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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

April, 2012

Exclusive photos inside Grand Terrace High School !



Thanks goes out to Grand Terrace High School construction superintendent Christopher Monahan and Clay Bomberger for the tour given to the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper of the new Grand Terrace High School so we can take you behind the fence and inside the buildings of this new school.



Clay Bomberger was my personal tour guide who showed me the new Grand Terrace High School and it is really beautiful inside and out! Hop in we'll give you a ride! The tour starts on page 4.

Quest for Highgrove Metrolink continues...

(1) Southern California Transportation & Logistics Summit

On March 9, 2012 I attended the Southern California Transportation & Logistics Summit at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. At that meeting I was able to speak with California State Assemblyman Mike Morrell, the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments, Hasan Ikhrata, and Marnie O'brien Primmer who is the Executive Director of Mobility 21 that is the transportation agency

that represents Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Los Angeles County, Ventura County and San Diego County.

The reason for my continued attendance at these and other meetings is to let everyone know that the excess property owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission at Highgrove should be used for a Metrolink station that will benefit commuters between Riverside and San Bernardino County.

(cont. on P. 7)

Emergency team responds to Environmental spill in Springbrook wash!



On Wed. Mar. 14, 2012 we received a call from concerned Highgrove residents relating to Haz-Mat equipment in the Springbrook wash between Highgrove and Riverside. The residents at the south end of Swayzee Court in Highgrove said that a hazardous spill had allegedly occurred from the CarbonLITE plastic recycling plant on the south side of the arroyo.

CarbonLITE just had their grand opening that included Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor Ron Loveridge, Supervisor Bob Buster and the U.S. Dept. of Environmental Protection's Regional Director, Jared Blumenthal during the dedication of this 22,000 square foot facility. This \$40 million dollar plant is equipped to recycle 2 billion plastic bottles per year. Access to CarbonLITE is from Palmyrita Ave. and Michigan on the south side of the arroyo. Residents on the Highgrove side of the arroyo had previously written letters complaining about the noise and unattractive sight of the 10 silos that are visible from their property. A letter was written to Riverside City

Councilman Mike Gardner listing their complaints. The previous sound attributed to CarbonLITE was a sound similar to a pile driver driving something into the ground but that particular process has been changed to eliminate the loud clanking noise.

The arroyo was accessed from the Highgrove side and included equipment from West Coast Storm Inc.

Initial reports said that 1,400 feet of dirt had to be removed from the Springbrook wash during the HazMat clean-up process. Large trucks designed to remove contaminated dirt were used for the first time according to Boris Treyzon CFO of West Coast Storms, Inc. The spill was listed as being similar to bleach that is used to take the paper labels off of the plastic bottles before recycling the plastic. Authorities from the Fish and Game, City of Riverside, Dept. of Water and Power, conservation people, and biologists, were on hand in their efforts to get the contaminated dirt removed before the storm that was forecast for the coming weekend. The rains came as the clean up ended! (cont. on P. 11)

OK HIGHGROVE RESIDENTS WHERE ARE YOU?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

**Highgrove Day planning meeting
Wednesday April 4th 7:00 PM at the Highgrove library-Please come and bring your ideas!**

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April 5th: Easter Event from 12 Noon to 3:00 P

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April 20th: 8 AM - 10 AM Arthritis Relief resource table hosted by Tracey with J&J Medical Supply, Inc. 888-291-9830. All medical equipment is at no cost to the qualifying patient.

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May 12th: Pancake Breakfast 7 AM - 12 Noon, tickets available for purchase (All proceeds go toward the operation of Norton Younglove Community Center)

May 26th: 9 AM - 2 PM Free Mammograms

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Traffic Citations	4		

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(A minimal transaction fees will be applied)

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Exclusive Photos of Grand Terrace High School



Football Stadium Bleachers



Swimming Pool



Baseball Fields

A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Well, it seems our President's birth certificate is a forgery. According to other sources, he was born in India but his mother was an American. A question that comes to mind is: What does the FBI, CIA and Secret Service agents do to earn their salaries? Did they not do a background check on President Obama? You would think the Republican Party would have jumped on this issue.

Oh, and you can bet the house that he will say he got Osama Bin Laden. We all know it was President Bush (son) that got the Navy Seals to nail him. In case you don't know, the Navy Seals took him out to sea and fed him to the sharks. Way to go, guys.

When I was a combat training evaluator with DoD, I had the honor of watching the Navy Seals train for 3 weeks at Coronado. I saw 2 of them come out of the ocean carrying their boat above their heads. Make sure you see the upcoming movie, Act of Valor.

