

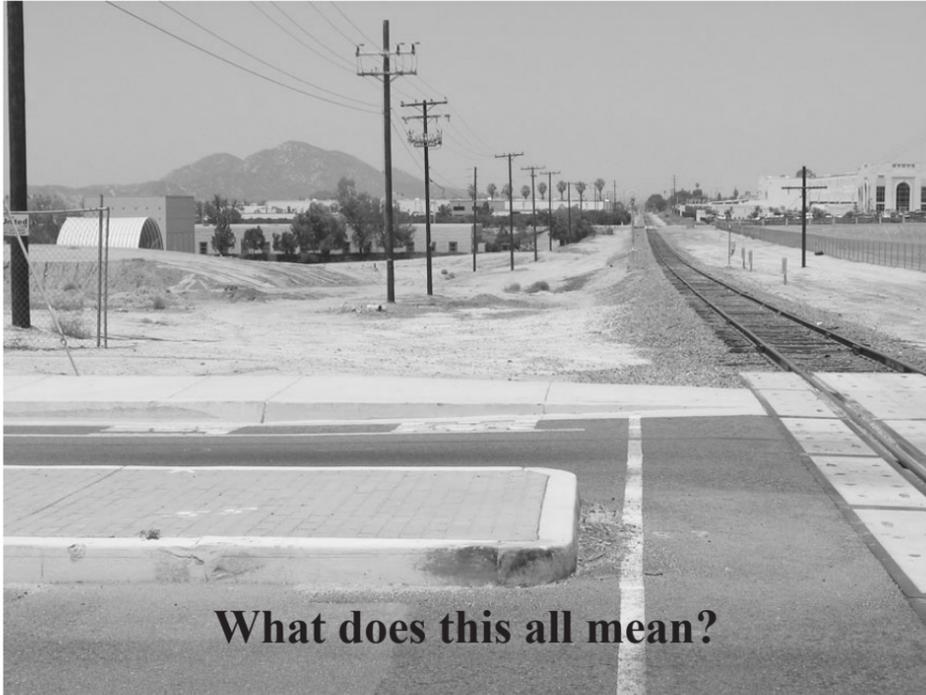


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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **August, 2011**

Metrolink: RCTC approves EIR on PVL over objections of MAC but SCAG getting involved!



What does this all mean?

On July 25, 2011, the RCTC (Riverside County Transportation Commission) approved the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) on the PVL (Perris Valley Line) over the objections of the Highgrove MAC (Municipal Advisory Council) but another organization: SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) is showing an interest in the Highgrove Metrolink location due to its **“Regional”** benefits.

It also means that over the objections of the Highgrove community representatives and surrounding cities and local organizations, RCTC is still planning on building a Metrolink station at Marlborough Ave. on the Perris Valley Line railroad. Although they voted to approve the EIR, 26 to 0, there is still the possibility of litigation that may delay the construction of this \$237 million dollar project between Highgrove and Perris.

Three members of the Highgrove MAC, Melanie Zimmermann, Dennis Kidd and R. A. “Barney” Barnett spoke during the public comments against building a station at Marlborough Ave. instead of Highgrove which is only one mile away.

Immediately after the public comments everyone in the audience was ask to leave and wait in the hallway while RCTC went into closed session about **“Anticipated Litigation”**.

The agenda only listed: “Potential Number of Case(s): One or more” -

so I do not know the details of the anticipated lawsuit but it is some-one other than the Highgrove community that is also unhappy with the decisions being made by RCTC.

When we were allowed back into the chambers the RCTC staff gave their report and the vote was 26 in favor and 0 opposed to adopt the EIR.

Station location has been the only opposition to this project from Highgrove and the surrounding communities for the last 10 years due to differences in destination and use of existing trains.

The north/west corner of the Perris Valley Line railroad and Marlborough Ave. is the location selected by the Riverside County Transportation Commission to build a Metrolink station. They are currently in escrow to purchase the property at Marlborough Ave. but no figures are being disclosed regarding the purchase price.

This track will not have any commuter train service soon because the entire railroad needs to be up-graded before there is any passenger train service between Highgrove and Perris on the Perris Valley Line. New sidings and/or passing tracks need to be built and a CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) signal system for trains needs to be installed on the entire Perris Valley Line railroad because there is no CTC system on any of the 38 mile PVL track between Highgrove and San Jacinto.

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New Chevron Station almost ready to open!



The new Chevron gas station on the south/west corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. has gasoline in the tanks and food in the store and is getting close to opening.

According to the owner Abed Abugherir the sewer line that runs down the north side of his property under Center St. was scheduled to be completed by the time his station was done. The sewer pipes are under Center St. from Michigan Ave. to Villa St. on the east side of the freeway along east La Cadena Drive near the Eagles Aerie. East La Cadena Dr. is in the process of being elevated approximately 4 feet parallel to the I-215 freeway for 600 feet. The sewer line south of this location is already under east La Cadena Dr. all the way to Palmyrita Ave. where it connects to the City of Riverside’s sewer system. A temporary holding tank has been

installed for the Chevron station until the roadway elevation work and sewer line is completed. This portion of the problem has been resolved by the addition of the temporary holding tank.

