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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

January, 2013

Here is what is Happening in and around Highgrove

Transit Ave./Main Street



Old Water line replaced on Transit Ave. and Main Street.

The old water line had to come out! These old 42 inch pipes were taken out of Transit Ave. and have been replaced with new 48 inch pipes between Villa St. and Main St. then eastward up the middle of Main St. to Taylor Avenue.



Highgrove United Methodist Church gets new basketball court!



Santa's Elvs at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove helped with the Toy Give Away this year. Top Row- Sherry. Front Row: Bruce, Jon, Jack, Priscilla, Leia, Emma & Aidden, Maria & David, Alex. Thank you to everyone who participated in the toy drive and to the Family Service Association and the volunteers for making this project possible.

Start the year out right!

Attend the next Highgrove MAC meeting on Wed. Jan. 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the library at 530 Center Street. We would like to see some new faces so come one-come all.

Make plans for March 21st.

The Highgrove Elementary School will celebrate 125 years of operation on March 21, 2013. All former students or teachers are urged to mark your calendars for this celebration.

Iowa Avenue Overpass



Iowa Ave. overpass over railroad beginning to take shape!

These 4 columns shown above will support the new Iowa Ave. Overpass over the BNSF railroad tracks. This view was taken looking northward toward Highgrove. For the past several weeks you may have heard the pile driver driving steel beams into the ground to support these columns.

White Christmas: Good and Cold!

After many years of Christmas in California, Ardie and I really had a White Christmas in 2012. We flew from Ontario to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, rented a car and drove to Lennox, South Dakota to see her daughter Kelli, and her husband Wayne. We wanted to see how much their six month old baby, Austin, had grown since last June when we were there when he was born. We spent two days with them then drove to Orange City, Iowa where her two sons live. It is about an hour and 15 minutes drive from South Dakota to Orange City, Iowa. There was snow on the ground but the main roads were OK for driving. We stayed in Ardie's son Kendall and Lori's finished basement where we had a nice room. We were able to work on the Highgrove Happenings so we would not interfere with the daily activities of their family and their 4 children. They have 2 daughters Page 14, and Cassidy 13, and they are adopting twins who are 2 years old. Ardie's oldest son Kyle and family live directly across the road from Kendall so most everyone is close by. Kyle and Shelly own a restaurant in Orange City called the Hatchery and they have really good food.

I think the last time I had a White Christmas was when I was 7 years old in Indiana where I was born. But

it had been many years since Ardie spent Christmas with her kids and grandchildren so she was overdue. Right after Christmas it started to snow and on Dec. 27th Ardie's 22 year old grandson, Tyler was married in the local church. I made the rehearsal on the 26th but was unable to attend the wedding because I was sick, so I stayed in the basement. It was 13 degrees when we rented the car in Sioux Falls but the coldest was 6 degrees below zero with the wind chill factor, while we were in Iowa. I definitely miss the good weather in California!

So part of this issue of the Highgrove Happenings is being brought to you from Kendall and Lori's basement in Orange City, Iowa. The basement is quite comfortable and warm and although I sometimes refer to it as going down to the dungeon, they know I am just kidding. It snowed here for about 24 hours and the outside is beautiful when viewed from the inside. It is still very cold outside but we have warm clothes, good food, good people, and our lap top. I do not like being sick but we saw the progress of Austin at 6 months, got Tyler married off, and spent time with Ardie's kids and families.

Oh, and one more thing: Yes, we did have a "White Christmas!"

More cool pictures inside

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

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"An overwhelming majority of Californians are buckling up, yet there is still work to be done," said California Highway Patrol (CHP) Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Our goal is to save lives, and one way to help achieve that is to have every single person traveling in a motor vehicle wear a seat belt or safely secured in an appropriate child passenger safety seat."

To accomplish this mission, the CHP received a federal grant to help fund a campaign that educates drivers on the importance of passenger restraints. Efforts from the statewide Vehicle Occupant Restraint Education and Instruction II (VOREI II) campaign are already underway and will continue through September 30, 2013.

The objective of the VOREI II grant is to reduce the number of unrestrained vehicle occupants killed or injured in traffic collisions through educational classes and child safety seat inspection events. In addition, grant-funded child safety seats will be distributed to motorists and CHP

officers will conduct additional seat belt enforcement out on the roadways. According to the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, in 2010, the most-recent year statistics are available, 439 people were killed and more than 9,000 others were injured in collisions where those involved were not buckled up. "Wearing a seat belt, or using a child safety seat, will dramatically improve a person's chances of survival if they are involved in a crash," added Commissioner Farrow. "Buckle up every trip, every time. It might save your life."

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No U turn!



No U turn on Main St. increases local residential traffic in Highgrove! Westbound traffic on Main St. by the new high school has a No U turn sign to prevent vehicles from making a U turn and going eastward on Main Street. As a result, westbound vehicles are turning left onto Sanrive Ave. and then turning eastward on Arliss or Flynn. We have received comments about how the new high school has increased traffic on the surface streets in Highgrove. The turning radius would be very tight so some vehicles have been making U turns west of Taylor St. where Main St. is wider. Please drive carefully in this area especially during events at the new high school.

