



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

December 2008

Special community meeting draws concern from Highgrove residents

A special meeting was held at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove on Nov. 18, 2008, to discuss the "Highgrove Business Center" construction on the 40 acre parcel of vacant land west of the Highgrove Elementary School, and between Center St., Spring St., and the U.P. Railroad track.

As Chairman of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council I read the following statement before turning the meeting over to the Bixby Land Company.

This was my statement on Nov. 18, 2008 at the beginning of the meeting:

The Highgrove CSA 126 was established over 17 years ago.

We have held monthly meetings at this location every month (except December) since 1996. The CSA was dissolved because it was limited to Park and Recreation, Sheriff Protection and Landscaping. It was replaced by the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council when it was: "created by the Board of Supervisors on August 29, 2006 to address all concerns for the Highgrove area". This was over 1 year & 8 months ago, but this is the first time that the land owner, developer, or consultants have been present to explain to the MAC what is planned for the Bixby property. Many Highgrove residents were not notified about this special meeting due to the timing.

The consultant representing Bixby was invited to our regular MAC meeting on Nov. 26th but he said he would be unable to attend. Then a request was made to hold the special meeting on Dec. 3rd, which was agreeable because it would allow sufficient time for notification by the "Highgrove Happenings" Newspaper delivery date of Dec. first-two days prior to the meeting.

The meeting was moved again, forward to Nov. 18, 2008 and as chairman of the Highgrove MAC, I personally objected to moving the date ahead before our community was properly notified. I ask the EDA for mailing addresses for residents east of the freeway but there was not enough time to notify the 900+ Highgrove households by mail.

Formerly, when we were a CSA,

Mark Bixby of the Bixby Land Co. attended our Oct. 23, 2007 meeting, and the Bixby Land Company's present consultant has attended former CSA meetings at this location when he represented Spring Mountain Ranch.

But this plan or the changes in zoning had never been brought to our MAC advisory board until the Nov. 18th meeting. Maybe the changes from IP zoning to MSC are good, maybe they are not, but we have not had ample involvement to determine the good or bad, the reason for the change in zoning, or an explanation of the differences.

The MAC was created to address all concerns for the Highgrove area and this has not been done. We cannot advise our Supervisor what the people want when we were not involved or aware of these major changes to our community.

On Nov. 5, 2008, All 5 members of the Highgrove MAC and both alternates requested in writing, that the proposed zone change be declined until the Highgrove MAC, has a full understanding of how this change will affect our community. But the Riverside County Planning Commission authorized a zone change of the Bixby property from IP to MSC zoning over the written and verbal opposition from the Highgrove MAC.

(End of statement)

After my statement, Andy Frost from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency gave a brief report on the project and the meeting was then turned over to Mike Hodges of the Bixby Land Company and their consultant, Pat Meyer of Urban Environs from Redlands who gave their presentation.

This project is a \$30 million dollar project with these building sizes:

A-1 will be:	29,388 Sq. Ft.
A-2	10,918 "
A-3	8,631 "
A-4	7,350 "
A-5	6,112 "
A-6	24,658 "

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No trucks over 7 tons on Michigan Ave.



This sign is located on Michigan Ave. looking south from Center Street. Another sign at Spring St. limits truck access on Michigan Ave. between Spring St. and Center Street.

Two other signs that limit truck access on Prospect Ave. are posted between Center St. and Citrus St. where Prospect becomes Northgate but the limit is 6 tons. The above sign was posted shortly after they were authorized by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on July 1, 2005.

SANTA AND SMOKEY ARE COMING TO HIGHGROVE!

