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NEW SCHOOL APPROVED FOR HIGHGROVE!

Yes it is true-Highgrove will get a new school!

On July 19, 2018, I received a call from Dr. Angelov Farooq, Trustee from the Riverside Unified School District who told me that the School Board voted unanimously on July 18, 2018 to approve purchasing 13.9 acres of property located at 20375 Spring St. at Prairie for a new school site in the Spring Mountain Ranch area of Highgrove.

I also received an e-mail from Jeff Girod, Spring Mountain Ranch resident about this same subject that stated: *"Barney, Last evening at the RUSD School board meeting, the board approved the purchase of an elementary school site on Spring St. at Prairie. The purchase is for \$3.9 million dollars from KB Homes. The expected construction to completion time is up to about 5 years. The video to the board meeting should be posted to the district web site by the end of this week, if you would like to watch it. The site is: www.riversideunified.org*

We really appreciate your help. This wouldn't have happened without you Best, Jeff."

Here is a reprint of a map and article from the front page of the March 2018 Highgrove Happenings Newspaper:



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **March 2018**

NEW SCHOOL NEEDED IN HIGHGROVE AREA



On Jan. 31, 2018 two members of the Riverside Unified School District came to my house for a tour of the Highgrove area to discuss the need for a new school in Highgrove. They were Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent of RUSD and Ana Gonzalez, RUSD Director of Planning and Development. Spring Mountain Ranch resident Jeff Girod also went to the school location with us and talked about the need for a new school.

The following day I called to see if I could show the Board of Education Vice President Dr. Angelov Farooq the same thing. Then on Feb.6, 2018 Dr. Farooq came to my house and Jeff Girod and I showed him why a new school is needed in Highgrove. Dr. Farooq is also the Board member whose district includes

Highgrove. That same evening on Feb. 6, 2018, we attended the Riverside Unified School District meeting to inform the other RUSD members that a new school is needed in the Spring Mountain Ranch area to accommodate this new growth. There were 6 people who supported a new school and 4 of us spoke at the podium under public comments.

The map of the Spring Mountain Ranch development shows where a Proposed Elementary School may be located but the Riverside Unified School District does not own this property.

Speakers at the School Board meeting were encouraging RUSD to purchase this land or other close by property for a new school in Highgrove that may be a K to 8 School.

TWO SEPERATE ACCIDENTS IN HIGHGROVE ONLY 3 MINUTES APART

When the CHP car went past my house with its siren blaring it was just one of 2 traffic collisions in Highgrove that were only 3 minutes apart. I found the CHP unit at a traffic collision at the corner of Spring and Garfield where 2 vehicles collided. And as a person was placed in the ambulance I was told that there was another accident on Center Street. At Center St. a pick-up truck had hit a telephone pole and the area was shut down because the pole was broken ant the wires seemed to be the only thing holding the pole up.

PICK UP TRUCK HITS TELEPHONE POLE ON CENTER ST.



On Saturday, July 7, 2018 at approximately 7:30 p.m., Mr. Raymond Becerril, 56 of Riverside, was driving a 2005 GMC Sierra, eastbound on Center St., west of Pelican Dr. Due to a medical condition, the driver lost control of his vehicle and allowed it to

travel to the left, across the westbound lanes, and onto the north sidewalk where it collided with an Edison power pole. The driver was uninjured from the collision, but was transported to the hospital for his medical condition.

2ND COLLISION 3 MINUTES LATER: TWO CARS COLLIDE AT SPRING & GARFIELD



On Saturday, July 7, 2018 at approximately 7:33 p.m., Ms. Kottia Spangler, 59 of Riverside, was driving a 2015 Ford Edge, southbound on Garfield Ave., approaching Spring St. and a stop sign at the entrance to the intersection. At the same time, Mr. Edwin Leonmonjaraz, 25 of Rialto, was driving a 2005 Toyota Matrix, westbound on Spring St., approaching Garfield Avenue. As

Leonmonjaraz approached the intersection, Spangler began turning left, directly into Leonmonjaraz' path of travel. Leonmonjaraz attempted to avoid the Ford, but was unable to do so and the vehicles subsequently collided. Both drivers were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Dan Olivas, CHP

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Metrolink trip Riverside to LA to see Summer Train Festival



On July 14, 2018 My daughter Beverly and grandson Kipp from Hemet treated me to a trip to Los Angeles to see some old trains at the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal. Many years ago I used to work at LAUPT when I was a Santa Fe Switchman in Los Angeles.



