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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

April, 2009



PIGEON PASS ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

(Ref: Pigeon Pass Road Project 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.

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.

Main St. or Center St. connection ?

Editor's opinion: By R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Center St. is already the major street through Highgrove and is not capable of handling more east/west traffic. When the Bixby warehouses are built, Center St. will be the only route the trucks can use to and from the freeway. Any trucks using Spring St. would only be permitted to travel eastward on Spring St. because of a currently a restriction on Prospect Ave. where there is no westward outlet for trucks over 6 tons. Trucks going eastward on Spring St. would be going in the opposite direction of the I-215 freeway. Michigan Ave. also has a 7 ton limit restriction that is currently in place.

More traffic through Highgrove on Center St. between Moreno Valley and the I-215 freeway will be detrimental to all residents in Highgrove especially since the Elementary School, Fire Sta-

tion and other historically significant buildings are all on Center Street. Center St. already has traffic problems when school gets out and parents pick up their children and it is even worse when freight trains often block the Center Street grade crossing.

Using Main St. for the Pigeon Pass Corridor connection will help relieve traffic through Highgrove that is created by surrounding cities such as Grand Terrace and Moreno Valley and others who just want to take a short cut from Pigeon Pass to the I-215 freeway. It is not fair to put even more traffic right through the heart of Highgrove via Center St. that is created by other cities in both counties.

The Pigeon Pass Corridor should connect to Main St. not Center Street!

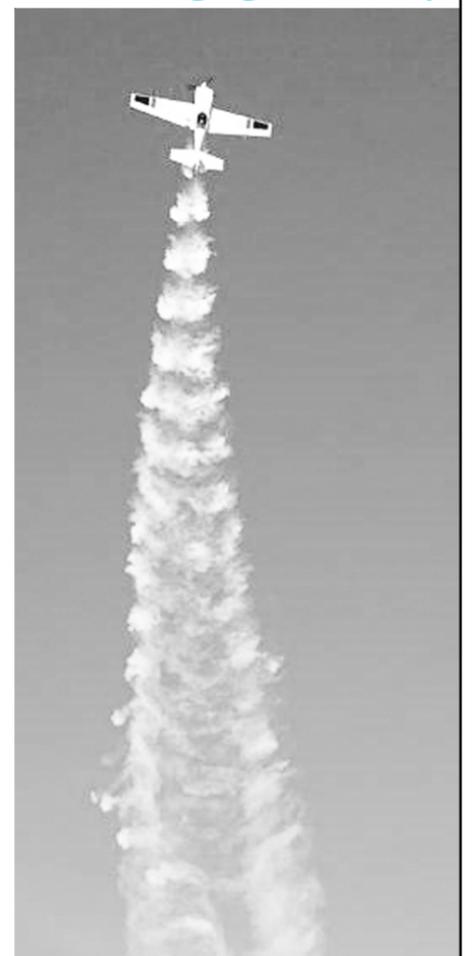
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Aerobatic pilot practices for Highgrove Day!

You've seen it and you've heard it- now here is a close-up report of the stunt plane we have been seeing east of Highgrove. We received an e-mail from a Highgrove resident Chris Neiman asking us to follow up on what many residents have seen and heard. Thanks Chris for contacting us.

This custom made Staudacher S600 is one of the best performing aerobatic aircraft in the world with 330 hp, a wing stressed to 23g, and a 400 degree per second roll rate. The unique wing-design allows exploration of the extreme edge of the flight envelope. Its unmatched strength allows for hard-driving flight including flat and knife edge spins, lomcovàks, multiple tumbles and snaps, and Martin's own maneuvers, the "boomerang" and the "Barber Pole", leaving the audience wondering "how can a plane do that!". There are 35 Staudachers in the world, all hand made by Jon Staudacher in Kawkawlin, Michigan.

Martin Kennedy is a Professor of Geochemistry at the University of California, Riverside where he studies planetary atmospheric development with NASA support. Originally from Australia, he has lived in the United States for 20 years. Martin brings a distinctive athletic style to aerobatics that requires extensive physical conditioning to counteract the strong forces placed on him during his aerobatic routines that reach 10 g's. During the competition season, he follows a rigorous training schedule that includes daily flight practice, weight lifting, and 10 miles of running. Martin divides his residence between Riv-



Martin Kennedy and his Staudacher S600

erside and Bishop, CA in the high Sierras.

Martin Kennedy really enjoys practicing for competition east of Highgrove between the foothills. This location is one of the few places left that allows aerobatics because there are no homes in the area. We had lunch with him at Flabob, he flew to Apple Valley that afternoon, and returned about 5:00 pm for more practice where we could see him doing his aerobatics from our back yard.

Please turn to P 6 for details!

Highgrove Day May 9th, 2009

Firefighters Pancake Breakfast 7am- 12pm
Supervisor Ashley's Safety Fair/24th Annual Highgrove Picnic
Hot Rod and Classic Car Show

Kids activities

Live Music

Fun for all ages

County informational booths, vendors

For vendor Applications and Car Show Entry Forms:

See this web site:

<http://www.highgrovehappenings.net/HighgroveDay.html>

Car Show entrants please print and fill out application form and mail in your \$20 to the address on form.

