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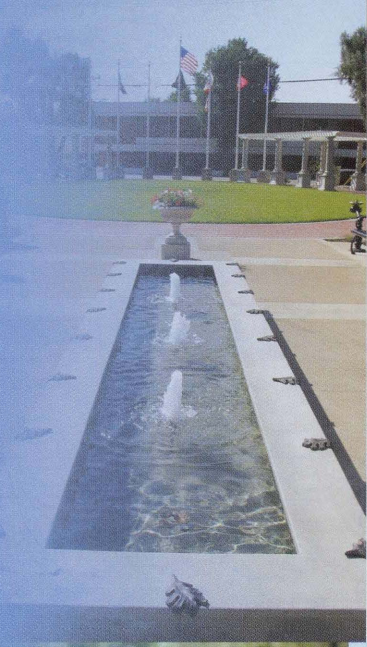
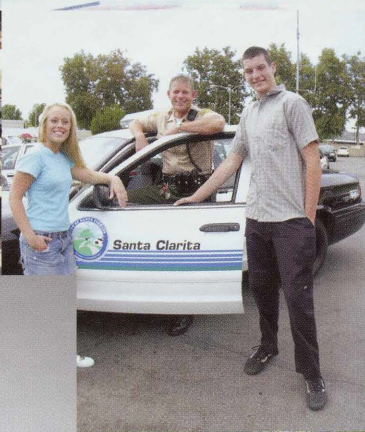
Celebrating 20 Years of Success

2007 SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL



*(left to right front) Mayor Marsha McLean,
City Councilmember Laurene Weste
(rear from left) Mayor Pro-tem Bob Kellar and City
Councilmembers Frank Ferry and Tim Ben Boydston*

It is our honor to carry on the tradition of a responsive, professional local government for the benefit of the citizens we serve. In this, our 20th year of cityhood, we look back with pride on all that has been accomplished. Like you, we live here too! We are so very proud of the people of this city and the many ways you continue to help each other and serve your community. As your City Council, we look forward to and are committed to a bright future for Santa Clarita!



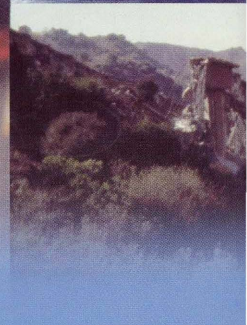
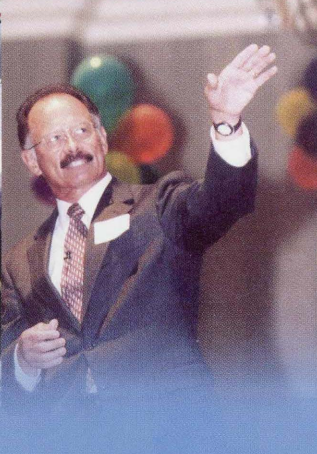
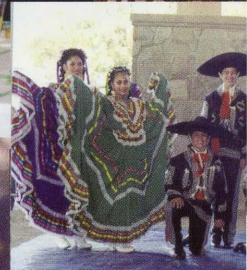
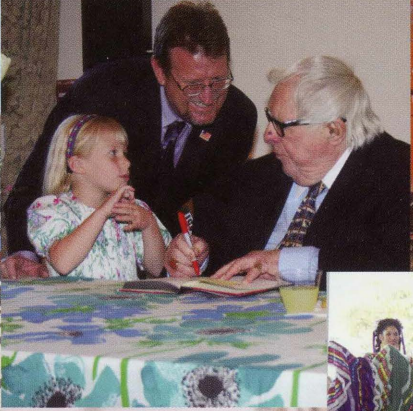
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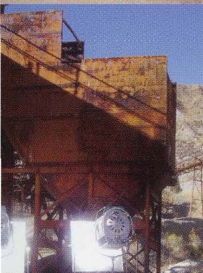
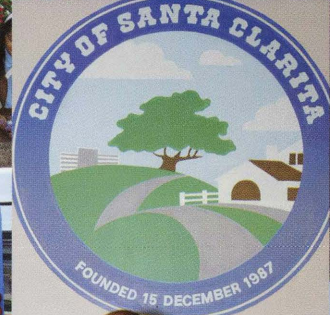
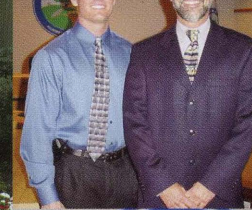
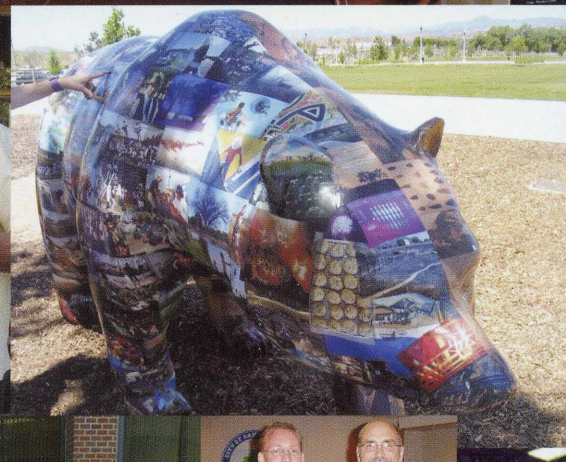
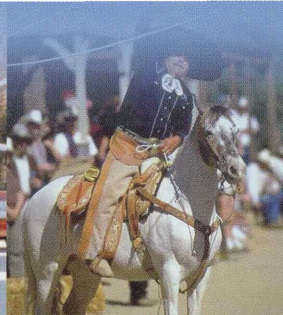
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got mayor?

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Dedication



In the back of the City Council Chambers at Santa Clarita City Hall hangs a large plaque that recognizes our City founders. Of the 189 names listed, some of those people still reside here, some have passed away, others have moved on to different communities – but all forever carry the badge of honor that rightfully belongs to them as creators of the City of Santa Clarita.

The plaque reads: *“In Special Recognition of the Pioneers of the City of Santa Clarita. For possessing the foresight, vision, and the dream of self-government for the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley. For unselfishly giving numerous hours of time, talent and effort to assist in the realization of this goal; and for putting into positive action your faith and determination to preserve the principles of self-government for the future well-being of the citizens of this valley and the City of Santa Clarita.*

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation from the City Council and the City of Santa Clarita. --- December 17, 1988.”

Now, upon the 20th anniversary of cityhood, this book is dedicated to these pioneers for their love of this community, their perseverance in the quest for home rule, and their determination to see it through.

— Gail Ortiz & Diana Sevanian

Cityhood Founders—Nancy Albrecht, Richard Aldrich, Bonnie Barnard, Budd Barrett, Jean Bean, Harry Bell, Robert Benson, Mona Berman, Michael Berger, Thomas Bissell, Joan and Paul Boog, Robert Boog, Carl Boyer, III, Jack Boyer, Charlotte Brann, Louis Brathwaite, William J. Broyles, James Buttita, H.G. “Gil” Callowhill, Allan Cameron, Karen Cameron, Beulah Cannon, Agnes Cantrel, Lisa Michele Caskey, Betty Castleberry, John Caston, Beverly Celentano, Madelyn Chapple, Jeffrey D. Christiansen, Dave Cleary, Pat Comey, Linda Conklin, Dennis Conn, Linda Couture, Elizabeth Curwen, Peggy Dalton, Jo Anne Darcy, Mitch Davis, Kenneth Dean, Morrie Deason, Cheryl Deaton, David De Roos, Mike Dvorjevich, Art Donnelly, Glo Donnelly, Deborah Dunham, Ed Dunn, Wendy Eberle, Betty Eikrem, Gordon Ewing, Dennis Farnham, Harry Fedderson, Gordon Feltcorn, William Flayer, Peggy Fleming, Maureen Focht, Laurie Foster, Marilyn Frank, Jack Frickell, Linda Frisbey, John Fuller, Lou Garasi, Rita Garasi, Maurice Garrick, Robin Geissler, Ken and Linda Grubbs, Ann Grunbok, Robert Grunbok, Laurie Gunby, Ed Guyot, Don Hale, Monty Harrell, Jan Heidt, Joy Hicks, Bill Hinton, Janice Hoskinson, John Hoskinson, Red Hynch, Olive Irwin, Charles Ives, Maise Ives, Don Jennings, Rose Jennings, Vera Johnson, Warren Johnson, Diane Kawell, Ralph Killmeyer, Myrna Kinter, Douglas Kirk, Jill Klajic, Gail Klein, Alice Klein, Paul Klein, Bruce Klein, Dennis M. Koontz, Karen Kotch, Michael Kotch, Chris Kudija, Bob Lathrop, Barbara Leavett, Donald Lehman, Edward Littleton, Frank Lorelli, Mike Lyons, Stephen Marshall, Andy Martin, Terry Martin, Nancy Matiace, Bruce McFarland, Howard P. “Buck” McKeon, Valerie McMillan, Leanori Minghini, Kay Moon, Mike Moon, Mike Mullen, Jocelyn Müllen, Elaine Nichols, Larry Nichols, Carolyne Nixon, Ronald J. Nolan, Bob Noville, John J. O’Brien, Lawrence O’Connell, Walter O’Connell, Karin O’Keefe, Joseph Palmieri, Frank A. Parkhurst, Lavona B. Pearce, George Pederson, Vernon H. Pera, Joellen Perkins, Elliott Jay Peterman, Glenn Reed, Helen Reardon, John Rivetti, Dorothy Riley, Bill Roberts, Hazel Rohl, Maury Rosas, Sam Roden, Evelyn Ross, Viki Rudolph, Patricia Saletore, Carmen Sarro, Mary Savaikie, Jim Schutte, Jim Scott, Bonnie Schaeffer, Jerry Shepro, Myrna Shepro, Jeannette Sharar, Robert Silverstein, Alex Skinnider, Ernie Spencer, Mary Spring, Gerald Steinberg, Moana Steinberg, Edmund G. Stevens, Sydell Stokes, Linda Hovis Storli, Carla Swift, Jamie Timmons, Mary Jo Tropicich, Ron Tropicich, Robert Turner, Bruce and Judy Umbeck, Kathy Ungar, Maurice D. Ungar, Muriel Usselman, Richard M. Vacar, Christian Van Eunen, Julie Vagts, Tom Veloz, Kent Volding, Van Von Shoik, Casey Vose, Kurt and Vicci Wagner, Albert Webb, April Wegner, Laurene Weste, James White II, Connie Worden, Gary Wyatt, Felicia Young.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Success

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, it is my pleasure to cordially wish the City of Santa Clarita a very happy 20th anniversary.

Our family moved to the Santa Clarita Valley in 1973 for two reasons: a home we could afford to buy and the good reputation of the schools. We were not disappointed. Our three children are now grown and thriving, and we have six grandchildren. My husband Dale and I have been business owners in Santa Clarita for more than thirty years.

In the early 1970's and 1980's our area was perceived as remote and therefore a target for not-so-nice projects such as a toxic dump, and the world's largest landfill in the Angeles National Forest in Elsmere Canyon. Right next to it was a proposed off-road vehicle park in beautiful Whitney Canyon. In the 1990's the federal government approved a very large mining operation just outside our City limits. I am proud to say that along with many dedicated citizens, success has been achieved in preserving our forest; gaining public ownership of Whitney Canyon; advocating for the preservation of our natural areas and working to keep mining at historic levels.

When we became a City in 1987, we became a force to be reckoned with and today we have a thriving, safe, family oriented, and business-friendly city. Our City is committed to preserving the greenbelt surrounding our City, looking to the future to make sure regional development outside of City limits provide adequate roads and transportation, open space, parks, preservation of the Santa Clara River, law enforcement, medical facilities and a safe water supply.

I am proud to be serving as Mayor in 2007 as we celebrate twenty wonderful and productive years.

Since the City formed just twenty short years ago, so much has been accomplished benefiting Santa Clarita's residential and business communities. When Santa Clarita incorporated on Dec. 15, 1987, it was during one of the area's most impressive housing booms. New housing tracts literally sprang up overnight; oak trees disappeared and infrastructure was not commensurate with the growth that ensued. In fact, an infrastructure study in the late 1980's revealed a \$900 million infrastructure deficit!

The young City of Santa Clarita set to work, bringing local government to its residents, providing a high level of customer service and constructing an unprecedented number of work projects, including new roads, bridges, parks, trails, landscaped medians, facilities, sidewalks and more.

Twenty years, a dozen parks, 30 miles of off-street trails, and hundreds of millions of dollars in programs and projects later, the City of Santa Clarita has made a name for itself as one of California's most desirable communities in which to live, open a business, visit and recreate.

I am so very proud of the accomplishments made by our City over the last 20 years and I look to the future with great optimism for what lies ahead. In this new millennium, transportation projects, communication issues, and as always, providing an unparalleled level of customer service, will continue to define Santa Clarita as one of California's top cities.

Congratulations, Santa Clarita!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marsha McLean'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marsha McLean
Mayor, City of Santa Clarita



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

2007

City of Santa Clarita, California

I am pleased to send my warm greetings as you celebrate your twentieth anniversary!

Since incorporating in 1987, your city has grown in both size and stature, yet all the while maintaining a friendly and tranquil environment. You have developed into a model city that provides excellent public services for your citizens. Whether it's your outstanding schools, high quality of life or your fantastic community events, you have much to be proud of.

I applaud the residents of Santa Clarita for their contributions to the city and to the state as a whole. The vibrant sense of community you have created makes your neighborhoods a good and safe place to raise families.

Congratulations on this milestone, and please accept my best wishes for another distinguished twenty years as one of California's finest cities!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my best wishes for the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Santa Clarita's Cityhood.

Named "California's Best City to Live" in 2006, Santa Clarita has emerged as a truly outstanding community that is on the move with innovative people, rising stars, and an inviting business community. I congratulate the City of Santa Clarita for promoting community service, maintaining good financial management, being one of California's healthiest cities, and providing an outstanding environment for its citizens.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I congratulate the City of Santa Clarita on this wonderful milestone. The last twenty years have built a vivacious city that has far exceeded many expectations, and we are all excited to see how Santa Clarita shapes the region in the years ahead.

Here's to the continued success of Santa Clarita!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Feinstein".
Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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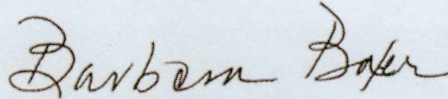
Dear Friends:

I send my warmest greetings as you recognize the 20th anniversary of the City of Santa Clarita.

It gives me great pleasure to join the residents of Santa Clarita in celebrating the city's rich history. For two decades, the City of Santa Clarita has provided its residents with an inviting and nurturing place to call home. Through your strength and resourcefulness, you have created a beautiful and vibrant city truly worth of this recognition. Your outstanding accomplishments embody the spirit of California and inspire a future of limitless possibility.

Again, congratulations on 20 years of excellence. You have my best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

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Mayor Marsha McLean
City of Santa Clarita
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Dear Marsha,

As the first mayor of the City of Santa Clarita, I am pleased to send my congratulations to you and the citizens of the City for your 20th anniversary celebration.

When Santa Clarita took its first fledgling steps into Cityhood, it was the thriving, family-friendly community of today that we envisioned. Santa Clarita has developed into an award winning, innovative city that cares deeply about the citizens, works diligently to promote a healthy business climate, and consistently ranks as one of the safest cities in America. Congratulations to all who have helped create such a wonderful community!

Economic vitality, coupled with good schools, good neighborhoods and plenty of recreation activities are just a few of the many reasons why people enjoy living in Santa Clarita. If past achievements, reflect upon future success, I am certain the City of Santa Clarita will always be ranked as one of the best cities in the nation to live.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buck".

Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Member of Congress

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It has come to my attention that Santa Clarita is celebrating its 20th anniversary of Cityhood. I send my congratulations to a thriving community with much to offer.

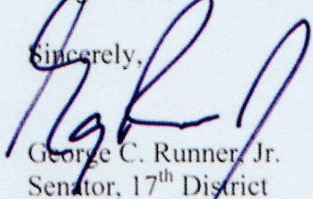
Over the past 20 years, Santa Clarita has become one of the best cities in the country in which to live. In fact, it was named as "California's Best City to Live" by CNN/Money Magazine. Not only was it named the best city in the State of California, it was also ranked 18th in the nation.

The reason Santa Clarita is a great city is because it is always working toward new ways to improve the quality of life. These improvements have included 30 miles of trails for bikers, runners, or walkers, a fantastic Aquatic Center, a gymnasium, skate park, and 12 new parks. Santa Clarita puts its residents' interests first, and it has resulted in a tremendously popular place to call home.

Santa Clarita's commitment to nature and the environment has resulted in a healthy and beautiful community. The city has developed miles of landscaped medians and an environmentally friendly Transit Maintenance Center. With the city's crown jewel Central Park and 30,000 new trees, it is no wonder Santa Clarita is consistently a "Tree City USA" and one of California's Healthy Cities.

Residents never have to look long to find an interesting activity happening in the city. The Cowboy Festival, the Santa Clarita Marathon, the Newhall Street Art Festival, Summer Concerts in the Park, and 4th of July Fireworks give the people of Santa Clarita plenty of opportunities to come together to celebrate such an outstanding place to live. Santa Clarita is the best city in California because of the people who live here. Congratulations. You have much to be proud of. I am honored to represent you.

Sincerely,


George C. Runner, Jr.
Senator, 17th District

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To the Residents of Santa Clarita:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the City of Santa Clarita on its 20th Anniversary of Cityhood. From my time spent growing up in Newhall, my service to the City as Council Member and Mayor, to my new role as Assemblyman, I am proud to call Santa Clarita home.

Since incorporation on December 15, 1987 the City has experienced a great deal of change and has deservedly earned the title as "California's Best City to Live" by CNN/Money Magazine as well as being named a top community for kids. Consistently ranking as one of America's safest cities, along with major infrastructure and mass transit improvements, business friendly policies, and quality recreation facilities such as the Santa Clarita Sports Complex and Aquatic Center all illustrate why Santa Clarita is a great place to live, work and play.

Santa Clarita has always been my home and I am privileged to now raise my family in this community. It is with great honor that I salute the City of Santa Clarita's 20th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Smyth".

CAMERON M. SMYTH
Assemblyman, 38th District

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City of Santa Clarita
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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the special celebration of the 20th anniversary of cityhood for the City of Santa Clarita.

Since its incorporation in December of 1987, Santa Clarita has grown to be a premier community, and I applaud the efforts of all of those involved in making the City a wonderful part of Southern California.

Of course, Santa Clarita is no stranger to accolades, being consistently named one of our nation's safest cities, chosen as "California's Best City to Live" by CNN/Money Magazine, and considered to be one of the most business friendly cities by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation.

I wish you the best on this special occasion as you celebrate all the superb accomplishments you have had over the past twenty years and may you enjoy even further success for the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom McClintock".

Tom McClintock



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR

Honorable Marsha McLean
Mayor, City of Santa Clarita
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Dear Mayor McLean:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, congratulations to the City of Santa Clarita on the 20th anniversary of your incorporation as Los Angeles County's 85th city.

May God Bless you all with continuing success in your efforts to maintain high standards for your City and its citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Antonovich".

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor



Santa Clarita's Government and Council Members



First City Council of the City of Santa Clarita, circa 1987. From left, Mayor Howard "Buck" McKeon, Mayor Pro-Tem Jan Heidt, Councilmember Dennis Koontz, Jo Anne Darcy and Carl Boyer.

In a November 3, 1987, General Election, our first five City Council members were elected at the same time voters approved the City's formation. The top two vote-getters took four-year, four-month terms, while the other three took two-year, four-month terms.

City Council members currently serve four-year terms, with elections held on the second Tuesday in April of even-numbered years. The elections are staggered every two years, with the Council-appointed mayor serving a one-year term and acting as presiding officer. (It was through a legislative process that terms were split so that all five Council members are not running in the same election.)

An elected City Council and appointed City Manager run a "Council-Manager" form of government in the City of Santa Clarita. Council members serve one-year terms as mayor. The Mayor runs all City Council meetings and presides at City functions. However, each Council member maintains equal voting power.

The five elected Council members, who set the City's policies, hire a professional City Manager who oversees all of the City's day-to-day administrative responsibilities. With a council-manager form of government, the Mayor's role is comparable to a board chairmanship.

The City Council meets in the Council Chambers located at Santa Clarita City Hall at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are televised live on local Public Access Television, Channel 20, and can be viewed live on the City Web site (www.santa-clarita.com). All meetings are open to the public. The Council enacts ordinances and votes on issues related to City government, including budgeting, land use, and City programs and services.

City Councils

In the list below, an asterisk (*) indicates that the council member was elected or re-elected in that period; no asterisk means it was the remaining two years of the four-year term. As noted, the mayoralty runs from December to December; for example, where Howard P. McKeon is shown as "Mayor, 1988," the term actually began in December 1987, with Jan Heidt succeeding him in December 1988, and so on.

1st Council, 1987-1990

- * Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (Mayor 1988)
- * Janice "Jan" Heidt (Mayor 1989)
- * Jo Anne Darcy (abbreviated term)
- * Carl Boyer III (abbreviated term)
- * Dennis Koontz (abbreviated term)

2nd Council, 1990-1992

- Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
- Janice Heidt
- * Carl Boyer III (Mayor 1990)
- * Jo Anne Darcy (Mayor 1991)
- * Jill Klajic

3rd Council, 1992-1994

- Jo Anne Darcy
- Carl Boyer III
- Jill Klajic (Mayor 1992)
- * Janice Heidt (Mayor 1993)
- * George Pederson

4th Council, 1994-1996

- Janice Heidt
- George Pederson (Mayor 1994)
- * Carl Boyer III
- * Jo Anne Darcy (Mayor 1995)
- * Hamilton "Clyde" Smyth

5th Council, 1996-1998

- Carl Boyer III (Mayor 1996)
- Jo Anne Darcy
- Hamilton "Clyde" Smyth (Mayor 1997)
- * Janice Heidt
- * Jill Klajic

6th Council, 1998-2000

- Janice Heidt (Mayor 1998)
- Jill Klajic
- * Jo Anne Darcy (Mayor 1999)
- * Frank Ferry
- * Laurene Weste

7th Council, 2000-2002

- Jo Anne Darcy (Mayor 2000)
- Frank Ferry
- Laurene Weste (Mayor 2001)
- * Bob Kellar
- * Cameron Smyth

8th Council, 2002-2004

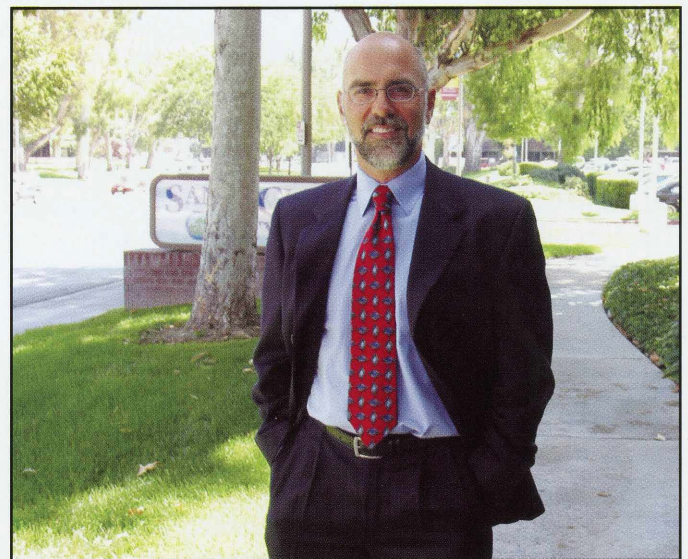
- Bob Kellar
- Cameron Smyth (Mayor 2003)
- * Frank Ferry (Mayor 2002)
- * Marsha McLean
- * Laurene Weste

9th Council, 2004-2006

- * Bob Kellar (Mayor 2004)
- * Cameron Smyth (Mayor 2005)
- Frank Ferry
- Marsha McLean
- Laurene Weste

10th Council, 2006-2008

- * Laurene Weste (Mayor 2006)
- * Marsha McLean (Mayor 2007)
- * Frank Ferry
- Bob Kellar
- Cameron Smyth (Elected to Calif. Assembly, November 2006)
- Timothy B. "Tim Ben" Boydston (Appointed December 2006 to replace Smyth; term expires April 2008)



Ken Pulskamp is Santa Clarita's City Manager.

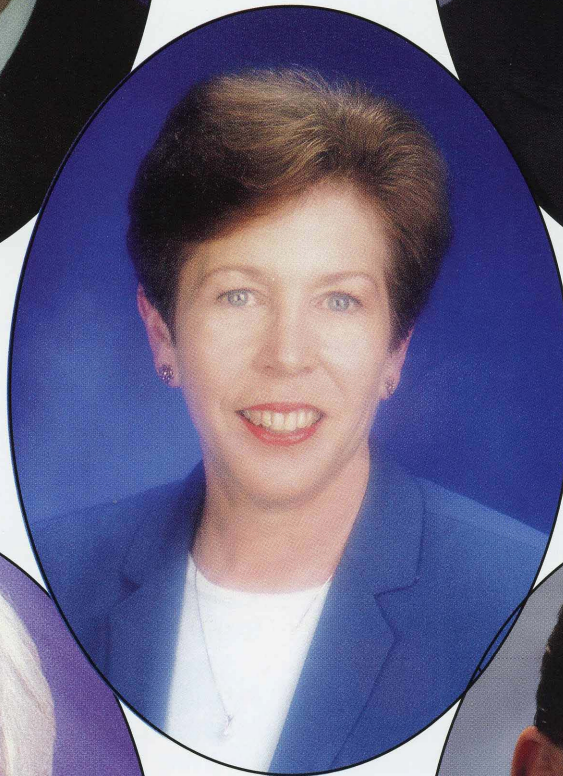
City Council 2007



Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Kellar



City Councilmember Frank Ferry



Mayor Marsha McLean



City Councilmember Laurene Weste



City Councilmember Tim Ben Boydston

City Commissions



Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Duties: The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission shall have the power and duty, except as otherwise provide by law, to: advise the City Council in all matters pertaining to parks and public recreation, and to cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound park and recreation planning and programming, and have and exercise all of the powers, duties, rights, privileges and authorities of a City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, as provided for by the State of California.

Qualifications: Each of the five (5) Commissioners shall be a City resident and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission (2007)

Edward Redd, Chairperson
Laurie Ender, Vice Chairperson
Laura Hauser, Commissioner

Karin Nelson, Commissioner
Ruthann Levison, Commissioner

First Parks Commission (1988)

Michael Lyons, Chair
Laurene Weste
Linda Storli
Todd Longshore
Jeff Wheeler

The Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission is a five-member commission appointed by the City Council to make recommendations to the Council on all matters pertaining to parks and public recreation.

Planning Commission

Duties: The Planning Commission shall have the power and duty, except as otherwise provided by law, to: investigate and make recommendations to the City Council regarding review of proposals for major public works projects; review proposals for acquisition of property for street, park or other

public purposes; make recommendations to the City Council with respect to a specific plan or regulation or amendment; hold public hearings on proposed zoning; hear and decide applications for conditional uses or other permits; hear and decide applications for exceptions or variances; consider tentative maps of proposed subdivisions; have and exercise all of the powers, duties, rights, privileges and authorities of a City Planning Commission, as provided for by the State of California.

