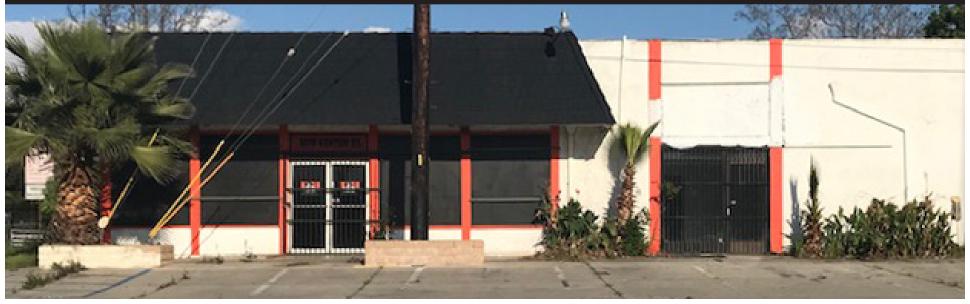




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July 2020



Pot Shops trying to invade Highgrove Again!

Second try at the same location!

On May 19, 2020 the Riverside County Board of Supervisors rejected a plan to reduce the distance between pot shops from 1,000 feet to 250 feet. Now for the second time, the applicant is asking that the distance between pot shops be reduced from the present 1,000 feet to 290 feet instead of 250 feet.

The location in question is on the south east corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. in Highgrove.

The last time, residents from Highgrove waited 7 hours to speak against reducing the distance to 250 feet but now the applicant has returned with a slight variation of their original proposal.

Advantage:

Under Supervisor Ashley's jurisdiction, developers or companys who wanted to make significant changes in Highgrove were asked to go to a Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting and tell residents what they wanted to do in our community. This was before they went to the Planning Department and it gave Highgrove residents first hand knowledge of what they wanted to do in our neighborhoods.

This time Highgrove faces more hurdles due to the following circumstances:

Disadvantages:

- 1. When the first pot shop in Highgrove was approved at 240 Iowa Ave., the applicant went directly to the Planning Department but never went to any MAC meetings to tell Highgrove residents that they wanted to open a marijuana store in Highgrove. Then on on Dec. 10, 2019 the Board of Supervisors approved the first Pot Shop at 240 Iowa Ave. but this store has not opened yet!
- 2. Now, for the second time the applicant is going back to the Planning Department in an effort to open another pot shop only a few feet from the first one. The ordinance requires that there has to be 1,000 feet between pot shops but the applicant wanted the distance to be shortened to only 250 feet between stores to open another marijuana store on the south east corner of Center an Iowa.
- 3. Then on May 19, 2020 the Board of Supervisors denied reducing the distance to 250 feet and the distance remained at 1,000 feet.
- 4. The July 1, 2020 Public Hearing will be another attempt to open a pot shop that has already been turned down at the corner of Center and Iowa but here is why this is so important:

At the May 19, 2020 meeting Supervisor Spiegel, who is the Supervisor for Highgrove, stated that if shortning the distance to 250 feet only applied to Highgrove, she would be in favor of it but since the 250 foot distance was going to apply to the entire county, she voted against reducing the distance!

In other words she was against it for the rest of the county but it was OK for the people of Highgrove!

Remember, the Highgrove people have not been asked how the feel about pot shops in Highgrove and this subject has never been discussed at any of Highgrove's public MAC meetings.

5. Now the applicant is going back to the planning department on July 1, 2020 to try to get the distance between pot shops changed from 250 feet apart that was rejected, to 290 feet apart. It appears that by extending the distance another 40 feet they hope to get their property approved for another pot shop in Highgrove.

According to Tim Wheeler of the Planning Department the 2nd application to reduce the distance from 1,000 feet to 290 feet will also apply to all of Riverside County just like the first application that was denied.