And personally, Presidential candidate Romney is wasting his time and the Republican Party's money. But, this isn't the first time this has happened. A quick history lesson: Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, had a tie electoral vote. Of course, Jefferson eventually won and Burr fled to Europe. It was because of Burr that the 12th Amendment was written making the President and Vice-President run on separate tickets.

Our history has some fantastic issues and facts – this one having an extra-ordinary conclusion. If you would like to read more on this man, go to the internet and type in BURR. He was quite a character.

I would appreciate an email with your comments on what I write or suggesting a topic for me to write about. My email address is: jlloving44@yahoo.com

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



This is what a library looks like before the books!

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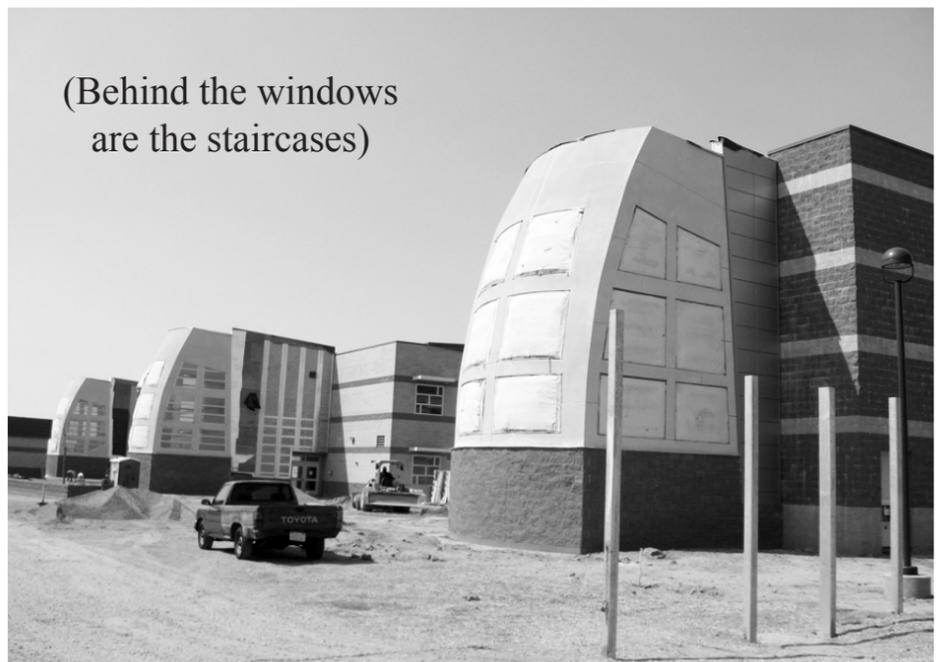
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(Behind the windows are the staircases)

Classrooms: Please turn to P. 6 and 7 for more pictures of the high school.

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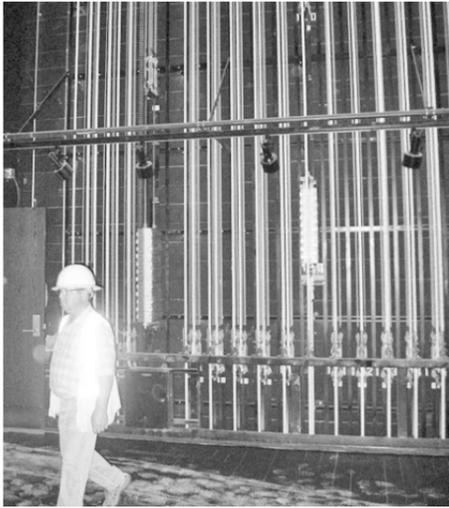
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Stage



The photo on the left was taken back stage showing the ropes to open and close the curtain. There is also another room with very high ceilings that will be used to paint murals for backdrop scenery.

The middle photo shows the equipment used in the kitchen and my guess is the large mixer may be for making mashed potatoes.

The bottom photo is a view of the walk-in freezers and cold storage.

Photos taken March 22, 2012.



This is the new high school cafeteria.

The new high school classes are scheduled to begin in August of this year but the 12th grade will not be offered in 2012 according to information available at this time. Highgrove students can request attending Grand Terrace High School by contacting the Colton Joint Unified School district.

Kitchen



Freezer



These tables in the kitchen will be used for food preparation but they have a protective coating that will be removed when the kitchen is ready. This new school is beautiful and the students will be proud to be "Titans".



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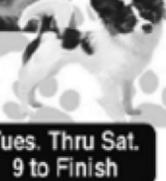
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The bleachers in the gymnasium are powered so when they are not in use they stack against the wall and spell out Grand Terrace High School.



