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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area October 2015

Supervisor Tavaglione attends MAC meeting

Supervisor Tavaglione attended the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Sept. 16, 2015.

Here is a summary of the proceedings:

Supervisor Tavaglione stated that he was not the Supervisor for Highgrove when the parcel assessment was put into place and if he were our Supervisor, he would not have done it.

He knows that we voted to assess ourselves but said he can't turn the clock back.

In answer to the request from the Highgrove MAC in regard to the Spring Mountain Ranch properties being exempt from the \$120.00 annual parcel fee, he said: "I don't know how that happened but County Council is working to see if they might be able to change that but I want to wait until we see it in writing".

Supervisor Tavaglione stated that he didn't think a new CSA was formed just for Spring Mountain Ranch. (If not, Spring Mountain Ranch is still in Highgrove's CSA 126E).



During the meeting it was brought up that Spring Mountain Ranch property owners are paying other fees that amount to \$2,000.00. But it was also pointed out that the \$2,000.00 they are paying is for other assessments and none of

that money goes toward the CSA 126E Highgrove Sheriff parcel assessment.

Supervisor Tavaglione said that the audit that was requested by the Highgrove MAC won't be ready for about one more month.

We appreciate Supervisor Tavaglione coming to Highgrove but we will have to wait another month to see what County Council says about Spring Mountain Ranch residents not paying the annual \$120.00 per parcel assessment and the results of the audit.

The meeting was well attended and at the next meeting we will discuss this same issue on Oct. 21, 2015 at the Highgrove library located at 530 Center St. in Highgrove. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

Copy of Audit given to Supervisor John Tavaglione on Aug. 5, 2015

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council calls for Independent Audit of Annual Parcel fees

Audit should include:

Total Income collected from annual parcel fees that appeared on property tax bills as CSA 126E.

The total annual income should be listed for each year starting with the fiscal year of 2008 and ending with the fiscal year of 2015. The audit should show the number of parcels for each year that have paid the CSA 126E assessment and include any parcels that were given an exemption from paying the fees. If there were any exemptions the reasons should be stated.

Total expenses that were paid from CSA 126E funds for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. These expenses should include a detailed list for each year showing amount paid for Sheriff services, amount paid for Park and Landscaping Maintenance, and any other expenses taken out of the CSA 126E funds. A detailed list of expenses for the 2009 Highgrove Day (on May 9, 2009) should show whose funds were used to pay for entertainment and food.

This Audit should include the date that the dedicated Highgrove Sheriff position ended and the amount collected each year after the dedicated Highgrove Sheriff position was eliminated.

Marlborough Ave. Metrolink Station Site



This is the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station that is now under construction. Access to the new station can be made from Iowa Ave. by going east on Marlborough Ave. for about 1/4 mile but the east end of Marlborough Ave. is a dead-end street that ends at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. When the station is finished sometime near the end of this year future commuters will not be able to get to San Bernardino from this location. The new trains on the Perris Valley Line will only operate between Perris and Riverside and points between Riverside and Los Angeles.



This is the entrance to the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink parking lot on the north side of Marlborough Avenue. The new station site is on 9.75 acres.

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Thank you, "Barney" and Ardie



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Come and share your thoughts and feeling regarding the community's programming and services; and ways we can improve outreach and development of "new" services. The group meets every other month with our next meeting taking place **October 28, 2015 from 10am-11am**. Coffee and doughnuts will be served; hope to see you there!

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New Lieutenant assigned to Highgrove!

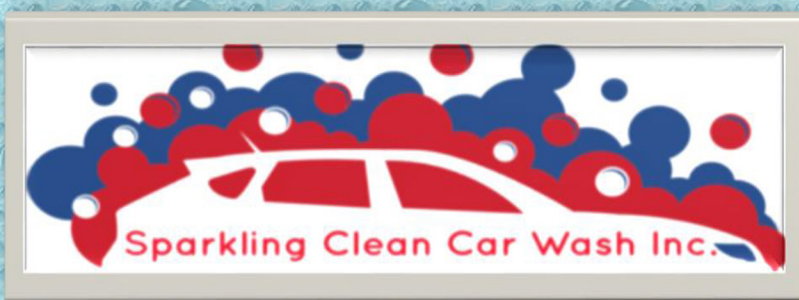


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Lieutenant Dave Kondrit

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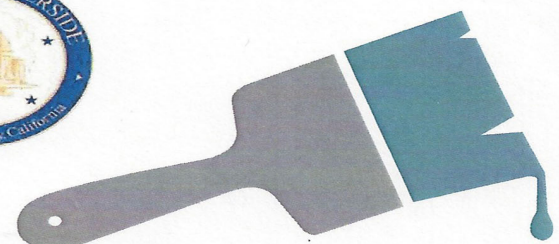
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(A minimal transaction fees will be applied)



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What happened to the Spring Mountain Ranch shopping center?



