



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

December, 2013

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Iowa Overpass has been paved- tentative date set!

Photo by Gary Bazo



This view is on the east side of the overpass where Citrus St. connects to Iowa Ave. similar to the previous S shaped curve by the giant Lily Cup.

On Nov. 21, 2013 I received a call from the city of Riverside Public Utilities in regard to a tentative date set for the opening of the new Iowa Ave. overpass. Unfortunately on the day I received the call it was raining so the tentative date has been set for Dec. 19, 2013 but I was reminded that it could be postponed to a later date if the rain delays the opening or if it is too close to Christmas. When construction was started in October of 2012 the target

Photo by Gary Bazo

9:00 AM Dec. 19, 2013 ?



The Iowa overpass is shown here on the east side looking toward Highgrove during the paving on top of Iowa Ave. and the streets below the overpass.

date was estimated to be Dec. 6, 2013 so they are pretty much on schedule. I know that many businesses in Highgrove have suffered financially due to the closure during construction but hopefully this will open up a long needed flow of traffic between Riverside and Colton/San Bernardino for those who formerly used Iowa Ave. and were blocked by freight trains or Metrolink trains. See paving and patching on P. 4 & 5



Living Nativity

The Highgrove United Methodist Church will present a Living Nativity on Friday Dec. 20, 2013 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the corner of Center St. and Prospect Avenue. It will feature live sheep for you to pet. There will be Christmas carols, and hot apple cider and cookies will be served. On Christmas Eve there will be a candlelight service at 7:00 P M that will feature the Christmas Story and singing Christmas Carols. There will even be someone playing the saw.

This beautiful old church has been in Highgrove since 1890 and the public is invited to attend the Living Nativity and the Christmas Eve program. Regular church services are on Sunday at 10:30 am. See P. 15

7th Annual
MARINE CORPS RESERVE
TOYS FOR TOTS Toy Drive
 with Co-Sponsor Bob Mendoza's Biker's Alley 

Dec. 15, 2013 10:00 am -5:00 pm
Please bring a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more (cash donation accepted)
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December 2013



Points of Interest

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

Aerodance Exercise: Mon thru Thursday 9-10:58 per week or \$2.00 per class
Evening Class: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM \$2.50 per class
 Sat 8:30AM - 9:30AM \$2.50

Sewing Class: Wed 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 Call Sandra 951-616-7787 for project materials info and clothing alteration services.

Balloon Arrangement Class:
 Wed 8:30 - 10 AM \$15 per class/10 class course/Completion Certificate awarded

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

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

3-Dimensional Gelatin Molding Class: 5 minimum up sign up to schedule class. \$15 per class/10 class course. Completion certificate awarded

Edible Arrangement Carving Class -10 Class Series: Wed 12:30 AM - 2 PM. \$15 per class. Completion Certificate awarded

Child & Me Classes
 Thursdays 11:30 - 12:30. No Cost Program

E-Taekwondo United (Karate Class) Mon & Wed 6PM - 7PM call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 293-8538 for detailed info.

The Art of Cake Decorating Baking: Thurs 6PM-9PM intensive course/25 classes. \$15 per class. Completion certificate awarded. Info: Marivel 951-275-6815

Square & Line Dance: Tuesday at 6:30 PM \$6 donation. Info: 909-823-0294 or 951-788-4245 www.riversidesinglesswingers.com

English Class: Monday and Thursday from 10AM- 11AM. 10 Week Program. \$1.00 per class

Polynesian Dance Class: Mon & Wed 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM. \$3 1day or \$5 for per week

Learn It Online: Date & time to Follow

December 3rd: 8-10AM Nutrition Info Van hosted by Anna with Riverside County, Office on Aging .
December 6th & 20th at 8AM - 1:00 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!

December 6th and 20th: 8-10AM Resource Table regarding Covered CA info, Low-cost Health & Dental Service hosted by Miguel Lujano with **Borrego Health** 951-710-3976

December 17th: 9AM Join us for an informative meeting hosted by Roger Spearman 951-44300 with **Cambrian Homecare:** 9AM

Attention Veterans & Surviving Spouses. If you have served in the military and would like to know if you qualify for VA Aid & Attendance Benefits, Roger / Veteran Aid & Attendance Liaison with Cambrian Homecare 877-422-2270 will be with Aid & Attendance resource information. You may qualify for financial assistance to help pay for In-Home Care as part of your Veterans & Surviving Spouses VA pension benefit. Discuss the services provided and qualifications.

December 25th: Center Closed

"Mobile Fresh" - Bringing Fresh Produce to your Community. Friday Schedule for Highgrove stop to follow.

Soon to Start

Child Care Provider Training January 2014 - 10 day Session. 951-778-5003 Ask for "Aggie" to reserve seating.

