! I got some! It came in the first week of July. The temperatures soared all the way up to the mid 90's- it's what they call summer here. People are crying about how hot it is. WE know hot; the mid 90's are warm to us. So I am finally getting a little action in my garden. The lettuce is a few inches high, the basil, chives, and thyme is doing well. My tomato plants are a whole 12 inches tall with a few blooms. I might get a few tomatoes before the frost hits, which could be right after Labor Day but no later than the first of October.

Highgrove is in a wonderful location in Southern California, something I've always bragged about; there is a wonderful proximity to so many enjoyable locations. North are the mountains- Big Bear, Arrowhead, and Crestline. East are the desert communities. South are rolling hills with avocado groves and vineyards and animals in the park and zoos. Westward has the most excitement- Hollywood, Los Angeles, dozens of amazing museums, tantalizing restaurants, glittering stage shows, the fun of Disneyland, and the miles and miles of beaches.

Central Oregon is landlocked. A

river runs through the center of town and there are many small lakes in the area but a lot of lakes and a river do not make the Pacific Ocean. I miss the beach, the ocean, the sand, the surf; the boardwalks, the palm trees, the salty-air breezes and the nighttime bon fires. I'm a California girl; I LOVE the Beach Boys, picnics at Laguna Beach, romantic walks at sunset in bare feet in the gentle surf, and even sand in my shorts.

Maybe because the Beach Boys are celebrating their 50th anniversary I'm particularly homesick for the beach. Being raised in Highgrove, I didn't get to the beach all that often; I never played hooky from school to go to the beach, (I was such a Girl Scout!) but I grew up with the beach culture. My brother Dana plucked out "Wipeout" on his guitar, my sister Beanie and I saw the Beach Boys at the Los Angeles County Fair, and I attended the Laguna Art Festival (with Girl Scouts) and saw a totally amazing performance of the Pageant of the Masters.

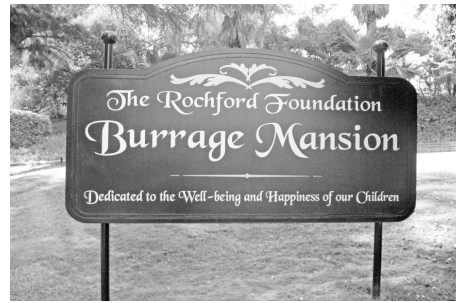
My brother Mark lives a few blocks from the beach in Imperial Beach so many times family has gathered there to stroll along the beach viewing the US Open Sandcastle competition. The sculptures done by professionals were sincerely impressive. (The US Open Sandcastle has had a competition in Imperial Beach for 35 years; due to construction on the coastal highway, the competition was cancelled for this year.) Pacific Ocean beach sand makes nice sculptures; unfortunately, central Oregon sand does not. I've watched my grandsons scoop and pile and pat and it just flops - poor little guys. Someday they'll get a chance to go down south and I'll take them to the beach and let them make some castles with some really good California sand!



Imperial Beach US Open Sandcastle Competition 2011

Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner



Driving through the gates of the Burrage Mansion in Redlands, harkens back to yesteryear, recalling a time of liveried coaches, women with parasols and men with stove top hats. Located at 1205 W. Crescent, the mansion has a commanding view of Redlands and the mountains surrounding the area.

The Burrage Mansion was built in 1901 at the, then staggering, cost of \$60,000. Situated on 18 acres, it is the last great residence in Redlands with its acreage intact. Over the years the mansion has seen various owners and usages. Originally built by Albert Burrage as a retreat from Boston's frosty winters, it's been a residence, convent, and rental facility. Mr. Tim Rochford, an oil entrepreneur, and Redlands native, purchased the mansion from The Rock Church and World Outreach Center in 2007, with the intention of preserving the property and "to pro-

vide a haven of play and enrichment for disadvantaged young children".

The mansion, and its grounds, has been lovingly, with great expense and hard work, restored and transformed into a wonderful showpiece. A full time crew of five, diligently managed by Leonard Smith, keep the grounds beautifully groomed, and ready for the children's activities.

