



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

March, 2009

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Highgrove Community Park Fee being analyzed!



By Cynthia Cruz
 PONY league Secretary

USE OF THE PARK:
 What a joy to see all of the leagues and groups of people who enjoy our own Highgrove Community Park! Sunday there was a men's soccer league passionately running and kicking the ball around the middle of the park. They had set up goals from the edge of one baseball field to the other. Children were outside of the soccer area playing under their mother's watchful eyes as daddies got their exercise. The day before that, we walked to the park and talked to the young adults playing basketball. And there was a volleyball net set up nearby to provide practice for some girls playing volleyball.

Baseball, tennis, jogging or walking- whatever the preference, the people of this community appreciate this park and the people who pay taxes help pay for this safe way to keep our children and adults off the streets and out of trouble.

PONY LEAGUE:
 In November, 2008, we started speaking with Riverside County EDA Community Parks and Services Division to get permission to use Highgrove Park's ball fields for our son to play baseball in the spring 2009 season. We began to raise the funds necessary to start a nonprofit PONY (Protect Our Nation's Youth) baseball league for the children of our community. We adver-

tised our intention, and on December 11, 2008 we held our first Board Meeting and elected officers. By the last week in January the majority of our children were signed up.

We filled out Park Gazebo/Ball Field Reservation Requests every time we had a tournament

OBSTACLES:
 About this time we received a call from the County. This time it was to inform us that we would have to pay to use the snack bar. Revenue from the snack bar was going to be our main source of revenue to pay for the umpire fees and equipment that we would need for children's safety during the season. And the very next day Riverside County EDA again explained that we needed to pay for the fields. They said that the Board of Supervisors passed a policy last year that would require paying \$15/ per hour per field ~ even for practices! The \$15/hr assessment would cost Highgrove residents more for one weekend than an outside league would be charged at a city park for one year!

The CSA 126's tax assessment of \$120 per parcel per year was added to Highgrove parcels many years ago. What is this additional tax used for? Its purpose is to pay for our Sheriff, Parks and Recreation, and Landscaping. This special assessment is in addition to the property taxes that Highgrove home and land owners already pay. This assess-

ment was added to Highgrove parcels over 13 years ago. Three years later the park was opened on October 16, 1999 and we, as Highgrove residents, have paid for this special tax ever since.

We have contacts with many other baseball leagues in the Southern California area and have not found one that gets charged for their own snack bar, fields or lights ~ and they don't even have the extra assessment like we do in Highgrove!

A friend of ours, a reporter for a major Southern California newspaper, attended a meeting recently on how to keep children out of gangs. A gang specialist from the DA's office had a list of the top ten ways to keep children out of gangs. Leading the list was supervised activities for children such as a baseball league. We are proud of the parents who donate their time to such a worthwhile cause. For many

years there has not been PONY league baseball at Highgrove Park and we were excited that it was returning to the community.

In spite of these obstacles we were still inspired to move forward with our vision of bringing better baseball back to Highgrove Park. On Tuesday February 24th we attended a Board of Supervisor's meeting to remind them that the residents of Highgrove already pay an extra assessment for these services.

THE GOOD NEWS!
 The Riverside County EDA notified us this morning (Feb. 27, 2009) that Supervisor Ashley is analyzing the park fee situation in Highgrove and hopes to resolve this issue very soon!

We pray that next year will not be a battle for any nonprofit organizations who are trying to make their programs beneficial to our children.



For Highgrove Revitalization Team see P. 4

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: Sherry at (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912

THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER

459 Center Street- Highgrove



Licensed Financial Planners from TM Professionals will be providing a free presentation, reviews and education regarding retirement planning, and life insurance

Friday March 6th and March 20th
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Norton Younglove Community Center

Tuesday, March 17th, 2009

Come learn about our Medicare enhanced benefits with \$0 co-pays for people with Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Don't Forget!!!

Brown Bag:

1st & 3rd Tues. 8:00am - 10:00am

Commodities: 4th Friday of the month 7am -10am



Homework Help is offered at Center

Family Service Association will hold a Homework Help program for children ages 5- to 12-years-old, at the Norton Younglove Community Center.

The program is held every Monday through Friday, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost per week is: \$5 for one child; \$8 for two children; \$11 for three children; and \$14 for four children. If you would like to enroll your child, become a volunteer, or make a donation to the program, then please call the Center.

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Do you want to learn to speak English? The center is now offering bi-lingual ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. Tuesday from 11am- 12. The classes will teach basic English language skill to those speaking Spanish. Your ESL instructor **Damian** will help you learn to communicate better at home, work, or school. Sign- up today! Class size is limited. Cost of each class is \$1.00. All proceeds benefit the community center. For more information come into our center or call Leila at 951-341-6634.

Rolling Cart FOOD GIVE AWAY

1st and 3rd Friday of the month

Bring a rolling cart to the Center and our volunteers will attempt to fill it with food. Community members are asked to provide their own cart, sturdy enough to carry about 40 pounds of food. However, we can not guarantee how much food each family will receive. This program is sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank.

For more information, please call the Center, (951) 341-6634

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DATE & TIME:

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
8:00am - 2:00pm

LOCATION:

Norton Younglove Community Center
459 Center Street
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Date & Time

March 11th @ 11:00 am

LOCATION:

Norton Younglove Community Center
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National Consumer Protection Week

OPEN HOUSE

“Survive Today’s Economy: Avoid ID Theft and Fraudulent Schemes” Riverside Main Post Office 4150 Chicago Ave.