6. Prior to the planning meeting on May 19, 2020, the Riverside County Planning Department determined that the previous project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has recommended adoption of a negative declaration. The meeting on July 1, 2020 will be conducted two different ways, by teleconference, and at the place of the hearing, which is 9:00 am at 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside. Public access to the meeting location will be allowed but limited to comply with the Executive Order. Information on how to participate in the hearing via telephone is available on the Planning Department website at: planning.rctlma.org. Just follow the instructions on how to voice your opinion via teleconferencing. The agenda item is # 4.1. You can also call Tim Wheeler at (951) 955 6060 or vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" this issue by e-mailing him at: twheeler@ rivco.org but time to vote expires next Tuesday. To use teleconferencing you must contact them 24 hours prior to July 1, 2020.

Please voice your opinion on

this important subject!

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Hello Community Members,







The City of Riverside and Family Service Association are monitoring county, state and national reports on the impact of COVID-19 and responding appropriately. The Norton Younglove Community Center is closed, with all programming suspended until further notice. Staff is available by telephone at 951-241-7221 should you have questions Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 400 pm. Friday 8:00 am to 2:00

Our Senior Nutrition program is currently offering frozen meals to registered participants age 60 and above only for pick-up on Wednesdays, 11:00 am. To 1:00 PM. We will make all attempts to keep you informed as information becomes available. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

State of California www.covid19.gov During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.

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July 15th at 11:00 AM and July 24th at 8:30 AM: Resources for Seniors provided by Anthem Blue Cross .

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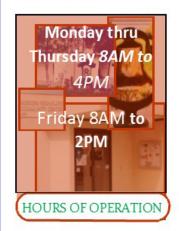
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Good News! More trash removed from Highgrove!



This is a view of the trash on California St. taken on Dec. 11, 2019 when channel 11 and channel 7 came to Highgrove and was covering excessive trash complaints at the south end of Prospect Ave. on the other side of the railroad bank. The west side was cleaned up thanks to County Code Enforcement.

In Loving Memory

Steven Michael Trujillo was born on June 19, 1956 to Katherine (Wallace) & Samuel Trujillo in Compton, California. He lost his battle to cancer on April 11, 2020 in Riverside, California.

He spent most of his childhood in Norwalk. After graduating he joined the Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton and followed his passion to run a kitchen for the USMC.

He earned several awards doing what

he loved and was always the requested cook for the Generals. He loved our Country and was proud to have served as a Marine and a Veteran.

After leaving the service, Steve met his soulmate, Charyle, at Bob's Big Boy where they both were managers. They were married on March 28, 1984 in Las Vegas. Steve had a love for dogs, always having a four-legged companion by his side.

He loved seafood, prime rib and tacos and outdoor activities. He had a passion for boxing, UFC and hot rods. In 1991 he joined the OFRT (Old Farts Racing Team) car club of Riverside,. He enjoyed driving and showing off his black 1940 Ford Coupe Deluxe whenever he could.

Those that knew Steve will remember his smile, laughter and playfulness. His positive personality helped him push through the suffering of his many ailments. He never gave up and fought through with a smile and a positive attitude.

His greatest love was for his family & friends. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 36 years Charyle, brother Samuel, sister Karen; Sister-in-law Nancy (Pastusak) Trujillo; two (2) nephews: Sean Trujillo and Jeff Salas; two (2) nieces: Jennifer (Trujillo) Riddle and Krista (Salas) Nguyen; four (4) great-nephews: Christopher Trujillo, Mason Salas, Jaxon Nguyen and Brixton Nguyen; and one (1) great-niece: Alexandra Riddle.



The right side of this photo is the old UPRR track.



Here is a photo of the same property that was taken on June 3, 2020 showing that the trash is now gone. The Southern California Edison Company replaced a wood telephone pole with a steel pole and the mess shown on the left had to be cleaned up so they could get their equipment into place. I am not sure who cleaned it up but whoever it was we thank them!



Public Asked to Monitor Planning Commission

Anyone who has a computer can check on up-coming public hearings that Highgrove needs to know about. Type in Riverside County Planning Commission meetings and look for 2020 PC meetings and Public Hearings. The Planning Department and Planning Commission are located on the 12th floor of the Riverside County Administration Building, 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside and their phone number is: (951) 955 3200





FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE

The articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are the truth of what is happening to and around Highgrove. We print articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove and how that affects you, your property and buisnesses.

Such as: The Deputy Sheriff we are paying for but do not have. And the 18 year struggle to get a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

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 that go back to July of 2008.