Mr. Rochford and The Rochford Foundation, has opened the Burrage Mansion to benefit civic non-profit, and children's organizations including...The Boys and Girls Club of Redlands, Redlands Family YMCA, Micah House and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). These activities are very ably directed by Ellen Timothy.

The Children's activities that I've observed include, camping in authentic Indian teepees, a variety of crafts, dance, BMX bicycling, and gardening. At Christmas, Santa Claus arrives with toys for hundreds of children. The Christmas light display is a must see drive-by during the season.

What a very special legacy for the Rochford family, and the City of Redlands.

(see page 7 for more photos)



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Burrage Mansion in Redlands



outside, top, and bottom!




I would like to thank Phil Turner for the opportunity to visit the Burrage Mansion. Not only were we invited to the pig roast and tour of the outside grounds, but a few days later we returned and he gave us a personal tour of the inside that included all of the rooms on both floors and even the carved out tunnels under the mansion. The passages reminded me of the tunnels under the Mission Inn that we used to play in years ago when we were kids.

Inside.....





Top: The inside entry is clean and beautiful with arches supported by pillars.
Bottom: These two photos were taken at the pig roast under the trees in the grass at the rear of the property. The food was great and we had a good time!









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Family ties across the country!

Ardie and I have 7 children between us and 12 grandchildren. This year has been quite unusual because we have been able to see all of them even though they live in different parts of the country. This includes Seattle, Wash., Denver, Colorado, Orange City, Iowa, Lennox, South Dakota, Highland, California, Encinitas, California, and Hemet, California.

When Ardie and I drove to Iowa we stayed with Ardie's son Kendall and wife Lori and our 2 grandchildren Paige and Cassidy in Orange City. Ardie's oldest son Kyle and his wife Shelly live across the road and we were able to see their children, Tyler, Brody, Dalton and Kia, four more of our grandchildren. And when we were in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Ardie's daughter Kelli gave birth to a new baby boy so we spent time with her, her husband Wayne, and our newest grandson, Austin.

Ardie stayed in Lennox, South Dakota a few days longer than I did to help with the new baby. Ardie's cousin, Mark Schuller rode back to California with me. Mark is from Orange City, Iowa, about an hour and 1/2 from Lennox, and had never been to Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska or to the Arches National Park, Bryce, or Zion. I didn't want to drive back to California alone so it worked out for everyone because Ardie was able to help Kelli with the new baby when she was needed and Mark and I got to do a little sight-seeing on our way back to California. After a few days back in Highgrove, Mark and I drove to LAX to pick up Ardie. Our granddaughters, Paige age 14, and Cassidy 12, flew back to California with Ardie from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and stayed 2 weeks with us. Then Ardie and I took the 2 granddaughters and their luggage to San Bernardino, and the four of us got on a Metrolink train and rode into Los Angeles to meet Kendall and Lori (Paige and Cassidy's parents) who flew into LAX, rented a car and drove to Union Station in Los Angeles to meet us. When we con-

nected, we were able to walk to Kendall's rented car and leave their daughters luggage, walk to Phillippe's for a French dipped sandwich, and then walk to Olvera Street and look through the shops. Ardie and I got back on the train and headed back to San Bernardino and Kendall, Lori and their two daughters were all back as a family again and took their rented car to visit other friends and relatives in Southern California. A few days later they met us at my brother's beach house in Oceanside where we stayed for a few days. While we were at the beach, we visited my oldest daughter Beverly, her husband Rob, and our grandson Kipp who were camping at South Carlsbad State Beach. My youngest son, Billy who has a tattoo shop in Cardiff also came to the campsite then later he and his girlfriend met us in Carlsbad for dinner then came to the beach house for an evening bonfire as the sun disappeared into the ocean. On July 21, 2012, Kendall, Lori, Paige and Cassidy returned their rented car to San Diego and flew back to Iowa.

