



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues
(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area April 2016

31st Annual Highgrove Day Pancake Breakfast

COUNTRY FAIR

AND

Car Show

Car Show Application on P. 4

Vendor application on P. 5

May 7, 2016 9 am-4 pm

Classic Cars, Food, Music, Entertainment, vendors, Kids
fun zone, Pie eating contest, lots of fun for the whole
Family @ Highgrove Park

459 Center St. Highgrove Ca 92507

Abandoned Railroad track needed for "Rails to Trails"



This is a view of the abandoned railroad right of way that was previously owned by the Pacific Electric, Southern Pacific, and most recently Union Pacific Railroad. The single track used to run from the Colton Union Pacific Yard through Grand Terrace and Highgrove and dead ended near 3rd St. in Riverside. This track was abandoned because the UP railroad did not want to build a wider bridge when the I-215 freeway was widened. Wouldn't this

be an ideal place for a trail between the freeway in Grand Terrace and Highgrove?

There is a program available called "Rails to Trails" and the Highgrove Happenings is currently asking for your help in finding out what has to be done to convert this abandoned railroad right-of-way into a trail from the I-215 freeway, through Highgrove to Marlborough Ave. in Riverside. If you can help please call (951) 683 4994.

Hit and run victim released from Hospital



7 year old Deasha Butts was the victim of a hit and run on Iowa Ave, on Feb. 26, 2016 but after 10 days in Loma Linda Hospital and recuperating in the Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in San Bernardino, she was released to go home on March 18, 2016.

Deasha is a student at the Highgrove Elementary School and as the photo above shows, she has a great attitude that she is expressing by her 2 thumbs up!

Just 4 days after the accident, we visited her in the Hospital on March 1, 2016 which was on her birthday.

The day after her birthday on March 2, 2016, Brendan Garth Vinsen, 48 was arrested in Jurupa Valley on suspicion of felony hit-and-run and is scheduled to go to court on April 15, 2016 according to the CHP.

We contacted Cal Skate in Grand Terrace an organized a fund raiser to help pay medical bills. 100% of the fees collected on Sunday March 6th, when accompanied by a coupon from the Highgrove Happenings, were given to her mother Bobbie Butts. We also gave your donation-checks made out to Bobbie Butts and thank those who helped them.

Additional photo on P. 7

Two Mail boxes broken into, one on Chickadee Circle and one on Mandarin Way!



This photo was taken on March 18, 2016 on Chickadee Circle in Highgrove. Another mailbox was broken into on the same day possibly between 9:00 am on March 17th and 7:30 am on March 18, 2016. See P. 3

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 951-241-7221

THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER

459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com



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Priscilla Burton, Jack Aboytes,

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"Family Service Association's Mission is to provide quality human services, child development, housing and senior services to residents of the Inland Empire and Desert Communities."

April 2016

Hello Community Members,

We wish best of Luck to Sherry Morris-Logan in her endeavor's with receiving her Masters Degree. Semper Fi ...OO-rah !!

SAVE THE DATE: Pancake Breakfast on May 7th 7AM-12 Noon. HIGHGROVE DAY from 9AM - 4PM

Daily lunch for ages 60 and over The Center offers a daily lunch for people 60 and over. It's a great way to meet new people and get familiar with our center and all the services we offer. Delicious meals are served Mondays through Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants are asked to fill out an information sheet.

April 1st and 18th 8AM - 10 AM: Hosted by Ana with Assurance Wireless: "Come and get a free cell phone and a free service through Assurance Wireless! Don't forget your government benefit card (medical, WIC, EBT, SSI, proof of income, etc.), and picture ID!!

County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is back ! 9AM - 2PM every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month: RCRMC will be here to answer your personal health questions and provide baselines assessment which include Health screenings (blood pressure /Diabetes-blood sugar screenings,) sick child visits. These health care services are being offered free as a community service to assist families, especially those who do not have, or who have recently lost, their health insurance.