March 5, 2009 10am - 2pm

During National Consumer Protection Week, an Inspector from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service will be available at your local post office from 10am - 2pm. They will be sharing information regarding identity theft and fraudulent schemes. You will be provided with the tools and information needed to combat these frauds.

The California State Department of Consumer Affairs will be available, at selected post offices, to assist you with any consumer issues or concerns. Educational handouts will be available.

A representative from USPS Consumer Affairs Department will be on hand to address any postal concerns and answer any questions regarding our products and services.

Highgrove United Methodist Church

We are living in very difficult economic times. We hear alarming stories of banks that fail, businesses that close, and people who lose their jobs. It is very distressing to hear of people who lose their homes.

In recent weeks we have even heard of people who have taken their own lives and the lives of their loved ones because they lost all hope.

At Highgrove UMC, hope is at the center of what we believe. We believe in a divine presence with us even through the hardships of life. We also believe in the One who can turn our disappointments into opportunities. We believe in God who is the Lord and Giver of life. We, therefore, seek to let God be our guide and to show us the way through the darkness, the failures, and the loss.

With this in mind, we are inviting our Highgrove Community to join us in a prayer vigil **every Thursday in the month of March beginning at 6 p.m.** We will light candles and pray outside our church on the corner of Center and Prospect. Our candle lights will shine in the darkness as a symbol of hope. Hope for Highgrove! Hope for the U.S.A! Hope for the world!

Please join us every Thursday this month as we stand together during these very difficult times.

“Highgrove United Methodist Church in service with the community since 1890” 938 Center Street-Highgrove, Ca., 92507



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Wednesday April 15, 2009
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Or call us at(951) 341-6634



RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

Nutrition Info Van



Is coming to

**Norton Younglove
Community Center**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

7:30a.m.-9:00a.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.

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Ron Cruz, President Riverside Highgrove PONY

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF

Deputy Bryan Vig Stats :

No Felony Arrests	0	Citations	17
Misdemeanors	11	Arrest warrants served	10

Phone Number for the Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 (Non emergency)

Hot line tips for Highgrove Deputy Bryan Vig: (951) 955-2611



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HIGHGROVE REVITALIZATION TEAM

Agency Divisions



Parks & Trails

A series of multi-purpose trails with intermittent pocket parks
 Natural soil surface perhaps utilizing poly-pavement soil stabilizer

- Landscaping in high visibility areas
- Small "pocket parks" at regular intervals
- Trail entry points at each neighborhood

Promotes physical activity and community awareness

A non-motorized means of connecting historic Highgrove with new neighborhoods along Gage Canal

Park Facilities

Current: Highgrove Community Center & Park

Future: Spring Mountain Park

Future: Spring Brook Sports Park

The Highgrove Community Revitalization Workgroup, made up of 16 staff members from various divisions of the Economic Development Agency (EDA), with the assistance of the Arroyo Group and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Counsel has undertaken the task of developing a comprehensive revitalization and urban renewal strategy for the Highgrove Community

Utilizing intra-divisional and inter-divisional resources, as set forth in the guidelines by the Goals and Objectives team, and through a series of extensive weekly discussions, we have assessed the current levels of services, programs and projects in the community and identified the core needs, challenges and potential community partners and private investors.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!!!

DESIGN GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

WORKSHOP April 22, 2009

We need your input! Tell us what you value!

Cultural/Historic Treasures

Landscape Parkway Design

(i.e. signs, lights, plants, trees, art, benches, trash cans, etc..)

Parks and Trails Architectural Styles

(i.e. Victorian, Craftsman, etc..)

Community

(i.e. Pedestrian friendly, family oriented, safe routes to schools, etc..)

email your pictures or ideas to

brendasalas@rivcoeda.org

no later than March 24th, 2009



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PIGEON PASS ROAD

CORRIDOR PROJECT

see story on right



OVERVIEW

The Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, together with the Cities of Moreno Valley and Grand Terrace, are proposing a project to extend and realign Pigeon Pass Road from Hidden Springs Drive in Moreno Valley to Mount Vernon Avenue in Grand Terrace. The project would be a four lane, divided, limited-access arterial. Approximately 5 miles of improvements are planned. The intent of the Pigeon Pass Road improvement project is to increase safety and improve circulation within the area, as well as reduce traffic congestion on roadways between the counties. The agencies recognize the importance of retaining the rural character of the area (context-sensitive design), while at the same time increasing safety and improving access and circulation.

The project team includes agency representatives from areas surrounding the project including the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino and the Cities of Colton, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Moreno Valley, Redlands, Riverside and San Bernardino.

BACKGROUND

In 1999 and 2000, the County of Riverside performed the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP) including the associated Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) that integrated land use, transportation and environmental planning into a coordinated blueprint for Riverside County. One of the areas studied in CETAP was inter-county connectivity between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This study area was known as the Moreno Valley to San Bernardino County Corridor.