Here is the home court of the Grand Terrace "Titans"

Quest for Highgrove Metrolink continues

(Cont. from P. 1)

Several comments made by one of the speakers, Phillip Sandahl, was about "Maximizing your potential, working together, and if we pull together everybody wins", which are 3 points I wish we could get RCTC to understand. Later, the workshop I attended included Ty Schuiling representing SANBAG and John Standiford who represented RCTC. (2) **RCTC meeting March 14, 2012** These were my comments during "public comments" at the RCTC meeting on Mar. 14, 2012

Over 10 years ago the request for a Highgrove Metrolink Station was presented to RCTC.

Many changes have occurred since then including changes in your staff, different commissioners in some cases, and even the addition of new cities. But the one thing that has remained the same is the long term requests from the public for a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

We have recently received requests via e-mail that have been forwarded to SCAG for their **Regional Transportation Plan**. This plan is from 2012 until the year 2035 that looks into the future transportation needs for the next 23 years.

Highgrove is under RCTC's jurisdiction because the present Perris Valley Line connection is only a few feet from the San Bernardino county line at Main Street. In this case, the county line is unimportant because the Metrolink trains and freeways have something in common: both are designed to move people! And the high cost of gasoline makes

Metrolink even more desirable. The distance between Marlborough Ave. and Highgrove is only one mile but the destinations are different. **Station placement** has been our only concern due to the existing trains and the difference in destinations between these two locations.

We know that RCTC can **change its mind** regarding former station placement choices such as Spruce and Rustin, Palmyrita, and Columbia Ave. for example.

We can also **change our minds**, because we are asking that the station location at Highgrove be moved NORTH of the curved track, so it will not interfere with the Perris Valley Line connection. This new location is still on the 17.22 acre property owned by RCTC and is right next to the track used by daily Metrolink trains between San Bernardino and Riverside. RCTC's property at Highgrove can serve a dual purpose; one for the curved track and one for a regional station for SCAG's RTP. Many people have verbally supported Highgrove from this podium during public comments. Today I am submitting written documentation that includes city resolutions, letters, statements, comments, and recent e-mail requesting a Highgrove station. I am requesting that this information be **uplicated, distributed and digested** by each commissioner. Take it home, read it, and realize that this is a win/win for commuter rail transportation. RCTC will get commuter trains between Riverside and Perris and the public (cont. on P. 9)



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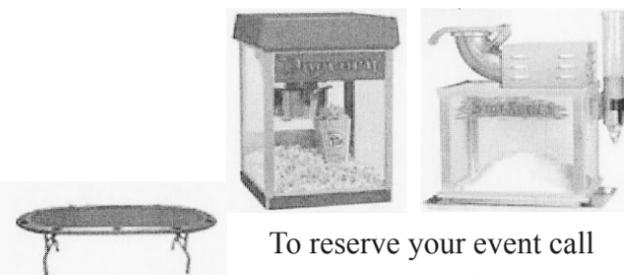
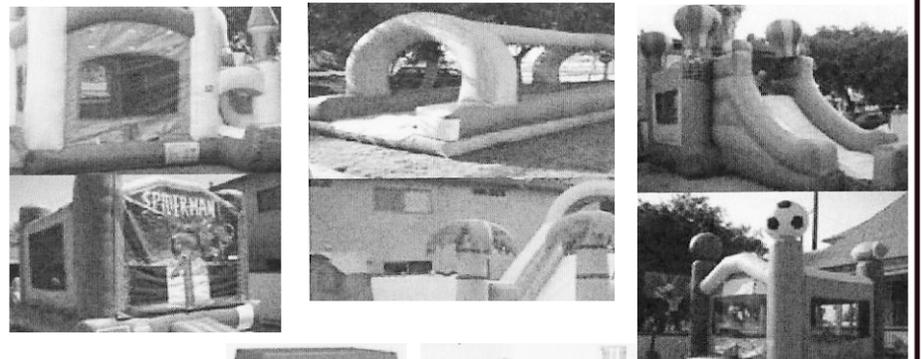
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Main St. widening east of Michigan Avenue



This is a view looking westward toward Michigan Ave. from the south/ east corner of Main and Michigan Avenue. Photos taken on March 20, 2012.



This view is in the opposite direction looking eastward on the south side of Main Street toward the entrance of the Highgrove Community Park.



The original plan did not include widening Main St. between the Park entrance and Michigan Ave. which would have left a narrow portion of Main St. in this area but Riverside County added the widening of this portion of the street. The new width will make Main St. much wider all the way from Mt. Vernon Ave. to the Union Pacific RR track by Sanrive Avenue.



The old asphalt was removed and hauled away by dump trucks to widen Main St. on the Riverside County side of the county line. 300 feet of new asphalt, curb and gutter, a sidewalk and 4 driveways were added between Michigan and the Highgrove Community Park entrance at an additional cost of \$41,795.00 according to Juan Perez of the Riverside County TLMA.