> Thank you for your many years of support! R. A. "Barney" Barnett (951) 683-4994 highgrovenews@roadrunner.com.

Defund or Defend Police Funding?

What a difference only one letter can make between these two words! And if you agree with those who want to **Defund** Police Funding: "Who are you going to call: Ghost Busters?" And do you have Ghost Busters emergency number?

It has been heartbreaking to watch our American values being threatened and eliminated on TV by the rioting, looting, fires, and property damage that occurred after the death of George Floyd.

But these "Protests" have given Americans a look into what can happen if something like the wrongful death of George Floyd, is used to hi-jack America's law and order. We have had a front row seat from our living rooms to watch what has been happening in our large cities and I am thankful that we live in a small community instead of a large city.

Defunding the police will result in the elimination of the agencies that are designed specifically to protect us from harm but taking money away from these agencies is not the answer to our social problems.

Instead, we need to support and Defend our Police and Sheriff Departments because when you call 911 they will be there to help you!

I recently ran across an old Andy Griffith TV show and during the commercials, I switched to another channel that was showing the rioting and looting that we have seen for the last several weeks.

What a contrast between then and now!

As I switched back and forth I thought about this old show as representing the "Good Old Days" and I wondered what will it be like when our youth looks back on today's current events. Will they be able to look back and describe today's actions as the "Good Old Days"?

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What happened to 10 ½ years of Highgrove's Tax money?

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At a public hearing on March 12, 1991, the minutes show that Highgrove residents "voted for the extra police protection, and to expand the CSA 126 to include park and recreation services." (CSA 126 minutes Feb. 12, 1992)

And in 1992 the Sheriff Dept., Riverside County, and the CSA 126 Advisory Board agreed to a \$10.00 per month parcel property tax for a Sheriff Deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove. It was agreed that \$7.96 of the monthly fee would go toward Sheriff and \$ 2.04 toward the future Park and Recreation development fund. (CSA 126 minutes dated Feb. 12, 1992)

Ballots were mailed to Highgrove property owners by Riverside County Administration, Highgrove property owners voted and approved the assessment, and \$120.00 was added to Highgrove property tax bills to pay for Highgrove's Deputy Sheriff. The ballot simply stated: "Continue present level of police protection with no increase of parcel fee" YES or No

Continue present level of police protection with YES NO no increase of parcel fee.

Then due to proposition 218 in 1997, Highgrove was required to vote again on the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's position.

But prior to the ballot being mailed out to the voters, Riverside County Council printed an "Impartial Analysis" that stated what would happen if the measure passed. Part of the "Impartial Analysis" states: "The tax will be "retained" in the CSA 126 fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, and Park & Recreation services and improvements. The tax cannot be increased except for a 2/3 vote of the electorate." Here is a copy of the 1997 ballot that was approved by 75.8% of the voters.

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS COUNTY **COUNTY SERVICE AREA 125 ZONE A** Yes Shall the County of Riverside be authorized to replace, at the same rate, the existing assessment of \$120.00, with a Special Tax on all No parcels within CSA 126 Zone A to continue to finance the same Extended Sheriff and Park & Recreation Services?

NOTICE: Nothing on the 1997 Ballot included "Landscaping",

Then on April 12, 2016, as Chairman of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, I discovered that "Landscaping" had been added to the tax bill designation without a vote of the Highgrove property owners. (Ref.: July 2016 issue of Highgrove Happenings Newspaper page 6 dated April 12, 2016) I went to the County Tax collector's and Auditor's offices and found out CSA 126E had been changed to CSA 126 PARK & REC LNDSCPE without a vote. Compare the difference between these two following tax years: was changed FY July 1, 2014 to FY June 30, 2015: **CSA 126 E** to: FY July 1, 2015 to FY June 30, 2016: CSA 126, PARK & REC LNDSCPE

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Tax deadline extended to July 15, 2020.