"Learn It Online" program at Norton Younglove Community Center. Learn It Online offers free Tutoring in reading or math to eligible students using a netbook or tablet. Netbook or Tablet and internet connectivity provided. Call today! 909-295-2053 and ask for Mary.

proceeds go to the Community Center and its daily operations
 459 Center Street, Highgrove, CA. 92507 (951) 341-6634 Fax: (951) 779-3099

Blood Drive & Marrow Screening

Wilden Pump

22069 Van Buren, Grand Terrace
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 12 to 5 p.m.
 in the Wilden "U" room.

Contact Natalie Gutierrez at 909.422.1700.

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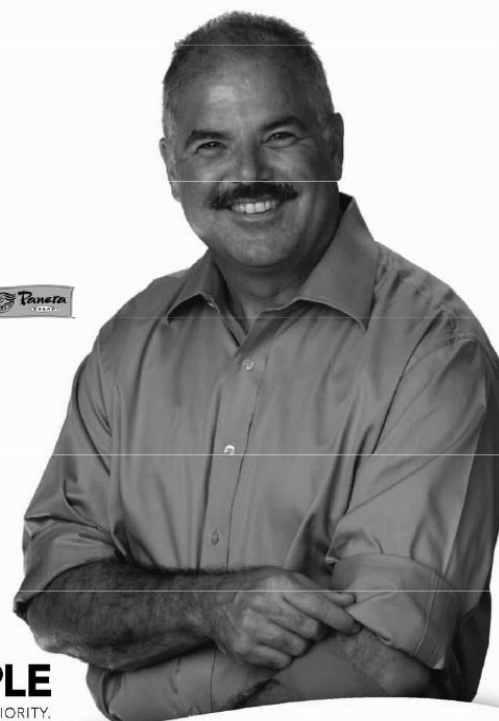
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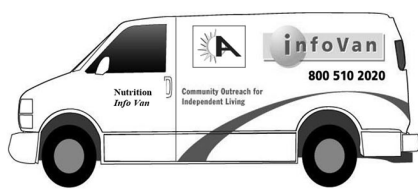


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Nutrition Info Van



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Norton Younglove Community Center

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

8:00am-10:00pm

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



"Mobile Fresh"

"Bringing Fresh Produce to your Community"

- Friday, November 8th: Highgrove Community Center: 459 Center St. Riverside, CA. 92570 (9AM-12PM)
- Friday, November 15th: Cabazon Community Center: 50390 Carmen Ave. Cabazon, CA. 92230 (10AM-12PM)
 Rubidoux Child Development Center: 3565 Riverview Drive, Rubidoux, CA. 92509 (2PM-4PM)
- Friday, November 22nd: Calimesa Senior Center: 908 Park Ave. Calimesa, CA 92320 (9-11AM)
 Moreno Valley Administration: 21250 Box Springs Rd. Moreno Valley, CA. 92557 (12PM-2PM)
- Friday, December 6th: Hemet Child Development Center: 41931 E. Florida Ave. Hemet, CA. 92544 (9-12PM)
 Magnolia Child Development Center: 8172 Magnolia Ave. Riverside, CA. 92504 (2PM-4PM)
- Friday, December 20th: Desert Hot Springs Senior Center: 11-777 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA. 92240 (10AM-1PM)

For more information
(951) 686-1096



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Happy Holidays from the
Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council
Remember there will be no meeting in December
The next meeting will be
Jan. 22, 2014



Graffiti Hot line
951-955-3333
<http://www.rcgraffitibusters.com>

Street Lights Out in Highgrove

Report Street Light outage: call (951) 955-3224
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hrodriguez@rivcoeda.org. Provide address and cross street and pole # if possible.

Report Illegal Trash Dumping!

NO DUMPING ALLOWED
Call Riverside County Waste Management
951-955-5650
To Report illegal dumping in Riverside County online:
<http://user.govoutreach.com/riversideco/>

Highgrove Clean Up Day

Plans are being made to have another clean up day in Highgrove. Riverside County Waste Management has announced that they are working on having the clean up day sometime in January.

Please watch for additional details in the next issue of the Highgrove Happenings.



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If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: "Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town" Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county".

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

Nov. 5, 2013 report:

Part 1 crimes increased by 71.4 % from 7 to 12 over the past 2 weeks in Highgrove. The total of violent crimes increased from 100 % from 1 to 2. Homicide decreased by 100 % from 1 to 0. Rape stayed the same at 0. Robbery stayed the same at 0 but aggravated assault increased from 0 to 2. Property crimes increased by 66.7 % from 6 to 10 and burglary increased by 50 % from 2 to 3. Auto theft increased from 0 to 2, Larceny theft increased from 4 to 5 and vehicle burglary and arson remained the same at 0.

Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 X 5(Non emergency)
Capt. Danny Feltenberger (951) 955 2600
Lieutenant. Joseph Pemberton (951) 955 2628

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

Have you seen this vehicle?