Planning Commission (2007)

Dennis Ostrom, Chairperson
Tim Burkhart, Vice Chairperson
Michael Berger, Commissioner
Diane Trautman, Commissioner
Bill Kennedy, Commissioner

The five-member Planning Commission is appointed by the City Council to consider and decide upon various applications for land use and land development in the City, including the implementation of the General Plan; Zoning Ordinance and other land use regulations; and recommendations on development applications.

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

The AAC was established for the purpose of providing guidance on the quality of programs and services for seniors and persons with disabilities. The AAC's voting membership is comprised of 11 members.

Anti-Gang Task Force

This task force, founded through the Sheriff's Department in 1991, is comprised of community members, school personnel, law enforcement, and volunteers. Members work together to develop and refer youth to programs that help build self-esteem, give direction, develop skills, and let the youth know they are cared about.

Arts Advisory Committee

This 11-member committee is comprised of representatives from Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission, the Planning Commission, and the arts, business and school communities. It was formed to advise the City Council and staff on arts-related issues such as public art, arts education, facilities and other areas.

Arts Alliance Committee

The Arts Alliance is a forum composed of Santa Clarita arts and cultural leaders, working toward improving arts support and awareness in the community. Along with the Arts & Events Office, the Arts Alliance meets once a month. The meetings are an opportunity to bring up arts-related issues, network, and develop arts within the community.

Blue Ribbon Task Force

The Task Force is comprised of community and education leaders. The Task Force was formed in January 2001 and works to educate the community about teen substance use and provide meaningful resources and programs to those in need.

Canyon Country Advisory Committee

This Committee's role is to promote and support the Canyon Country area of the City. It is dedicated to preserving and maintaining the beauty of the area, encouraging and supporting quality planning and appropriate development, and creating an area residents can take pride in. The Committee is comprised of Canyon Country residents.

Character Counts! Coalition

Character Counts is a non-partisan, non-sectarian coalition of schools, communities and non-profit organizations working to advance character education by teaching the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Character Counts! meetings are held on the second Thursday, in February, May, September, and November.

Community Services Grant Committee

The committee's role is to review the many requests from community agencies for funding and make recommendations to the City Council. The committee is comprised of two Councilmembers and City staff.

Commuter Transit Advisory Committee

Formed by the Transit Staff, this Committee provides public participation opportunities and feedback to staff on needs and program design.

Film Stakeholders Group

The Film Stakeholder Group meets quarterly to discuss specific business needs and ways the City can help them be more successful, while also working together to attract film-related businesses and location filming to Santa Clarita.

Human Relations Forum

Supported by the City Manager and one staff member, the Forum works to promote full acceptance of all persons in all aspects of community life and building cultural understanding. Its goals are equity, peace, and inclusion of all, by all.

Newhall Redevelopment Committee

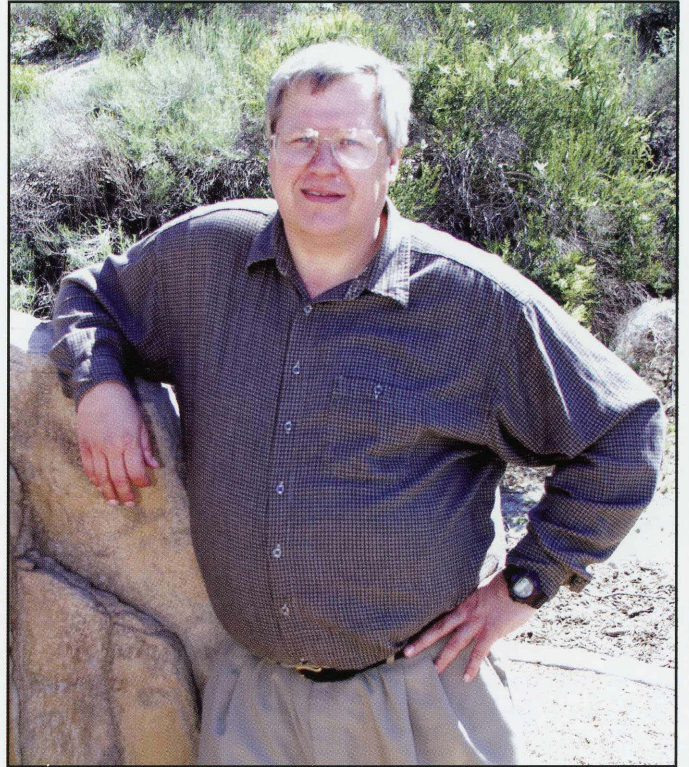
This 14-member committee, selected by the Newhall Redevelopment Agency, advises the Agency on matters related to the Downtown Newhall Revitalization effort.

Pride Committee

The Pride Committee is a group of volunteers who work hand-in-hand with City staff, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Santa Clarita Anti-Gang Task Force to coordinate a number of programs which benefit the community. These include the Pride Committee's Annual Pride Week/Community Clean-Up Day and ongoing graffiti abatement efforts.

Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging

This Committee primarily serves the needs of senior citizens in the North Los Angeles County with a goal to enhance the independence, dignity, and quality of life of the elderly through community resource management and coordination, advocacy, and a full spectrum of direct quality services for senior citizens.



Todd Longshore was an original member of the City of Santa Clarita parks commission, who died in 2006. The City has built a park in Canyon Country in Longshore's memory, Todd Longshore Park.



The City's Youth Grove at Central Park features individual art pieces designed to mimic cut tree stumps, representative of each life cut short by a traffic-related incident. The project's main feature is a central monument which highlights a vow to always drive safely and responsibly. Special thanks to the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Saugus Action Committee

The Committee is composed of Saugus residents with a mission to promote a safe, residential, family-oriented community, where children can attend good, safe schools and where families can enjoy the richness of their unique community history.

Sports Advisory Committee

This committee is comprised of staff and representatives from many youth sports organizations in the valley. The committee is responsible for putting together the Field Allocation Policy and takes a look at other issues related to youth sports in the valley.

Tourism Bureau

The purpose of the committee is to market hospitality, attractions, and events in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Visions in Progress (VIP)

VIP is a youth advisory committee comprised of Santa Clarita Valley high school students who advise the City Council, Commissioners and staff on projects and plans. VIP recommends, plans and hosts activities for the youth of the valley.



Above: Santa Clarita City Hall is located at 23920 Valencia Blvd. in Santa Clarita. This facility houses more than 250 city staff members.

Below: The staff of the City of Santa Clarita and Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, circa 2000.



"It Was 20 Years Ago Today ..."

"We work hard to be innovative, non-bureaucratic, and most importantly, a City in which people are proud to live."

– City Manager Ken Pulskamp

It seems like yesterday that the City of Santa Clarita was created. But, in fact, it's been 20 years – two decades since community leaders and visionary planners combined their energies in independently uniting the largest-ever area in California to incorporate.

Twenty very productive years.

A myriad of goals met.

"Born" December 15, 1987, and originally measuring in at 47 square miles, the City of Santa Clarita initially included parts of four communities: Newhall, Saugus, Valencia, and Canyon Country.

At the time of incorporation, our population was 130,000. Now, as the City commemorates 20 years of cityhood, we're proud that 180,000 residents have chosen to call the City of Santa Clarita "home."


Cityhood created a better living and business environment for everyone. Thanks to incorporation, residents were given a local government and a real voice. Tax dollars from monies spent here get re-invested in the community, helping with parks and recreation, road improvements, and law enforcement. With the incentive of tax revenues going back into the City, businesses big and small, from mega-chains to Mom-and-Pop shops, are attracted to our thriving, commerce-friendly community.

Pardon us for boasting, but we are mighty proud of what has been accomplished in 20 years for our residential and business community, especially in the areas of parks and recreation, transportation, growth, economic development, public safety, the environment, education, transportation, and local government.

Among those crowning achievements since 1987:

Formation of a local Council-Manager style of government, with an easy-access City Hall, local voting, and convenient evening-held City Council meetings – these continue to remain some of the coveted community benefits of cityhood.

Always with youth and community health in mind, the City built a 20-acre state-of-the-art sports complex, aquatics center, and skate and bike park. These facilities offer residents basketball and racquetball courts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a 25-meter dive pool and family activity pool (with water play equipment and a 168-foot water slide), and a skate park featuring a 75-foot snake



Cityhood

*Should the
Santa Clarita Valley
become a city?*

Let's find out!
Sign the petition for the
study of Cityhood
today

For more information

Please Call:
259-7141

City Feasibility Office
26111 Bouquet Cyn. Rd.
Saugus, Ca. 91350

run, a double bowl and a variety of other fun aerobic challenges.

The City developed an expansive year-round parks and recreation network, featuring 17 beautiful parks and more than 30 miles of picturesque, multi-use, non-motorized trails designed for commuting and recreation, including walking, riding, horseback riding, jogging, and skating. (In all, we have 243 acres of developed parkland!)

Since the City's inception, its recreation and youth sports programs have skyrocketed, offering the community a wide variety of enriching classes, programs and sports at the City's parks and recreation facilities. Having grown from several dozen instructors to now more than 100, the City offers more than 500 classes and brings in annual revenue in excess of \$1 million. In the last 20 years, more than 120,000 children have enrolled in City contract classes, and more than 80,000 have enrolled in aquatics, youth sports, camps, and other healthy activities. Just in the last seven years, the City's contract class enrollment has soared by 400 percent! And since aquatics first offered eight different programs to the public in 1990, that enrollment has jumped to 46 programs – a growth of 575 percent! The City's quarterly *Seasons* guide is mailed to every household and offers free and low-cost programs; everything from Hawaiian dancing and swimming lessons to basketball and summer day camps.

The City built new roads and made existing roadways safer and more motorist-friendly. Some have been widened to increase traffic mobility throughout the valley, taking several main thoroughfares from four to six lanes. The City also created a street maintenance program to regularly slurry and overlay all City streets, as well as to regularly repair area sidewalks to extend the life of City streets by five to 10 years.

Because traffic flow is a high priority, the City developed a new and ultra high-tech Traffic

Operations Center at City Hall, which enables the constant monitoring of traffic conditions throughout the Santa Clarita Valley – keeping tabs on 167 traffic signals via more than 16 miles of fiber optic cable.



To keep motorists safe, the City and the Sheriff's Department developed a Red Light Camera Enforcement program at some of our busiest intersections. This implementation has contributed to a major decrease in traffic collisions and "zero" fatalities at those locations.

In partnership with the county, state, federal government and developers, the City is constructing the soon-to-be-completed Cross Valley Connector, an 8.5-mile, \$245 million roadway that will ultimately connect (and ease traffic between) the I-5 with SR 14 through the City – and offer multi-modal access to the area's largest employment centers.

With respect to our environment, the City has acquired land and is working toward creating a greenbelt of undeveloped land around the community.



Oak Spring Canyon Park.

New landscaped medians, an adopted hillside and ridgeline preservation ordinance, and a commitment to "green up" the City helps make Santa Clarita's quality of living high.

In the 1990s, a community effort successfully defeated the Elsmere Canyon Land-fill and we continue working to protect the Santa Clara River, the last wild, unchanneled river in the region.

The Oak Tree Ordinance and Oak Tree Preservation and Protection Guidelines comprise the City's first ordinance, guaranteeing that great care and respect are given to the majestic trees and expansive savannahs that have become proud symbols of our valley.



The City's popular Cowboy Festival, held in early spring at the Melody Ranch and Motion Picture Studio, is enjoyed by thousands.

Since cityhood was established, the City has planted and now maintains more than 45,000 trees in our urban forests, keeping enhancement of the community in the forefront of our vision. (It is our policy to plant 1,000 trees per year through service clubs, Scouts and volunteers.)

City officials celebrate the grand opening of the Transit Maintenance Facility in the Valencia Industrial Center in 2006. The facility is the city's first "green" building, which utilizes innovative, sustainable technologies. (From left: Robert Newman, Marsha McLean, Cameron Smyth, Laurene Weste, Frank Roberts, Bob Kellar, Ken Pulskamp, Millie Jones.)



In the early 1990s the City brought about curbside recycling and green waste programs, including curbside pickup of Christmas trees, green waste and hazardous waste.

To further protect our community, the City successfully acquired close to 1,000 acres, including both the Soledad Canyon mining site and the adjacent Wagener property – in an effort to continue opposition of the Cemex mega mine. The City has worked endlessly to make this project less damaging to our lifestyle and environment.

The Santa Clarita Transit System carries approximately 5,000 passengers daily via our 152 buses and vans, providing both clean and dependable transportation. Adding a new, yet old-time nostalgia-inducing member to our City's busy transit fleet, we have introduced the Hometown Trolley. We also opened the McBean Transfer Station, a facility that provides comfort and convenience amenities to our transit passengers.

In 2006 the City opened a Transit Maintenance Facility in the Valencia Industrial Center, a 22,000-square-foot state of the art environmentally sensitive "green" building that allows us to house, maintain and clean its fleet of buses, saving the City more than \$1 million annually.



The City's Aquatic Center at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex under construction in early 2003.



The City of Santa Clarita opened its Aquatic Center at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex in 2003 with an Olympic-size swimming pool, a 25-meter diving pool, and a family recreation pool.

The City built three Metrolink stations – the Santa Clarita Metrolink Station, adjacent to the Saugus Swap Meet, Via Princessa Metrolink Station, located in Canyon Country, and the Jan Heidt Metrolink Station, in Newhall off Market Street, adjacent to the Community Center. (These rail achievements proudly make us the only city besides the City of Los Angeles with three stations.)

In an effort to promote literacy and fun of reading for all ages through local libraries, the City built and paid for the Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Library, named in honor of one of our fine city's "founding mothers."

With well-honed emergency-preparedness skills, the City continues to help prepare its residents for a major disaster, and played a significant role in the valley's recovery from the devastating 1994 Earthquake. Providing continued emergency preparedness through our annual Emergency Expo and training programs helps keep safety first and foremost in the minds of residents.

A state-of-the-art City Web site is a great source of up-to-date information for the community, whereby citizens can get information and access e-service for everything from City Council minutes to building permits, bus passes, recreation program signups, business relocation and life-saving emergency preparedness. Our business-friendly Web site also helps market Santa Clarita's vacant and new development projects, with targeted industries including aerospace, biomedical, technology, film and television, and retail.

Thanks in large part to our City-run Film Office and the Santa Clarita Valley's diverse historic areas with varied outdoor landscapes, our locale has become one of the most desirable destinations for TV and movie productions. Located within the cost-effective "magic 30-mile-circle" of Tinsel Town, our valley is seen in many of the most popular TV shows and films seen today! On a fiscal note: The film industry is a major economic engine of the Santa Clarita economy, providing jobs and increased revenue for City programs through sales tax revenue, and jobs for residents.

Committed to providing quality local entertainment and supporting our community college, the City financially assisted in the creation of the College of the Canyons' Performing Arts Center, with a contribution of \$2.2 million.

For Web users, the City created Central Park Wi-Fi. This Bouquet Canyon Road site was selected because of its central location and potential to

provide free wireless Internet access to largest number of users. (Note: In the future, the City hopes to extend Wi-Fi to more areas.)



The new facade program in Old Town Newhall adds character to the area.

The City's effort to revitalize downtown Newhall is a long-term plan to rejuvenate and energize the area through creation of an arts and theater district, maintenance of safety and cleanliness, preservation of cultural diversity, and addition of commercial space.

In partnership with Newhall Land, a regional Conference Center at the Hyatt Valencia was opened, which has proven to be a great meeting place and enhancement to local economic development. Other economic development partnerships since cityhood have included the Mountasia Fun Center, the Edwards Cinema Shopping Center in Canyon Country, Costco and the Valencia Town Center. To that end, the City built a modern, 17,000-square-foot Community Center in Newhall, where young people can enjoy themselves through supervised recreation and educational opportunities.

In an effort to provide our community's youth with character, skill, and accountability-promoting programs, the City created: an Anti-Gang Task Force to proactively addresses gang issues faced by the community's youth; a Youth in Government program for local teens to experience, firsthand, how local government operates; the "We Care for Youth" program to teach job skills to area teens; after-school programs at local parks to provide safety and opportunities for kids – this is particularly of benefit to "latchkey" children. Also through Parks and Recreation, Camp Clarita was developed – a camp experience providing recreational and creative opportunities for the youth of Santa Clarita.

The City heads a flourishing tourism bureau, which markets hospitality, attractions, and events in the Santa Clarita Valley – and has helped put Santa Clarita on the map to numerous corporations using our valley for their meeting needs.

With the deepest gratitude for our veterans and the sacrifices they've made, the City constructed the serene and beautiful Santa Clarita Veterans

Historical Plaza in Newhall – an especially unique project, as it is the only one in the nation to honor all branches of the military, from the Revolutionary War to the Conflict in Iraq.

The annual Cowboy Festival, one of the best-loved and most-visited western events in the nation, helps preserve and promote the history of Santa Clarita's Western heritage.

With outstanding customer service in mind, we initiated the "Customer Service Excellence" training for all City staff – this training focuses on creating a positive environment, service skills, and evaluating service areas for process improvement.

We increased our size, population and revenue base through 28 annexations that have successfully taken place since incorporation in 1987.

Striving to be supportive stewards of the world, we established two Sister City relationships, one with Sariaya, Philippines, the other, Tena, Ecuador. These relationships help the community by

The plaque at Central Park is part of the Youth Grove Project.

KNOW MORE

***Our children are our most precious gifts,
They are our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters,
loved ones, and friends.
Vow today that...***

***No more will lose their lives
because we drive too fast.***

***No more will die
because we drive under the influence.***

***No more will perish
because we lapse in attention for just one moment.***

***No more will be lost
because of reckless acts on the road.
Join us in a cry that NO MORE names
will be added to this memorial.***

***KNOW MORE
about safe and responsible
driving habits.***

promoting cultural understanding about others outside our valley.

We set up a 24-hour Graffiti Hotline and website, allowing residents to report and receive graffiti cleanup free of charge (25-CLEAN).

The City's Building & Safety Division inspected more than \$1.5 billion in new construction.



The Farmers' Market in Old Town Newhall offers the freshest vegetables, fruits and homemade delights every Thursday evening during the spring and summer months.

We launched a Farmers' Market, located in Downtown Newhall, which provides residents the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and flowers locally.

We opened the Youth Grove at Central Park as a dedication to Santa Clarita's young people who have died in traffic-related collisions, and to bring awareness of this heart-wrenching problem to our young driving community. The Grove features 67 concrete monuments that replicate cut tree stumps, one for each youth whose life was cut short because of reckless driving. The project's main feature is a central monument that highlights the "KNOW MORE" vow to always drive safely and responsibly.

We created the annual Santa Clarita Marathon, which also serves as a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

The list goes on...

We are proud of our accomplishments, indeed.

We are also enormously grateful that 800-plus local businesses support our "Shop Santa Clarita" campaign. These businesses help provide our

city with \$30 million annually – sales tax-derived funds used for public safety, new parks and trails, and other services and facilities that benefit our community.

Awards of distinction continue to help Santa Clarita stand out. In 2006 CNN/Money Magazine named Santa Clarita as "the best City in which to live in California," likewise ranking Santa Clarita as No. 18 out of 100 best cities to live in the entire United States. Also in 2006, we were named one of 23 Enterprise Zones within the State of California – identifying Santa Clarita as having a distinct advantage for businesses considering relocation or expansion. (This is definitely a key business attraction and retention tool for the City!) Another rewarding honor – we have received numerous other state and national awards and accolades in a variety of areas, including environmental stewardship, financial management, marketing, cultural arts, and community participation.

Knowing the profound impact that education has on a child's achievements and self-esteem, we are proud that our schools consistently rank in the top 10 percent throughout California. Also in 2006, "America's Promise" named Santa Clarita as one of the nation's top 100 communities for youth.

Another major advantage of living and working in Santa Clarita: We have low crime rates and have been designated as one of the top five safest cities in the nation for cities with populations of 150,000 or greater.

Also, knowing that misfortune does happen, we are proud that we've reached a 15 percent financial reserve, funds to help our City should an emergency or financial downturn in the economy occur.

As complicated as creating a City from scratch is, our priorities two decades ago were straightforward: Build a place that families and businesses want to belong to, then keep it safe, beautiful, and always working toward a better tomorrow. Keep it a City where people want to live, work, play and visit. These goals remain as pivotal to the City of Santa Clarita's focus today as they were when we incorporated.

"It was 20 years ago today...."

1987 – 2007 – the future.

Time sure flies when you're building a dream.

Proud of Our Legacy

Santa Clarita residents enjoy a distinctive way of life and value the City's landscaped trail system, well-maintained roads, high-quality schools, and innovative recycling programs. In addition, the City's ideal location makes possible regional recreation and economic opportunities.

The community not only enjoys numerous parks and recreation services and facilities, but also outstanding Los Angeles County Sheriff and fire services, three County libraries, responsive paramedic and ambulance services, and high levels of local government services

Surrounded by the scenic San Gabriel, Santa Susanna, and Sierra Pelona mountain ranges, the Santa Clarita Valley is 35 miles north of Los Angeles and has a small town feel with many big city opportunities. For residents and businesses alike, the good life can definitely be found here.

The Golden Valley Road bridge is part of the City's Cross Valley Connector, an 8.5-mile roadway that will link Interstate 5 with State Route 14 through the City.

When it comes to a high quality of living, responsive local government, a thriving economy, significant job growth, low crime rates, low unemployment, terrific schools, arts and entertainment, great weather and unique history, this is the place.

We're thrilled about our merits — and we're not the only ones who feel that way. Since incorporating, we have won more than 130 regional, national and international awards, including awards for budgeting, financial management, strategic planning, innovation in management, citizen participation, emergency preparedness, trails, parks and recreation, and marketing.

Here is a condensed timeline of some of the major recognitions we've received through the years:

Made up of part of four communities — Valencia, Saugus, Newhall and Canyon Country — the City of Santa Clarita was identified as the "Best Mid-Sized City" in the state in which to do business in 1995 (according to *California Business Magazine*).





Centre Pointe Business Park is part of an award-winning partnership among the City of Santa Clarita, the William S. Hart Union High School District and developer Larry Rasmussen.

The Wall Street Journal flagged us as the “Fastest Growing Retail Market in Southern California” in 1997.

In 1999, a Kosmont Cost of Doing Business survey ranked us as one of the most business-friendly communities in the Los Angeles area.

In 2003 we won two League of California Cities Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence in recognition of the Golden Valley Road project, including the City’s partnership with the William S. Hart Union High School District for their high school and with Larry Rasmussen for his business park.

The year 2006 was an especially big one for receiving praise. Thanks to our outstanding quality of life, access to leisure and cultural activities, high employment rates, and beautiful weather, *CNN/Money Magazine* named us the “best city in which to live in California,” as well as one of the top twenty cities nationwide. Excellent public school education is also a major priority here and there’s plenty of proof of that, says the magazine which cited our students’ reading and math test scores as triple that of other “best cities” identified. Santa Clarita

received (for the 16th year) the “Tree City USA” award by the National Arbor Day Foundation – bestowed upon American cities that consistently ensure that a given community has a viable tree management plan and program.

Santa Clarita was designated the host city for the Southern California Swimming Junior Olympics - an event which, in 2006, brought in more than 800 swimmers from as far as San Luis Obispo and Las Vegas and an additional 800 spectators.

The City of Santa Clarita was hailed by Union Bank as being one of Los Angeles’ strongest economies.

Santa Clarita was voted into the Top Five of the “Most Business Friendly Cities in Los Angeles County” by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. The award was created to encourage city officials to recognize their role in helping businesses create jobs for Los Angeles County, which during the last 25 years has gained 2.5 million residents but added only 500,000 new jobs (the latter figure according to Bill Allen, LAEDC chief executive).

In 2006, the City was named as a New Enterprise Zone — making Santa Clarita one of the 23 California communities of businesses and industries with excellent state tax benefits and local incentives for spurring job growth and economic development. Each zone designation is in effect for 15 years. The Santa Clarita enterprise zone encompasses 98 percent of all of the commercial, business and industrial zoned land within the City. The City credits the support of Senator George Runner, Assemblyman Keith Richman and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for their help in meeting this recognition.

Thanks to our valley's hospitality and challenging hillsides, we became one of 12 host cities for The Amgen Tour of California on Feb. 24, 2007. On that sunny day we proudly hosted the race's finish line for Stage 6. A world-class cycling event, the Amgen Tour drew hundreds of professional cyclists from around the globe, racing through 650 miles of California roadways in the eight-day race. It's known as the "West Coast version of the Tour de France" and many of the participating cyclists go on to race in that historic European race.

The event was locally attended by many thousands of spectators, and included several pre- and post-race events and activities for community enjoyment. Attracting more than 1 million spectators worldwide, the Amgen Tour also provided a significant boost for Santa Clarita tourism.

A growing lineup of regional and national sporting events is coming to this valley – and with that

pilgrimage comes tourists and money. Sports tourism in Santa Clarita actually reached an all-time high in 2007 as more new and exciting sporting events, including the AT&T Golf Classic, were held here. Over the past year alone, sporting events hosted by the city of Santa Clarita have brought more than 40,000 competitors, spectators and visitors to our area.

The hundreds of youth programs offered by the City have had a hand in helping many young people get onto healthier life paths. Proof of that success was evidenced in 2007 when our City was recognized as being one of the nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People." Citing endeavors to keep kids involved and out of trouble, American Promise, a national foundation, honored communities across the country, ranging from small towns to urban neighborhoods, for their commitment to provide healthy, safe and caring environments for young people. Also recognized for the benefits they provide were: The City of Santa Clarita's Blue Ribbon Task Force — formed to help parents, educators and law enforcement address drugs, alcohol and tobacco use among teenagers; Visions in Progress, an assembly of youth from local high schools who provide input on teen-related issues; and the Anti-Gang Task Force, which helps youth steer away from gangs.

Santa Clarita has grown from a sleepy bedroom community to a thriving, diverse city with an air of sophistication and hometown charm.

Here's to a great 20 years and many, many more!

The 2007 Amgen Tour of California races down McBean Parkway.



Looking Back: Santa Clarita's First Mayor Remembers

Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon



In addition to being a member of the City of Santa Clarita's first City Council, we hired the first city manager — another first.

At the time of incorporation, our parks were basically shut down — strewn with graffiti and not at all nice to visit. So we boosted the parks funding and now we have some really gorgeous parks. We set the stage for that. We increased policing and made the City one of the safest of its size in the country. We passed an ordinance to protect the oaks and really laid the foundation for the City's environmentally friendly policies.

It was, almost by definition, a time of firsts.

So it was a bit fun, it was a bit of an adventure, it was a challenge and it was an education and it was even a bit scary. We had wanted Santa Clarita to be a real city. We'd won that battle, and now we had to make a success of it.

New Identity, New Experiences

The incorporation of the City was a big step and I was truly proud of it. It meant that we were no longer some backwater town of the Greater Los Angeles area, but that we were taking on our own identity and responsibility for ourselves in a very real way. The valley had, and still has, a lot going for

it — natural beauty and people who see themselves as a community with a strong sense of civic pride.