(Some restrictions apply)

Applications must be received by May 5, 2009

For more information call (951) 683-4994

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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

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Easter Egg Hunt

Friday April 10th

from

9-11 am

Egg Hunt, Egg Toss and Bonnet
Hat Decorating Craft-contest



Casino Trip

From Community Center to Gold Strike on Sunday April 26th Departing @8:00 AM and Returning Monday April 27 departing from Gold Strike @12:00pm. 30 minute stop in Barstow both ways. Cost is \$35.00 per person includes room and 1 buffet. (2 in room – double, 3 in room – Triple/will need to know who will be sharing rooms. \$5.00 extra if will have room by self/limited availability.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

Nutrition Info Van Is Coming

Wednesday April 8, 2009

11:00a.m.-12:30 p.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.

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



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“Flex Your Power” Campaign Aims to Save Energy and Money for Utility Customers

The Norton Younglove Community Center/Family Service Association has been selected to participate in a statewide outreach campaign to educate the public about ways to conserve energy, reduce utility bills and protect the environment. The Flex Your Power campaign includes advertising and community outreach.

“Our organization is pleased to be a part of this important statewide campaign because it benefits the environment by saving energy and it benefits consumers by saving them money on their utility bills,” said Sherry Morris-Logan the manager of the Community Center. For instance, by replacing older appliances, insulation and light bulbs with energy efficient models, people can reduce utility bills by up to 50%. We urge our community to learn more about Flex Your Power and energy saving programs by calling the toll free number 1-866-431-FLEX.

During the coming months the center will be conducting a variety of events and activities to raise awareness of energy efficiency programs and products included is a “Leave Your Mark” pledge drive where we hope to gather thousands of signatures showing our community’s support of campaign goals. Other outreach activities include (event, presentations, etc.)

For further information about the Center local activities or to schedule a presentation about Flex Your Power, contact the staff at 951-341-6634 Flex Your Power is funded by California utility ratepayers and administrated by the California Investor Owned Utilities under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. For more information visit www.flexyourpower.org

Important Community meeting

April 22, 2009 7:00PM

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting held on March 25, 2009 was not well attended by members of the community.

Many of you know that 27 of the 40 acres owned by the Bixby Land Co., between the school and United Methodist Church, recently was approved for warehouses.

But are you aware that there are 2 more developments being discussed at our community meetings?

One of these projects is the possibility of building 88 apartment units by the new library on Center St. near Michigan Avenue. This project has been discussed for the last 2 meetings and was presented to the MAC by Tony Mize of Work Force Home Builders.

At the March meeting, Kirk Wallace another builder representing AW

Properties West, presented their proposal for consideration that would add an additional 150 apartments just south of the 88 units.

The 150 units would be located between Spring St. and Center, (south of the school), east of Garfield St. and west of the Gage canal.

So basically speaking the entire area of vacant land between Center St. and Spring St. and Garfield St. and the Gage canal- would all be apartments under these 2 proposals under consideration.

Representatives of both projects will be at the April 22, 2009 meeting.

We are asking all residents to attend this important meeting at 7:00 pm on April 22nd, at the community center at 459 Center St. next to the Fire Station. Mark your calendars and call your neighbors!

Sr. Pot Luck Wednesday April 8th 11-12:30

Anna Rossetti from Office of Aging will be here on Wednesday April 8th 11-12:30 Sr Pot Luck Day Speaker. (Bringing referral opportunity and nutrition education information. Will have game and prizes) Also Lauren A. Bjornstad from TM Professionals a financial planner will be providing free presentation, reviews and education regarding retirement planning, and life insurance. (Bringing questions and paperwork regarding your current policies are welcomed)

Dept of Consumer Affairs

La Ree Youngblood-White Consumer Affairs on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:00 to 12:00 and Robert Snyder of Automotive Repair on Friday April 24 from 8-10

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Saturday April 25 from 9-2.00 for those of 40yrs +, have no insurance and low income. reserve



C.A.R.E. Program a resource for seniors 65+ and Dependent Adults 18-64 will be at the Community Center on April 3rd from 8-10 AM.

Rolling Cart FOOD GIVE AWAY

1st and 3rd Friday of the month

Highgrove Librarian – Louise on April 3, 2009 Friday after rolling cart give-away.

Training will be provided on Riverside County Library System Web page. The Riverside County Library web page is your gateway to a wealth of online information, including: The Inland Library Network catalog, which has nearly 3 million items in over 60 libraries in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Immediate access to thousand of full-text magazine, journals, and newspapers. A wide selection of encyclopedias and other reference books including Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, a database of legal forms, auto repair information, free online help from real tutors, grades K-12, Intro to College & Adult Learner, the Cumbre Spanish-language encyclopedia, and much more. Over 1,000 downloadable audio books including popular fiction and non-fiction title and language instruction.

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Ron Cruz, President Riverside Highgrove PONY

A four year old steps up to the plate in front of the tee looking like a miniature professional baseball player but with cute chubby cheeks and arms. He puts the bat over his shoulder, takes aim and swings. The ball jumps off the tee toward the little short stop as the batter runs toward the ball instead of first base! The Shetland (4,5, & 6 year old) games were exciting and we oohed and aahed as we watched. I interviewed one of the professional-looking four year old's mothers and she said that the Sand Lot Kids was his favorite movie ~ he even had the pitching motions down perfect!

Highgrove PONY's OPENING DAY scrimmage games were fun, the food was plentiful and hot, but the hit of the day was the Home Run Derby with a Champion and a Runner Up in almost every age division!

