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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

February 2019

Karen Spiegel is Riverside County's new Supervisor that includes Highgrove and Chad Bianco is "The new Sheriff in town"

Jan. 8, 2019 9:00 AM

Jan. 8, 2019 4:00 PM



Karen Spiegel took the oath of office on Jan. 8, 2019 as the Riverside County Supervisor of District 2 due to John Tavaglione's retirement.



Chad Bianco took the oath of office administered by his brother Judge Bianco who is a Judge in Los Angeles.

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Congratulations to Karen Spiegel for being elected as our County Supervisor. We look forward to working with her to make our community a better place to live.

On July 16, 2018 as a candidate, she came to my house and I was able to show her around Highgrove for 2 hours to see how our small little community is growing so rapidly!

Chad has been with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for 25 years. He has been promoted through the ranks from Deputy Sheriff to the position of Lieutenant. In his 24 year career he has worked Corrections, Patrol, Traffic, Investigations, Internal Affairs, Gangs, and Narcotics. The highlight of his career that he is most proud of was spear heading a child sex crimes sting which resulted in the arrest and prosecution of 52 child predators. The operation was showcased on NBC Dateline "To Catch A Predator".

He received support and endorsement from the deputies of Riverside County and other local law enforcement agencies. Riverside County deserves a Sheriff dedicated to protecting residents while keeping politics out of law enforcement. Voters stated that it's time for a new Sheriff that is dedicated to making a difference.

"Protecting our communities and our children is my number one priority." - Chad Bianco



Jeff Hewitt took the oath of office as the Riverside County Supervisor of District 5 due to Marion Ashley's retirement.

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm

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February 1st: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Pamphlets with information on anxiety and depression and information on how to obtain counseling resources/services hosted by Lorena/ Clinical Therapist II with Riverside University Health System- Behavioral Health. 951-867-3800

February 1st and 15th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare and Medicare Advantage plan resources hosted by Gabriel / Community Relations Specialist with Health Net Medicare Programs. 909-361-8573

February 12th: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



A social gathering for ages 18+

February 14th:

Happy Valentines Day



February 18th: Center Closed



Upcoming Events:

March 9th Saturday: 7 AM - 12 Noon

Reserve your participation space! \$10 includes 2 spaces, 1 table chair.

RUMMAGE SALE

SAVE THE DATE

May 18th Saturday: Line Dance Social!

Join the National Diabetes Prevention Program. IEHP partnered with Family Service Assoc. to offer a free Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) to IEHP Members with prediabetes. Free screening, health education, and lifestyle support. To REGISTER or more information: FSA 951-300-0456. Classes will be held at various FSA locations. Night and weekend classes



Volunteer Opportunity !!

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Polynesian Dance Class

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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
\$3 per class or \$8 per week.



Highgrove Community Assoc. (formerly known as MAC) Every 2nd Thurs 7:25 PM. Time for your voices to be heard.

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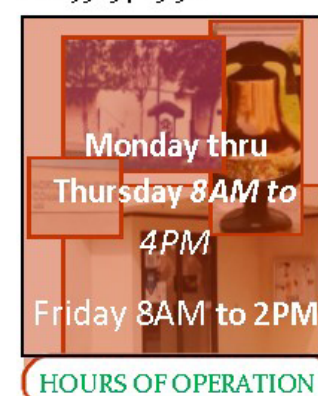
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Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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New businesses, Park, and more new homes coming to Highgrove

New/Used Car Dealer to open soon at 235 Iowa Avenue



This photo was taken on Jan. 5, 2019 when they were almost ready to have the parking lot paved. This property is on the west side of Iowa Ave. between Center St. and Church St.

72 more single family homes are being built on N/W corner of Palmyrita Ave. and Mt. Vernon Avenue.



This photo was taken from Palmyrita Ave. looking north. The street at the right is Mt. Vernon Avenue.



FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE

The articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are the truth of what is happening to Highgrove and we are not just printing our opinion. We print articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove that affect you and we have verification to prove that what we print is true- such as the Deputy Sheriff we are paying for that we do not have. Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper.

Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest Issue" to see articles back to July of 2008.

Thank you, R. A. "Barney" Barnett (951) 683 4994 or highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

Construction of a new 76 gas station is taking place on the N/E corner of Center and Iowa where Fix it Right used to be located.



The parking lot has been dug up and gasoline tanks installed for the new 76 station and we will keep you posted on future developments of this project when they become available.

Spring Mountain Ranch Park approaching final inspection



It may appear that the new park in Spring Mountain Ranch is ready for public use but there are many things that have to be checked off before it will be opened to the public. Please be patient because I have been told that there may be an announcement soon possibly within the next 30 to 60 days about when the park will be opened.

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Attention Spring Mountain Ranch and D. R Horton Homeowners!

Since 1992, Highgrove property owners have been paying \$120.00 extra per year for our own Deputy Sheriff that was assigned exclusively to Highgrove.

Then on Dec. 30, 2009, Riverside County eliminated the Highgrove Deputy's position without notifying the Highgrove property owners but the assessment still continues today.

The old part of Highgrove has been paying the annual

\$120.00 for many years but our new neighbors in the SMR and DR Horton homes are being charged up to \$2,967.40 for the same CSA 126 line item which is Highgrove's special assessment for the Sheriff we no longer have, and Park and Recreation.

On behalf of all Highgrove property owners east of the I-215, I am suing Riverside County to find out where Highgrove's CSA 126 money has gone for the last 9 years after our Deputy Sheriff was eliminated, but I need your

input. I have collected several SMR and DRH tax bills showing the improper amounts being collected but I need more!

Check your property tax bill. If your CSA 126 assessment on your property tax bill is more than \$120.00 you should call Riverside County at (866) 810 0255 and request a written response showing where the CSA 126 assessment money is being spent. A verbal explanation over the phone is insufficient.

Then send a copy of your

2018/2019 property tax bill to: **highgrovenews@roadrunner.com** and include your phone number, and send me a copy of their written reply or their response to your request. You may have to request this information under the freedom of information act. If you have any questions, please call me at (951) 683 4994. or e-mail: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

Thank you,
R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

A short road across this field in Highgrove will connect two cities in two different counties.



The above intersection is at Spring St. and Michigan Ave. in Highgrove looking southward toward the city limits of Riverside.

If Michigan Ave. were to be extended southward across this field and connected to the area between the buildings near Palmyrita Ave. in Riverside, this would

make Michigan Ave. a new north/south road all the way from Barton Road in Grand Terrace, through Highgrove, and connect to Columbia Ave. in Riverside.

This vacant land is part of the 183 acre Springbrook Estates property. A new road is needed while this land is still vacant.

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Comparing Insurance premiums to the Highgrove Sheriff fee!

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But what would you do if you found out that even though you have made the monthly or yearly premiums on time, your insurance company had previously voided your policy and the insurance you thought you had had been cancelled without notifying you? Wouldn't you want a refund for the insurance you paid for but didn't receive?

There are many similarities between insurance premiums that are required to keep your insurance policy current and how the parcel owners of Highgrove are being required to continue making payments with their property taxes after their (Sheriff) was eliminated nine years ago.

None of us would want to learn that the insurance premiums we have paid are still being collected after their insurance company voided our policy, especially if you were not notified.

Highgrove residents feel the same way. We have been paying a parcel assessment of \$120.00 per year per parcel for our own Deputy Sheriff that was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009.

Tax bills for F/Y 2018/19 in the older part of Highgrove show \$120.00 across from CSA 126 which was supposed to pay for a deputy Sheriff exclusive to Highgrove east of the I-215 freeway and the maintenance of our one 5-acre park.

So if the older residents of Highgrove are still paying \$120.00 per year for CSA 126 nine years after the Sheriff was eliminated, why are the new residents of Highgrove in the Spring Mountain Ranch and D R Homes paying more than \$120.00 per parcel?

Some Spring Mountain Ranch parcels are being charged as much as \$2,967.40 for CSA 126 and I have copies of their tax bills to prove it.