One of the specific improvement alternatives identified in the CETAP studies was the widening, paving and realignment of existing Pigeon Pass Road and its connection with either Center Street or Main Street in the City of Grand Terrace. Extension of Pigeon Pass Road was considered necessary to help meet the needs of inter-county circulating. The CETAP studies also identified enhancements to Reche Canyon Road, east of Pigeon Pass Road, as another necessary inter-county corridor improvement. The widening of Interstate 215 (I-215) is an additional priority for improving inter-county travel. The Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, together with the Cities of Moreno Valley and Grand Terrace, are jointly carrying the Pigeon Pass Road improvement project forward into preliminary engineering and environmental analysis. The Riverside County Transportation Department is serving as the Lead Agency.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been executed by the participating agencies pledging to simultaneously advance the planning and design of both the Pigeon Pass Road and Reche Canyon Road projects to address traffic growth, local access and inter-county travel needs. Public involvement and input will continue to be a critical component of the planning study process.

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For a clearer picture of this proposed plan go to:
<http://www.rctlma.org/trans/Pigeon%20Pass%20Overview.html>

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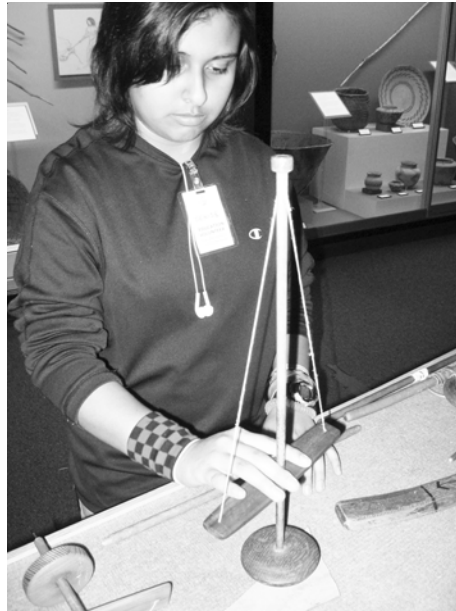
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Gadgets and Gizmos on display at museum

The San Bernardino County Museum has a very interesting display of old inventions, machines and gadgets and gizmos from the past. Many of us now take our cell phones for granted and think nothing of using these small devices as a camera, GPS or testing others. These present modern day inventions are the result of the electronic revolution in technology that we are now undergoing but there were many ideas and inventions that preceded our modern conveniences. Many of these old items are on display and should be seen by all age groups. The interesting part for me is that I remember some of these items as being usable when I was a youngster, before I reached geezerhood!

The museum is accessible from the California St. exit off the I-10 freeway and is located north of the freeway and east of California St. at 2024 Orange Tree Lane in Redlands. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Children 5-12 are \$4.00.



Denise Martinez, Educational volunteer showing how an early drill was made using a string that caused the up and down motion of her right hand to convert into a spinning motion to drill a hole.

For more information please call (909) 307 2669 or visit www.sbcountymuseum.org

Explore Blue Mountain !



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DATE: Sunday, March 15, 2009

TIME: 8 AM - 11 AM

WHERE: Blue Mountain at Palm St. and Honey Hills Dr.

INTENSITY OF HIKE: Low to moderate near bottom of mountain; intensity increases mid-way to top.

PARKING: In City Hall parking lot (south entrance off Palm) and on Palm Ave. and Honey Hill Dr.

The Friends of Blue Mountain, together with the City of Grand Terrace and the Foundation of Grand Terrace, invite you to join them for a hike up Blue Mountain.

Pets, and llamas are welcome on the hike as long as they are kept on a leash and owners are able to clean up after them.

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Rescue at Sea

Author unknown

Years ago, in a small fishing village in Holland, a young boy taught the world about the rewards of unselfish service. Because the entire village revolved around the fishing industry, a volunteer rescue team was needed in case of emergency. One night the winds raged, the clouds burst and a gale force storm capsized a fishing boat at sea. Stranded and in trouble the crew sent out the S.O.S. The captain of the rescue rowboat team sounded the alarm and the villagers assembled in the town square overlooking the bay. While the team launched their rowboat and fought their way through the wild waves, the villagers waited restlessly on the beach, holding lanterns to light the way back.

An hour later, the rescue boat reappeared through the fog and the cheering villagers ran to greet them. Falling exhausted on the sand the volunteers reported that the rescue boat could not hold any more passengers and they had to leave one man behind. Even one more passenger would have surely capsized the rescue boat and all would have been lost.



Frantically, the captain called for another volunteer team to go after the lone survivor. Sixteen year old Hans stepped forward. His mother grabbed his arm, pleading, "Please don't go! Your father died in a shipwreck 10 years ago and your older brother Paul has been lost at sea for 3 weeks. Hans, you are all I have left!"

Hans replied, "Mother, this time I have to do my duty. When the call for service comes, we all need to take our turn and do our part." Hans kissed his mother, joined the team and disappeared into the night.

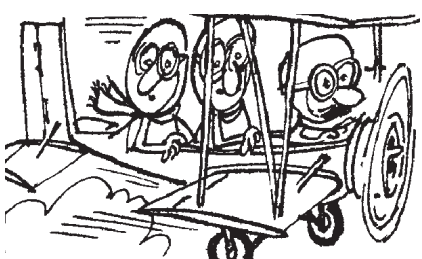
Another hour passed, which seemed to Hans' mother like an eternity. Finally, the rescue boat darted through the fog with Hans standing up on the bow. Cupping his hands, the captain called, "Did you find the lost man?" Barely able to contain himself, Hans yelled back "Yes, we found him. Tell my mother it's my older brother Paul"

Thanks to Bob from Axiom pest control for the article.