HOME RUN DERBY WINNERS:

- 4 yr old CHAMPION ~ Daniel Acuna with 3 home runs!
- 4 yr old RUNNER UP ~ Charisma Colon with 2 home runs!
- 5 yr old CHAMPION ~ Giovanni (JoJo) Sanchez with 2 home runs!
- 5 yr old RUNNER UP ~ Jose (Pepe) Gutierrez with 1 home run!
- 6 yr old CHAMPION ~ Luis Gutierrez with 3 home runs!
- 6 yr old RUNNER UP ~ Brodie Bezanson with 2 home runs!
- 7 yr old CHAMPION ~ Tristin Alfaia with 1 home run!
- 8 yr old CHAMPION ~ Devin Ramirez with 3 home runs!
- 8 yr old RUNNER UP ~ Damien Sanchez (4) in runoff with Gabino Gutierrez (2)
- 9 yr old CHAMPION ~ Bobby Martinez with 6 home runs!
- 9 yr old RUNNER UP ~ Matthew Hicks with 1 home run!
- 10 yr old CHAMPION ~ Ramon Salazar with 1 home run!
- 10 yr old RUNNER UP ~ RobertAnthony Cruz with 1 home run in the runoff!
- 11 yr old CHAMPION ~ Andrew Salazar with 2 home runs!
- 12+ CHAMPION ~ Daniel Ochoa with 3 home runs!
- 12+ RUNNER UP ~ Frankie Ray Ybarra with 1 home run



Home Run Derby Champions from left to right: Tristin Alfaia, Damien Sanchez and Devin Ramirez. Photo taken by Rui Alfaia

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Family Service Association has selected

Damian Gonzalez-Paez as the Volunteer of the Month

Family Service Association has selected Damian Gonzalez-Paez, a 21-year-old resident of Highgrove, as the Volunteer of the Month.

Damian volunteers at the Norton Younglove Community Center, operated by Family Service Association (FSA). He has been volunteering for about five months and helps with English as a Second Language classes, Senior Nutrition and other tasks around the Center.

He said, "Every day people at the Center make me feel warm. I like volunteering because of the people. They are nice to me." His favorite quote is: people helping people makes the world a better place.

Damian grew up in Cuba and lived there until he was 15-years-old. He has also lived in Spain, Mexico and now the United States. "I came to the states for more opportunities to study," he said. "I like the United States because of the life, liberty and freedom of speech." He has lived here with his Grandmother for about two years. Damian is now is saving for college and wants to become a psychologist.



Damien Gonzalez-Paz

Damian said he misses the hustle of every day life in Cuba but likes the winters in the states. "In Cuba, it is like summer all year long and people dream of the snow," he said.

Damian's commitment to serving his community is appreciated by FSA and for his efforts he received gift certificates to the Market Broiler. If you would like to become a volunteer, please call the Center at: (951) 341 6634.

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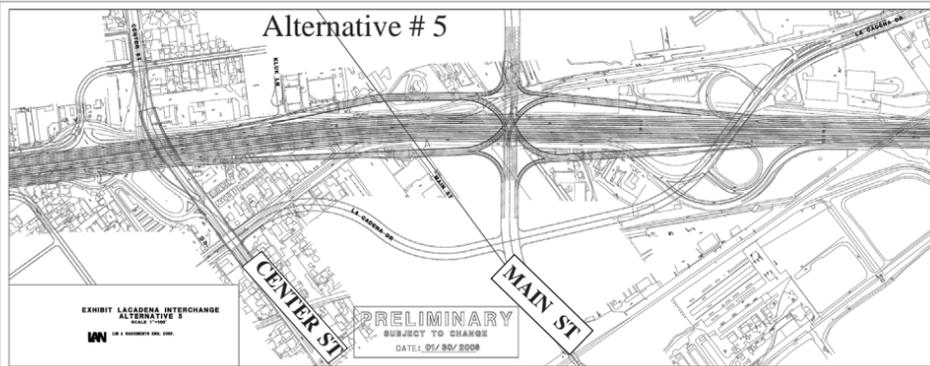
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Misdemeanor Arrests	14	Arrest warrants served	17

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



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Main St. or Center St. Cont. from P. 1



Reasons for a preferred connection to Main St. instead of Center St., from Moreno Valley:

Colton has a conceptual plan called the **I-215/La Cadena/Iowa Ave. Interchange** that was planned in 2006 that is a small interchange from Main St. to the I-215 freeway and La Cadena Drive. (See above graphic from City of Colton).

In addition, the cost of a future RR underpass on Main St. could be shared by Riverside County and San Bernardino County since Main St. is on the County Line. A future RR underpass on Main St. would be adjacent to the new High School that is going to be built in Grand Terrace on the San Bernardino County side of Main Street. (See High School graphic top right).

Traffic created by the regular use of the new High School and/or High School sporting events would have freeway access, via Main St. as well as other vehicles coming through Highgrove to get to the I-215 from Moreno Valley. Main St. is already a 64 foot wide street between Mt. Vernon and Sanrive Street.

A RR underpass at Main St. would have much less impact on Highgrove than an underpass at Center St. because **Main St. does not have any historical buildings east of the I-215 freeway!**

Reasons not to connect to Center Street from Moreno Valley:

■ Center St. has several buildings of historical significance or importance that are listed below:

■ Highgrove United Methodist Church built in 1890-938 Center St. (Photo 7640)

■ Former Highgrove Post Office-937 Center St. (# 7642)-across from old Methodist Church

■ Former Highgrove Bank by the RR tracks-1057 Center St. (# 7647)-at Commercial Ave.