The Highgrove Volunteer Fire Company will be visiting different neighborhoods of Highgrove December 7-11, 2008 between 6:00 and 9:00 PM. Santa Claus and Smokey the Bear will be riding on the rescue squad giving out free candy canes to all the children. Check which street you live on for the date listed below, and listen for the sirens and music.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Main St., east of Mt. Vernon, Oriole Ave., Carlin Lane, Elena Ave, Carlota Way, Teresa St., Mt. Vernon, Browning St., Kendra Way, Brian Way, Seeley Ct., Radford Ct., Mandarin Way, Chickadee Circle, Bob White Lane, Heron Lane, Cardinal Lane, Starling Lane, Whipporwill Dr., Goldfinch Ln., Pelican Dr., Owetzal Ln., Murphy Ave., Osborne Ct.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Michigan Ave., Tanner Cir., Trabert Cir., Conners Ln., Cindy Cir., Swayzee Ct., Sweetser Dr., Keone Ct., Plews Ct., Ishbell Ct., Flynn St., Walker Ave., Tulare St., Harvey Ave., Waring Ave., Arliss St., Sanrive Ave., Main St. between Michigan and the RR Tracks, Prospect Ave., Transit Ave., (Fountain Ave., Villa St., and Spring St.) all east of the RR Tracks.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Center St. between RR Tracks and 1-215, Commercial Ave., Highland Ave., Mound St., West Church St., Pacific Ave., Highland Ave., (Fountain Ave., Villa St., and Spring St.) all west of the RR Tracks, Glen St., Iowa St., Ruby St., Palmer St., Devener St., Electric Ave., East LaCadena Dr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Center St. west of 1-215, Stephens Ave., Cliffhill Pl., Toluca Pl., Mont Martre Ave., Versailles Pl., Clare St., Viola Dr., Debbie Ln., W. La Cadena Dr., Toulouse Ave., Cannes Ave., La Ciotat Way, Avignon Ct., Toulon Ct., San Remo Way

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Make up night, if one of the above night's was missed due to rain or emergency activity. **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HIGHGROVE STATION 19**

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm
Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk
Contact: Sherry at (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912
THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER
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At

**Norton Younglove
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December 23, 2008

6:00pm-8:00pm

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Please RSVP by December 19, 2008
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 - When can I switch plans?

- What happens after open enrollment?
 - What are Medicare-enhanced benefits?
- Wednesday, December 10th, 11:30am
Norton Younglove Community Center
Door prize and Raffles

2nd Annual Holiday Home Lighting Contest

The Norton Younglove Community Center will hold a Holiday Lighting Contest again this year. Judging will be between Dec. 7th-11th and the winners will be announced at the mixer on December 23rd and prizes will be given out then. Please call the Center at (951) 341-6634 or drop by and fill out an entry form.



Looking like Santa Claus himself is our long time friend, Danny Stouffer who is pictured here at Christmas, 2005. He has a collection of tractors and many years has provided hayrides for Highgrove and Grand Terrace residents so we can look at the Christmas decorations on the homes. The wagons are even wired with Christmas music and we have had many pleasant hours with Danny and his crew. Unfortunately there will be no hayride this year due to his health problems. Last year they were rained out. Danny, we are all pulling for you to get better!

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Homework Help is offered at the Norton Younglove Community Center

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

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



Rolling Cart FOOD GIVE AWAY

1st and 3rd Friday of the month

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

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



FREE WI-FI

The Center now offers FREE access to high-speed WiFi network. The community is now free to bring their laptops to the Center and surf the net in the Cool Center.



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Meets at the Norton Younglove Community Center

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Saturdays

Youth & Adults (13 and up) 10:30 - 11:30 am

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Children (ages 5-12) \$40

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Free Introductory Class

Highgrove CDF hold their annual Toy Drive

The CDF/Riverside County Firefighters are ready to start the annual holiday toy drive. Each year our department participates in the Spark of Love Toy Drive along with several other Southern California Fire Departments and ABC7. The toy drive encourages citizens to bring new unwrapped toys to fire stations in their community. The fire stations then coordinate with local groups and schools to distribute toys in their respective communities.

Many fire stations have terrific community-based programs that provide gifts for children and a real sense of the holiday season for firefighters.