Lucky is the community that starts out with a strong sense of itself even before the community has been established. Santa Clarita was one of those lucky communities. Let's face it — we cover a sprawling amount of territory and yet people see themselves as linked together by a common sense of identity and a shared sense of their future.

Remembering the "Time of Firsts"

Being part of the first City Council, and then becoming the first mayor, was quite an adventure. We were doing everything for the first time in a lot of ways. As far as being mayor was concerned, that was a pleasant surprise, and it was kind of fun making a little bit of Santa Clarita history that way, but as with the council itself there was a little bit of, "Wow, now we really have to make the trains run on time."

When the City officially came into being it was, in some ways, only an exclamation point at the end of a sentence that had already been written. Still, once Santa Clarita became a city, that sense of community gained a means of real expression.

For 20 years now we have built good schools and good neighborhoods. We have created a niche for ourselves in the movie business. We have gone from being a transit point, to a point that people transit to. We have incorporated the very best of urban and rural living in one package.

All of that became possible because incorporation gave the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley a means of expressing their common vision of a strong and vibrant community. That is a vision I shared with the people of the valley 20 years ago, and that I continue to share. I will always view the early years of Santa Clarita as some of the most exciting and challenging in my life.

Assessing Our Accomplishments

You can't help but be proud of what the City has done.

George A. Carvalho

First City Manager, City of Santa Clarita

When we arrived in 1988, Santa Clarita was a diamond in the rough. We could see the potential of this new city with the merger of Canyon Country, Saugus, Newhall and Valencia. Our office was on Soledad Canyon Road in a strip mall. We had three or four employees. The office was small and next to a Suzuki dealership — and not conducive to our needs. The restroom door was on the south wall of our conference room, which was also the copy room and coffee room! (You always hoped that your restroom needs didn't coincide with a meeting in the conference room!)

Ken (Pulskamp) and I had little choice for restaurants after work. We ate a lot at the Backwoods Inn. Because of the recession and slowdown of development in the early 1990s, we were able to fashion a new general plan and zoning ordinance without the crunch of development and create this "vision" of the community for the next 20 years.

This vision was for a safe community with open space, good education for kids, trails, beautiful boulevards and parks, a natural river, multi-transportation systems, shopping, commerce and jobs.

We have our problems and we have our difficulties, and we always will. But Santa Clarita is thriving and growing and prospering. It's a good place to live, a good place to work, and a good place to raise a family. We are one of the safest communities in America. We've batted out of the ballpark as far as I am concerned.

When you see how many communities are struggling, and the kinds of problems they face, by comparison we are gold. The problems of so many communities are ones of scarcity — ours are ones of abundance. For example, how do you manage the increasing traffic flow that results because more and more people want to live here? How do we keep the schools on par with the needs?

Those are serious problems, but when you see whole communities back east that are simply boarded up and abandoned, schools that are being shut for lack of resources, you have to say that, on balance, I prefer our problems to many of those problems.

If the past is prologue, we have a great future ahead of us — and I am proud that I was able to be part of it.

At that time, we had few recreation facilities, restaurants, shopping, trails, roads, and a lack of place and direction. Cityhood was able to bring the community together. We had control of our destiny and ability to focus the direction of the City. By working together, the City and schools were able to come up with a plan for new schools. We were able to work with Newhall Land to develop the Town Center, which provides shopping and restaurants that help the City with sales tax to improve services. Work was done on a strategic plan that produced a new parks master plan, revitalization of Newhall, beautification of the boulevards, development of an emergency plan and a strategy that was vital during the 1994 earthquake.

The most significant challenge — and satisfaction — of my career was responding to the Northridge earthquake, and the follow-up of rebuilding City Hall and the community. In the aftermath of the 6.7 magnitude quake, we met at 7 a.m. every day with about 30 team leaders who would devote half an hour, while standing in a circle, to review all the team projects. (Teams focused on specific issues such as mobile homes that fell off their pedestals, bridges that were dislocated, and abandoned houses.) We would meet again at 5 p.m. with all



George A. Carvalho served as Santa Clarita's first full-time City Manager from 1988 to 2002.

During his tenure, Carvalho helped set up the City's government, including a new City Hall, departments in the City and the City's mission and philosophy.

Carvalho helped put Santa Clarita on the map with award-winning programs and projects. The City's Sports Complex is named after him.

the community leaders and other agencies to make decisions. An example of one of the decisions: Metrolink went from 3,000 passengers daily to 25,000 passengers overnight and we needed land for parking of all those cars. A landowner immediately offered his property. It was graded in one day and parking was available the next day. These meetings continued for approximately two months.

I was also happy to support programs for youth and the development of the Sports Complex. We discussed with the City Council if we could restrict attendance at our recreational facilities to just City residents since our facilities were overcrowded. The Council asked us to see if we could find property to expand our facilities. We were able to negotiate a favorable purchase from Merle Norman. We were able to immediately put two gymnasiums in the Norman building and also build a skateboard park. Today, the George Carvalho Sports Complex is a twenty acre recreation spot where the community can enjoy swimming, racquetball, basketball, skateboarding and much more.

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Each Halloween we dressed up and had competitions between departments to see who had the best costume. The City Council served as the judges and we took great pride in our office decorations. Parks and Recreation normally had all the talent for the best decorations. Morale was very high and we accomplished a great deal.

Looking back, we enjoyed living in Santa Clarita for many reasons. Here are two: Our two young boys attended great schools that were close to home, and the community was so family-oriented. I reflect on my tenure with the City of Santa Clarita with fond memories and a real sense of accomplishment for the community.

Jo Anne Darcy

Member, First City Council; Seven-Term City Councilmember; Four-Term Mayor



I remember how badly we needed our own city. We wanted more independence and more chances to choose things we wanted.

We wanted to be the masters of our own kingdom.

Cityhood was about having control of our own local government and gaining more needed items for the city to be a really responsible city. We wanted more services here so our people didn't have to go downtown all the time, and we wanted

more jobs — that's important, for people want to live and work in their own city. We wanted a strong clean-up program — we were tired of all the wind-blown messes that were here and we couldn't get them (Los Angeles County) to clean it up for weeks at a time.

I had serious doubts about a couple of (Los Angeles County) supervisors. We never had a problem with Mike Antonovich, but others before him were not that good about it (our desire for cityhood). They would take down our information, but then we didn't get much back . . .

As the first City Council, we got along great together. We were a good strong team, a mixture of Democrats and Republicans, but we did not argue politics; we got a lot done.

So much has been accomplished in 20 years. When I look around I love to see how much greenbelt has been added. We got new parks and

more recreation is available for youths and people of all ages. We've improved our school system and made sure everyone gets a good education. We gained more roads and highways, a better police (sheriff's) department, the hospital has improved, and seniors have gained more benefits.

Of all that hard work, I would do it again.

I have not regretted it one minute. I look around and see all these nice changes and say I am glad we were able to do these things.

The Santa Clarita Activities Center



The Santa Clarita Activities Center is part of the 20-acre Santa Clarita Sports Complex and includes a performance area and a banquet room, as well as classrooms and offices.



Then-City Manager George Carvalho at the December 5, 1998 grand opening of the Sports Complex which is named for him.



City Manager Ken Pulskamp and City Councilmember Laurene Weste splash it up at the grand opening of the Aquatics Center.



Above: Grand opening of the Activities Center, April, 2002. Officials (seen in rear from left) included Linda Lambourne, representing Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon, City Councilmember Bob Kellar, City Manager Ken Pulskamp, City Councilmember Frank Ferry, City Councilmember Marsha McLean, Laura Hauser, Parks Commission, Karin Nelson, Parks Commission, Todd Longshore, Parks Commission, Millie Jones, field representative for Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, and Fred Trueblood, field representative for then-Assemblyman Keith Richman.



Left: December 5, 1998, grand opening of the Santa Clarita Sports Complex.

Right: April, 2005: City officials, along with community leaders and children, celebrate the grand opening of the Aquatics Center at the Santa Clarita Activities Center.

Left to right: City Manager Ken Pulskamp, Fred Trueblood, field representative for then-Assemblyman Keith Richman, Councilmember Bob Kellar, Mayor Cameron Smyth, Mayor Pro-Tem Laurene Weste, Steve Sturgeon of the Wm. S. Hart Union High School District, Parks & Rec Commissioner Laura Hauser, City Councilmember Marsha McLean, Phil Ellis, Redevelopment Commissioner, and Linda Lambourne, representative for Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon.



Nearly Two Decades of Battling Elsmere Landfill Pays Off

By Mayor Marsha McLean

How does a mega battle to preserve the Angeles National Forest and a beautiful pristine canyon in Elsmere Canyon begin? I am going to brag about something that has taken almost 20 years to accomplish, but now is a reality.

Elsmere Canyon lies within the Angeles National Forest, adjacent to Whitney Canyon, at the intersection of Sierra Highway and San Fernando Road. In 1989, there was a proposal to build the world's largest landfill in Elsmere Canyon. As proposed, the landfill would have operated 24 hours a day and risen above the ridgeline to a height of one and one-half times the height of the Washington Monument. As proposed, it would have been seen from all over the valley. Approximately 2,400 round trips of garbage trucks would have been added to our freeways every day.

When I first heard about the plans for the world's largest garbage dump, I was told it was a "done deal," and that it was going to happen — nothing could be done to stop it. At a preliminary scoping meeting held at the Ranch House Inn in 1989, a few of us listened as we were told Elsmere Canyon had no water, no wildlife and the dump would have no

effect on the citizens of Santa Clarita. Common sense told me otherwise. A tour into Elsmere Canyon showed me this beautiful canyon should never become a dump.

In the beginning it was difficult convincing the movers and shakers in our valley to take on the battle. So I, along with Dinah Sargeant and Doris Schiller sat around my dining room table and looked into forming a non-profit organization to preserve the canyons surrounding the Santa Clarita Valley. At that time, Towsley Canyon was also targeted for a landfill. Whitney Canyon was targeted for an off-road vehicle park. The usual way to form a non-profit is to hire an attorney. We didn't have the money so we did the work ourselves. A few months later, the SCV Canyons Preservation Committee was born.

In order to win the battle, it was imperative to provide viable facts. Thus began the educational process to disprove statements that there was a garbage crisis and if the dump in Elsmere Canyon were not built, there would be garbage in the streets by 1991.



Public events about the threat of the impending landfill helped raise awareness and demonstrated our valley's determination to stop it, circa 1994.



From left: Activist Pat Saletore, former activist, current Mayor Marsha McLean and City Intergovernmental Relations Officer Michael Murphy at an Elsmere Awareness event in 1994.

I personally called each operating landfill in Los Angeles County and discovered that: the dumps were permitted for many more tons than they were taking in, the amount of garbage being collected was far less than stated and there was, in fact, *no garbage crisis*. There was adequate landfill space available without building the world's largest dump in the Angeles National Forest in Elsmere Canyon.

Waste-by-rail was a viable option, but the proponents of the dump were saying it would be far too expensive. Once again, I personally called each proposed waste-by-rail project and discovered the costs would be far less than what was being represented. Today, the L.A. County Sanitation Districts have purchased one remote site and will be purchasing a second. Transfer stations are being built to accommodate a waste-by-rail program. The Los Angeles County Waste Management Task Force has embraced the fact that conversion technology is not only feasible but also a necessity in order to deal with our waste.

Some wonderful people I worked with who were intrinsically involved in the process to defeat the dump are Dinah Sargeant, Doris Schiller, Karen Pearson, Dean and Keefe Ferrandini, Darla Hoback, Jill Klajic and many others who worked thousands of hours to win the battle. The fight could not have been won if not for the City of Santa Clarita.

There were several trips to Washington, D.C., and Sacramento. When the fight first began, I knew that educating our community and legislators was essential to having people show up at the public hearings.

On May 31, 1995, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission held a public hearing at Valencia High School. History was made when more than 5,000 people attended the hearing to oppose the dump. In 1996 legislation was passed, sponsored by Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon and Senator Barbara Boxer, which states that no landfill can be built in the Angeles National Forest.

In a letter dated May 5, 2004, BFI (Waste Services) withdrew its application for a conditional use permit and oak tree permit for the proposed Elsmere Solid Waste Management Facility.

On March 7, 2007, the donation of 400 acres of Elsmere Canyon to the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (for use as an open space preserve) received its final approval. Elsmere Canyon is a natural, riparian area that contains the vital links between the Angeles National Forest, Placerita Canyon Nature Center, and Whitney Canyon for the wildlife corridor, connecting the San Gabriel, Santa Susana and Santa Monica Mountains. This beautiful canyon contains waterfalls, rolling hills, riparian habitats, coastal sage and oak woodlands, and significant ecological, cultural and historical treasures. There is another approximately 800 acres that still needs protection.

Supervisor Michael Antonovich has been in the forefront of exploring alternate technologies for the disposal of trash. He has also been instrumental in helping to put the nail in the coffin of an inappropriate garbage dump in an inappropriate location.

As part of the original citizens group that led the charge to prevent the mega-dump, I can't tell you how very gratified I am about this news.

The next step is to initiate state legislation to have Elsmere Canyon reinstated as part of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. The City Council and I will continue to work diligently to see that this happens, with the cooperation of our City, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and our state legislators.



Citizens of Santa Clarita were out in force to show their opposition to the proposed Elsmere Canyon landfill, circa 1994.



Then-Mayor Carl Boyer gives Sen. Barbara Boxer the Key to the City at a reception to commemorate the saving of beautiful Elsmere Canyon, December 1996.



Then-Mayor Pro-Tem Clyde Smith gives a Key to the City to Congressman McKeon at Elsmere Canyon victory reception.

City Leads Fight to Stop Mega Mine!



2001: Community leaders and residents rose to the occasion in opposition of a proposed mega mining site in East Canyon Country. More than 3,000 people attended a community rally, which was part of the eight-year battle against the mine. Seen here, Connie Worden-Roberts speaks out against the mega mine as City Council members Jo Anne Darcy, Laurene Weste, Frank Ferry, Cameron Smyth, and Bob Kellar look on.



At a media rally in downtown Los Angeles against the mega mine, Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon speaks to journalists.



Protest at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors against mega mining in Soledad Canyon, circa 2000.

No Mega Mining in Soledad Canyon!

Although mining has dotted the Valley's landscape for more than 100 years, a proposal to heavily mine aggregate for at least 20 years in Soledad Canyon was unanimously opposed by Santa Clarita City leaders due to negative impacts to the community.

The Santa Clarita Valley joined together in the late 1990s to prevent the siting of a 56-million ton mining and cement processing project within a five-mile radius of 10,000 homes and a handful of schools and parks.

City and community leaders expressed deep concern regarding future damage to local air quality, worse traffic on roads and freeways and visual blight if the proposed mine moved forward.

The City worked with the community and agreed that if mining proponents would keep mining to historical levels, the community's health and welfare could be protected.

The Santa Clarita City Council has led the fight for the last seven years to prevent the proposed mine from being sited in Soledad Canyon.



Update: At this writing (spring 2007), the mining company and the City have agreed to a one-year truce and to work together on federal legislation that would limit mining to historical levels, while providing value to the operator.

Rocked But Ready: The City of Santa Clarita Faces a Major Earthquake



By Adele Macpherson, Community Services Superintendent

Emergency preparedness has always been a priority for the City of Santa Clarita – and thank goodness for that! For on January 17, 1994, at 4:31 a.m., Santa Clarita was jolted by a massive earthquake. City staff and volunteer amateur radio operators began assessing the damage and reporting to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at City Hall. A State of Emergency was declared at 5:45 a.m. by the Director of Emergency Services, then-City Manager George A. Caravalho.

Then-Mayor George Pedersen stated, “We are trying to do everything we can to restore all the buildings to a safe and usable condition, and to repair the infrastructure, so that we are able to put things back in workable condition. We just want to get our City back under control again and operating.”

At 6:30 a.m., it was determined that Sierra Highway was the only open road in and out of the Santa Clarita Valley. Route 14 and Interstate 5 were both closed due to bridge damage.

Due to the damage to City Hall, the Emergency Operations Center was moved out into the parking lot at 11:59 p.m. There, emergency operations could be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week by the residents, as they traveled the only east-west route open to traffic.

Numerous services were disrupted to many parts of the City. Repairs were coordinated with other emergency services representatives to restore them — including electricity, gas, water, and shelters. In Santa Clarita no deaths were attributed to the earthquake. However, one elderly person suffered a fatal heart attack shortly after the quake.

City staff ran “hot lines” 10 hours a day, receiving a high of 500 calls per hour. KBET (now, 1220-AM KHTS) was declared the official City radio station, as they changed their formatting to an on-line talk show to provide residents with minute-by-minute information.

Above: A damaged portion of Interstate 5 in the Santa Clarita Valley.



Many people were forced to evacuate their homes because of earthquake damage.



Millions of tons of debris were collected as a result of damage from the earthquake.



After the earthquake, City staff set up shop in tents in the City Hall parking lot. Pictured here are former Mayor/Councilmember Jan Heidt and former City Manager George A. Carvalho.

Transportation was a major issue. On January 18, 1994, 600 residents used the Metrolink. Two days later, we had a new Metrolink station open, and at the peak, 23,000 residents were riding the Metrolink to get to work. On January 28 – just 11 days after the earthquake — a two-lane detour for the entire I-5 freeway opened and the train ridership decreased as the commuter bus ridership and carpools increased.

Five thousand block walls and 2,000 chimneys fell. One thousand, seven hundred mobile homes fell off their foundations and all bridges were damaged. With all of the debris from the ruins, recycling was very important to the City. A five-element debris removal plan was developed to handle the 240,000 tons of debris, 98 percent of which was recycled. It was estimated that there was over \$400 million in damage to local businesses, and \$29 million to City infrastructure.

One of the major reasons for the drive for the City's incorporation was emergency preparedness. The area had been isolated following the Sylmar earthquake, and response to the residents had been slow. It was believed that Santa Clarita would be isolated for a period of time following any future seismic event that affected the Newhall Pass.

The preparedness of the residents and staff played a large part in the rapid recovery of the area, as did Emergency Response and Recovery Management efforts. The rapid recovery was focused, energetic, and very successful, as was the recovery of Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funds to assist the young city to rebuild its infrastructure, and quickly get life in Santa Clarita back to normal.

Perhaps one of the most amazing things to come out of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake was the "togetherness" that ensued. Community members, elected officials, emergency personnel, City staff and the business community joined as one, helping each other in providing support and supplies with survival in mind. Santa Clarita is a unique community because of the people who reside here, as demonstrated by the quake's theme, "We pulled together, not apart."

The successful response and recovery to the Northridge Earthquake elevated the City-resident relationship to an all-time high, and created an expectation of outstanding service to the community that was not present prior to this disaster.



In the aftermath of the earthquake, City employees helped distribute water at Newhall Park.



Local roads were severely damaged as a result of the 1994 Northridge earthquake.



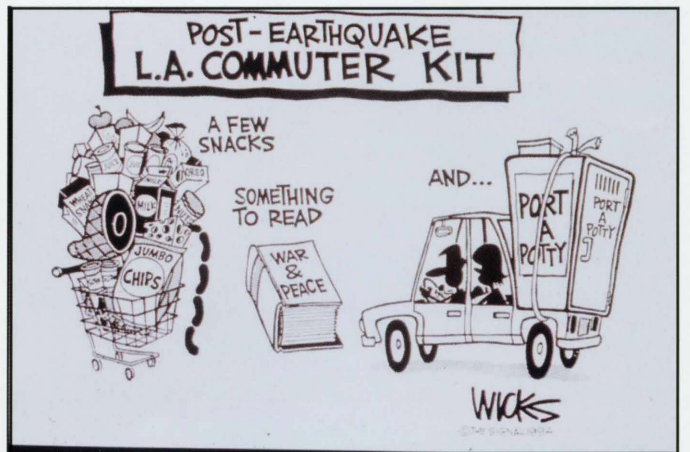
A makeshift shelter was set up at the Boys & Girls Club at Newhall Park.



The earthquake caused millions of dollars in damage to local roads and freeways. Pictured here is the collapse of a bridge along Interstate 5 in the Santa Clarita Valley.



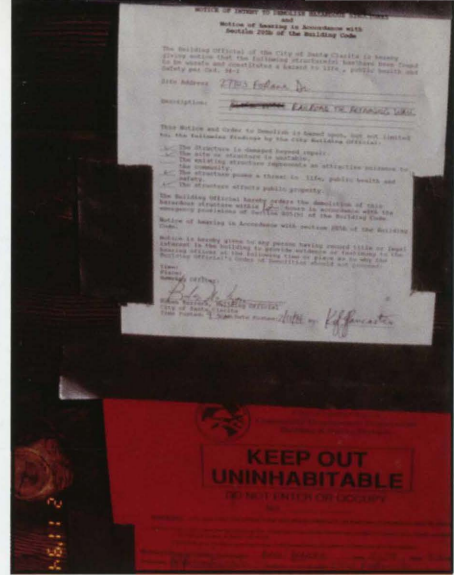
Buildings, homes, roads, walls and bridges collapsed as a result of the 1994 Northridge earthquake that rocked Santa Clarita Valley.



Signal cartoonist Randy Wicks showed how life changed for Santa Clarita residents in the aftermath of the 1994 Northridge earthquake.



City Hall was severely damaged during the earthquake and was subsequently repaired and retrofitted.



Many homes were "red tagged," meaning that entrance was prohibited.

December 9, 1995: The City hosts a big thank-you breakfast for those who helped put the City "back together" after the 1994 earthquake.



A Partnership for Public Safety



The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff Station is home to the various specialty teams and deputies who provide law enforcement services to the residents of the Valley.

Since that first contract with the Sheriff's Department, the City has ensured that its residents' safety is paramount by contracting for so many additional deputies that their numbers would constitute an entire force in some smaller jurisdictions.

The partnership between the City and its Sheriff's Department has created an investment in the community with the addition of: an extensive traffic safety program including motorcycle patrol and photographic enforcement of red light violations at major intersections, a highly visible community relations program, a dedicated deputy for the Newhall community, a youth intervention team, a community-based, quality-of-life team, and a dedicated deputy for each high school in the City.

This investment has yielded a consistent return that is beyond attaching a value to: A feeling of personal safety that each resident can enjoy, and a consistent ranking among the nation's safest cities. All of this helps to attract residents and businesses, and is, most importantly, a barometer of the success of that partnership.



The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides fire services to the Santa Clarita Valley, in partnership with the City of Santa Clarita.

Public safety was foremost in the minds of community members when the City was formed 20 years ago — and taking charge of that top priority was no small undertaking.

Having a population of just over 130,000 in 1987, and the valley being essentially a small island with no contiguous boundaries with its neighboring communities, meant that public safety services — especially those necessary during a state of emergency or natural disaster — would have to be both cost-effective and highly efficient.

After some initial discussion as to forming its own City Police Department, City leaders chose to contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Cityhood meant evaluating current police service levels and building on them to create a responsive, proactive, community-based force that would serve the needs of the residents, businesses, and most importantly, our youth.

What had been a small handful of police cars patrolling the entire valley as one jurisdiction was transformed into a substantially larger force handling criminal, traffic and investigative and several smaller auxiliary units.

Parks, Recreation and Trails



The 17-acre Bridgeport Park in Santa Clarita.

Healthy recreation amid beautiful outdoor surroundings — there are few activities more wholesome for community residents to enjoy.

Throughout the past two decades, the City of Santa Clarita's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department has diligently worked to create new parks and off-street bicycle/pedestrian trails, and provide quality recreational, educational and entertainment activities for people of all ages.

In all, 18 parks have been built — the most recent, a 32-acre park named in memory of Todd Longshore, a longtime Santa Clarita parks commissioner who died suddenly in 2006. The City has built more than 33 miles of picturesque trails.

Designed for commuting and recreational use — including walking, riding, jogging and skating — the trails have the regional river trail as its backbone, and provide a multitude of connections for residents to access parks, entertainment, shopping and employment centers. Trails truly are a wonderful asset for the community. They link

neighborhoods, provide safe routes to schools and businesses, and enhance property values. Trails also get people out of their cars, which reduces traffic and pollution, and allows residents to enjoy nature while taking part in healthful activities!



The Heritage Bear is part of the City's innovative California Bear Project. This bear is painted with historical photographs and "lives" at Valencia Heritage Park.



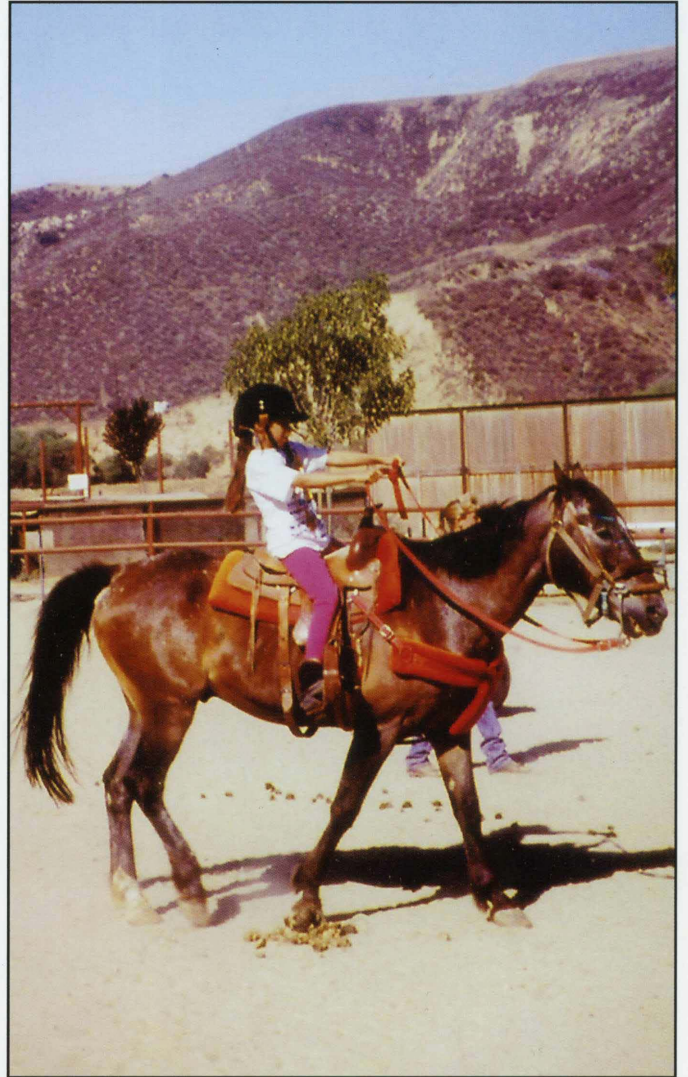
The Santa Clarita Aquatic Center, located at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex, is a popular summer swim destination for Santa Clarita youth.



The City's thirty-plus mile trail network is well-utilized by local residents.



The City's Aquatic Center, located at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex, includes a family pool that boasts a two-story red water slide and water play equipment.



