



<u>Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues</u> (FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area December, 2012



On Nov. 26, 2012 a thick cloud of black and gray smoke filled the air as I left the house to go get lunch. The fire was about 1/2 mile west of the end of Center St. but it was on the west side of the Santa Ana River. I had to go north onto Riverside Ave., west on Augua Mansa Road, then south on Brown Street. The containers in the photo were not on fire but it was a large stack of hay bales that were on fire behind Winterton trucking on Brown Street. The ladder truck was pouring water from above while other firemen fought the fire from ground level. More photos on P. 12



Transit Ave. is in the process of having a new water line installed down the middle from Villa St. to Main Street. The work is being done by the city of Riverside that will replace 2,500 feet of the old 42" water line with a new 48" water line as part of the water pipe replacement program. About 4 years ago a new 48" line was installed south of Villa St. next to the BNSF railroad tracks. This new line will connect to the previous line at Transit Ave. and Villa St. and proceed north to Main St. and then turn eastward toward Taylor Street. The work should be completed in February.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission owns two pieces of vacant land only one mile apart. Both locations are next to railroad tracks. One location has Metrolink train service and the other does not. The Riverside County Transportation Commission spent **\$16,771,000.00** for 2 pieces of vacant land only one mile apart:

\$8,625,000.00 for 17.22 acres at Highgrove

\$8,146,000.00 for 9.35 acres at Marlborough Ave.

\$16,771,000.00 Total

•RCTC's 17.22 acre property at Highgrove has three railroad tracks on the west side and one railroad track on the east side. RCTC's 9.35 acre property at Marlborough Ave. has only one railroad track on the east side.

•Metrolink's Inland Empire-Orange County Line was opened in October of 1995 and Highgrove is located on the Inland Empire-**Orange County Line where there** are existing Metrolink trains. The Perris Valley Line track between Highgrove and Perris is not on the Inland Empire-Orange County Line and has no Metrolink train service at all.

•On July 15, 2006 the five day per week Metrolink trains going through Highgrove was increased to seven days a week. There is no Metrolink service on the entire 38 mile Perris Valley Line track between Highgrove and where it dead ends at San Jacinto.

•RCTC's Highgrove property currently has Metrolink trains that pass by the west side of their property seven days a week. RCTC's Marlborough Ave. property currently does not have any Metrolink trains because the poor ley Line track. After the Highgrove track condition only qualifies for property was purchased RCTC freight train service.

have passed right through High- of \$8,146,000.00 instead of considgrove next to property now owned by RCTC but RCTC refuses to build a parking lot and stop any of the existing Metrolink trains. The Marlborough Ave. property will not have any future Metrolink service between Highgrove and Perris until the track is replaced, sidings are added, and CTC is installed. CTC is a signal system for train movements that is controlled Canceling by a train dispatcher.

•The Highgrove property has 1.75 acres of room for expansion in addition to the 17.22 acres RCTC already owns, which would be approximately 19 acres. The corner property at Marlborough Ave. is approximately half of the size of the Highgrove property and the other 3 corners at Marlborough Ave. are unusable.

•The Highgrove property was purchased by RCTC for \$8,625,000.00 to enable building a curved track to connect the BNSF railroad to the Perris Valpurchased the Marlborough Ave. •Thousands of commuter trains property for an additional amount ering a compromise to cancel the Marlborough Ave. station because it is not needed.

> •On Feb. 7, 2011 a compromise was offered to Ann Mayer, Executive Director of RCTC for future Metrolink trains using the Perris Valley Line to not stop at Highgrove at all, in exchange for building a station at Highgrove. the Marlborough Ave. station would have saved

\$8,146,000.00 and reduced the travel time between Riverside and Moreno Valley.

The compromise was rejected.

•Instead of a station at Marlborough Ave., another platform could be built on the east side of RCTC's Highgrove property to allow future Metrolink train service between Perris and San Ber**nardino.** The Marlborough Ave. station will not have any Metrolink service to San Bernardino. It will only operate between Riverside and Perris.

RCTC needs to reduce the Perris Valley Line costs to qualify for Federal "Small Starts" funding. Cost estimates of the Perris Valley Line limit of \$250,000,000.00 may have already been exceeded.

Even though RCTC has already spent \$16,771,000.00 for the two pieces of vacant land, both properties still need improvements such as grading, station construction, etc. So in order to qualify for federal funding under the federal "small

starts program", here is what is being done to try and stay under the

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm
Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

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Dec 4th: 8AM - 10 AM Resource Table hosted by **Anna with** Riverside county Office on Aging

Dec 6th: 10:30 - 12 Noon Free Homebuyer's workshop hosted by Edgar with Fair Housing Council of Riverside, County, Inc. 951-682-6581

Dec 7th and 21st: 9 AM - PM Riverside County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is here to help answer any questions and do blood pressure and blood sugar checks, general medical exams, and health screenings at no cost to you. No appointments needed!