April 21st 9-11AM: Aerodance Marathon Simi Annual Class \$5 per person/includes a bottled water and snack

NEW!! Every Wednesday 10am-11am "Polynesian Dance Exercise for seniors" Sponsored by Regal Medical Group (\$2.00 for non regal member)

Child Development Center has OPENINGS!!

Free or Low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs for qualified families:

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Norton Younglove Community Center

459 Center St. Highgrove, CA 92507



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951-779-3099 fax



@nycchighgrove

Aerodance Exercise

Mon-Thurs 9am-10am
\$3.00/per class.

Sewing Class

\$7.50 per class Wed 10:30-1:30 Call Sandra 951-616-7787 for project materials info and clothing alteration services.

3-D Gelatin Molding Class

5 students minimum sign up to schedule classes. \$15 class/10 class course. Completion Certificate awarded

Polynesian Dance Class

AM Wed 10-11 \$2 for non Regal Medical Members PM Mon & Wed 7:15-8:15pm- Fri 6:30-7:30pm \$3 per class or \$8 per week

The Art of Cake Decorating Baking Intensive course/25 classes. \$15 per class. Info: Call Marivel 951-275-6815 . 5 students minimum sign up to schedule course Certificate Completion awarded

Guitar Lessons by Pastor Nelson

Tues 3PM-4PM. -o-cost program, bring own guitar

E-Taekwondo United

(Taekwondo Class) Mon & Thurs. 6pm For details please call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 958-4799 or 909-954-8511

Square & Line Dance

Tue 6:30pm \$6 donation. Info: 909-823-0294 or 951-788-4245 www.riversidesingleswingers.com

Zion Assembly Church of God

Sunday 11:00 AM. For more info call Pastor Pete Sarry 951-237-2337

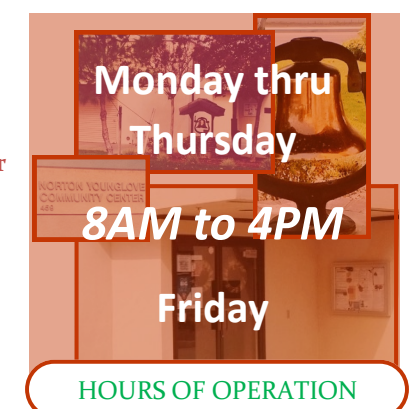
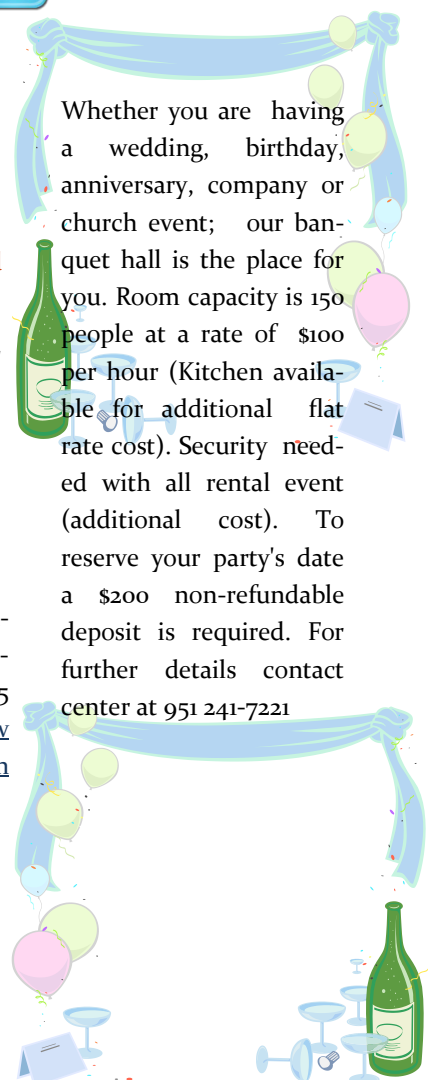
Sr Nutrition Lunch Program

Mon - Fri @11:30 AM
\$3 suggested donation

Center's New Number

(951) 241-7221

Can't wait to hear from you!