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Free Tax Preparation Services Provided by Community Action Partnership of Riverside County Every Saturday during the month of February, March and April 11, 2020 from 10am-2pm. Free Tax Preparation Services will be available at the Highgrove Library located at 530 W Center St. Highgrove, CA 92507. For more information please call 951-682-1507. Pre-School Story Time @ HIGHGROVE LIBRARY—Join us for stories

and crafts every Wednesday at 11:30am and Thursday at 3pm. For more information please call the library at: 951-682-1507

Beyond Highgrove's borders!

I usually don't comment about articles beyond our borders but as an American I am concerned about what is happening to our country.

The murder of George Floyd has taken a back seat and missused by radicals who are trying to overthrow our government!

When it all started, the protests were about the death of George Floyd and the protesters wanted to draw attention to the excess and deadly force used by Minneapolis police against a black member of their community.

But several weeks later in addition to the looting, burning, and rioting, American values and America's history are under attack in many different ways. This is apparent by the destruction and tearing down of historical statues in Portsmouth, Virginia; the defacing of historical monuments in Washington D C; the rioter's takeover of a police precinct in Seattle, Washington that they labeled a "Cop Free Zone"; the Lego Toy Company that stopped making policeman toys; Live PD on television being cancelled; and HBO cancelling the movie "Gone with the Wind" because it offended someone. In addition, when New York vandals are arrested they are released to go right back on the street due to the no bail rule in this big city.

Does this sound like the America you want?

So, if this all started when a black man George Floyd was killed, what about another black man who was a former Police Captain named David Dorn who was murdered in St. Louis when he was trying to protect a pawn shop from being looted? This murdered policeman did not receive the same publicity because he was murdered by someone other than a policeman. And why haven't we heard about another black man named Patrick Underwood who was a federal law enforcement officer who was shot and killed outside a federal building in Oakland, California? Where are the protests and demonstrations for these law enforcement officers and the other officers who have been killed or injured? Don't they deserve justice too?

In a television interview on June 14, 2020 the black attorney for the George Floyd family, Attorney Benjamin Crump stated: "We don't want it to be two justice systems in America-one for black America and one for white America. What we want is equal justice for the United States of America and the only way we can heal this country is by working together" He also said that "defunding" the police did not come from the Floyd family.

As the violence continues to spread across America and other countries, aren't you glad you live in the small community of Highgrove instead living in a large city?

Who are these people?

And what do they have in common?

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Answer: All of these people have volunteered for Highgrove as members of Highgrove's CSA 126 Advisory Board or the original Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council and I had the pleasure of working with all of them for 26 years between 1991 and 2017.

Note: the next meeting of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council will be at 6:30 PM on July 29, 2020 at the Highgrove Library, 530 W. Center Street. The public is invited!





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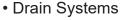


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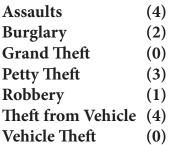
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Highgrove's Tax Money (Cont. from P. 5)

Chairman Barnett also discovered that the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch were paying exorbitant amounts for the CSA 126 assessment and instead of paying an annual fee of \$120.00 like the original part of Highgrove, the new homes are being required to pay as much as \$2,176.92 for the same \$120.00 the older part of Highgrove is paying. (See side by side tax bills)

Riverside County has been in financial trouble for a long time but members of the Highgrove community are entitled to know where all of their special assessment tax money went that was collected since the Highgrove Sheriff Deputy was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009.

Riverside County received property taxes from us for a service we have not had for over 10 ½ years but today we are still paying for a Sheriff Deputy that was eliminated without another ballot.

If the assessment was only for two purposes as stated in the "Impartial Analysis" and the Sheriff costs were eliminated, the money collected for the Sheriff should still be in the CSA 126 account if it was properly "Retained" as provided for prior to the vote in 1997.

Highgrove Community Park

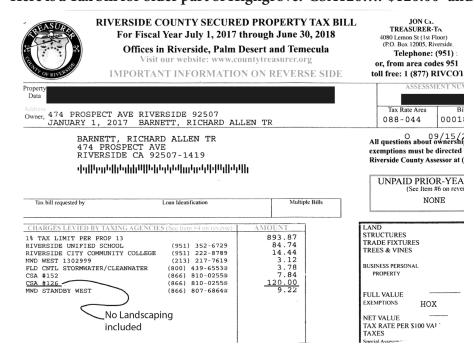
Until June 1, 2019 Highgrove only had one unlighted five-acre park and for several years there have been no little league games or other organized sports in this park resulting in the snack bar not been used for several years. Highgrove Community Park is primarily used as a walking track with no organized sports available.