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The base coat of asphalt paving was done on Saturday March 24, 2012 and there were a lot of large trucks carrying asphalt to this paving machine. New base was laid on Main St. between the Highgrove Community Park and Sanrive and on Michigan on both sides of the count line.



The intersection at Main St. and Michigan Ave. will get a new traffic signal. The width of Main St. is 46 feet with 30 feet on the north side of Main St. for 2 westbound lanes and a width of 14 feet for 1 eastbound lane on the south side of the street. Some locations along Main St. are even wider.

Metrolink (cont. from P. 7) will be able to use your same property and the existing trains between San Bernardino and Riverside. Other transportation agencies need to know that this location is the best place for SCAG's **Regional Transportation Plan**.

After reviewing this information a letter should be sent from RCTC to SCAG, Mobility 21, SANBAG and Metrolink stating that RCTC's excess property can and should be used for a station that will benefit the region on both sides of the county line. Highgrove has the vacant land, the existing Metrolink trains and longtime support.

And the public wants to know: **"Why can't RCTC's excess property be used for mass transit between the 2 counties?"**

After my comments, Supervisor Tavaglione requested that RCTC staff review the Highgrove location once again. I was assured that the 51 pages of support I presented would be scanned and e-mailed to each individual RCTC commissioner. Hopefully, the commissioners will look at the vast amount of public support that has been presented over the last 10 years and ask: "What is wrong with RCTC's excess property being used to benefit the region?" The information given to the commissioners is on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net under 8 years of comments and Supporting Docs. Please take a look at the map.

(3) Inland Empire Regional Economic Forum March. 21, 2012

I also attended the Inland Empire Regional Economic Forum at the University of Redlands hosted by Paul Granillo who is the president of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. This meeting was a gathering of economic leaders such as local Economist, John Husing; Doug Henton, CEO of Collaborative Economics; Dan Rendler of the Southern California Gas Co. and others who are concerned about companies leaving California and the job losses that goes with those companies. He stated that we need to unite with a common voice from the Inland Empire. One of the speakers, Dan Rendler stated: "Today is critical for the Region. Stop talking about problems and get to the solutions because a thriving Region means a thriving State"!

Members in the audience were ask to take a survey using a remote device to register which item was most important by clicking on the numbered choices shown on the screen. After each item, the percentage rates in the survey of the audience were shown on a graph.

After the meeting in Redlands, I was able to talk briefly with Mr. Husing, Mr. Henton and Mr. Rendler and I asked them to look at our web site. These leaders also need to know about the public support for a Metro-link station in Highgrove that would benefit the Inland Empire.

Blue Mountain Hike By Denis Kidd

The Blue Mountain Hike/walk on Sat. Mar. 10, 2011 was a big success. Last year there were 800 and this year there were 1,100 hikers. The weather was great and the view was terrific. The hike was sponsored by the Friends of Blue Mountain and the Foundation of Grand Terrace.

The Friends of Blue Mountain are raising money to purchase land for a wilderness park that would be open 365 days a year instead of just 1 day. T-shirts and books were sold to raise money for additional land purchases but \$44,000 is needed. This was the 5th annual Blue Mountain Hike and was the most successful so far.

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

"Ahm getting hungry." Myrtle interrupted, looking around at Caesar, David and Delphia. "Anybody wont BBQ?"

"They got a stand over by the general store in back." David said.

"BBQ sounds good to me. How bout you guys?" Caesar said in the direction of Baby and Delphia.

"I geth I could eat thom." Baby replied turning his head in the direction of Delphia who was sitting cross-legged next to Levester's buggy gently rocking it with her hand.

"Don got no money." Said Delphia back to Baby.

"I do. I'll buy you lunth." Baby said to Delphia. "In fack, if thomeone wanths ta geth em, I'll pay for thome thodas thoo while I thay here with my bibeths." At that point, baby pulled some change from his pocket and laid it on the table.

"We got cornbread in the truck. David, go get the bread and me and Myrtle will get the BBQ. Be rat back." Caesar announced standing up and motioning to Myrtle. Myrtle counted heads and took enough change from the table to buy five sodas.

"You didn't have to go an buy me no food. Ah'm ok." Delphia said to Baby now that they were left alone on the library lawn.

"Thath okay. I wanted thoo. You goth to be hungry if you ain't ate thinth thith morning." Baby said, surprised at how easily he found it to talk to this pretty little stranger. He actually felt sorry for her if she indeed had to live with the likes of Booger. Still he was shy and reluctant to strike up more of a conversation so he just let it go at that after Delphia said

"Thank you. By the way, my name's Delphia. What's yours?"

"Owa. Owa Wobbins." Baby

answered.

"You say 'Oral Robbins'?"

"Yeth mam."