One of the unexpected surprises is when we received a call from my daughter, Sharon who travels all over the country for Costco Corporate in Seattle, Washington. She lives near Seattle and this was quite a surprise because she had been to Atlanta and Chicago and I didn't know she was in the area. She said she could meet us for lunch at Taco Joe's in Grand Terrace so we met for lunch even though we had just eaten at the Burrage Mansion in Redlands. So as you can see this has been quite a summer! If this story is confusing to you, don't feel bad. It was hard for me to remember how this was all going to work out. We tried to co-ordinate making only one trip into LAX by taking Mark to LAX to fly back to Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the same time Ardie arrived into LAX from Sioux Falls, but the timing just didn't work out. I had to make two trips to LAX, one to pick up Ardie and another one to get Mark back to Orange City, Iowa.



L-R: Cassidy, Lori, Kendall (Ardie's son), and Page Wassenaar from Iowa.



Have you ever been to Olvera Street in Los Angeles near Union Station?



We had lunch at Phillippe's in Los Angeles then walked to Olvera Street to do a little shopping and see the sights. The granddaughters were back with mom and dad and we returned to San Bernardino on the train.



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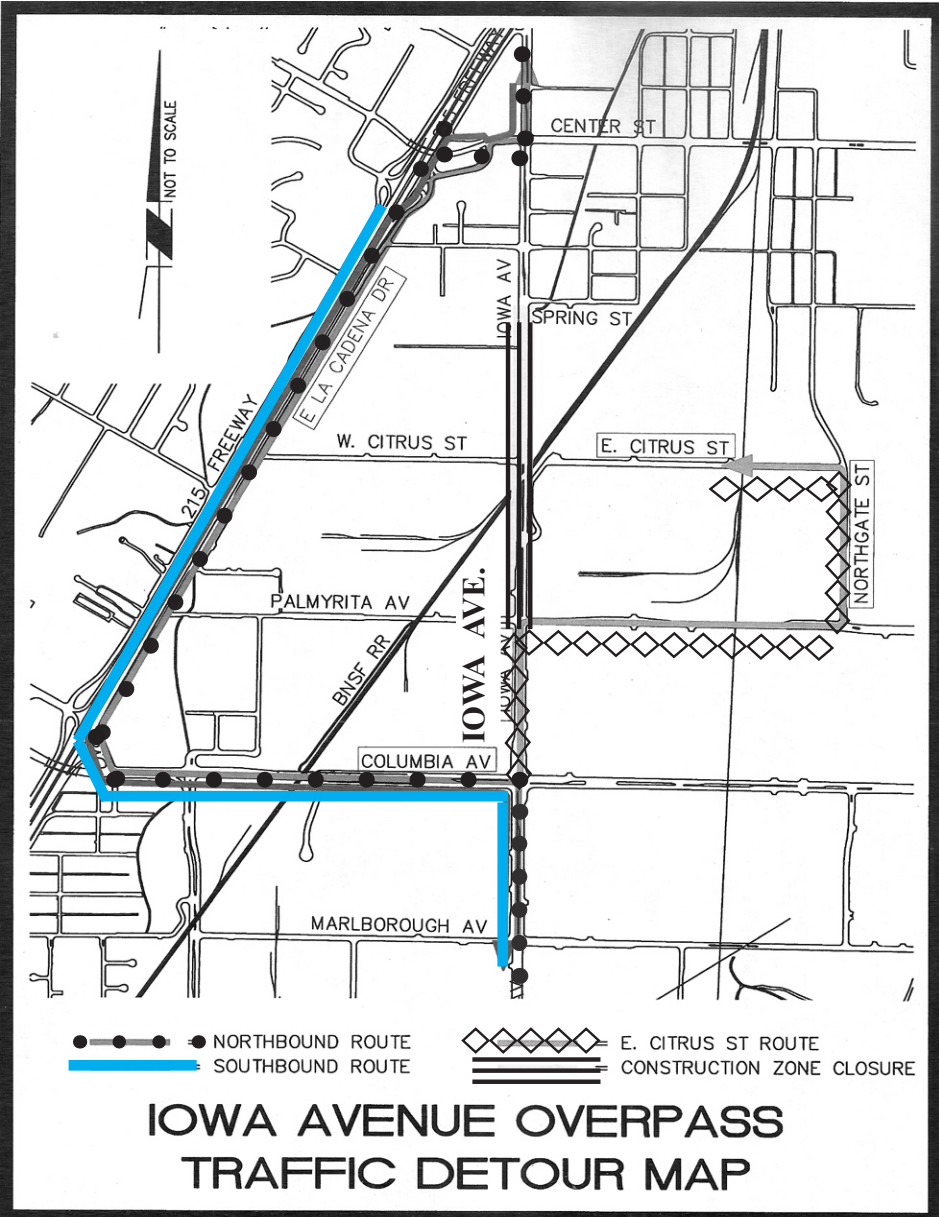
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Detour Map for Iowa Ave. Overpass