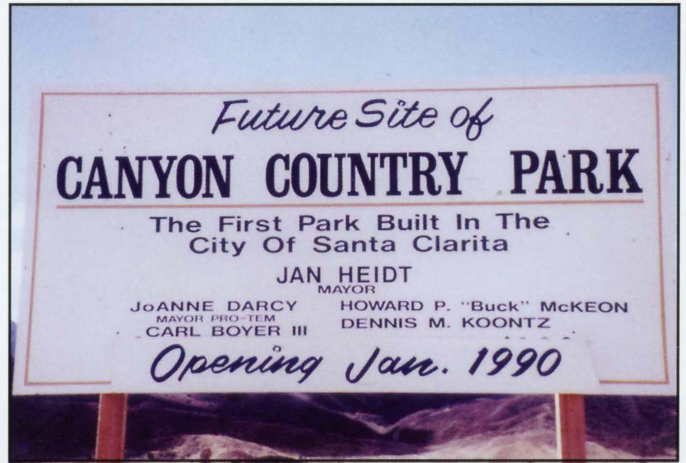
A Santa Clarita resident enjoys an equestrian recreation class offered through the City.



Cinco de Mayo is celebrated at the City's Creekview Park in Newhall.



The City's South Fork Trail (looking south) in Valencia.



The City's first park was the 17-acre Canyon Country park, which opened in December 1989.



Concerts in the Park: Thousands of people each summer enjoy the City's outdoor musical concerts.



The City's first Concert in the Park, 1990.



The City's Parkmobile was started in 1990 to provide recreational opportunities to children who did not have easy access to a City park.



The start of the South Fork Trail which runs parallel to San Fernando Road.



South Fork Trail phase 1 Dedication, April 11, 1992. Attendees included (front from left): Tom Lee, Steve Schmidt, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, former City Councilmember Dennis Koontz, Linda Storli, former City Councilmember and Mayor Howard "Buck" McKeon, City Councilmember Jo Anne Darcy, Jim McCarthy, City Councilmember Carl Boyer, then-parks commissioner Laurene Weste, Hunt Braly, City Councilmember Jan Heidt, Ellie Kane, Cecelia Burda. (Back row from left): John Danielson, Mike Lyons, Jeff Kolin, the City's first parks and recreation director.



1993: Commuter rail trail opening.



City officials and community members gather at Creekview Park Grand Opening, May, 1997. From left: Jan Heidt, Jo Anne Darcy, Evangeline Jaramillo, then-Mayor Clyde Smyth, George Stigile, Maria Fulkerson and Laurene Weste. (Behind Jaramillo, City Manager George Carvalho looks on.)



1998: Santa Clara Bike Trail Grand Opening, then-Mayor Jan Heidt chats with cyclists.



Residents enjoy the Grand Opening of the Santa Clara River Trail in March 1998.



City officials (Laurene Weste, Judy Francis, Howard "Buck" McKeon, Jill Klajic, Jan Heidt) and community members help break ground for the City's Begonias Lane Park in Canyon Country, circa, 1993.



Sign leading to Arbor Day tree planting event, circa 1995.



Planting a tree takes teamwork!



June 1998: Santa Clara River Bike Trail dedication - part of the Santa Clara River Recreation Trail and Park Corridor. Councilmembers Jo Anne Darcy and Laurene Weste are seen at the opening.



Santa Clara River Trail dedication, former Assemblyman George Runner flanked by Councilmembers Laurene Weste and Jo Anne Darcy.



June 2000: Bridgeport Park dedication, City Councilmember Frank Ferry enjoys a slide ride as City Councilmember Laurene Weste and Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon look on.



Bridgeport Park dedication, June 2000. Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon addresses the audience at the park opening event.



Whitney Canyon Park, 2002, dedicated by the City of Santa Clarita and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as open space. From left Senator George Runner, City Council members Laurene Weste, Marsha McLean and Bob Kellar.



May 2001: Groundbreaking for Central Park Phase 2.



Jo Anne Darcy and local community members dig in together.



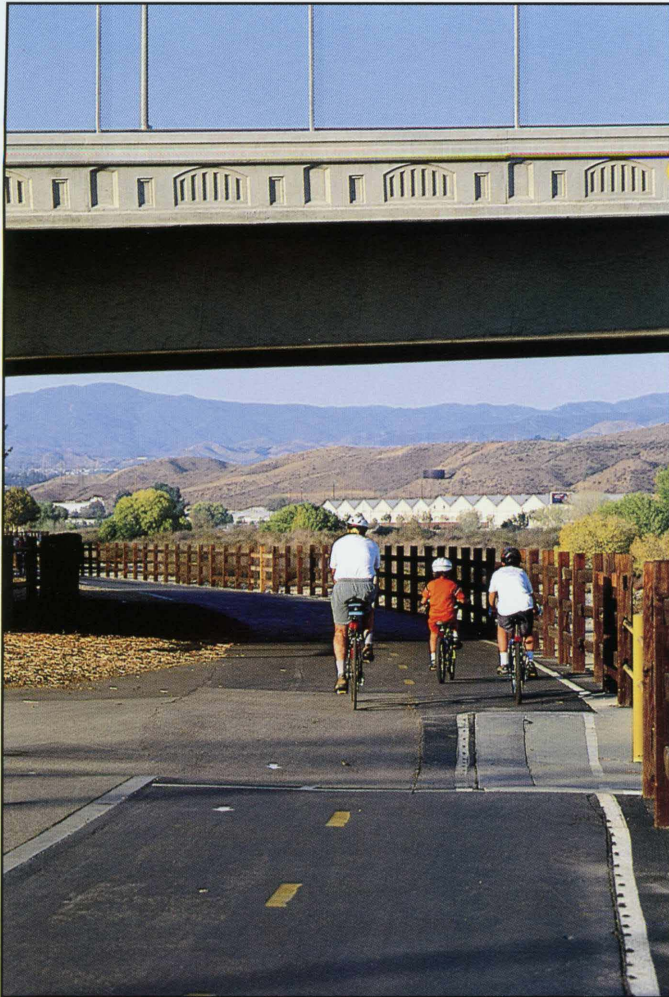
Central Park Grand Opening Day, February 26, 2004.



Don Robinson (left) and Rick Winsman enjoy a break during the groundbreaking ceremony.



Sand Canyon Trail Opening Ceremony, September 3, 2003.



With community health and recreational fun in mind, the City of Santa Clarita has created more than 30 miles of picturesque trails designed for commuting and recreational use, including walking, riding, jogging and skating. The regional river trail serves as the backbone of the trail system. Together with connecting trails, residents can safely access parks, entertainment, shopping and employment centers.

James McCarthy, the then-Los Angeles County Trails Planner-Coordinator, planned and designed the Santa Clarita Valley's original master plan of trails, which was adopted by Los Angeles County (1987) and the City of Santa Clarita (1988). This was done in coordination with chairperson Laurene Weste of the Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC). James McCarthy also wrote the initial grant, which enabled funding for parts of the South Fork Trail, and received a special recognition from the City of Santa Clarita for his work in designing the system and in helping to bring about the City's first trail, the South Fork. Today, from the original plan, the City of Santa Clarita has built more than 30 miles of Class 1, multi-use trails citywide, (from left: James McCarthy, then-Mayor Carl Boyer).





The City's 7-acre Oak Spring Canyon Park opened in Canyon Country in 2003.

Santa Clarita loves its wide open spaces! To date, more than 3,300 acres of open space have been brought into public ownership by the City.



The Santa Clarita Marathon: A Healthy Tradition



The Santa Clarita Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K Run often utilize local paseos and trails for the annual event held on the first Sunday in November.



The Santa Clarita Marathon draws thousands of participants, fans and volunteers who enjoy a healthy day of fun and exercise.

The City of Santa Clarita is proud to host the annual marathon, half marathon, 5K and KidK on the first Sunday in November. The popular event draws participants from far and wide — with approximately 70 percent living outside the Santa Clarita Valley and regularly spending up to \$100 a day here, making the marathon a fun and effective economic development event.

“One of the City’s signature events is also a major tourism opportunity for the City,” said Rick Gould, director of parks and recreation. “The annual Santa Clarita Marathon attracts local, regional and national participants. We see runners from California communities like Alta Dena, Thousand Oaks, Escondido, Azusa, and Lompoc, but also welcome participants from Wisconsin, Nevada, Florida, Illinois and Utah. Events like the Marathon are ideal because they attract visitors who enjoy a healthy lifestyle, and allow participants to get out and enjoy our City’s unique amenities and distinct natural beauty.”



The Santa Clarita Marathon is a popular event for runners, walkers, adults and youth. The event is held on the streets and trails of Santa Clarita in November.

Shop Santa Clarita to Build a Better Community



The owners of Valencia Mercedes-Benz, from left, Leonard Sage, Eddie Murray and Kevin Malone.

Our robust local economy and high quality of life are largely dependent upon the community's shopping within the City, where 100 percent of the City-derived sales tax stays in our valley, providing services to Santa Clarita residents and businesses.

The "Shop Santa Clarita" campaign has been a huge success for the community. When Santa Claritans actively patronize local businesses (those located between the lines of State Route 14 and the I-5 freeways), Santa Clarita commerce thrives and the community continues to improve.

How does this happen? The answer is simple: When purchases are made within the City and sales tax is applied, the City receives 1 percent of the taxable sale. That's a major asset, for 41 percent of our general fund is currently derived from sales tax. One hundred percent of locally derived money is reinvested in the community, going toward public safety, new parks, trails, services and facilities for which our residents have asked.

It must be emphasized that while we locally benefit from these business purchases, the entire Santa Clarita Valley profits through the City's funding of regional facilities, programs and services and efforts.

Sales tax revenue is the primary source of funding for projects, programs and services, such as the Cross Valley Connector and the new Community Center in Old Town Newhall.



Pictured at local wine lounge and retailer, "All Corked Up," from left, Monica Alatorre, Jay Schutz, Stacie House and Bobby Alatorre.

The Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival



Riders in the Sky are honored on the 2003 Walk of Western Stars.

To celebrate, preserve, and promote Santa Clarita's Western Heritage, the City established the annual Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival in 1994. This award-winning event — held at Renaud and Andre Veluzat's historic Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio in Newhall's Placerita Canyon — features the best in poetry, music and fine western art. A familiar site for Western filming, Melody Ranch and Motion Picture Studio has been a choice location for decades, seeing the filming of many Western favorites, including "The Lone Ranger," "Wyatt Earp," "Gunsmoke" and "Hopalong Cassidy" as well as today's HBO hit production, "Deadwood."

The Western-themed celebration, which has since been renamed the Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival, was recently lauded by *True West* magazine as one of the best cowboy festivals nationwide. *True West* awarded Santa Clarita's Cowboy Festival for keeping the history, lifestyle and Western authenticity alive.

It was in the early 1990s that Ken Pulskamp, then-Assistant City Manager, came up with the idea of having a Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival in Santa Clarita after visiting a similar event in Visalia. Pulskamp took the idea through the City Council and the event was slated to be performed at the Hart High School Auditorium.



The City's Cowboy Festival at Melody Ranch and Motion Picture Studio offers a taste of the western way of life.

Before that could happen, the 1994 Earthquake struck and the festival could not be held in the auditorium after all (the high school was red-tagged as asbestos covered its 900 auditorium seats). Much money had already been spent on the national campaign to advertise the local festival. As

well, great anticipation had been raised over the upcoming Western event.

"That quake was the best thing that ever happened to the Cowboy Poetry Music and Festival and the worst thing that happened to the Hart High Auditorium, although the auditorium wound up being beautifully restored and the community

really has a lot of wonderful programs there, which everyone enjoys," said Councilmember Laurene Weste, also a former parks commissioner.

The Festival found a home at the Veluzats' Melody Ranch — which was the historic Melody Ranch of Gene Autry. Originally Autry's Melody Ranch had been destroyed by the 1962 fire in Placerita Canyon, but the town had been completely restored by the Veluzats and was unique. The perfect venue was, indeed, Melody Ranch, and for many reasons, including the fact that they had a big sound stage, which could house the musicians.

The Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival's debut had a walloping attendance and the sound stage was rocking with some of the best Western music and talent in the nation.

Since that first year, the event continues to be held at Melody Ranch, and provides some of the finest cultural tourism here in the City of Santa Clarita.



City Councilmembers and Western stars seen at the 2006 Downtown Newhall Walk of Western Stars ceremony.

Pictured from left: Then-Mayor Laurene Weste, Andrew Prine, Rhonda Fleming, Robert Horton, Mrs. James Arness (present for her husband, James Arness who was unable to attend) and City Councilmember Marsha McLean. The Downtown Newhall Walk of Western Stars began in 1981 as the "Western Walk of Fame" as a means of honoring Western film, stage, television and radio personalities who performed in the Santa Clarita Valley. The name was later changed to "Walk of Western Stars." The event is a highlight of the City's annual Cowboy Festival.

Sam Elliott, a 1993 Walk of Western Stars honoree, serves as presenter at the 2004 Walk of Western Stars Gala.



From left: Councilmember Marsha McLean, actress Melissa Gilbert, a 2004 Walk of Western Stars honoree, accompanied by her husband, Bruce Boxleitner, a 1990 Walk of Western Stars honoree, and their son. Right: Then-SCV Chamber of Commerce President Duane Harte.



A New City Is Born!

'At 4:30 This Afternoon We Became a City'

The balloons, the flags, the smiles in the unusually subdued light gave a festive air to the college gymnasium.

Bands played; boys and girls marched around; the slides showed people and places in Santa Clarita.

The color guard twirled their guns and marched the flags with precision; Melanie Usher gave a gospel-singer's gut-vibrating rendition of "America", and two thousand people in the semi-dark bleachers bowed heads to the invocation.

It was then that Superintendent Clyde Smyth of the Hart District announced: "I'd like to inform you that at 4:30 this afternoon

we officially became the city of Santa Clarita."

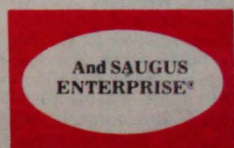
Applause, laughter, cheers.

Then Smyth called to order the first meeting of the first Santa Clarita city council. He asked their families to come to the poinsettia-fringed stage. Then the five members pictured at right: Dennis Koontz, Jo Anne Darcy, Buck McKeon, Jan Heidt, and Carl Boyer, raised their hands and repeated the oath of office: "I do solemnly swear..."

The council was in session. A full account of the rest of the opening meeting will appear in Friday's Signal.



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Local Control At Last!

Who could have known that when the City of Santa Clarita officially began 20 years ago, it would set into motion a series of events that would propel this young city into becoming one of California's top communities? Recognized as both innovative and successful, as well as one of the state's safest cities in which to live, Santa Clarita has exceeded the goals of its founding mothers and fathers in just 20 years.

Born on December 15, 1987, the creation of the City of Santa Clarita did not occur without a fight. Developers threatened by a potential "slow growth" platform did what they could to prevent the incorporation of Santa Clarita. But after the votes were counted, the City of Santa Clarita was created by a two-to-one margin. The new articles

of incorporation provided for the creation of a city combining the communities of Saugus, Newhall, Valencia and Canyon Country.

In effect, the residents of Santa Clarita voted for local control, self-determination and easy access to government so local services would be improved. Locally elected City Council members provide a local platform for residents' ideas and perspectives on a regular basis.

The new City of Santa Clarita was just 43 square miles and literally surrounded by County unincorporated area — a tremendous reduction from the proposed 90 square miles city mothers and fathers envisioned. Our early city pioneers can be proud that the right of self-determination along with the promise of a new tomorrow has been answered by this young City.

City Formation Committee Member

Connie Worden-Roberts Remembers . . .



Looking back at the time prior to City formation, my original involvement was primarily stimulated by Ruth and Scott Newhall, who did not favor a city, but instead favored new county formation.

I initially championed that group that preferred Santa Clarita County, and whereas we did get sufficient votes from local areas we were voted down 4 to 1 by the County (of Los Angeles).

The volunteers still favored getting more local government, so, in a couple of years prior to formation, in about 1985, we took out the petitions to form a city and we met weekly for a two-year period.

We collected signatures, which was required, from 25 percent of the local citizenry. We actually collected much more than that, well in excess of

24,000 signatures. I personally collected 2,000 of them by standing in front of grocery stores and asking people (for their signature).

“Form your own government,” I’d say. “Elect your own City Council, have the authority to do some of your own planning and direction. Don’t be dependent on five county supervisors who are in a distant Los Angeles area.”

In that original city formation we asked for about 70 square miles. We asked to include Castaic and the area that was to become Stevenson Ranch, but LAFCO (the Local Agency Formation Commission, which has the authority) cut us down to 39 square miles, and included Valencia, Saugus, Canyon Country and Newhall – everything west of the I-5 was excluded.

We were disappointed, to tell the truth, that we couldn’t get the whole contiguous populated area. We felt that we would work together well as a larger (area) and we looked forward to forming our own city and then, in the future, annexing.

We were very proud that when the vote was taken there was an overwhelming vote to favor the city formation and at the same time elect the city mothers and fathers for the City Council.

I believe strongly that the City of Santa Clarita has demonstrated its outstanding capabilities, that it has become a strong, very good city that has recognized the diversity of its population, has provided parks and remarkable recreational facilities, and has made considerable improvements in both transportation and construction of roads. The City is recognized as being not only a safe city, but also a city that has provided services to its citizens.

Connie Worden-Roberts became a member of the City’s Planning Commission shortly after incorporation. She has chaired numerous transportation committees and is an avid transportation and road advocate for the Santa Clarita Valley.

The City Through The Decades



The City's first Fourth of July celebration which was held at Newhall Park in 1990.

*Below: The City's Birthday Run-Walk in 1995.
Pictured: Councilmembers Jo Anne Darcy and Carl Boyer.*



The 2005 Santa Clarita City Council supports the new Healthy Santa Clarita program.





Then-Mayor Carl Boyer welcomes Arnold Schwarzenegger to the College of the Canyons fitness event in 1996.



The City's first birthday celebration which was held in 1997 with City Councilmembers, from left, Carl Boyer, Jan Heidt, Jo Anne Darcy and Dennis Koontz.



Happy Birthday, America! City Council, past and present, ride in the Annual Fourth of July Parade, circa 1997.



Santa Clarita's first Mayor, turned U.S. Congressman, Howard "Buck" McKeon cuts the City's first birthday cake.



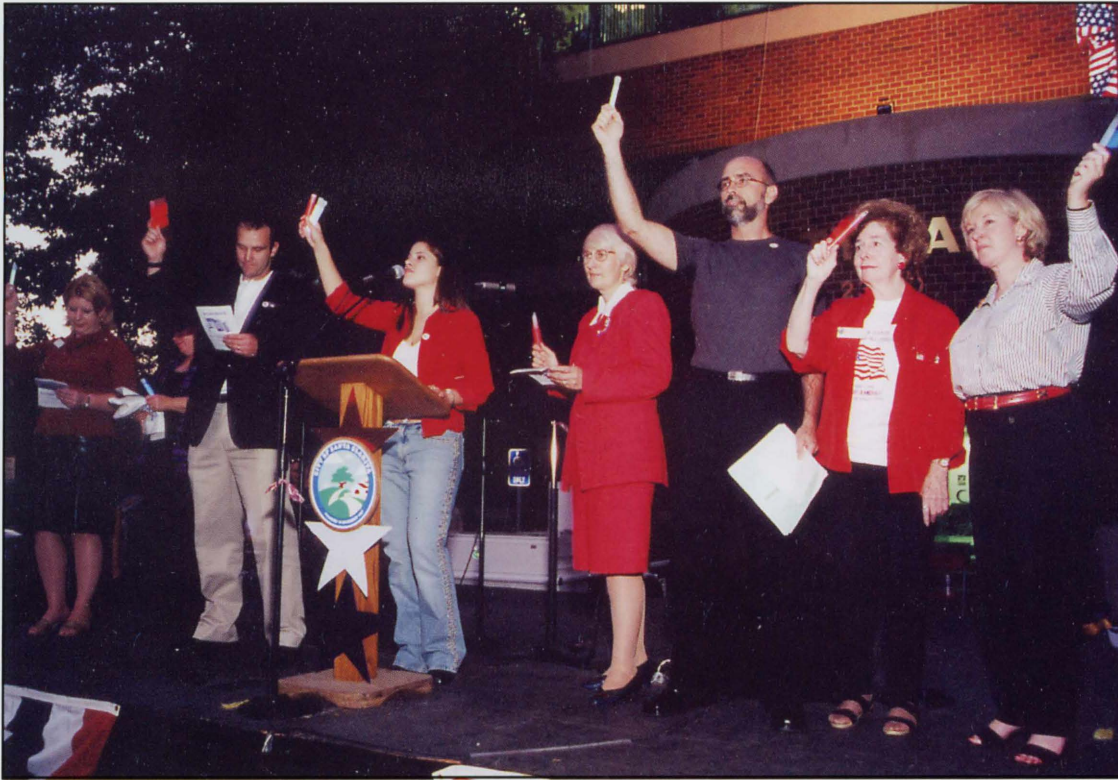
Top left: State of the City luncheon in 1999. Councilmember Frank Ferry addresses the audience.

Bottom left: Then-City Manager George Carvalho poses for the camera with Scout members at a City Hall open house.

Top right: Public Information Officer Gail Ortiz explains zoning principles to visiting students.

Bottom right: Ken Pulskamp, then-Assistant City Manager, enjoys a visit with the Boy Scouts.





Left: City and County officials and community members joined together at City Hall for a 9-11 rally on September 21, 2001.

Below: A City of Santa Clarita-sponsored 9-11 rally, held September 21, 2001, offered support, remembrance and appreciation for the victims, rescuers and heroes of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. At the rally, local residents, non-profits and businesses of the Santa Clarita Valley contributed more than \$23,000 to victims of 9-11. Seen here, from left: Then-City Councilmember Cameron Smyth, City Manager Ken Pulskamp, City Councilmember Bob Kellar, Mayor Laurene Weste and City Councilmember Frank Ferry.





Top left: Hundreds of Santa Clarita Valley families attended the 9-11 support rally, offering prayers and donations for 9-11 victims.

Top right: City officials and community members join together on September 11, 2002, at Eternal Valley for a City-sponsored "Day of Remembrance." The event honored law enforcement, firefighters and other emergency personnel involved with emergency response efforts following the 9-11 terrorist attack.

Bottom left: Then-Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station Capt. Don Rodriguez speaks to attendees of "A Day of Remembrance."

Bottom right: Anna Kuredjian, mother of fallen Sheriff's deputy Hagop "Jake" Kuredjian, is given comfort at "A Day of Remembrance." Mrs. Kuredjian's deputy son was gunned down in a Stevenson Ranch shootout shortly before the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack.





A Tribute to Those Who Serve . . .

The City of Santa Clarita was named one of the country's most patriotic cities in the days following *Desert Storm*. A special display at City Hall featured American flags with the names of service personnel from the Santa Clarita Valley.

With the start of the war in Iraq, the city set up a display in the lobby of City Hall, featuring the names and photographs of local service personnel serving their country.

The City partners with the Blue Star Mothers, the SCV Historical Memorial Committee and other service organizations in the City to host an annual Patriot Day event, as well as a Memorial Day and Veterans Day events at City locations including City Hall and the Veterans Historical Plaza.

It was a day of tributes and tears at "A Day of Remembrance" on September 11, 2002. Part of the City's numerous "Patriot Day" events, it featured a memorial service and plaque dedication to first responders.



Seen at City Hall in 2003, a poster honoring local soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Hung by the local Blue Star Mothers group, blue stars adorn a tree outside City Hall in honor of local military service members. Names of the soldiers are on the stars, which were placed as part of a Memorial Day event at City Hall on May 26, 2003. Then-Mayor Cameron Smyth dedicated the tree that holds the honor stars.

CANYON HIGH SCHOOL 2006 CALIFORNIA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

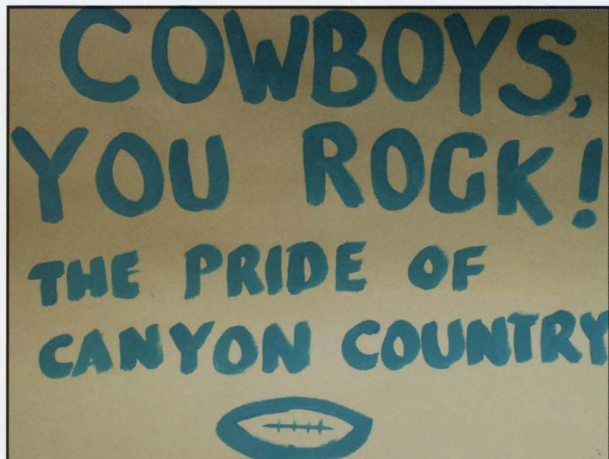


Canyon Cowboys varsity football team members enjoy the sweet taste of victory and sounds of cheer at the parade held in their honor.



A City of Santa Clarita-sponsored and organized parade was held in December 2006 for the Canyon High School Cowboy Football team, coaches and pep squad in honor of Canyon's prestigious win over Concord De La Salle and earning the CIF State Championship.

Seen here Canyon High football player J. J. DiLuigi is congratulated by Linda Lambourne, representative for Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon, as Coach Harry Welch proudly looks on.



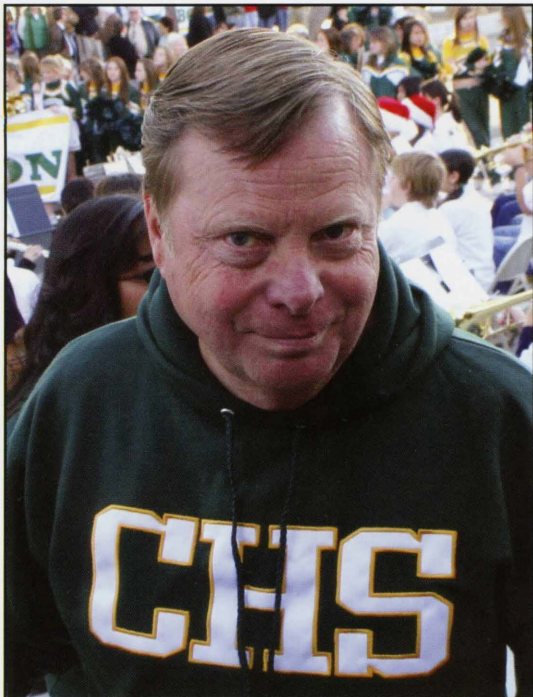


Top: Cheerleaders shout and cheer at the Canyon Cowboys Football parade.

Right: A beaming Coach Harry Welch enjoys the historic high school glory.



Below: City Councilmember Bob Kellar, a Canyon Country resident, smiles with pride over the Canyon Cowboys' tremendous high school football victory.



A banner seen at the City-sponsored parade for Canyon High Cowboys. It was at that parade that Mayor Marsha McLean stated: "We are so very proud of Canyon High School and this amazing achievement. Earning the CIF State Championship brings honor not only to Canyon High School, but also to our entire community."



Top right: *The Fourth of July Parade is held annually in the Newhall and Valencia communities of our City.*



Top left: *Old Town Newhall plays host to the annual Street Arts Festival held in the Fall.*

Middle right: *Residents of the City enjoy the free summer concerts in the park series every Saturday night at Central Park throughout the summer.*



Below: *The City's annual Children's Parade in Old Town Newhall is held in December. This photo, circa 2006.*



Getting Around the Santa Clarita Valley



The City's groundbreaking of a portion of the Cross Valley Connector. Pictured here: Golden Valley Road in Canyon Country, circa 1999.