Riverside County \$100 million in the hole?

The June 2020 report from Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries states that the Riverside County CEO, George Johnson has proposed a new budget that anticipates \$100+ million in revenue reductions and has asked each department to cut between 5 (mostly public service agencies) and 10 (everyone else) percent of their budget, with the possibility of an additional 5% later. Those being asked by the CEO to trim more than a million dollars from their budget are the **Sheriff Dept.-\$16.7 million dollars.**

Sheriff Chad Bianco asked for \$366 million for his budget to run the Sheriff's Department but was given \$351 million by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday June 23, which is \$15 million dollars less than he asked for.

Here is a Tax bill for older part of Highgrove: CSA126.... \$120.00 and here is a Tax bill for Spring Mountain Ranch: CSA 126.....\$2,176.92



Then in a Press Enterprise article on April 20, 2019 the spokesperson for Riverside County, Brook Federico, stated that the reasons the CSA 126 assessments were higher for the Spring Mountain Ranch homes were that "The higher assessment covers costs associated with regular maintenance for more than 7 million square feet of landscaping, street lighting, enhanced sheriff services, Spring Mountain Ranch community park, community trails and water quality basins".

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Summary: When the Sheriff Dept. cuts their budget, that means fewer deputies will be available to un-incorporated communities such as Highgrove. Back in 1991, Highgrove agreed to pay extra for their own deputy due to the poor response time to get a deputy to our community from Jurupa Valley. Unfortunately, future response times to Highgrove may be going back to the 1991 response rate.

Is it possible that money from Highgrove's CSA 126 account was used to pay for landscaping in Spring Mountain Ranch? And if the CSA 126 funds were not used in Spring Mountain Ranch, then where did the 10 ½ years of tax money go that was collected by Riverside County? Were the funds actually "retained" in the CSA 126 account as instructed after the Sheriff was eliminated? And how much of this money was actually spent on the five-acre park during the last 10 ½ years?

Highgrove property owners are entitled to know where every dollar of their special assessment money has gone after the sheriff was eliminated because this special assessment money was only suspossed to be used for two specific purposes and by now you should know what they were!



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Three retired railroaders unite to preserve historical railroad event in San Bernardino!

By R. A. "Barney" Barnett

In the early 90's the Santa Fe railroad decided to eliminate the diesel repair shops, in San Bernardino, that were over 100 years old at that time. These giant warehouse repair shops rebuilt the diesel engines and everything related to the engines that keep the trains rolling.

During this period of time, I was working in the San Bernardino Railroad Yard as a Switchman and I had a camera with me to take pictures of the dismantling of this giant facility. The Santa Fe shops were being removed to make way for a giant piggy back/container yard that is now located just east of the Mt. Vernon Ave. overpass in San Bernardino and north of the old Santa Fe Depot that was opened and dedicated back on July 15, 1918.

On June 7, 2020, I visited my friend John Salvini, who I worked with for many years. He used to maintain the diesel engines at San Bernardino. John also worked in the Santa Fe shops for many

years and I gave him 2 large books of pictures I took years ago. He is going to identify and label the pictures to identify each photo.

After visiting with John Salvini, I went to my friend Mike Croy's in Grand Terrace and Mike said he will be able to put my pictures with Salvini's descriptions onto the Santa Fe web site so they can be shared with other interested parties. This three-person venture is just starting but we will keep you posted as it progresses. I have hundreds of photos and with their help we can preserve these one of a kind pictures for everyone to enjoy.



Here is a photo of one of the Santa Fe Shops that was torn down almost 30 years ago!

Highgrove Happenings is now an on-line newspaper only!

Starting with the April 2020 issue we did not print any newspapers but our newspaper can be seen on-line by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on "Latest Issue".

Reminders can be sent to our readers who supply their e-mail addresses or social media preferences. Tell us how you want to be reminded and we will add you to our contact data base.