The city of Riverside's Public Works Director, Tom Boyd attended our July MAC meeting and explained that the Iowa overpass construction will begin around mid September. The map above with the round dots is the northbound route from Riverside to Highgrove and shows how traffic will be diverted westbound over the existing overpass at Columbia Ave. to the freeway or East La Cadena Drive for access to Highgrove. The green line is the Iowa Ave. detour route from Highgrove to Riverside between Center St. and Columbia Avenue.

Construction of this \$30 million dollar project may take up to 16 months. After the overpass is completed, two traffic lights will be installed where Citrus St. connects to Iowa Ave. on each side of the railroad tracks. Citrus St. west of Iowa Ave. will go under the overpass and connect to Iowa Ave. North of the tracks and Citrus St. east of Iowa Ave. will be elevated upward a little to connect to the overpass.

Please turn to P. 11 for another view of the overpass.

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High Speed rail: Are you for it or against it?

Have you been following this \$68 Billion dollar waste of taxpayer money? On July 23, 2012 I ask (RCTC) the Riverside County Transportation Commission this simple question:

Does RCTC support or oppose the High Speed Rail Plan?

Ann Mayer was on vacation so John Standiford answered the question.

The answer was nine pages long that included a draft of a memorandum of understanding between the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and other transportation agencies such as RCTC, SCAG, SANBAG and others but it is only a draft and is too long to print.

The short answer is: *"the Commission has not taken a formal position on the actual bond measure that went to the voters or on the issue of high-speed rail."*



The original estimate for the high speed rail is now \$23 Billion dollars more than was authorized by voters in 2008. And this money would not benefit the Inland Empire because it does not include any high speed trains in our area. To bring this into perspective, the most economical and logical plan is to use daily existing commuter trains that would benefit the Inland Empire.

(Please turn to P. 13 and read about the Transportation Panel Symposium)

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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

Then she saw herself in her yard standing alone looking up at her. Delphia's floating disembodied mind and spirit cried out for her earthly twin to leave Buzzard Creek and put as much distance from that life and Booger as she could. Feeling herself sinking back to earth, Delphia inhaled deeply again and felt a strong wind now pushing her skyward past the red clay hills around her homestead and back into the clouds as she followed the lowering sun over mountains and above the birds beyond Oklahoma over deep canyons and more foreign mountains until, after a while, the clouds parted revealing palm trees and an ocean with waves breaking in front of the setting sun, now sinking toward the sea. White stucco buildings and red tile roofs stretched for miles in each direction along the white sandy beaches bordered by green expanses of lawns. Neon lights illuminated a wooden pier and a Ferris wheel with sea foam green and coral hues as a roller coaster jutted out into the surf while calliope music floated upwards toward her. Willing her body to descend now, Delphia floated down into the breaking surf and let the cool waves break around her ankles and knees, feeling the sand recede from under her feet with each retreating wave. Soon the tops of her feet were covered by the wet sand as she watched the sun disappear over the horizon leaving a black carpet dotted with brilliant stars over head. Delphia made the decision to stay here and never leave this heavenly beach city.