Over the last two decades, the Santa Clarita Valley has witnessed tremendous growth, both in its residential and business communities.

Throughout this time, the City of Santa Clarita has made good on its promise to create safe and improved transportation routes across this growing valley, and to improve traffic flow along the way.

Among those new and/or enhanced roadways: Construction of the Cross Valley Connector, Whites Canyon (south of Soledad Canyon Road), Via Princessa, Golden Valley Road, Newhall Ranch Road, Copper Hill Drive, Decoro Drive, and Avenue Scott. There has been widening of Magic Mountain Parkway, San Fernando Road, Soledad Canyon Road (east of Sand Canyon Road) and McBean Parkway (around Valencia Town Center). With regard for appealing road aesthetics, the City has added attractive median landscaping to Soledad, San Fernando, Seco and Whites Canyon, and Bouquet Canyon Roads.

Keeping resident/commuter safety and optimal traffic flow in mind, we have implemented a Traffic

Operations Center and connected the majority of the traffic signals in town. The City has tripled the number of traffic signals in the valley, and has set in place a successful Red Light Camera Enforcement Program that has contributed to a reduction in the number of injury collisions — and what this ultimately means is fewer injuries and deaths along our roadways.

The City's Transit Maintenance Facility and the McBean Transfer Station, as well as the three Metrolink stations, help keep things moving in all directions. Also, we have also added many trails throughout the City.

The City Council has worked to accomplish transportation goals through building roads and developing a fee impact system that assesses new development of the actual costs of building the new infrastructure needed.

The City's most formidable road and engineering challenges are those dealing with internal growth, which will help manage congestion and improve the quality of life.



City officials celebrate the grand opening of Golden Valley Road, part of the 8.5-mile Cross Valley Connector road. Pictured from left: Councilmember Bob Kellar, Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon, Supervisor Mike Antonovich, former parks commissioner Duane Harte, Councilmember (former Mayor) Laurene Weste and Parks Commissioner Laura Hauser.

What a Way to Go: The Cross Valley Connector

A growing City faces many challenges, including accommodating its continuing expansion, while at the same time, protecting its neighborhoods and natural environment from the impact of increased traffic.

Currently under construction, the 8.5-mile Cross Valley Connector is the City's prized solution for easing traffic by the seamless connection of Newhall Ranch Road and Golden Valley Road.

A boon for local transportation, the Connector will provide additional travel options from Valencia to Canyon Country, and a direct connection between the I-5/SR-126 on the west side of the City to the SR-14/Golden Valley Interchange on the east.

The prudently designed, aesthetically pleasing road will also serve as an alternative for using busy Soledad Canyon Road. Additionally, the Cross Valley Connector is environmentally conscious, with special attention paid to areas through which it passes, such as hillsides and the Santa Clara River.

Well on its way to being completed in 2009, the Cross Valley Connector is a tremendous advantage for traveling across this valley. It will not only make getting across the Santa Clarita Valley easier, it will also reduce thousands of hours of daily vehicle delays in congested intersections and travel lanes while improving air quality.

Special Thanks To Our Funding Partners:

The Cross Valley Connector is a complex, multi-year project with many partners who made it possible.

These include: Centre Pointe, Los Angeles County, Newhall Land, Caltrans, Metro, federal government, Federal Highway Administration, MTA, Congressman McKeon and Senators Boxer and Feinstein



June 1994, officials cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Whites Canyon Road to State Route 14.

At the groundbreaking of the Cross Valley Connector, Golden Valley Road segment are, (from left) Patty Kelly, Larry Rasmussen, Rick Winsman, Millie Jones, Jo Anne Darcy, Dr. Keith Richman, Frank Ferry, Laurene Weste, Bob Kellar, Cameron Smyth and Phil Ellis.



Santa Clarita Valley Is Hollywood North!



An elephant stands outside of a house for a commercial which was filmed in the Sand Canyon area of the City.

Just 20 minutes north of Los Angeles and located within the prized "30-mile zone," the Santa Clarita Valley offers everything needed to make a production project a success! The Santa Clarita Valley Film Office provides a location library for scouting among the thousands of locations, from movie ranches and commercial buildings to parks, residences and industrial areas. Production resources include contact information for sound stages, production and post-production facilities, equipment rentals, hotels, restaurants and caterers, and even local industry professionals. Permits, and help with that process, are also available. (Santa Clarita has one of the lowest permit fees in the zone and the quickest turnaround time.)

When it comes to filming for the entertainment industry, the Santa Clarita Valley has become

a veritable boom town. In the first five months of the City's 20th anniversary year, location filming accounted for an estimated \$10 million in economic impact to the City of Santa Clarita and its businesses.

Created in 2002, the City's Film Office helps attract and retain the filming industry, including both location filming and film-related businesses. The office issues permits for all location filming within the City, ensuring minimal impact on residents and businesses.

Despite competition from other states and countries offering financial incentives (such as Vancouver, Louisiana and New Mexico), we've been successful in attracting location filming to our City, and increasing the amount of location filming each year.

The City is focused on marketing efforts and what makes Santa Clarita a great place in which to work, including the variety of locations, film-friendly businesses and residential communities, low permit fees and the reverse commute from Los Angeles, key factors for production when choosing a location.

In addition to being a site used in many vintage TV and film Westerns, our town is home to numerous television programs including "Deadwood," "Big Love," and "NCIS," all of which are based at Santa Clarita sound stages and movie ranches, and regularly film on location in the City.



The crew from a Cadillac commercial filming at the intersection of Avenue Scott and Avenue Tibbitts in the Industrial Center.



Seen left, standing: Sean McNamara, director of the Hilary Duff movie, "Raise Your Voice," which was filmed at the Aquatic Center.



Universal Studios' "Serenity" was partly shot in Soledad Canyon.



A student working on a non-profit project, "Joey," filmed in the Santa Clarita Sports Complex.



Preparing for shooting "Without A Trace" at the Community Center in Newhall.

The crew from "Yours, Mine & Ours" filming at Newhall Park.





"Without A Trace" films on location in the Santa Clarita Valley, circa 2007.



Location filming has been happening around Santa Clarita for decades, with filmmakers capitalizing on our unique landscapes and topography. The City of Santa Clarita recognizes the many contributions the film industry has made to the community and, through the City's film office, provides for many more productions in the years to come.

"Stagecoach," starring John Wayne, was partially shot in Beale's Cut, circa 1938.

The Santa Clarita Valley: Where It All Started

by Leon Worden

(With editorial assistance from Ruth Newhall/SCV Historical Society)

Plenty of towns that dot the California landscape can claim a piece of the state's celebrated history in gold, oil, transportation and filming. Santa Clarita is no exception, but for one thing: In many respects, Santa Clarita is where it all started.

Long before there were stagecoach lines, the Santa Clarita Valley was an important crossroads along ancient Indian trade routes. North met South and East met West at a craggy rock formation named, much later, for *bandido* Tiburcio Vasquez.

About AD 450, the Shoshone-speaking Tataviam, or "People of the Sunny Slopes," settled into several autonomous tribelets. Little is known about their predecessors. The Tataviam lived in brush huts, ate native plants and small game, and practiced a supernatural shamanism.

The Spaniards who arrived on horseback one hot August day in 1769 must have seemed supernatural to the Tataviam. Traversing California on a quest for mission sites and military encampments, the Portolá expedition crested the valley's southern edge and named her wild river for St. Clare (Santa Clara). The river was later called the "little" Santa Clara, and the valley accordingly took the name of Santa Clarita.

Spanish soldiers returned in 1804 to establish an *estancia*, an agricultural outpost of the San Fernando Mission, at Castaic Junction. They conscripted the peaceful Tataviam to work the mission lands and upgraded the local outpost to an *asistencia*, or sub-mission.

The arrangement didn't last. Revolution erupted in Mexico. The new government granted the 48,000-acre Rancho San Francisco, covering western Santa Clarita and eastern Ventura County, to one Lt. Antonio del Valle. Three years later, a Del Valle relative made a sensational discovery.

Schooled in mineralogy in Sonora, Mexico, José Francisco de Gracia Lopez systematically scoured the terrain, believing it hid substantial gold deposits. On his 40th birthday, his theories proved

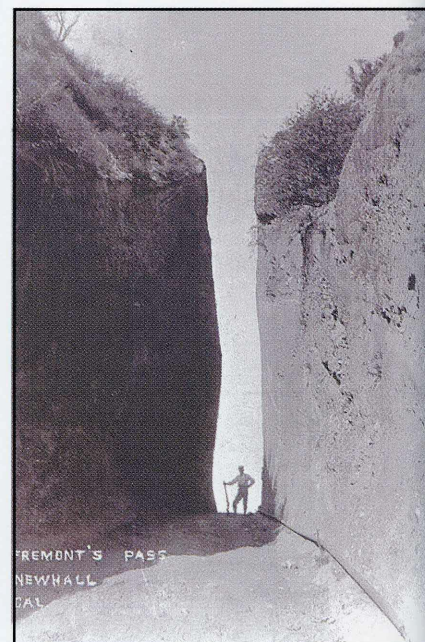
correct. Legend tells us that Lopez, waking from a nap under a gnarled oak tree near Placerita Creek, found gold nuggets clinging to the roots of some wild onions. However accurate the legend, Lopez did make the first documented discovery of California gold on March 9, 1842 — six years before James Marshall pulled his famous nugget from John Sutter's Mill.

Word spread. Prospectors from Sonora flooded the valley. The mini-gold rush was halted only by the Mexican-American War.

The United States honored the former Mexican land grants under the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The Del Valles could keep their rancho, and Antonio's son, Ignacio, even served in the State Legislature. It was not war, but drought, that brought down the Del Valles' cattle and sheep ranching empire.

The peace made strange bedfellows. In 1862-63, victorious U.S. Gen. Edward F. Beale won a contract from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to improve the major north-south transportation route, cutting a 90-foot-deep swath through the Newhall Pass. The road project had been started some years earlier by Beale's old battlefield adversary, Mexican General Andrés Pico.

News of oil in the area piqued Beale's interest, and Pico knew the Santa Clarita Valley as well as anyone. In 1865 the two generals hooked up and acquired many of the valley's plentiful but unproductive oil claims. The venture failed. What was really needed was someone with the technical expertise to drill a functioning oil well.





That man was Charles Alexander Mentry. The French immigrant had drilled 42 successful wells near Titusville, Pennsylvania, and came to California on a hunch. He applied the latest techniques to Pico Canyon, where by the summer of 1876 he was pumping 30 barrels of oil a day from "Pico No. 4." It was the first successful oil well in the West.

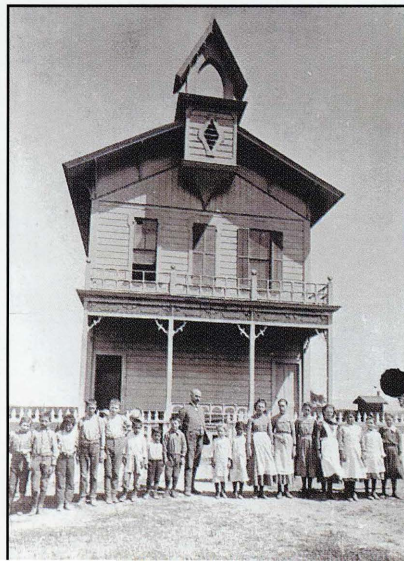
The local refinery, erected in 1874 near Sanford Lyon's stagecoach station, was insufficient for all the oil that soon flowed from the nearby canyons. In 1876 the "Pioneer Oil Refinery" was moved to Pine Street and expanded. Another first, it was the only productive refinery in California.

No longer were mule teams needed to transport oil. Chinese laborers just finished digging the 6,940-foot San Fernando Tunnel, then the third-longest in the nation, and that meant only one thing. The railroad was coming.

The previous year, San Francisco entrepreneur and railroad tycoon Henry Mayo Newhall purchased the old Del Valle rancho. He sold a right-of-way to Southern Pacific for a dollar, and a town site for another dollar.

August 12, 1876, saw the first iron horse lumber through the San Fernando Tunnel into the little town of Newhall. On September 5, Southern Pacific president Charles Crocker hammered a golden spike through the rails at Lang Station in Soledad Canyon. San Francisco and Los Angeles came together in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Newhall grew into a railroad flag stop of general stores, saloons and churches. Saugus spanned an enormous territory punctuated with family ranches. The Sulphur Springs school district, formed in 1872 in an area now called Canyon Country, was only the second such district in Los Angeles County.

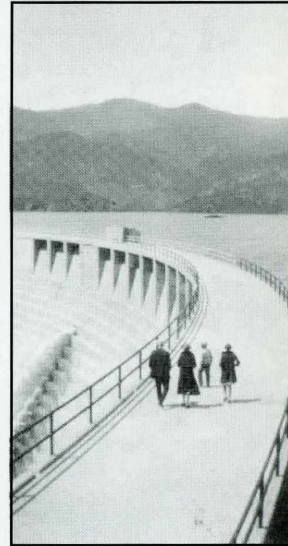


Santa Clarita's topography loaned itself to early filming. Silent screen stars like William S. Hart and Tom Mix used the valley to create the traditions that would define the "Western."

Hart built a palatial residence in Newhall and grieved with the rest of the town when tragedy struck at three minutes before midnight on March 12, 1928. An immense wall of water crashed down San Francisquito Canyon, decimating Saugus ranches and points west as it coursed to the Pacific Ocean. William Mulholland's great St. Francis Dam, designed to hold imported Owens Valley water, had burst. In its wake lay 470 dead bodies. It was California's second-worst disaster, after the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906.

Disaster of a lesser sort struck an ill-fated locomotive as it meandered through Saugus near Hoot Gibson's rodeo arena, a.k.a. the Saugus Speedway. On November 10, 1929, outlaw "Buffalo" Tom Vernon derailed the locomotive and staged one of the last great train robberies. The engine on its side, Vernon collected the passengers' valuables and vanished. Captured in Oklahoma, he died soon after his 35-year incarceration.

Santa Clarita's Western roots shaped her ultimate transformation into a vibrant community of safe streets, award-winning schools, new technologies and thriving industries. More than simple landmarks of yesteryear, today the Hart mansion, Heritage Junction, Mentryville, Vasquez Rocks and the Placerita Nature Center vividly demonstrate the ways in which the people of Santa Clarita are preserving the past for the benefit of the future.



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Opposite: *Beale's Cut, alternatively know as Fremont Pass and Newhall Pass - a scene from the movie "Stagecoach."*

Top: *Alexander Mentry, French immigrant and oilman.*

Center: *St Francis Dam, San Francisquito Canyon.*

Left: *The first official Newhall schoolhouse.*

The Birth of a City

by Jerry Reynolds

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(Courtesy of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society)

As early as 1920 there were attempts to incorporate some of the communities of the Santa Clara River Valley. Four years later a chamber of commerce was formed in Newhall, with one of its goals being city formation.

The "home rule" movement gained strength with the effort to create Canyon County in the 1970s, but its repeated defeat took its toll on the volunteers who had worked so hard for the cause. Things were quiet on the political front for most of the next decade as the valley's community leaders met, watched and waited for the right time to strike again.

That time came in 1985.

A robust economy had led to unprecedented growth in residential construction, and while some development was master-planned, housing tracts and strip malls in other parts of the valley were being approved by the county with little regard for their impact on roads, schools or existing residents.

Louis Garasi, president of the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, chaired the city formation committee, with Connie Worden, a veteran of the Canyon County effort, as vice chair. With strong support from the Santa Clarita Valley and Canyon Country Chambers of Commerce, the committee held lively, well-attended public meetings that revealed a growing interest in home rule and mounting dissatisfaction with inadequate roads. Many also expressed the desire to preserve the valley's precious heritage, historic sites and oak trees, and to have a say in the planning and development of the area.

A petition campaign and the filing of the official cityhood application with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) got the ball rolling. The city formation committee requested a 90-square-mile area for the proposed City of Santa Clarita and watched in anguish as LAFCO pared it down to just over 39 square miles, carving out most of the areas where development was pending. Nonetheless, even with the smaller configuration, a preliminary feasibility study revealed that the

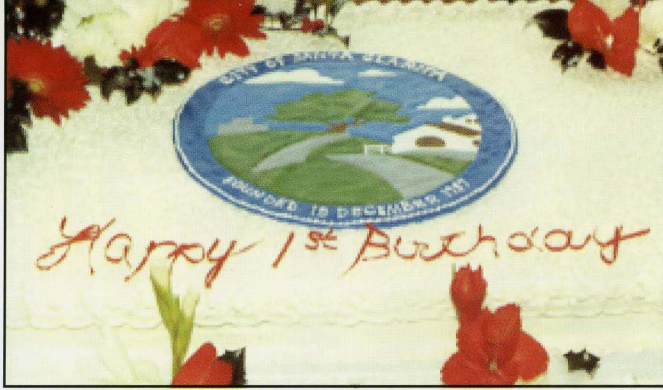
new city would see an initial budget surplus of \$3 million per year — local tax dollars that would otherwise go to other parts of the county. The two-and-a-half-year odyssey had begun.

Joining the city formation committee soon after it was organized were Jo Anne Darcy, Carl Boyer, Jan Heidt and Jill Klajic. Each accepted assignments and showed residents the value in becoming a city.

Two years and a thousand volunteer hours later, Carl Boyer was elected to chair the city formation committee. When Boyer decided to become a City Council candidate he was replaced as chairman by Art Donnelly, a local insurance agent, while Connie Worden continued as vice chair.



The First City Council, seen on the cover of Santa Clarita Valley magazine.



The newly formed City's first birthday cake.

Petition gathering began with the expectation of going house-to-house for registered voters' signatures only, but it was soon clear that shopping center "blitzes" were most effective. Six months of shopping center conversations resulted in a sufficient number of signatures to guarantee a full cityhood study by LAFCO and an opportunity to vote on the issue.

The City boundaries approved by LAFCO included most of the populated areas of Newhall, Saugus, Canyon Country and Valencia. Left out were Castaic, Agua Dulce, everything west of Interstate 5, and most of the land south of State Route 14 except for Sand Canyon, whose inclusion was championed by three cityhood leaders who lived there — Lou Garasi, Jan Heidt and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon.

Even though the approved boundaries were smaller than the city formation committee had desired, they still made Santa Clarita the largest city ever to incorporate. Many cities surpass Santa Clarita in size, but none started out with a population well in excess of 100,000 on the day they formed.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1987, 67.15 percent of the voters approved cityhood (Proposition U). In a record turnout, they also decided to elect their council members at-large.

Five candidates from a field of 26 were elected to the first City Council. In order of the number of votes received, they were: Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, Jan Heidt, Jo Anne Darcy, Carl Boyer and Dennis Koontz. McKeon, with 7,219 votes, became the first mayor; Heidt, with 6,091, became mayor pro tempore.

The cold and blustery night of December 15, 1987, did not dampen the warmth and enthusiasm for cityhood as 2,000 citizens lustily cheered the winners at their first meeting in the gymnasium at College of the Canyons. Almost immediately, the City Council stopped the cutting of heritage oak trees.

Cityhood played to standing-room-only crowds at the Arroyo Seco Junior High School multi-purpose room and the Hart High School auditorium, where the earliest council meetings were held. The City conducted its business from a tiny storefront office on Soledad Canyon Road in Canyon Country, with Carmen Sarro as the very first employee reporting to interim city manager Fred Bien. Within a year the city moved to its present quarters at 23920 Valencia Blvd. and welcomed George Caravalho as its first full-time city manager.



The first City Councilmembers cut the first birthday cake. Left to right: Carl Boyer, Jan Heidt, Howard "Buck" McKeon and Jo Anne Darcy.



Celebrating the City's 8th birthday, from left: Jan Heidt, Carl Boyer, Jo Anne Darcy and Clyde Smyth.

Santa Clarita Community Center: An Extraordinary Facility For Youth



City officials celebrate the grand opening of the Newhall Community Center in 2006.

Providing boys and girls with fun activities amid modern, adult-supervised surroundings is what the Santa Clarita Community Center is all about.

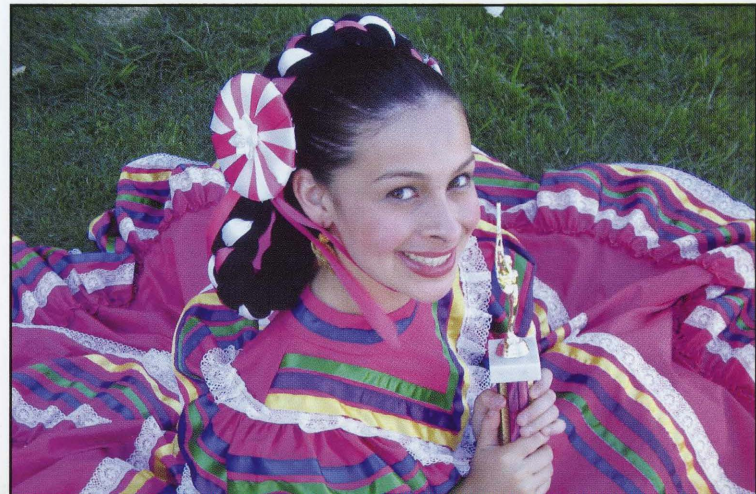
Located in historic Old Town Newhall on Market Street, this \$7 million, state-of-the-art facility opened in January 2006 and offers a healthy variety of activities for young people.

Prior to the new facility's opening in 2006, many Santa Clarita youths attended the old Community Center, which began in 1994 and was situated in a rented, 7,000-square-foot warehouse on San Fernando Road. While that former location generated an award-winning Ballet Folklórico program and produced several boxing champions, the needs for expanding were great — the community was growing! Once program enrollment hit 2,000 last year, the time had arrived for a fresh start in a larger, permanent home.

A unique and historically anchored structure, the new, City-built center has old-fashioned

'barn' characteristics with multiple roof lines and contours, as well as a unique color palette. With more than 17,000 square feet of recreation space, the Center offers an award-winning boxing program, a Ballet Folklórico, homework help, a toy library, a sheriff's substation, music and art classes, outdoor basketball, a performance area, a kitchen and abundant parking. It also offers English as a Second Language studies, teen leadership skills, billiards, Salsa dancing, computers and mentoring help — all under the attentive eyes of helpful and courteous City staffers.

Ballet Folklórico is offered through the City's Community Center in Old Town Newhall.



The Veterans Historical Plaza

"It's really an opportunity for the citizens of Santa Clarita to show their admiration and respect for our veterans." – **Laurene Weste, City Councilmember**

Located at the intersection of Walnut and Market streets in Old Town Newhall, the emotional Santa Clarita Veterans Historical Plaza is a living dedication to the service and sacrifice of our brave American veterans.

Having opened on Memorial Day 2005, the verdant, tree-lined plaza is place of serenity and respect. With more than 500 engraved bricks dotting the patriotic site — each brick with a

veteran's name and dates of military service — the plaza pays homage to men and women from all branches of the service, and through all wars in which America has fought.

It was in 1999 that efforts to organize and build a public place where veterans could be honored began. The project is located on a triangular, half-acre historic location, former site of the historic Pardee House.

Today, the Veterans Historical Plaza in Old Town Newhall is a popular destination for families, seniors and veterans.



Opening day, 2005, hundreds help celebrate the new Veterans Historical Plaza.



Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon and Councilmember Laurene Weste at the grand opening of the Veterans Historical Plaza in Newhall. Then-Councilmember Cameron Smyth is in the background.

The City's half-acre Veterans Historical Plaza is a quiet place of contemplation in the heart of Old Town Newhall.



Santa Clarita Transit

Serving the Public Transportation Needs of Our Community

Question: What is an affordable, reliable, and safe way to get around town?

AnsWER: Santa Clarita Transit!

It was back in 1991 that Santa Clarita Transit began local service. Also commencing that year were Dial-A-Ride and downtown Los Angeles Express Transit Service.

Today, more than 3.5 million riders annually make use of the City's state-of-the-art transportation system!



City of Santa Clarita Transit provides service to the San Fernando and Antelope Valleys as well as downtown Los Angeles, Century City and throughout the Santa Clarita Valley.

Offering a convenient and comfortable means of traveling, Santa Clarita Transit provides its 5,000 daily passengers modern buses, frequent service, and an outstanding on-time record. Wheelchair and bike rack accessible and with more than 600 stops around the valley, the public transportation vehicles also provide discounted rates to students and seniors.

A fun and nostalgic gem of transportation equipment was added to the City's bus fleet in 2006 with the debut of the very quaint Hometown Trolley. In addition to public transportation, the trolley is used for special community events such as the area parades, holiday light tours, and a host of other special and community events.

When getting around town, Santa Clarita transit passengers often need to make bus transfers. To

provide passengers with the most comfortable and efficient transfers, the City of Santa Clarita commissioned national award-winning DMJM Design to create a 1.5-acre permanent bus transfer facility in 2002. Visionary planners knew that such a station would provide a convenient link between the city's local routes and those connecting with outlying areas (namely, downtown Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley, Century City, UCLA and the Antelope Valley).

Located at Valencia Boulevard and McBean Parkway, the transfer station is within easy walking distance (one block) of Valencia Town Center. Esthetically, it is a modern, handsome design, with 12 bus-bay platforms covered by six park-like pavilions, made of stone-clad columns that are topped by steel kite-like canopy structures. Although the transfer facility sits adjacent to neighborhoods, its unique roofline helps it blend in nicely with the surrounding residential structures. Replete with passenger amenities and maintenance support spaces, the station transports its passengers via 300 buses.

To care for the large fleet of buses, the City of Santa Clarita opened its modern, new Transit Maintenance Facility in 2006. Located in the Valencia Industrial Center, the environmentally friendly "green" building allows the city to house, maintain, and clean its fleet — saving the city more than \$1 million annually.



The Hometown Trolley is a new and nostalgic member of the City of Santa Clarita's fleet of local transit vehicles.



Santa Clarita Transit services the City's three Metrolink stations as well as the McBean Transfer Station.

The facility's impressive features include: a 22,000-square-foot administrative and operations office building, a maintenance building with seven maintenance bays, an automated bus and chassis wash, a diesel fueling station, a compressed natural gas fueling station for public and transit use, and parking for 110 buses plus 163 automobiles.

Acknowledging the facility's design and savings for the City, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System awarded the Maintenance Facility with its prestigious "gold rating." The Transit Maintenance Facility — Santa Clarita's first LEED-certified project — demonstrates the city's commitment to greener development and responsible public policy.



The City's award-winning Transit Maintenance Facility is an environmentally-friendly "green" building, located in the Valencia Commerce Center.

Did you know Santa Clarita Transit takes riders to downtown Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, the Antelope Valley, Century City and Warner Center every weekday?



The City of Santa Clarita funded its first transit program with its first bond issuance. Left to right: Then-City Manager George Carvalho, Mayor Jill Klajic, Judy Francis, Los Angeles County Transportation Commission board member, and John Medina, then-director of public works for the City of Santa Clarita.

The City's Dial-a-Ride program provides door-to-door transportation services to seniors and the disabled.



The Transit Maintenance Facility in the Valencia Industrial Center opened in 2006 and provides a central location for the City's transit fleet. Pictured here: bus wash area.