These two photos were taken at the north/east corner of Palmyrita Ave. and Mt. Vernon Ave. that shows a new parking lot for Sandals church.



In the Spring Mountain Ranch Specific plan No. 323 this property was previously designated as a "Neighborhood Commercial Shopping Center".

While looking through the Specific Plan for Spring Mountain Ranch, I noticed something unusual. I noticed that Planning area 7 shows a 11.73 acre area that indicated it **"will be developed to provide supportive commercial shopping for Spring Mountain Ranch as well as the surrounding community."**

But there is a new parking lot at this location. It may be that it is being used for a parking lot now that will become a shopping center later. But has this property been sold or leased to the church? I know a parking lot

is certainly needed. Planning area 7 may be in the distance but if the Spring Mountain Ranch project was approved that showed a shopping center and it remains a parking lot, I wonder where are all of the new residents are going to go for their basic needs since it is in a remote area surrounded on three sides by impassable foothills. This area only has access to Mt. Vernon Ave. on the west end via Center St., Spring St., Pigeon Pass Road, or Palmyrita Avenue. Here is a copy of Riverside County Specific Plan No. 323.

Planning Area 7 (Commercial) a. Descriptive Summary

Planning Area 7 as illustrated in Figure V-16, is located at the intersection of Palmyrita Avenue and Mount Vernon Street, and is planned to be developed as a neighborhood commercial shopping center. The site consists of approximately 11.73 acres, and will be developed to provide supportive commercial shopping for Spring Mountain Ranch as well as the surrounding community.

As we already know we have new

neighbors in Spring Mountain Ranch and we welcome them to Highgrove.

But one of the drawbacks Highgrove already has, is that we have needed a neighborhood shopping center for many years. If rooftops drive the need for services and no services are provided, then even more residents will have to go to Stater Bros. in Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County for their closest commercial shopping center. This revenue needs to stay in Highgrove and Riverside County.

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The burros spend a lot of time overlooking construction of the new homes!

Articles needed for Highgrove Museum!

If you have anything that you would like to donate for a future Highgrove Museum please give me a call. We want to collect items from our past that may include a smudge pot, old photographs or pictures of things that do not exist anymore. We need to preserve our past his-

tory and anything you may have whether you think it is historical or not please give me a call. We now have a place to store items until we get a building to call our museum. Contact "Barney" at (951) 683 4994 or highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

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Communication Technology Vs. Transportation Technology

The last decade has seen many technological changes due to strides made in electronics and the computer chip. This technology has made it possible for us to take our cell phones with us anywhere we want to go (that has no wires to keep you connected to your home base) and still have access to the internet, or a camera, that is something small enough to hold in just one hand.

But have similar strides been made in the field of transportation? Even though we now have hybrid or electric cars that continue to be made more efficient every day, they still need our freeways to travel from place to place right next to the millions of cars that use fossil fuel.

I have ridden on the Bay Area Rapid Transit system in San Francisco (BART), the New York Subway system, and the subway system in Washington D.C. but I have never ridden on high speed trains like the ones available in Japan or other countries.

Lately there has been a lot of publicity about Governor Brown's high speed trains he wants to build in California and another recent transportation project that would build high speed trains from Victorville to Las Vegas. But these are very costly forms of transportation!

Meanwhile, the existing Metrolink trains continue to be ignored that does not even require any new technology and is millions of dollars cheaper than building new high speed rail systems.

On Aug. 26, 2015 I attended a Transportation Summit in Perris that was hosted by the Riverside County Transportation Commission that advertised a: **"UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION"**.

I wrote about this meeting in last month's issue (Sept. 2015 P. 5 & 6).

The information advertising the meeting in Perris and four other meetings in Riverside County stated: **"Join your neighbors to help develop a Strategic Action**

Plan to enhance Riverside County's mobility and quality of life through sound infrastructure investments and an effective transportation system". It also states: **"The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is seeking public input to guide and improve the county's transportation planning. RCTC oversees funding and coordination of public transportation services within Riverside County. A series of transportation summits will be held on the dates listed to the right where you can share your knowledge, values, concerns and vision for the future of transportation in the county"**.

But for 14 years RCTC has opposed building a Metrolink station that is **"within Riverside County"** that just happens to be at Highgrove which is only about 1/2 mile south of the San Bernardino County line. RCTC is only concerned about overseeing: "funding and coordination of public transportation services within Riverside County".

The key word here is **"within"** because even though Highgrove is in Riverside County, back on Oct. 11, 2006 former RCTC Executive Director, Eric Haley opposed this location by stating: **"Highgrove station would be too close to the county line"** and **"The residents of San Bernardino County would be using the Highgrove station"**.

