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Happy 125th Anniversary to Highgrove Elementary School



By Jacquelin Y. Paul Supervisor, Strategic Communications Riverside Unified School District

Thursday, March 21 was a special day at Highgrove Elementary School, which turned 125 years old this year!

Students from past and present joined Highgrove teachers, administrators and staff as well as representatives from Riverside Unified School District, the Office of the Mayor of Riverside, and Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione at a morning celebration marking the momentous occasion.

"It's 125 years of educating students...that's what's really exciting " Principal Elizabeth Gosnell said.

"You are part of a very special school," RUSD Superintendent Dr. Rick Miller told the students gathered in the Highgrove courtyard for the celebration.

He asked students if they could grasp just how old their school is. "125 years...that's like older than I am, and I'm pretty old!"

Kindergarten. The school also was its own school district until 1963.

• There were 12 graduates in 1913, and then enrollment went all the way up to 84 students in 1939. Today there are more than 600 students at the school.

To preserve today's history for future generations, students added their own memorabilia to a time capsule that will be sealed and opened for the school's 150th Anniversary. Items placed inside included: A copy of the Highgrove song written by Highgrove pioneer "Barney" Barnett, favorite books, a class workbook, pictures of students with the college flags found throughout the campus as part of the No Excuses University program; and information about where students liked to eat and what they liked to do for fun. They also included the video game "Angry Birds."

Other highlights from Thursday's program included a Proclamation from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, which was presented by District 2 Supervisor John Tavaglione; and a plaque from the RUSD Board of Education, presented to Principal Gosnell by Dr. Beaty. Students in the Highgrove "HEARTS" program sang "Dream Big" highlighting the theme for Highgrove -- as a No Excuses University school -- to encourage every student to attend college and realize their dreams. The school also unveiled a mural, painted by Highgrove alumni Blake Gregorian, which illustrates children Cont. on P. 5



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The committee will have to purchase the voucher for \$2,000.00 from YOUR TRAVEL CENTER in Canyon Crest. We have printed 3,000 tickets and they are now on sale. Our goal is to make \$1,000.00 to offset costs for Highgrove Day that includes free admission for spectators to the car show and free entertainment such as two performances by the Thealani Polynesian dancers and drummers, the Woof Gang Dogs, General Yo, who will amaze you with their trick yo yo demonstration, and The Riverside County Sheriff Dept. K-9 unit demonstration. The day starts off at 7:00 am with a pancake breakfast at the Cont. on P. 7

Board of Education Vice President, Dr. Charles Beaty shared some historical notes he had gleaned from researching old documents and newspaper clippings. Among them:

• Highgrove cost \$7,000 to build in 1888-today the average construction cost for a new elementary school is about \$25 million.

• The annual school budget in 1903 was \$8,600

• The school started with just one teacher (who was also the principal) and the grades taught were 1-8 - no



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MAC meetings will be monthly! The Highgrove community meetings known as the Municipal Advisory

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

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

Highgrove Day May 11, 2013

Last year was a western theme called "Highgrove Hoedown" and the previous year it was a military theme with the 40 piece Riverside Concert Band playing patriotic music as three T-34 airplanes from March Air Reserve Base made several passes with smoke trailing behind.

But this year Highgrove goes Hawaiian! There will be Hawaiian music and dancers and if you have a Hawaiian shirt in the back of the closet it would be a good time to get it out, dust it off, and wear it to this year's Highgrove Day. Mark your calendar for the 128th community birthday celebration of Highgrove that is known as "Highgrove Day". As in the past, the pancake breakfast will be held at the Norton Younglove Community Center on Center Street and the car show and entertainment will be in the adjacent 5 acre Highgrove Community Park. Vendor applications and applications for the car show are available on-line by visiting our web site:

www.highgrovehappenings.net. Vendors can also call Chris Visyak at (951) 836 1150 and Car Show applicants can call "Barney" at (951) 683 4994.



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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".

"Highgrove Song" Highgrove

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT Highgrove Crime Activity



Part 1 Crimes increased from 3 to 5 over the past two weeks in Highgrove. The total of 3 violent crimes. Homicide stayed the same at 0. Rape stayed the same at 0. Robbery stayed the same at 0. 3 Aggravated Assaults.