The Riverside County Fire Department also works with charitable groups and countywide organizations to insure that toys are available for less fortunate children for the holidays. All CDF/Riverside County Fire Department Fire Stations and the cities they protect will accept toy donations beginning Friday, November 24, 2006 through Sunday, December 24, 2006. Toys, sports equipment, and gifts for older children are always appreciated. The generosity of the Riverside County residents has consistently met the needs of those less fortunate. Let's continue the tradition of making this holiday season special for children. Please stop by your local fire station or the Norton Younglove Community Center and help firefighters ignite a Spark of Love this holiday season. For additional information about the Spark of Love Toy Drive or our department, please call (951) 341 6634.



Wanted: Writers and Reporters

We need local articles and photos that would be of interest to our readers. No experience necessary! Send your articles and pictures to your local newspaper: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com or call (951) 683 4994

Highgrove Baseball is Back!!



This picture is from the tournament at Highgrove Park on November 8th & 9th, 2008. The boys had a super time and so did the parents, siblings and friends. Over 300 people enjoyed the park, carne asada tacos, nachos, snow cones and other goodies! Residents heard the excitement and came out to express interest in PONY Baseball.

Firefighters came out and ate and donated 2 brand new American Flags to be proudly displayed over each field.... We would like to thank them for their thoughtful generosity... Also, this time we would like to give back to the community. There seem to be many in need right now and the food supply for giving from Eddie's church is low.

The families of each player have agreed to bring canned goods for the church to provide to those less fortunate. If you would like to join us, bring a can or two of food to the north field at the Highgrove Park during our next tournament



December 13th & 14th, 2008.

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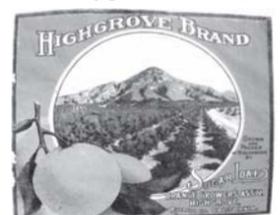
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Misdemeanor Arrests	3	Arrest warrants served	13

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

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A-7	34,473	Sq Ft
B-1	61,060	"
B-2	53,140	"
B-3	67,432	"
B-4	67,432	"
Total	370,594	Sq. Ft

According to the plans presented there will be 14.36 acres in phase 3 left vacant but designated as "Future Commercial Center/Business Park" which is planned for the north east portion of the property across the street from the school and library.

After their presentation, MAC members questioned the developer, the consultant, and Adam Rush from the Riverside County Planning Department.

Later in the meeting there were 27 people who spoke during the "Public Comments" portion of the meeting that was limited to 3 minutes each.

Many questions were brought up for discussion and here are some of the concerns that I have for our community:

There are no present provisions in this plan for community services- such as a Shopping Center, Market, and Bank, Post Office or other service related businesses.

There are no tenants who have agreed to occupy these buildings if and when they are built.

The buildings are being built on speculation, not present demand.

The project is located next to the Highgrove Elementary School.

Almost all of the numerous large buildings (warehouses) along Palmyrita, Columbia and Marlborough have "Available" or "For Lease" signs on them which are an indication that space is available to businesses a short distance away.

The economy is at an all time low and Riverside County now has an unemployment rate of 10%.

The estimated creation of 400 new jobs will not happen until all buildings are filled with businesses. Empty build-

ings may create outside construction jobs but empty buildings do not create jobs.

This project jumps over Bixby's own vacant 27 acre parcel south of Spring St. and if built, would result in 27 acres of their land ending up in-between new buildings they want to build now (north of Spring St.), and the existing warehouses that already exist south of the arroyo in Riverside.

If they are allowed to build on the 40 acres, then the only other option for the future use of the vacant 27 acre parcel is for more large buildings because other uses of this property such as residential would be inappropriate because their 27 acres would be located between 2 areas that have commercial buildings.

If this project just has to be built, the buildings should be located on the other 27 acre Bixby property south of Spring St. so the larger buildings are closer to the existing large warehouses in Riverside- across the arroyo. This location would take the project away from the school and be less of an impact on our community. Later the 40 acres in the middle of Highgrove could be re-evaluated when the economy comes back up.

The "Future Commercial/ Business Park" on the north east corner has no guarantee and will be: "Market driven" according to Pat Meyer of Urban Environs who is the Bixby Land Company's consultant.