Unfortunately, even though the Highgrove station is supported by residents and State Senators from both counties, after 14 years the current RCTC Executive Director Anne Mayer is still supporting former Executive Director Eric Haley's policies.

So what happens to the transportation money we voted on?

Federal, State and Local Transportation funding is put on the ballot and passed by the voters.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission receives funding authorized by the voters.

SANBAG also receives funding authorized by the voters in San Bernardino County.

The real question is: If both county transportation agencies receive

funding for transportation purposes why can't they work together to build a parking lot at Highgrove that would benefit both counties?

The Highgrove station is the most cost effective way to spend transportation money because all that is needed is a parking lot. The existing Metrolink trains currently go between the two counties right now that is next to vacant land at Highgrove that is owned by RCTC where the parking lot is needed. The new Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station on the Perris Valley Line will only stay **"within Riverside County"**. Commuters will not be able to get from Marlborough Ave. to San Bernardino County under RCTC's current plan.

The \$8,625,000.00 Federal and State transportation money that RCTC used to purchase the Highgrove property has been adjusted so that only \$3,277,500.00 is being charged to the Perris Valley Line. The remaining \$5,347,500 has been transferred to Measure "A" funds which are local funds. RCTC only needs the width of the track to connect the two railroads and they have labeled their excess property an **"uneconomic remnant"**. But this is the same exact property the people from both counties have identified as an ideal place for a Metrolink station.

After 14 years, why does RCTC still oppose using their excess property for a parking lot?

Please re-read the items in bold to verify that RCTC is only interested in **"funding and coordination of public transportation services within Riverside County."**

To the residents of Grand Terrace, Loma Linda and Colton in San Bernardino County who have supported the Highgrove location for many years, please review the previous comments made by Eric Haley on Oct. 11, 2006 shown in bold italics because nothing has changed since these statements were made nine years ago!

The information contained in our articles and on our web site are true and are verified in writing. But if these statements are true why can't someone or some agency do

something about this transportation agency that refuses to use their excess property for transportation purposes? What does RCTC plan on doing with their excess property that is needed for a parking lot or the \$5,347,500.00 they already have invested at Highgrove in Local Measure "A" Transportation money they do not need for the Perris Valley Line that they call an **"uneconomic remnant?"**

A parking lot at Highgrove is needed because Metrolink commuter trains go through Highgrove in both directions seven days a week that take commuters between the two counties. This location has been supported for 14 years from both sides of the county line and hundreds of new homes are being built that are only about 1 mile east of the Highgrove Metrolink location.

Each month for many years (except Nov. and Dec. of 2014 and Jan. of 2015 when we did not go to print due to my wife going through cancer treatments), I have personally delivered complementary copies of our newspapers to the Riverside County Administration building that includes the Riverside County Transportation Commission, WRCOG (Western Riverside Council of Governments), The Riverside County Board of Supervisors, and the Riverside County Transportation & Land Management Agency.

I also take complementary copies to the Riverside City Hall for members of the Riverside City Council and the Mayor, and to other city agencies such as city planning and public works.

The Executive Director of the RCTC, Anne Mayer said that she reads our newspaper but I do not know if the other commissioners receive a copy. Anne Mayer and I have different opinions and we have agreed to disagree.

If our newspaper is not telling the truth, we would like for RCTC to dispute our facts and figures.

We challenge RCTC to examine any information printed in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper about this subject and respond to any part that is not true!

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Cat has kittens in garage

Last month we printed a story about a spider in our bedroom but this month we had another problem with another type of intruder.

While I was in my garage recently I thought I heard a kitten meowing but I couldn't tell where it was coming from. I finally found the source which was a mother cat and 4 kittens that had taken up residency under a shelf in the back of my garage. I shut all of the garage doors to contain them and after tearing my garage apart I was able to get the 4 newborn kittens into a laundry basket. I also captured the mother who was naturally upset because I took her four kids. Ardie and I were able to get the mother into a small cage but before I could wire the cage shut, she escaped. That left us with 4 kittens that needed their mother's milk but she was long gone!

Using some extra screen wire, I built a 3 ft. X 4 ft. wire cage that has 1 inch squares and I made a spring loaded door and set the basket of kittens inside hoping the mother would return for them. As the day turned into evening we put a light by the cage but she was not interested in returning for her babies. I moved the large cage near the back door and attached a small rope to the post that held up the cage and re-positioned a security camera so we could monitor the cage from our television set in case she came back for them. I put the small rope through the partly opened back door so I could pull the rope and

capture the mother when she went in after her babies. She didn't return for the kittens so we brought them in for the night.