Dec 7th: 8-10AM Resource Table by Jairo with Assurance Medical 888-865-0936

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Dec 14th: 8-10AM Resource Table by Jairo with Assurance Medical 888-865-0936

December 25th: Closed for Christmas



Special Announcements: Congratulations to Russ Garr - 2012 Norton Younglove **Community Center Volunteer of the Year**

Mommie and Me Class - No classes in December Aerobics Night Class—No classes in December Church Service to begin December 2nd

Points of Interest

Center Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8 AM – 4 PM, Friday 8 AM – 2 PM

Aerodance Exercise: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9-10AM, Wed 9-9:45 \$6 per week or \$2.00 per day Evening Class Tues 7-8:30 & Fri 6-6:50 PM \$5 per week or \$2.50 per evening.

Areodance night for CHILDREN: Thurs 6:30 – 7:30 PM \$2.50 per class.

Sewing Class: Wed 10:30 AM

Project of the month: Thxgiving placemats & casserole carrier—bring 1 color 1 1/2 yrd & 2nd color 1/ 1/2yard **Balloon Arrangement Class:**

Wed 8:30 - 10 AM \$15 per class./10 class course. Completion Certificate awa

Cake Class Series/4 levels: Thurs 10 -11:30 \$18 for each 4 week level session/ 4 level course. Comple-

Flower Class: Wed 11 - 12:30 Noon. \$15 per class/10 class course. Completion Certificate awar 3-Demensional Gelatin

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Edible Arrangement Carving Class -10 Class Series: Wed

12:30 AM - 2 PM. \$15 per class. Completion Certificate awarded Mommie & Me Music Class Wed 10:15 - 11:00 AM ages up to

pre school. No Cost Program Taekwondo Fitness Exercise: Wed 7:15 - 8:15 \$10 per month call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 293-8538

E-Taekwondo United (Karate Class) Mon & Wed 6PM - 7PM call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 381- 6303 for detailed info .The art of cake decorating & bak-

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Cake Pops Class:Monday 10:30 AM-12:30P \$15 per class 3 class course/Certificate



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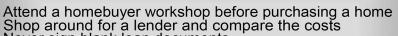
Tuesday, December 4, 2012 8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.

The Goals of the Nutrition Info Van:

- ~ Provide quality, up to date nutritional information to older adults, disabled adults, seniors, caregivers and the community.
- ~ General nutrition information is provided to allow seniors, caregivers, communities and senior care providers with valuable information to make good nutritional and healthy lifestyle decisions.
- ~ Information is provided in easy to read format with clear information.
- ~ Provide information on the services including resource and referral provided by the Office on Aging HelpLink Call Center.

Riverside County Office on Aging 1-800-510-2020

General Tips for Homebuyers:



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Do not put false information on your loan application Create a budget and stick to it

· Read everything carefully and ask questions

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF **REPORT**



Highgrove Crime Activity

October and November

Calls for Service 155 & 92

Arrests: 8-6

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Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600

CHP TO ACCEPT NEW OFFICER APPLICATIONS



The law enforcement agency will accept applications for three days only in January

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced today that it will accept applications in January from

individuals interested in a career as a CHP officer.

"This is an opportunity to serve alongside some of California's finest who provide the highest level of safety, service and security throughout the state," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow.

"A career with a law enforcement agency like the CHP offers unlimited opportunities for someone who is looking for a challenge."

Applications will be accepted online only during a three-day period from Thursday, January 3 through Saturday, January 5. This brief application period marks the first time in three years that the CHP has accepted applications. Those interested in applying, or seeking additional information, should visit www.chpcareers.com.

"Officers are needed throughout California," added Commissioner Farrow. "Through this process, we are determined to find qualified men and women from diverse backgrounds who are committed to carrying out the CHP's mission and making a difference in their communities."

To be considered, candidates must be 20-35 years old, a U.S. citizen, have no felony convictions and be a high school graduate. Each applicant will be required to complete a selection process including a written test, physical ability test, appraisal panel interview, background investigation, medical/vision evaluation and psychological evaluation.

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(A minimal transaction fees will be applied)

Metrolink Cont. from P. 1

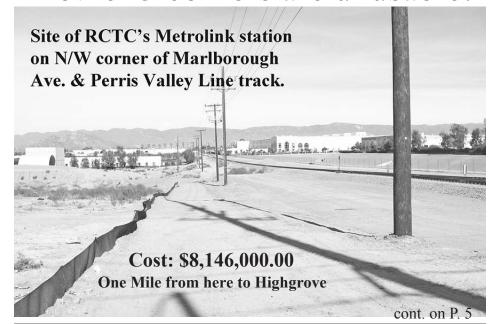
\$250,000,000.00 Federal limit: RCTC sent a letter to the Federal Transit Administration dated Aug. 24, 2009. RCTC requested and received permission from the FTA to only charge 38% of the \$8,625,000.00 they paid for the Highgrove property because RCTC said they only need the width of the track for the curve. RCTC was required to buy the entire 17.22 acres but instead of charging **\$8,625,000.00** to the Perris Valley Line they are only charging **\$3,277,500.00** to the Perris Valley Line project. RCTC claims the remaining 62% or \$5,347,500.00 is an "uneconomic remnant" and that amount of the purchase price will be taken out of "Measure A" Transportation funds which are funds that taxpayers authorized a few years ago for local projects.