We boarded the train at Riverside and when we arrived there was a huge crowd of people who also wanted to see the old trains. Our first order of business was to get something to eat so we walked to Phillippe's to get a French Dip sandwich.



Then on our way back we went to the world famous Olvera Street

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Candidate for Supervisor comes to Highgrove

In November there will be a run-off election to see who will replace Supervisor Tavaglione when he retires. There originally were 5 candidates who were on the June 6, primary but since none of them got 51% the top 2 candidates, Eric Holder and Karen Spiegel will be on the November 6 ballot and one of them will be the Supervisor for

the 2nd district which includes Highgrove.

I have invited both candidates to come to Highgrove and on July 16, 2018, Karen Spiegel came to Highgrove and I was able to show her all about Highgrove in her 2 hour visit.

Here is a copy of the letter sent to Eric Linder and Karen Spiegel.

Eric Linder and Karen Spiegel
Candidate for Riverside County Supervisor for 2nd District:

Congratulations to you for being in the November run off for Riverside County Supervisor. The un-incorporated community of Highgrove is under the jurisdiction of the Second district. The Highgrove Happenings Newspaper has been bringing local information free of charge to the community of Highgrove for the last 24 years and the following questions and your responses will be printed in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper to better inform our readers and voters of your position on the following subjects. Your opponent, Karen Spiegel will be provided the same questions to learn more about her positions on these same subjects.

Subject:

Metrolink: Over 16 ½ years ago (since Dec.13, 2001) the community of Highgrove and surrounding cities have asked the Riverside County Transportation Commission to build a parking lot at Highgrove that would enable using the daily Metrolink trains that go between Riverside County and San Bernardino County on the Inland Empire Orange County Metrolink route. The vacant property at Highgrove is owned by RCTC and is excess property that was not needed for the Perris Valley Line.

Extensive support for the Highgrove Metrolink station can be seen by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on "Supporting Docs" and "8 years of comments" that was made in 2010. The lists of supporters for the Highgrove Metrolink station include city resolutions from Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, and Colton and Senators from both Riverside County and San Bernardino County and other civic organizations who have supported the Highgrove location for many years.

Question 1. AS SUPERVISOR OF THE SECOND DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES HIGHGROVE, WILL YOU COME TO HIGHGROVE AND LET ME SHOW YOU WHY THIS METROLINK STATION IS NEEDED AND WHY THE PUBLIC HAS SUPPORTED THIS LOCATION FOR SO LONG?

Subject:

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council: On March 8, 2017 at an RCTC meeting, I requested that the RCTC Commissioners take a bus trip to actually see the Highgrove location. RCTC Chairman at that time, "Chairman" John Tavaglione became so angry that not only did he refuse to let the Commissioners come to Highgrove but that same day, as Second District "Supervisor", he used his Supervisor title and called for a public hearing to eliminate the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

And then, even after Highgrove MAC Chairman Barnett resigned and asked Supervisor Tavaglione to continue to allow the Highgrove MAC to communicate with him, and comments from Highgrove residents, he dissolved the Highgrove MAC at a public hearing on April 11, 2017.

Question 2: AS THE NEW SUPERVISOR OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WILL YOU RE-ESTABLISH THE HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ALLOW HIGHGROVE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS SO HIGHGROVE WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AS OUR NEW SUPERVISOR?

Karen Spiegel has already answered Question 1 when she came to Highgrove on July 16, 2018 but I have not been able to get a response from Eric Linder.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT GRAFFITI AND MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

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Code Enforcement Officer Villanueva 951-955-2004

Sheriff Dept. Lieutenant Morin 951-955-2612

Back at LAUPT the lines to see the old train equipment were very long.

The lines started in the main lobby and went up the ramps to the trains. (Cont. on P. 8)



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From Jim Hazelrigg:

Just an interesting picture of a part of Highgrove history that I was not aware of. I don't know if there's any remaining evidence of the Pacific Electric Railway's existence.