The great Pomegranate mystery!



For several weeks we have been finding a half eaten pomegranate at the top of our stairs on our upstairs porch. It appears that an animal or possibly a crow or hawk is bringing a pomegranate up to the top of the porch to eat it because it leaves quite a mess that needs to be cleaned up. This has happened 3 or 4 times in the same area of our porch.

While we were in South Dakota and Iowa my brother Ron and his wife Geri, who live in Grand Terrace, were taking care of our place and feeding the animals while we were gone. They knew we were puzzled by what was eating the pomegranates on our porch.

When Ardie and I arrived home I found another half eaten pomegranate in the same place. There was also a paper bag that was nearby that I thought might have blown onto the porch while we were gone. I cleaned up the mess again and threw the bag away.

Later, while talking to my onery brother, he asked if I found the paper bag and I said I had thrown it away but this time I took a picture of the mess the varmit had made!

That is when I found out part of the truth. My onery brother, knowing that I was curious about what was eating the pomegranate on our porch, brought a pomegranate from Geri's granddaughters house in Riverside, put it in a sack with a note he wrote that said "**Happy New Year from the Pomegranate fairy**".

He thought I would come home, open the sack and find the note and the pomegranate he put in the sack. When I told my brother Ron that I got a picture of the mess we figured out what happened. What really happened was the varmit found the sack, ripped it open and ate the pomegranate. I told Ronald that he was aiding and abetting a criminal act by bringing a sack lunch to the varmit instead of the varmit having to go pick the pomegranate himself. It has to be either something with fur, feathers or maybe even skin. I thought it might be a crow or a hawk but no feathers were found and it might be hard for either of them to fly with a pomegranate. Or maybe it was an opossum. But for now, all we know is that "something" tore open the sack and ate the pomegranate!

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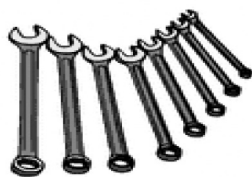
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Obituaries

Former mayor, founder of Grand Terrace Tony Petta dies at age 86.

GRAND TERRACE - Tony Petta, this city's founding father and first mayor, died Thursday after a long illness. He was 86.

Residents of the bedroom community remember him as responsible for leading the charge to incorporate Grand Terrace in 1978 and leading it as mayor and City Council member for two terms after that, even as agencies outside the city said it couldn't survive.

"It was a group effort with a concerted goal: to make it work and to convince the powers-that-be that it could be done," his wife Ann said Thursday. "They were convinced we didn't have the resources, that we didn't have what it took to do it. (Tony and the other volunteers) made sure they convinced people it could be done."

Ann stressed that many people worked together to create the city and make it succeed, saying her husband had always credited a volunteer base found in few other places and worked all his life to strengthen that volunteer spirit. No one denies the importance of volunteers to Grand Terrace - they perform many of the functions done by paid professionals in other cities, one of the reasons the city survives despite a limited tax base. But you can't oversell Petta's importance, said Herman Hilkey, who served 16 years on the City Council after the former mayor recruited him.

"Tony and Ann are our George and Martha Washington," he said. "Tony was our spokesman and he was our cheerleader, and he was always the one who would give rip-roaring, enthusiastic speeches on the history of Grand Terrace. He is easily the most known and revered person in town."



Tony Petta was born in Italy before coming to the United States and serving as a troop commander in Puerto Rico during World War II, Ann said. He at first continued the family tradition as a barber, then stayed in real estate until he stopped practicing a few years before his death.

As president of the Chamber of Commerce, he saw the threat when Colton filed papers in 1976 to move Grand Terrace into its sphere of influence. Channeling what observers from the time said was popular sentiment that Grand Terrace should keep its small-town feel by becoming its own city, he helped convince the county board of supervisors and Local Agency Formation Committee that cityhood was best.

Residents agreed overwhelmingly - the 1978 vote was 2,022 to 437, according to City Clerk Tracey Martinez. Petta was voted into the City Council in 1978 and again in 1982, Martinez said.

He stayed active in the local Lions Club - barely missing being a charter member - and with Toastmasters and gardening, said Roy Nix, who said he was on the council while Petta was mayor from 1982 to 1986.

The Pettas had one daughter, who died in 1977.

Grand Terrace celebrates 34 years as a city



L-R: Council member Darcy McNaboe, Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz, outgoing council member Lee Ann Garcia, and Council member Bernardino Sandoval.

Two new council members were elected in the November election. They are Jackie Mitchell and Sylvia Robles. Congratulations to Grand Terrace for doing what some thought was an impossible task in becoming their own city. Not only did they become a city but they also have their own zip code. I lived in Grand Terrace for 30 years on Carhart Ave. before it became a city and was a Grand Terrace resident when it became a city. Three out of my four children graduated from Colton High School and my youngest graduated from Redlands High School in 1988. Happy 34th Birthday!



Sylvia Robles



Jackie Mitchell



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for Pediatric Cancer Pro-
grams at City of Hope
San Bernardino, CA.



