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Singer's duet heard 'round the world

Riverside's Sarah Horn does an impromptu performance at the Hollywood Bowl that earns 1.7 million YouTube views in days

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Riverside native Sarah Horn has performed on dozens of stages, but Friday, Aug. 23, she sang on one of the most famous — the Hollywood Bowl's. After volunteering from the audience for that unexpected, impromptu duet with Broadway star Kristin Chenoweth, the world has become her stage.

By Monday afternoon, the video of the vocal instructor performing "For Good" from "Wicked" — posted by pal Mike Kestler, who filmed her performance on his cellphone — had racked up 1.7 million views on YouTube and Horn was barraged by interview requests.

"I had been saying, 'This isn't happening; this isn't real,'" Horn, 26, said during a Monday interview.

Friday's performance sparked a standing ovation. On Sunday, Horn started fielding congratulatory calls from people she didn't know. Her Facebook inbox was filled with messages from around the world. On Monday, "Inside Edition" sent a car for Horn and Kestler for a TV taping. And the congratulatory chorus isn't over yet.

"I started to realize it was going to be big when immediately after the show, people started mobbing Sarah," Kestler said.

Horn has a magnetic smile but describes herself as an introvert when not on stage. The 2005 Riverside Poly grad said God brought her here. SEE **SINGER/A5**



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Sarah Horn, of Riverside, left, performed with Tony winner Kristin Chenoweth at the Hollywood Bowl on Friday, Aug. 23. The video of the performance has gone viral.

Inland folks reflect on momentous 1963 march

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Woodie Rucker-Hughes still has a vivid image of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivering his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech at the 1963 March on Washington.

The Riverside woman was near the front of the crowd of 250,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial 50 years ago, Wednesday, Aug. 28.

King appeared tired, she recalled. But there was no weariness in King's voice once he began talking about his dream.

"It was God-inspired," Rucker-Hughes said of the speech. "He was speaking the truth. He was speaking what many people felt for years but no one had known how to express." SEE **MARCH/A5**

Water source threatened



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Firefighters gained some ground Monday against the flames threatening San Francisco's water supply and several towns near Yosemite National Park.

As wildfire ash falls on Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, San Francisco officials move supplies quickly to reservoirs near the city

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TUOLUMNE CITY — A raging wildfire in Yosemite National Park rained ash on the reservoir that is the chief source of San Francisco's famously pure drinking water, and utility officials Monday scrambled to send more water toward the metropolitan area before it becomes tainted. Nearly 3,700 firefighters battled the nearly 230-square-mile blaze,

the biggest wildfire on record in the Sierra Nevada. They reported modest progress, saying the fire was 15 percent contained.

"We're not there yet, but we're starting to get a little bit of a handle on this thing," said Lee Bentley, fire spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service. "It's been a real tiger. He's been going around trying to bite its own tail, and it won't let go but we'll get there."

Utility officials monitored the clarity of the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and used a massive new \$4.6 billion gravity-operated pipeline system to move water quickly. SEE **WILDFIRE/A6**



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The Colton Crossing as seen from Mt. Vernon Avenue looking west in Colton on Friday, Aug. 23. Transportation officials on Wednesday will celebrate the completion of the Colton Crossing, a \$96.7 million overpass that separates where two major railroads meet.

Colton Crossing ends bottleneck

The overpass means the two rail lines no longer cross and stops are no longer needed

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When a second set of railroad tracks was first proposed to cross through Colton in 1883, it took armed guards and the intervention of California's governor to get the line built.

Virgil Earp — brother of Wyatt — stood with a gun in hand in front of a halted locomotive to block the construction. But he backed down after Gov. Robert Waterman ordered the San Bernardino County sheriff to enforce an order allowing the new tracks to cross through an existing line.

Relations between the Union Pacific and BNSF, the two railroad companies that now operate the lines, have been decidedly better in the years since. But the Colton Crossing created other problems — rail and vehicle traffic delays, noise and pollution — as the lines became some of Southern California's busiest railroad corridors.

Transportation officials hope all



A BNSF train approaches "The Diamond", where the two railroad tracks once crossed in Colton.



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that is behind them now that a new overpass has opened on Sunday, Aug. 25. Local, state, federal and railroad officials will celebrate the completion of the project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday morning, Aug. 28.

It took years of planning to come to an agreement on the scope and cost of the project, but once construction began the work was completed in less than two years and at

half the projected budget. At the intersection, trains were forced to stop and wait for each other to clear the crossing, often creating miles-long freight backups that extended into neighboring cities and caused waits as long as 50 minutes.

The 1.4-mile overpass raises Union Pacific's east-west tracks 43 feet. SEE **COLTON/A5**

School official admits sex with boys

Assistant Principal Erin Henton, 45, pleads guilty to having sex with students at Tahquitz High School; she'll serve a year in jail

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A former assistant principal at a Hemet high school pleaded guilty Monday, Aug. 26, to three felony counts of having sex with boys who were students at the school. Erin Renee Henton, 45, who

worked at Tahquitz High School, has been in jail since her April arrest. She was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Monday afternoon at the Southwest Justice Center in French Valley but instead pleaded guilty as part of an agreement with prosecutors.

Henton was sentenced to a year in jail and three years' probation. She was ordered to attend Alcoholics Anonymous and Sex Addicts Anonymous, not to take any job involving supervision of minors and to undergo counseling. SEE **OFFICIAL/A6**



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Erin Henton, 45, of Hemet, sits in court Monday, Aug. 26, with attorney Stephen Cline. Henton pleaded guilty to three counts of having sex with minor students.

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