Editor: The old P. E. tracks between Colton and Riverside became the S. P. tracks then the Union Pacific right of way. But when the I-215 was widened a few years ago the UP didn't want to build a wider bridge so the track was cut off on the north side near La Crosse in Grand Terrace which still allowed service from Colton to where it dead ended at La Crosse. The other part on the south side of the freeway was abandoned and the tracks were completely removed a couple of years ago. Thank you Jim for the old map!



Traffic from Grand Terrace "Gateway" project concerns Highgrove!

Here is a copy of the letter sent to Riverside County on July 6, 2018:

Juan Perez

Here is the information on the Grand Terrace Specific Plan known as "The Gateway".

The Grand Terrace Gateway will dump vast amounts of traffic onto Main St. in Highgrove and Mitigation Fees should be imposed on this project that will benefit Highgrove residents.

It is my understanding that Grand Terrace receives \$75.00 per house from the new homes in Highgrove's Spring Mountain Ranch to mitigate the traffic impact on their community. Now it is time that Highgrove residents receive similar treatment and fees to compensate them for the traffic impact the Grand Terrace Gateway Project will have on the Highgrove community.

The south side of Main St. in Highgrove was impacted when the Grand Terrace High School was built and all of the properties in Highgrove along Main St. were required to give up some of their frontage when Main St. was widened, instead of widening the north side of Main St. that only had one business on the north side that was Inland Timber Company. the north side or westbound lane of Main St. in Grand Terrace is a truck ro



Barton Road Interchange

But Highgrove residents on the south side or eastbound lane of Main St. are opposed to truck traffic going past their homes between Sanriva Ave. and Michigan Ave. on the south side of Main St. which is as you know, in Riverside County. We should insist that traffic created by the Gateway project be directed westward toward the freeway at Main St. near Taylor Street to prevent southbound traffic from the Gateway project going past the Highgrove houses. There should be a "Right Turn Only" sign to prevent southbound truck traffic from Gateway from turning left (eastward) and going past the residences in Highgrove.

I am including 2 maps and my letter to you dated Feb. 2, 2018 about this project for your review.

Access to this project can be seen on line by going to: Grand Terrace Specific Plan-Gateway.

Thank you for your help "Barney"

Who shot this Burro in the head with an arrow?



A \$1,000.00 reward has been offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of whoever shot the Burro. The arrow has fallen out and the burro will be OK but any leads should be ddirected to: dhorn@riversidesheriff.org or calling (951) 358 7387.

Code Enforcement and Sheriff Department enforce court order!

From the July issue of "The Posting", the Code Enforcement's newsletter

TWO FOR TUESDAY

On Tuesday May 22, 2018 Riverside County residents received double the relief in two similar, but unrelated matters. County of Riverside's Code Enforcement and Sheriff Departments enforced a court order to lock out the occupants of two illegal cannabis dispensaries in the unincorporated community of Highgrove.

The involuntary compliance, was sought by Code Enforcement through the County of Riverside Office of County Council. County Council litigated the matter and obtained a judgement from Riverside County Superior Court.

Suspects on site at one of the locations were detained and arrested for attempted burglary.

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Cactus calimity!



The small cactus I planted about a year ago became too large for the flower-bed and they had to come out. Not only did I have to use an axe to get them cut down but I had to dig into the soil about a foot to get the roots out so they wouldn't grow back. The sharp cactus prevented me from getting the weeds out of the flowerbed and in 2 weeks I filled 8 trash barrels of cactus and weeds that went to the land fill. I am now in the process of planting flowers instead of cactus because the cactus really got out of hand.



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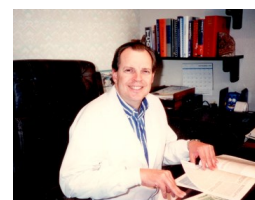
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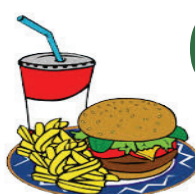
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This is an inside view of the observation deck on the top of the Zephyr.



The correct answer to this question may save your life!

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| Petty theft (2) | Grand Theft (1) |
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come across someone in a place you never

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who knows someone you know. It's usually

a treat!

Highgrove is a treasured community for

many of us. Having grown up there and

lived in or near for most of my life, it's exact

location isn't a mystery. I can (and likely

have) driven home in my sleep. Others as

far away as Riverside have no clue about

Highgrove and have continually blanked

out on the "Highgrove Center Street" exit.