The plans indicate 500 parking spaces that are planned in this project that will adversely affect our traffic congestion along Center St. without any provision for a new east/west road.

The proposed change in zoning was never presented to the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council for input, comments or even notification. We found out in late October about the Planning Commission meeting. And, over the written and verbal objections of the Highgrove MAC at the Planning

Commission meeting on Nov. 5, 2008, the Riverside County Planning Commission allowed the zone change on the Bixby property from IP to MSC.

If this zone change was allowed without the Highgrove MAC being properly informed about the change, then why can't a zone change be considered again, this time with community involvement to allow other uses that are more urgent and/or compatible with the community?

The General Plan can be revised and maybe in this case another change should be reconsidered.

Here are some comments and statements from the MAC board.

Mark Visyak: Build it and they will come? Does this apply? It may become a graffiti target!

Melanie Zimmermann: Truck pollution near school, (too many other items to mention)

Don Earp: Who will the tenants be?

Denis Kidd: Has lighting concerns because lighting by warehouses on Palmyrita Ave. light up the whole side of Sugarloaf. "Will future services include a shopping center"?

Debbie Pierce: Concerned about noise such as exhaust fans and trucks.

Kathy Cochran: no comment

Here are some of the comments or concerns raised during "Public Comments":

Beatrice Etchison: "500 parking spaces will make a terrific impact on traffic".

Rene Munoz: "We are concerned that our back yard view will become a view of the dumpsters and the lighting will shine into our bedroom".

Vicky Paragoa: was concerned about Center St. traffic and the backup of traffic when trains block Center Street.

Brad Pierce: was concerned about night workers and noises.

Fred Garcia: "Center St. will be grid locked by the school especially

when there are trains blocking Center Street".

Cynthia Gustafson: was concerned about Garfield St. by the school being redone, and stated it was "unsafe for the kids" and she does not want vacant industrial buildings.

Lillian Matson: Ask: "What will be in the buildings"? Answer: No tenants yet!

Ardie Barnett: Wanted to know when the building would start-Answer: Maybe in Jan., 2010

She also wanted to know about Center St. being dug up for sewers- adding to the traffic problems.

Dave Hadley: Will phase 3 have trees or grass? Answer: Landscaping required along frontage.

Pat Hara: Will the buildings along Garfield prevent future expansion of Highgrove Elementary School to the south? She also asked about the increase in traffic during lunchtime.

Rachael Perez was concerned about the traffic at Michigan and Main St.

Felemon Munoz was also concerned about the traffic this will create on Center St. and he said he has heard there will be an overpass or underpass on Center Street. He believes that "money is being put before the kids".

Laura Harvey was concerned about millwork trucks and light industrial. Answer from Mike Hodges: "There will be trucks"

Jim Koker: asked about the impact to our community, to the school, and to traffic, and the estimated creation of 400 jobs.

Karen Hana: "Will this be a build first or build to suite"? Answer-Build first.

Please look at the map on the right showing the Bixby Plan for the vacant 40 acres, and a copy of the letter I received from the City of Riverside the day after our special meeting. (More photos on P. 8)

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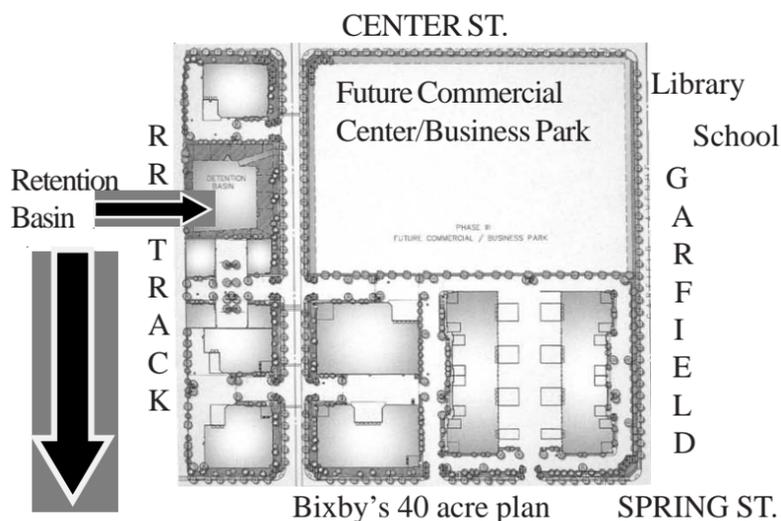
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The Bixby Land Company wants to build the "Highgrove Business Center" in their vacant 40 acre parcel between Center St. and Spring Street. The building diagram shown below shows what would be placed on the 40 ACRES below the building diagram. A larger view can be seen on P. 5 of our Nov. 2008 issue.