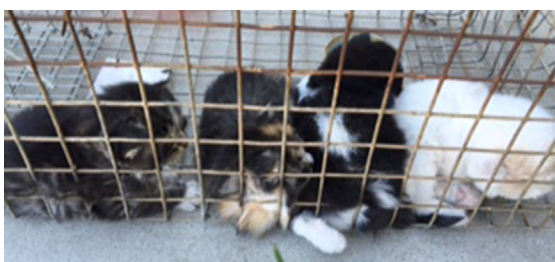
We were worried that the kittens needed nourishment so I went to the store and bought formula especially made for young kittens and 2 small bottles with nipples and Ardie fed the kittens.

The next day we put the basket of kittens inside the cage again and spent a total of 9 hours watching for the mother to return but it did not happen. The mother cat never came back for them! What kind of mother is that!

Several years ago we adopted 2 kittens, had them fixed, and we still have 2 inside cats that have never been outside. We both love animals but we were concerned for the newborn kittens.

On the third day we finally called Animal control and they said they would not euthanize them if we brought them to the shelter. On our way to the shelter on Van Buren Blvd. in Riverside, the timing was such that we ended up at the intersection of Center St. and Iowa Ave. at the same time as an animal control truck. The truck driver was former Highgrove MAC member Mark Visyak who was on another call in the area so we pulled him over and gave the 4 kittens to Mark to take to the shelter.

The mother cat is still on the loose in the neighborhood and as far as I'm concerned she is an unfit mother. (We never did find the spider we wrote about in last month's issue.)



We rescued the 4 kittens on the left and used them for bait but we couldn't catch the mother because she never came back for them!- What a bad mother!

Mouth to mouth saved cat from the past!

Reprint from a Highgrove Happenings article in March 2005



Terri Thompson is shown trying to save her cat's life by giving mouth to mouth to her cat "Mandela". Terri's house caught on fire on Feb. 7, 2005 and I went back and found this cat related story in our old files.



One of the firemen from Highgrove Station 19 brought "Mandela" out to the curb and returned with oxygen that was given to the cat. The cat appeared very limp but after a few minutes the cat's tail made a couple of moves and eventually it was apparent that the oxygen was helping. There was extensive damage to the house and garage due to the fire and smoke but a new house was constructed shortly thereafter on this same property on Flynn Street. (Re-print from our archives over 10 & 1/2 years ago!)

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Signs of an abandoned track starting to show!



The Union Pacific railroad track between the I-215 freeway and Marlborough Ave. was abandoned when the I-215 freeway was widened in Grand Terrace. The UPRR would have been required to build a wider bridge across the freeway but since there was little freight income from this section of track they chose to just stop the track on the west side of the freeway near La Crosse Avenue. The roadbed on the east side is still in place but there is no bridge to span the freeway. The nearby BNSF railroad bridge was put into place last year and is the main line between Los Angeles and other eastern cities. The above photo is looking northward toward Highgrove from Palmyrita Ave. on the Union Pacific RR Riverside Line.



Looking south from Palmyrita it looks like this business has extended their fence over the track to keep everything out including trains!



Recent rains have covered the track with mud between Marlborough Ave. and where the track ends before it reaches the Perris Valley Line track.

Safe Freight Act now requires two member Train Crews!

Dear Mr. Barnett:

On September 8, 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law legislation requiring that all freight trains and light engines are operated by a crew of at least two individuals. This critical legislation will protect the jobs of our members, support the health of the Railroad Retirement trust fund and make California's railroads -- and the communities that surround them -- safer. The SMART TD National Legislative Office's full statement is attached to this e-mail.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Senator Lois Wolk for her sponsorship and to J.P. Jones, Mike Anderson and the entire California State Legislative Board for their hard work explaining the importance of this legislation to California lawmakers.

While the success in California is a very important step, more work must be done to enact similar legislation at the federal level. If you have not done so already, I would ask that you take a moment and follow this link to the SMART TD Legislative Action Center to send a brief, pre-drafted message asking Congressman Takano to become a cosponsor of H.R. 1763, the Safe Freight Act. This legislation would similarly require that all freight trains are operated by a crew of at least two individuals, nationwide.

Sincerely,

John Risch

National Legislative Director

SMART Transportation Division

Railroad train crew reductions

Reprint from July 2006 Highgrove Happenings

Being a former railroader who worked back in the days of the cabooses I recently received word that the railroads are still trying to convince congress that it is safe to operate a train with just one person.

My how times have changed! In 1960 when I hired out on the Santa Fe, the trains that originated in Los Angeles that went through San Bernardino to Barstow required 11 train crew members for each train.