Seriously... So when I'm talking to people

about Highgrove and get ready to launch

into explaining the location and they to-

tally know where it is- well I'm pleased.

Heck, I even settle for them knowing where

Grand Terrace is. That small city doesn't

get too much recognition either. Traveling

out of our little world can bring pleasant

surprises.

Sacramento is 400 miles away from

Highgrove and Grand Terrace; the air-

port is outside the city amongst rice fields

and Interstate-5. Years ago I was relaxing

while waiting for my departure back to

Ontario and I hear "Dr. Cindy!". I turn

around and there's Raquel, one of my pa-

tients. Small world! Longer ago, I was in

San Bernardino in the first office I worked

in after chiropractic school. A tall, young

fellow walked out of a treatment room with

another doctor. He looked at me and asked

me "Are you Dana Williams's sister?" If you know Dana, you know the wisest answer; however I took a chance and said "yes". He laughed "I thought so. You look like a Williams." I took that as a complement as Dana is a good looking fellow. Small world! Living in central Oregon I don't cross many who are well acquainted with SoCal except in very large generic geographic terms. They will have an aunt in Orange County. A sister who used to live in San Diego. An nephew who was stationed at Pendleton. Very few know what they are passing as they travel in their rented car from LAX to Palm Springs. My two best friends here are "ex-patriots" of SoCal- one grew up near Cal Poly Pomona and the other lived in Yorba Linda for many years. We can talk about "home" and feel like someone understands us. Yesterday at the Senior Center where I volunteer, I was talking with Patrick. He was telling me about his cousin in SoCal who is suffering in the heat. Patrick started to explain where Riverside is. I was happy to tell him I am very well acquainted with Riverside having gone to University Heights Junior High, North High, and RCC; and got married, lived, and worked there for awhile. He was so surprised. I wasn't though. Small world! And recently I was at a quilt show and a couple complemented me on my earrings that had been made for me by a local crafts-woman. The woman wanted to contact the artist and I offered to text her the artist's number. She gave me a 951- area code; always a conversation starter for me. As we shared 951- information I learned that her husband had lived a long time in Grand Terrace and even knows Highgrove. So here's a shout-out to Sherry and Greg West, formerly of GT! It's a small world after all!



JOAN HERRICK HALL

Age 95, passed away on July 19, 2018 in Riverside, California. Joan was born in San Francisco, California on July 23, 1922. She graduated from San Francisco State College and taught school in Newport Beach. In 1947 she married Howard Gilbert Hall and in 1952 they moved to Riverside upon the death of her paternal grandfather, Stephen Leonard Herrick, becoming the fourth generation to live in Riverside. She was a member of Junior League, served as president of the Riverside Museum, Associates, Riverside Historical Society, Riverside Cultural Heritage Board and served as a docent at Riverside's Heritage House and Mission Inn. Her interest in local history led to authoring nine books and many articles documenting the city's growth. She is survived by her husband, Howard; sons Eric (Sadie), Jeffrey (Shelly), and Scott (Leanne); 4 grandchildren and 7 great- grandchildren.



Editor's note: I have known Joan and Howard Hall for many years and when I was in High School, I used to smudge Howard and Joan Hall's orange grove that is now the 40 acres of vacant land between the Highgrove Elementary School and the United Methodist Church. My favorite book written by Joan is called "A Citrus Legacy" and I cherish the personal note she wrote in my copy many years ago.

"A Citrus Legacy" tells how the people from Grinnell, Iowa came

to East Riverside that is now Highgrove and it will give you a better understanding about how Iowa Ave. in Highgrove got its name.

If you want to learn about the History of Highgrove, I strongly recommend you get a copy of "A Citrus Legacy" because Joan has certainly left a legacy of her own- that is truly commendable. Thank you Joan and good health to you Howard.