If the Highgrove's Sheriff was eliminated 9 years ago and excessive amounts are being collected from the new Highgrove residents, the question that needs to be answered is:

WHERE DID ALL THE MONEY GO?

The money should have been "retained" in the CSA 126 account as provided for in the "Impartial Analysis" prior to the 1997 ballot.

Highgrove Happenings needs your help!

Many of our readers know that my wife has undergone surgery for cancer and is not able to do computer work like she used to do.

So we hired a former Press Enterprise employee to help us but she recently found a full time job and is no longer able to help us.

Then on Jan. 15, 2019 I was diagnosed with Kidney stones at Loma Linda Hospital and

exploratory surgery discovered infection around the Kidney stone. More surgery will be required after the infection has been treated.

We are asking for computer help in order to continue bringing you the free local news about Highgrove.

We will train you and compensation is negotiable.

Please call (951) 683 4994

Notice

Highgrove Day Volunteers needed

The next Highgrove Day is scheduled for May 11, 2019. This will be the 33rd Annual Highgrove Day and we need your help!

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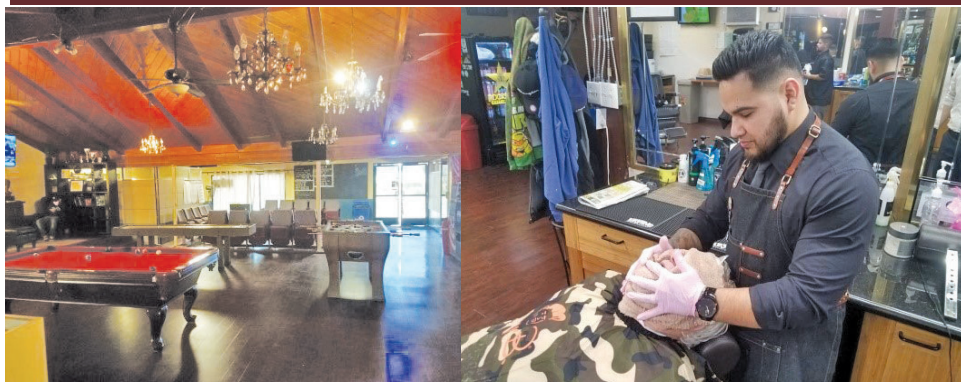
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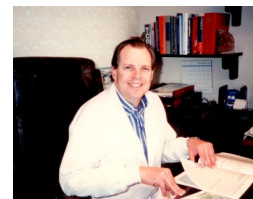
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You Can Quote Me

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"My face has not ignored the passage of time but recorded it with scars, lines, and furrows."

~John Steinbeck

"Travels with Charlie- In Search of America"

Boy Howdy, is that the truth. This line from the fabulous book by Steinbeck obviously hit home. Furrows, lines, scars are all over my body. I'm supposed to be proud; they are a badge of battles won, a sign of a life well lived, and I am so sure I will accumulate more.

I'm in the midst of another move. I HATE moving! I doubt anyone likes it. I'm fortunate in that I'm able to start with the little boxes, hanging clothes, and such so I'll have a smaller moving day. The drive is about 20 miles each way so I've been listening to Steinbeck's "Travels with Charlie" to pass the time. I highly recommend this book. The audio is read by the excellent actor Gary Sinise and it is wonderful. Between his reading and Steinbeck's writing, I've thoroughly

enjoyed my many trips back and forth. If you can get the audio, enjoy this classic writer this way. (It's available as audio CDs through the Riverside County Library system!)

Moving stirs up a lot of stuff. More that just dirt and dust. You're amazed at the amount of things you accumulate in a short period of time, or even over a decade or two or more. I've been in my current place for nearly two-and-a-half years. And I'm good. Really good. At accumulating stuff. My daughter, an avowed minimalist, calls it all "junk". How dare she! I have decades of memories, years of dreams, and evidence of accomplishments- all in boxes. I have Christmas decorations older than she or her sister. Mom, Dad's, and my high school year books are there for anyone to enjoy. There's decades of history lovingly stored in cardboard. Multiples of memories in frames, and attestations constructed out of wood and marble of my professional successes waiting my next visit.