"I ain't but sixteen. No need to call me 'maam'." Delphia replied with a disarming grin making Baby blush. He had never had a girl friend and Delphia was naturally pretty and, for some reason today, he found it fairly easy to talk to her with the embarrassment of his lisp.

"We, my folkh run the tent weviah. Gonna be buthy thonith I think with all these folkth in thown." You gonna thay for the wevival?"

"May have to. Don wanna go home any time soon and deal with Daddy."

"Good. I'll thave you a good theet up fronth if thoo wantth."

"Maybe. That might be ok."

Delphia said turning to the slightly calmer Levester and lifting the child out of the buggy and placing him on the grass in front of her. The kid looked all about and began to crawl away from her prompting Delphia to stand and patiently follow the boy as he crawled a few feet toward the street away from the library. Yep, she was certainly pretty and feminine in a simple way and Baby didn't mind just watching her from his seat at his table. As he surveyed the scene on the street Baby saw David returning with a cardboard box in his hands. David had retrieved some cornbread from the X truck and Caesar and Myrtle appeared from down the street in the direction that Booger had minutes before head off out of town. Myrtle had five Royal Crown Cola bottles in his arms and these he carefully set down in front of Baby on the wobbly bible table while Caesar placed a couple grease stained brown paper bags and some paper plates next to the sodas

"Leth me move thith stuff outh of tha way." Baby said as he placed the pamphlets and Bibles down on the

grass under the table while Myrtle began to dish out ribs and bread onto the plates.

"Mith Delphia, here ith thom bah be koo and thome thoda." Baby called to Delphia who, in turn, picked up Levester and returned to the shade next the buggy. Sitting cross legged with Levester between her legs in front of her, Delphia accepted a soda and plate while David, Caesar and Myrtle, in turns filled their plates and found a cool place to sit and eat. Baby waited his turn and bowed his head and said a brief silent grace over his plate and soda sitting there at his table. Only Delphia seemed to notice this display of manners and felt a little guilty of her lack of manners. Baby didn't seem to notice since his eyes were closed.

For the next ten or fifteen there wasn't much conversation while all enjoyed the BBQ, including little Levester who managed to consume the better part of a slice of cornbread sopped in BBQ sauce. In fairly short order, all the paper plates were licked clean, the paper bags were empty and the soda pop bottles were empty and six stomachs were full.

"That thure was thom gooth cornbread." Said Baby. "Who mathe it?"

"Caesar makes it. It's called Relaxol bread and it's his secret recipe."

"What do you mean 'Welathol'?" Baby asked.

"You tell em Caesar. Said Myrtle again.

"Brother Roy calls it that since I add some of my grandmother's herbs to it. I brought them from my home in Mexico. We raise all our food and spices over at the Zundapp farm. I'm in charge of the garden and Myrtle here makes the spirits. Every Friday I bake all day and come Saturday we come to town to make our deliveries. Baked all night so it is fresh today. You like?"

"Yeth thir ah do. Beth bread ah ever had. How bout thu, Delphia?"

"Shore was good. Kinda like my mama's craklin bread, only better. Never had pop with lunch either. Thank you very much. Levester shore ate good too. Now he's thirsty

so excuse me."

With that, Delphia picked up Levester and walked over behind a tree and sat down to breast feed the one year old.

"Can I have the pop bottles to turn back in for the deposit?" David asked no one in particular.

When no one said anything, David collected the five bottles and trotted off toward the general store.

"Feel any thin different yet?" Said Myrtle to Baby.

"Whath to you mean, thifferent?" Baby said back.

"We don call it Relaxol for nothing, you know." Myrtle said stretching his legs out and placing his clasped hands behind his head on the grass.

"Maybe a wittle theepy, ah geth. But that thwas a wot of food for the middle of the day. Ah could take a nap pretty eathy. Look yonder at them clouds. Lookth like rain to me."

Obituary



Donovan Michael Bigelow
3-19-38 -3-25-12

Mike grew up in Milton Freewater, Oregon with his parents Donovan and Ester Bigelow. He served in the Navy for 8 years and worked for IBM in Riverside, Palm Desert and San Jose as a computer engineer for 35 years. He was a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, a Eucharistie Minister at St. Mary's Church in Gilroy and Christ the Redeemer in Grand Terrace. He was a senior judge at Classic Thunderbird Club International car shows and belonged to several Thunderbird clubs including the Old Farts Racing Team. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Juanita, his sister-in-law Betty Cooke, brother-in-law John Cooke, and nieces and nephews, Tonya, Michael, and Adam Cooke. Services were held March 31, 2012 at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, in Grand Terrace.