Property Crimes decreased by 33.3% from 3 to 2. Burglary stayed the same at 1. Auto Theft stayed the same at 1. Larceny Theft decreased by from 1 to 0.

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Highgrove Community Cleanup Summary

March 2, 2013 - 8am-12pm **Highgrove Elementary** 930 Center St, Highgrove

Summary

The event was successful in providing a location for Highgrove residents to bring waste for no charge to the collection site. County Waste Management Department provided support for the cleanup by providing Work Release staff to help with unloading resident's vehicles. Waste Management Inc. provided 40 yard bins to meet the needs of the community.

In addition to Department of Environmental Health Staff the following groups provided assistance for the clean-up:

- Department of Waste Management
- Economic Development Agency
- **County Transportation**

Collected

Total Residents Served	Waste Collected (in tons)	Tires (in tons)			
53 (most made multiple trips)	11.74	.54			

<u>Issues</u>

No Issues were noted at the event.

Public hearing April 1, 2013

There will be a public hearing about extending the Chevron Sign near the south/west corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. from 45 feet to 70 feet. The hearing will be at the Riverside County Administration building located at 4080 Lemon St., 1st floor, in Riverside. The hearing will be at 1:30 pm in Conference room 2A according to Paul Rull, Riverside County Planning

prull@rctlma.org The height of the sign was discussed at the February MAC meeting and since the palm trees along Iowa Ave. on the east side of the Chevron Station are approximately the same height as the requested extension of the Chevron sign, there seemed to be no objection to increasing the height of the sign so it can be seen from the freeway.

Public Hearing April 22, 2013 1:30 pm, 1st floor, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

Tentative Parcel Map No. 36448 is a Schedule I subdivision of 786.07 gross acres into 15 parcels.

The project is located just north of the City of Riverside, more specifically, it is located southerly of Center Street, northerly and southerly of Pigeon Pass Road.

ISSUES OF POTENTIAL CONCERN:

The map is proposed to subdivide an existing approved Specific Plan, Spring Mountain Ranch SP323. The entire project has approved tentative tract maps, but none have recorded. There are several issues and concerns with the Specific Plan, including WRCMSHCP (Western Riverside County Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan) land dedication, Pigeon Pass construction and closure, NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) issues, water quality and WQMP (Water Quality Management Plan) concerns, and many others. Most of these issues have no relationship to this Schedule I subdivision, except Pigeon Pass Road.

Pigeon Pass Road was closed many years ago and the applicant has been working with the Transportation Department to complete the construction of the street and re-open. The applicant has changed in the interim, creating more complications. The Transportation Department is uncomfortable supporting any entitlements on this project without a commitment to complete Pigeon Pass Road. Accordingly, 50. Trans. 6 requires bonds for construction of all backbone roads and infrastructure, including Pigeon Pass Road, and 50. Trans.7 requires that construction of Pigeon Pass Road be added to all grading permits in the project (prior to the final inspection of grading), and lastly, 50. Trans.8 requires a WQMP be finalized for the construction of the road.

The above information is only a portion of the paperwork provided about the public hearing. Additional questions can be answered by contacting: *Matt Straite, project planner at: (951) 955 8631 or mstraite@rctlma.org* The hearing will be located on the ground floor of the Riverside County Administration building located at 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside or prior viewing can be done on the 12th floor of this same building.





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Highgrove Elementary School: 125 years and still going!!!





Schoolboard member Chuck Beaty is shown presenting a placque to School Principal Elizabeth Gosnell.

County Supervisor John Tavaglione congratulated the school and brought a resolution from the Board.



Students danced and spelled out Highgrove to the music of the Highgrove Song performed by Ardie and "Barney" Barnett- The "Barnstormers".

HG Elementary Birthday cont, from P. 1

following their educational path and culminating in graduation. Also on display Thursday was a 125th Anniversary mosaic created by students in the HEARTS program that hangs on a wall outside of the school office.

The ceremony concluded with the tolling of the original bell that once hung in the school's bell tower.

Guest Richard Haight, who attended Highgrove from 1936-1940 remembers that bell very well. His grandmother, Alice Haight Twogood, served as the custodian of the school and often let Richard ring the bell.

"I got to ring that bell all the time" Richard recollected. He said it was fun to come back, chat with his old schoolmates and reminisce.