According to the owner, the contaminated ground from leaking tanks from the previous station known as Shearer’s station has been ventilated and cleaned for a period of 4 ½ years and new tanks have been installed (Photo on P. 5).

The new station is very beautiful and will include a “Subway” on the south side of the building but the Subway has not completed their portion yet. There is an ATM machine inside the station and a walk up facility that will be used between 11:00 pm and 5:00 am when the gas station store doors are locked. There will be no alcoholic beverages sold at this location. cont. on P. 5

Zorbas expanding



Zorbas is in the process of expanding their building eastward. The new expansion will include a new refrigerated area and a place to unload a truck. The drive through area will be the same entrance and exit and the drive through will still be open during the construction period.

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Monthly Line-Up

August 2nd: 8:30AM - 9:30AM Presentation on Chronic Health Conditions Impacted by Poor Air Quality by Mildred with Riverside County Department of Public Health 951-358-5358



August 5th: 8AM-10AM CareMore resource table regarding Medicare Health Benefits hosted by Albert Vega 951-313-9912

August 11th: 12:30 - 2:00 Resource table and Music for "Cool Center" event provided by Tim with Sensible Senior Homecare 951-553-5785

August 11th: 1:00 Nutrition Info Van provided by Anna with Riverside County Office on Aging 800-510-2020

August 11th: 12:30 "Cool Center" Indoors Picnic Sponsored by Southern California Edison in partnership with Fair Housing council of Riverside County, Inc.

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459 Center Street, Riverside, CA 92507

Thursday, August 11, 2011

1:00 PM

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6	up to \$60,500
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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

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Felony Arrests	3	Calls for Service	84
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	Business Checks	20
Traffic Citations	8		

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The CHP, Riverside Police Department, Cardenas Market, City Officials and the local community will be participating in the event, providing an opportunity to meet your neighbors, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
 5 PM- 8 PM
 Cardenas Market
 6530 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside



Found: Blanket left at MAC meeting

Someone left a blanket at the Highgrove MAC meeting and I am anxious to return it to the rightful owner. It is a fleece blanket with black and white soccer balls on a yellow background. This blanket has a special stitching on the back. Identify what it says and I will know the blanket is yours. Please call "Barney" at (951) 683 4994

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Metrolink (cont. from P 1)

At the present time, the Perris Valley Line track improvements are only planned between Highgrove and Perris but the cost is estimated at \$237 million of our Federal, State, and Transportation tax dollars!

And RCTC recently bought 17.22 acres at Highgrove for the proposed curved track to connect the Perris Valley Line track to the BNSF main line track at a cost of over 8 1/2 million dollars (\$8,625,000.00).

We asked that the purchase of additional property at Marlborough Ave. be abandoned and instead use that money to build a station on the west side of the property that RCTC already owns at Highgrove where there are Metrolink trains 7 days a week between San Bernardino and Riverside.

But RCTC only wants to upgrade their own railroad track on the Perris Valley Line for future Metrolink service between Highgrove and Perris while ignoring the regional benefits of commuter train service that exist only one mile away. Their decision

also means that a station at Marlborough Ave. will only accommodate future passengers between Riverside and Perris and will not provide any commuter train service to or from San Bernardino. If a station is allowed to be built at Marlborough Ave., the existing Metrolink trains between Riverside and San Bernardino will continue to go through Highgrove every day, 7 days a week, without stopping like they have done for many years.

On July 15, 2006 Metrolink trains went to 7 days a week service between San Bernardino and Riverside. Since that time there have been 16,120 commuter trains that have passed through Highgrove without stopping. Add the 5 years of Metrolink trains between 2001 and 2006 when there were commuter trains only 5 days a week, and this figure skyrockets even further!

It is extremely frustrating to spend 10 years trying to get RCTC to just stop some or any of the existing Metrolink trains that go through Highgrove.

But RCTC has a one track mind and unfortunately that track only leads to Perris!

Perris Valley Line track at Marlborough Avenue



This electrical box is the only signal system on the 38 mile Perris Valley Line track. It is used to stop other trains on the Riverside Line track, owned by the UPRR, that crosses the Perris Valley Line track at Marlborough Avenue. It is not a CTC signal governed by the train dispatcher. When it is red, trains on either railroad know there is another train crossing ahead of them. It is similar to a traffic light at an intersection.

The M.P. 1.50 means that Marlborough Ave. is 1.5 miles from Main St., where the Perris Valley Line connects to the BNSF main line in Highgrove. But only one mile from the above location (1/2 mile south of the county line) is where RCTC owns 17.22 acres at Highgrove. Their property is between the 2 railroads and will be used for a new proposed curved track to connect the Perris Valley Line railroad track to the BNSF railroad track.