The common issue we "Baby-Boomers" are facing is our kids don't want our stuff! They see no

value in the items we have carefully preserved- monetary or emotional. They have no interest in great-grandmother Edith's wedding silver. Uncle Fred, who fought in WWI and WWII, his uniform and medals hasn't many resting places in the hearts of the younger generation although museums may be interested in certain items. There is a lot of emotion surrounding this issue. Boomers don't want to see it all tossed as trash and the Youngers don't want to have to be the ones to wade through the boxes and deal with it all. What's a Boomer to do?

One suggestion from my daughter: take pictures. Digital photos can be made into lovely albums. This is a viable solution for some things, especially fragile printed photos that are many years old and are degrading. The print methods are far superior than in years past and the durability is desirable. And of course, there will be the digital record as well. With digital photos, they can go to a "cloud" and set up to share with family and friends for years to come. I've talked to many people who don't

trust the "cloud". Those fears are nearly 100% unfounded. The being hacked isn't going to happen. First of all, the security in place for cloud servers like Apple or Google is very good. Next, no one cares about your photos. They want Jo-Lo's or Cher's. Not Aunt Cindy in 3rd grade. Your information is extremely safe.

So I am preparing for the inevitable distribution of goods after my demise, which I am not anticipating in the near future, but hey, stuff happens... I have started putting little tags and sticky notes on the bottom of things with a name of to whom it goes. The little frame photo of Momo goes to Mandy, the little photo of Toots to Kristi, etc. I have tagged all my art quilts and made a list. I hope everyone likes the ones I've chosen for them. The bottom line is you can't take your "stuff" with you without some create planning (bon fire and save the ashes to mix with yours?) Work on it a bit at a time and it won't be so overwhelming. You can also have frequent little jaunts down memory lane.