■ Existing Highgrove Elementary School-690 Center St. (# 7643)-at Garfield St.

■ Existing Highgrove Public Library-690 Center St. (# 7645)-at Garfield St.

■ Future Highgrove Public Library on Center St. (near Michigan Ave.- no photo available)

■ In addition to the above, the following locations are only accessible from Center Street:

■ Existing Fire Station-469 Center St. (#7649)

■ Existing Community Center-459 Center St. (#7648)

■ Existing Child Care Facility-459 Center St. (#7651)

■ Future Bixby warehouse complex will have to use Center St. for all truck access. See P. 5, 8, & 9

Keep in touch: Send us your e-mail addresses to help us keep you informed of activities and projects that effect our community. Send your address to:

highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

Grand Terrace High School?



It's comming! What do you call it?

The above conceptual diagram is going to be the 3rd High School in the Colton Joint Unified School District.

This school is going to be on the north side of Main St. in Grand Terrace. It will be built on land formerly occupied by the Inland Timber Co. and the property will soon be ready for grading.

A new High School has been sought after for years by Grand Terrace. And since it is on the north side of the street and Highgrove is on the south side of the street we realize that the traffic created by this new school, whose students will be of driving age, will greatly impact Highgrove.

Careful planning should include taking this future traffic created by the school and future traffic from Moreno Valley through this area without going through the middle of Highgrove.

Eventually an underpass will be built under the BNSF RR tracks on either Main St. or Center Street. It is my intention to send copies of this issue to those agencies who are involved in determining the best route for a future Pigeon Pass Corridor so that they will understand how important this decision is to the future of Highgrove.

I have a letter dated Aug. 5, 1986 from the Parks Dept. showing the ad-

resses of historically significant homes and structures in Highgrove.

On March 12, 2009, I attended a meeting of the Colton School Board. The parking lot was full and the building was full too because the Grand Terrace people heard that the school board wanted to name the new High School in Grand Terrace after a former Colton School Board member Ray Abril Jr.

Many people filled out cards to speak but only a few were allowed to speak during the "Public Comments". After a few minutes the Chairman, Mel Albiso asked if anyone "other than supporters for the Grand Terrace name wanted to speak". Many of us in favor of the Grand Terrace name did not get to speak!

I have lived in Colton and I have lived in Grand Terrace and my kids played Colton/Terrace Little League and later 3 out of my 4 children graduated from Colton High School.

Several Highgrove people waited for 5 1/2 hours once to get to speak to the Riverside County Board. of Supervisors on an important issue, but we were allowed to speak! Chairman Albiso cut the public off and a letter was read from Herb Fisher, S B County Superintendent of Schools supporting the name Ray Abril Jr.

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All of these buildings are on Center Street!

Photo # 7640



1890 Highgrove United Methodist Church- 938 Center Street

Photo # 7647



1930's Highgrove Bank Building. (The original safe is still inside)
1057 Center St. at Commercial Avenue.

Photo # 7642



Former Market & U. S. Post Office-937 Center Street (P. O. boxes inside?)

Photo # 7643



Highgrove Elementary School, grades K-6, located at 690 Center Street
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Grading continues for giant warehouse between Columbia Avenue and Palmyrita Avenue



These giant earth movers are leveling out the property between Palmyrita Ave. and Columbia Ave. for a giant 520,000 sq. ft. warehouse. This warehouse will be right next to the Perris Valley Line RR track that is between the new warehouse under construction and the existing warehouse (near top of photo) on the south west corner of Palmyrita Ave. and the PVL RR track.

There is no room for a Metrolink stop at Palmyrita Avenue!

Written comments will be received by the Riverside County Transportation Commission until April 8, 2009 for locating a Metrolink stop in Highgrove. Address your comments to:

Edda Rosso, RCTC, P. O. Box 12008, Riverside, Ca. 92502-2208

Please send a copy of your letter to: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com



This device is called a "spade" and is attached under each aileron that catches air and allows the plane to have very quick responses during the difficult aerobatic moves. As the aileron goes up, the top surface of the spade catches air and assists the plane in making very quick turns. Martin calls these spades his "power steering"!

Ardie took these 2 bottom pictures with her cell phone!

The magnificent man and his flying machine!



Martin is a professor of Geochemistry at UCR but he loves aerobatic competition. He will fly in competition on May 1, 2009 in Apple Valley and he has agreed to practice doing his aerobatics during our Highgrove Day on May 9, 2009. His practice area is restricted to the airspace east of Highgrove but the plane will be visible from Highgrove Park for an exciting display of aerobatics you won't forget!



This device located on the end of the left wing is a "sighting device". It allows the pilot to line up the plane with the horizon for level flight, or when he lines up the vertical rod with the horizon that will tell him he is going exactly straight up. This is important during the competition. The 3rd part of the triangle is used to determine a 45 degree angle of the airplane in relationship to the horizon.

There is a possibility that his announcer will describe the maneuvers over our Public Address System at the park as he does his tricks. We are working on this but no definite details are available yet! Watch for the May issue!