SCAG interested in Highgrove Metrolink!

Denis Kidd and I attended the SCAG meeting in Moreno Valley in the afternoon after the RCTC meeting on July 25, 2011. SCAG stands for Southern California Association of Governments.

This organization seems to agree with our position about the "Regional" benefits that a Highgrove Metrolink station has, that would provide service between both counties.

SCAG has 84 elected officials, represent 191 cities and 6 counties and they are in the process of planning a RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) that will be submitted in April of 2012. This plan will make important decisions such as long range

transportation plans and include other subject such as land consumption, local infrastructure costs, vehicle miles traveled, fuel consumption, and other long term plans that are important in planning for the year 2035.

Just before the meeting, I talked with the SCAG's Deputy Executive Director Douglas Williford and later with SCAG's Executive Director, Hasan Ikhrata. I gave them each a copy of the colored map comparing the Highgrove location to the Marlborough Ave. location, similar to what is on our web site. I also gave them a copy of the July 21, 2011 letter of support for the Highgrove station from Grand Terrace Mayor, Walt

Stanckiewicz, an outline of my presentation I gave to RCTC earlier that same day, and an article titled "Do the Math" showing that over 16,000 commuter trains have gone through Highgrove since July 15, 2006 when Metrolink trains went to 7 days a week service between San Bernardino and Riverside.

We are looking forward to working with SCAG due to their RTP, to show them how the Highgrove station will meet the long term "Regional" transportation needs between Riverside County and San Bernardino County. Hopefully SCAG can see that Highgrove is the ideal place for future growth due to the availability

of vacant land, existing commuter trains, and established rail connections between the two counties.

RTP by definition: "The RTP (Regional Transportation Plan), is a long-range transportation plan that is developed and updated by SCAG every four years. The RTP provides a vision for transportation investments throughout the region. Using growth forecasts and economic trends that project over a 20 year period, the RTP considers the role of transportation in the broader context of economic, environmental, and quality-of-life goals for the future, identifying regional strategies to address our mobility needs".

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Center St. Tire building demolished



The land was cleared for the new Chevron Station on April 7, 2010 and new tanks installed on Jan. 26, 2011



East La Cadena Avenue elevated!



This is East La Cadena Dr. on the east side of the I-215 freeway just south of Villa St. by the Eagles Aerie 997. The roadway has been elevated 4 feet and the storm drain pipes and sewer pipes will connect to the south side of this construction area. The pipe on the right is a 14" sewer pipe that is being covered with re-bar and concrete to prevent movement. Once this short portion of the sewer line is finished the first sewer line in Highgrove will be completed. The new sewer line starts at the new library at Center St. and Michigan Ave., then continues westward down Center St. to East La Cadena Dr., and turns southward, and will connect to the City of Riverside Sewer System near

Palmyrita Avenue. The other sewer lines are already in place under the streets except for this short section shown above. After the connections of these pipes are made, there still has to be testing of the entire system. The new sewer line from the library to the connection point at Palmyrita Ave. and East La Cadena is a gravitational flow system. As of this date, I do not have additional information about when residences or businesses will be allowed to hook up to these lines. When we receive this information we will pass it along to our readers. The road work should be completed and the road re-paved and ready for use by Friday Aug. 5, 2011. Changes are coming to Highgrove!

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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

Brother Roy E. Fermin

Brother Roy Eugene Fermin stood on the red clay hill overlooking Buzzard Creek, his new homestead. It was 1939 and he was far removed from his native Bavarian Forest Zundappe home. All he owned was in the back of the Model T Ford and it wasn't much. The smell of fall was in the air as Brother Fermin took in the vista of one hundred and sixty bottomland acres of loblolly pines, red and white oak, and a few fingers of gold and red stands of pecan and walnut trees hugging the banks of Buzzard Creek in the very southeastern corner of Mc Curtain County, Oklahoma. A woodsman by trade, Brother Fermin was, at thirty years of age, in the best physical condition of his life and he knew he would need every woodsman's skill his brothers in Germany had taught him. However, his greatest strength was in his conviction to succeed and to do so in an honest and humble manner befitting his Zundappe Order. He had come to America in peace and with the intention of building his own sect of Zundappe, thereby spreading his knowledge and passion for honesty and generosity to this strange and beautiful wooded land. Today he would set up camp and begin his mission tomorrow.

Now I don't know much more than this about Fermin and what I do know has been related to me by my Uncle Waldo, the county sheriff in Fermin's time. One old picture showed Fermin to be of medium build with deep set green eyes, and high cheekbones and dark brown curly hair and a full beard. County records and census searches show no mention of a man named Fermin or any of the other assorted charac-

ters you will get to know shortly for these boys and men of the Fermin Sect came and went like the waters that ran from Buzzard Creek into Little River and then on to Red River down thru Arkansas and finally into the Mississippi River to New Orleans. And you know that was the time of the Great Depression when self sufficiency was the key to survival and the help of others was the difference between eating and going hungry.