This girl woman from Oklahoma tasted the ocean salt on her lips feeling her feet sink deeper into the sand while the pull of each wave tickled the soles of her feet as more

sand eroded away under her soles. Delphia was pleasantly aware of the sandy sea water washing between her bare toes. The humidity here was fresh unlike the stifling Midwestern humidity she was used to. The sunset had turned a burnished red on the western horizon and the cloudless sky now was painted celadon changing to darker hues of blue then into violet and purple higher up in the sky until a velvety blackness dotted with billions of stars marked the beginning of the heavens and beyond. Delphia felt clean and at peace and she bent down and washed the last vestiges of Oklahoma red clay dust from her hands, legs and arms and then her face too. From behind the gentle screams of roller coaster riders and sound of the steel wheels of the coaster cars bumping along the tracks along the serpentine wooden structure reminded Delphia she was not alone here in paradise. In time the blues and reds of the horizon gave way to total darkness and Delphia bent her neck back and stared upwards at the moonless, star filled sky. These human sounds rose up an octave and gradually grew into a high pitched hissing sound reminiscent of the cicada noise of her home on Buzzard Creek. A few stars disappeared, and then more until part of the sky was starless and blacker than Delphia could even imagine and the hissing increased over her. By now Delphia's feet were held fast at the ankles by the cool sand and she tried to move but she was held in place while this dark starless presence hovered above her menacingly. As the pitch black entity descended over her, Delphia realized that it was made up of millions of ebony cicadas threatening to suffocate her in a singular and sinister blanket. With only her arms free, Delphia brushed

at the cicadas but soon enough she was enveloped and trapped while the sand, like cold strong hands held her in place. Unable to breathe, Delphia cried out for help as the weight of her tormenter pushed her back into the rising surf. "Go away! Leave me alone! Get off me! I hate you!" Delphia wanted to scream but the words were trapped in her chest while only moans and cries came out of her mouth. Turning her head left and right she saw the stars on either side of the sky as she slowly submerged into the foamy waves. Someone had hold of her arms now and she opened her eyes to see Baby leaning over her with an alarmed look on his face and holding sparklers in his left hand while he shook her shoulder with his free hand.

"Wake up Mith Delphia. You're having a bad dweem. Ah got theeth sparklerth for Levester coth he wath cwahing but you wath having a nightmare ah think." Baby said to Delphia who had been laying on her back thrashing her arms and feet, revealing her flour sack underwear which had 'XXX Brand' printed on the fabric.

Disoriented, Delphia looked around to the familiar library lawn and over at Levester crying at her from over the edge of the buggy, then back again at the kneeling Baby with the fizzling sparklers in his hand. She felt sweaty but grateful to be awake and alive again in Valliant. Sitting up, she straightened her dress and felt for the bobbi-pin in her hair which was gone.

"How long was I asleep?" She asked Baby.

"Bout an hour." He said. "Bout time to head on over to the wevival. It's getting dark and thartin to wain."

Feeling a few sprinkles on her face, Delphia surveyed the sky and knew it was a bit late to head home with weather coming on.

"Delphia! We been lookin all over fer you girl! You're in enough trouble with your daddy already for

leaving the house today! "Have you even fed Levester today?"

Delphia looked toward the street to see her mama and little sister striding across the lawn toward her. They looked upset with her, but that was nothing new. Her mama was dressed plain with straight brown hair, looking a very old thirty-five years of age. Delphia's little sister wore a dirty smock of a dress and was barefoot. That was Arleta and she was seven. Arleta ran over to Levester's buggy and looked inside at her sniveling little brother, announcing to her mama, "He's ok Mama, but he's got a wet diaper on."

When Booger stormed home earlier in the afternoon, cursing and kicking the already beat up furniture around their cabin, Geraldine, Delphia's mama made the hasty decision to put some distance between her and her abusive husband. Geraldine's two teenage boys Josephus and Tyjungus left on their own without being prompted, leaving Arleta alone with her mother and the ranting Booger. Before leaving, Geraldine put a bowl of pinto beans on the wooden kitchen table and some biscuits and half an onion next to it, knowing full well Israel was probably hungry.

The pattern to these frequent episodes of violent behavior was that Booger would get drunk, get abusive, hungry, and then tired and fall to sleep if given enough to eat. Hoping this would settle him down, Geraldine grabbed Arleta by the arm and headed out of the front door of their cabin, hearing Booger yell from behind her, "That girl of yourn is hanging out in town with them Zoondap bastards and one of em stabbed me with a knife. You better git her on back here rat now fore I fix her and that little youngin' of hers fer good! Ahm gonna shoot me some Zoondoppers soon as ah git mah gun too!"