Stater Bros. Charities has announced that \$231,896 was recently raised during the Kids 4 Hope Campaign, which benefits Pediatric Cancer Programs at City of Hope in Duarte, California. Stater Bros. has conducted this very successful company-wide Kids 4 Hope Mobile Campaign for 9 years, and to date this campaign has raised over \$1,280,000 for City of Hope Pediatric Cancer Programs.

"The Stater Bros. 'Family' has a long history of giving back to our friends and neighbors in the communities we are privileged to serve," stated Jack H. Brown, Chairman and CEO of Stater Bros. Markets. "We are especially pleased to participate in campaigns that make a difference in the lives of so many children." During the month of October, customers and employees at all 167 Stater Bros. Supermarkets purchased \$1 and \$5 Kids 4 Hope paper mobiles at the time of checkout. All the funds collected go directly to the City of Hope to support its pediatric cancer research, treatment and educational programs.

About City of Hope

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About Stater Bros. Charities

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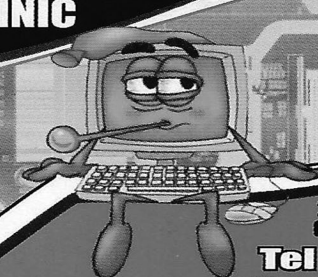
Stater Bros. Markets was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, with annual sales in 2011 of \$3.7 billion. The Company currently operates 167 Supermarkets, and there are over 18,000 members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family.

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Ola Harris presented Dr. Mendler with a check for \$7,500.00 for Liver Research. This is the third check that Ola has given to the doctor. This money is used for Liver Research and Education. In the last four years Ola has raised a total of \$21,400.00.

Ola has raised money several ways. Along with her Brother Rodger, she has raised money by having dinners and breakfasts. The major event each year is always a Golf Tournament.

Dr. Mendler and Ola met eight (8) years ago while she was at Loma Linda University Medical Center where she was being treated for her medical condition. Once it was determined that Ola needed a liver transplant, Dr. Mendler fought for two years to keep her alive. A transplant was performed on Mother's Day, 2006 which was a complete success.

Ola's liver lasted just short of five years when the rejection process started again. This time though, not only did her liver reject but so did her kidney's. She again had to do dialysis treatments three times a week. Ola still continued to raise money for liver disease and had a very successful golf tournament that year.

During this time, Ola and the Doctor formed a bond. Ola wanted to give back to those that helped her. She did make an effort to talk to others with liver disease but it just wasn't enough. That is when the idea of having a Golf Tournament

came in.

Ola belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and with the support of the Aerie and Auxiliary

the Golf Tournament was born. Ola presented Dr. Mendler with a check in the amount of \$7,500.00. The first tournament raised \$2,600 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles granted Ola another \$5,000.00.

Ola is a dedicated member of Riverside Aerie #997. She has been a member for several years and truly believes in the motto of the Eagles "People Helping People". Through all the time Ola was near death, she truly believed in Dr. Mendler and the staff of Loma Linda University Medical Center, She never doubted one minute that things would turn out all right.

As a final note, Ola received her new liver and kidney August 29th, 2011 and is doing better than good. She did get one surprise she did not expect. She now has THREE kidney's. At the time the doctors were unsure what would happen. Well, what happened is the bad kidney also became a "good kidney" so now there are three.

Just a note of interest. The number one cause of liver failure in the United States is Hepatitis. Ola is now working on #4 golf tournament which will be held sometime in March, 2013. Anyone wishing to find out more about Liver Disease or the Fraternal Order of Eagles can contact the Eagles at 951-683-7770 ask for Ola.

Ardie's hometown marches in wooden shoes in Rose Parade

The Pride of the Dutchmen Band marched in this year's Rose Parade. You can hear them coming from a distance as their wooden shoes clomp along the 5 1/2 miles parade route. This band is from Orange City, Iowa, Ardie home town.



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ASHLEY TO LEAD RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2013



County Supervisor Marion Ashley unanimously supported as new chairman.

Temecula's Jeff Comerchero and San Jacinto's Andrew Kotyuk are new vice chairs.

RIVERSIDE, CA — December 13, 2012 — The Riverside Transit Agency's Board of Directors has unanimously elected Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley to take leadership of the 22-member governing board.

As chairman, Ashley will be responsible for leading the RTA Board in setting policy, guiding Agency priorities, conducting the Agency's monthly Board meetings and representing RTA during public events. He assumes the responsibilities held most recently by former Murrieta City Councilman Doug McAllister. "I am so proud of the accomplishments of this governing board and honored to be chosen by my fellow Board members for this position," Ashley said. "I look forward to building on RTA's tradition of success, and ensuring that public transportation remains a relevant and important part of our lives."

Board members also voted Temecula City Councilman Jeff Comerchero as first vice chairman and San Jacinto Councilman Andrew Kotyuk as second vice chairman. An RTA

Board member since 2003, Ashley has been active on various Board committees, including the Budget and Finance Committee, which has provided crucial financial oversight and ensured positive audit results year after year.

Ashley assumes leadership during a period of increased ridership, customer satisfaction and growing popularity across the region. In fact, ridership has reached an all-time high in FY12, and RTA has more student-ride programs than any other transit agency in the state. The Agency has also launched travel training programs for disabled and older customers, and is expecting a new wave of Compressed Natural Gas buses to arrive in 2013 to replace its aging fleet.