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This photo was taken at Flabob Airport on March 15, 2009 when Ardie and I interviewed the pilot, Martin Kennedy for this article. He was very congenial and interesting to talk to and we appreciated him spending time with us and having lunch at the Flabob airport restaurant. I showed him some old photos of my dad's bi-plane when he was a barn-stormer back in the late 20's.



The cockpit is hard to get into and is only equipped with the bare necessities to minimize weight. The plane is very light and made of tubing, spruce wood, and fabric. It is designed for aerobatics and can take a lot of stress. When you see what Martin can do with this plane it makes you wonder how it all stays together!

You can watch his video by logging onto: www.kennedyairshow.com

His web site states: "Thank you for flying Kennedy Airlines"
(Bet you wished you stayed on the ground)



That's his motorcycle in the background that he rides between the Flabob airport and his home at the top of Pigeon Pass in Moreno Valley.



Guess who couldn't resist the offer to sit in his plane? He had a good laugh when I asked him where the steering wheel was and if he would give me the "keys"! He has another canopy that he can attach and there is room for a passenger in front of him but he didn't offer -and I didn't ask! (NO WAY!)



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All of these buildings are also on Center Street!

Photo # 7645



Highgrove Public Library-690 Center St. at Garfield St. by the school. A new library is planned but it will also be on Center St. just west of Michigan Avenue.

Photo # 7648



The Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove was named after our former 5th District Riverside County Supervisor for helping make this building possible. The center is operated by Family Service Association. The Municipal Advisory Council holds monthly meetings here on the 4th Wednesdays.

Photo # 7649



Riverside County/ Highgrove Fire Station

Center St. is the only exit or entrance for the fire trucks at station 19. A recent addition enables the fire truck to be accompanied by a Paramedic on emergency calls. Also, the Highgrove Volunteer Fire Company meets here for training. The Fire Station and Community Center were built at the same time and we celebrated the Grand Opening on Sept. 28, 1996.

Photo # 7651



The new Child Care Facility is shown above and consists of 2 modular classrooms. The Child Care Facility, Community Center and Fire Station are all only accessible from Center Street. Future traffic from Moreno Valley along the Pigeon Pass Corridor should be directed away from Center St. because of these important and/or historical buildings. Funneling everything onto Center St. will create a traffic nightmare due to the impact it will have on Highgrove.

When the Spring Mountain Ranch homes are built even more traffic will be wanting to use Center St. unless Main St. becomes the route to the I-215 freeway. The time to plan for the future is now! A future underpass under the BNSF RR tracks at Main St. would not disturb these existing landmarks if Main St. became the route between Moreno Valley, Grand Terrace and the I-215 freeway!



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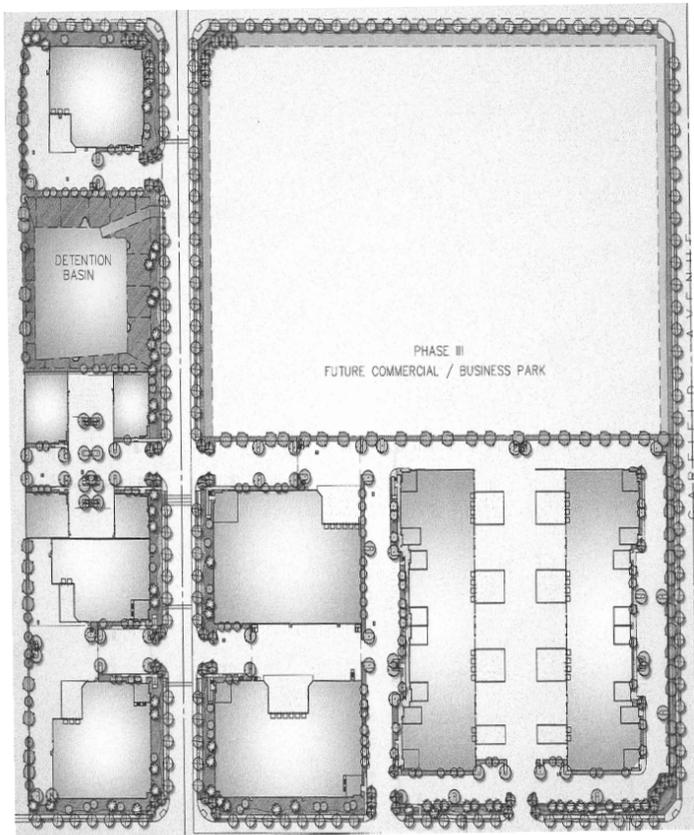
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The above plan shows several large buildings that are planned on the 40 acres of vacant land by the school. The vacant portion on the top right side of the above plan indicates: Future "Commercial/Business Park" but this plan will build the large buildings first, instead of providing the community with services that are so desperately needed. At our Nov. 2008 meeting, the Bixby Land Co. explained the details of this project. Bixby also own 27 acres of land directly south of Spring St. that is all vacant land. This plan indicates that there will be 586 parking spaces and the director of construction for Bixby Land Co., Michael Hodges, stated "There will be trucks"! Center St. will be the only truck route since trucks have no westward access from Spring St. due to a 6 ton limit on Prospect Ave. and Michigan Ave. has a 7 ton limit between Center St. and Spring Street.

This project will add more truck traffic to Center Street!

An Economic Resource Open House

Networking Opportunities, Honoring Women,

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The Commission for Women, a group of experienced leaders who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, will be hosting our annual *Women of the Year Award* presentation, as well as an *Economic Resources Open House*.