(to be continued next month)



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Obituaries



Lillian Louella Matteson age 67, resident of Riverside her entire life, passed away July 6, 2012. Lillian was born April 26,

1945, in Long Beach, CA. She was a hard working house wife who is survived by her 6 children: James, Tracie, Kim, Marsha, Aaron and Allen. Lillian is also survived by 13 grandchildren. Lillian enjoyed spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Maurice, her sister Sheila. She is survived by brothers Keenan and Joel and many nieces and nephews.

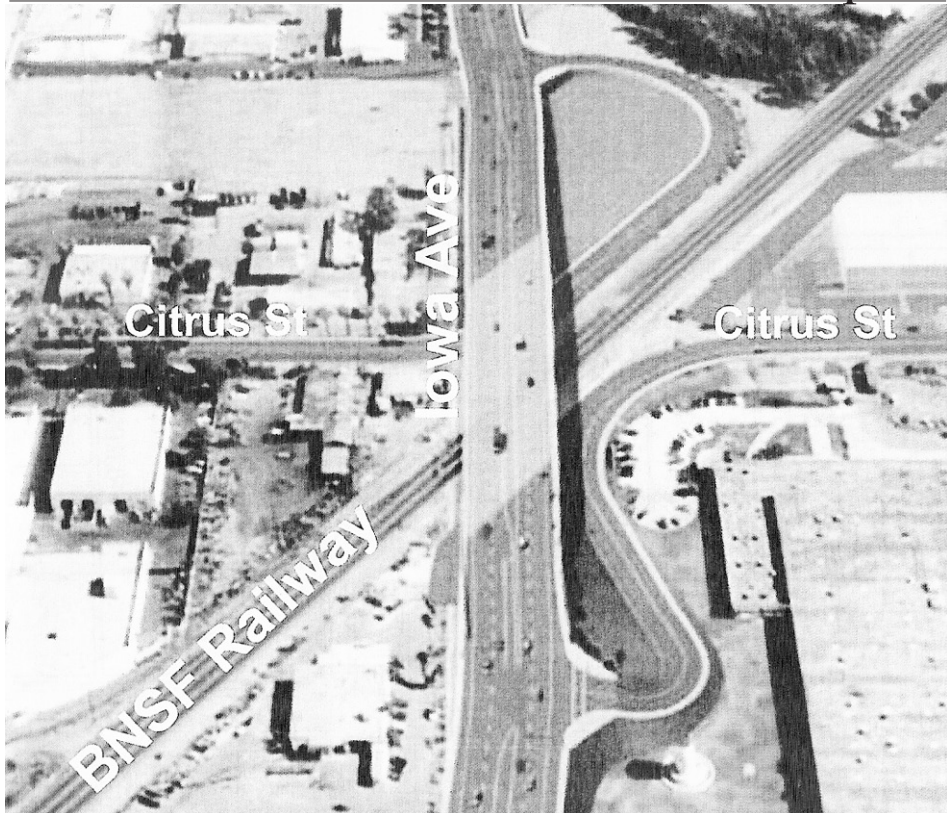


DAVID WILLIAM MARKIE Born March 26, 1930 in Brockton, Mass.; passed July 21, 2012. He proudly

served in the Navy for 8 years. Survived by his wife of 49 years Joyce; daughter Tammy Barrett; brother Fredrick X. Edsell; 2 grandchildren Matthew and Megan. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association.

As per his request there were no services after his passing according to his wife, Joyce Markie.

Overhead view of Iowa Avenue Overpass



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When you own stocks, you know their prices will always fluctuate. To help ease the effects of this volatility on your portfolio, you could add other types of investments, such as bonds. Yet bond prices will also rise and fall. But there may be — in fact, there should be — a big difference in how you view the ups and downs of stocks versus those of bonds.

Any number of reasons can cause stock prices to go up or down. But in the case of bonds, prices go up and down largely, though not exclusively, for one reason: changes in interest rates. Suppose you purchase a bond that pays 4% interest and then, a year later, newly issued bonds pay 3%. You could now potentially sell your bond for more than its face value because it provides more income to investors than the new bonds. Conversely, if newly issued bonds pay 5% interest, the value of your existing bond would drop because it's unlikely that someone would pay full price for a bond that provides less income than newer bonds.