Departing Board Chairman Doug McAllister said his experience on the board was positive, and was proud of the Agency's success.

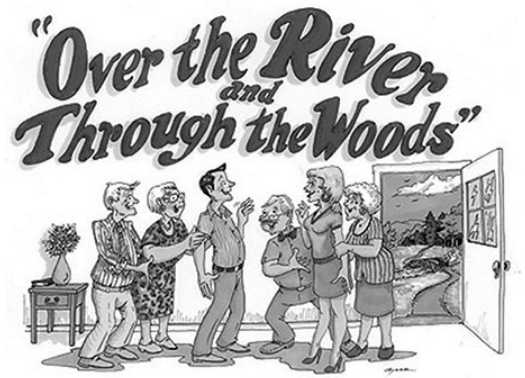
The Riverside Transit Agency provides public transportation for Western Riverside County, operating 36 fixed routes, 8 commuter routes and Dial-A-Ride service. RTA's service area spans 2,500 square miles, the second largest in the nation. For bus route and schedule information call RTA at (951) 565-5002 or go to www.RiversideTransit.com

Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner

Christmas Memories!

I can't remember the gifts I received for Christmas when I was a kid. But I certainly remember traveling with my family to visit my grandparents during the holidays. I can remember singing a song with lyrics that include..."Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go..." We kids couldn't wait to see our grandparents and every few miles asked out parents, "Are we almost there yet?"



As an Air Force brat, my family moved many times. Some of the Air force Bases were great assignments, others not so good., but we always made great friends at each posting. In grade school my family was stationed to Hickam Air Force Base, in Honolulu. At Christmas time, as well as Memorial Day and Veterans Day, we school kids would decorate the grave sites in the Punch Bowl, National Cemetery, overlooking Honolulu. What a beautiful sight. At Aloha Tower, Henry J, Kaiser dressed as Santa Claus, came in on his huge pink catamaran, instead of a sleigh. He then lead a parade down Kalala Avenue, throwing Christmas candy to us kids.

I spent two Christmas seasons in Viet Nam. Bob Hope, Ann Margret, Joe Namath and Cardinal Cook visited us in the hospital. I still have the little card that the His Eminence the Cardinal gave me. They went all out with turkey and all the trimmings for us. But the most memorable event was mail call. We rushed with anticipation to see what letters, cards, and "care packages" we received from home. The very best cookies of my life were those broken pieces I received from home, padded in real popcorn.

I recall agonizing over which Christmas gifts to buy our kids/grandkids, then sitting around the Christmas tree watching the kids expressing more delight playing with the wrapping and bows than the presents.

I know I have seen "It's a Wonderful Life" dozens of times. But each year, I find myself watching and enjoying the movie and the sentiment. Although I haven't seen it recently, I want to watch O Henry's "the Gift of the Magi" again, a wonderful story of giving and receiving. I look forward to seeing "A Christmas Carol" again as well.

We Christians celebrate the birth of Christ all year long, but particularly during this season. We know that the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, and such have nothing to do with the birth of Christ. Still, we enjoy sentiment of the season.

It's the simple things, isn't it? It's not so much how much we spend, or how many Christmas lights we put up. Christmas is a time to reconnect with your family, your friends, and renew your faith. Interesting how I can only recall the good times.



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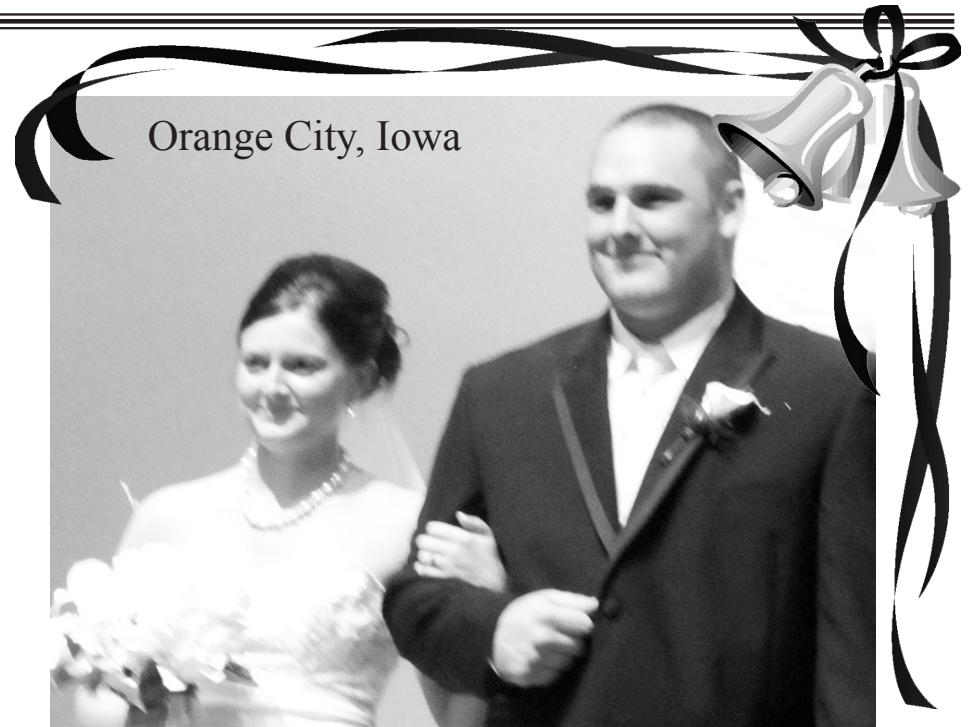
CHP wins drag race to benefit Toys for Tots!