The day after arriving at his new homestead Brother Roy began to clear a home site on a low hill overlooking his woods. His plan was to have shelter by winter and enough firewood to make it til spring. By then he would have cleared a garden patch and finished a modest frame home high enough off the ground to stay dry in the rainy part of the year. Roy bought a team of mules to drag the timber he felled to the site and jacked the rear axle of his Model T Ford off the ground to accommodate the belt drive for his portable sawmill. In short order he had a solid foundation for his one room building and erected a WWI tent on the wood floor. With shelter against the elements Roy continued to clear his land and lay in dry firewood from fallen trees until he had a good six months supply. By December Brother Roy had replaced the tent with a real roof and had side walls up too. Using the sawdust from his mill he insulated the walls and his wood stove kept the nights warm and then the snow turned his compound white. Now all he had to do was wait for spring and plant his garden. Roy was making a little money by milling for some of his neighbors in Buzzard Creek but mostly he was bartering for staples like corn and canned goods. Roy could sell some of his hand hewn oak rail road ties in Valiant as well as some fence posts

so he developed a good rapport with his city neighbors. The way Roy saw things, he would be well positioned to open his Zundappe Compound by summer if his luck and health held out, and why wouldn't it? No one had ever seen such a hard working ascetic or self sufficient man in those parts for a long time. He came to be known for speaking only the truth and delivering good on his word in dealing with others. He was already teaching others about his Zundappe philosophy by his daily actions. His life was complete enough, or so he thought when Candido Ceasar Chavez Rio Seco showed up looking for work Christmas day, 1939.

Brother Roy surveyed Candido trying not to laugh but he had been to a world's fair and a goat roping contest and never had he seen a funnier sight than the one standing in front of him that snowy afternoon. Poor Candido, and I am using the word poor in the purest sense of the word, was wearing and carrying everything he owned. Candido had on Texas brand cowboy boots with pointed toes and inlaid leather eagles on the sides. Above his boots he was wearing full cut brown wool dress pants so big on him that he needed horsehair rope suspenders to pull the waistband up under his arm pits. Roy figured he the poor boy could crawl in and out of the chest high zipper to dress himself. The cuffs were tied tight around Candido's boots so whatever they were stuffed with couldn't fall out the bottoms, and there was plenty room for extra clothes to fit in the ballooning legs of his pants. Denim

jeans and flannel shirts hid under this outer layer dress suit, concealed again by a dress coat far too big for the little man. The coat tails hung down past Candido's knees and the shoulders were padded by a bedroll draped over his little Mayan shoulders. Yep, Candido was Mexican Indian, and he was from Sinaloa, Old Mexico and he had been born into a family of goat herders. Somewhere along his way, he found a felt fedora into which he slipped a wild turkey feather into the headband.

"What's that you wearing boy?" Brother Roy asked, making the word "boy" come out hard sounding. "A zoot" Candido said. "Azoot?" said Fermin. "No, ahh zooooot!" repeated the little Indian man. "Looks like some big man's suit." Replied Fermin. "Yeah, a big zoot, like I say." Agreed Candido. So the kid was wearing a zoot suit he was saying, whatever a zoot suit was figured Roy. He was still funnier than heck looking with that skinny neck sticking up out of the collar and the hat hiding most of that Mayan forehead. For a short while the man and the boy just stood there grinning and surveying each other til Candido asked, "Got work for me?" "Maybe, what can you do?" "Cook, hunt, dig, fix, chop, plant, pick cotton, fish, skin... I work hard for sure.... You no like; you no pay...ok bueno?" the little man asserted with great confidence. With that and a handshake, Candido became the first American Zundapper but it was Brother Roy who was going to be the student most of the year or so that Candido lived at the compound. (to be continued)

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Ashley Community Center Dedicated



On June 30, 2011 we attended the grand opening of the Marion V. Ashley Community Center in Menifee. It has an inside gymnasium with 6 basketball back stops that can accommodate 400 people for special events. There are two baseball fields on the west side of the property and a beautiful playground for the children and a lighted pathway around the exterior. This beautiful 12 acre property includes the Menifee Child Development Center

for children 18 months to 5 years of age. The new community center, in cooperation with Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, is located at 25625 Briggs Road and is situated between the Harvest Elementary School next door and the Heritage High School that is about ¼ mile away. Congratulations to Supervisor Ashley and to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and others who created this fine facility.



This beautiful new playground is shaded for the children and a few of them that attended the dedication ceremony couldn't wait until they tried it out. The baseball fields are in the background to the right of the picture. The gymnasium is beautiful and is one of my favorite features. There are also classrooms for the Menifee Child Development Center portion that has small furniture such as tables and chairs and small toilets and bathroom facilities that are specially designed for the little ones.