This event is offered for County employees and the Community who are experiencing hardships due to the economic crisis.

Some of the resources available will be: Springboard Financial Counseling, Riverside County's Homeownership Education Learning Program (RC's HELP), EDA/Housing Authority, Workforce Development, and Much More!

Event Details:

Economic Resource Open House

April 14th, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

County Administrative Center Annex

4080 Lemon Street, Riverside

Women of the Year Award Presentation

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

County Administrative Center Board of Supervisors Chambers

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To R.S.V.P. to be a **Vendor** at this event, in order to provide resources for Women, click on the following link or copy and paste the address onto your browser:

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For more information regarding the Commission for Women go to: www.rc-hr.com/cfw

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Should you have questions about this event, you may contact Diane Harris, Liaison for the Commission for Women at DIHarris@rc-hr.com



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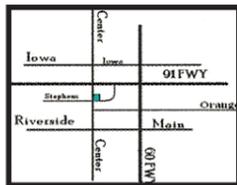
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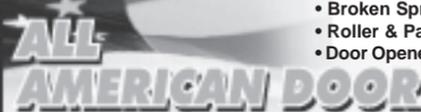
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"May there only be peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life." *United Nations Secretary-General U Thant: March 21, 1971.*

John McConnell first introduced the idea of a global holiday called Earth Day at a UNESCO Conference on the Environment in 1969, the same year that he designed the Earth flag. The first Earth Day proclamation was issued by San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto on March 21, 1970. Since then, there have been annual recognitions across the country. This year there will be a festival in Riverside at White Park. Hosted by Habitat for Humanity, Riverside and the ReStore (the store that helps to support Habitat for Humanity), it will be from 11 am to 4 pm.

I've mentioned many times that "Earth Day is every day". In our disposable-minded society, frequently items that could be repaired or reused are thrown away. With a bit of thought and good intentions, you can get more life out of your items and save some money in the process!

Highgrove has some very hard water. The minerals will block every faucet, spray, and hole. For this problem, plain white vinegar will be your best friend. Run the vinegar through the coffee maker, through the dishwasher, and soak crusted dishes and shower heads in vinegar. When your towels get stiff and scratchy, it is from the buildup of minerals on the towels. Add four cups of vinegar to hot water and soak the towels for 8 to 10 hours. Spin them off and then put

them through a regular wash.

To extend the life of your dishwasher, besides cleaning the holes in the arms of minerals, soak and remove labels from jars. The labels that come off in the dishwasher can clog the works of the dishwasher.

Find new purposes with discarded items from your kitchen. **Oven racks** can be used as cooling racks or racks to hold things in the garage. **Wooden cutting boards** can find new life as a sign board, a stepping stone, a portable all purpose hard surface such as a lap desk, or attach small hooks and use it to hold your keys for the shed, etc. Obsolete **coffee filters** are absorbent and can be used instead of paper towels to clean up small spills and drain fried bacon. Line a flower pot with a filter to keep soil from spilling out the hole in the bottom of the pot. Use the filter instead of cheesecloth for a bouquet garni for soups. Polish and buff your shoes with your coffee filters.

Hang on to your old **shower curtains** also. A typical use is as a paint drop cloth. Some other uses are an off-season covering for your patio furniture or barbeque. Keep one in the trunk so serve as a tarp for roadside emergencies. I've used one many years for a ground cloth under my tent when I go camping. Having a yard sale? Having a family reunion or a party in the park? Paint a banner with your announcement and hang it out.

Make it a game to find new uses for your old, broken, or out of date home items. The current economy makes it a wise thing to do. The future of our community and our planet makes it the right thing to do. Enjoy your Earth Day!

Groceries from the Backyard: A Harvest of Savings

(ARA) - The economy is tanking, grocery bills are climbing and food safety scares are on the rise. For the 43 million Americans planning a vegetable garden this spring, growing your own is a matter of dollars and sense. Food gardening will jump 19 percent this year over last year, according to a new survey by the National Gardening Association (NGA). Homeowners with shrinking household budgets are looking for help in their own backyards. Can planting a veggie patch really save you money? Government agencies and gardening organizations say yes.



Every \$100 spent on vegetable gardening yields \$1,000 to \$1,700 worth of produce, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates. That's a serious hedge against skyrocketing food prices, expected to jump another 5 percent this year.

You'll get a half-pound of edibles from every square foot of ground devoted to backyard crops, NGA experts say. Even a modest garden (15 by 15 feet) can produce more than 100 pounds of garden-fresh tomatoes, salad greens, vegetables and herbs. Better flavor and bragging rights come with the harvest.

Planting a vegetable plot and keeping it productive isn't that hard if you start small, keep the basics in mind and plant reliable varieties. Take it step by step:

Lead with Location — A sunny, well-drained spot close to a water spigot is ideal. Leafy greens tolerate some shade, but other crops want eight hours of sun daily.

Suitable Soil — Adding organic material is the key to an easy-care garden. It loosens stiff soil, helps retain moisture and nourishes important soil organisms. Good "ingredients" include manure, humus and chopped-up leaves. Spread a 4-inch layer of

amendments on your plot and till into the top 9 to 12 inches.