From LA to San Bernardino the freight train crew consisted of a Conductor, Engineer, Fireman, head brakeman, and rear brakeman. The Conductor and rear brakeman rode in the caboose. Those crews were called Valley crews that operated between the LA and San Bernardino terminals. The Hill crews then took over the train from San Bernardino to Barstow with another 5 crew members plus another brakeman called a "Swing man" who rode from San Bernardino to Victorville and then caught another train back to San Bernardino. The swing man was necessary for the dangerous conditions of freight operations down the steep grade that we all know as the Cajon Pass.

Day or night, rain or shine the swing man would ride on top of the train, usually on top of a box car in the middle of the train as it came down Cajon Pass. If he detected anything wrong such as a sliding wheel, overheated journal (hot box) or, sticking brake he would use hand

(and arm) signals or his lantern at night to stop the train. If the head end of the train saw the stop signals from the swing man, the engineer or fireman would stop the train or if the Conductor or rear brakeman saw the stop sign they could also stop the train from the caboose. This system was used before the crews had hand held radios. Naturally many things have changed over the years and for a long time the trains have had only two crew members, the Conductor and Engineer, that ride in the engine, since there is no longer a caboose. The two man crew takes the train from Los Angeles all the way to Barstow since San Bernardino was eliminated as a terminal many years ago.

Now the railroads want to reduce the crew size even further by cutting the crew size down to just one person, the Engineer.

When I was railroading, the switch crews in the San Bernardino Yard had an Engineer, Fireman, Engine Foreman (yard Conductor), and sometimes 5 other switchmen on that same crew to switch cars in the old "B" yard just south of the Rialto Ave. Bridge. This switching yard has been re-designed and now 2 people are on the switch crew and both of them are on the ground since there is no engineer at all in the engine (on some of the jobs). The switchman can control the engine's movements forward, back-

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Low curb collects water on south/east corner of Center St. and Mt. Vernon Avenue



This is Center St. looking toward Blue Mountain on the east side of Mt. Vernon Avenue. Center St. on the left is much higher than the new curb on the right that was installed several months ago at this intersection.



This view is looking south down Mt. Vernon Ave. where the curb is also too low for the road elevation. Rainwater and excess water from a nearby orange grove drains water into this area where it sits until it evaporates.



Just a few feet away is a man hole that I believe is access to an underground storm drain that takes rainwater down Center Street. If this is a pipe for the storm drain, why can't there be an underground connection from the pond to the storm drain? Our Oct. 2007 issue had a photo of concrete pipes that were being installed at Mr. Vernon Ave. and Spring St. dated October 16, 2007. This pipe was installed in Center St. during that same time period.

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Phil's Philosophy

By Phil Turner

A few Distractions

The news these days is awful! At every turn there is a fresh crisis. We see the terrible images of the many thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East, from those who murder and enslave those in their own religion.

The economy is on shaky ground, and the stock market is down almost 2,000 points, as I write this piece. Although oil prices are at the lowest point in many years, we are still paying around \$3.00 per gallon for gas. There is always a refinery problem, or switching to summer blend.

We see unrest everywhere. Ferguson, Baltimore, Treyvon Martin... And that is just here in the U.S. Every continent is suffering even higher levels of violence and unrest.

I have a few suggestions to distract you from the FOX, CNN, and every day carnage. I don't intent to become a media critic, but I do have a few suggestions.

I just received my pre-order for Killing Reagan by Bill O'Reilly. Almost finished reading, and it is wonderful. There is much I didn't know. Not a hit piece, but an honest look at my favorite president. Having mentioned Bill O'Reilly, I must add that the other books he has written are equally as wonderful. Killing Lincoln, Killing Kennedy, Killing Patton and Killing Jesus. I especially enjoyed Killing Lincoln.

Not a self help book, but a great uplifting read is Hugh Hewitt's, Happiest Life: Seven Gifts, Seven Givers and The Secret to Genuine

Happiness.

Ken Follett's Century Trilogy is the very best I've read in many years. Three large volumes that will keep you up at night for several days. They can be read in any order, or alone, but best to start with the first, Fall of Giants. After that, anything he has written.

If you like sheer excitement try Vince Flynn. His main character is a CIA/covert, Mitch Rapp. Makes you wish there was such a guy in our government now.

Very offbeat and dark are the novels of Andrew Vachss. His main character, Burke, is the ultimate anti-hero.

Standing with my favorite Ken Follett novels is a novel by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, The Shadow of the Wind. Set in Barcelona just after the war, may be my favorite.

If you have not read The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson, you have missed a cultural icon. This is the first of a trilogy of books set in modern day Sweden, primarily Stockholm. There are even tours to Sweden visiting the places mentioned in the books. The English version of the movie is great, from the opening credits.