Santa Clarita's Metrolink Commuter Rail!



The Santa Clarita Metrolink Station is located in the center of the City adjacent to the Saugus Swap Meet. The city's first Metrolink Station includes a water feature and a clock tower.



Santa Clarita Metrolink Station, opening day 1992.



Santa Clarita City Councilmembers (from left) Jill Klajic, Clyde Smyth, Jo Anne Darcy and Jan Heidt pose with two Metrolink officials at the groundbreaking of the Newhall Metrolink Station in 1998.



Metrolink grand opening 2000 with a VIP train trip out of Santa Clarita. Left to right: Marlee Lauffer, V.P. Newhall Land, Jo Anne Darcy, George Pederson, former Mayor, and Connie Worden-Roberts.

City Councilmembers and MTA representative cut the ribbon at the Jan Heidt Newhall Metro-link Station grand opening, 2000. From left: Jill Klajic, Frank Roberts (MTA), Jo Anne Darcy, Laurene Weste, Jan Heidt and Frank Ferry.



The Newhall Metrolink Station was named for the city's first woman Mayor, Jan Heidt, an advocate for mass transit. Jan worked tirelessly to make sure Santa Clarita was part of the Metrolink Commuter Rail program and was a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors (MTA).

Spring, 2000: Jan Heidt addresses the crowd at the grand opening event.

Remembering Carmen Sarro

Although Carmen Sarro died in 2003, her legacy to the city, and this community, lives on. A tireless optimist who seasoned everything with laughter, Carmen was actively involved in efforts to govern ourselves as an independent city. When cityhood was finally established, Carmen became the city's very first employee, reporting to then-interim City Manager Fred Bien. Santa Clarita's 1985 Woman of the Year, Carmen was a tremendous aficionado of the arts and philanthropy, dedicating herself to numerous local causes and events.

Councilmember Laurene Weste: "Carmen was funny, spunky, determined, one of a kind and unique. She was a strong woman with definite ideas. She made a great first city employee because she had passion for the City – she'd worked on city formation and she had a can-do, get-it-done attitude."

Carl Boyer: "It was fantastic having someone who knew everyone and got things done with such humor."

George Carvalho: "Carmen Sarro was the first City employee and was very proud of it. She had a passion for the theater and personified Zonta through her community activities."

Connie Worden-Roberts: "She was a charming and enthusiastic person who added a lot to this City. She was a fine lady and I'm sorry that she's gone."

Nancy Albrecht: "In everything Carmen did she was governed by her overriding love for people and this community. That and her joyous zest for life are what fueled her boundless energy. She was bold, brassy, sassy, opinionated, outspoken, and great fun to be around.

She never did anything quietly – everything was always at full volume and full speed ahead. If you weren't a volunteer of some sort when you started out



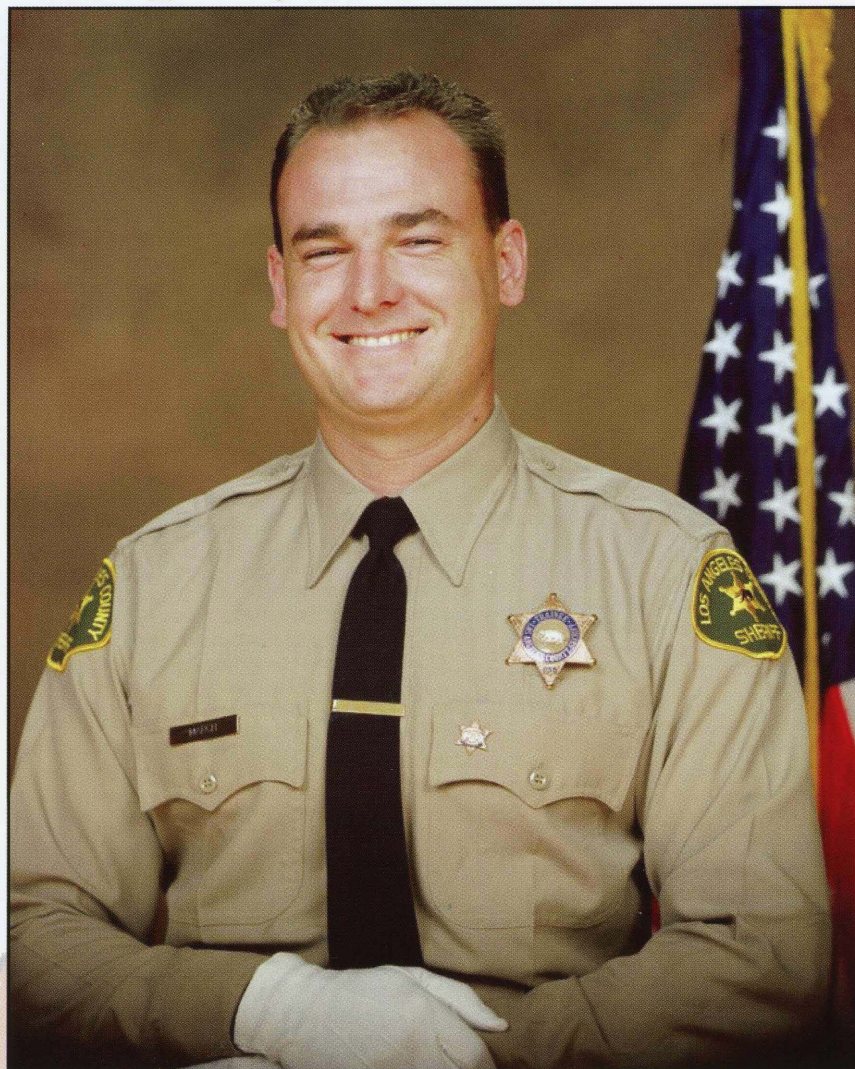
with this woman, you soon became one. And that was a great gift she gave to each of us, and certainly to this community as well."

Pat Willett: "Carmen was the ultimate volunteer! It was appropriate that she became the city's first paid employee because she worked tirelessly for years to create a new city in the Santa Clarita Valley. She was a charter member of Zonta, a leader on the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Guild, and loved to shine on stage with the Canyon Theatre Guild. Zonta has memorialized her with the Carmen Sarro Community Service Award, the highest honor we can bestow on someone who has worked to improve the status of women through community service in the Santa Clarita Valley.

"Carmen definitely had a zest for life. She was never timid or quiet about anything. Everything she did, she did with a passion. She loved Broadway and the theater. She was a dedicated wife and mother, caring for her husband Joe in his final years and treating him like a king. Her death was a real tragedy, and her absence has definitely been felt throughout the community."



The City Will Never Forget Deputy David March



"My goals in life are simple. I will always be painfully honest, work as hard as I can, learn as much as I can and hopefully make a difference in people's lives." – Deputy David March

On April 29, 2002, Deputy David March of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was murdered during an otherwise "routine" traffic stop in Irwindale.

A Santa Clarita Valley resident and family man, 33-year-old March was brutally gunned down in broad daylight by Armando Arroyo Garcia, an illegal Mexican National and drug dealer.

Like many other violent foreign criminals who have "run home" following their crimes here in the

United States, Garcia slipped back under the border soon after killing March.

Following the deputy's senseless death, a monumental challenge lay in store for government officials and March's aggrieved family and friends — how to return Garcia to this country to stand trial. Finding him was not the problem, though. The real dilemma was the prevailing interpretation of law in Mexico stating that any native-born Mexican who committed murder in this country should be "rehabilitated and returned to society." Thus, in Garcia's case, unless a reduced charge was negotiated by the United States to satisfy Mexico's Supreme Court, or allow Mexico to prosecute the case (with no witnesses or jury available for trial) nothing would happen to him.

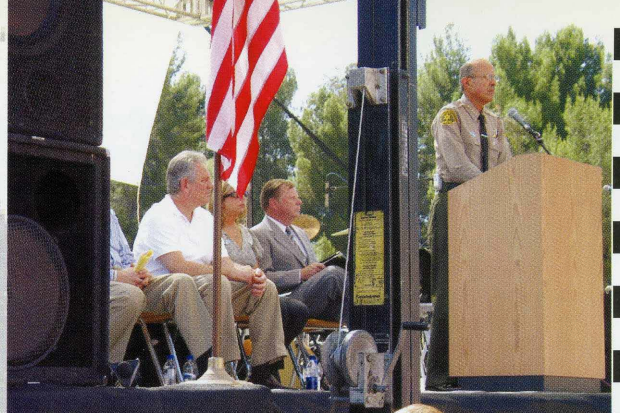
This grotesquely unfair situation — one that affects many thousands of victimized American families — had to be changed. Working toward that goal were numerous people devoted to bringing David March's murderer to justice and resolution to this stalemate. That determined group included Dave's widow Teri, his parents, Barbara and John March, City Councilman (and ex-police officer) Bob Kellar (all of them spoke publicly and traveled to Washington, D.C., where they talked with senators, governors and congressional staff), and many government and law enforcement officials (including District Attorney Steve Cooley, Sheriff Lee Baca, Sen. Dianne Feinstein and U.S. Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, and Supervisor Mike Antonovich).

While Kellar led the charge locally, the City of Santa Clarita spearheaded the "Dave's March for Justice Rally." Held May 8, 2004, at College of Canyons, the rally drew national attention and support for change to Mexico's ill-conceived policy. It also helped to bring about justice for David March and other victims suffering from lack of closure. The City also created a video, hosted by John Walsh of "America's Most Wanted" (whose young son Adam was murdered many years ago) that was used in conjunction with the District Attorney's office to rally support for returning criminals to the United States for trial.

"While the extradition of Deputy March's killer cannot bring back this wonderful man, we can remember David March and honor him by bringing his killer to justice," commented Kellar during the rally. "I feel very strongly about murderers of American citizens and perpetrators of violent crimes running free in Mexico and I would like to see them returned here for trial."

Justice was eventually achieved. On November 29, 2005, Mexico's Supreme Court reversed its 2001 decision — it would now return fugitives to the United States for crimes committed on this soil, to stand trial on a life-in-prison sentence (but no death penalty).

Earlier this year, Armando Arroyo Garcia, also known as "Chato," was extradited to the United States. On January 9, he pleaded guilty to the "intentional murder of a police officer in the line of duty," and will spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole.



The City of Santa Clarita Models The Way For Partnerships!



The Canyon Theatre Guild, built with support from the City of Santa Clarita, and located on San Fernando Road, offers live theater in the heart of Old Town Newhall.

The City of Santa Clarita recognized early on that the best way to create a quality city was to join with both business and other public agencies to develop partnerships that benefit the entire community. Over the past 20 years we have seen the rewards that such vital partnerships have offered, to make the City of Santa Clarita a first-rate place for living and conducting business.

Among the many beneficial by-products of these win-win partnerships:

The Boys & Girls Club's Newhall facility opened in 1992, with the B&G Club erecting that building on City-owned property. Construction of the new facility not only offered productive, supervised activities to local kids, it also helped make the adjacent park safer and provided sports activities for local residents. Also on that property are a swimming pool that the City refurbished, and a basketball gymnasium, which is shared by many sports leagues. (Note: Joint use agreements between the City and the school districts work very

well – example: we have use of their swimming pools, they have use of our gymnasiums and it's a "win-win" for everyone involved.) Having opened in 2002, the state-of-the-art Sierra Vista Junior High Boys & Girls Club came to fruition thanks to the City of Santa Clarita, the Wm. S. Hart Union High School District and the Boys & Girls Club.

In support of the arts, the City provided basic grant funding for The Canyon Theatre Guild and the Repertory East Theatre. The City also provided \$2.4 million to building of the beautiful Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons.

The City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles, along with the development industry, are working in partnership to build the Cross Valley Connector, a major new transportation alternative for our valley. With a price tag of over \$245 million, the City has developed a comprehensive funding strategy to pay for the construction of this important roadway. Thanks to the following funding partners for helping to make the Cross Valley Connector a reality: The Los Angeles County

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon, Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Newhall Land, Centre Pointe Business Park/ Larry Rasmussen, Newhall Partners, County of Los Angeles, Golden Valley Ranch, and the Santa Clarita Valley Transportation Alliance.

SCVTV is a valued cable access television resource for the community. Thanks to the vision of a special committee established in the early 1990s – which included the City and community leaders from the private sector, non-profits and schools – SCVTV got its start. From early on, several partnerships were formed: Hart District ROP and College of the Canyons college programming were two specific examples of long-lasting collaboration. Since its formation, thousands of programs have been created benefiting the community at large. The City first started airing its Planning Commission meetings and Council meetings in 1996 and began airing meetings live in 1998. For the City of Santa Clarita this has been an important vehicle for maintaining an open and accessible form of government.

The recently opened Golden Valley High School is the result of the Hart District Facilities Foundation, Centre Pointe Park (Larry Rasmussen) and the City of Santa Clarita.

Central Park, which located on 40 acres in Santa Clarita, was built in a joint partnership between the City and Castaic Lake Water Agency.

The Jo Anne Darcy Library in Canyon Country is the result of the County and City working together to promote literacy while honoring a founding mother of the City.

The City has acquired 3,000 acres from private landowners/ developers and there are

approximately 15,000 acres that have been acquired for open space conservation over 20 years in conjunction with state agencies like the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The Child and Family Center, which provides individual, family and group therapy for children and adolescents, has improved services through grants provided by the City of Santa Clarita.

The Hyatt Valencia houses the Santa Clarita Conference Center, where many local events and conferences are hosted. The conference center was built in partnership with the City of Santa Clarita as an economic development engine and opened in 1998.



The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley

The Boys & Girls Club is a place where thousands of young people find a hand to guide them to becoming successful and productive community members.

From its beginnings in 1968 as an afternoon elementary school playground program, the Boys & Girls Club of SCV has become the premier youth development organization in the community. The Club now serves over 3,500 local young people at two full-service clubhouses and one satellite branch around the valley. Kids from every walk of life participate in great programs at the Club where the daily mission is to inspire and enable them to overcome obstacles and become their best.

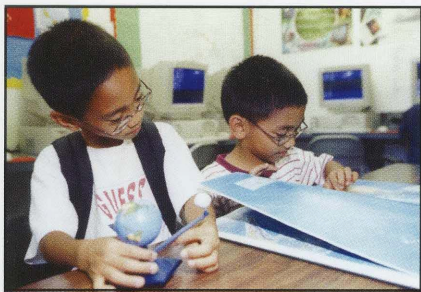
As a member of the 100-year-old Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Club shares its rich and storied history. High profile alumni like Denzel Washington, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Jennifer Lopez, Mark Wahlberg and Magic Johnson have drawn national attention to the value of the Boys & Girls Club. A recent survey of Club alumni revealed the deep impact Clubs have made on young people's lives.

95% feel the Club was the best thing available in their community.

85% credit Club staff with helping them learn right from wrong.

52% say "the Club saved my life."

Well-known local alumni like Tom Dierckman of Newhall Land, Rick Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Santa Clarita and Carlos



Lopez, service manager for Frontier Toyota also credit the Boys & Girls Club with shaping their personal growth and development.

Quality programs at the Club offer

much more than a full-sized gymnasium and games room. Project Learn has put academic achievement at the forefront of daily activities with well-equipped computer labs, daily tutors to assist with homework, mentoring and college and career preparation.

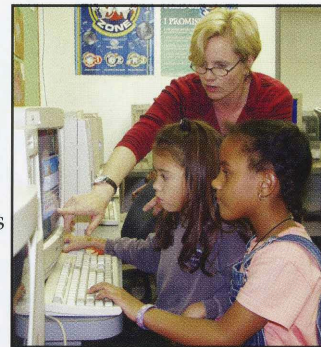
The Club introduced Triple Play in 2006 to help children who are physically inactive or overweight. Educating and motivating youngsters to get active and to make better food choices is achieved through innovative programming including motivational speakers, fun activities that build fitness, educational theater, incentives and rewards.



Leadership and character development through Leaders in Training and Tomorrow's Leaders recognize and reward high school graduation, post-secondary education, career exploration and community service. Participants gain a sense of belonging, of competence, of having a voice along with a sense of empowerment and making a difference in their community.

Clubhouses are located between Placerita Middle School and Hart High School in Newhall, on the campus of Sierra Vista Junior High School in Canyon Country and in the nearby community of Val Verde. Club members pay only \$24 per year for all these great programs and more!

Throughout its history in Santa Clarita, the Club has been guided by an outstanding group of community leaders. The Governing Board provides oversight for Club operations and a separate Foundation Board, established in 2002, handles fund-raising for the Club. There is tremendous community support for the Club's annual fund-raising events including a prodigious Auction held every year in June which was started in 1972 by Tony Newhall, the Golf Classic at Valencia Country Club in August and the very popular Festival of Trees in November which was inaugurated in 2003 by Myrna and Gary Condie.



For more information about programs at the Club call (661) 254-2582 or visit www.scvboysandgirlsclub.org. To learn more about the Foundation, visit our website or call (661) 254-3063. The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley is truly a place where opportunity and hope abound!

Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

The law firm of Burke, Williams & Sorensen and, specifically, Carl K. Newton have been honored to serve the City of Santa Clarita as its City Attorney beginning with its incorporation in 1987 and continuously to the present. It has been a 20-year period of growth and accomplishment by the City and a time of rewarding service by the City Attorney in helping guide the City in achieving its goals in building an exemplary community.

Santa Clarita is the largest city in California (population approximately 180,000 and fourth largest in Los Angeles County) employing a contract city attorney.

Burke, Williams & Sorensen is a law firm founded in 1927 consisting currently of over 50 lawyers and is preeminent in the field of public law, representing, since 1938, cities, counties and other public entities throughout California. Firm members Thomas P. White and Louis H. Burke went on to serve with distinction as Associate Justices on the California Supreme Court.

Over 25 different lawyers in 4 different Southern California office locations are available to regularly respond to the needs of this dynamic City. These lawyers are specialists in all areas of public law, including:

- Land use and development
- Election procedures and challenges
- Conflicts of interest
- Federal, state and local governmental relations
- Public works bidding and contract disputes
- Open meeting and public records requirements
- Risk management and insurance recovery
- Real estate transactions and financing techniques
- Eminent domain and inverse condemnation
- Redevelopment activities
- Housing conservation
- Environmental challenges
- Code enforcement and prosecutions
- Solid waste franchising
- Cable television franchising
- Mobile home rent control
- Labor, employment and personnel administration
- Workers compensation
- Bankruptcy and creditors rights
- Storm water and utilities control

In addition to the above advisory specialists, the firm has litigators experienced in federal and state courts at trial and appellate levels.

During the middle of November, 1987, prior to incorporation on December 15th but subsequent to the

election of November 3, 1987 approving incorporation, the members-elect of the City Council appointed Carl K. Newton of Burke, Williams & Sorensen to serve as the first City Attorney of Santa Clarita. This was not an official action of the City because the members of the City Council-Elect had no power to act until the official incorporation. At the incorporation City Council meeting of December 15, 1987, the Council, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution appointing Carl K. Newton of Burke, Williams & Sorensen as City Attorney of Santa Clarita. Carl Newton and Burke, Williams & Sorensen continue to serve in that position, having done so since incorporation.

Among the early challenges facing the newly incorporated City of Santa Clarita was a condition of incorporation imposed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requiring the new City to pay an annual wildland fire protection fee in excess of \$750,000 per year. The City Attorney and Burke, Williams & Sorensen advised the City Council that the condition was void as an unconstitutional double taxation. The Council followed the City Attorney's advice and survived a threatened litigation challenge by the County for a savings to Santa Clarita taxpayers over the 20 years since incorporation, in excess of \$15 million. This annual savings continues.

The City Attorney's office has been proud to participate via advice and guidance in many projects in the City including development of a general plan, acquisition of many properties including a city hall, road rights-of-way, parks and open space areas, meeting emergency needs of the 1994 earthquake, establishment of a community redevelopment agency, negotiation and approval of contracts, preparation of ordinances and resolutions, drafting of legislation, prosecution of code enforcement violations, negotiation of development agreements, to mention a few of such activities.

Over the past 20 years, the City Attorney has been fortunate to serve with three outstanding City Managers: Fred Bien, the interim City Manager from incorporation to May of 1988; George Carvalho, from May, 1988 to May, 2002; and Kenneth Pulskamp, from May, 2002 to the present. Close coordination between City Manager and City Attorney in working effectively with the City's policy makers, the City Council, and with department heads and staff is essential to accomplish a quality organizational and operational effort. The wisdom of the City Council in making decisions to advance a dynamic community has been at the forefront of the City's 20 years of success.

We, at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, are pleased and proud to have been a part of the achievement and success experienced by Santa Clarita over the past 20 years.



College of the Canyons, the fastest-growing of the country's big community colleges, is located just east of Interstate 5 along the city's western boundary

College of the Canyons

By today's standards, the 4,500 or so students who were enrolled at College of the Canyons in 1987 seem an unbelievably paltry number. But that's how few were enrolled when voters went to the polls one November day 20 years ago and approved the formation of a new city called Santa Clarita.

Just as the city has made significant progress since that watershed day, College of the Canyons has been propelled forward by a combination of the community's growth and an unwavering vision to transform this place into the best community college in the country. Twenty years after the historic election that marked long-sought independence and local control, four times as many students attend classes at College of the Canyons, the fastest growing of the country's community colleges with 10,000 or more students. No other big community college in the nation could match College of the Canyons' 14.3 percent rate of growth from 2004 to 2005. Projections indicate enrollment will continue to rise, topping 20,000 before the end of the decade. Indeed, as early as 2007, some 18,000 students were already enrolled, surpassing 2011 enrollment projections five years ahead of schedule.

That sort of growth has demanded flexibility and innovation. It has also created demands for new academic, occupational and athletic programs, training partnerships with business and industry, and the facilities to house them.

Ironically, the city was created just when enrollment approached the magic number of 5,000 — the maximum number of students the campus was designed to accommodate. It was during the

newborn city's first year that a new leader breathed new life into College of the Canyons. Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook, named superintendent-president in 1988, quickly got down to business and spearheaded a major update of the college's master plan. The result was a seemingly non-stop series of construction projects that continues today, and that has dramatically changed the college's face and character.

When Van Hook arrived, the college was housed in eight major buildings, including Cougar Stadium; by early 2007, another eight major structures had either been built or were nearing completion, among them the 926-seat Performing Arts Center, the Library, the Media Arts Building, the Family Studies & Early Childhood Education Center, the Music-Dance Building and a new campus in Canyon Country. Nearing completion were two more buildings, the High Tech Classroom Building, and an expansion of the Science Laboratory Building.

During this period, academic and occupational offerings have been vastly expanded. The college offers associate of arts and science degrees in 61 academic programs as well as 69 certificate programs. Academic programs range from animation to television, film and video production, from audio/radio production to video game animation, from biotechnology to theatre arts, from child development to paralegal studies, from dance to industrial manufacturing, and the list goes on.

College of the Canyons' institutional philosophy is to educate both the body and the mind. Sixteen intercollegiate athletic programs — divided equally

between men's and women's sports — provide outstanding opportunities. The college competes in the Western State Conference. Notable achievements include the football team's state and national championships in 2004, the men's golf team's three state championships since 2000 and the women's golf team's state championship in 2001.

Helping meet students' needs has been a historically supportive and generous community, which has always approved requests for bond funding for capital construction projects. The most recent bond measure, Measure M, was approved by voters in November 2006, providing \$160 million in general-obligation bond funding to pay for the next big wave of expansion and modernization projects. The measure — the fourth in the college's history — will allow the Santa Clarita Community College District to add more classrooms and labs, build permanent facilities and equip classrooms at the new Canyon Country campus, upgrade technology to expand instruction in public-safety and other high-demand professions, and improve earthquake, security and fire safety. The locally generated funds will also help the district secure as much as \$80 million in additional state matching funds.

College Formation

Local voters approved creation of the college in 1967. Taking the helm of the fledgling institution was the first superintendent-president, Dr. Robert Rockwell. College of the Canyons officially opened in temporary quarters at William S. Hart High School in Newhall in 1969.

The college purchased 153 acres of land along the east side of Interstate 5, south of Valencia Boulevard and north of McBean Parkway, in 1970. It was here that the college relocated, moving into a collection of modular buildings as permanent facilities were being built.

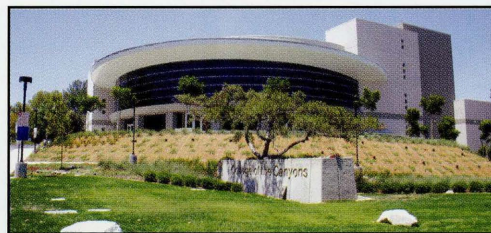
Looking Forward

Construction of the High Tech Classroom Building and the Science Laboratory Building expansion are nearing completion. High Tech will house business, cinema, computer information technology, computer science, communication studies, economics and journalism programs. The Science Laboratory will allow nursing and science programs to expand.

Construction also is under way on a major expansion of the Physical Education Building, and construction is expected to begin in 2007 on the permanent University Center. The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center will allow students to

earn bachelor, master or doctoral degrees from a collection of public and private universities that offer their programs here. The idea — to improve access to education by eliminating the need for residents to commute long distances to obtain advanced degrees — is working at the Interim University Center. More than 724 people have already received their degrees or certificates in this way.

Also opening in 2007 is the new Canyon Country campus, located on 70 acres off Sierra Highway. When the permanent buildings are completed, this campus will likely accommodate as many as 10,000 students. Classes are already taught at the college's ACCESS sites at the Canyon Country Library and Golden Valley High School.



The College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center features a 926-seat main theater and the smaller Black Box Theater, which seats up to 125 people.

Innovative Partnerships

The college also participates in several innovative partnerships that have redefined the traditional role of community colleges. Academy of the Canyons, operated by the William S. Hart Union High School District, opened at College of Canyons in 2002 and allows promising high school students to attend high school and college concurrently.

Also operating at the college are the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies and the Employee Training Institute, both of which have helped local businesses become more efficient and train employees in the latest emerging fields.

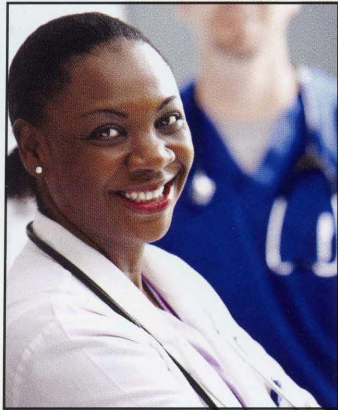
Gateway to Opportunity

Since opening 38 years ago, College of the Canyons has served as a gateway to higher education, professional training and, by extension, opportunity for the community. The college's commitment to excellence is a tradition reflected by its innovative, results-orientated leadership. As the next chapters of the college's history are written, the outstanding foundation that has been laid will be further built upon and the institution will continue to uphold the ideals of education and contribute to the development of our vibrant, thriving community for generations to come.

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

Planning Today for a Healthier Tomorrow

As a medical facility with strong roots in the community, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital has been an important part of the Santa Clarita Valley for more than 30 years.



Since opening its doors in 1975, our staff and physicians have been committed to providing the Santa Clarita Valley with the highest quality care and service. Henry Mayo is proud to call Santa Clarita its home, and stands ready to meet the city's current and future healthcare needs.