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"Highgrove Day" Pancake Breakfast

May 7, 2015 7 am - 12 noon

Includes: beverages, eggs, sausage

Orders To-Go are available!

\$6 per Adult (Includes 1 opportunity to win a prize)

\$4 per Child (Age 12 and under)

Tickets available NOW!

Norton Younglove Community Center
459 Center Street, Highgrove, Ca 92507

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All Proceeds go toward the operation of
Norton Younglove Community Center.



HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT



During this rating period March 8 to 21, the community of Highgrove had five part one crimes in 2 weeks, 1 robbery, 1 assault (domestic violence) 1 auto theft and 2 petty thefts. There were no rapes, arsons or homicides. Lieutenant Dave Kondrit (951) 955 2632

Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 X 5 (Non emergency)

Capt. Jason B. Horton (951) 955 2600

Lieutenant Dave Kondrit (951) 955 2632

Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600

Tips on how to protect your mail

Comments from Lieutenant Kondrit about mailbox theft:

"Unfortunately this is more common than ever. Eastvale had 55 separate incidents. When we caught our suspect they still had an entire mailbox in their apartment. That suspect admitted to making a living stealing mail. Here are some recommendations to prevent and minimize the impact of mail theft:"

- Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector.
- Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.
- If you see a mail thief at work, call 911. Or if you believe your mail was stolen, call the (Non-Emergency) number (951) 776 1099 immediately, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 and press 3.

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".

New Highgrove T-Shirts "Highgrove Song"



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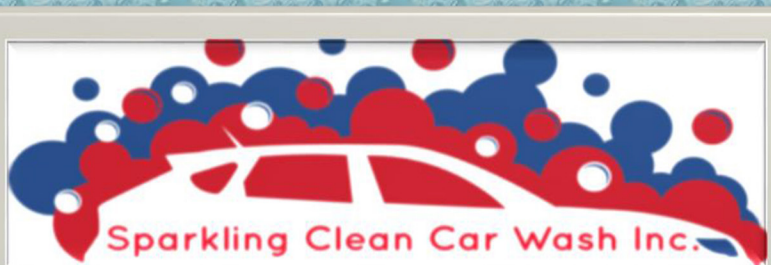
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(A minimal transaction fees will be applied)

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Highgrove Day Car Show May 7, 2016 Entry Form

(Please return by April 29, 2016)



Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ License # _____ Color _____

Name _____ () _____
Last First Phone

Mailing Address: _____
Address Street City Zip

E-mail address _____ 1 FREE Highgrove T-shirt (per pre- entry) size: _____
(Until supply lasts)

Release of all claims:

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its officers, employees, agents, event sponsors, organizers and anyone else involved in the organization and management of this event from any loss, liability, expenses and costs that may result from any injuries or death or damage to or loss of property that I may sustain. I agree that I will make no claim for any property damage, injury or death against the County of Riverside, its officers, employees, agents, event sponsors, organizers, or any one else in the organization and management of this event.

Entrant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Limited to the first-150 Pre-1980 vehicles. No motorcycles or mini-trucks. Fun for the whole family!

Return completed application and \$20.00 by April 29, 2016 to receive free T-shirt Awards will be presented the day of the fair.

Make Checks Payable to: *Dianna Guyer or Rebekah Luther*
Mail Check & Application To :683 Tulare Ave. / 268 Owetzal Ln.
OR Riverside, CA.92507 / Riverside, CA.92507
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by April 29,2016

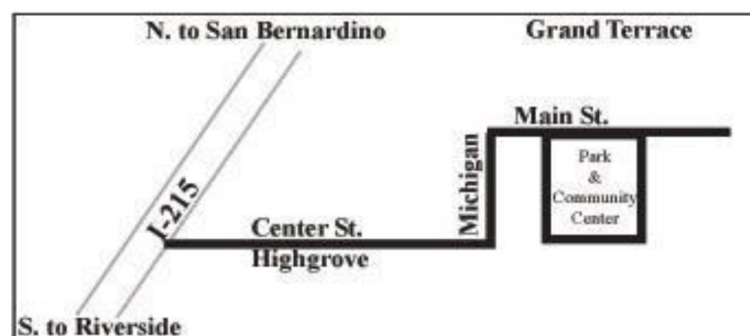
A portion of the proceeds will help Highgrove Community Organizations

Tear off here and keep map

Reminder:

I am registered for the Highgrove Day Car Show on Saturday May 7, 2016
Call Dena (951) 205-9927or Rebekah (951) 233-9252
if you are pre-registered but cannot attend so others who are on the waiting list can be notified.