I just saw the movie, The War Room. The title is misleading. It is a moving film about faith. If you are a person of faith, you will be inspired.

Speaking of movies, I always revisit, Caddy Shack, Animal House, Blazing Saddles, Catch 22, Saving Private Ryan, Band of Brothers, We Were Soldiers, and The Civil War by Ken Burns.

Hope you and I are distracted from the 24 hour news cycle by some of these wonderful works.

Geological Rambles and Rumbles: Landslides

by Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York

Causes of Landslides—Part 1: Natural Internal Forces

In last month's article I discussed how landslides are classified. This article addressed the natural internal forces within landforms that affect landslide potential. Natural and man-made external forces will be addressed in a future article.

Landslides can result from a change in the internal and external forces that act on a landform body, especially those with high and steep slopes. (The term "landform body" hereafter refers to any topographic feature that is subject to slope movement.) All landforms are somewhat prone to slumping or collapse, depending on the internal strength ("cohesiveness"), the moisture content, the presence of weak zones within it, the frictional forces acting within it, and the external forces that impinge upon it, such as removal of buttressing deposits, and the physical and chemical character of the underlying material. The following discussion is not comprehensive or highly technical, but attempts to explain the most common internal forces involved in natural landslide triggering.

The internal forces acting on a landform body vary locally, and their effects depend on the type of materials that are involved. These materials can be classified informally as either (1) bedrock, which can be solid or layered, both of which can be cracked and fragmented, or (2) loose materials, which can in-

clude sand, silt, clay, and soil.

Solid and layered bedrock

Solid bedrock: Bedrock that is classified as "solid" generally has internal physical properties that are somewhat uniform in all directions; this uniformity gives it a strong cohesiveness. An example would be the granite-like rock that forms the face of El Capitan in Yosemite Park. These solid rocks commonly deteriorate by exfoliation (the spalling, or breaking off, of external slabs parallel to the exposed faces), and chemical weathering. They also can be worn down and carved through surface erosion by streams.

Layered bedrock: Bedrock that is classified as "layered" includes (1) sedimentary, (2) volcanic, and (3) certain metamorphic (altered) rocks such as schist. Sedimentary rock contains beds that differ visibly according to the amount of sand, silt, clay, and other minerals. Volcanic rock has "stacked" flows, or visibly varying layers of cooled lava and other volcanic material such as those listed further on. Metamorphic rock can have layers of weak material (such as mica) that can be the source of sliding.

Examples of sedimentary rocks are:

(a) limestones and dolostones, which have solid properties similar to those of solid granitic rocks, but are softer and thus less resistant to abrasion; they also can be chemically eroded internally to create cavities and caves. In these rocks, as in solid rock, the internal force that holds them together is the interlocking of crystals.

(b) sandstones and siltstones, which are generally bedded (lay-

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During this time of year, plants are also beginning to cycle into dormancy and require less water than the summer and spring which is the height of the growing season. Dormancy is triggered by shorter days and less direct sunlight as opposed to warm weather, so even though September and October days may be warm, the extra water really does the plants no good.

At this time of year, the water put into the soil remains in the ground longer because the plants require less water as they prepare to go dormant. In addition, less water evaporates as the days become shorter with less intense sunlight.

Remember to also turn off your irrigation system in advance of local rainstorms. Irrigation systems can remain off for a week or more following major storms as the soil retains the moisture longer than the summer months.

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ered) and held together by various types of cementing minerals such as quartz or calcite.

(c) shale, which is made of compressed and cemented clays; and

(d) evaporates, such as halite (salt), gypsum, anhydrite, nitrites, and, as in the Mojave Desert, borates.

Friction and the interlocking of minerals are the internal forces that give sedimentary rocks their strength against gravity.

Examples of volcanic rock are:

(a) cooled lava flows

(b) ash falls, which are airborne clouds of ash that settle on land surface

(c) welded tuffs, which are cooled and solidified deposits of glassy

particles derived from molten ash falls; and

(d) debris flows and mud flows derived from the disintegration of other volcanic materials.

Examples of metamorphic rock are:

(a) schists with weak layers, and

(b) metamorphosed sediments with inter-bedded marble.

All of the above-listed rock bodies can contain weak zones, such as vertical and bedding-parallel cracks and layers of soft material. Landslides occur in them where their internal forces which are balanced by gravity are relieved by moisture and ice formation.

Loose materials

Loose materials consist of vari-

ous combinations of sand, silt, clay, and soil. Sand and silt may be held together weakly by compression and internal friction caused by the roughness of particles pressed against each other. Clays differ from sand in that they are made of fine-grained, sheet like minerals that are bound together not only by friction against each other, but by the chemical bonds that act across their surfaces. Soils are included in the loose-materials category and can act like sand, silt, or clay, depending on their composition.