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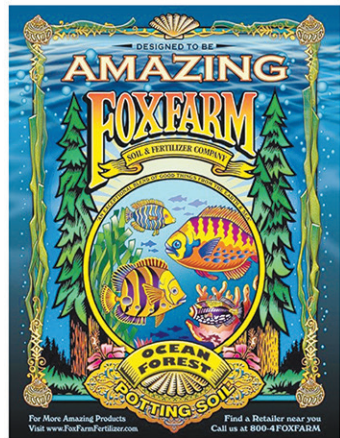
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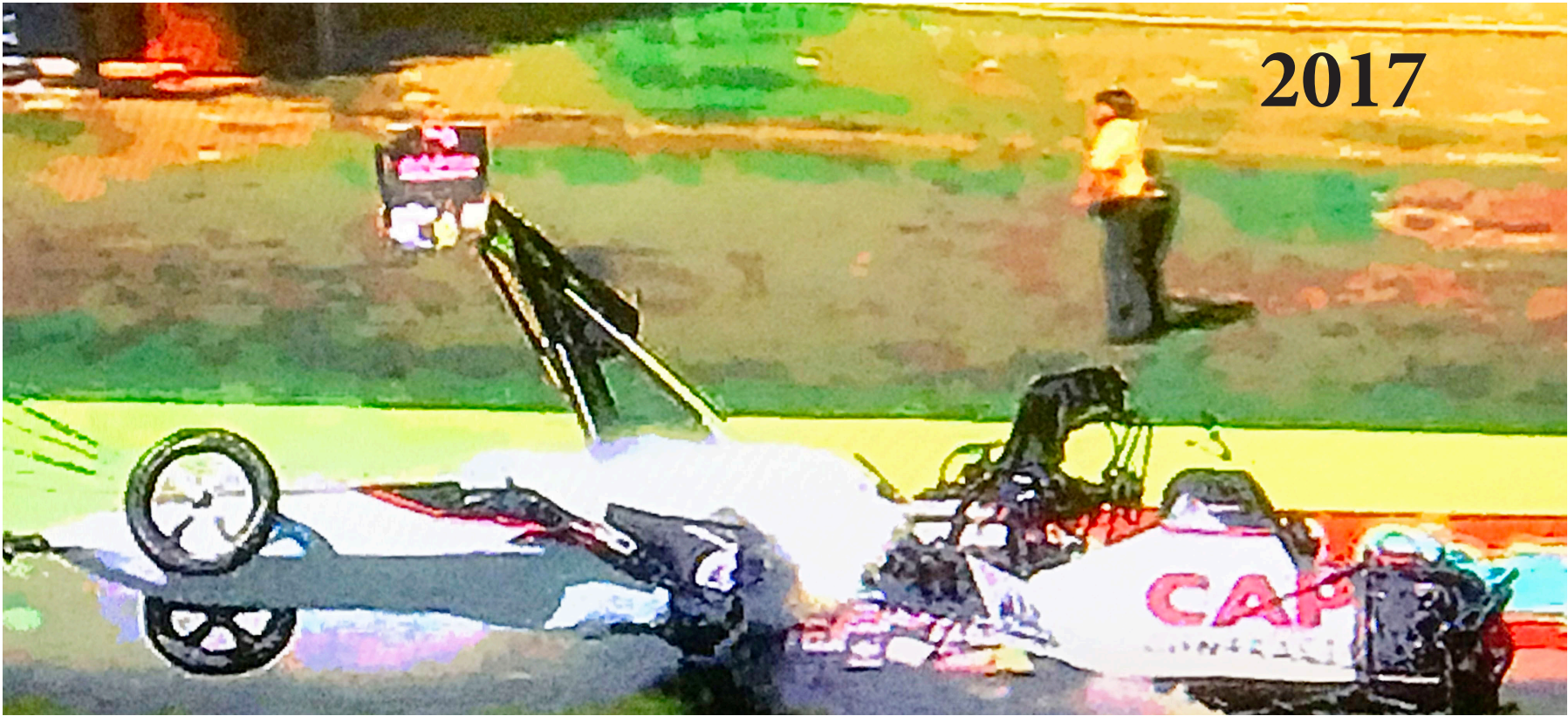
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From Crash in 2017 to Champion in 2018

These images were taken off the TV and that is why they are blurry.

It shows what happened to Steve Torrance when he crashed and the front half of his dragster broke off and headed in the opposite direction that eliminated his chances for the 2017 NHRA championship.

Many of these drivers have been through some terrific

crashes but they get back into a new car and keep on racing.

The photo on the right shows Steve Torrance receiving a \$500,000.00 check for winning the championship the next year in 2018.

If you have never seen a Dragster go from a standing start to over 330 MPH in just 1,000 feet, here is good news for you:



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Former Co-Worker on Railroad, Conductor Robert Rybak
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My long time friend and fellow Railroad Conductor, Robert Rybak passed away just 8 days short of his 77th birthday. The Railroad engine shaped into a hedge in his front yard was always lit up at Christmastime. I have many fond memories of when we worked together and he will surely be missed.



In 1983, Bob and I were in this caboose in Highland Park when he was my conductor and I was his brakeman. My picture appeared in an article in the LA Times and we were both fortunate to not be injured in this 10 car derailment.

Ten Cars of Santa Fe Freight Train Derailed

By DAVID EINSTEIN, Times Staff Writer

The last 10 cars of a Santa Fe Railroad freight train derailed on a curve in Highland Park Sunday, toppling containers of clothing and appliances from flatcars and knocking over power poles as the cars careened alongside the tracks.

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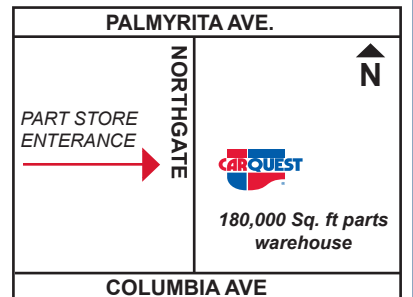
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