The remaining 62% of this property that they call an "uneconomic remnant" is the same property where the public has been trying to get a Metrolink stop for 11 vears! (Highgrove CSA-126 Nov. 27, 2001)

RCTC is admitting that they paid \$5,347,500.00 for property they do not need for the Perris Valley Line. The \$5,347,000.00 plus the money from the sale of the Marlborough Ave. property could be used to build a parking lot and platform on their Highgrove property that would benefit the entire region.

SOLUTION: RCTC should sell the Marlborough Ave. property, which would reduce the total cost of the Perris Valley Line by \$8,625,000.00 and use that money, plus the \$5,347,500.00 that RCTC diverted from the Perris Valley Line funds to the Measure "A" funds. These two funding sources would be sufficient to build a parking lot and improvements at Highgrove where there are existing Metrolink trains seven days a week! cont. at right

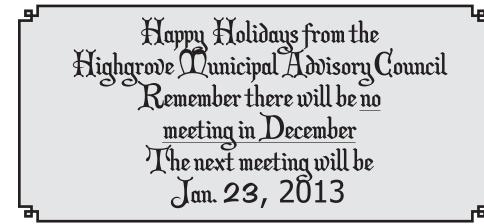
Marlborough Ave. is the wrong location because it is one mile from the existing Metrolink trains at Highgrove and the other 3 corners are unusable!



Highgrove Elementary School to celebrate 125 years!

On March 21, 2013 the Highgrove Elementary school will be celebrating it's 125 consecutive year of operation. Plans are being made now to contact former students for this important occasion. If you ever attended Highgrove Elementary School or you know someone who has, but does not live in the area any more, let them know they should plan to come to this event. For more information please contact the school at:

(951) 788 7296 or Highgrove Happenings at (951) 683 4994 or highgrovenews@roadrunner.com





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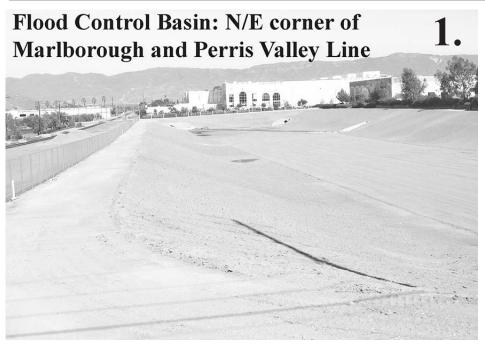
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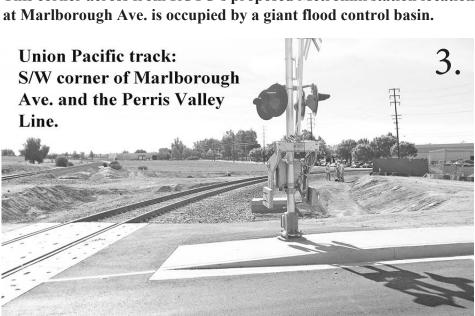




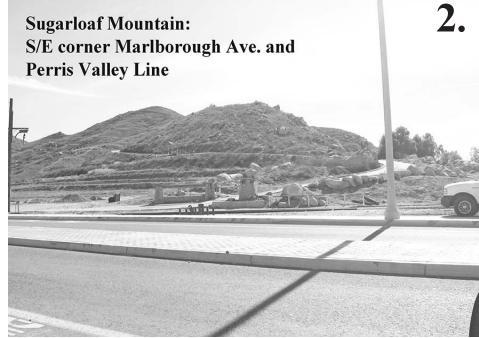
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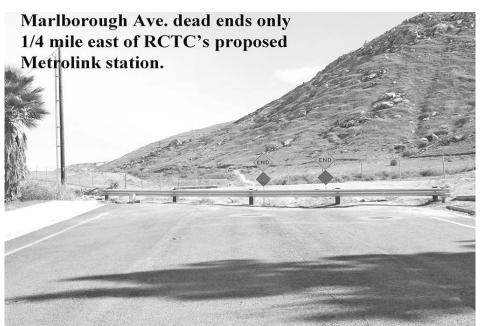
This corner across from RCTC's proposed Metrolink station location at Marlborough Ave. is occupied by a giant flood control basin.



And there is no room for parking on the 3rd corner due to the railroad track. All 3 corners are taken on this dead end street!



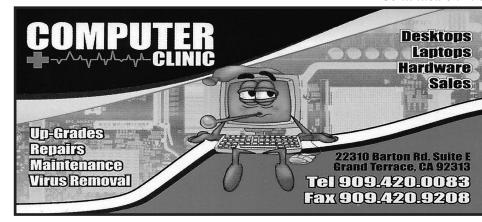
The south east corner of Marlborough Ave. and the Perris Valley Line track has no room for parking due to Sugarloaf Mountain.



There is no access to Marlborough Ave. from the east end because Marlborough Ave. is a dead end street at Sugarloaf Mountain.

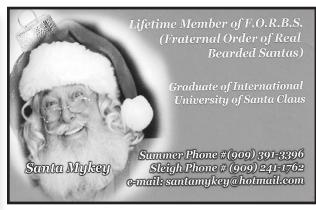
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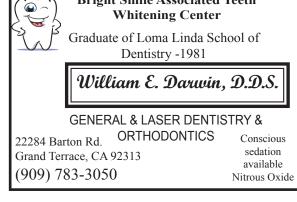








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A long way from Highgrove!