Directions: From I-215 take the **Center St.-Highgrove** exit and go east 1 mile. Turn left on Michigan Ave. and right on Main Street (½ block) and have your vehicle in place by 9:00 am.



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HIGHGROVE DAY VENDOR APPLICATION

May 7, 2016 from 9am – 4pm

Set-up available Friday afternoon

Phone: (951) 205-9927 for Dena Guyer or Rebekah Luther (951) 233-9252

Email: dguthrieguyer@gmail.com or Rbluther@aol.com

COST: Per 10' X 10' Space (make checks payable to Dianna Guyer or Rebekah Luther)

Highgrove Residents/Non-Profit Organization:	\$15.00	_____
Non Highgrove Residents:	\$25.00	_____
Food Vendors (with food handlers permit(s))	\$50.00	_____

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ FAX #: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of booth/activity you will offer: _____

Approximate size of booth needed _____ (Spaces are priced 10'x10')

Will you have a vehicle on display? (You must have authorization to display a vehicle) No _____ Yes _____

If Yes, What type? _____

Will there be a fee charged to participants for your activity?

No _____ Yes _____ Amount _____

Will you be giving away any promotional items? No _____ Yes _____

Description: _____

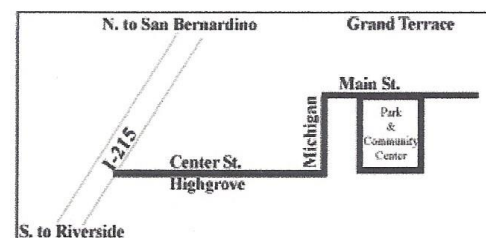
Will you be selling any food? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please list all food items: _____

Will you be selling any non-food items? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe these items: _____

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- Will be responsible to provide all booth needs (tables/chairs & canopy/etc)
- Set up time Friday 3-7 pm , (overnight security provided Friday) or Saturday 7:00am-9:00am, All booths must be completed by 9:00am Saturday.
- Tear down time is 3:30pm- please do not begin tear down until 3:30pm
- Must remove all items from your site at conclusion of the event including all trash
- Food vendors must have proof of DEH permit & abide by all of their regulations




The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, or all representatives connected with Highgrove Day, from all liability, demands, or claims from loss, damage, or injury resulting from participation in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ TOTAL _____

Please return completed form by April 29, 2016 (make check payable to and Mail to Dianna Guyer.@683 Tulare Ave, Riverside, Ca., 92507 or Rebekah Luther @ 268 Owetzel Ln. Riverside, Ca. 92507)


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Geological Rambles and Rumbles

By Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York

Gemstones of the Southern California Batholith: Tourmaline
Previous articles have discussed the geologic setting of the rocks around Highgrove and in the Southern California Batholith (SCB) (fig. 1); these articles also have described some of the gems and minerals that can be found within the SCB pegmatites (granitic veins that generally consist of quartz, feldspar, and mica). Maps delineating pegmatite districts and mine locations and listing some of the gems and minerals that occur within the pegmatites are available at many websites. Although most commercial mining of gems and rare minerals has ceased, the Pala District (fig. 1) still yields lepidolite (a lithium mica), spodumene with gem-quality crystals of kunzite, beryl, feldspar, and quartz to collectors. Other pegmatite districts in the SCB have yielded gem-quality beryl in pink (morganite), green (emerald), and bluish green (aquamarine); amblygonite (a fluorophosphate mineral that is a source of lithium but not favored as a gem because it is susceptible to breakage and general wear); essonite (a garnet); apatite (a phosphorus- and fluorine-bearing soft mineral that is a major source of fluoride for toothpaste); smoky quartz; and feldspars such as moonstone, orthoclase, and amazonite. One of the most beautiful and unusual gems from the SCB, in my opinion, is tourmaline, which along with opal is the birthstone of October.