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Alcoholic Beverage Control receives request for Beer and Wine license at Center and Iowa in Highgrove

The Alcoholic Beverage Control board received a request for a beer and wine license for a proposed new Gasoline station on the N/E corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. in Highgrove. This location was formerly an auto repair facility named Fix It Right. For many years this unsightly corner property has been the victim of graffiti that seemed to never get painted over because it was fenced off and the gates were always locked. Most anything would be an improvement to this location because it is at the main intersection to the entrance of Highgrove. If the property is big enough for a Gas station, it may create more traffic for this area but that may not be the main problem. I have been receiving calls from residents who feel that the beer and wine license will only add to the problems we have had in this area. There is a Liquor store directly across the street from this proposed Gas station. Also the 2 properties right next to this property have been marijuana dispenserries. The form on the right is to protest the beer and wine sales at this proposed Gas station. Fill it out, cut it out and mail to: ABC, 3737 Main St. Suite 900, Riverside, 92501 or scan it and send it to: Riverside@ABC.ca.gov with a copy to: Swarthout, Vicki@ABC Their phone number is: (951) 782 4400

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
PROTEST AGAINST ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

- *Refer to Form ABC-510, Information Regarding ABC License Application and Protests (Rev. April 2010), before completing and submitting your protest. The ABC-510 is located at www.abc.ca.gov and in each district office.
- *Please print legibly or type. Incomplete and/or illegible information will cause the protest to be rejected.
- *You will be notified by letter whether or not your your protest is accepted.
- *If the Department recommends licensure, you will be afforded the opportunity to request a hearing on your protest.
- *If a hearing is scheduled as to whether or not a license should be granted, you or your authorized representative will need to attend the hearing to testify and/or present evidence to support your protest, or your protest will be deemed abandoned.
- *All protests submitted to the ABC are public records and are open to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA). (Gov. Code sec. 6254 et seq.)
- *A copy of all valid and verified protests (ABC-510-A) and Protestant's/Complainant's Declaration (ABC-128) will be provided to the applicant as part of the licensing process.

I hereby protest the issuance of a license under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to:

(Name(s) of applicant(s))

For premises at:

290 Iowa Avenue

(exact address of proposed premises)

on the grounds that:

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury:
PRINT (Name of Protestant)

- (1) That I am the Protestant herein;
- (2) That I have read the above protest and know the contents thereof; and
- (3) That the same is true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe to be true.

PROTESTANT'S SIGNATURE TELEPHONE NUMBER (Optional and non-public)

SIGNED AT (City and State) DATE SIGNED

PROTESTANT'S ADDRESS (Full address - Street name & number, Unit or Apt. No., City, State, & Zip Code)

Highgrove Station responds to fire in River Bottom



On July 1, 2018 while I was delivering newspapers to the churches, I could see heavy black smoke coming from the west side of Mt. Rubidoux. Highgrove's Station 19 plus many other stations responded and put the fire out that I presume was started by homeless in the river bottom. The paved trail is popular for walking and bicyclist going around the west side of Mt. Rubidoux.

Highgrove Community Meeting Aug. 9, 2018
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The Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino first opened on July 15, 1918 and celebrated 100 years of service on July 21, 2018. The depot is located at 1170 W. Third St. in San Bernardino and also the home of the San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum.

This depot has a special meaning to me because it was where I first hired out as a Santa Fe brakeman on Feb. 23, 1960. At that time it was the Superintendents and Trainmasters offices. When I hired out the Trainmaster told me that from now on I would be known as R. A. Barnett. The "Barney" was added years later by one of my co-workers.

About 1 year ago I loaned a photo album of pictures to the museum that I took when the San Bernardino Shops were torn down to make room for the present container yard you now see under the Mt. Vernon Bridge.

I remember once that a container train came into 6 track but the track had been raised due to replacing the ballast and one of the double stack containers hit the Mt. Vernon Bridge.

I have many memories of my 41 & 1/2 years as a Brakeman, Conductor and Switchman and the San Bernardino Depot is where it all started. It has been 16 & 1/2 years since I retired and I have enjoyed every day and night since then!

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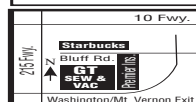
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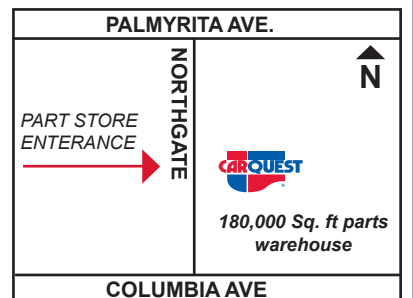


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