Haight's cousin, Joyce Everington Anderson, didn't get a chance to ring the bell, but said her brother was the one who took it down from the belltower of the original school

building before it was demolished. And...he dropped it. Luckily, it wasn't damaged.

Also attending the event was "Barney" Barnett, longtime Highgrove resident, 1953 graduate of Highgrove School and publisher of the Highgrove Happenings newspaper. Barnett, and his wife, Ardie (who together make up the musical group, The Barnstormers) sang Barnett's original song about Highgrove, with a cute set of Highgrove Elementary School dancers accompanying them by spelling out the letters of the Highgrove song on their backs. (See P. 3 to purchase CD of song)

"Barney" said Highgrove is special because "it's like a little small hometown. It was a great place to grow up and it's great to see all the kids here are doing so well."

Supervisor Tavaglione noted that it truly is the students who make Highgrove a special school. "You are our future", he told students. "We are very proud of all you do in our communities."





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A request to change Old Highgrove Road to East Center St. is being handled through the Riverside County Surveyor's office, Right of Way Section. All new street signs or old signs that are replaced are supposed to have the Highgrove logo at the top like the one shown above on Oriole Avenue.



This sign is for southbound traffic on Mt. Vernon Avenue. We have asked the county to change Blue Mountain Drive to East Spring St. instead of having different street names on both sides of Mt. Vernon Avenue. Mt. Vernon should be the dividing line for E/W street addresses just like Main Street.

Here is why the street names should be changed

The developer of Spring Mountain Ranch, The Shopoff Group, sold the property to RWR homes, the builder, who made changes that included naming the two streets without input from the Highgrove community at our public meetings. Supervisor Ashley established an understanding for any major changes to the Highgrove community to first go before the local people in Highgrove before going directly to the county for permits and approval. But in this particular case the street names were not discovered until these 2 names had been inserted by RWR Homes on their planning maps. Many of the community members feel that since Main St. east of Mt. Vernon Ave. already has street addresses that are" EAST" Main St. it would be more appropriate to name Center St., east of Mt. Vernon Ave., "EAST" Center St. instead of Old Highgrove Trail.

All addresses west of Mt. Vernon Ave. on Main St. are already WEST Main Street. And all addresses west of Mt. Vernon Ave. on Center St. are WEST Center St. addresses. The dividing line between the east and west designation in both Main St. and Center St., is Mt. Vernon Avenue. Since Center St. is an established exit of the I-215 freeway it would be much easier to find the east or west Center St addresses instead of having Center St. become a different name (such as Old Highgrove Trail) as it continues across the intersection. This same principal should apply to Spring Street. The Spring St. name should not change to Blue Mountain Road on the east side of Mt. Vernon Avenue. The street names should be east and west Spring St, east and west Center St., and east and west Main St. with the dividing line for east and west designation being Mt. Vernon Avenue. After the above incident, another developer (Workforce Home Builders) came to several Highgrove MAC meetings and received approval from the community for their project near the new Highgrove library. This community approval was then relayed to Supervisor Ashley.

What is the Colton Flyover?



On the south side of the I-10 freeway in Colton you may have noticed construction that is elevating one railroad track (UPRR) over the other railroad track (BNSF). This grade seperation is called the Colton Flyover.



The above photo shows the elevated wall that will take the UPRR tracks up and over the BNSF RR tracks. The dark portion of the wall is where the BNSF tracks go under the UP tracks in Colton. Good weather has permitted rapid progress in the Colton Flyover and the Iowa Ave. overpass but the Iowa Ave. overpass has had a more profound impact on Highgrove (see P. 8). The Colton Flyover is important too because it will also impact Highgrove due to increased freight train traffic. But there could be a positive impact if Highgrove would ever become a Metrolink station because additional Metrolink trains could also be added due to the Colton Flyover. Widening the freeways is not the only answer. The Highgrove Metrolink station would provide a place to Park and Ride and would benefit the entire region.



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Highgrove Day May 11, Free Admission-Free Entertainment

Cont. from P. 1 Norton Younglove Community Center at 7:00 am located at 459 Center St. in Highgrove. (see P. 2 for prices) While you are eating your pancakes at the community center on Center St. the classic cars and hot rods will be entering the Highgrove Community Park from the north end at Main St. for the Highgrove Day Car Show.