Tourmaline was first discovered as a green crystal in Brazil in the 1500s but was mistaken at that time for em-

erald. It was finally recognized as a separate mineral in the 1800s. The name comes from the word "taramalli" in a language in Sri Lanka meaning "mixed gems" or "mixed colors." Tourmaline has been used as a gem for centuries, but was mistaken for ruby, sapphire, emeralds, and others. Tourmaline was reported from California as early as 1892 and was praised by Tiffany gemologist George F. Kuntz, for which the gem kunzite was named. Tourmaline's popularity at that time was greatest in China, and most of the production from San Diego County was shipped there, but production dropped off precipitously when the Chinese economy collapsed in 1912. (Adapted from Tourmaline History and Lore (<http://www.gia.edu/tourmaline-history-lore>).

Tourmaline is generally described as an aluminum boron silicate; the boron in its chemical structure is typical of many other gems and minerals in the SCB pegmatites. It is relatively hard (7.0 to 7.5 on the Mohs hardness scale, described in a previous article). Its colors are derived from constituents such as iron and possibly titanium (green and blue) and manganese (reds, pinks, and possibly yellow). Irradiation of tourmalines by natural processes or in the laboratory enhances the pink and yellow hues. The most common form of tourmaline is schorl, which is black, but tourmaline colors span the spectrum in mostly pastel hues. Several of the colored varieties are called elbaite, which is commonly green or red.

Tourmaline crystals also have unusual physical and electrical properties. The crystalline structure is trigonal (as in trigonometry), which means that the crystals are triangular and long, with terminal facets

that come together as a point (figs. 2A, 2B); they also have rounded sides that are distinguished by striations (grooves) parallel to the long axis (fig. 2C). Tourmaline colors and hues can vary within a single crystal, especially in the varieties called watermelon and liddicoatite, in which red, white, and green occur in patterns that recall sliced watermelons, with green on the outside, red in the middle, and white between (fig. 2D).

Tourmaline has a property known as pleochroism, where turning the crystal in a directed light beam causes it to change color. Tourmaline crystals also have a pyroelectric response, where application of heat produces an electric charge such that one end becomes negative while the other becomes positive. The crystals also have piezoelectric properties, where contortion by stress (bending) produces an electrical charge. These electrical properties, which give tourmaline the nickname "electric stone," are being continually studied for possible use in microelectronic units.

Tourmaline varieties are named according to their chemistry and color. Those varieties found in the SCB include achroite (colorless), emeralite (green), indicolite (blue, aquamarine), rubellite (red), watermelon (red, green, and white),