Robert Fakundiny was a former Highgrove resident and my schoolmate. Editor's note: Robert and I grew up together in Highgrove. He became the New York State Geologist but is now retired. We visited him and Ann in Albany, New York when we were on our "Off To See America" trip via motor home after I retired in 2001. They recently returned to their home in Albany, so I asked him if he would like to write something about their recent trip to Guatemala. Thank you, Robert for telling us about your trip!

October Tour of Guatemala

By Robert Fakundiny

Anne and I just returned from a 15day tour of Guatemala, a Central American country the size of Pennsylvania. It has four geographical/ geological regions: (1) the southwestern Pacific coastal plain; (2) a chain of major volcanoes and associated volcanic flows paralleling the Pacific coast, (3) an east-west trending range of high mountains to the north, and (4) a northeastern plain of limestone in the Petén region that reaches into the Yucatán peninsula. The coastal plains (made of volcanic sediments) and the volcanic range are separated from the northern high mountains and northeastern limestone plains by a series of major fault zones that trend eastward into the Caribbean sea. This series of fault zones marks the boundary between the North American tectonic plate and the Caribbean tectonic plate. The friction between the two plates is the cause of some of the earthquakes throughout much of Guatemala. This fault system is also the location of the Central American jade deposits.

We traveled by van from the southwestern Pacific coastal plain to the northeastern limestone plain across the high Cuchumatane (koo-choo m'tonny) mountains and from the villages of Todos Santos and Huehuetenango (way-way t'nango) on the west to the Mayan ruins of Copán just over the eastern border in Honduras. We climbed the temples of Tikal and Yaxja in the Petén, and Zacaleu near Huehuetenango, A major thrill was to climb the 8,400-ft active volcano Pacaya, where we toasted marshmallows with crackers and chocolate at a hot-lava fumarole. We traveled with a touring comgeologist colleague and friend who knows central and northern South America well. We traveled with 9 other tourists, led by the company's new owner, Jackie Buhl, a young zoologist who specializes in research of great apes and monkeys. During the trip we saw howler and spider monkeys, coatimundis (raccoon like animals), crocodiles, and scarlet macaws. There seemed to be children and dogs everywhere. We stayed in glorious remodeled haciendas from the Spanish colonial period; all had splendid courtyards with shade trees, fountains, and brilliant flowers. We also spent 2 days at a hotel built by a resettled southern California hippie at Lake Atitlán, one of the most beautiful mountain lakes in the world, where we swam and paddled a canoe. The lake fills a collapsed caldera surrounded by three volcanoes.

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On the last day we had lunch in a restaurant on a tiny island named Flores in a small lake in the jungle near Tikal. Flores seems to be one of the most secret, untouched, and beautiful resorts we've seen, and is not yet overrun by tourists. Diving and swimming in the lake, small, quaint hotels, and generally inexpensive food and drink in restaurants serving fish from the lake makes Flores a hidden gem. Please don't tell anyone!

Guatemala, although a poor country with 22 native languages besides Spanish, is rich in mountain views and lakes, culture and history, native costumes and colors, and prehistoric Mayan ruins (5th-9th century A.D.) that rival those of Mexico. Many of these ruins have yet to be unearthed.



Robert and Ann at the Mayan temple.



Antigua with volcano in distance.

Final Election results from Nov. 6, 2012

President: Barack Obama Federal Senator: Dianne Feinstein (D) Local political positions: 41st Congressional District: Mark Takano (D) Ken Calvert (R) 42nd 23rd State Senate Bill Emmerson (R) 31st State Senate: Richard Roth (D)40th State Senate: Mike Morrell (R) 42nd State Assembly " Brian Nestande (R) 61st State Assembly Jose Medina (D) Proposition: 30-Yes 35-Yes 40-Yes 31-No 36-Yes Supervisor John Tavaglione will 32-No 37-No 33-No 38-No remain Highgrove's representative



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Body of Funny Car blows off during explosion!



Don Huth and I were at the Pomona Drags on Nov. 10, 2012 when the engine of Todd Lesenko's Funny Car exploded and blew the body 150 feet into the air near where we were sitting. The body came down outside the track on the return road but the driver was uninjured. Even though he was perpendicular to the track at one point, he never hit the wall.

Mixed comments about Burros at MAC meeting!

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Nov. 28, 2012 was well attended and many public comments were heard from those who are in favor of just leaving them alone and others who are tired of the burros invading their property and the mess they make in the neighborhood. Suggestions included placing DO NOT FEED THE BURROS signs, using motion detectors in yards to turn on lights, make noise, or turn on the sprinklers when they arrive, establishing a feeding place for food and water away from homes, and having animal control capture them, castrate the males, install chips and vaccinate them.

Many people like the rural atmosphere of living in Highgrove and recognize that it is also home for the burros. Others are concerned that the burros are eating their plants, knocking over mail boxes and breaking sprinklers. During the meeting, a list was circulated and about 15 people volunteered to help address the burro concerns of the neighborhood. Copies of the list was given to those in attendance. If you will help with the burros, put your name on the list by calling: (951) 683 4994 and I will notify the others.