This CHP car and this 1933 Ford roadster are shown getting ready to drag race during the Old Farts Racing Team Christmas party in Riverside.

But this drag race is a little different because when they "GO", the car that can go the slowest is the winner. The slow drags do not permit the driver to touch the gas pedal or the brake pedal. The cars are put into gear and only go as fast as they can go in the idle position. The CHP won!

Club members donated toys that were given to the CHP for distribution.



Orange City, Iowa

Tyler Robert Wassenaar and Kristen Joy Schouten were united in marriage December 27, 2012 at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa.. Tyler is Ardie's oldest grandson and the first to get married. It was a beautiful wedding with a winter theme that included fresh snow. We flew from Ontario to Denver, Colorado and then to Sioux Falls, South Dakota on December 20th to see the kids and grandkids and attend the wedding. The weather was very cold while we were there and on the day of the wedding there was a snow storm. Ardie's daughter and son were unable to attend because of the storm and bad roads between Lenox, South Dakota and Orange City, Iowa. "Barney" was sick and stayed at Kendall's. Tyler is employed by his grandfather on the farm and Kristen just graduated from Dordt College with a nursing degree. After their honeymoon in Cancun they will be making there home in Orange City, Iowa where they recently bought a home. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple.



This is what is used in the mid west to prevent your car from moving on the icy pavement. Too bad the lady in Orange City, Iowa didn't use one too because her car slid into our rented car and dented the door while Ardie was parked at the church for our grandson's wedding. The lady felt real bad and so did we but we had additional car rental damage insurance.

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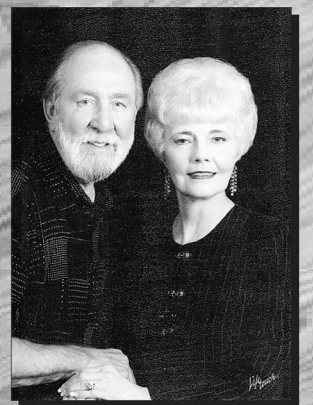
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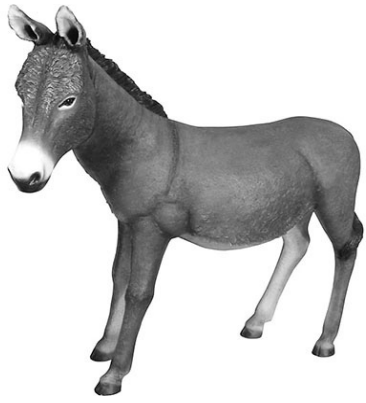
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Public Comments about Highgrove Burros!

Janet Flennike:

Wild, but not-so-wild burros have been coming into Highgrove above Mt. Vernon Avenue. Some of the property owners in this area are experiencing the disappearance of vegetation in and around their yards. We have known for a long time that they were at the top of Pigeon Pass at the north end of Moreno Valley, Reche Canyon and around the old Highgrove dump- (excuse me- I mean the sanitary rubbish disposal landfill site).



Terrace". Speeding in Highgrove could take on a whole new meaning! Please slow down!

Annonomus: I'm a Grand Terrace resident on Oriole Avenue and have admired those beautiful creatures as they roam the Reche Canyon/Highgrove/Grand Terrace areas. I've enjoyed hearing and seeing them at night from my bedroom window. I love the "ruralness" of their presence but worry for their safety on the streets at night, especially on the Mt. Vernon Avenue "speedway"!

Food and water troughs far up on the fields is a humane deed but residents should not be feeding them from their cars, thus encouraging them to come onto the roads. I'm sorry to say but I don't know an acceptable solution. If they are coralled maybe we all could be assessed through our property taxes to finance their care. Probably wouldn't go over too well, but I'd be willing. Maybe a volunteer fund.

Susan Kelly: I am a big fan of wild live but these burros are causing problems or lets say that people are the problems. People are stopping to feed them from there cars & giving buckets of water in the field off of Spring St. As you may already know the burros are coming down into

In recent months they have wandered into new territory near residential areas. What we want you to know is that these animals often come out in the evening and pose a possible threat to themselves by wandering into the street at night. If you hit one of them with your vehicle both you, your car, and the burro could suffer serious consequences. In October of 2005 a 21 year old woman was killed while she was a passenger in a car that struck a burro on Reche Canyon Road. The burro was also killed when it came through the windshield.

Assemblyman Bill Emmerson from Redlands has introduced a bill that would allow animal control officers to relocate the burros at the property owner's request, create feeding stations or fences to keep them from crossing the road in search for food and to vaccinate or treat injured animals. It has been estimated that about 50 burros are roaming from area to area in search of food and water. Please be aware of this situation when you drive through

Pick up takes out palm tree on Mt. Vernon Avenue.