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Roxie Jane to perform at Highgrove Day



Roxie Jane (Barnett) is shown here making her first music video. The video was taken at the Arrowhead Christian Academy in Redlands. She was moving on the platform singing a song she wrote while student extras were going to and from their lockers. That is her dad Mike (my son) kneeling down on the left working the sound during the video. She will perform at HG Day.



This is the first time the new sealed containers were used to haul away contaminated dirt. They have a top that prevents spills during transportation to the disposal site. At the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting on March 28, 2012, Rick Zirkler from CarbonLITE came to the meeting and explained what happened and to answer questions from the public. The meeting was well attended and he explained that caustic soda is used to wash plastic bottles for recycling and their were 9 State and Federal Agencies involved in the clean up. The Fish and Game was the lead agency and approximately 1,500 feet of soil was removed at a depth of 6 inches. New shut off valves have been installed and procedures have been changed to prevent this from ever happening again according to Rick Zirkler.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Are You Prepared for Long-term Care Costs?

Like everyone else, you hope to remain physically and financially independent your entire life. And you may well achieve this goal. Nonetheless, the future is not ours to see, so you'll want to prepare yourself for as many contingencies as possible — one of which is the high cost of long-term care.

As you may know, long-term care primarily refers to nursing home expenses, but it also includes services provided in your own home. In either case, though, it could be expensive.

The national average rate for a private room in a nursing home was more than \$87,000 per year in 2011, according to the 2011 MetLife Market Survey of Long-Term Care Costs. The same survey found that the average private-pay hourly rates for home health aides and home-maker companion services were \$21 and \$19, respectively.

With luck, of course, you won't need to worry about these types of expenses. But consider this: People who reach age 65 have a 40% chance of entering a nursing home, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And about 10% of those who enter a nursing home will stay there five or more years.

Clearly, if you take no steps to prepare yourself for the potentially devastating costs of an extended nursing home stay, you could be jeopardizing the assets you've worked so hard to accumulate. Even worse, if you run through your money, you might end up creating a financial and emotional burden for your grown children.

Unfortunately, many people assume that a federal or state government program will help them pay for

their long-term care expenses. However, Medicare pays only a small portion of nursing



home costs, and to be eligible for Medicaid, you would likely have to divest yourself of most of your financial assets. Consequently, you'll probably need to find another way to pay for long-term care.

Fortunately, there are investment or protection vehicles designed specifically to help you meet long-term care expenses. Your financial advisor can help you pick the option that's most appropriate for your individual situation.

Having the ability to pay for long-term care is obviously important. But other issues may also enter the picture. For example, if you need to enter a nursing home, you may be suffering from a physical or mental disability that might prevent you from handling your own affairs. This impairment could prove disastrous to your finances — which is why you can't afford to take that type of chance. Instead, consult with your legal advisor to determine if you can benefit from a durable power of attorney — a document that lets you delegate your financial decisions to a relative, close friend or anyone else you might choose.

None of us like to think about spending time in a nursing home or needing round-the-clock care in our own homes. However, life is unpredictable. But even if you can't avoid the need for long-term care, you can take steps to help reduce the financial strain it can cause you and your family.

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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

STATER BROS FLOWERS

Have you noticed the flowers surrounding Stater Bros. Market? We have enjoyed them all winter long. They are really pretty and so abundant. The market seems to be doing well. I talked to the cooperate office and they are pleased with the progress but I still don't understand why they place artificial flowers under refrigeration and no one can explain it to me.



OBITUARIES



Janet F. Wielenga

9-16-45 to 3-28-12

Mrs. Janet Wielenga, age 66 of Orange City, Iowa passed away on Wed. Mar. 28, 2012 at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital. She is survived by a daughter, 4 grand children and 2 great grand children. Her 96 year old mother and 2 sisters and 1 brother. Janet and Ardie were best friends since 6th grade and she often visited us in California and

we would spend time with her when ever we were in Iowa. She will be missed by so many friends and family.

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George Albert Elizarraras Age 67

Passed away on Feb. 25, 2012 in Riverside after a long illness due to cancer.

He was born and raised in Highgrove and was the son of Benjamin and Ester (Bernal), deceased. George graduated from Poly High School in 1962 and attended Valley College in San Bernardino. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Rose; children George, Aaron, Myra, Matthew, daughter-in-law Tina and grandchildren Isaac, Cheyenne, and Emma. He is also survived by his brothers Ben, Ray and Ruben and nephews and cousins.

Quest for Highgrove Metrolink continues....

Mobility 21 that is the transportation agency that represents Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Los Angeles County, Ventura County and San Diego County.

The reason for my continued attendance at these and other meetings is to let everyone know that the excess property owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission at Highgrove should be used for a Metrolink station that will benefit commuters between Riverside and San Bernardino County. Several comments made by one of the speakers Phillip Sandahl, was about "Maximizing your potential", "working together" and "If we pull together everybody wins", which are 3 points I wish we could get RCTC to understand. Later the workshop I attended included Ty Schuiling representing SANBAG and John Standiford who represented RCTC.