Highgrove residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for this vehicle that may have a connection to several home burglaries in the area. The vehicle is described as a White 1990's Toyota 4 runner with a sun roof and no running boards with possibly a chrome moulding along the bottom of the doors. If you have information regarding this vehicle or its occupants please call the Riverside County Sheriff at (951) 955 2600 or (951) 776 1099 . You can remain anonymous if you so desire.

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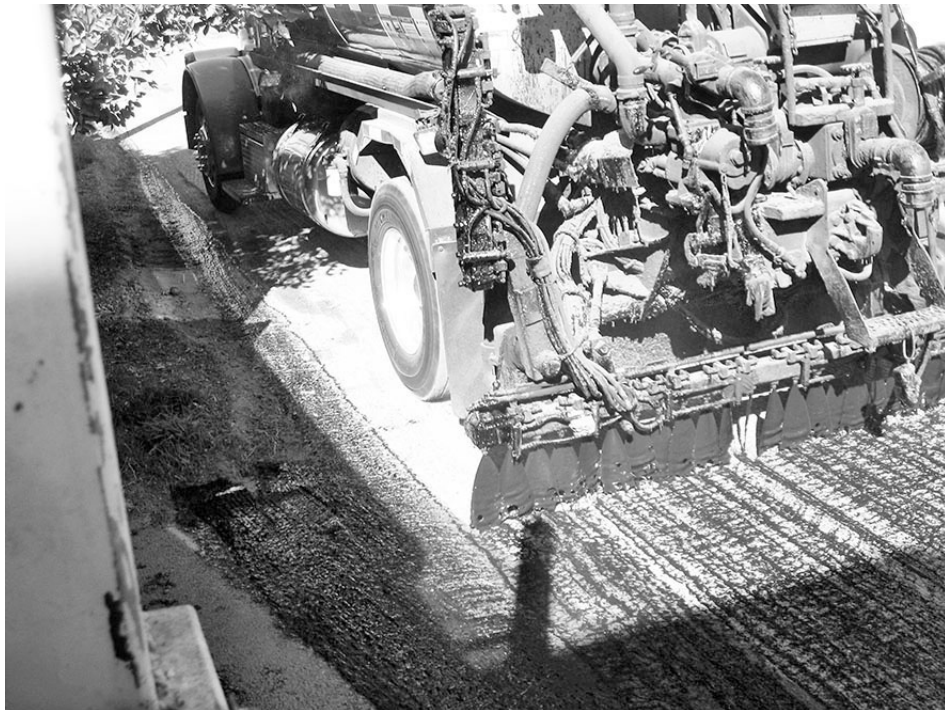
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Can you see the difference between the photo above and the photo on the left? Look closely and compare the two photos. Answer on page. 7

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Paving and Patching

The new Iowa Overpass has been paved and many of the local streets in Highgrove have been patched where the installation new water lines resulted in surface streets being torn up when the new water lines were installed. The final patching of the trench has been completed on Mound, Highland, Pacific, Fountain, Prospect, Villa and various other residents served by the Riverside

city utilities. The older portion of Highgrove is served by water from the city of Riverside and the newer and larger lots have water service from the Riverside/Highland Water Company. Highgrove residents who pay Riverside/Highland water Co. for their water bill were not included because the old lines were water lines from the city of Riverside that needed to be replaced due to age.

Highgrove Elementary School "Career Day"

Ardie and I were invited to participate in the Career Day at the Highgrove Elementary School on Nov. 12, 2013. We met other guests for a briefing and then broke up into separate groups and escorted to various classrooms.

Our classroom was about 25 students and I talked about my early days working on the railroad. I taught them how to count to 10 by using hand signals when we were working around noisy railroad engines before radio communication was available.

Ardie told the students how we got started publishing the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper 20 years ago before the internet was so popular. We encouraged students to write articles for the paper which resulted in the "composting" article that the 5th grade class is now doing. (See P. 6) Some of the other guest included Dan Bernstein from the Press Enterprise and Mark Visyak from Highgrove who is an animal control officer. It was great talking to the students and their teacher.

GRAND TERRACE LIONS CLUB 2013 ANNUAL POT OF GOLD DINNER

The Grand Terrace Lions Club celebrated Saturday, November 9, 2013 at their 33rd Annual Pot of Gold Dinner. Chairperson Burt Seuylemezian and committee members 2nd Vice District 4L5 Governor Lion David Radtke, Lions Deborah, Roy Nix, Ruthanne Christianson, Russell L. Carter, Maria and Manny Baltierra, Jim McNaboe and Yvette Alleyne put in numerous hours of time and effort to bring over 230 people an evening filled with fun, food, dancing and excitement! This is the Grand Terrace Lions Club's biggest single event fundraiser. Proceeds from this event are distributed to the Grand Terrace Lions Club's various charities that include, Youth Grants and Scholarships, Lions Student Speaker Contest, Guide Dogs of the Desert, Loma Linda Lions Eye Foundation, City of Hope, California Lions Friends in Sight, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, GTHS Leos, and many community projects, just to name a few. This year's theme, "Simply Red, with a touch of Chocolate" brought out the