There is no charge for spectators for the car show or for the other entertainment. This year our Hawaiian theme will include two performances by the Thealani Polynesian music group that includes dancers and drummers. They will perform under the main canopy at 11:00 am and again at 1:00 pm. Get your Hawaiian shirts and dresses out of the closet and wear them to Highgrove Day.

Also included in the free entertainment, and back by popular demand, are the Woof Gang Dogs who will race in the grass in an area set up near the stage. These dogs love retrieving the ball and racing back to the line to see which one will be top dog.

Also back by popular demand is General Yo and his students who put on a show with yo yos that you won't believe! This is not just the old type Duncan yo yos. They are special made Yo Yos to do tricks and believe me you will not believe the tricks they can do.

We will also have a kid's zone, "Day-z" the clown, face painting, and Mr. Twister who makes animals out of balloons.

There is something for the entire family. The Pony league will be playing a baseball game on the north field and selling goodies out of the snack bar for their fund raiser and the Riverside County Sheriff Dept. will be doing a K-9 demonstration. **Vendor applications are now available on line.**

The Highgrove Day car show has a limit of 150 cars but there are certain restrictions such as vehicles 1972 or older, no motorcycles or mini-trucks.

Car show applications are available on-line and entrants are encouraged to pre-register due to limited space in the 5 acre park. The cars will park on the grass and the \$15.00 entry fee includes a T-Shirt. Awards will be presented.





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you want to go. The winner does not have to be present to win, there is no time limit for using the travel voucher, the ticket is transferable if you can not use it, and you can buy as many tickets as you like. We will call the winner on the phone from Highgrove Day on May 11, 2013.

We have to sell 2,000 tickets to break even but only 3,000 tickets have been printed. Books of 25 tickets are available to sell to your friends or work mates if you do not want all 25 tickets. Tickets are available on line at: www.highgrovehappenings.net via pay pal, credit card, or by calling: (951) 683 4994 or going to Fair Price Carpet, 1070 Center St. (951) 684 8578.



The Thealani Polynesian dancers will have 2 thirty minute performances at Highgrove Day that includes dancers, drummers and Polynesian music.

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Iowa Ave. Overpass making progress!



This view is looking south from the overpass. The black vehicle is going west on Palmyrita Ave. where the south side of the overpass will begin for northbound traffic on Iowa Ave. headed toward Highgrove.



This eastbound BNSF freight train is shown going between the columns that will hold up the Iowa Ave. Overpass. The area south of these columns on the right of the picture is for access to Penhall Trucking which was located on the south/west side of Iowa Ave. so access will still be possible to this area.



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Sec. 4. 1334. Private maintenance; numerical approximation; strays on private lands; removal; destruction by agents If wild free-roaming horses or burros stray from public lands onto privately owned land, the owners of such land may inform the nearest Federal marshall or agent of the Secretary, who shall arrange to have the animals removed. In no event shall such wild free-roaming horses and burros be destroyed except by the agents of the Secretary. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a private landowner from maintaining wild free-roaming horses or burros on his private lands, or lands leased from the Government, if he does so in a manner that protects found on-line from the Bureau them from harassment, and if the animals were not willfully removed or enticed from the public lands. Any individuals who maintain such wild free-roaming horses and bur-





ros on their private lands or lands leased from the Government shall notify the appropriate agent of the Secretary and supply him with a reasonable approximation of the number of animals so maintained. Additional information can be of Land Management National Wild Horse and Burro Program by typing in: The wild free-roaming horses and burro act of 1971 (Public Law 92-195)

There was a special meeting about the burros that was held at the Highgrove Library on March 14, 2013. If you missed it you can volunteer to help protect the burros by helping notify people who are parked along the street feeding them, that some of the Highgrove residents do not want to attract the burros near the streets or to nearby homes. Also, if you are feeding the burros along the roadway and they come across the street to get something to eat and get hit by an automobile you may be considered liable for the burro's injury and/or damage to the vehicle.





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of boardings during January. A new report shows RTA buses handled more than 738,000 boardings in January, a seven percent increase from this time last year. Ridership on Commuter Link express routes was up seven percent and Dial-A-Ride boardings climbed six percent.