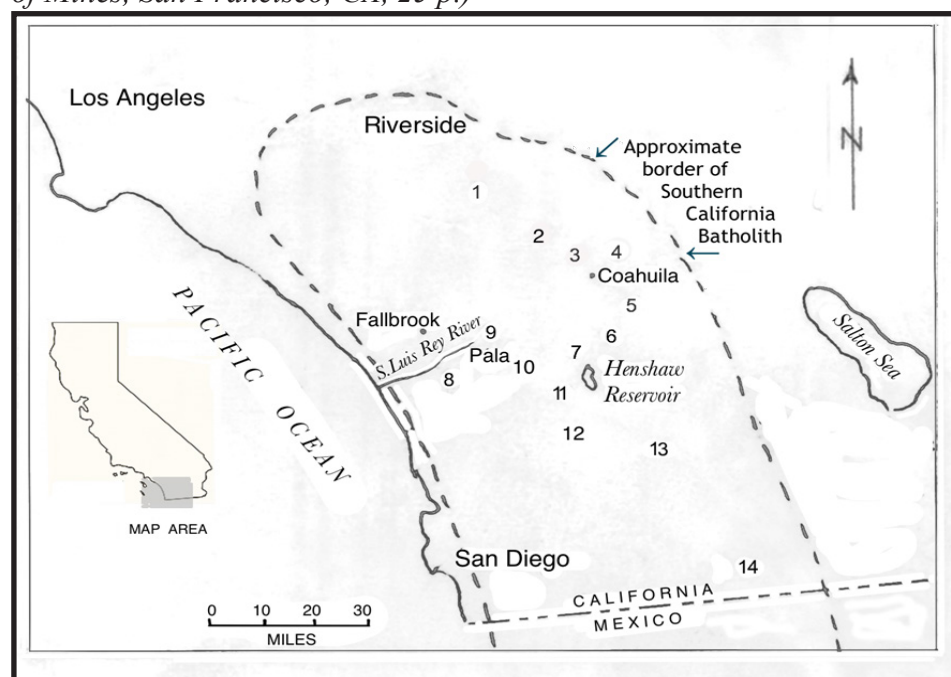
schorl (black), and cat's eye, which resembles a cat's eye with narrow pupils; this is caused by tiny parallel fibers or needle-like inclusions. Cat's eye tourmalines come in a variety of colors, of which green and pink are the most common, but yellow to orange, blue to blue-green, violet to red, brown to black, and multi-colored crystals have been found. Mines in the Pala District (fig. 1) in which tourmalines have been found are listed and located on maps at <http://www.mindat.org/loc-3560.html>.

Tourmaline in its many varieties can form impressive gems. When purchasing a gem-quality tourmaline, look with a microscope or loupe (hand lens) for flaws such as inclusions of other minerals, bubbles of gases, and air holes. These can enhance a gem, such as in the cat-eye effect, or produce off-colors by gas and air bubbles, or they may diminish the specimen's appearance and value.

The pegmatites of the SCB have yielded a bounty of rare minerals and gems that have been mined for commercial use, incorporated into mineral collections, and cut into beautiful gems. Further scouring may produce many more. A future article will discuss the gems of the San Jacinto Mountains.

(Color samples shown on P. 7)

Figure 1. Extent of Southern California Batholith and locations of areas in which gemstones may be found in Riverside and San Diego Counties. (Modified from Jahns, R.H. and Wright, L.A., 1951, *Pala Presents: Pegmatites of the Pala District-Part 1, Special Report 3A, California Division of Mines, San Francisco, CA, 25 p.*)





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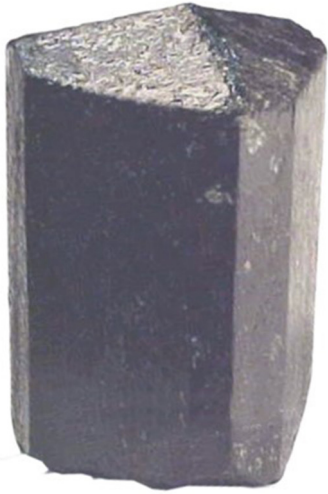
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Photos of Gems mentioned in Fakundiny article



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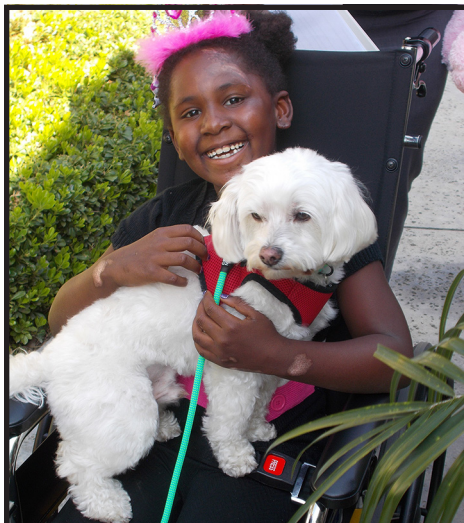


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Typical tourmaline crystals (not to scale) showing trigonal form with curved sides and external striations: A. Crystal showing multiple terminal faces on top and flat surface on bottom. B. Schorl crystal with simplest terminal faces. C. Cross section of "watermelon" variety showing curved sides and striations. D. Cross section of "watermelon" variety showing zoned coloration.