OBITUARIES



SALLY DIAZ ESPINOZA

Born October 21, 1938

A lifetime resident of Highgrove, passed away peacefully at age 72 on July 13, 2011 with her loving family at her bedside. A graduate of Riverside Poly High School, she briefly worked in her Uncle's grocery store, but spent most of her life as a loving homemaker. She is survived by her devoted husband of almost 54 years, Wilfred E. Espinoza; daughters, Anamaria Kamrath her husband Mike, Monica Clark her husband Jim & Veronica Espinoza; sons, Anthony Espinoza his wife Dawn & Chris Espinoza; 15 grandchildren, Alex & Valerie Savala; Jacob & Erik Kamrath; Bryttanie, Jamie & Gabriel Clark; Nicole & Kobe Espinoza; Brooke & Kris Espinoza; Anthony & Andrea Chavez; Andrew & Adam Doyle and 1 great-granddaughter, Chloe Kamrath; 10 surviving siblings: 4 brothers, Victor, Hank, Jesus Jr. & Antonio Diaz, 6 sisters, Esparanza 'Connie' Mejia, Virginia Fernandez, Carmen Gonzalez, Jenny Acevedo, Margaret Reynosa & Lupe Delahoya. She was preceded in death by her grandson Gabriel Savala, sister Eleanor Vazquez, brother Gasper Diaz and her parents Jesus & Hepolita Diaz.



SALLY DIAZ ESPINOZA

Sally was very devout in her faith, she loved cooking for her family, she 'mothered' many of her kids friends, as well as her grandkids friends. She was a "Taxi" giving rides to and from school, to various sports practices and games. She loved supporting her family in all they did and as a very PROUD Grandma! Sally had many friends and enjoyed spending time with them going shopping, meeting for lunch or just visiting over a cup of coffee & something sweet, she LOVED Chocolate! She had an infectious laugh and a smile that would make you smile right back!

Sally fought a long hard battle against breast cancer, but managed to keep a positive outlook on life and had a "never give up" attitude through it all. Sally was known for her love and compassion, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Services were held on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Grand Terrace, CA.

Mayor Zamora

Colton has suffered a big loss! Mayor Zamora suffered a heart attack and died at the age of 56. But he made many contributions during his short reign as mayor of Colton. When he took office, Colton was down to \$50,000 in the bank but he left the city with \$1.9 million in reserves according to statements in his state of the city of Colton address on July 7, 2011. Highgrove receives the Colton city council meetings on channel 3 the community service channel. In his state of the city address he stated that "Colton is safe, secure, and better than a few months ago". I am sure the Colton residents agree with me that this is a great loss for the City of Colton.



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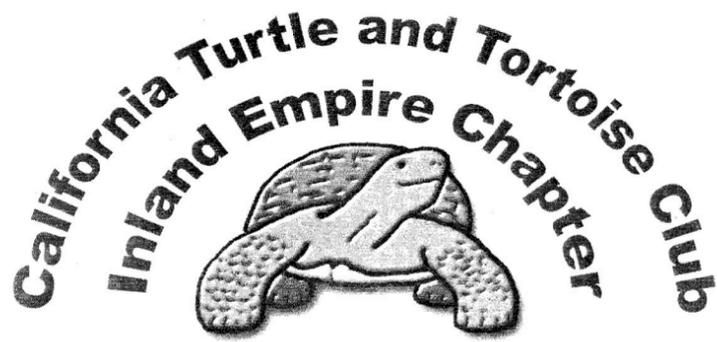
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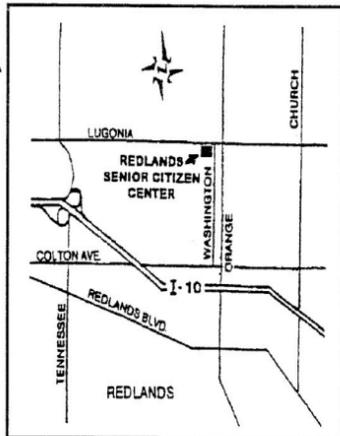
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This is Ardie's daughter, Kelli Jensen holding one of the salmon she caught while on a fishing excursion out of Queens Charlotte Island, BC. She won a contest from a supplier Lextron at her work Vetpharm out of Sioux Falls, SD for this trip.

She spent a week in Canada on the island of Queen Charlotte, and went fishing every day for salmon and halibut with Queen Charlotte Safari. This salmon weighed 39 lbs but the day before she caught a larger salmon that weighed 46 lbs.

She told me that when she caught the 46 pounder she worked a very long time trying to get it to the boat. It took so long to reel it in but with

the help of Gary she was able to get it into the boat. Kelli & Gary share the record so far this summer for the largest salmon caught of that coast.