Bette Timmons age 95 Passed away Feb. 26, 2013 in Ventura, CA. Bette was a resident of Highgrove for 63 years, coming here in 1947. She and her husband Toby owned and operated Timmons' Market (across from the Methodest Church) for many years. Bette was involved in many groups in the church and was music director for many years. She also taught piano lessons to many of the local kids.

In 2009 she moved to Ventura, CA to be close to her family.

She is survived by her son Mike and his wife Susan and grand children Kristy Callaway (husband Jeff), Steve Timmons (wife Tamara), and



four great grand children. Chance & Cade Callaway, and Delaney & Marlee Timmons all of Ventura. A private burial was March 4th at Oakdale Memorial Park in Glendale, CA

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DEVILS DEN by Dennis Wilds

"Delphia, why don't you go on and get seated up front now. You look very pretty in that dress and those shoes. Tomorrow, maybe we can work on getting you a hair cut before you go home." Leila took a brief moment to survey the newly transformed girl standing there in front of her wearing a creamy vellow cotton sun dress with thin shoulder straps and a border of tiny white butterfly silhouettes at the hem line. Over the dress, Delphia wore a white sweater with pale yellow grosgrain ribbon trim and white pumps on her feet.

"Why Miss Delphia, don't you look pretty tonight, but, you know, something is missing...and that is a smile."

And with that, a shy and embarrassed smile spread across the girl's face.

"Now you're just perfect." Leila said.

When Delphia had left the room, Leila opened the small closet and grabbed her usual dress, a white dress with sleeves to her elbows. As she closed the door another dress caught her eye. It was a sapphire blue formfitting floral print with small capped sleeves made of rayon and it was an eye catcher. Leila felt just plain happy tonight and without any hesitation she put the conservative dress back and grabbed the special dress and changed into it. Sitting down on the bed, with a small mirror balanced on her knees, Leila applied just a touch of rouge and lipstick and bushed her hair. Slipping on some black pumps, Leila exited the trailer and saw Oral leading Delphia around the tent toward the entrance. Leila went the other way to the small back door flap and entered the tent and walked up on the stage from the far side of the stage in the round and seated herself at the pump organ and tested the action of the pumps and released a couple chords as she scanned the audience for familiar faces, seeing Oral seating Delpia in the first row right next to the main aisle. The tent was nearly full with more entering

the door. The weather had continued to deteriorate with a steady breeze and light rain. The lanterns illuminated the inside with a soft glow, creating shadows on the ceiling and sloping sides of the tent as people walked in front of the stage looking for seats. Off to her right, Elder Slaybaugh took a seat near the back of the stage and Oral joined him in a second chair and that was their signal to Leila that all was set and the show could begin when Danny decided to enter from the back. Turning around to her left, Leila saw her husband standing just inside the tent with his old Bible in his left hand wearing black slacks, a white shirt and a blazing red and blue diamond motif tie. Charisma-man gave Leila a quick nod and a big smile and Leila smiled back as she dropped her hands on the organ keyboard and let loose the most dramatic and energetic "Ode To Joy" those Okies from Valliant would ever hear in their lifetimes.

Back at Buzzard Creek about an hour earlier Caesar and Myrtle had dropped Brother Roy and the other Zundappers off at the Zundappe compound and headed back to town with a special order of ethanol for Doctor Clarkson. Across the creek, Booger sat uneasily in his chair in the deserted cabin and finished his supper alone. His buttocks hurt where the stab wound still bled if he sat directly on it, keeping the seat of his coveralls wet with blood. To numb the pain, Booger drank the last of his whisky from the crockery jug that Geraldine had placed in front of him on the table as she left with Arthea and Levester an hour before. The foulest of moods settled over Booger as he sat alone in his run down cabin and mulled over the events of the day. Booger had never liked the cotton sack wearing, do good Zundappe neighbors from the time they arrived in Buzzard Creek. It was time to act before there were too many of the buzzards and they took over the county. Right then and there, Booger decided it was time to thin the herd, but first he needed a fresh jug of whisky.

Cont. next month



Phil's Philosoph by Phil Turner

The Rock

Many today believe that the government should pay for every social problem that a arise. The current political climate seems to reinforce that notion. There are some of us that the government cannot and should not respond to all our social ills.