As soon as Deasha saw "Buddy" she wanted to hold him!

Save the Date!

32nd Annual Grand Terrace Art Show

Sponsored by the Grand Terrace Historical and Cultural Activities Committee. This event is put on by volunteers in order to recognize and showcase the artistic talents of our community. Sunday, May 1, 2016 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Grand Terrace Civic Center Community Meeting Room (next to the Library) 22795 Barton Rd.

It's FREE! Past exhibits have included oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings, collage, photography, mosaics, bonsai trees and hand-painted china, as well as quilted fiber art, needle art, glass and ceramic tile art, digital art, carved walking sticks, fine woodworking, and more!

The Friends of the Library will also be having a used book sale that date in the lobby area outside of the library! For more info call 909-825-8608 or email shellrose@sbcglobal.net *Applications still available at the Grand Terrace City Hall for anyone 18 years of age or older that lives or works in Grand Terrace and would like to enter the art show.

Signs verify that Spring is in the air!

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Spring Shower creates double rainbow!



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Phil's Philosophy

By Phil Turner
Unions and The Democrat Party

I don't know the origin of the marriage between labor unions and the Democrat party. At this point, it is enough to say it has been thus for decades. Unions now, are very much, an organizing branch of the Democrat party.

Union retirement/pension funds are invested in giant blocks of stock and shares in American business. It makes sense that unions would support legislation friendly to business.

But the Democrat party has pushed for regulating and taxing business to the point that many corporations leave their overseas profits in overseas banks. The tax burden makes it prohibitive for them to bring that money home and reinvest here in the U.S.

The Democrat party has legislated the most stringent regulations and highest corporate taxes in the world, resulting in corporations locating many of their manufacturing facilities overseas, taking advantage of lower taxes, fewer regulations, and a very willing workforce. All those facilities, and jobs, are lost to our own workforce. Unions have seen their numbers dwindle. Why, because porous borders have produced millions of illegal aliens willing to work for much less than union wages, with no benefits.

So the question is...why do union members vote Democratic every election cycle? What is the Democrat Party doing for you? Or, more precisely, what are they doing TO you?

I just retired as a vice-president of a local teachers association. Every election cycle they would send me voting pamphlets on who to vote for, and which propositions to support. They would list the Democrat candidates, with a big check mark beside their names. There was never any verbiage about their qualifications, voting record, or their political stance on any issue. We were just told to vote for the Democrat. Similarly, just a check mark to indicate which propositions to support.

I guess they felt that actually reasoning with us to vote their way would confuse we poor, feeble minded, union voters.

There is a solution...if you are a member of a union/association, run for a leadership position. If your children, or grandchildren are, encourage them to run for office within the union/association.

I often found myself to be the only Republican in the room when the association met. If we are to affect change, we, our children, and our grandchildren, need to participate in leadership positions.

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California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. (Preamble to the US Constitution)



Our United States Constitution provided a detailed, concise framework for our government to work within. It delineated the three branches of government: The Executive Branch (the President of the United States), the Legislative Branch (the Senate and Congress) and the Judicial Branch (the Supreme Court). *Theoretically* the three branches are created to be separate and not controlled by the other. It all looks good on parchment. The reality is, politicians don't work that way.