Steve Tennant, her guide, has over 15 years of both professional guiding and commercial fishing experience. Growing up in Queen Charlotte City, Steve knows every square inch of its waters. Being a fishing enthusiast, both in his personal and professional life, Steve has a passion for conservation. She said she had a blast and it was her most memorable trip. I'm sure she will have a life time of memories to carry with her.

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Red Light given to Grand Terrace Red Light cameras

At the Grand Terrace city council meeting on July 12, 2011 the Grand Terrace city council voted to terminate the contract with Redflex traffic systems and discontinue the red light cameras. There are currently cameras at the intersections of Barton road and Mt. Vernon and also at Barton road and Michigan Avenue. The contract will not go beyond Aug. 14, 2011 but please do not let this decision influence your judgment to drive safely at all times-especially at intersections!



Riverside Councilman Named Chair of California Seismic Safety Commission

Riverside, California – The California Seismic Safety Commission named Riverside Council Member Mike Gardner as its chairperson late last week.

The Commission is composed of 20 commissioners chosen for their expertise and experience. The panel advises Governor Brown on earthquake-related issues and makes recommendations to reduce earthquake risk. Fifteen members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, one member is appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one by the Speaker of the Assembly. In addition, the Building Standards Commission, the State Architect's office, and Cal

EMA each appoint a representative.

Because of budget constraints Thursday's meeting was held via conference call. Ward 1 representative Gardner will serve a one-year term as chair of the Commission.

"Riverside and San Bernardino are located in an area bisected by multiple earthquake faults and are subject to higher than normal fault activity. I am proud to chair this important Commission and to represent our region on such important safety issues," said Gardner.

The group meets at least six times each year to discuss seismic concerns, and provide recommendations to the governor. Each member is paid \$100 per meeting.

Barnstormers to play at Grand Terrace Senior Center



Don't be fooled by the date. The photo is from the old Grand Terrace Senior Center that was taken on Oct 10, 2008.

The Barnstormers, Ardie and "Barney" Barnett from Highgrove and John Stahley from Reche Canyon have been asked to play at the Grand Terrace Senior Center at 10:00 am on Aug. 12, 2011 The center is located at 22627 Grand Terrace Road just east of Mt. Vernon and the public is invited. There is no charge for admission.

Dog vs. Cat! Democrats vs. Republicans! House vs. Senate!

I recall hearing a distress call being referred to as "May Day- May Day!" which is similar to an SOS distress call. Maybe you have heard of that expression too.

But it seems that the "May Day" distress call has been transferred to another month as we enter the month of August.

Historical bickering between the political parties are amplified more than ever before, due to the increased awareness provided to us through new information avenues that have not been available in the past. Maybe everyone does not have an I-Pad or the latest hand held phone but most of us have access to a television.

The recent dilemma about the debt ceiling and the August 2, 2011 deadline about the government's credit rating shows just how much trouble our country is actually in.

The feud between the Democrats

and Republicans reminds me how dogs are supposed to be naturally born to chase cats! This same principal also seems to apply between the Democrats and Republicans and maybe even between the 2 houses of congress.

Frankly it is difficult to see how the different parties are so divided. It is not a question any more of what is best for the country and its citizens. It seems that if one party has an idea the other party will automatically reject it along party lines just because of the dog vs. cat theory!

When will the Lion lie down with the Lamb? Probably not for a long time!

By the time you read this issue maybe an agreement will have already been reached but the scars of this political bickering may remain in our minds for a long time.

God Bless America!



Mobile signs still a problem!

Since April 19, 2011 these signs have been sitting out in the street on Center St. except for a short period when they were ticketed by the CHP and tow trucks hauled 2 of them away on April 27, 2011. Shortly thereafter they re-appeared due to a so called technicality. Since then, this one has been sitting with no tires or trailer hitch while interrupting the water flow and collecting debris. Friday July 29, 2011 I noticed the trailer is still there but the sign was removed. Code Enforcement has also ticketed these signs. The city of Loma Linda passed an ordinance regarding signs of this type (same sign) and I have a copy of their ordinance that I am sending to Riverside county.