The photo above shows the property owned by the Bixby Land Company. They own the 27 acres and the 40 acres but want to build on the 40 acres. They are skipping over their own 27 acres that now have warehouses across the arroyo!

City of Riverside also concerned about Highgrove Zone changes

On Nov. 19, 2008, the day after the special meeting in Highgrove, I received a call from the City of Riverside. They sent me a copy of a letter dated March 21, 2008 that was addressed to the Riverside County Planning Department. (Copies of the entire letter are available upon request). Here are some important points contained in that letter in reference to the 40 acre Bixby Property located between Center St., Garfield St., Spring St. and the U P railroad track.

"The County of Riverside's General Plan land use designation for the proposed project site is LI - Light Industrial and is proposed to be zoned M-SC, both of which permit the development of industrial and light manufacturing uses of varying types. Consequently, the County's land use designation and proposed zoning are inconsistent with the City's existing land use designation."

"Tentative Parcel Map No. 35612 identifies Parcel #14 as a detention basin. Given the fact that established residential uses exist adjacent (to the west) to the proposed detention basin, Planning Division staff recommends that such detention basin be moved to a more central location within the proposed project site."

"The City's Public Works Department also requests to be involved in the discussions with the applicant related to the development of the traffic study so as to ensure that it adequately reflects the project's projected trip distribution and its subsequent impact on the City".

c: Ronald Loveridge, Mayor

Riverside City Council Members Brad Hudson, City Manager

Michael Beck, Assistant City Manager

Scott Barber, Community Development Director

Tom Boyd, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Supervisor Ashley, 4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor, Riverside CA, 92502-1527

Ron Goldman, Planning Director, 4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor, Riverside, CA 92502 Bixby Land Company, 2211 Michelson Drive - Suite 500, Irvine, CA 92612

Urban Environs, 133 E. Vine Street, Redlands, CA 92373

Thienes Engineering, Inc., 14349 Firestone Boulevard, La Mirada, CA 90638

I think one of the most important aspects of the above letter is that every-one but Highgrove was aware of these changes being planned right in the middle of our community, but no one notified the local people or the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council so the community could be sufficiently involved in the planning process or voice an opinion.

We have been holding monthly meetings in Highgrove since 1991 when CSA 126 was established. CSA 126 was replaced by the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council on Aug. 29, 2006 but we have met every month except the month of December- at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove. Look who all received a copy of the letter from Riverside.

Please turn to P. 7 for another zone change we did not know about!

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Metrolink train wrecks:

As a retired Conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe, I feel it is time to speak up about train wrecks. As we all know train wrecks go way back in history and we all have seen pictures of old steam engines that have had head-on collisions.

I retired in 2001 after spending 41 1/2 years on the tracks between San Bernardino and Barstow, Los Angeles, San Diego, Redlands and San Jacinto and every place in between. I said "on the tracks" because sometimes we were not always "on the tracks" due to situations beyond our control. I have turned over in an engine between Hesperia and Cushenbury, (see photo on right), turned over in a caboose (remember those?) and hit vehicles that were stalled on the tracks and cut one in half when we could not stop. And believe me, everyone in the engine is hoping that the vehicle will make it off of the track in time. The train cannot stop, and it is up to the vehicle to get out of the way! But accidents do happen and with the increase in population and an over abundance of vehicle traffic there will always be someone who will try to beat the train!