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Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner

Christmas Memories

I can't remember the gifts I received for Christmas when I was a kid. But I certainly remember traveling with my family to visit my grandparents during the holidays. I can remember singing a song with lyrics that include..."Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go..." We kids couldn't wait to see our grandparents and every few miles asked out parents, "Are we there yet?"

As an Air Force brat, my family moved many times. Some of the Air force Bases were great assignments, others not so good., but we always made great friends at each posting. In grade school my family was stationed to Hickam Air Force Base, in Honolulu. At Christmas time, as well as Memorial Day and Veterans Day, we school kids would decorate the grave sites in the Punch Bowl, National Cemetery, overlooking Honolulu. What a beautiful sight. At Aloha Tower, Henry J, Kaiser dressed as Santa Claus, came in on his huge pink catamaran, instead of a sleigh. He then lead a parade down Kalala Avenue, throwing Christmas candy to us kids.

I spent two Christmas seasons in Viet Nam. Bob Hope, Ann Margret, Joe Namath and Cardinal Cook visited us in the hospital. I still have the little card that the His Eminence the Cardinal gave me. They went all out with turkey and all the trimmings for us. But the most memorable event

was mail call. We rushed with anticipation to see what letters, cards, and "care packages" we received from home. The very best cookies of my life were those broken pieces I received from home, padded in real popcorn.

I recall agonizing over which Christmas gifts to buy our kids/grandkids, then sitting around the Christmas tree watching the kids expressing more delight playing with the wrapping and bows than the presents.

I have seen "It's a Wonderful Life" dozens of times. But each year, I find myself watching and enjoying the movie and the sentiment. Although I haven't seen it recently, I want to watch O Henry's "the Gift of the Magi" again, a wonderful story of giving and receiving. I look forward to seeing "A Christmas Carol" again as well.

We Christians celebrate the birth of Christ all year long, but particularly during this season. We know that the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, and such have nothing to do with the birth of Christ. Still, we enjoy the sentiment of the season.

It's the simple things, isn't it? It's not so much how much money we spend, or how many Christmas lights we put up. Christmas is a time to reconnect with your family, your friends, and renew your faith. Interesting how I can only recall the good times. Merry Christmas!



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This road was built in July of 2008 and has never been used!

This "new" road over the arroyo is the entrance to the 17.22 acre Highgrove Metrolink site owned by RCTC but has been blocked off for over 4 years preventing access from Citrus St. near the Iowa Ave overpass. This paved road has a sidewalk, curb and gutter, street lights and landscaping but has never been used!

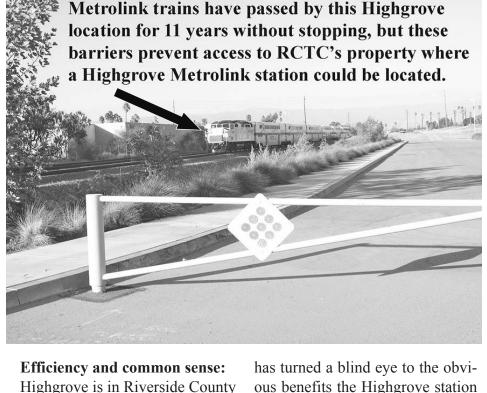


A 1/2 mile extension of this road could connect to Spring Street.

By extending this street 1/2 mile through RCTC's 17.22 acre property between Citrus St. and Spring St., Highgrove and Grand Terrace residents and future residents in the Spring Mountain Ranch Project could go straight into the Highgrove Metrolink location via Spring Street. The Spring Mountain Ranch Project already has \$250,000,000.00 invested in infrastructure only 1 mile east of the Highgrove Metrolink location. The existing grade crossing at Villa St. could be closed because it will not be needed, but it could be used for emergencies.

The extension of Spring St. could go over or under the track for parking access to both sides of the

curved track, and the grading for the curved track and the Highgrove parking lot could all be done at the same time. This short road could be used by any vehicles including emergency vehicles that could be blocked by train derailments like the ones on May 16, 2006, when Center St. was blocked for 4 hours. and on Aug. 26, 2006, three months later, when both Center St. and Main St. were blocked for 18 hours due to another derailment. The new ½ mile extension of Spring St. through RCTC's property would provide access to both sides of the BNSF tracks via the new Iowa Ave. overpass when freight trains block Main St. or Center Street.



Highgrove is in Riverside County and RCTC has jurisdiction over transportation funds in Riverside County. The Highgrove station would be located only 1/2 mile south of the county line but RCTC continues to oppose using the existing commuter trains between the two counties that would benefit the entire region. Resident from both sides of the county line want our tax money to be used to build a station at Highgrove next to the vacant land that is already owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission where there are established commuter trains. The Highgrove location is the most efficient use of the land and makes the most sense.

RCTC's only goal has been to establish future commuter rail service between Riverside and Perris. But for the last 11 years, RCTC

has turned a blind eye to the obvious benefits the Highgrove station would provide to commuters on both sides of the county line. There is no valid reason why RCTC should continue to oppose the Highgrove location or why additional public tax money should be spent to improve the vacant land at Marlborough Avenue.

