

LETTERS: The Californian, Feb. 21, 2010

Time to think straight, not with emotions

I love our Temecula mountains. However, I see the skyline devoured by houses, a fence built down the steep slope and a large earthen fill between two peaks changing the natural beauty. Why aren't the Save the Hills organizations fighting against scarring the skyline?

We watched a rocky mountain being removed in Orange for a condominium project. For the months required to remove the mountain, we saw no dust, felt no dust and we lived nearby. We neither benefited from nor were hurt by the project. I have no problem with a quarry behind the skyline, with environmental controls protecting air quality and the preserve. What breaks my heart are families losing homes, fathers and mothers losing jobs, businesses closing every day (e.g., Carriage Motors), vacant homes and shuttered store fronts, and the 30 to 40 percent reduction in home values because of the lack of jobs.

The quarry brings wages supporting restaurants and car dealerships that provide sales tax revenues to operate the city. Wages that provide food, clothing, house payments and incomes to support education and to share with those in need.

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1.

[gunner](#) said on: February 22, 2010, 3:38 pm

To American Haiku, read my few lines about asthma. Also, my Grandson is over six feet tall, weighs 198 pounds, plays football in college, along with other sports, and he suffers with asthma. Don't let him here you call him a couch potato.



2.

[gunner](#) said on: February 22, 2010, 3:32 pm

To all the doh dohs out there that know nothing about asthma.

Quite simply, asthma usually come on at an early age. It can be inherited from parents (Genes), or by exposure to airborne allergens, such as tobacco smoke, or DUST etc; It is not curable, but can be relieved.

There are as many as 2, million people in the U.S. with asthma.

The dust from a quarry would make things worse for them, so please, don't show

your ignorance, and say that a quarry in the middle of a community like Temecula would do no harm.



3.

[American Haiku](#) said on: February 21, 2010, 3:38 pm

another two thousand...obese little couch potatoes...still more fast food opens!



4.

[RIVERSMVP08](#) said on: February 21, 2010, 1:54 pm

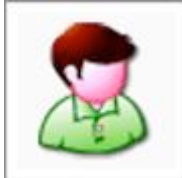
why is there so many asthma cases all of a sudden? Pollution is going DOWN.



5.

[gunner](#) said on: February 21, 2010, 12:55 pm

Did anybody tell Roy Bennet that we have at a minimum of 2,000 kids in Temecula that are suffering from Asthma, and did anybody tell him that Asthma can be deadly, and did anybody tell him that the dust that contains silica can be blown over all of Temecula, and elsewhere. If nobody told him, then I suggest that he contact any of our 500, local doctors, and they will tell him.



6.

[gunner](#) said on: February 21, 2010, 12:47 pm

If it's true what Roy Bennet tells us, then maybe we should invite quarry companies to open up all the way down the I15, and anywhere else that they can. Unfortunately, what he says is the farthest thing from the truth that I have ever heard. To compare earth moving to build condos, is ridiculous.

Granite intends to blast and dig 5, million tons of rock, containing silica, every year for the next 75, years, regardless of the communities potential health problems, and how about all those jobs that we will lose because of the lack of tourism. Granite can still provide those jobs, (maybe) by digging elsewhere.