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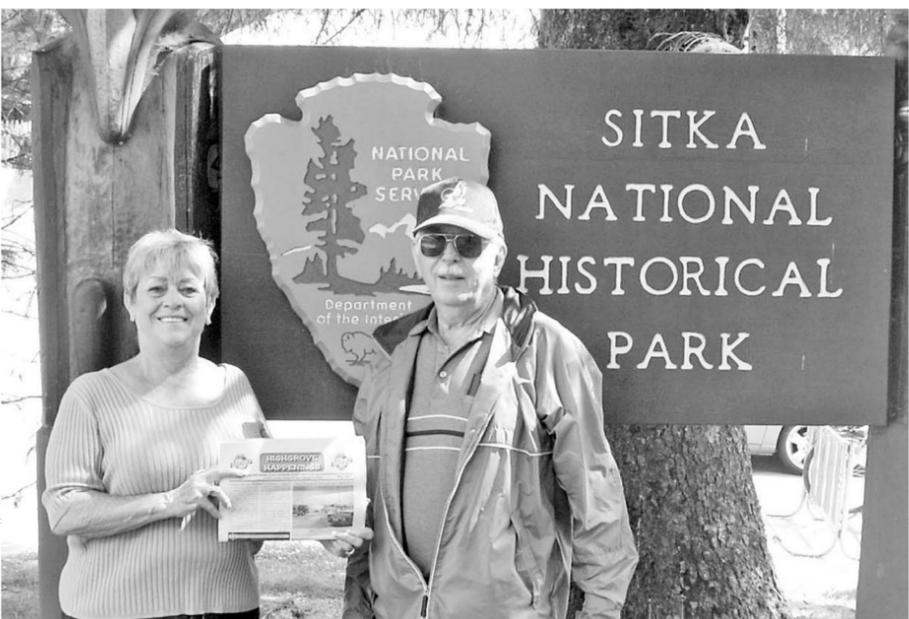
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If you know who backed into this wall on Mt. Vernon Ave., between Center St. and Spring St. on July 28, 2011, call Louie (951) 787 1870



Geri and Ron Barnett from Grand Terrace are shown with a copy of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper in Sitka, Alaska when they went on an Alaskan cruise last month. They cruised from Seattle and had beautiful weather during their Alaskan cruise.

VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

STATER BROTHERS STORE WILL OPEN AUGUST 24, 2011

I am assured by everyone with whom I have talked, and that includes office personnel at the corporate office, that the store will open for business on the 24th of August.

The store looks complete right now but there is much work that still needs to be done. Jack Brown is the CEO and president of the Stater Bros. Corp. and he has been for several years. We of the staff of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are eager to see the store open and to be able to wish Jack Brown the best for our store. After all, he has been feeding us for several years and we hope he will continue to do so for many more.

Jeff Andrusak, manager of the Grand Terrace Stater Bros. former location, will manage the new store and said that the employees that work in the current store will move to the new store except perhaps for a few who have said that the opportunities elsewhere may be better for them.

Times change as they should and it was a benefit to Grand Terrace for Stater Bros. Market to move to the new location. When the decision was made to move the store to its present location we wondered why, but now we know that to prosper a store must go forward. We have to go forward or we rust.

Stater Bros. Markets number 167. The new store is larger and will draw customers from all over. There is al-

ways a lot of competition such as Wal-mart changing its style of marketing lately and that is okay too.

Competition helps us to get the best products for our money.

GRAND TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL

I may be the only person in California that has made more mistakes than not but those of you who pushed and voted to have this monstrosity erected will be very surprised to learn that not too long from now, what a colossal mistake it has been about building a high school in Grand Terrace. Go over there and look at it. It will not be finished before 2013 and maybe not even then.

I can tell you this: a lot of money was spent to build it with no thought of who would populate it, teach in it, and where the students would come from. None of you that voted for it had even an inkling of what the future would hold for it. (If you are thinking that I am saying I told you so, you're darn right I am!)

You will get the new school but where will the money come from to support it and keep it safe and secure? There is one positive thing to say and that is that it has provided a lot of people with jobs who are capable in their chosen professions.

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Late For Class

A little girl, dresses in her "Sunday best" was late and running to her Sunday school class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear God, please don't let me be late. Dear God, please don't let me be late." Then she fell.

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Like the Weather, Hot Investments Can Cool Off

We're in the "Dog Days" of summer – traditionally the hottest, steamiest time of year. But in a few weeks, the temperatures will begin to cool down. Nature isn't alone in this heating-and-cooling pattern — you can also find evidence of it in the investment world. To be specific, today's "hot" investments can lose their sizzle quickly — which means that, as an investor, you'll need to take steps to avoid being left out in the cold.

An investment can become "hot" — that is, its price can shoot up — for any of a number of reasons. For example, a company that provides a well-known product or service may decide to "go public" by making its shares available to investors; when this happens, the stocks become "hot" for a while. An investment may also become hot if a favorable event occurs, as might be the case with a drug company that gains permission to sell a medicine that's much in demand. And some investments heat up because an "expert" is touting them in the media.

But although different investments may get hot for different reasons, they all share one thing in common: They will cool off. In fact, by the time you and many oth-

er investors hear about a hot stock, it may already be cooling off. If you buy into an investment that's been hot for a while, you should recognize that its "upside potential" may not be what you think.

To help achieve your financial goals, you may be better off by not chasing after hot stocks. Instead, consider these ideas:

- Increase share ownership. One key to building wealth is to increase the amount of shares you own in your investments. Hot stocks are often expensive stocks, so you may be limited in the number of shares you can purchase. As an alternative, look for quality investments that are trading at reasonable prices. You might also consider buying additional shares in quality companies you already own.