When you own stocks, or stock-based investments, you want their price to rise because you probably plan on selling those stocks someday — and you'd like to sell them for more than you paid for them. But it's not so cut-and-dried with bonds. While some people may indeed purchase bonds in hope of selling them for a profit before they mature, many other investors own bonds for other reasons.

First, as mentioned above, owning bonds can be a good way to help diversify your portfolio. Second, and probably more importantly,

people invest in bonds for the income they provide in the form of interest payments. And here's the good thing about those interest payments: They'll always continue at the same level as long as you own your bond, except in the rare case of a default. (Although defaults are not common, they can occur, so you do need to take a bond's "credit risk" into account before investing.) Thus, if you plan to hold your bonds until they mature, you don't have to worry about a possible drop in their value. But if you need to sell your bonds before they mature, the price you receive will depend on current interest rates.

You can't control or predict interest rates, but you can help soften their impact on bond prices by building a "ladder" of bonds with varying maturities. Then, if market interest rates rise, you can sell your maturing short-term bonds and purchase new ones at the higher rates. And if market rates fall, you'll still have your longer-term bonds working for you at higher rates. (Usually, but not always, longer-term bonds pay higher rates to compensate investors for incurring inflation risk over time.) Keep in mind, though, that the investments within your bond ladder should be consistent with your investment objectives, financial circumstances and risk tolerance.

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Students killing students

Anytime you have children killing children it is a tragic event but it seems as time passes, the number of incidents are increasing. I remember being in Philadelphia, Pa. in the late 50's because my dad had to go to a special electronics school and there was a riot at school which left 6 kids dead. I had a kid come at me with a piece of pipe and I kicked him where it hurts and he went down so I got the heck out of there. Also, being only one of 6 white kids in the entire school made my life a living hell.

I was on a bus going home one day and some kids were hassling a girl and I got involved. They ended up tipping the bus over and setting it on fire.

I recall that one of the biggest reasons for removing lockers from school is because of the potential for students hiding weapons or drugs in a locker. Almost every day the security guards would inspect a row of lockers and what they found would easily arm a gang during a gang war. I know we have had race riots in Los

Angeles and I hope that the police keep themselves prepared for this type of outbreak.

But, I am afraid there will be incidents like this in the future. Illegal aliens now have the right to an education, food stamps, section 8 housing, and we may be bankrolling the next incident. And to make matters worse, our government will allow illegal aliens to vote. My uncle was a federal judge in the El Paso, Texas area and on numerous occasions he had to determine if a baby that was born on the bridge from Mexico to El Paso was an American citizen. He had a line drawn on the bridge to help make that decision but of course that line is gone now.

Folks, these are issues that will be with us for many, many years. In closing, as always, please vote in order to preserve our Republic and our freedoms. For any comments, please email me at: jlloving44@yahoo.com.

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"



These guys are getting braver! I thought this one was going to get into the car with us when we stopped momentarily on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council recommends changes in General Plan.

At the Highgrove MAC meeting on July 25, 2012 the request for changes in the General Plan was passed and will be forwarded to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and other Riverside County agencies regarding the un-incorporated area of Riverside County known as Highgrove.

These changes appeared in the July 2012 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper in an article titled "Changes in General Plan requested".

Some of the changes being requested are about the unpopular zoning of 68 acres right in the middle of Highgrove that currently permits warehouses that would cut the community in half. The city of Riverside previously objected to these inappropriate changes in their letter dated March 21, 2008 and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council also objected to this zoning change at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting on Jan. 13, 2009.

The zoning change was "Fast Tracked" through and approved but has now expired due to no construction started on the vacant 68 acres within the 2 year time limit.

Other request for changes in the General Plan include extending Michigan Ave. southward from Spring St. where it now dead ends, across the vacant land to connect to Palmyrita Court on the south side of the arroyo. Also we will continue our request for a Metrolink station on the 17.22 acre property that is now owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission where existing Metrolink trains pass by their property seven days a week.