Fertilize Faithfully — All edible plants remove some nutrients from the soil, and can quickly exhaust the soil without the help of a fertilizer. Always follow the rates given on the label when deciding how much to use. **Water Wisely** — One inch of water weekly is adequate for most vegetables. Soaker hoses or drip systems deliver water efficiently and keep foliage dry, fending off leaf diseases.

Patrol for Pests — Monitor insect damage but try to keep your crops pesticide-free. Hand-pick pests or dislodge them with a jet of water, then let natural predators do the rest. If you must spray, do it late in the day when beneficial insects are less active.

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We wanted to make the church's Easter event more "Kid & Youth Friendly," says Calvary the Brook, Senior Pastor Rick Doucette. The event will also include a Noah's Ark Jumper and an Easter egg hunt with prizes that include IPODS, gift cards, and more.

Stellar Kart, is a very popular group and has had a number of songs played regularly on 96.7 KSGN and 90.1 Air -1.

"Even though this difficult economy has hit us all, as the churches of this community we believed it is necessary to hold an event like this for our community", says pastor Doucette, "We would like to ask everyone from Grand Terrace, Highgrove and the surrounding areas to celebrate The Resurrection with us. We want residents to be a part of the great things God is doing in our community and in our churches, by coming out for this Easter Sunrise event."

Other community churches and groups sponsoring the event include Calvary Deaf Church, Grand Terrace Foursquare Church, Grand View Baptist Church, and Azure Hills Church. Christ the Redeemer Church, also The Women's Club, The Lions Club and others...

For more information on attending the free Easter sunrise service and directions, call Calvary The Brook at 909-424-0010 or visit www.thebrookonline.com.

G. T. High School

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A vote was taken and the pre-determined outcome was made official by the school board supporting Ray Abril Jr. High School.

Colton H.S. is in Colton, Bloomington H.S. is in Bloomington and the 3rd H. S. is in Grand Terrace.

A precedent had already been established naming the schools after the city where they were located.

On March 6, 2009, the Press Enterprise quoted Mr. Albiso as follows:

"I just see it as naming it after someone who committed that much of their life and family to public service" Albiso said "I don't

agree with naming things just simply by geography." Colton also has another High School named after a geographical location and that is Slover Mt. High School also in the same school district Gil Navarro, County school board member said *"naming the school after Abril would send a positive message to Latino students"*.

I do not know Mr. Abril and I am sure he has contributed to Colton for many years. But he should speak up and ask that the football stadium be named in his honor instead of the High School-to ease the hard feelings created by the inappropriate actions of the Colton Joint Unified School Board!



Riverside County Water Task Force New Website Launch!

Riverside County Water Task Force's New Website

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4. Tracking and responding to key State legislation and policies that affect water availability in Riverside County;
5. Providing and supporting public forums to discuss and disseminate information concerning water issues;
6. Clarifying the connection between the drought, water conservation, and our landscape choices; and
7. Promoting change in our water use patterns for new and existing residents.

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

When you have a lot of Laws, you have a lot of Outlaws

Folks, are you getting tired of listening to the talking head in the media telling us about the corruption in our government, big business, investment companies, and even in the agencies that are supposed to be protecting us taxpayers? Well, join the club. Also, I am getting tired of our new President showboating instead of doing the job he was elected to do, but I digress. The problem with corruption in America is that it is legal. That's right. There isn't enough room in this column to detail ALL the Laws that make corruption legal, but I will try to highlight the big ones.

On giving money to members of Congress, you have to go back to when President Johnson was a Congressman and Franklin Roosevelt was in office. Anyone could give any amount of money to someone in Congress or running for Congress and not one word was said about it until it got out of control prior to the Nixon election. So, instead of Congress passing a Law making it ILLEGAL to give money to a Congressman, they passed a Law setting limits on how much you could give. Now, at first glance, you would think that this would have stopped the corruption. However, just the opposite occurred. Now someone running for congress or already there can have a fleet of money raisers telling people or corporations you can only give so much to our candidate and if you decide to not GIVE any money and he or she gets elected, then he or she will support only the people who gave to the campaign. In other words, you

don't give, you don't get represented. It's the Law.

Investment organizations must comply with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) Laws when asking individuals to invest in their company. However, when the SEC catches an investment group breaking SEC laws, they get fined. The bottom line is that the SEC gets the fine and you, the investor, don't get a dime. And the SEC doesn't have to account for the fines they collect nor make them public. It's the Law. Remember Milliken and his penny stock scandal? Milliken made billions by bilking his investors and carrying borderline companies' public, he was fined over \$250 million by the SEC because he broke an SEC law. If you read the book on this subject, Milliken paid the fine out of his personal checking account and we have yet to determine what the SEC did with the money. Oh, Milliken when to jail for a couple of years, but while he served time in Club Fed, playing golf, taking trips with is family, he was making interest on his stolen money. And this was during the Carter years when interest was in double digits. He is worth a fortune and the people who invested in his penny stocks lost their money. Why? Because of the Laws.

Right now the biggest outlaws are the movie industry. Yet, you hear nothing about them. Why? The Law. They not only make millions off a successful film, they make money off a bad film because of the tax structure designed for them by Congress. They just can't lose. Does anyone remember the

Reagan movie scandal? Once again, it's the Law.

The latest investment scandal is the Madoff case where he pleaded guilty to bilking his investors and is on his way to jail. Yet, because he copped a plea, he doesn't have to account for the money he stole. So, once again, the Law works against the people. I saved the best one for last.