Last Months winner



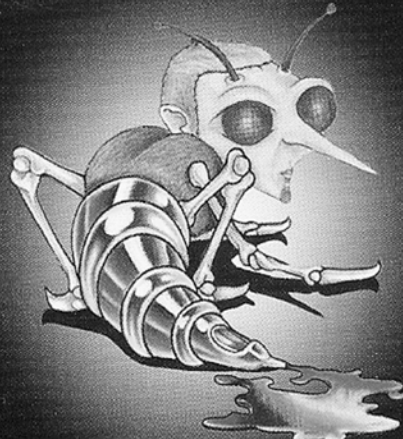
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Property cleared at Spring St. and Garfield Avenue



The old blue colored house that was located on the corner of Spring St. and Garfield Ave. has been demolished. On Feb. 15, 2009 we were passing by and noticed that everything on the property was a total mess. In addition to the house being bull-dozed, an old motor home and small trailer were sitting out near the north side of Spring St. and they were a mess too!

Both vehicles and the house have since been removed and this property is now cleaned up.

The property was formerly owned by Victoria Homes Inc. but is now owned by A W Properties West, LLC. I received a call from the current property owner regarding what use of this property, and other properties in the area that they own, should be pursued to improve our community and address our needs.

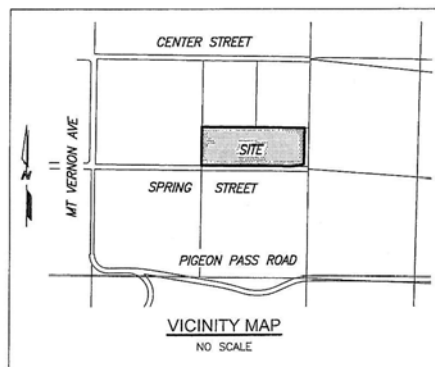
I contacted Chuck Beaty who is a member of the Riverside Unified School District to see if there may be an interest in using the property at the corner of Spring St. and Garfield Ave. for expansion of the Highgrove Elementary School that is located just north of this vacant property.

I received a reply and a map showing the location of a 10 acre parcel that has been set aside for another

K-6 elementary school north of Spring St. and east of Mt. Vernon Ave. in the Spring Mountain Ranch area.

I remember this location being named the Helen Keller Elementary School but I understand that the latest name will be the Maxine Frost Elementary School.

With the Spring Mountain Ranch homes delay and other zoning changes that have happened in Highgrove, I wanted to be assured that this land is still going to be a new school site some day.



Future school site in Highgrove?

I also suggested that the property they own on the north east corner of Center St. and Mt. Vernon would be a good location for a shopping center that would provide services to our community. Many of our tax dollars are going to Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County instead of staying in Riverside County due to no services.



This old motorhome was sitting next to Spring St. and had been completely trashed. It was pulled out by the street so the county could tow it away.



This old trailer is a good example of trailer trash or in this case- trashed trailer! The property has been an eyesore for a long time but fortunately the house set back from both streets and these 2 vehicles were behind the house.

We thank A W Properties and Riverside County for cleaning up this location.

Cooley Ranch/Colton



Tree lined, cul-de-sac street. Nice entry, brick fireplace in living room. Four inch baseboards, custom molding, painted in custom colors, ceiling fans in family room, wood like flooring (vinyl), mini blinds, formal dining room with view of pool sized backyard. Huge covered patio, length of house. Wonderful floor plan shows great. Two blocks from Cooley Elementary School and shopping. Minutes to LLU & Redlands. Easy access to 215 & 10 fwy, great for Pomona or LA commuter.

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Tour of Highgrove Feb. 18, 2009



Brenda Salas from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency was the driver when a tour was made in and around Highgrove. Supervisor Marion Ashley's office was represented by Jaime Hurtado, The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council included Denis Kidd and Melanie Zimmermann, Jane Block was there from the Riverside Land Conservancy as well as Highgrove resident and former PAC member Beatrice Etchison, Shopoff Group representative, Brian Rupp, and a member of the Friends of Blue Mountain, Joe Nerio, and Ed Demuth.



L-R Jaime Hurtado, Denis Kidd, Beatrice Etchison, Ed Demuth, Brian Rupp (behind Ed.), Joe Nerio, Brenda Salas and Jane Block.
Photo by Melanie Zimmermann.

It was pretty muddy that day but they made their way around to view the various important locations to take a look at what Highgrove needs and wants. They visited locations such as the Spring Mountain Ranch area where the new homes are planned, the new stop sign that is located at Mt. Vernon and Pigeon Pass Road, and other places such as the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove. The above photo shows Denis Kidd at the end of Villa St. making his point to Jaime Hurtado from Supervisor Ashley's office near the location that is wanted for a Metrolink stop!

Las Vegas shark tube



On a recent trip to Las Vegas to celebrate our anniversary, Ardie's birthday and Valentine's Day, we stayed downtown at the Golden Nugget instead of staying on the strip where we usually stay. The pool area has a large aquarium that has a clear tube running through it that is part of the water slide. When swimmers go down the water slide they go through the aquarium in a clear plastic tube right next to the sharks and other large fish and end up in the swimming pool. Not too many swimmers were using the tube because the weather was still pretty cool. But can you imagine what this is like for the shark when dinner goes scooting by and he can't get to it. It's kind of like going past a drive through at 50 MPH. Zoom-There goes dinner!