On Dec. 3, 2012 this northbound pick up truck took out a small palm tree in the center divider on Mt. Vernon Ave. in Grand Terrace south of Grand Terrace Road. No other information was available because we arrived just as the vehicle was being hauled away. Hopefully there were no injuries.

our community almost every other night. The burros see someone & they automatically head your way. I pull in at 8 pm & they are already across the street in my neighbors yard eating the grass and leaving us lots of waste to clean up too. I was unloading groceries & one sees me and starts heading my way but I shoo him away. Then another dozen start walking in from Spring St. and heading into the same yard. I hear a

truck coming around the corner but it stops to wait. Then I hear a little kid scream at them from down the street and that starts a stampede and the 2 dozen burros head back out of the neighborhood and 2 burros hit the front of the truck and put a couple big dents in the trucks hood from their heads. The burros all run out into Spring Street and it was lucky no one was driving or walking by at the time.

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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

"Zoondappers? Who's the Zoondappers anyway?"

"Dem's the folks dat wear the cotton sacks with the 'X'th' painted on da backs and dwive the twuck with the 'x'th on the twuck thoor. Dey sell whisky and welaxol in town. Dey live over in Butherd Cweek too. One of em, a Mexican called bwother Caesar thabbed Delphia's Daddy when her daddy was beating on another thoondapper friend of his. Before dat, Delphia's daddy had thlapped her on da head at da pawade. He pulled one of da wegs off my table and was gonna go after da Mexthican til da therriff thook it away from him."

"Sounds like you two have had quite a fourth of July. Sell any Bibles? Sounds like the people of Valliant need a little religion in their daily lives. Go on and set the table for four then. Here comes your mama and your stray cat now." The reverend said with a grin as Delphia and Leila stepped down out of the trailer and headed their way holding sweaters over their heads to stay dry in the light rain.

Stepping over to the portable butane stove, Danny grabbed a hand towel and picked up the pot of beans and walked over to the table now set for four and ladled beans into the tin plates. Each plate had two partitions making for three serving sections, one large and two small. These were grey metal army surplus as were the spoons and forks which had U.S. stamped on them. Next, Danny placed some fried potatoes from an old iron skillet on each plate and Baby filled the third sections with fresh sliced tomatoes and set the sugar bowl on the table in case anyone wanted some on their toma-

toes. Danny poured some burgundy wine from a gallon jug into four tin cans which served as wine glasses. By this time Leila and Delphia had taken their places at the table and Danny and Baby joined them. With little warning, Danny said a hasty grace and then four good people sat down to a simple meal under the tent awning with a gentle breeze and a few drops of rain blowing in from the south west. Leila watched as Baby's new friend got busy and ate like it was her last meal holding her spoon like it was a shovel with her thumb down and lowering her head to meet each spoon full halfway up from the table.

"I almoth forgoth. Here's thum cornbread from the Thoondappers." Baby said as he produced the last loaf of Relaxol bread from his box of Bibles.

Breaking off a piece for himself, he passed the bread to his dad who took a piece and handed the rest to Leila and Delphia. Delphia took a small piece for herself and Baby's folks ended up consuming the majority of the bread themselves.

By the end of the meal, Delphia had avoided eye contact and conversation, choosing to listen and observe Danny and Leila's interaction as they discussed the night's itinerary. Danny reminded Baby to check the tent pegs before lighting the coal oil lanterns inside the tent.

"You know, that was some special bread there. Now who are the Zoondappers again?" Danny asked Baby.

"Mith Delphia knows more than I do about them." Baby said.

"So what's their story Miss Delphia?" Danny asked across the table in Delphia's direction as she finished off the tin cup of burgundy.

Wiping her lips with the back

of her hand, Delphia said "They's farmers what makes whisky and bread and saws lumber and sells it is all ah know. And they wear cotton sacks for clothes and sometimes no shoes and don shave or get haircuts. Brother Roy is the leader and people comes and goes with them. They's nice to us but my daddy hates em. He beat on one of the littler ones named Myrtle today at the parade and another one named Caesar cut Daddy on the behind so now Daddy's out for Caesar. Least that's what my mama says. Can't go home tonight cause Daddy's mad at me too fer taking Levester, that's my baby, to the parade in town."

Delphia had delivered her little soliloquy in such a dispassionate tone that Leila leaned back in her chair to better take in the whole package. A little surprise package is what she thought of Delphia now and Leila wondered just what kind of life Delphia must have had so far at her young age to speak of such events so matter-of-factly. Danny reached over with his left hand and touched the back of Leila's right hand and asked "Where are you staying tonight missy?"

"Don't rightly know but can't go home til Daddy sobers up." Delphia said looking down at her plate.

"Can thee thay wif us tonite? I can thleep in the twuck and thee can have my bed." Baby interjected immediately.

"Well, of course you can stay here tonite Delphia." Leila said sending a brief look Danny's way.

"Ok, then, it's settled. You're our guest tonight Miss Delphia." Danny announced while Delphia quietly agreed with a feeble "Thank you." Glancing briefly over at Baby, then back to Leila who patted the back of Delphia's right hand with her left. This was one sad story sitting on her left at the table tonight, Leila thought to herself.