Red gowns, shoes, cummerbunds, bow ties and vests! Once again, this year's event was held at the Valencia Room at the Orange Show Fairgrounds. 250 Pot of Gold Tickets were sold at \$200 each. The numbers were verified and placed in a drum and drawn out one at a time. The last number drawn is the winning number. This year there was a 5 way split. Typically when the final 10 numbers are left, the excitement builds and the option of splitting is explored. All parties must agree and if a finalist is not present and has not designated their desires of splitting, then the drawing continues until the last number is drawn. This year the final 5 ticket holders agreed to split. The winners splitting \$20,000.00 included, Janet Howard, Laura Mendez, Marie Vidmar, Carron Pagels and Richard Burns. Grand Terrace Lions Club and Lions Clubs International are changing lives every day; find out more about our amazing organization at: www.grandterracelions.com.

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Assumptions Can Be Dangerous to Investors

Every day of our lives, we make assumptions. We assume that the people we encounter regularly will behave in the manner to which we are accustomed. We assume that if we take care of our cars, they will get us to where we want to go. In fact, we need to make assumptions to bring order to our world. But in some parts of our life — such as investing — assumptions can prove dangerous.

Of course, not all investment-related assumptions are bad. But here are a few that, at the least, may prove to be counter-productive:

- "Real estate will always increase in value." Up until the 2008 financial crisis, which was caused, at least partially, by the "housing bubble," most people would probably have said that real estate is always a good investment. But since then, we're all more painfully aware that housing prices can rise and fall. That isn't to say that real estate is always a bad investment — as a relatively small part of a diversified portfolio, it can be appropriate, depending on your goals and risk tolerance. But don't expect endless gains, with no setbacks.

- "Gold will always glitter." During periods of market volatility, investors often flee to gold, thereby driving its price up. But gold prices will fluctuate, sometimes greatly, and there are risks in all types of gold ownership, whether you're investing in actual bars of gold or gold "futures" or the stocks of gold-mining companies.

- "I can avoid all risks by sticking with CDs." It's true that Certificates of Deposit (CDs) offer a degree of preservation of principal. But they're not risk-free; their rates of return may be so low that they don't even keep up with inflation, which means you could incur purchasing-power risk.

Again, having CDs in your portfolio is not a bad thing, but you'll only want to own those amounts that are suitable for your objectives.

"The price of my investment has gone up — I must have made the right decision."

This assumption could also be made in reverse — that is, you might think that, since the price of your investment has dropped, you must have made the wrong choice. This type of thinking causes investors to hold on to some investments too long, in the hopes of recapturing early gains, or selling promising investments too soon, just to "cut their losses." Don't judge investments based on short-term performance; instead, look at fundamentals and long-term potential.

- "If I need long-term care, Medicare will cover it." You may never need any type of long-term care, but if you do, be prepared for some big expenses. The national average per year for a private room in a nursing home is nearly \$84,000, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company. This cost, repeated over a period of years, could prove catastrophic to your financial security during your retirement. And, contrary to many people's assumptions, Medicare may only pay a small percentage of long-term care costs. You can help yourself by consulting with a financial professional, who can provide you with strategies designed to help cope with long-term care costs.

You can't avoid all assumptions when you're investing. But by staying away from questionable ones, you may avoid being tripped up on the road toward your financial goals.

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

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Composting at Highgrove Elementary School

By students: Elyse Greenlee and Sydney Broyles

At Highgrove Elementary the 5th graders in Miss Adams UA class began typing articles explaining how to compost. Their principal Mrs. Gosnell decided that the 5th graders inspired her and she talked to the 5th graders who read their articles to her and she said that it was a fantastic idea to start a composting pile at school. We 5th graders and Mrs. Gosnell shared our ideas and the best place to put the composting pile was by room 15 and 16. The 5th graders researched composting and found that you should never put: meat scraps, dairy products, oily foods, and bones because this will attract rodents and make your composting pile stink. If you are going to make a composting pile here at Highgrove there are some tools that you will need: a shovel, gloves, a bin, and



if you want you can add specialty worms or dried hay. Some things that you would add are: green stuff (grass clippings), brown stuff (dead plants), fruits, veggies, and even dryer lint! If you want to make a good composting pile follow these steps. First, you water under your composting bin before you start. Next, add your brown stuff then green stuff. Finally, add your ingredients. After, you would start the cycle all over again.

So change the world and take action at your school by composting! Highgrove will be a better place because of the 5th graders who started it! If we try hard enough maybe we could even meet the President and the First Lady who are organic farmers and composters themselves!



These fifth grade Highgrove Elementary students are very proud of their composting project shown above and they are excited about going green!