With today's unemployment, underemployment, or hours cut, many are finding it hard to afford the necessities of life, especially since the cost of living continues to rise. Just filing your gas tank these days is a shock.

There is a local organization that feels lead to take care of our citizens in need. They take seriously the biblical principal that we are to feed and cloth the poor. These principals are not taken as suggestions, but as commandments. That organization is The Rock Church in San Bernardino.

The Rock is located just 5.4 miles from Highgrove, and 2.8 miles from Grand Terrace, on South Waterman Avenue. Starting with just 12 people 25 years ago, The Rock now has 24,000 members. I believe that one of the reasons for such phenomenal growth is their commitment to being such a forceful community resource.

The Rock has an 8,500 square foot distribution center that includes a refrigerator that a forklift can be driven into. From this center, food

and other essentials are distributed to the community and more that 50 other outside organizations. Recipients don't need to be members, or even attend The Rock.

Each year, more that one-half million people are fed through this food distribution center. Last year more than 7 million pounds of food was distributed.

During the holidays The Rock really steps into gear. Turkey dinners with all the trimmings are given to all in need. At Christmas toys are provided for every child at The Rock whose parents are unable to afford presents. Volunteers go into the streets with stockings filled to the top. Presents and good cheer are taken to convalescent homes. The homeless are sought out to give hundreds of items including food, coats and blankets.

Each year The Rock has a back to school bash in the park, where thousands of backpacks filled with school supplies are given to needy students.

In addition to physical needs, The Rock offers emotional support to maintain strong, intact families. Maybe the best news is that this strong, dynamic church does all these things and many more without the taxpayer paying a single cent.

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Osteoporosis Awareness

Craig 'Deuce' Doussett BS Nutrition & Food Science, Assistant Director of Education Clark's Nutrition

What do flutes, cheeses, and space all have in common? They have holes in them. For without these holes, beautiful music, tasty sandwich fixings and time travel would not be possible. The time travel angle might be stretching it but you get the picture. So what objects do not benefit from holes? Life rafts, alibis, and more importantly, our bones! Our bones are the framework holding up our bodies and need constant replenishing from calcium, other minerals, protein, and fluids. Over time, it is common for our bones to become less dense wherein small holes appear and create problems as we age. What are the problems with porous bones and who is at risk? How do we go about preventing these issues and what other functions do our bones perform that makes it so vital that we maintain them?

Who is at risk?

•Individuals with small skeletal structures, this unfortunately means a majority of women

• Smokers and alcoholics

• Soda drinkers- this may be due to the high phosphorous content and caffeine, known to block calcium absorption, or simply because soda is replacing milk and fortified orange juice as the beverage of choice

• Individuals that are not physically active

• Everyone after a certain age as hormones decline

What problems does osteoporosis present?

Increased risk of fractures and breaks, especially hip fractures which can also lead to pressure sores and blood clots
Pain when exercising and performing activities of a physical nature • Weakened muscles

• Decreased quality of life

Osteoporosis is sometimes called a pediatric disease with geriatric consequences. It is true there are important activities we can do to strengthen our bones at an early age so they carry us through life but there is much that can be done at any time to support our bones and slow down and even reverse the advance of osteoporosis. The recommendations for both kids and adults are not surprisingly very similar;

Get plenty of exercise. Playing like a kid is a great way to send signals to the bones to keep them strong. It's not too late to run around with a cape on, jump off curbs or play red light/green light.
If the above is not to your liking, try taking an aerobics class, training with weights or signing up for a yoga class or a walking group

• Take in plenty of calcium. Low-fat and fat-free dairy, Calcium fortified juices and grains, soy products and leafy green vegetables. Don't forget dried spices like Thyme, Oregano, and Basil (up to 100 milligrams of calcium per three tablespoons)

Our skeletons not only keep us upright, they protect vital organs, link body systems to each other and produce our oxygen carrying red blood cells and the majority of our immune cells. Major fractures later in life can cause immune system compromise and leave us susceptible to opportunistic infections. Keep your skeleton young and your body will follow suit, it is never too late to give our bodies the gift of caring for our bones.

leading cause of stress. So when you purchase investments that are mysteri-Basil (up to 100 milligrams of calcium ous to you, you shouldn't be surprised per three tablespoons) if they perform in ways that raise your Take a calcium supplement as recomstress levels. Never invest in somemended. thing unless you fully understand its • Drink plenty of fluids, water first. Our skeletons not only keep us characteristics and risk potential. upright, they protect vital organs, link • Be prepared for market volatility. body systems to each other and produce Over the long term, the financial mar-

kets have trended upward, though their past performance can't guarantee future results. Yet for periods of months, and even years, these same markets can sputter and decline. So when you invest, be aware of this volatility; if you're prepared for it, you won't be shocked when it happens, and you should be able to better keep stress at bay.