(2) RCTC meeting March 14, 2012

These were my comments during "public comments" at the RCTC meeting on Mar. 14, 2012:

Over 10 years ago the request for a Highgrove Metrolink Station was presented to RCTC.

Many changes have occurred since then including changes in your staff, different commissioners in some cases, and even the addition of new cities. But the one thing that has remained the same is the long term requests from the public for a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

We have recently received requests via e-mail that have been forwarded to SCAG for their Regional Transportation Plan. This plan is from 2012 until the year 2035 that looks into the future transportation needs for the next 23 years. Highgrove is under RCTC's jurisdiction because the present Perris Valley Line connection is only a few feet from the San Bernardino county line at Main Street. In this case, the county line is unimportant because the Metrolink trains and freeways have something in common: both are designed to move people! And the high cost of gasoline makes Metrolink even more desirable. The distance between Marlborough Ave. and Highgrove is only one mile but the destinations are different. Station placement has been our only concern due to the existing trains and the difference in destinations between these two locations.

We know that RCTC can change its mind regarding former station placement choices such as Spruce and Rustin, Palmyrita, and Columbia Ave. for example.

We can also change our minds, because we are asking that the station location at Highgrove be moved NORTH of the curved track, so it will not interfere with the Perris Valley Line connection. This new location is still on the 17.22 acre property owned by RCTC and is right next to the track used by daily Metrolink trains between San Bernardino and Riverside.

RCTC's property at Highgrove can serve a dual purpose: one for the curved track and one for the regional station for SCAG's RTP.

Many people have verbally supported Highgrove from this podium during public comments. Today I am submitting written documentation that includes city resolutions, letters, statements, comments, and recent e-mail requesting a Highgrove station.

I am requesting that this information be duplicated, distributed and digested by each commissioner. Take it home, read it, and realize that this is a win/win for commuter rail transportation. RCTC will get commuter trains between Riverside and Perris and the public will be able to use your same property and the existing trains between San Bernardino and Riverside. Other transportation agencies need to know that this location is the best place for SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan.

After reviewing this information a letter should be sent from RCTC to SCAG, Mobility 21, SANBAG and Metrolink stating that RCTC's excess property can and should be used for a station that will benefit the region on both sides of the county line. Highgrove has the vacant land, the existing Metrolink trains and longtime support.

And the public wants to know: "Why can't RCTC's excess property be used for mass transit between the 2 counties?"

After my comments, Supervisor Tavaglione requested that RCTC staff review the Highgrove location once again. I was assured that the 51 pages of support I presented would be scanned and e-mailed to each individual RCTC commissioner. Hopefully, before the commissioners automatically vote to accept their staff's recommendations, the commissioners will look at the vast amount of public support that has been presented over the last 10 years and ask the question: "What is wrong with RCTC's excess property being used to benefit the region?"

The information given to the commissioners is on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net under 8 years of comments and Supporting Docs.



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This year Sandals Church is partnering with Goodwill Southern California for a Goodwill Donation Drive on April 29th. Sandals is reaching out to the community for donations of items. This is the perfect time to do a little “Spring Cleaning” and give to those in need. The drive is a double blessing for both the church and for Goodwill Southern California. Donations received help to support Goodwill and provide work for many people. Funds raised from filling trucks will go toward the Sandals Summer Camp Fund.



Summer Camp is a pivotal event for Sandals Pipeline (children) and Frontside (teen) Ministries. Each year students from 3rd through 12th grade attend week long camps in Forest Falls and Hume Lake. This year there are reservations for 92 elementary school children with 48 additional students on a waiting list. 28 Counselors from Sandals will also be attending the Forest Home Camp. 17 counselors will supervise the 133 Jr. High and High School students scheduled for the Lake Hume Camp. 78 more students are on the waiting list.

The Forest Home camp for 3rd-5th graders is a great place for campers to encounter Jesus in the great outdoors. Ideas introduced in large groups activities are then unpacked in small group settings that encourage discussion. There are outdoor adventures that are both challenging and fun.

Adventure mountain camp for 5th -6th grade students, also at Forest Home, will have interactive games and activities intentionally designed for pre-teens. Sound Biblical principles will be introduced to help kids learn “who Jesus is by what we say and do”.

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The High School camp is at Ponderosa at Hume Lake. There is beauty and solitude with time for reflection and worship but high energy recreation is on the agenda too.

“Raising money for camp while benefitting Goodwill and serving our community by collecting unwanted items is wonderful on so many levels.” said Jamie Stevens, of Sandals Family Ministries.