"Well if you seen any of them Zoondappers tonite, tell em I want

to buy some more of their bread. That was about the best tasting bread I've ever had in a long, long time." Danny said as he leaned back in his chair feeling very pleasant and smiled at Leila sitting across the table from him.

"Maked me have a funny dream when I ate it today at the parade." Said Delphia, still looking down at her plate.

"What sort of a dream, Delphia?" Leila asked her young dinner guest.

"Dreamed ah could fly and ah flew to the ocean where ah saw the sun disappear in the water."

"That so? You know I had a strange dream last night too." Added Danny, glancing over at Leila, who also was feeling in an unusually good mood after dinner.

"What kind of dream was that hon?" Leila asked her husband.

"I dreamed I ate a giant marshmallow, and I mean a big one too."

Watching Delphia and waiting for her to look up at him, Danny added "And when I woke up..."

"Your pillow was gone." Said Leila, finishing off the sentence for her husband's tired, old joke.

After letting the joke sit there on the table for about five seconds, Danny, Leila and Baby began to laugh to Delphia's consternation.

"Ith a joke, Mith Delphia.", Baby said laughing out loud to Delphia not realizing that that was the first real joke the girl had ever heard other than Booger's 'shit eatin dog jokes' which disgusted her.

Slowly Delphia released a giggle and a demure smile Leila's way.

Just then a strong wet breeze blew rain in on their legs and raised up the tent awning a good foot or so, causing it to slap back down. "My lands." Leila sighed shortly after the laughter had died down. "I do declare, smells like tornado weather tonight."

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The above photo is Ardie's son Kyle's property in Orange City, Iowa.



This was taken at Ardie's daughter Kelli and her husband Wayne's place in Lenox, South Dakota. As you can see it was cold in both places!



This photo of Ardie was taken from her son Kyle's property looking across the road to her son Kendall's property where we stayed in their basement.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Five Reasons Not to Be a "Do-It-Yourself" Investor

These days, you can go online and invest, for modest fees. You can also visit various websites for research and watch numerous cable shows for investment recommendations. So, why shouldn't you be a "do-it-yourself" investor rather than work with a financial professional?

Actually, there are at least five good reasons why a financial advisor can help make you a better investor. A financial advisor can:

Ask the right questions — If you try to invest on your own, you may find yourself asking the wrong questions, such as: "What's the 'hottest' investment out there?" A financial professional can help frame better questions, such as: "Given my individual risk tolerance and long-term goals, which investments should I consider to help me build a balanced portfolio?" In other words, a financial professional can help you ask the questions that can lead to better results.

Look at your situation objectively — No matter how hard you try, you won't be able to take all the emotion out of your investment choices. After all, your investment success will play a large role in some key areas of your life, such as your ability to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Consequently, if you think you're not making the progress you should with your investments, you may be tempted to make a hasty decision to give your portfolio a "jolt." Frequently, though, such choices can backfire. When it comes to investing, it's better to invest with your head, not your heart. A financial advisor can analyze your situation, assess your risk tolerance and make appropriate recommendations.

Show a deeper understanding of investment research — You can look up many types of financial data on your

own. But do you know how to put all these pieces together into a cohesive picture? A financial professional, with years of experience and training, is generally more capable of finding the research sources and making the most sense out of the results.

Put experience to work in making portfolio recommendations. Even if you've been investing for many years, you might be surprised at all the underlying influences that should go into making investment decisions. But a financial professional understands market patterns, the nature of diversification and other factors necessary in helping you make the right choices for your situation.

Spend time looking for opportunities — Even if you enjoy the process of investing, the chances are quite good that you can't spend as much time on it as a financial professional. That means, among other things, you aren't constantly on the lookout for new investment opportunities. Nor are you always looking within your own portfolio for opportunities to rebalance or make other adjustments that can help you move forward toward your goals. But when you work closely with a financial advisor, he or she is exploring the financial markets for new investment prospects while regularly reviewing your portfolio for possibilities of upgrading quality, increasing diversification or making adjustments in response to changes in your life.

The "do-it-yourself" route may be fine for home repairs. But when it comes to managing your investment situation, there are benefits to working with a professional.

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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 with you my journey.

The new year comes right on time every year. The exit of the old year provokes reflection and reconciliation and the arrival of the new year brings hope and possibilities. Amidst the singing, ball-dropping, and festivities there are always preparations behind the scenes for a very important, very historical, world famous event.

The 124th annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses, aka the Rose Parade set off on Colorado Blvd. Five and a half miles long, an estimated ONE MILLION people were sitting on the sidelines, and an estimate 33 million people in 22

countries of people around the world watched the parade on TV; the annual gala of blooms, leaves, and seeds was a spectacular sight. I've been to the parade many times over the last 40 years. The first time was with my fiancée and his family. We drove to Pasadena in the pickup and camper and spent the night on the curb on Colorado Blvd. We didn't get much sleep that New Year's Eve- no one there does on that night. The partying is non-stop. Drinking, laughing, loud music, bon-fires, party blowers, and fire crackers are competing with each other for your attention. The characters on the street are interesting and entertaining. The fruit-loops come out for all the parties!