Ron, my brother and Geri, Ardie's sister went with us and we went to the new Winn casino and the Encore and also had lunch with my brother's nephew Tim, who showed us around town.

Geri and Ardie's classmates from their home town of Orange City, Iowa have a winter residence in Boulder and we met them for lunch the next day. We also met our old time dance instructor Marty Martin formerly from Redlands who now lives in Las Vegas with her sister Libby. We went to Sam's town to meet up with them and had a great time there too!

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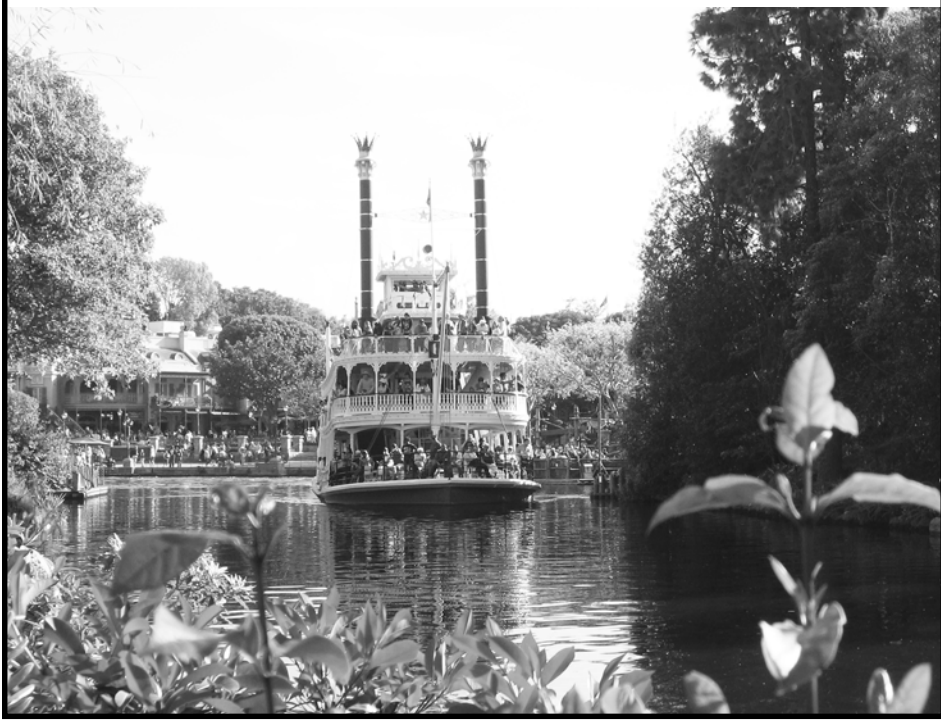
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Disneyland Family Fun Day

The day after we returned from Las Vegas we went to Disneyland. My daughter Sharon was here from Seattle, Wash., Beverly and her husband Rob and our grandson Kipp came from Phelan, Mike and our 2 granddaughters, Roxie and Cheyenne, came from Highland and my youngest son Billy came from Oceanside, but Brenda (Mike's wife) couldn't get off work. Finally my 4 grown children were all able to be in one place at the same time. When the 5 of us went in the T-cups we tried to see how fast we could go and they decided if anyone threw-up they would aim for dad! We spent the whole day with our family group of 10 but our grandson Josh could not come from Seattle. Sometimes we went in different directions but we stayed in touch via cell phones. Aren't these modern devices convenient? This time we did things that we haven't done before such as Tom Sawyer's Island, and riding the paddleboat. Ardie went on the Matterhorn bobsled ride with our granddaughter Roxie and we all really had a good time.

All of this playing around caused a rush to get the March issue ready but the family time was unforgettable! When Ardie's kids and grandkids were here last summer from Iowa we went to Universal Studios, Disneyland, Sea World and had a really good family time with our relatives from the mid-west.

I thought retirement meant spending a lot of time in a rocking chair!



got bones?

by Dr Cynthia Williams, Chiropractor

Each year, thousands of people suffer serious injuries and even die from injuries they sustain at home. I was reminded of this fact recently when a friend fell while carrying a ceramic dish and cut her hand which required 6 stitches, a student cut his hand on a kitchen knife at home and another student pulled her back cleaning at home. Home injuries are one the most common injuries I have seen, and are the most preventable. I will confess right here and now- I have had my share of them. I will also confess that some of mine were preventable. Understanding how to recognize potential injuries will keep you safer. Here are the top 10 types of activities that cause injuries I have seen (or experienced- see if you can guess which ones!) and ways to prevent them.

10. Painting walls and ceilings

Neck and upper back strains are common. Taking frequent breaks from looking up and doing upper back and shoulder stretches before, during and after this activity can eliminate or minimize the painful outcome.

9. Climbing on the truck tail-gate

If you are a shorter person, you might want to use a stepladder. Make sure the tailgate is level and not wobbly. If you get in the back of a truck frequently, install sturdy handles to grip. Don't grab any part with dirty or sweaty hands. Clear the area around the back and side of the truck "just in case" you fall so you don't land on something that will make your injury worse. And don't jump off the back. Sit down and get off. The "sissy way"? Yes, but it prevents strain and serious injuries to your knees and ankles.