The internal forces and structures (cracks and weak bedding), com-

bined with the external form of a landform body, determine the kind of landslide that might occur. Falls and topples occur on steep, solid, or layered bedrock slopes with cracks or weak bedding. Slides and lateral spreads consist of layered bedrock or loose materials where gravity overcomes internal friction. Mudflows and debris flows occur in bodies of loose material that can become saturated and liquefied.

Future articles will address the external natural forces as well as human activities that cause landslides.

Robert Fakundiny, Albany, NY.

Train crew reduction article dated July 2006

ward, blow the whistle, etc. with a radio controlled box that hangs around his neck as he walks along the track.

The United Transportation Union position is that "Fatigue is already a serious problem in the railroad industry. What kind of homeland security is it when you are hauling hazardous materials that could be the target of terrorist attacks". The UTU International

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President Paul Thompson said the UTU would "continue seeking out opportunities to inform investors, the public, the media and lawmakers at all levels of government the safety and national security risks railroads are willing to take in order to boost even further what are already record carrier profits and executive bonuses". My how times have changed!

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California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

Dr. Cindy visits California:
Former Highgrove resident, Dr. Cindy Williams from Bend, Oregon, visited California and we were able to have lunch with her on Sept. 16, 2015. Dr. Williams is a retired Chiropractor whose business was in Grand Terrace.

Greetings from Highgrove! Happily, as I am writing this article in the new Highgrove Branch Library as I am visiting Highgrove and surrounding areas. What a wonderful facility; it's one you should be proud of. I worked for the Library in an old building on Center St. In 1971-1972. I used the library there, in the little old white house on Center St. and in the old round building in front of the school. The new library is fresh, modern, and should be packed with students and adults all the time. If the need arises, fight to preserve access with good hours and services. It's a wise investment in the community.

I am on my first vacation since I left Highgrove nearly five years ago. I've been back a couple of times since then- once for business and then two years ago to see my brother before he passed away from brain cancer-not a vacation! Driving from the south end of Riverside to the north end of San Bernardino and from Upland over to Redlands I was somewhat disoriented. There's been a lot of concrete poured around here the past few years! Traffic is still as hectic as ever; I have to come down here to refresh my freeway driving skills and keep fierce. My edge gets a bit soft driving mostly 45 mph and un-

der in Bend, Oregon! I took my first trip over the new bridge on Iowa Ave. That is really nice! We sure could have used it sooner --- about forty years ago! I would be horrified to add up how many hours (days) I've sat cooling my heels at those tracks. Add in the ones on Main and Center Streets, and it would be a short lifetime. When I was a kid, we thought the trains were cool. We would count the cars, look at the different designs, and enjoyed the experience. Naturally, as adults, we are not as impressed with the "wasted time". I still love trains but I don't enjoy seeing the cars tagged and covered with graffiti. In Bend, I sometimes see cars all painted up riding through town; I'm sorry to say it can make me homesick.

Friends here are thanking me for bringing the rain to the area. I appreciate the compliment but I can't take any credit for it. Most of Oregon is in a severe drought situation and we are in as big a bind in many areas as all the other western states. My area isn't too bad as there is a river running through town but if you look at it with an experienced eye, the river is lower and the mountains had the snow pack melt very early. This is in contrast to three winters ago when the snow pack was so high, Mt. Bachelor ski resort opened for 4th of July weekend slope activity. The past two years one could only go pine-needle skiing in July. Water conservation is requested even in our area. The water tables are not being replenished as full by the melted winter snows and

there is worry of the risk of running out of well water. Our home is supplied by well water, so the concern is very real for us.

The reason for my trip was the occasion of Dana Williams' 60th birthday. We thought it was a good excuse for a family reunion. Most of the family was able to make it to brother Cory Williams' home at the north end of San Bernardino. The place was filled with my siblings-Mark Colleen and Brad; their spouses, our kids, nieces and nephews, grand kids and friends. Jim Cullen and his mother Betty came to share the fun. I was teasing Jim- who is Dana's age. "You used to be younger than me; what happened?" It's hard to fathom these boys- pesky younger brothers with their buddies- being grandparents when I am not old enough (in my head) to be a grandparent! It's not easy to grasp that we are as "old" as we are. Three of us Williams kids are over 60 and the others are waiting their turn. My four grandchildren are a sharp reminder that time is fluid, keeps moving, and the mind can keep up or not. Either way, we age. We can do it with fun and grace, or make ourselves miserable in the process.