The glaring, obvious example of this disfunction is the current situation of the recent vacancy on the Supreme Court. The function of the Supreme Court is to rule whether something is constitutional or unconstitutional—whether or not it is permitted under the Constitution. “On the Supreme Court there are nine judges; the judges are nominated by the President and approved by the Senate. They have no term limits. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the land. Its decisions are final, and no other court can overrule those decisions. Decisions of the Supreme Court set precedents—new ways of interpreting the law.” Lady Justice presides over all the courts of our land. She is usually shown with a level scale and blindfolded- reminding us that justice *should be fair and impartial*. The Supreme Court should be nonpartisan and absolutely neutral. My ongoing concern has been this: when there is an opening on the Supreme Court the Legislative Branch should not be involved until a nominee is presented by the President. “The court today is more polarized along partisan lines than it has ever been... This is no accident, but rather the result of deliberate, careful selection of nominees by both parties... The political parties are focused on the court, and it shows.” The President should nominate a judge whom he feels will be the utmost impartial and who will uphold the intent of the Constitution. The jockeying that occurs to place a politically favorable nominee on the court should offend us all. The fact that a potential judge's future opinions could be predicted and therefore, strategically placed on the court should be of great concern as well. This crossing of political/philosophical lines is, in the long run, unhealthy for our country. We have already seen how the deep partisan divide has virtually frozen the democratic process for the past seven years. We don't need more. This country has issues that need to be addressed.

I expect my President to nominate and then the Senate to confirm a judge who will uphold the United States Constitution as it was intended by our founding state leaders in 1787 when they gathered to write the Constitution to create a set of principles that formed how the new nation would be governed. The leaders of the states wanted a strong and fair national government. But they also wanted to protect individual freedoms and prevent the government from abusing its power.

Two Scouts from Grand Terrace became Eagle Scouts at a ceremony at the GTHS on March 5, 2016. Congratulations to these 2 fine young men!



AJ Benson



Joseph Gordesky

Obituary

Dr. William Darwin DDS



We lost a dear family member and friend of the community last week. Dr. William E. Darwin passed on Saturday afternoon, March 19, after a year-long battle with bile duct cancer. Bill, as most of us knew him, practiced general dentistry as well as specialized procedures in private practice for the past 38 years. He had his office first in Grand Terrace and then for the past two years here in Redlands. He was a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1981.

Bill was born in Riverside, California, on November 25, 1952, the elder son of

Bonnie and Bill Gene Darwin, both of whom survive him.

As a young man, Bill graduated from Colton High School and Riverside Community College. He played guitar with the band Azurite and played high school football as a defensive lineman. He was a lifelong car racing enthusiast and carried his love of sports into his son Liam's participation in RHS football and baseball, and his daughter Georgie's cheerleading. He and his son Liam were active with the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 44.

Doctor Darwin's community service included memberships in the Lion's Club, Sons of the American Revolution, Grand Terrace Chamber of Commerce and the Tr-County Dental Society. He was also a volunteer at the Redlands Homeless Shelter. From earliest days, it was always his practice to donate his dental skills to those in need, and he often worked in conjunction with Child Health (CHOP) in the Public Health Department. His services also included the Colton Unified School District.

He was a supporter of Grove High School, where his daughter Julian graduated, and volunteered with the Redlands Baseball for Youth (RBY) program, as well as Redlands Festival Ballet Company where his daughter Georgie was a dancer. He was a former member of the Redlands Country Club.

Bill was a devout Christian and member of Pathway Church. He was also a former member of the First Baptist Church, Redlands, and Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside, where his grandfather was a pastor. In addition to his parents, Bill and Bonnie Darwin, the family who loved and will miss Bill include his wife Wendi; his son Eric and wife Nicole of Sausalito; daughters Jillian and Georgie and son Liam of Redlands; sister Stephanie Darwin Lewis and husband Robert of Grand Terrace; brother David of Colton, father-in-law Bill Young and wife Doris of Redlands; sister-in-law Leslie Rude and husband Greg of Redlands; aunts and uncles; cousins; and nieces and nephews. Also, his valued colleague, Elena Palamino, who served as Doctor Darwin's dental assistant for 28 years.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 31st at 2:30 P.M. at Pathway Church, 611 E. Cypress Avenue (at Redlands Blvd.), Redlands, CA. Public graveside service will be the following day, Friday, April 1st at 10 A.M. at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside.

On a closing note, Bill Darwin loved his dog Kelly. If all dogs go to heaven, Kelly awaited him there.

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