Henry Mayo is a 217-bed not-for-profit hospital that offers a wide spectrum of healthcare and trauma services. Our hospital is honored to serve what we believe is the best community in California: one that is safe, clean, family-focused and a great place to live and work.

To better understand Henry Mayo's unique role in the city and the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole, one needs to appreciate the rich history and circumstances that led to the creation of this hospital.

It all started in 1967, which was twenty years before the City of Santa Clarita was incorporated. At that time, community and business leaders acknowledged the importance of making healthcare services readily available. They also understood the need for a modern hospital that was capable of meeting the community's growing demand for medical services.

Until the 1960s, the Santa Clarita Valley's healthcare needs were met by a few small hospitals. As the area grew, however, the need and vision for a larger, more comprehensive hospital gained support among community and business leaders.

Newhall Land & Farming Co., which developed the master-planned community of Valencia, in 1965 donated 25 acres of land for a hospital to be built in the center of town. Following extensive

planning and fundraising success, ground was broken in September 1972 for the construction of Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital. Building was completed in 1975, and the hospital opened for business in August of that year.

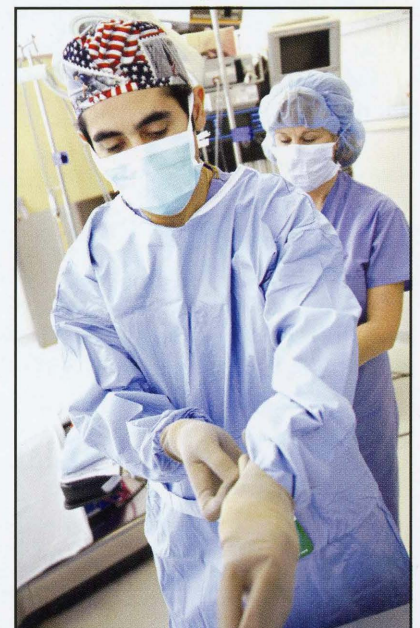
Today, Henry Mayo is a not-for-profit community hospital governed by a dedicated local board of directors that serves voluntarily without compensation. The hospital offers a wide range of health services to a growing population spread across the Santa Clarita Valley, including the City of Santa Clarita.

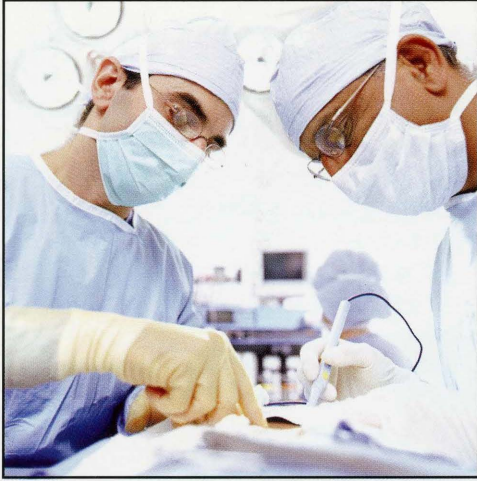
As the Santa Clarita Valley has matured, so has the vision of Henry Mayo, as we have taken steps to meet the increasing healthcare demands of our community.

In 2006, for instance, we doubled the size of our Emergency Department. Our ER is now designed to handle up to 60,000 visits for treatment per year. We also continue to add new information technologies and imaging equipment, as well as cardiac catheterization services.

Keeping the community's safety needs at heart, Henry Mayo is one of a few hospitals in California to meet all state-mandated seismic retrofitting standards enacted into law following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. We have invested millions of dollars to strengthen our buildings that are now better equipped to withstand major earthquakes.

This was done because following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, we experienced first-hand the importance of having a functioning hospital to meet the community's emergency healthcare needs following a major disaster.





As a designated Disaster Resource Center, Henry Mayo today is equipped with emergency medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, as well as critical equipment

like inflatable tents, heaters, fans, HEPA filters, and stretchers. In any emergency, you can count on Henry Mayo to be there to care for you and your loved ones.

As our hospital has evolved, so has our ability to attract medical specialists and provide improved services and employment opportunities never before imaginable in our community. And thanks to the generous donations of our supporters, coupled with the skills of our staff and affiliated physicians, we are saving lives every day.

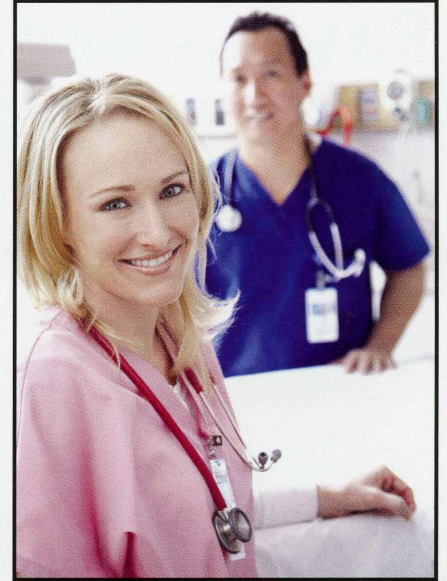
As the city of Santa Clarita celebrates its 20th anniversary, Henry Mayo is being proactive in thinking ahead to determine what needs to be done to make our hospital better able to meet the growing healthcare needs of our community.

With help from the City's planning department, our hospital took on the development of a master plan - the blueprint for meeting community healthcare needs - both today and for years to come.

Among others, our master plan calls for the creation of additional hospital beds, bringing back our heliport to continue our life-saving trauma services, constructing medical specialty services buildings to meet the increasing demand for such services, and providing convenient parking for our patients and their families.

Once approved by the City of Santa Clarita, our master plan will also enable us to add and enhance vital services. These include expanding our intensive care services, building a neo-natal intensive care unit, offering private rooms for our maternity patients, as well as enhancing our orthopedic, spinal and heart care services.

At Henry Mayo, we also welcome your involvement in helping to keep yourself, your family, and the Santa Clarita Valley healthy. That is why we invite you to attend our health education classes in our hospital and in the community. There are also numerous philanthropic and volunteering opportunities for your consideration.



At Henry Mayo, you are welcome to join our team for a common cause - ensuring a healthy Santa Clarita Valley. And together, we can look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries.

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"To improve the health of our community through compassion and excellence in healthcare services."

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Bayless Engineering & Manufacturing



The Santa Clarita Valley's largest sheet metal and precision machine parts manufacturer, Bayless Engineering & Manufacturing, was founded in 1978 in Sylmar, relocating to Valencia in 1989. From humble beginnings in a 1,200-square-foot one-man machine shop, the company and affiliates have grown to occupy more than 100,000 square feet of facility space in the Valencia Industrial Center. Fueling the manufacturer's growth is a dedication to quality, customer service, and investment in the latest technological advances.

Following the philosophy established by Earl Bayless, founder and president, the Bayless staff puts forth the extra time and effort required to make certain the customer is completely satisfied with the product, whether a sheet metal assembly or precision machined parts. The company maintains a very successful and highly innovative sheet metal and machine shop operation through an emphasis on customer service and building relationships.

Bayless Engineering & Manufacturing's high-tech state-of-the-art equipment (including electronics, robotics, and laser technology), quality, as well as excellent customer service ensures that the company stays at the forefront in providing a varied and cost effective service. Sheet metal fabrication, precision machining, laser cutting, welding, spot welding, deburring, sandblasting, contract manufacturing and assembly, along with materials handling are among the comprehensive list of operations handled by a team of highly dedicated experts.

Major industries serviced by Bayless Engineering & Manufacturing include high-end audio, gaming, construction, telecommunications, medical, aerospace, defense, computers, entertainment, and the machine tool industry. In addition, Earl Bayless is always looking for new products and industries to offer their service and expertise.

Whatever the customer is looking for, be it high-quality grained aluminum front panels for high-end electronic equipment, large sheet metal assemblies for bigger machines, or mil-standard precision machining, all are within the scope of services the company offers.

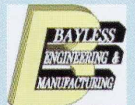
Earl Bayless has always demonstrated the willingness to take any opportunity that presents itself, move forward and see it through. It's his winning attitude, together with a bit of luck (Earl would be the first to admit luck is also important) that has helped him build a successful operation in a clean, efficient and technologically advanced environment with long-standing customers.

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Earl T. Bayless, President



Powder Coating Plus

Operating from a 40,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility in the Valencia Industrial Center, Powder Coating Plus is the largest powder coating operation in the Santa Clarita Valley. Powder Coating Plus is an affiliate of Bayless Engineering & Manufacturing, owned by founder and entrepreneur Earl Bayless.

Powder coating is the process of applying a durable and protective cosmetic finish to metal parts. Demand for powder coating has soared in recent years, due in part to its environmentally friendly process. Unlike the wet paint process, powder coating does not emit harmful volatile organic compounds.

Their state-of-the-art, automated, conveyORIZED production line comprises a four-stage parts washer, six powder spray stations, and a dry-off and curing oven. In addition to the production line, the Santa Clarita-based powder coating operation operates batch ovens and a stand-alone spray booth for prototypes, unique-sized parts, or parts not able to run efficiently on a conveyORIZED line.

Correct preparation of the surface is a major contributing factor to make sure good powder adhesion is obtained. All layers of rust and previous coloring are removed, enabling the product to have a good permanent bond between the substrate material and the applied powder coating. This process starts by chemical stripping and/or sandblasting the parts to ensure they are fully cleaned. Conditioned reverse-osmosis water is used so that the parts have an ideal surface to enable the finish to fully bond.

After cleaning, the parts receive an electrostatic charge, which causes the powder to be drawn to the surface and firmly attach. Short production runs are achieved cost effectively by using the spray-to-waste booths. Longer runs utilize the spray-to-reclaim booths, allowing the powder overspray to be reclaimed. Wash and oven temperatures, conveyor speed, moisture venting, and water flow are all controlled by advanced technology electronic controls to ensure a consistent and durable cure.



New colors and textures are added continually to give customers a wide choice. Powder Coating Plus can match existing colors or create entirely new colors, depending on a customer's needs. Special formulations are available that resist chemicals and ultraviolet rays. Because powder coatings are so durable, the automotive industry recognizes the advantages of this process. Patio furniture and other metal items can be processed to give a fresh, new look.

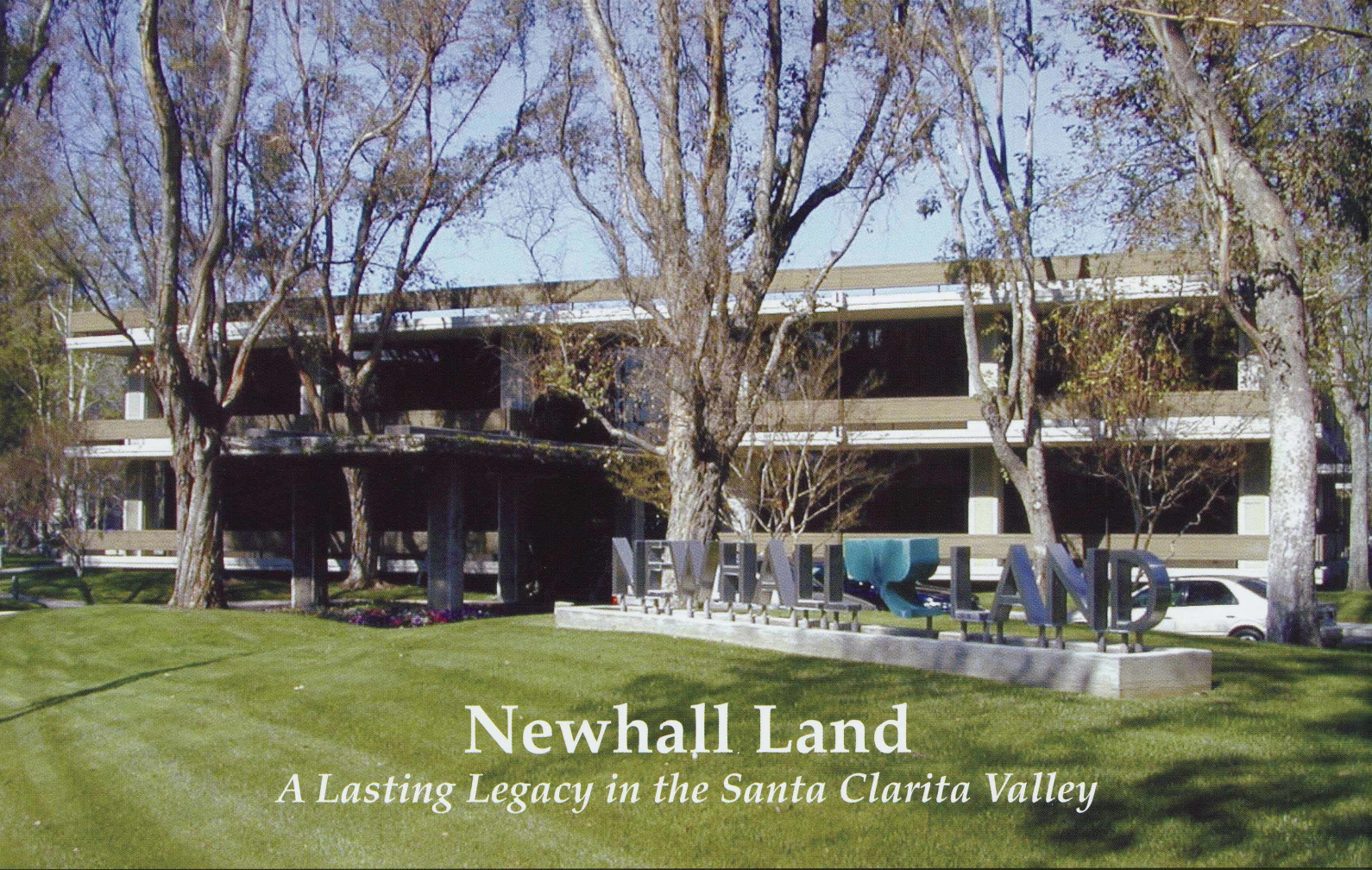
Powder Coating Plus also features a silkscreen department to provide customers with a full service operation from start to finish. Company logos or other information can readily be applied to a powder coated finish. Powder Coating Plus is Santa Clarita's one-stop shopping source for customers' part-finishing needs.

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Newhall Land

A Lasting Legacy in the Santa Clarita Valley

Newhall Land is more than just a local company. Its story mirrors the history of California, spanning over 130 years of land stewardship that began in 1875 with the purchase of the historic ranch by California pioneer Henry Mayo Newhall. Newhall Land continued the Newhall family's legacy of respect for the land as it guided the ranch's productivity from agriculture and cattle to oil and gas, and finally, to meeting the growing need for housing in its award-winning community of Valencia. Today, Newhall Land is recognized as a premier community planner dedicated to creating communities with an outstanding quality of life. The company focuses on opportunities for people to flourish by carefully balancing neighborhoods and employment centers with recreation and natural areas. Newhall Land is proud to be part of the Santa Clarita Valley's past and looks forward to its continued success in the future.

In the early 1960s, the Newhall family recognized that the development of the I-5 through their ranch, along with the surrounding residential growth in Saugus and Newhall, would prompt pressure to develop some of their property. They wisely chose to develop a "new town" themselves of which they could be proud, instead of selling land piecemeal to

developers. In 1965, the masterplanned community of Valencia, designed by renowned urban planner Victor Gruen and named after the oranges grown on the ranch, broke ground. Important regional institutions such as College of the Canyons, CalArts and the county government center were attracted to Valencia by Newhall Land to serve not only the future Valencia community, but all of the Santa Clarita Valley. The company donated land for the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital and the family contributed initial funding to build the Valley's only full-service healthcare facility. New amenities, including two golf courses and Magic Mountain, were constructed, along with major new roads, freeway off-ramps, sewers and other regional infrastructure.



Valencia includes as many jobs as residents, making it a balanced place to live and work.



A hallmark of Valencia is neighborhood recreation centers with clubhouses, pools and play areas.

Today, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods comprise Valencia and residents enjoy its numerous parks, miles of paseos and trails, acclaimed educational facilities for every grade level, outstanding recreation and thriving job opportunities at Valencia Gateway, Los Angeles County's largest concentration of business, technology and industry. With shopping destinations like Valencia Town Center, year-round entertainment, including wine-tasting festivals and summer concerts, local events that gather friends

and family together and great recreational choices, Valencia offers an abundant array of activities for a lifestyle that defines this community as the Southland's premier hometown.

In 2004, Newhall Land, a publicly traded NYSE company since 1970, was acquired by Lennar and LNR, continuing its longstanding commitment to planning expertise and a prosperous Santa Clarita Valley. Most of the company's associates live in the Santa Clarita Valley and support area fundraisers, local schools and charitable organizations.

Newhall Ranch will be the next great hometown from Newhall Land. Located west of Valencia off of Highway 126, this comprehensive masterplanned community will present diverse neighborhood villages nestled within spectacular canyons and valleys. Over half of Newhall Ranch's 12,000 acres will be preserved as natural space, allowing residents to connect with nature's scenic landscape throughout the seasons by way of more than fifty miles of picturesque mountain and river trails. Abundant lifestyle amenities will invite residents to take part in their new surroundings, including parks, shopping, employment, services, recreation and schools. Based on the smart-planning principles that served as Valencia's foundation for measured growth, Newhall Ranch will offer a balanced village setting and quality living to be enjoyed by all.

With the City of Santa Clarita's involvement, the past twenty years has brought exciting additions to the Santa Clarita Valley and Valencia, including additional employment, more shopping venues and entertainment, a wider array of recreational resources and new families. Newhall Land is deeply honored to partner with this extraordinary community, where people, businesses and hometown pride truly thrive.



Valencia is home to three golf courses, including the new TPC at Valencia course.

Specialty Laboratories



Founded by Dr. James B. Peter in 1975, Specialty Laboratories began clinical laboratory testing in the field of Immunology and quickly gained a reputation for leadership in the development of useful, innovative assays for physicians. The company has since grown to a full-service reference laboratory meeting the comprehensive testing needs of clients throughout the United States and around the world.

The focus at Specialty is on partnering with hospitals to support their role in community-based medicine and to reduce costs for episodes of care. To achieve these goals, Specialty offers over 3,000 tests in various medical disciplines including Rheumatology, Infectious Diseases, Oncology, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Endocrinology, Allergy/Immunology and Nephrology as well as cross-specialization testing in Molecular Biology, Molecular Genetics, and Pharmacogenomics.



Unlike standard reference laboratories, Specialty focuses on cutting-edge research and development of new assays as well as refinement of existing

diagnostics to produce tests with greater sensitivity, specificity, efficiency, and clinical value for reliable and cost-effective patient assessment. From the very beginning, Specialty looked to its Research and Development team to implement emerging technologies and automated processes for improved assay efficiency. It was this expertise that garnered Specialty the right to develop the first PCR test for HIV. Specialty went on to develop a menu of molecular-based tests offering a breadth and depth of clinical information that could not be matched. Specialty takes pride in being the first to offer clinical testing in a variety of areas. Some of these more notable tests are the HIV-1 RNA UltraQuant®, Celiac Disease GenotypR™, West Nile Virus RNA DetectR™, and the HCV Liver Fibrosis GenotypR™.

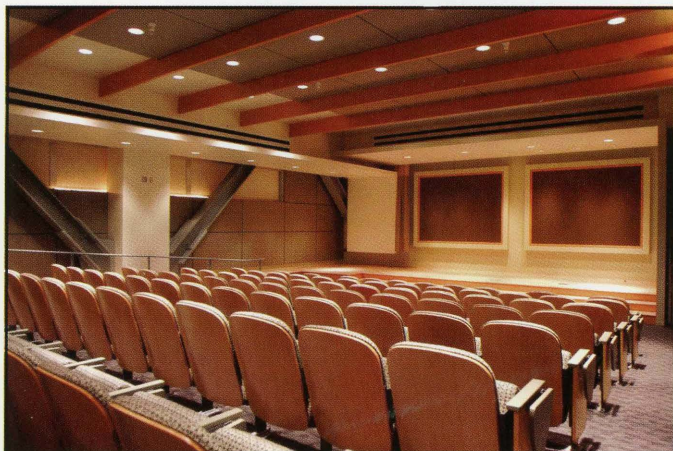


Another novel segment Specialty has excelled in is the area of Pharmacogenomics. Even before the term “pharmacogenomics” existed, Specialty was busy developing genotyping and phenotyping assays to help guide individualized patient treatment.

The future of healthcare is quickly moving toward personalized medicine, which involves, among other things, the development of tests that identify an individual’s capability to metabolize drugs. This new field called pharmacogenomics, will allow a physician to order the correct drug at the proper dose for the patient to help optimize efficacy and avoid side effects.

By educating physicians on the benefits of pharmacogenomic testing, Specialty believes patients will receive significantly better

care particularly in the areas of infectious disease, gastroenterology, and neurology. Pharmacogenomic tests help physicians determine if a particular treatment regimen will be effective based on the individual's ability to metabolize medications. Variations in drug concentrations can lead to adverse side effects or ineffective responses. By testing for the genotypic and phenotypic characteristics of the individual, effective treatment plans can be derived and dosages calculated to produce positive results with fewer side effects. Each year millions of people are hospitalized for adverse drug reactions or unresponsiveness to treatment. *Specialty* is leading the way in developing pharmacogenomic tests.



In 2004, *Specialty* moved into its newly completed 200,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility in Valencia. The custom designed and constructed laboratory has unique modularity allowing flexibility to re-design areas or make major expansions without disrupting production.

In 2006, *Specialty* forged ahead with their dedication to "Helping Doctors Help Patients[®]" by expanding their services offered by completing a merger with AmeriPath. This strategic merger allowed *Specialty* to remain a distinct operating division and the new facility in Valencia has become the esoteric testing division headquarters for the newly combined organization.

Specialty's unique approach to supporting hospital pathology and laboratory outreach helps hospitals connect with their communities by offering valuable clinical services to physicians and patients beyond their walls. These services help to build the community's confidence in the local medical center's ability to provide increasingly sophisticated diagnostic and therapeutic services.



To help expedite test ordering and resulting, *Specialty* created DataPassportMD[®] (DPMD[®]), an electronic connectivity solution that links hospitals and physicians to *Specialty's* unique menu of tests and services. Today DPMD[®] electronic order and resulting systems are installed in over 2,800 hospitals and physician offices across the country.

Residents of the Valencia-Santa Clarita area will be pleased to know that the Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital has chosen to be an outreach partner with *Specialty* Laboratories. This partnership has opened a new door providing physician practices in the Santa Clarita Valley an unprecedented level of clinical laboratory and pathology services. The *Specialty*/Henry Mayo outreach partnership is intended to ensure the highest quality medical care possible for the continuing health and well being of residents of Santa Clarita.

To learn more about
Specialty Laboratories
please visit our website at:

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Castaic Lake Water Agency



The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) is a public water agency and water wholesaler that serves a population of approximately 250,000 and covers an area of about 195 square miles (124,000 acres) in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The service area is a semi-arid region and includes the City of Santa Clarita and other nearby communities.

About half of the water that Santa Clarita households and businesses use is provided by CLWA, which is delivered from northern California through the State Water Project (SWP). The other half is local groundwater produced by the four Santa Clarita Valley retail water purveyors.

CLWA operates two treatment plants, two pump stations, two storage facilities and more than 21 miles of transmission pipelines that treat and deliver SWP water. CLWA serves four local retail water purveyors – CLWA's Santa Clarita Water Division, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Newhall County Water District, and Valencia Water Company.

History

After the end of World War II, people flocked to new subdivisions in the suburbs throughout Los Angeles County. Population in the Santa Clarita Valley nearly doubled, from 4,000 in 1940 to 7,500 in 1950. At that time it was still largely a farming community, but word about the area's beauty and quality of life had already begun to spread.

In 1959, with the passage of the Burns-Porter Act and the advent of the SWP, it was clear that life in California was about to change. With the creation of CLWA (originally the Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Agency), the Santa Clarita Valley declared its intentions to become part of the growing boom.

Early communities like Newhall, Saugus, and Castaic soon had company. New homes were being built in Canyon Country and Valencia. In 1967, the completion of the Interstate 5 freeway brought the world to the valley, and initiation of construction of a dam, which would form Castaic Lake, began. In 1972, the Castaic Lake reservoir was opened.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed the first CLWA Board of Directors, which was required to be formed of residents or owners of real property within the service area. After the initial appointments, the first election of seven Board Directors took place in 1964.

In 1980, a staff of operators was hired to run the CLWA's first treatment plant, the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant. CLWA commenced operations and made its first deliveries of treated SWP water that same year. In its early years, CLWA's State Water Contract was for 41,500 acre-feet per year.

With the passage of AB 4175 in 1986, the Legislature expanded the CLWA Board from seven members to eleven members by allowing each of the four local retail water purveyors to appoint a Director. The four new Directors were seated in 1987.

Innovative ideas were needed to procure additional water because the Valley's population was steadily growing. One idea was to acquire additional SWP water from other SWP contracting agencies that desired to sell some of their SWP supplies. In 1988, CLWA purchased the land holdings of the Devil's Den Ranch, located northwest of Bakersfield in Kern and Kings Counties. This purchase resulted in the acquisition of an additional 12,700 acre-feet per year to CLWA's SWP contract amount.

As part of its long-term facilities planning, CLWA purchased 580 acres of land in the Saugus area from the City of Los Angeles. On 65 acres of that land, it located a second water treatment plant, the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, which began operations in 1995.



Castaic Lake Water Agency.

With the addition of the second treatment plant, CLWA also moved its headquarters from Lyons Avenue to the Rio Vista site. The facility includes an award-winning Conservatory Garden and Learning Center. CLWA offers a school education program for children as well as a landscape education program for the community.

In September 1999, CLWA acquired Santa Clarita Water Company through a \$63 million stock purchase. The renamed Santa Clarita Water Division now serves almost 28,000 retail accounts in the east end of the Santa Clarita Valley.

Meeting Challenges

Historically, the role of a water agency has been to provide water in response to decisions made by city and county land use planning agencies. Recent legislation requires cities and counties to demonstrate water supply sufficiency before approving development, giving water suppliers new responsibilities.

In 1995, the "Monterey" Amendment to CLWA's State Water Contract expanded the number of water management tools available to CLWA (and all other SWP contracting agencies) to meet increased demand without constructing new SWP facilities. As a result, in 1999, CLWA purchased 41,000 acre-feet per year of SWP supplies from the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District in Kern County, bringing its total SWP contract amount to 95,200 acre-feet per year.

In 2005, CLWA and the four retail purveyors published their most recent Urban Water Management Plan. This plan is a management tool that provides a framework for long-term planning. It is intended to help CLWA and the purveyors conduct long-term planning to ensure water supplies are adequate to meet water demand well into the future.

In 2007, CLWA entered into an agreement with the Buena Vista and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage Districts to purchase 11,000 acre-feet per year for possible annexations to CLWA's service area and to also help meet growth in the existing service area.

Also in 2007, the CLWA Board certified an environmental impact report for a recycled water master plan that will ultimately result in the reuse of over 17,000 acre-feet per year.