- Buy appropriate investments. Even if you can afford to buy some shares in hot stocks, should you? These stocks may not be suitable for your needs, for any number of reasons: too risky for your risk tolerance, too similar to other stocks you already own, and so on. You need to own investments that are appropriate for your individual needs. Of course, you also need to keep in mind that any investment in stocks — whether hot or not — will fluctuate with changes in market conditions and may be worth more

or less than your original investment when you sell.

- Diversify your holdings. By continually pursuing hot investments, you might end up with an unbalanced, non-diversified portfolio. By diversifying your holdings, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. However, diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

- Think long term. Chasing hot stocks is strictly a short-term move. Successful investors adhere to long-

term strategies that require discipline, patience and a constant focus on the future.

By following these suggestions, you're unlikely to experience the "thrill" of chasing after hot investments — but you will get the satisfaction of building a portfolio designed to help meet your important investment goals.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

This is where we draw the line! (But where is the Redistricting Line?)

The re-districting process is designed to adjust and define jurisdictional lines for County, State and Federal elections to equalize and/or balance the number of voters under the jurisdiction of certain elected officials. Our county Supervisor for example is currently Supervisor Marion Ashley in the 5th district but that could possibly change where Highgrove would be under the jurisdiction of Supervisor Tavaglione in the 2nd district. Discussions of where the lines will be and under whose jurisdiction have been underway for quite some time. According to Supervisor Ashley the process could be finalized sometime in October for the supervisory districts. If for instance Highgrove is changed to Supervisor Tavaglione's district,

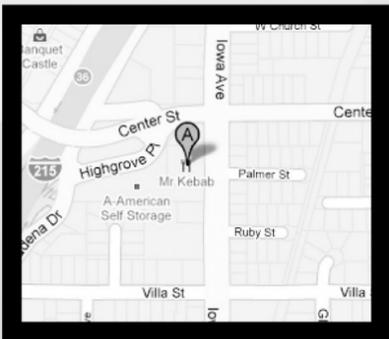
what happens if Supervisor Tavaglione runs for Congress and is elected?

In June, John Tavaglione announced his interest in becoming a congressman after 17 years as a county supervisor. Highgrove would benefit if we are moved to Supervisor Tavaglione's district because he has a lot of experience and I respect him for what he has accomplished in his district. But if Supervisor Tavaglione is elected to congress, we would be under a different Supervisor in the future when his position as Supervisor of the 2nd district is vacated due to the congressional election. Pay attention, this could determine who you will be voting for the next 10 years!



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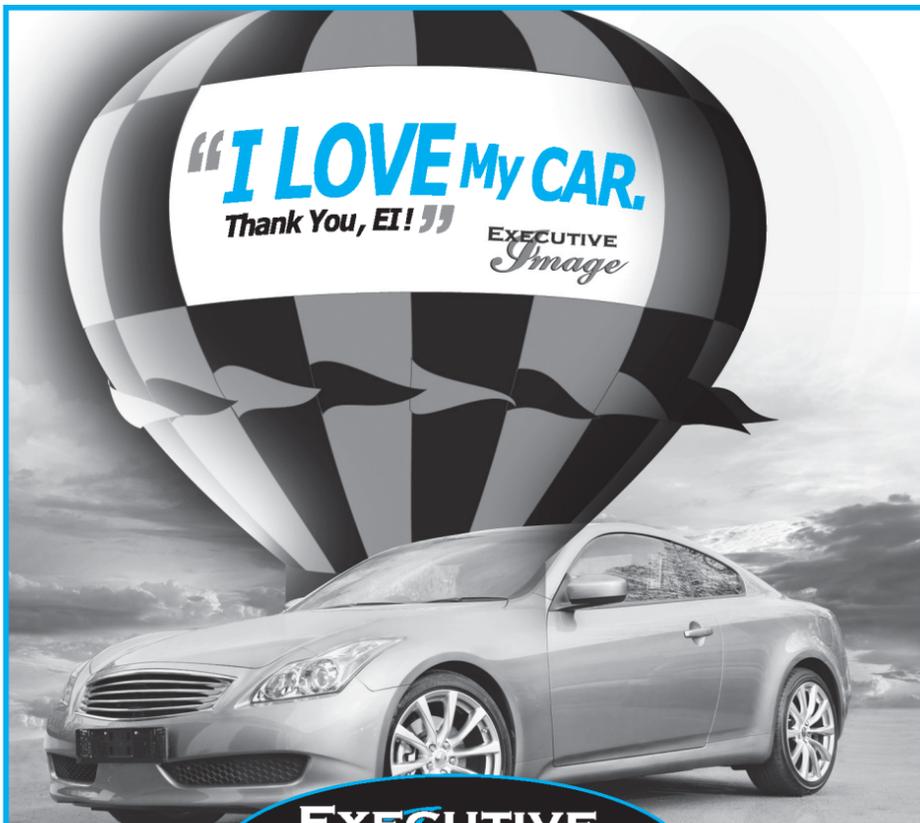


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