• Maintain realistic expectations. If you think your investments are going to earn a very high rate of return,

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year after year, you are more than likely going to be disappointed — and you could easily get "stressed out." You're much better off, from a stress standpoint, not to expect eye-popping results.

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Help Yourself Reduce

You probably aren't too worried

about it, but April is Stress Awareness

Month. Each year, the Health Re-

source Network sponsors this "month"

to inform people about the dangers of

stress and to share successful coping

strategies. Obviously, it's important

including your investment activities.

How can you cut down on the various

Here are a few possible "stress-

• Know your risk tolerance. If you're

constantly worrying about the value

of your investments, your portfolio

may simply be too volatile for your

individual risk tolerance. Conversely,

if you're always feeling that your

investments will never provide you

with the growth you need to achieve

your long-term goals, you might be

• Know what to expect from your

investments. Uncertainty is often a

investing too conservatively.

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• Diversify your portfolio. If you were only to own one asset class, such as growth stocks, and that particular segment took a big hit during a market drop, your whole portfolio could suffer, and it could take years to recover - causing you no end of stress. But if you spread your investment dollars among a range of vehicles — stocks, bonds, government securities and so on — your portfolio has a better chance of weathering the ups and downs of the market. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification may help you reduce the effects of volatility, it can't prevent losses or guarantee profits.)

• Think long term. If you only measure your investment success by short-term results, you can feel frustrated and stressed. But when you stop to consider your objectives, you may find that the most important ones, such as a comfortable retirement, are all longterm in nature. Consequently, it makes more sense to measure the progress you're making with your investments in periods of years, or even decades, rather than days or months. Instead of fretting over your monthly investment statements, compare where you are today versus where you were 10 or 15 years ago. The results may well surprise and help "de-stress" you.

Stress Awareness Month will come and go. But by making the right moves, you can help take some of the stress out of investing for a long time to come.

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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 that any place I've ever been. It is another planet compared to California. Let me share with you my journey.

When people think about Central Oregon various activities come to mind; skiing, fishing, hunting, river rafting, hiking and camping. Here it's all about the outdoor sports. The arts don't hit the top of the list. So it came as a real surprise to learn that Central Oregon is an international hot spot for quilting enthusiasts.

I used to think of quilting as a quaint hobby; nice little blankets made with lots of tiny pieces of fabric, and pieced together patiently then quilted by a circle of little grayhaired ladies sitting around a frame and later lovingly spread on a bed. It was really not my interest. I learned here that "quilting" is so much more.

In my little town of Bend, population 80,000, there are three quilt shops with an extensive collection of fabric, patterns, supplies and offering wide variety of classes. My favorite shop, QuiltWorks, has a gallery upstairs that changes monthly. There is usually a featured quilter with a body of work shown in one half of the gallery and a quilter's group with their particular theme. I am always amazed at the incredibly beautiful work being done by quilting artists in this area. Some of the talent takes my breath away. Landscapes and portraits that are "painted" with fabric and thread are amazing. Modern art interpretations with vibrant colors and patterns are exciting. Whimsy is abundant with fun themes and shapes. I have had the pleasure of participating in a few of the "challenges" designing and sewing small art quilts. For the landscape theme challenge I "painted" Blue Mountain with oranges, a covote and a jackrabbit, and a palm tree. I love the quilt but I get homesick every time I look at it.