The Future

CLWA is looking toward the future by continuing to meet the Valley's water supply needs by timely implementing its long-term capital improvement program. In addition, purchases of additional supplies, groundwater banking, local groundwater basin management programs, water transfers and exchanges, recycled water and water conservation will all play a role in meeting the Valley's future water supply needs. CLWA is ideally suited to implement these programs through its excellent working relationships with the retail purveyors and local public agencies. By working together to efficiently manage our water supplies, the Valley residents' quality of life is enhanced and the natural environment of the Santa Clara River is preserved.

The four purveyors served by CLWA are:

CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division
Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36
Newhall County Water District
Valencia Water Company

*A public agency providing reliable,
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Don and Cheri Fleming

No way to go but up! This was the situation when Cheri and Don Fleming purchased Valencia Acura in 1997. At that time the dealership was at the bottom of the Acura sales chart for the whole country.

They choose to operate the dealership with the type of service that they themselves would like to experience when using this sort of facility, and, because of this philosophy, the husband and wife duo became a driving force in the Santa Clarita community in more ways than one.

Cheri comes from Parma Heights in Ohio and moved to California after graduating from Ohio University. Don was born and raised in Texas and moved to Southern California after being discharged from the United States Marine Corps.

After operating various businesses, they first moved into the automobile market in 1985, and 12 years later found themselves as the owners of Valencia Acura.

Almost immediately, Cheri brought "the woman's touch" to the dealership with the introduction of "Manicure Mondays" and "Massage Wednesdays" for the lady customers, but the men were not forgotten, and they could look forward to "Shoe Shine Fridays."

Running this business and building it up into one of the top dealerships in sales and one of the highest ranking customer satisfaction Acura operations in the country, this would be more than enough for most people, but this is definitely not the case as far as the Flemings are concerned! Cheri has been a Director of Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation for 10 years and was Chairman from 2002 to 2004, while Don is a Past Director and Past Chair of the Foundation Board, currently serving on the Advisory Committee.

Valencia Acura

But that's just a start. They have been involved in many different charities and organizations over the years, including Soroptimist International, Child and Family Center Foundation, The Roar Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the Sheila R. Veloz Breast Imaging Center and the Arthritis Foundation Walk. Cheri was named Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita's Woman of Distinction in 2000, and Woman of Honor, by the Betty Ferguson Foundation. She also received the Carmen Sarro Award in 2004 for improving the status of women through community service. In 2006 Cheri was named the American International Automotive Dealer Association Dealer of the Year for her community involvement, an honor presented by *Newsweek* magazine, and was California State Senator George Runner's Woman of the Year in 2007.

Don has been President of the Santa Clarita Valley Auto Dealers Association, and has chaired or directed The Boys & Girls Club Foundation, The Roar Foundation, Crawford Fleming Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament, the Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Clarita Valley Lincoln Club, West Ranch Town Council, and Child and Family Advisory Committee. In addition to all this, he also managed to find time to be one of the 2001 Olympic Torch Bearers, selected by Chevrolet for his community involvement.

Both Cheri and Don were roasted by the Zonta Organization in 2002 and they were named Santa Clarita Valley Man and Woman of the Year in 2004.

Their charitable contribution goes far beyond their time and energy. Over \$3,000,000 have been donated to various local and national charities and worthy causes by Cheri and Don Fleming since they first acquired the Acura dealership.

Despite having battled debilitating arthritis for years, Cheri has remained cheerful and an inspiration to those around her. This was made obvious recently, while undergoing a three-month long recovery from neck surgery brought on by the arthritis, when she received hundreds of good will wishes in the form of letters and cards.

Things certainly have gone up since 1997, benefiting both the business and the community.

Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation

Led by a team of hardworking, community-minded business professionals and school officials, the Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation is dedicated to locating, acquiring and developing sites for new schools in the William S. Hart Union High School District. Founded in 1998, the Facilities Foundation has made great progress toward fulfilling its mission to assist the Hart District in providing school facilities through land acquisition and infrastructure development.

The Facilities Foundation was created to serve at a time when Santa Clarita schools were in crisis with severe overcrowding. The number of students significantly exceeded the designed capacity of school facilities.



Funding for new schools was difficult to come by and locating suitable sites was even harder. The community faced tough times with the subsequent defeat of several school bond measures. A plan to establish an independent public-benefit corporation – a private non-profit foundation – that could focus on a school building project and bring it to fruition was developed.

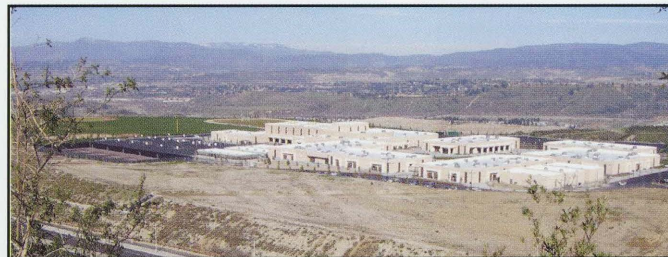
Working with prominent community leaders, the Facilities Foundation was created with a mission to find a way to build the much-needed Golden Valley High School. By establishing a public-private partnership, the school project was able to get off the ground, while minimizing costs and maximizing state funding.

The task was not an easy one, nor was it without setbacks and challenges. With steadfast determination, and in partnership with the City of Santa Clarita and the Hart District, the Facilities Foundation set out to accomplish one of the largest public works projects in the City's history.

The resulting joint venture provided a means to build a key portion of the Golden Valley Road Cross-Valley Connector at a substantial cost savings to taxpayers. In August 2004, Golden Valley High School opened its doors, helping to alleviate overcrowding in other local area high schools.

The success of the Golden Valley project laid the groundwork for the cost-effective development of other school projects. The Facilities Foundation continues

to assist in locating future school sites, identifying opportunities, and funding other education-related projects, including the recent acquisition of two prospective school site properties in Canyon Country.



Today the community enjoys the benefit of financial contributions made to the City of Santa Clarita Aquatic Center and Sierra Vista Junior High Boys and Girls Club facility, adding to the instructional and extracurricular programs for Hart District students.

The seven-member Board of Directors serve on a volunteer basis, without pay or compensation for services. Although not a legislative body, the Foundation follows the "open-meeting" laws. Finances are a matter of public record and are subject to an annual independent and certified audit. The Hart District is sole beneficiary of all Foundation assets.

Current policy provides that surplus funds are held for a public purpose to be invested in our schools and other public facilities for the education of our children. This is the "brick-and-mortar" mission of the Foundation.

Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation

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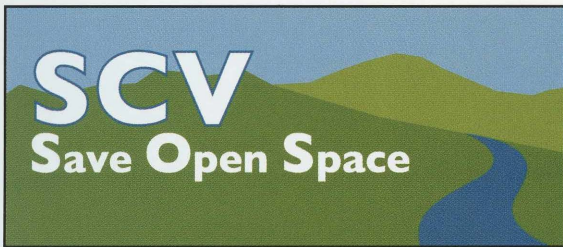
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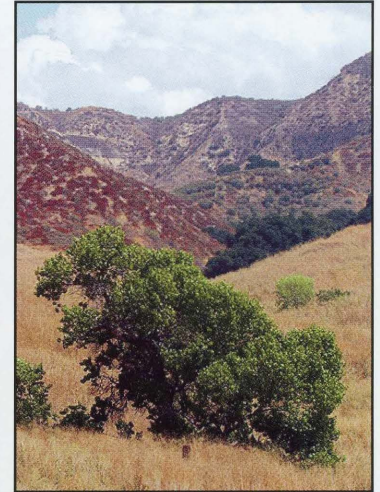
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Preserving the SCV for Our Future



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In 2007, in response to a critical need to address rampant development primarily in the hillsides surrounding the City of Santa Clarita, the City — working with passionate community members — embarked upon a major campaign to focus attention on the need to

purchase still unencumbered vacant parcels in the greater SCV, with the goal to stop future development in those areas, thereby maintaining the land in its natural state. We can never turn our heads away from the increased awareness brought about by this effort.

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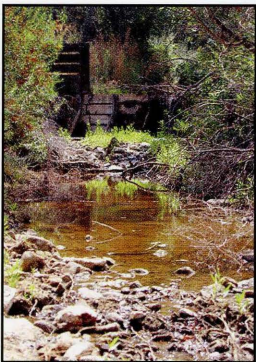
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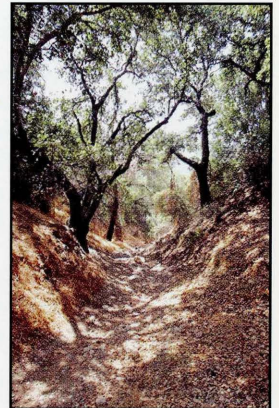
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"For as long as we can remember, Santa Clarita Valley residents have been tired of watching bulldozers chop down our pristine hills. ... Unfortunately, most of today's growth is occurring beyond the city's borders, and the Santa Clarita City Council can't directly do anything to stop it. But you can. You can pool your money and buy those hillsides before they're chopped down. It's the American way."

— The Signal, April 2, 2007

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Summerhill Villa

A Premier Independent and Assisted Living Facility for Our Valley's Seniors

There are many Southern California communities that offer attractive locations within which an assisted living facility could be built. But for the principals behind Summerhill Villa Independent and Assisted Living Community on Lyons Avenue, there was no place more desirable than Santa Clarita.

Known for its safety, charm and nationally recognized elder-friendliness, the Santa Clarita Valley provided the perfect spot for Summerhill Villa.

Summerhill Villa is conveniently situated near shopping centers, a community hospital, restaurants, recreational activities and bus routes. It is the only local senior living community that offers full programs – whether seniors are independent, need assistance with personal care or are suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Summerhill Villa is locally owned by longtime SCV residents and businessmen, Richard Patterson, Sr., Norris Whitmore, Scott Evans and Richard Patterson, Jr., the facility's executive director. Margie Veis has served as its administrator and community relations director since its 2001 opening.

"Our staff has a genuine concern for seniors, and our high standards and professional staff are devoted to enhancing the lives of seniors," Veis stated.

Whitmore, Evans and Rick Patterson Jr. were all born and raised in the Santa Clarita Valley. Patterson, an

Summerhill Villa offers a wide array of enjoyable activities for its residents.



attorney and Harvard Law alumnus with a broad background in finance and law, has effectively applied his skills to creating an atmosphere of compassion and service. Whitmore was instrumental in creating and constructing the architecturally pleasing and comfortable senior residences. Both Evans and Whitmore are second and third generation builders with outstanding reputations for quality construction.

Like "they" say, "apples don't fall far from the tree" – and given that Patterson's dad, attorney Richard Patterson, Sr. is a longtime devotee of senior needs and supporter of the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging, it is clear that father and son have common interests in improving the community. In addition to his service with the Committee on Aging, Patterson, Sr. initially recognized the need for an upscale senior residential facility through his legal representation of seniors in the community.

At Summerhill Villa, caring personnel provide all the elements that create a warm and supportive atmosphere for residents and their families, Veis said.

"Each resident is viewed as a unique individual whose life experiences are valued, and everyone is treated with kindness, compassion and respect," the administrator said.

Summerhill Villa strives to provide residents the highest quality of services by:

- Promoting independence, individuality and freedom of choice
- Fulfilling residents' physical, emotional and spiritual needs
- Providing an elegant, yet comfortable home-like community

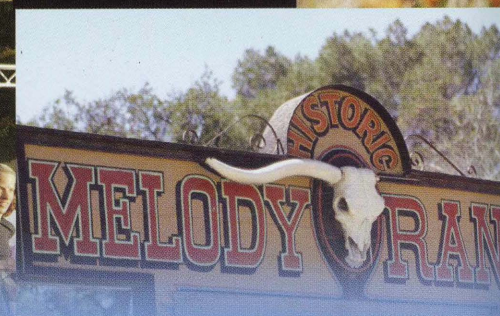
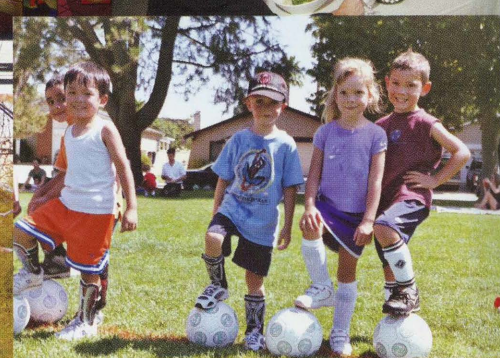
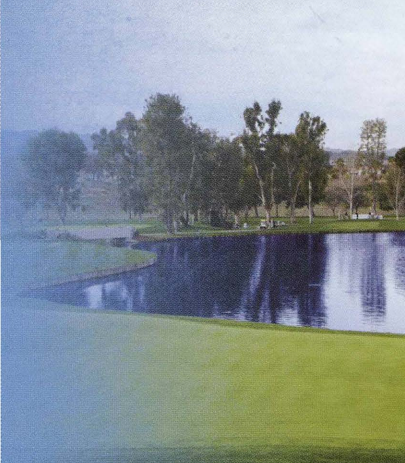
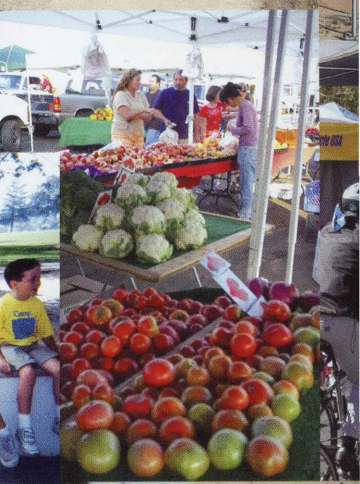
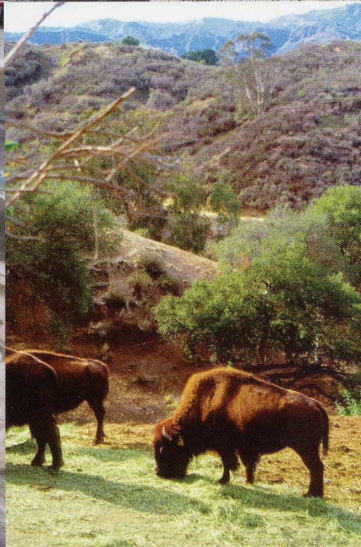
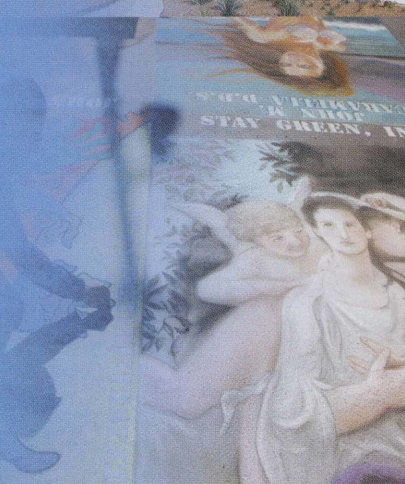
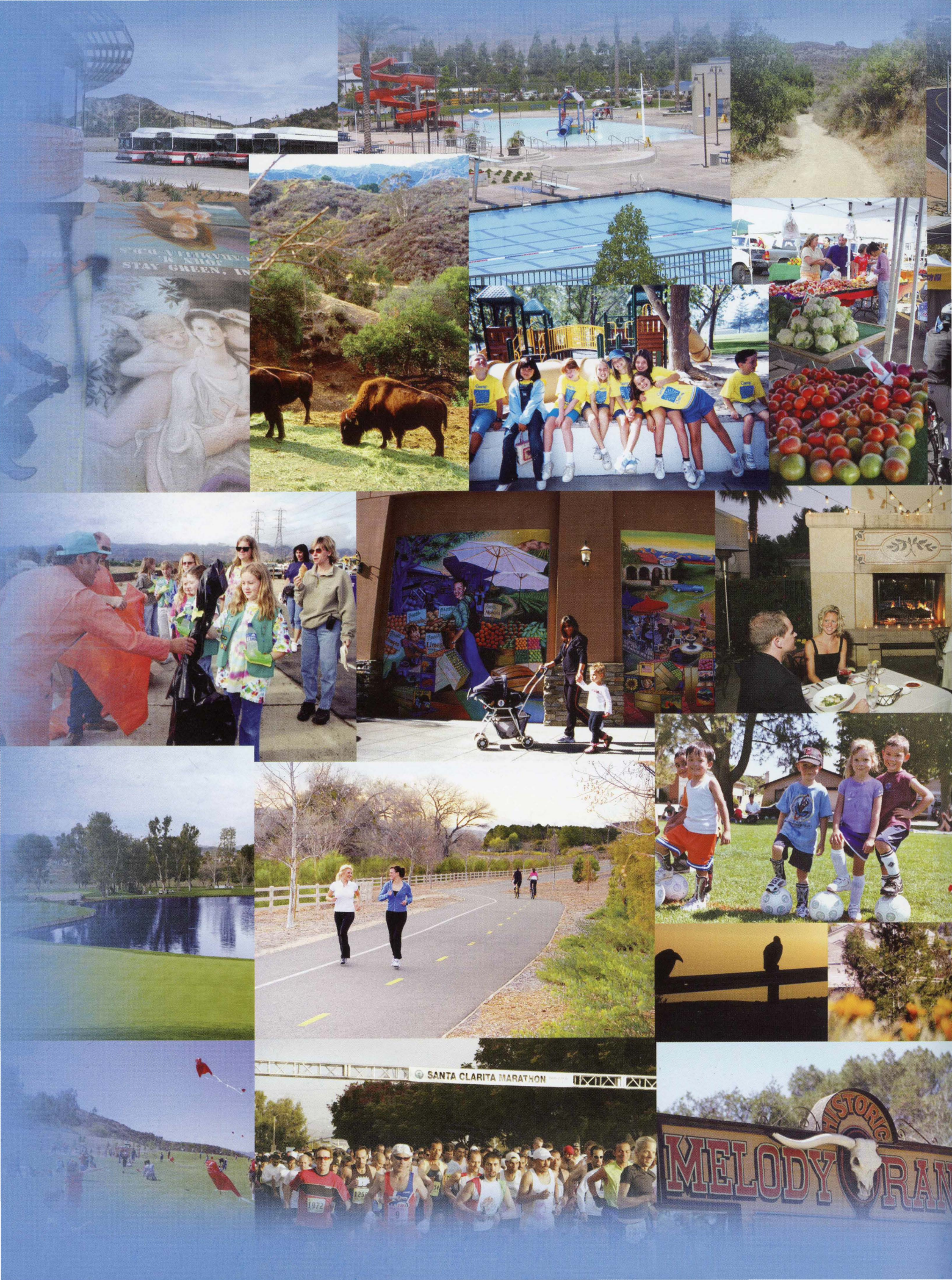
The facility's beautiful furnishings and cheerful community rooms make it a place that "feels like home" – where people can engage in enjoyable activities amid a serene and aesthetically pleasing environment.

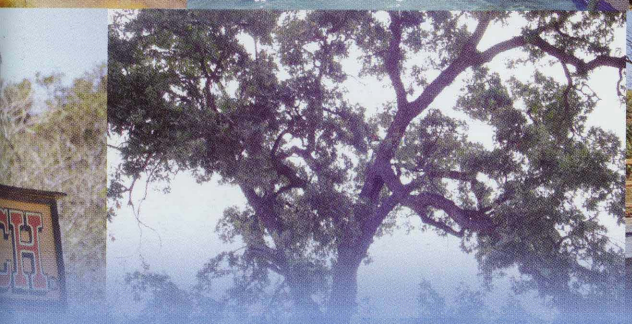
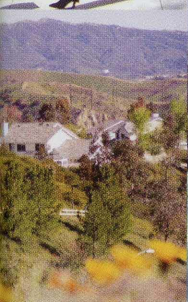
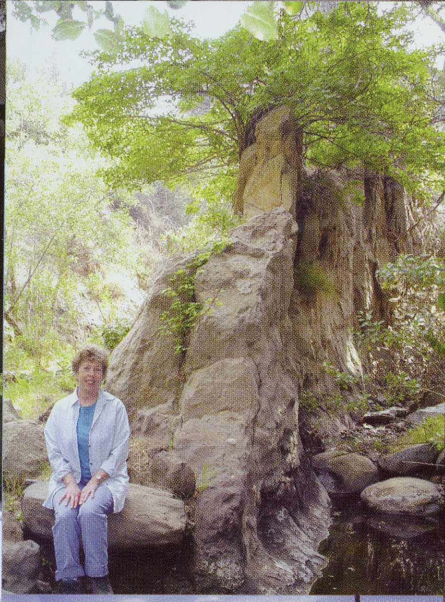
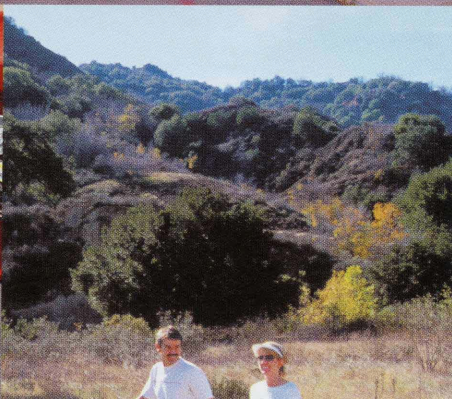
"Our family truly wants to give back to this community and help to develop programs that will benefit the seniors of Santa Clarita," Rick Patterson, Jr. said. "Summerhill Villa offers seniors a beautiful residence where quality of life, independence, dignity and security are our foremost goals."

Summerhill Villa Independent and Assisted Living Community is located at 24431 Lyons Avenue, Santa Clarita, California 91321.

For more information go online to www.summerhillvilla.com or call them at (661) 254.9933.

From The Editors: Many people helped make this book possible — from the local stable of writers and photographers who have chronicled the City's successes, to the numerous people behind the scenes (and in front of them) whose Santa Clarita Valley historical acumen helped provide us with many facts and needed clarifications. It would be impossible to name every single person who aided this project — so we say "thank you" to all.





MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Gail Ortiz and Diana Sevastian

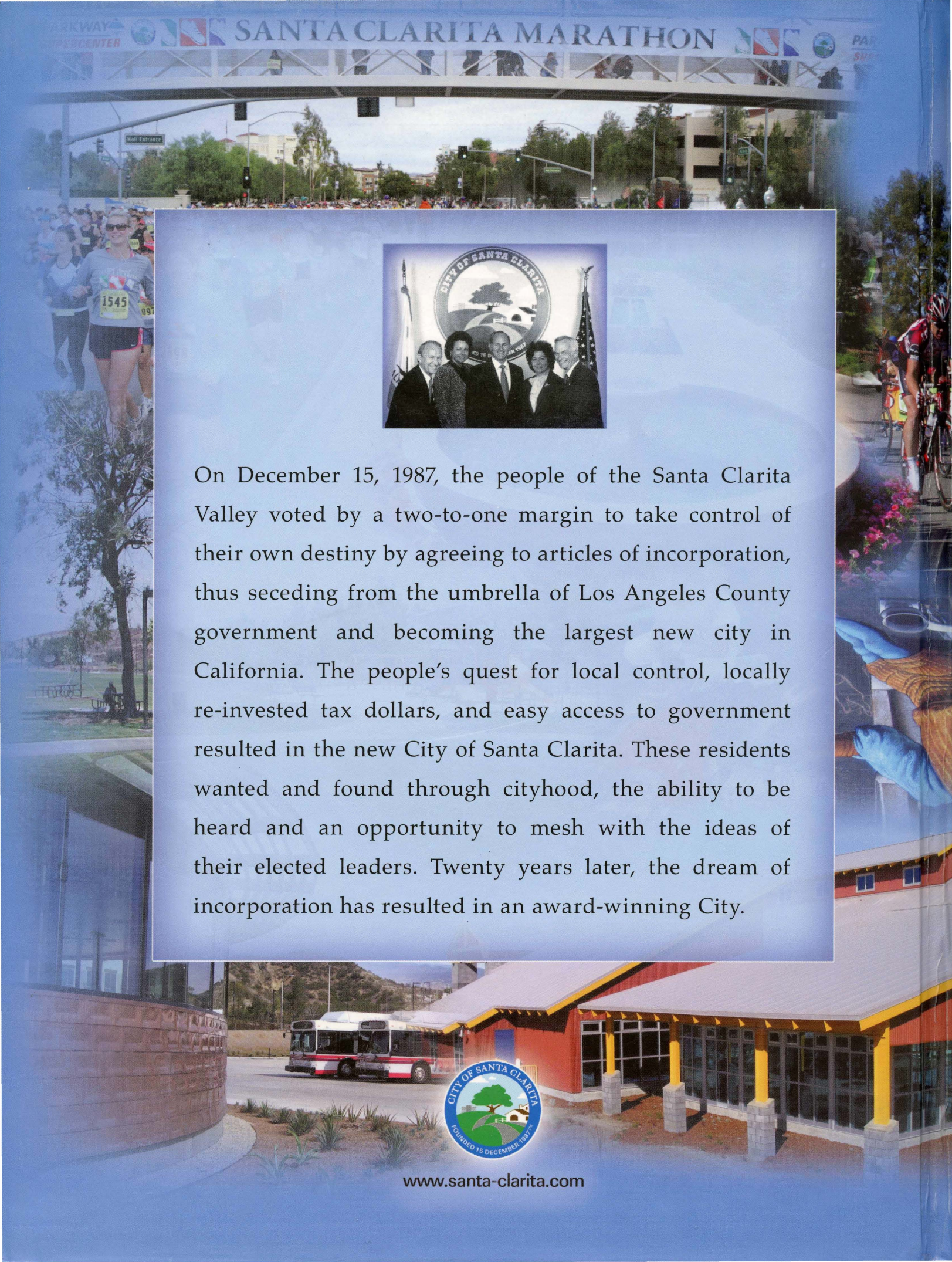


We hope that you enjoy the City of Santa Clarita's 20th anniversary book, "*Celebrating 20 Years of Success*," as much as we have enjoyed working on it.

Looking back, it's been nothing short of amazing to realize the hard work and dedication that was put forth by the founding "mothers and fathers." These committed pioneers worked tirelessly to initiate a responsive local government for the people of the Santa Clarita Valley.

Built on the dream of local home rule and supported by a strong tax base and dedicated citizenry, the City of Santa Clarita boasts a high quality of life, great schools, a commitment to its non-profit agencies and vision for the future – all in a beautiful community that 180,000 residents call home. It is here in Santa Clarita that more than 60 miles of off-street trails and paseos, 17 beautiful City parks, and over 30,000 new trees live in harmony with quaint coffee houses, unique shops, great restaurants, a thriving business community and some of the best, most caring people you'll ever meet.

Working on this book was not only an enlightening experience, but also a privilege and an honor. Through the research process, it became crystal clear just how important cityhood and local government are for this community. It also helped underscore what achievements are possible when visionary community leaders pave the way.



On December 15, 1987, the people of the Santa Clarita Valley voted by a two-to-one margin to take control of their own destiny by agreeing to articles of incorporation, thus seceding from the umbrella of Los Angeles County government and becoming the largest new city in California. The people's quest for local control, locally re-invested tax dollars, and easy access to government resulted in the new City of Santa Clarita. These residents wanted and found through cityhood, the ability to be heard and an opportunity to mesh with the ideas of their elected leaders. Twenty years later, the dream of incorporation has resulted in an award-winning City.