Please visit our web site:

www.highgrovehappenings. net. By clicking on each item of "Supporting Docs" you can view the original letters or city resolutions of support. Also, please click on "8 years of comments" and watch the short video.

Your input and comments will be appreciated.

Thank you,

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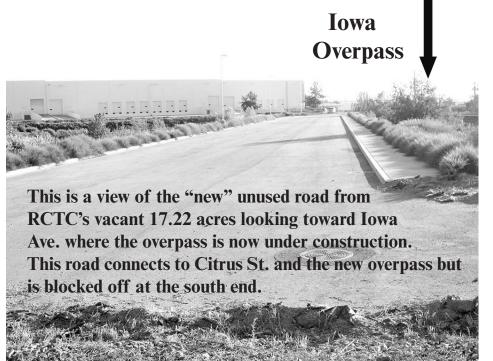


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"LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Gang, even to this day, Christmas is very exciting for this 68 year old man. My heart just silently beats and a smile crosses my face as I see my grandchildren opening their presents. It takes a few years before you can tell your children the Christmas Tale but it is worth the wait.

When I was growing up, my mother had to raise us kids alone because dad had passed away. I used to take my wagon and go thru the neighborhood collecting pop bottles. They had a 2 cent deposit but that didn't bother me. My wagon would be full when I went to cash them in.

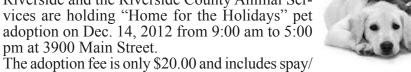
My tree is already up and the stockings are hanging above the fireplace. There will be cookies and milk on the counter for Santa.

It is a heart warming event to GIVE than to receive. I will always look forward to Christmas.

Make sure you say a little prayer to give thanks for what you receive. Merry Christmas!!!!! Jerry Loving

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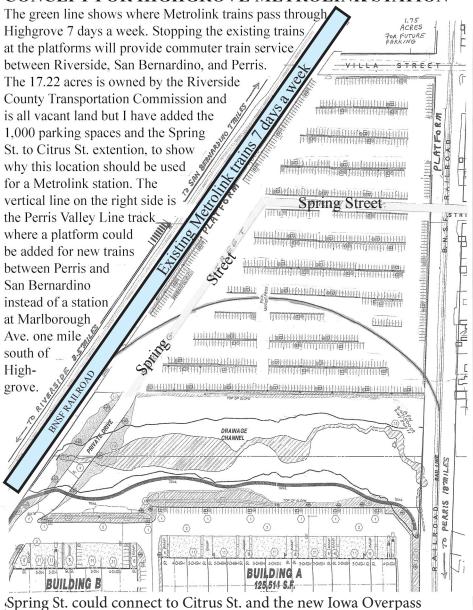
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Citrus Street



DEVILS DEN by Dennis Wilds

Walking out onto the front porch, Danny followed Leila over to the swing and sat next to her for a few moments. Just as he prepared to say something, Leila said "Danny, I've been meaning to say something to you all day and it's this. Danny, before you kissed me last year, didn't it ever occur to you to ask me first? You have to ask a girl about something like that before you just kiss her."

"You're right." Danny said as he slipped off the swing and dropped to one knee in front of Leila and said "That's why I want to ask you to marry me."

Now the rest of Danny and Leila's story remains for some other time, but suffice it to say, Twenty odd years later, Reverend Danny Robbins and his beautiful wife, Leila found themselves sitting outside, under a tent awning having dinner with their son, Oral, and a pretty young girl named Delphia. Over the years, their love for each other had matured but they recognized a hint of their past feelings for each other in the two youngsters sitting across the table from them, even if the two kids didn't know it themselves quite yet.

FATE IS AT THE DOOR

Some people equate fate with God's will and some don't believe in fate at all. Delphia came to understand fate as inexplicable luck and just doing the right things. Either way, fate came her way the night of the revival and she clung onto fate's coattail and rode it for the rest of her life. In later years, Delphia embraced fate as her destiny as she came to love her life as much as she hated her life's beginnings.

Just an hour earlier, as the spo-

radic showers settled the dust on the streets of Valiant, Delphia stood up to her mama for the first time in her life and refused to return to the cabin on Buzzard Creek.

"Mama, ahm not goin home tonight. Daddy's in a mean way again and ahm skeered. You can take Levester and ah'l be home in the mornin' or sometime tomorrow...or maybe never..." her voice trailed off.

"Where on earth will you stay tonight?" Geraldine asked Delphia as she walked over to the buggy and grabbed the handle.

"Ah don't know and ah don't really care either. Ah may not ever come home again as long as Daddy's there and you know why."

There was a long pause before Geraldine asked, "What about Levester?"

"What about him? He's as much you'rn as mine anyways." Delphia said in a lower voice so Arleta couldn't hear.

Delphia had said the truth out loud for the first time to her mama and she waited for a reaction from Geraldine, but none came. Geraldine became quiet for another moment and then said, "Come on Arleta. Let's go home afore we're all three soaked here."

The three left as quickly as they had come, leaving Delphia standing there feeling defeated and utterly alone with her hair and slumped shoulders getting wet with rain on the damp library lawn.

Baby approached Delphia from the edge of the street and watched as Delphia wiped a few tears from her eyes with the back of her hand.

"Come on and u can thtay wif us tonite, Delphia."