8. Mowing the lawn

Don't let the grass get too tall or it will take much more effort to push

the mower. If it does get too tall, mow in short, slow pushes instead of trying to plow through the grass. Mow the lawn when it is dry and it will be easier to push the mower. If you use a mulching mower, you won't need to use the grass catcher bag or have to lean over and pull the awkwardly placed, heavy bag and empty it.

7. Moving furniture

Use gliders under the feet of heavy pieces of furniture. Gliders can be purchased or you can improvise with pieces of cardboard (works well on carpet), small pieces of carpet (turn loop-side down- this works well on floors), a throw rug, blanket or large towel will help you easily push the item. Get a helper and share the load! When trying to get a large, heavy piece of furniture placed against a wall, sit on the floor and use your feet to push it. If it is a tall piece, be sure to have a helper "spot" it and make sure it won't fall over on you!

6. Vacuuming

Try to stand as tall as possible and avoid leaning over the carpet. Instead of the repetitive back and forth motion that is common, move your vacuum slowly over the carpet in one direction then move the vacuum slowly over the carpet in the crosswise direction, letting the vacuum work as it was intended, sucking up the dirt. Using just your arm and shoulder to push the vacuum will strain them. Put your body into it with easy lunges to push the vacuum.

5. Using a kitchen knife

Put your cutting board on a damp towel or nonskid mat to prevent it from slipping on the counter. Make sure your knife hand is dry so the knife doesn't slip. Consider using a "cut

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Large pipe not usable now but will be needed for future trail system!



A 12 foot diameter pipe has been installed under the new dirt roadway that was created across the arroyo during the construction of the new large warehouses on the north side of Citrus Street. This view is on the east side of the new road.



The purpose of the pipe is for a future trail in this area to provide the safe passage of animals and people who want to use the trail system that is being planned. However, at this time the huge pipe does not go under the railroad track. The pipe ends between the new dirt landfill road and the BNSF RR tracks main lines.

Rufus Barkley of Riverside Commercial Investors, who owns the property, said that the large pipe will be sealed at both ends and covered with dirt to prevent access until arrangements are made to extend the pipe under the railroad tracks. The photo above shows where the pipe comes out on the west side of the dirt road next to the railroad tracks. Mr. Barkley said that there is another 48 inch pipe under the dirt road and railroad tracks for water drainage.



Jane Block is standing inside one of the extra pieces of pipe to show its size!



Another project in the arroyo north of the new warehouses on Citrus St. is the removal of dead vegetation in the Spring Brook Wash arroyo. This is part of Riverside Commercial Investors efforts to clean and replant the arroyo with new vegetation that is native to the area. This view is looking south across the arroyo to the back of the new warehouses on Citrus Street. Directly behind the photographer is the 19 acre parcel of vacant land that has been mentioned so many times in reference to the land that is needed for the curved track that will connect the Perris Valley Line RR to the BNSF RR and where a Highgrove Metrolink station stop is wanted and needed. The dirt roadway across the arroyo is scheduled to be paved soon, when the parking lot for the new warehouses are paved.

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Highlights of comments to RCTC Feb. 26, 2009

On Feb. 11, 2009

2 packets were turned into RCTC

1. Resolutions and letters of support since 2001.

2. 37 articles from the "Highgrove Happenings" from June 2001 to Feb. 2009.

Questions: How are these 2 documents given to the commissioners after they were turned in on Feb. 11, 2009? Have any commissioners read these 2 items?

PAST REASONS FOR CONCERN: (Decisions made by the former Executive Director)

On Aug. 16, 2004: I gave Thirty (30) packets to RCTC for distribution to Commissioners but these packets were not given to the commissioners for 14 months They contained important information, including City resolutions and other documents supporting the Highgrove location.

(Other problems under previous Executive Director):

Nov. 8, 2006: A tour was requested by bus, to show the commissioners the Highgrove location.

Nov. 28, 2006: The tour was made via 2 hi-rail cars on the same day of the Board of Supervisors meeting and none of the 5 Supervisors, who are also Commissioners, could go that day! And the 2 hi-rail cars did not even stop at Highgrove! (Other past problems) SCAG's Highgrove "**FEASIBILITY STUDY**" STOPPED BY FORMER DIRECTOR:

April 4, 2007: SANBAG voted to: "**Reconsider the matter based upon the results of the SCAG feasibility study**" But on the following day

April 5, 2007: The former RCTC Executive Director went to LA and stopped the independent SCAG feasibility study, (Tape recording available)

Timeline:

June 11, 2003: (5 years 8 months ago), Supervisor Ashley made a motion that: "**Directed Staff to explore acquisition of additional right-of-way for a future Highgrove station to serve the Inland Empire/ Orange County Line**"

Question: Why wasn't this done years ago? Now only 19 acres of the 35 acres are still vacant.

Stimulus money, Redevelopment money or any other taxes money should be spent wisely. Please don't use tax money to purchase 2 properties when only 1 is needed! One parcel in Highgrove will serve 2 purposes and 3 destinations. This property is needed for the curved track to get to Riverside, and for a Metrolink platform where trains already exist. And Highgrove is in the middle of the triangle between Riverside, San Bernardino and Perris. No tax dollars need to be spent in the courts by using eminent domain to purchase property at Palmyrita where a giant warehouse is under construction, no room for parking, and there are no commuter trains.