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Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner

Service Clubs

Service clubs are, and have for generations, been very positive fixtures in our community. Collective they are responsible for children's hospitals, scholarships, grants, veteran's programs, youth programs, and community investment. Service clubs contribute to the eradication of virtually every disease, including; polio, heart disease diabetes, alzheimer's, and cancer. They raise money for illiteracy, malnutrition, poverty, and most every other social ill.

Service club sites serve as meeting halls, polling places, and watering holes. Their halls are rented for wedding receptions, Weight Watcher meetings, church services, birthdays and bar mitzvahs.

Sounds wonderful, right? They are, but there is a problem. Many of these great organizations are dying on the vine. Their memberships and revenues are down. Many have closed, consolidated, or cut back on their services.

Why?... The tradition of these service clubs, passed down over several generations has lost much of their luster to the newer generations. Veteran organizations are down on membership, simply because there are fewer veterans. As older veterans of WWII, Korea and Viet Nam die off; there are fewer veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan to replace them.

The younger generations are growing up with new social media that negate the need to actually meet someone at such meeting places. Now we can keep in contact with friends through Facebook, texting and cellphones, You Tube, and such.

So what do we do to keep these wonderful clubs alive? Embrace the future? Make these meeting halls media accessible? Should we be more aggressive in securing rentals of the meeting hall, have more community functions, outreach, membership drives?

In Highgrove we have a wonderful service club; the Eagles Club on E. La Cadena Drive. Through it's members, the club donates to many of the charities and good works that we all benefit from. The Eagles Club is suffering from many of the same ills that I mentioned above; dwindling membership, and funding shortfalls. The club is worthy of, and needs our support.

So come on out and visit. You may want to become a member. Come in and have a drink, a beer, or soda. Have a taco for \$1.00 on Monday evenings, have dinner on Friday evenings, or breakfast on most Sundays. Check the place out. Look into renting the meeting hall for your next event. It's a great place to make new friends!

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"

George Strait: A fact you may not know!

Country singer George Strait has received 82 Country Music Association nominations and many other awards and he has been touring since 1981. He recently won another "Entertainer of the Year" again but do you know that he appeared locally before he became famous? Do you know where he appeared that is only a short distance away? Please turn to page 9 for the answer.



Grand Terrace residents reject Utility tax

Measure "C" would have added a 5% utility tax to Grand Terrace residents for the next 6 years but was defeated at the polls. 60% of the ballots that were cast voted "NO" to the new tax. It is unfortunate that this issue has created strong feelings on both sides of the issue. The YES people and the No people were very vocal about their feelings but in the long run it was the ballot box that had the loudest voice and that is the American way to decide issues such as these.



Election results change Riverside City Council and School Board

Some of you may remember Mike Soubrious when he came to our Highgrove meetings on his motorcycle as a CHP officer. Mike is retired from the CHP and has been elected to the Riverside City Council. His district is ward 3 that includes the Ramona, Victoria, and neighborhoods around the airport and was created when former councilman Rusty Bailey was elected as Mayor of Riverside.

Another change was made when Brent Lee defeated long time Riverside Unified School Board Trustee, Chuck Beaty. Chuck survived being shot in the face and shoulder by a disgruntled city employee when Chuck was a member of the Riverside City Council during a meeting in 1988.

Another surprise was when California State Senator Bill Emmerson announced his resignation on Nov. 8, 2013. He stated that his passion for the office has waned and I am sorry to hear that because I have known Bill since he was an Assemblyman.

Many of you know he has supported a Highgrove Metrolink station since 2006 when he was in the Assembly. His resignation is effective Dec. 1, 2013 and I am sad to see him vacate the office. Shortly thereafter Assemblymember Mike Morrell announced his candidacy for the Senate seat created by California State Senator Bill Emmerson.

ANSWER FROM P. 4

The photo on the left shows the driver on the left side but the photo on the right shows the driver on the right side because the controls are hinged in the middle so the operator can swing all of the controls from one side to the other if a tree gets in his way for example.

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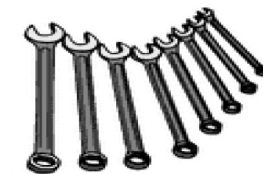
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Highgrove Blossom Apartments under construction adjacent to Highgrove Library



Tractors and machines are shown installing the underground lines.



The underground sewer lines, water lines and other lines are already in.



Hargrove in Highgrove: Mark Hargrove is in charge of construction.

Construction is underway for 89 apartment units behind the new Highgrove library.

Prior to approval of this project, the builder, Tony Mize of Workforce Homebuilders took several Highgrove MAC members to former projects his company has built in

Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, and Jurupa Valley to see what type of project is planned. After several months of discussion and consideration at the public MAC meetings, the Highgrove MAC advised Supervisor Tavaglione that we did not oppose the project.