The long term Pigeon Pass Corridor also needs to be re-evaluated to see what connection is best suited for the Highgrove area. The connecting points for a new road from Moreno Valley through Highgrove called the Pigeon Pass Corridor should include further study for connecting to Main St., Center St., Spring St., Palmyrita Ave. Columbia Ave. or Marlborough Avenue. All connection points should be thoroughly examined that will best serve the public in the future. Other requests being sought by the Highgrove MAC are changing the proposed street names of Center St. east of Mt.

Vernon Ave. to East Center St. and Spring St. east of Mt. Vernon Ave. to East Spring St. to comply with the present pattern that has addresses east of Mt. Vernon on Main St. listed as East Main Street. We have also requested that all new or replacement street signs include the Highgrove name at the top similar to the photo shown in the July issue.

One additional provision that was added at the Highgrove MAC meeting was to request a "No Whistling Ordinance" for trains using the BNSF/UP railroad tracks that cross Main St. and Center Street. This is especially important now that the new Grand Terrace High School will be opened on Aug. 6, 2012 and is located just east of the Main St. crossing. I have already contacted the City of Grand Terrace, City of Riverside Public Works, Riverside County Transportation Department and the Colton Joint Unified School District to see if we can combine our efforts to make Main St. and Center St. a no whistling zone for trains to improve our quality of life. Certain restrictions such as a median and extra crossing gates are needed to prevent someone from driving around the gates but a joint effort is needed to start the process. If these two crossing were exempt from train whistles then trains between San Bernardino and Riverside would have approximately 4 1/2 miles of a quiet zone between Valley Boulevard in Colton and Palmyrita Ave. in Riverside.

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Water, Transportation, & Economic Development Symposium

On July 25, 2012 I attend a meeting in Moreno Valley hosted by Riverside County 5th District Supervisor Marion Ashley. The Emcee was Rob Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA. There were three panels composed of knowledgeable participants and experts in each of the three fields.

The meeting was well attended and filled the large room near the Moreno Valley Civic Center. It was attended by State, County and local representatives.

The moderator for the water panel was Phil Rosentrater, Deputy Director of the Riverside Economic Development Agency. The panel included Paul Jones II, Gen. Mgr. of Eastern Municipal Water District; Jeff Kightlinger, Gen. Mgr. of Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.; Timothy Quinn, Executive Director of Association of California Water Agencies; Randy Record, Pres. of ACWA; and John Rossi,

Gen. Mgr. of Western Municipal Water District. They talked about the Diamond Valley Lake that is a \$2 Billion dollar fresh water storage lake and how Lake Perris will be retrofitted at the cost of \$500 Million dollars for recreational purposes. California is the 8th largest economy in the world and no development is possible without water. A video was shown about what would happen to Southern California's water supply if our water supply became contaminated with sea water due to a 6.2 earthquake in the delta region of northern California. It is frightening to know that there is a 2 out of 3 chance of this happening. In Aug. of 2007 the endangered species act changed one source for water. And Southern California has lost half of the water from the Colorado River.

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Transportation Panel Symposium

The transportation panel included Juan Perez, Director of Riverside County Transportation and land management; John Standiford Deputy Director of Riverside County Transportation Commission; Basem Muallem, District 8 Director of Caltrans; and Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director of Southern California Association of Governments. Rick Bishop, Executive Director of the Western Riverside Council of Governments was the moderator and I paid particular attention to their comments. Mr. Bishop stated that: **"Our region will increase by 800,000 residents in the next decade"**. Mr. Muallem from Caltrans stated: **"We are the hub and the most important part of the Inland Empire"** and Mr. Standiford from the Riverside County

Transportation Commission said that: **"RCTC wants to serve as many people as we can"**. But Mr. Standiford's statement reminded me of how RCTC has opposed a Metrolink station in Highgrove for over 10 years on property they now own. Sharon Neely from SCAG said that **"Incentive grants are available through SCAG"**. After the panel I talked to Sharon Neely and gave her copies of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper dated October and November of 2011 and February 2012 and asked her to read information explaining why Highgrove is the best place for a Metrolink station. You too can read these items under "latest issues" on our web site:
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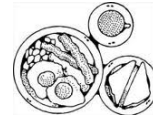
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