With his arms full of bibles and the folding table, Baby motioned with his head the direction of the revival tent in the distance and Delphia

quietly nodded her head and they walked off in direction Baby had come hours before that same day.

"Look at what the cat dragged in." Reverend Robbins said to Leila as they saw Baby and Delphia approaching the tent awning. Delphia was trailing slightly behind Baby with her head down and her wet shoulders slumped. Her dress was damp and clung to her sides revealing her skinny physique and her bare feet were just a little muddy.

"Mama and Daddy, dis is Mith Delphia and I invited her for thupper."

"Well, of course. You're welcome to dine with us tonight as long as you don't mind supper under a tent in the rain Miss Delphia." The reverend replied making a grand gesture to the lean to awning next to the main revival tent.

"Thank you." Was Delphia's quite reply as the four faced each other briefly until Leila stepped forward and introduced herself, "I'm Leila, Oral's mother and this is Reverend Robbins, Oral's father. Very nice to meet you Delphia. That's a very pretty name, by the way. And yes, we would love to share our supper with you. Oral, you and your dad can serve up when the beans are warm. Delphia and I will be right back. Delphia, come with me and let's see if we can find you something dry to wear for now." Leila said to her dinner guest as the two ducked under the awning and headed over to the trailer and stepped up inside the clean but

simple family living quarters.

"So what's the story Oral? The reverend said to his son.

"I don't weally know for thure but her daddy's beats her and theese scared to go home tonight tho I thaid thee could thay wif us tonight. He goth in a fight wif the thoondappers today and one of em thabbed him. The therriff ran her daddy out of thown then and he thaid he'd be back tho Delphia don't want to go home for now. Her mama thook her baby back to Buthard Cweek."

"The girl's got a baby?" How old is she anyway Oral?"

"Thixteen theee thaid I think."

"Sixteen and with a kid already. Sounds about right for this part of Oklahoma. Where's the kid's daddy? Did she say?"

"Thee dn't thay. I dn't ask her either. Hereth's thome bread for dinner. The Thoondappers sell this in town. Call it weelaxol. We alweddy had thom and it's pwetty good too."

"Zoondappers? Who's the Zoondappers anyway?" (to be continued next month)



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Grand Terrace Freedom Wall



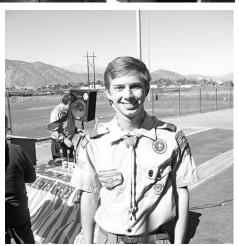
This is a model of the Freedom Wall that will be constructed at the park.



As an Eagle Scout project, Austin Dietrich from troop 40 organized a Veteran's Memorial at Pico Park in Grand Terrace.

The FREEDOM letters will be 6 feet tall when the project is completed. The above photo shows the very first flag that was raises on the new flag pole at the dedication ceremony on Nov. 11, 2012.

Congratulations to Austin on becoming an Eagle Scout and for making a fine tribute to our veterans. This project will be appreciated by many people for many years to come.



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Help Elderly Parents Avoid Financial "Scams"

Here's a disturbing statistic: One out of every five Americans over the age of 65 has been victimized by a financial scheme, according to the Investor Protection Trust, a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education. If your parents are in this age group, should you be concerned? And can you help them avoid being "scammed" so that they maintain control over their finances?

The answer to the first question is "yes" — you should be concerned. Of course, as the numbers above show, most aging Americans are not being swindled, which suggests they can take of themselves quite well. Still, it's no secret that many fraud schemes target seniors because of their concentrated wealth and in many cases, trusting nature. And as much as you'd like to think otherwise, your parents could be susceptible to rip-off artists.

Fortunately, in regard to the second question above, you can indeed take steps to help prevent your parents from being fleeced. Here are a few suggestions:

- Observe their behavior. If you live close to your parents, listen closely to any new friends, investment deals or sweepstakes they mention during your normal interactions.. If you're in a different city, try to stay abreast of your parents' behavior by communicating with them frequently and by checking in with other family members or friends who have occasion to see your parents.
- Urge them to watch out for suspicious e-mails. You've probably seen them — the e-mails offering to "reward" you with huge amounts of money if you will only contact such-and-such from a distant country and then put up a "small" sum to initiate some ill-defined transaction. You probably

"spam" these without a moment's thought — and you should urge your parents to do the same. Remind them that any offer that sounds "too good to be true" is, without question, neither "good" nor "true."

- Encourage them to further their financial education. Law enforcement agencies, health care professionals and reputable financial services providers all offer personal financial management programs designed specifically for seniors. Look for these types of programs in your area, encourage your parents to attend — and even consider going with them.
- Become familiar with their financial situation. Having a serious discussion with your parents about their finances may not be easy — but it's important. The more you know about their investments, retirement accounts and estate plans, the better prepared you'll be to respond helpfully if they mention an action they're considering taking that, to you, just doesn't sound appropriate.
- Suggest professional help. If your parents are already working with a qualified financial professional, they're probably less likely to be victimized by fraud than if they were managing their finances on their own. And it's a good idea for you to know their financial advisor, and for him or her to know you, as you may well be involved in your parents' legacy planning. But if your parents don't already have a financial advisor, you may want to recommend one to them, particularly if it's someone you already know and trust.