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Holiday Schedule

On December 25 and January 1, there will be no bus service, and the administrative offices and Customer Information Center will be closed due to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, respectively. On December 24, buses will operate regular service, the Customer Information Center will be open from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m. and administrative offices will close early. On December 31, buses will operate regular service, the Customer Information Center will be open from 6 a.m. till 10 p.m. and administrative offices will close early.

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Writer's workshop held in Ontario

I received an e-mail asking me to come to Ontario to the Ovitt Family Community Library to speak to the California Writers Club on Nov. 23, 2013. I did not know anyone associated with this group but upon my arrival I discovered that I was there to speak to a group of about 25 writers who are authors of various books and publications, editors, and writers that write fiction, non-fiction, and novels. Naturally I felt out of place because I have never considered myself a "writer" because I have never studied journalism (as is evident in our local newspaper), or written a book. I was given 15 minutes and must admit that I was nervous about speaking to this distinguished group. I talked about our small publication

and how we try to bring information to our community and how we have received support over the last 20 years from local businesses. I referred to the statement that appears at the top of every issue that is printed on the front page under our banner. (You can look if you want to)

Libby Grandy, who is a freelance writer from Claremont stated: "Our writing affects others even if it is only one person" and she thinks our small paper is serving a necessary purpose.

The members of the Inland Empire Division of the California Writers Club were very cordial and I thanked them for inviting me to their meeting. The Inland Empire California Writers Club web site is: www.iecwc.com

George Strait appeared at the Mule Lip in Colton before anyone around here ever knew who he was. The Mule Lip was located on the west side of Mt. Vernon Ave. and had a huge dance floor that catered to the country fans. I did not attend the performance of this new singer named George Strait but a close friend told us about him and she was really impressed with this unknown singer. The Mule Lip closed years ago and the building later became a Food For Less Market. Maybe George really didn't get his start at the Mule Lip in Colton but evidently our friend was not the only one who was impressed with him because many other fans still feel the same way his music.

On Nov. 6, 2013 the Country Music Association awarded George Strait another "Entertainer of the Year" to go with similar awards he received in 1989 and 1990.

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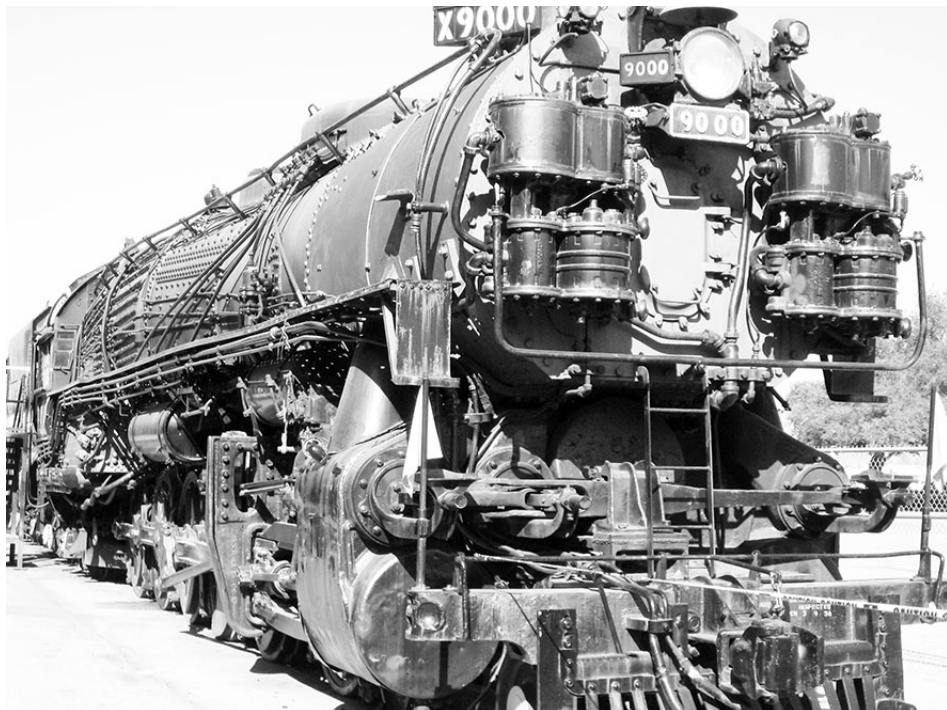
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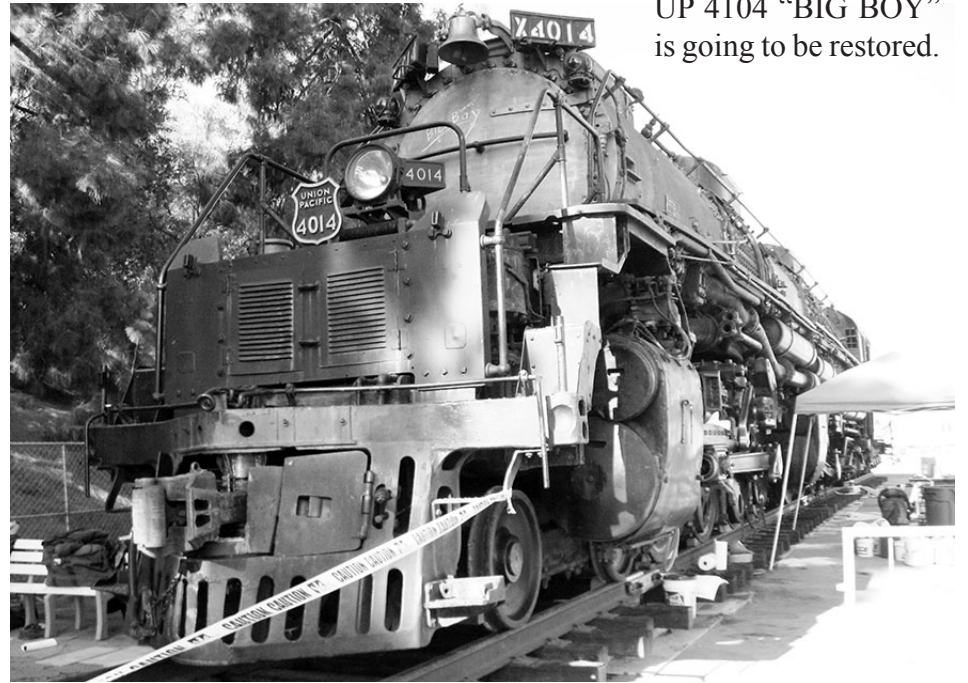
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Pomona Fair Grounds home to Union Pacific train museum.