Donald Trump's \$23 to \$32 million condo project in Mexico. I have mixed emotions over this one because if a person invests \$2 million in a project and doesn't even bother to investigate the terms and conditions of his investment, deserves to lose his money. But, a lot of folks invested because of the name recognition and didn't realize that Mexico has no Laws to protect an in-

vestor. So, basically, Donald put the money in his pocket and told his investors that the project was a dud. The Donald has already claimed bankruptcy on one of his bad casino's and will probably pull the same stunt on this one. Bankruptcy Laws are probably the best Laws for stealing money, but that is cannon fodder for another column. So, instead of listening to the talking heads griping about what is going on, someone should be explaining to the public how the Laws in America allow someone to be a legal outlaw.

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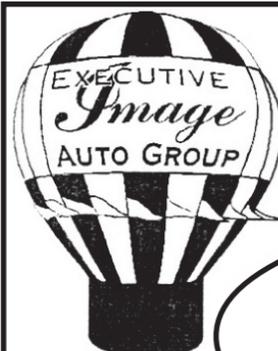


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VIRGINIA'S VIEW POINT

by Virginia Hartford

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When did you realize that your city, county, state or federal governments were almost totally out of your control? Oh, sure some of you vote, sort of. President Obama won by an overwhelming majority, the best turn-out for many years. But usually in the past twenty years voter turn-out has been very poor even in presidential elections.

But stop and think about how many decisions were made without your input, knowledge, or publicity. Frustrating, isn't it? Here in Grand Terrace we have a planning commission and a city council and these two entities pretty much run Grand Terrace and do exactly what they want to do without regard to what the citizens want. I cannot criticize when so few vote or show up at either of the above meetings. People believe that the members of these groups have our best interests at heart. They do not! You are allowed to voice your opinion but there are no answers, and the council particularly does as they damn well please.

Another group of elected officials is the Colton Unified School District's board of directors. There are about six members and maybe another twelve who are ancillary personnel. A meeting was held last month at which the subject of naming the yet to be built high school (No. 3 in the district) and the public was supposed to have been invited to give their opinions on naming the school, if indeed this complex is ever built. It has been a political issue in Grand Terrace for 25 years or more. I oppose the building of a new high school for Grand Terrace because it is so costly, at this point more than 100 million dollars and will not be finished until 2012 or 2013. We do not need a high school and we certainly do not need the debt. Steve Berry and Walt Stanckiewicz say that we already have the money. That is like saying that we should run down to the bank and take out a substantial amount and spend just because we have it.

Most of the Colton school board members want to name the yet un-built school after one of the Colton High School alumni, Ray Abril. In a poll taken recently by the school board a large majority of people voted to name the school Grand Terrace High School.

Someone on the school board said that there was no majority in the poll. But they did not poll the entire city of Grand Terrace eligible voters. Paul Owens of Grand Terrace said that the board should rename Colton High School the Ray Abril High School and the non-existent Grand Terrace School, Grand Terrace High School. Ima Davis said in the event that Ray Abril's name must be used then call the school Ray Abril/Grand Terrace High School. The Colton school board chose to manipulate the action by only asking some less than 200 people to vote.

In addition to asking the public who wanted to speak, (speeches are restricted to three minutes the same as they are when one goes before the Grand Terrace City Council), it appeared that several of us wanted to say something. But after 15 minutes of speakers who voiced their opinions under public comments, suddenly the public comments were cancelled and several of us including myself were outraged! I wanted my voice to be heard and that is not difficult due to the volume of it. I was ignored, just like the others who had carefully planned their speeches. When people were shut off and not allowed to speak during the 3 minute public comments period, an uproar took place! Several others also wanted to speak and had filled out speaking cards.

Is this what the Colton Unified School District's Board of Directors considers proper behavior on their part? The school board had already made up their minds to name the school after Ray Abril. It was blatantly obvious that they had planned all along to ramrod their wishes. Why they even made a silly little effort to make us think we could be heard leaves me in the dark.

But folks this school will not be ready for occupancy for several years and at the next election for school board members we can replace them all! FINIS

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Tyler Visyak

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transplant shock. Just tear off the bottom, set the pot in the ground and water.

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Basil — Perfect with tomatoes. Choose sweet basil or the compact "Spicy Globe."

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Bell peppers — Harvest green or red, when vitamin levels are higher. Try "Bonnie Bell" or the new, hot bell pepper "Mexibell."

Chard — This leafy green tolerates cool temperatures well. Varieties like "Bright Lights" have brilliantly colored stems.

Cucumber — Plant after the weather warms. Choose the mild

Japanese cucumber or the old favorite "Burpless Bush Hybrid."

Eggplant — A much-loved favorite, eggplant thrives in hot weather. Try "Black Beauty" or the white-skinned "Cloud Nine."

Lettuce — Go for easy "leaf" lettuces like "Buttercrunch," "Red Sails," or Romaine.

Parsley — Pick curly types or flat Italian parsley. This herb is rich in vitamins and a breath-sweetener, too.

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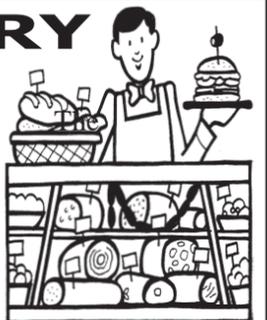
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