THE HIGHGROVE LOCATION BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY IN THE PAST BUT NOW IT IS TIME TO CORRECT THESE MISTAKES! The 19 acres of vacant land are still "For Sale"!

The notice in the Press Enterprise (Feb. 25, 2009) states: "Environmental studies are available: at the RCTC office,

Riverside Library, Moreno Valley Library and Perris Library.

Question: We have a library in Highgrove. Why didn't the Highgrove library get copy?

Our goal is not to stop commuter trains from running on the Perris Valley Line but we want the station stop located where it is the most practical, cost effective, and will serve the most riders. HIGHGROVE IS THAT LOCATION! R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Information can be seen on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net or call (951) 683 4994

After the Feb. 11, 2009 public hearing was closed, the Commissioners had several comments about the concerns from the public.

Supervisor/Commissioner **Marion Ashley** said he supports the Perris Valley Line and thought the comments made by Denis Kidd, Don Earp and "Barney", were "sensible, reasonable and farsighted". He also said they need to "look at this strongly because it makes a lot sense but he does not want to endanger the stimulus money for this project".

Commissioner **Mary Crayton** from Canyon Lake stated that she was not satisfied why Highgrove has

not been considered and that they never went to Highgrove to look at the property. She stated they should consider the property in Highgrove.

Commissioner **Roger Berg** from Beaumont said the Highgrove station may have some merit, more parking is needed and gridlock will only get worse. He said "everyone has to give and take, and that "Barney" has a good idea and it is something to look at.

Commissioner **James Potts** from San Jacinto said it is the right project for the right time and it would open up other areas where seniors could go instead of just driving locally.

Commissioner **Robin Lowe** from Hemet recognized the amount of work that has been done on this project and said they need to revisit this idea.

Supervisor/Commissioner **Jeff Stone** was sympathetic to the concerns of those living near the track and said that the I-215 is reaching capacity and that people need to get out of their cars, onto the trains and to their destination. He also ask for an extension in receiving written comments from the public.

Written comments will be received until April 8, 2009 for the Highgrove Metrolink. Address them to Edda Rosso, RCTC, P. O. Box 12008, Riverside, Ca. 92502-2208 and send a copy of your letter to highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Where is all this \$\$\$stimulus Money coming from?

Folks, no kidding. It doesn't make any difference who is President; it is Congress that collects and spends the money. Now, where is all this stimulus money coming from? There is a far more important question that needs to be answered than the first question and it is: Who is getting ALL this money and under what conditions?

According to the world economy, we are the richest country in the world. Our Congress has access to literally trillions of dollars. However, there is a downside. All the talking heads in the media are getting you to focus on the stimulus package and not where the money is coming from. Plus, one indicator that a country is broke or going broke is the strength of their dollar on the open market. Right now we are in deep trouble with the rest of the world. Just for starters: we owe China nearly one trillion dollars. So you can see the zeros, that is: \$1,000,000,000,000.

Income tax makes up only nineteen percent of the money that Congress collects. There are import/export taxes which add another seven percent and then there are treasury notes. Congress, or the Federal Reserve, which is uncontrollable and should have never been created in the first place, generates the most dollars for Congress to spend. You can thank Franklin Roosevelt for this one. Plus, they can dictate the value of our dollar. Therefore, the silver Certificates that were once in circulation are worthless. And, you can thank President Nixon for taking us off the gold standard.

Also, there seems to be some confusion on the price of a barrel of oil and the price at the pump. For example, in

the late 1950's, oil was \$35.00 a barrel but at the pump it was less than .21 cents a gallon. A barrel of oil is now about \$35.00 a barrel but we are paying over \$2.00 a gallon. Why? Have you ever checked how much of the price of gas goes to taxes for Congress?

What about the five cents that was added to a gallon of gas years ago to fix the bad roads and bridges in America. Well, we still have bad roads and bridges but congress gets the money. We use up over 1,000 barrels of oil per SECOND. Now, do the math. One barrel of oil generates 33 gallons of gas. And Congress collects five cents per gallon or 33,000 gallons of gas at 5 cents per gallon or \$1,650 per second in just the road tax. My math computations tell me that it is over \$1.4 Billion per day.

Now, without looking at the budget, special programs, or whatever, the money flow to Congress is constant. And there is money they get we don't even know about or they have to account for. So why are we in trouble and need this so called "stimulus" package? Politics and greed. Years ago an accountant calculated that an executive or an athlete should make about 15 times what the average worker makes. If you can remember, Mickey Mantle got \$100,000 for signing with the Yankees and it was front page news all over the world. I know you are not going to believe me, but the rate now of an executive or athlete to the average worker is 400 times the average pay!!

This doesn't include bonuses, rip off investment schemes, or the under the table money that is made from drugs. They say that the Miami, Florida economy is dependent almost 85 per-

cent on drug money. Yet, we keep it illegal and therefore the profits go higher and higher and the gangs get meaner and meaner. Same thing with tobacco and alcohol. Cigarettes in America are around \$5.00 a pack because of the lawsuits yet they are making a profit. A pack of Winston's in China cost twenty five cents. Go figure.

In closing, we are a wealthy country but only 4 percent of our population gets the money. The rest of us have to compete for a dollar. So, next time you see or hear someone talking about the

"stimulus" package, tune them out. What we want to know is: who is really getting the money-Really!

And our great grandkids will shoulder the responsibility for paying back all this money which we really already have.