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"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as a cause for withdrawing from a friend." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Here's a little Independence Day trivia: Thomas Jefferson AND John Adams both died hours apart on the same day- on July 4th, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the vote for independence. Each mentioned the other in their last breath, thinking the other was living past them. The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4th, although it makes great drama in the movies. The official parchment document was signed August 2, 1776. On the 4th of July the wording written by Thomas Jefferson was approved and sent to John Dunlap, a Philadelphia printer. These 18th century press releases, known now as "Dunlap Broadsides", were distributed to colony newspapers, officials, and commanders of the Continental troops. King George III was sent one as well; he was totally unimpressed. It was published in British newspapers in mid-August and in other countries throughout the rest of the year.

There is only one document that was signed by the states' delegates. With the upheaval of the Revolutionary War, capitals and cities being burned, it's remarkable that the original remained intact and survived to this day. Any other copies in the hands of museums and collectors are Dunlap Broadsides. Out of the few hundred that were printed, only 26 are known to survive. (Note: Signer Lyman Hall, MD of Georgia is a distant relative of our family on my mother's side.) There IS something written on the back of the original Declaration of Independence. Not in invisible ink either nor is it a treasure map. "written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document: 'Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.' No one knows who exactly wrote this or when, but during the Revolutionary War years the parchment was frequently rolled up for transport. It's thought that the text was added as a label." *

During WWII the document was stored at Ft. Knox.

As we all know, the southern states' condition to support independence hinged on the issue of slavery. While some of our Founding Fathers were slave owners, they still wanted to include the abolishment of slavery. The wording in the Preamble: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—" is one of the most quoted, most contentious lines Thomas Jefferson wrote. Ratified in 1776, it took another hundred-fifty plus years for that "unalienable right" to be extended to ALL people, including women and people of color. Even today, voting isn't as accessible as it should be. Shame!

Legal historian John Phillip Reid opined that the Declaration is not a political philosophical tract about natural rights. It is a legal document that indicted King George III and legitimized the resistance of the colonists and legitimized the the legal sovereignty of the United States to the rest of the world. It was a bold statement and it was the first major binding legal document of the newly born nation.

This Independence Day will be like no other. It's not the carefree Summer holiday we've come to enjoy and expect. Gatherings are severely limited, many cities are forgoing fireworks, and there's political unrest, the likes of which we've not seen for many generations. I've been appalled by the divisions that keep occurring. Some are over serious issues and differences of opinion. Some are over things that shouldn't matter. Too often the differences are expressed with despicable behavior and words. The actions are based on emotions rather than critical thinking and common sense. Social media has served to shine a light on abhorrent actions by all types and occupations of persons thus galvanizing people to demand changes. These changes, while widely supported, will come slowly as there is considerable resistance. Emotions are running high. Common sense is in short supply. Like toilet paper and coins.

No one I know is happy to flip the calendar to July. It's with great trepidation we move forward through this year like no other. We just want to get over 2020 with the hope 2021 will be better. Focus on the big picture- we have a remarkable country that has been around 244 years. We are struggling with some serious make-or-break issues. With cool heads and a commitment to do what is right for the whole country's future, we can get through this. Have a safe, sane, and healthy Independence Day. Please chech this out: www.history.com/news/9-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-declaration-of-independence.



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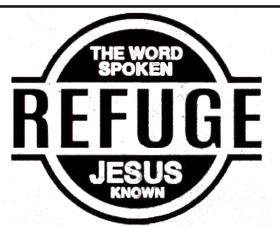


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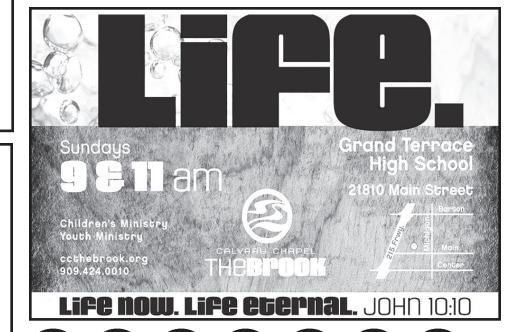
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Highgrove document, lease/rental agreement, escrow papers or forwarded mail (all must be within the past 30 days), Parent/Guardian Registration packet.

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