Union Pacific Steam Engine Number 9000 is not as big as the "BIG BOY"



UP 4104 "BIG BOY" is going to be restored.



L-R: Phil Turner and Don Huth at the UP train museum at Pomona Fairplex. On our way to the Pomona Drags, Phil, Don, and I stopped by the Union Pacific train museum located near the entrance of the parking lot for the drags. We parked near the exit so we would be first out to leave when the drags were over because Phil and I were taking our wives to the Pot of Gold dinner at the Orange show that evening. Don and I used to work together on the railroad. He started out as a control tower operator and later became a conductor on the Santa Fe that turned into the BNSF railroad. These two types of transportation (trains and dragsters) are at the extreme opposite ends of the spectrum and we had a good time at both places but we walked our legs off by the end of the day!

464 tires removed from Highgrove Community thanks to Riverside County EDA



Becky Mitchell left/center coordinated the project that included employees of the Riverside County Code Enforcement and other workers.

The Community Services Division of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency held a free tire disposal on Nov. 16, 2013 at the Highgrove Elementary School from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. During that time there were three 40 cubic yard dumpsters filled with old tires from Highgrove. People drove up with their pick up trucks and workers unloaded the tires and put them into the dumpsters. The above dumpster was the 2nd of 3 that were loaded in this short time period. The sample on the right shows that one of the uses for the old tires is a rubber gripper to hold jars while removing the lid. We thank all of the people who helped remove these old tires from our neighborhood. Their phone # is 1 800 984 1000





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California Dreaming by Dr. Cynthia Williams

Being a transplanted native Californian I am suffering from shock just like my plants. I miss Highgrove and all my family and friends! I moved to central Oregon nearly three years ago and it is nothing like Highgrove. I knew the change would be dramatic- this little city has about 80,000 people, hundreds, if not thousands, of wild deer, and more dogs per capita than any place I've ever been. It is another planet compared to California. Let me share with you my journey.

The older I get the more melancholy I get about Christmas. I have so many fond memories of my childhood in Highgrove and of our family holidays, but none more so than Christmas.

Every year my parents hosted a Christmas Eve party for friends and family. With so many kids and a handful of cousins, the place would be so crowded. As we all married and had our own kids, the place was packed! Also, my parents taught us not to be enemies with "ex-s". Unless they did something seriously bad- like bust someone's nose, they were always welcomed back for the annual gathering. (The new spouse would just have to get over it.) And the ex-s would bring their new spouse and new children. It was quite a bash. There was lots of food, drink and music. Every year Santa would make an appearance for the little ones. Not one little one ever said "Where's Daddy?"- they were too excited and distracted. The family became seriously huge. To help manage the expense and challenge of purchasing gifts for everyone, we decided to do a drawing. We had all of us siblings and our spouses draw a name- usually on Thanksgiving. We also did the same with the kids. As the kids got older we divided them into two groups:

"The babies" which were the ones about 10 and below, and the "Know it Alls" which were the ones about 12 through high school. This was a very good system for many years.