It's entirely possible that your parents won't need any assistance in avoiding financial scams. But, just in case, be prepared to act on the above suggestions. Your intervention could help preserve your parent's financial independence.

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California Dreaming by Dr. Cynthia Williams

~~~ "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" ~~~ Tra-la-la-la. Highgrove doesn't get snow for Christmas, or any other time of the year either. We live vicariously through those living in Crestline, Big Bear, etc. I used to spread cotton around to simulate snow, park little fake reindeer in it, and I would put on a sweater if it was chilly while I was having all my fun outside.

Here in central Oregon we get lots of snow, I have real deer- by the dozens- in my front yard, and I would freeze to death if I had just a sweater on! We will likely have a white Christmas, white New Years, white Valentine's Day, white St. Patrick's Day, white Easter, and could easily have a white Mother's Day. That's a lot of very cold snow! My daughter doesn't like the rain and prefers the snow. I prefer the rain; you don't have to shovel rain and I've never been stuck in a

big fluffy pile of rain.

A white or green Christmas, it doesn't matter to me. I will miss my Southern California Christmas.

Every year there are Christmas traditions that after awhile we tend to take for granted. I am now missing so many of them and wish I could be there to celebrate with my friends and family.

The Mission Inn had their lighting ceremony and is all decked out until the first of the year. Lots of lights, lots of music, lots of trees and flowers, (lots of people); the horses and carriages; the downtown district will be at its loveliest. Support the business and visit them.

Disneyland Resort is always the most beautiful this time of year. Both parks are dressed for the season all the way to the top of the 60 foot Christmas

tree in the square on Main Street in Disneyland. At night there is a stunning fireworks program and in various areas of the park there is snow that falls on cue. Parades, carolers, reindeer, and Mickey and Minnie dressed for the holiday make it very special for the whole family. This is not the time of year to go to the resort and try to hit all the attractions. The resort will be packed with people. I worked there for two holiday seasons and know from experience the lines will be long, tempers short but it will be absolutely gorgeous. Avoid the lines at the ticket booths- if possible, buy your tickets on-line, print them at home, and go right to the admission gates. Enjoy the experience for the beauty it has to offer.

The Singing Christmas Tree, the Nutcracker, the caroling, and the school programs add another beautiful, meaningful layer to the Christmas season. There are dozens I used to know... ~~~

of holiday programs to enjoy in the Inland Empire. Take the time to get out and enjoy one or a few.

One tradition very dear to a lot of us in Highgrove was the hay rides that Danny and Susan Stouffer hosted each year. That was so much fun! We sang songs, waved to dozens of people and laughed until we ached. Danny and Susan were so generous and kind to share their home and family with the community. I am also going to miss the Highgrove Fire Department driving Santa Claus and Smokey the Bear around to visit the kids (and adults too); we would hear the sirens and go outside to wait for them to drive by, tossing candy canes to kids of all ages. In my memories I am revisiting all these traditions and reliving them here in the frozen northern hinterlands. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

~~~ I'm dreaming of a Highgrove Christmas, just like the ones





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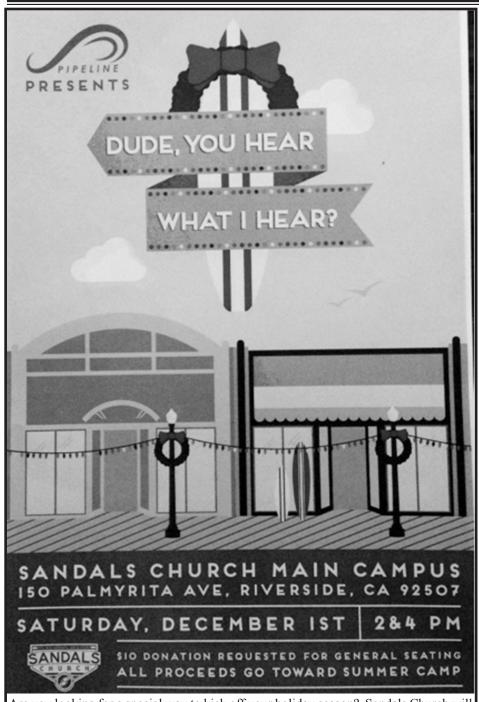








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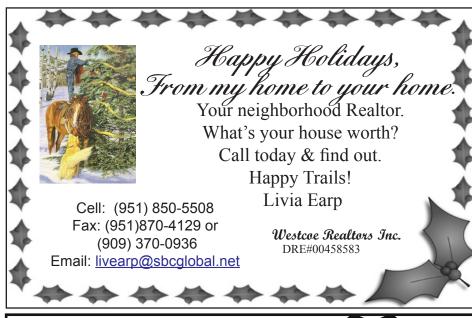
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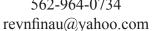
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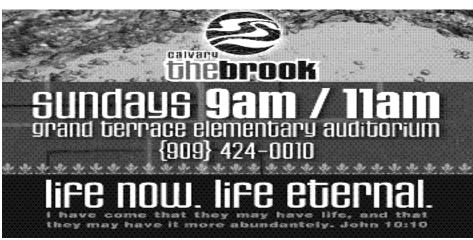
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