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PIGEON PASS ROAD (continued from page 5)

LOCATION

The proposed project is located southeast of the City of Grand Terrace and north of the City of Moreno Valley, generally within an unincorporated portion of northwestern Riverside County. The northern end of the project is approximately 1.5 miles east of I-215 and the southern end of the project is approximately 3.0 miles north of State Route 60 (SR60).

NEED - WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

The project is needed to address north-south mobility between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and to increase safety and improve access and circulation throughout the project area. Failure to address the situation will result in further deterioration of inter-county mobility. Specific transportation problems and issues that exist within this area include:

- Existing and projected population and employment within this corridor will further increase the burden on existing transportation facilities
- Difficult access to and from communities in Moreno Valley and Grand Terrace
- Heavy congestion on the I-215/SR60 freeway is projected to increase significantly over the next 20 years
- Employment and goods movement needs at March Air Reserve Base and Loma Linda Hospital are expected to increase significantly over the next 20 years
- Indirect and limited transit service between Moreno Valley and San Bernardino County

BENEFITS - WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS PROJECT?

The Pigeon Pass Road Corridor Project would provide an alternative north-south connection between Moreno Valley and Grand Terrace. Local traffic would have a more direct route between these communities instead of circling around to the south and west on the freeway system. Implementation of this transportation improvement project will result in numerous mobility benefits. The project is expected to:

- Increase safety on the existing highway network
- Reduce peak period travel times between the connected communities
- Reduce congestion and improve existing and future operations on existing north-south routes
- Improve transit opportunities
- Protect the existing community character and environment
- Improve the reliability of travel and access to the existing highway network
- Enhance emergency access and reduce emergency response times for areas served by the local circulation network.

FUNDING

The project will be funded from local funding sources. These funding sources include development fees from both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The program in Riverside County is known as the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) program, which was created to fund improvements intended to mitigate traffic congestion due to development within western Riverside County.

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glove" on the hand that is holding the food. These gloves are a miracle in that they will prevent most cuts if a knife gets to your holding hand. Use only sharp knives; dull knives create too much work and will cause a knife to slip. Use the right knife for the job; or use kitchen shears for some jobs. Kitchen shears are great for cutting chicken, vegetables, fruits, and other foods.

4. Draining hot water

Do not pour the water out too fast or it may splash back out towards you! Run cold water in the sink at the same time and it will help tame the steam that can block your vision or steam up your glasses. Use hot pads that are large enough to protect your hands. If the pot is very large and heavy, use a long-handled sauce pot to drain off some of the water before you pick up the pot, same thing for filling this large pot. This will help prevent upper back, shoulder and neck injuries from lifting a heavy pot.

3. Scrubbing the bathtub

Consider using a dedicated toilet brush or a sponge mop to avoid leaning and reaching into the tub. Have your kids scrub down their bathtub ring before they drain the tub. This will help reduce your cleanup later. You can also

get in the bathtub to avoid reaching the walls around the bathtub. Make sure you do not use sprays or cleaners that are slippery! Wear slip resistant shoes in the tub or stand on a mat to avoid slipping in the tub.

2. Mopping the floor

Do not use too much water or lean over too far as you are mopping. If you are tall and the mop handle is short and you have to lean over, change it out for an extending pole handle. The corners and edges are the hardest to clean. Cover your sponge mop with a few layers of tulle netting to give your mop more scrubbing ability. Wear shoes that have slip resistant soles.

1. Trips, slips and falls are one of the most common injuries in the home. Liquids, toys, and throw rugs can all be potential hazards. Start by turning on the lights before you walk through a room- scout it and look for those hazards. Clean up liquids, pick up toys and repurpose and replace slippery throw rugs (see tip #7).

Keeping an eye out for hazards, slowing down, and changing the methods you do things can prevent many potential serious injuries or even death.

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Celebrity Golf Tournament will be hosted by Family Service Association on Monday, March 23rd

Family Service Association (FSA) will host an Inaugural, Celebrity, Golf Tournament on Monday, March 23rd, 2009 at the Victoria Club at 2521 Arroyo Drive in Riverside. All proceeds will go toward FSA's Senior Nutrition Program to help feed seniors in need.

Derrel Thomas, formerly of the Los Angeles Dodgers, will be the celebrity host for the event. Thomas has been a World Champion and has advocated on behalf of under-privileged and at-risk-youth and their families.

Additional invited celebrity players include: Ron Brown, Bobby Castillo, Anthony Davis, Tommy Davis, Marvin Horn, Derrell Jackson, Rudy Law, Aaron Pryor, Leonard Russell, Mark Seay, Kenny Landreaux and Leroy Irving.

The tournament will feature a Shotgun Shamble, a Tournament Play Buffet, an Awards Ceremony, Live Entertainment, an Opportunity Drawing and a Live Auction.

Check-in and a Putting Contest will begin at 9 a.m., a Shotgun Start will begin at 11 a.m. and an Awards Dinner will follow at 4 p.m. Cost is \$150 per individual, \$600 per foursome and \$50 to attend the awards dinner.

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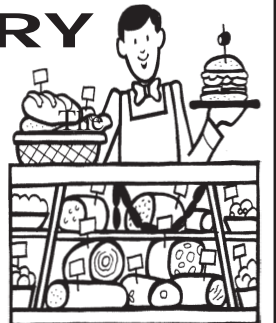
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