We took great delight in surprising our parents with a special gift. Some years we would pool our resources

and get something big and unexpected. The best year and the most fun we had was the year we bought them a new refrigerator. Since I lived down the street near the end of the block, we had it delivered to my house during the day on Christmas Eve. It sat in my living room for most of the day! At the appropriate time, my brothers, well warmed with Christmas "spirit", walked down the block with a moving cart. They loaded it up and rolled it back up the street, which seemed jolly good fun, and parked it in the driveway. We put a big bow on it and brought Mom and Dad outside to see their present (there wasn't room in the house!) They were very surprised and very pleased. And we had the most fun!

Some gifts were traditional; it wouldn't be Christmas if I didn't get Dad a box of See's Victoria Toffee, tiny hammer included. It wouldn't be Christmas if someone didn't get Mom a carousel horse figurine of some kind. They also surprised us. The year I moved back to California to go to Pasadena College of Chiropractic (1982) I got a good surprise from Dad. I had just moved into a little house in San Dimas the week before and I borrowed Dad's circular saw to cut down some bookshelves. So Christmas day I am opening a gift. I pull off the wrapping paper and it's a small Black and Decker circular saw box. I didn't think anything of it, thinking it was a box that had been reused. One end was glued shut so I flipped it over. The other end was glued shut as well. I looked up with astonishment- "It really IS a saw!" Mom quickly says "don't blame me, it was your Father's idea". I said "This is GREAT!" It was my very first own power tool. I loved it. I still have it and use it.

Christmas morning, when all eight of us were small kids at home, was crazy. Santa had come and left something for each of us. Our stockings were filled with candies, nuts and oranges. After

Mom and Dad got up we would gather around the tree, which was pretty loaded up. Mom would pass out gifts and Dad would take pictures. Pretty soon it was a storm of paper flying, bows sailing over head and lots of oos, ahhs, and squeals. They were good at knowing what we liked and they did their best of make us happy. That was a challenge with eight children.

Mom was incredibly creative and talented and made a good number of gifts. Dad worked two jobs and supervised a large number of people. He felt an obligation of thank them at Christmas but there was always a lack of funds to do shopping. Mom's immeasurable talents were pressed into service. Each year she created special gifts and I heard that hers were the ones they looked forward to each year. I know they were preferred over anything that could have been purchased. One that sticks in my memory was the chimney Santa. It was made with a small circle of

styrofoam for the base, a clear glass chimney (like for an oil lamp) for the head, and a felt cap on Santa's head. The inside of the chimney was filled with colorful Christmas candies, and he had eyes, beard and smile glued on cut from felt. They were very darling.

Since we have grown up, we have moved on from Highgrove. We have had a variety of spouses, many children, and with Mom and Dad gone, we have all created our own family traditions. We don't gather for Christmas like we used to, which is sad for me. I miss my brothers and sisters and the really terrific times we had together. Right after our last get-together I start looking forward to the next one. They never come soon or often enough.

Please remember to cherish and love each other. You never know when this Christmas will be your last together. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year.



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As technology increased, the distance was shortened from 1,320 feet to 1,000 feet because the Dragsters and Funny Cars were going too fast for many of the tracks and still allow enough room at the end of the track to be able to get stopped. Phil, Don and I were at Pomona when the new track record was set by John Force who turned 64 last May. At his age you would think he would be starting to slow down but maybe you don't know him!



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A look back at the World's fastest dragster in 1957: Cook and Bedwell in 8.89 seconds in 1/4 mile



This Cook and Bedwell dragster was on display at the 2013 drags in Pomona back when the length of the drag racing track was 1/4 mile or 1,320 feet and the engine was in the front.

Funny cars still have the engine in front of the driver. As a long time drag race fan I have seen a lot of changes from when we used to race at Pomona years ago. Our car club was the MISERS and we ran a Pontiac powered B gas dragster. I won't tell you what our top speed was back then but our best elapsed time was 10.20 seconds in the 1/4 mile.

Today some of the classes still race the 1/4 mile distance but since the Nitro burning Dragsters and Funny Cars produce around 10,000 HP each the distance has been shortened and they are still going well over 300 MPH in only 1,000 feet.

The engine can only be shut down by cutting the fuel flow.

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* Dragsters reach over 300 MPH+... before you have completed reading this sentence.

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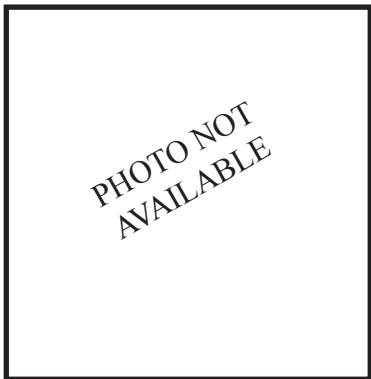
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THE WINNER THIS MONTH!

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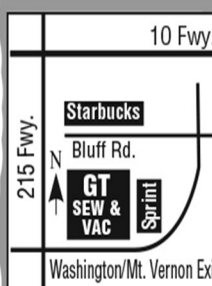
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