Goodwill will have donation trucks at Sandals Church 150 Palmyrita Ave., Riverside. Volunteers from the church will collect all useable donated items and assist representatives from Goodwill in loading the items into semi-trailers. For every 28’ truck filled Goodwill will donate \$1500(general items) or \$900(furniture). All proceeds will go toward the Sandals Summer Camp Fund.

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The Iowa Connection!!!!

Highgrove Happenings Newspaper brought to you from Orange City, Iowa.....literally!

Yes it’s true! Ardie had to make an unexpected trip to Orange City, Iowa because her best friend was near death. (Obituary on P. 12.)They have been best friends since the 6th grade. Janet came to Highgrove to help us when I retired in 2001 but couldn’t return to Iowa when the planes were grounded due to 911. I had to go back to Ontario Airport and bring her back to Highgrove until the planes were allowed to fly again.

Ardie has her lap-top with her in Iowa and we have been working together trying to get the April issue to you on time. There have been many set-backs including my computer that crashed after she left that resulted in me having to use her computer that has different programs that I am not familiar with. Her lap top is connected to her computer in Highgrove (using a long extension cord) so we can both work on the paper using Skype or telephones on speaker phone so we can communicate.

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The winner of the March word search is Mandy Mueller of Colton. Mandy is in the 6th grade at the Grand Terrace Elementary School and her teacher is Mrs. Eaton. Mandy is the granddaughter of Jeanne and E. T. Terrell who are very active in the Riverside Eagles Aerrie # 997 located at 466 E. La Cadena Dr. in Highgrove. Congratulations to Mandy!



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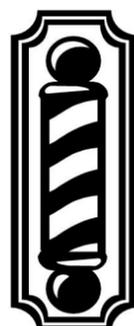
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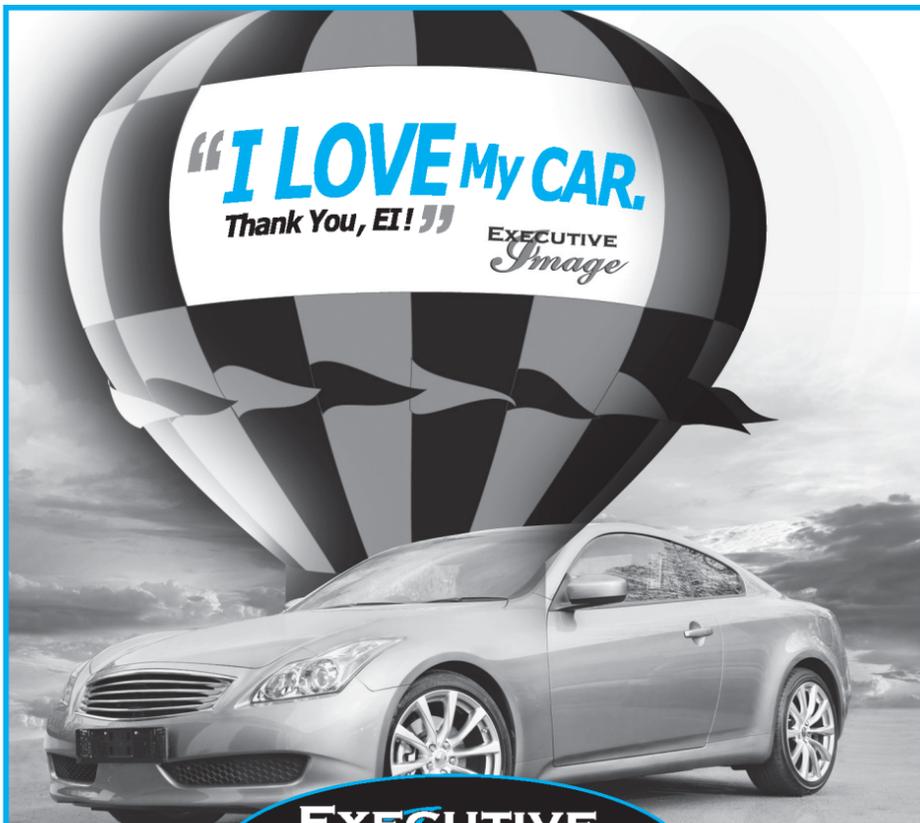
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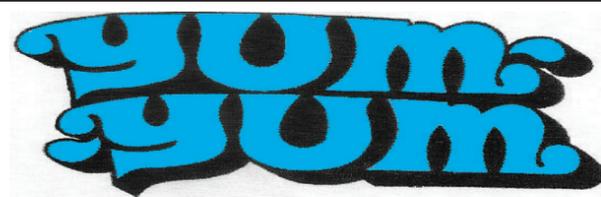
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