I've been many more times since that first. Sometimes I spent the night on the curb enjoying the parties, other times I drove a group of us in very early in the morning. I want you to know, the easiest way, by far, is to take the special tour bus, go to your reserved seats in the stands across from the Norton Simon Museum and

next to the television broadcast booths, and then get on the bus and let the driver have the headache of getting out of Pasadena along with a million other people. You can watch the USAF Blackbird fly over in wonderful comfort.

This year the Inland Empire was represented with floats from Kaiser Permanente and The Ramona Pageant with I.E. residents riding on the floats and riding horses (in front of the Ramona Pageant float). One year I had the opportunity to go into Pasadena and help decorate a float. The float builders are always happy to have volunteers. Because there is an abundance of fresh plants, flowers and leaves, there is a ton of work to do, particularly in the last few days and hours before the parade. The warehouses where the floats are built and decorated are freezing cold, but you get to see a dozen floats as a work in progress and it is a fascinating behind the scenes look. After the experience you will never look at the floats the same.

The ONLY way to watch the parade on TV is on KTLA. Bob Eubanks and Stephanie Edwards have been hosting the Rose Parade on KTLA for over 30

years. (Except for the year Stephanie was kicked to the curb and then had to sit in the stands in the rain. That was a HUGE gaff on KTLA's part and I'm sure they were given holy heck for it because she was back the next year) Their experience, insights, contacts, and their playful banter make the sometime boring dry background material enjoyable to listen to. Also it had always been without commercials and rebroadcast all day so you didn't have to get up so early in the morning. I never dreamed that their broadcast was a local one- I don't get it here in central Oregon, which leaves me stuck with two broadcasts from the major networks- they are buried in commercials, have no colorful background information, and they have no passion for the pageantry. I hope you ENJOYED your privilege of being able to see Bob and Stephanie.

Even though I am in the boonies, I still enjoy watching the parade. I hope you did too. Happy New Year! I hope the year 2013 brings you health, happiness, and comfort.

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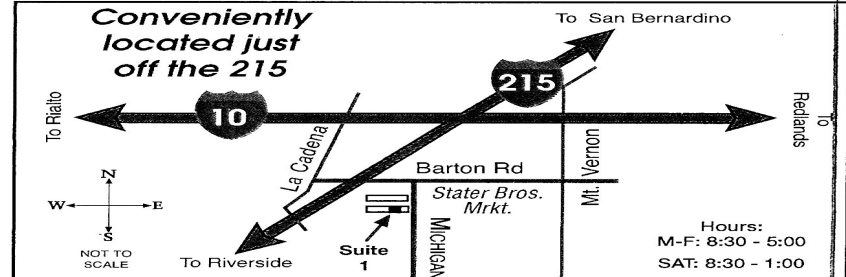


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Burros:

Don & Marlene Ritz: Having put up with the burros all summer I think it is time to round them up and find a place for them other than Highgrove and Grand Terrace. Some people are feeding them, so naturally they keep coming back & multiplying.

In the meantime they are nightly eating our plants, trees, ground cover, breaking our sprinklers and leaving a huge mess nightly as they come & go. Our neighbors mailbox has been broken off twice now. The house next to him broken & replaced just once so far. They have become tame and the kids are petting them. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. Because one little incident can spook them and they will kick.

A dangerous situation that needs to be corrected. We really are tired of cleaning up after them!

Jon and Avalon Brunka: Re: Public comments regarding burro's We live out on Mt. Vernon where the curve out to the old dump used to be. We've been bothered by the burros for at least a year. They come on our property at least once a day, at times in herds of 30-35. When they first came around we felt sorry for them & set out barrels of water for them. Since then they have devoured 4 young avocado trees, 2 lemon trees, 1 persimmon tree and are now eating the foliage off our 3 orange trees. They also have eaten many shrubs and foliage. We called animal control. They told us to make our property less attractive and get an air horn, (the donkeys already have made our property less attractive.) My concern is to keep the burros out of residential areas. They are a threat to drivers as well as themselves as we have already seen 1 donkey killed on the side of the road. Your suggestions of captured and adoption or feeding in rural areas sounds fine.

Annomous: I grew up in Grand Terrace and now live in Highgrove. For the past 11 years me and my wife live on Iowa Ave across from Zorbas. All the years I have lived in this area I did not know about the burros. Me and my wife saw the signs but paid no attention to them until we read about the burros in the Highgrove Happenings and we went to see them. We took some carrots and fed them and we even petted them but I think we should leave them alone because they don't hurt anyone. I think people should let them be. Why don't the home owners put a fence around their property? LET THE BURROS BE!

Editors note: We also had many comments both pro and con about the burros at our November MAC meeting. I have been in contact with the owners of Spring Mountain Ranch and we are looking into providing a place to feed and water the burros away from the homes. We are trying to address the feed and water issues for the burros. We have a list of volunteers who signed up to help at our MAC meeting so hopefully we can arrive at a solution that will satisfy our homeowners and the burros.



The two pictures on this page were taken near the old swimmin' hole in Sandy Hallow Park when Mark and I drove around Orange City, Iowa in the snow.

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