I met Bobbie Forbes, super real estate agent, for Thai food in Grand Terrace, had lunch with my editors Ardie and Barney Barnett (who are looking great!), went into New2You to visit with Mary Iry, had a grinder at D'Elias and visited with a few of my former culinary students. Veronica is the sous chef at Watercress Vietnamese Restaurant in Redlands on Barton Rd. (I highly recommend it!). I drove by the Mission Inn and tons of memories flooded back. I shared with Ricky Camacho of Highgrove and Tiffany over a beer at The

Salted Pig, how I went there first in Girl Scouts at the age of 11 or so. I fell in love with the place and have had a fascination with it since then. I sang for weddings in the St. Francis chapel in the early 70's, queued up in the Music Room with North HS Choir before hiking up Mt. Rubidoux for Easter Sunrise services in 1971 and many years later with the Riverside Master Chorale for Easter services again. I've attended weddings, receptions, parties and also prowled the place with my brother before doors and gates were kept locked. My grandmother, Marie "Momo" Green was the switchboard operator around 1969 to 1971 or so and was an endless resource of historical information and juicy gossip. I was so relieved when it was purchased, renovated and saved from the endless threat of demolition. Unlike some of us, it has aged beautifully and will be around long after we're gone.

As I traveled from one end of the Inland Empire to the other, I took surface streets so I could recapture the character of the area, savor it, and take a fresh supply of "home" back with me. I mentally hugged the few orange trees I saw and the many palm trees. I REALLY miss orange and palm trees. I have pine and cedar to spare but no orange or palm trees in central Oregon. I saw the many new business and buildings on University Ave., the expanded complex for Cal Baptist College on Adams, and the new buildings and business in Grand Terrace.

It was good to be back home. After all, "home is where the heart is" but my heart will always belong to Highgrove!

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Union Jobs: Good or Bad?

Decades ago labor unions were formed to benefit the working class to improve wages and working conditions. Today the goals remain basically the same in many cases. But the difference now is that we are in a world economy more now than we have been in the past. The skyrocketing amount of excess people that are out of work is due partly because technology has advanced so rapidly that many previous jobs have been eliminated or consolidated through automation or robots or computers which leaves the unskilled or un-trained worker wondering where his or her job went! So what do we, and other countries do if we have an excessive amount of unskilled workers? It is, and always has been related to competition. Can you name one occupation that doesn't involve competition? If you can, you should capitalize on that because if you have something that is needed and doesn't have any competition you will certainly

flourish! As a long-time member of a labor union, I remember how it was always a struggle when contract negotiations came up. The Railroad companies always wanted to increase the workload and duties of their employees and the workers wanted more wages and/or benefits. It was a constant struggle between management and labor. In 1975 I was elected by my fellow workers to be the Delegate from Local 811 in San Bernardino to the national convention of the United Transportation Union Convention in Miami, Florida. I represented on-train crews that included Conductors, Brakemen, and Engineers who operated trains between San Bernardino and Barstow, San Bernardino and Los Angeles and San Bernardino and San Diego and other out-lying railroad crews who worked at other stations such as Kaiser, Victorville, and Corona. I also represented Switchmen who worked out of the San Bernardino

Santa Fe/BNSF yard. At that time, the train crews in San Bernardino were going through a major change where one entire section of the labor force was being eliminated and the jobs of the car inspectors was being transferred to the train crews. This was unusual for our area and at the Convention I talked to various other delegates from the United States and Canada that told me they were also having to assume these new responsibilities. I personally met with the UTU President, Al Chesser during the convention in Miami about this change. The change resulted in the car inspectors jobs being eliminated and the train crews being required to inspect their own trains. Today, the car inspectors are gone as well as the clerks who kept track of the freight cars, the telegraph operators, and we all know there are no longer any cabooses on the trains. In 1993 hundreds of San Bernardino railroad workers in another department were hit with another blow

when the Santa Fe Shops in San Bernardino were closed and torn down. The employees in this 100 year old facility were laid off unless they wanted to move to the re-located shops in Topeka, Kansas. So what happens to workers who have been laid off due to consolidation, down-sizing or modernization? If they are un-trained they are out of luck unless they can be re-trained in something else. The workforce becomes even more saturated with workers who have learned a trade that was not necessary any more due to being undercut by foreign labor whose jobs made products cheaper in China or have been replaced by a machine, a robot, or a computer. Is the best future occupation one that designs something that will eliminate the need for people? I guess that has already been done hasn't it? There are two other articles on page 7 that shows how the railroad work force has been downsized. Please take another look at P. 7.

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The winner this month is Timothy Villalabos. Timothy is 10 years old and is the son of Nicole & Javier. He is home schooled and is in the 5th grade. His teach is Mrs. Krizek. Congratulation and thank you for providing us with these words for the puzzle. Next months winner will need to have 30 new words for us to make the next puzzle. Rules shown above.



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

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

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

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

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