"The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, held annually on the second Saturday of July, is the largest outdoor quilt show in the world. Downtown Sisters is wrapped in quilts for this special day, creating a spectacular, colorful spectacle that truly has to be seen to be believed. But the quilt show is more than one spectacular day: It's becoming a year-round celebration of the fiber arts." (Sisters Oregon Guide



website)

Held the second Saturday in July every year in Sisters, Oregon, it is attended by nearly 13,000 thousand people coming from all over the world. Sisters with a population 2,100, embraces their largest annual activity with enthusiasm. Founded in 1975 by Jean Wells Keenan, over 1,300 quilts are submitted by quilt artists from all over the world and hung outdoors in the quaint, old fashioned, western themed city. Quilts large and small hang from the eves of buildings, are draped over sculptures, tacked to the sides of buildings, and hang in the lobbies of businesses. The Sisters Fire Department come and use their ladder truck to hang the quilts at the highest points of the side of the Stitching Post, headquarters for everything quilting in Oregon. There are challenges, workshops and classes, notable visiting quilt authors, artists, and celebrities all week long. The planning for the show starts well in advance and is organized and managed by an incredible team and staff and a huge army of

volunteers. "Sisters Quilt Show™ is made possible through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. In 2012 - 530 volunteers did well over 800 different jobs totaling 3,500+ hours of donated help." (SOQS website)

I invite you to plan a trip here to see the show. Let me know when you're coming, I'll give you a tour! For more information please visit: http://www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow. org/index.htm



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California Announces Statewide Crackdown on Texting and Handheld Cell Use April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month – "It's Not Worth It!"

In an effort to eliminate dangerous behind-the-wheel cell phone use and texting, the

California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), California Highway Patrol (CHP), and more than 200 law enforcement agencies across the state today announced high visibility enforcement operations during April's National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The overall goal of the increased enforcement is to convince drivers of the dangers of distracted driving and reduce the number of people impacted by this risky behavior.

The "It's Not Worth It!" theme emphasizes that a phone call or text isn't worth a hefty fine or a collision.

"In a few short years, distracted driving has grown to be a nationwide traffic safety concern, and we all need to put forth the effort necessary to put an end to it," said OTS Director Christopher J. Murphy. "Law enforcement agencies will be stepping up their efforts to help remind drivers to stay alert when behind the wheel and to not endanger their lives or the lives of others with distractions from mobile devices."

In recent years, hundreds have been killed and thousands seriously injured in California as a result of collisions that involved at least one driver who was distracted. Nationally, an estimated 3,331 people died in 2011. Any activity that diverts the driver's attention away from the primary task of driving is distracting, but the recent dramatic rise in cell phone talking and texting has greatly increased the number of collisions.

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is worth the risk of serious injury or much worse," said Brian Kelly, Acting Secretary of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. "Always keep your eyes on the road and hands off your phone while driving."

Behind the wheel, cell phone use can significantly reduce the brain functions needed for safe driving, sometimes up to 37 percent. The cell phone conversation can cause such a reduction in proper brain function that good drivers are transforming seemingly into inattentive "zombies" behind the wheel.

To avoid falling victim to "zombie-like" distracted driving behaviors OTS is providing drivers with the following tips that can be implemented by any motorist:

•Turn off your phone and/or put it out of reach while driving

•Include in your outgoing message that you can't answer while you are driving

•Don't call or text anyone at a time when you think they may be driving

•Adjust controls and set your song playlist before you set out on the road

•Stay alert and keep your mind on the task of driving- often after a long day at work or a not-so-restful night's sleep, people's minds can wander when behind the wheel. If you find yourself daydreaming clear your head and focus on the road

In 2012, the California Department of Motor Vehicles reported nearly 450,000 handheld cell phone and texting convictions, with more than 57,000 tickets issued in April alone. The CHP and statewide law enforcement agencies are committed to ensuring our streets are safe by ticketing anyone found driving while distracted. The fine for a first time texting or hand-held cell phone violation is \$159, with subsequent tickets costing \$279.

"Enforcement is just one part of this campaign," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "The larger goal is educating motorists about the dangers of distracted driving and encouraging them to change their behavior behind the wheel. This effort is not about how many citations law enforcement officers can issue, but how many lives are ultimately saved because motorists made the right choice to focus their attention on the road, free of distraction."

Drivers and passengers alike are invited to check out all the Distracted Driving Zombies and add comments on the OTS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ CaliforniaOTS, and follow OTS on Twitter @OTS_CA. Get more distracted driving information at www.distraction.gov, www.ots. ca.gov, and teen information at www.impactteendrivers.org.







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