It used to take 11 crew members to get a freight train from Los Angeles to Barstow when I first started on Feb. 23, 1960. Now there are only 2 crew members on the freight trains between Los Angeles and Barstow and both

crew members are on the engine since the elimination of the caboose.

The reduction of crew size, and extending the length of the distance traveled between terminals, and the elimination of the cabooses, are all based on the bottom line-money!

The point I would like to make about the last 2 Metrolink train wrecks is that the positive train control system that is being talked about will help to stop the trains, but something else is needed that also may add to the safety aspect. That is called on-the-job experience!

Formerly, a Brakeman had to have 4 years of on-the-job experience before he could even take the test to become a Conductor. And the train's engine crew consisted of the Engineer and a Fireman which is comparable to a pilot and co-pilot of an airplane. But the train's Firemen lost their jobs when the railroads got the "Featherbedding" issue put on the ballot in the mid 60's under proposition 17. Then, years later they realized that since the Firemen were gone they were short of Engineers. There were no co-pilots after the pilots retired.

OUTSOURCING:

Have locomotive Engineer's jobs been outsourced? I really can't say, but the 2 Engineers on the Metrolink engine in the most recent incident in Rialto, and also the Engineer in the Chatsworth crash on Sept. 12, 2008 that killed 25 people and injured 135 people, were "contract employees" from Connex

Railway, a subsidiary of the French company named Veolia Transportation. The 3 Engineers in these 2 incidents were not Metrolink employees.

Putting 2 Engineers on the train's engine has received a lot of publicity lately but in the Rialto incident it didn't seem to matter. The Metrolink train still ran the red block and hit the rear of the westbound BNSF freight train that was pulling into the siding. I do not know if experience or on-the-job training had anything to do with these accidents and

I am not criticizing the training program of the Veolia Transportation Company. I had never heard of them before. I have no idea who they are or where they are located.

Just remember, there are some things that money cannot buy (and it has nothing to do with your Master Card). That one thing is called on-the-job experience! It is priceless!

But in the accident below, it could have happened to any crew, with any amount of experience!

Nov. 14, 1988: Accidents do happen!



This was the engine I was in when we derailed on Nov. 14, 1988 on a curve 13 1/2 miles east of Hesperia on our way to Lucerne Valley. I was the Conductor and my Engineer was Clay Wilson. I ended up on the Engineer's side, on top of him after we went out across the desert with no wheels and made a slow curve to the left before turning over. My Brakemen, Ray Hafley and Jim Mobley were in the other engine that derailed but remained near the track. I was the only one injured and coincidentally the Assistant Superintendent, Neal Leaverton, had just congratulated me on my safety record that same morning when I arrived at work. Unfortunately, later that evening he was taking me to the hospital in the high desert. But, fortunately I only missed 4 days of work.

The cause was attributed to a resident who rented a grader or something to grade his driveway. Evidently he got carried away and graded sand down the dirt road and over the track on a curve.

An eye witness at the crossing said "I couldn't believe what I was seeing". And actually I couldn't either. Wow, what a ride! "Barney"

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Another Zone change near old Highgrove dump!

Also received after the special meeting that was held on Nov. 18, 2008 was information about a General Plan Amendment # 803 dated Sept. 18, 2008 proposing changing 45.57 acres near the old Highgrove dump from Community Development: Public Facilities (CD:PF) to Community Development: Medium Density Residential (CD:MDR) 2-5 dwellings units per acre.

A notice about the existence of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council is being prepared to send to those who we know- are already aware that we exist, and to those who may not know we exist.

Regular MAC meeting Nov. 26, 2008

Two MAC members were absent: Melanie Zimmermann who was sick, and Don Earp who was out of town. Those seats were filled by the alternates Kathy Cochran and Debbie Pierce. Chad Wilshire from the EDA gave us a financial update that included figures for the cost of the 2008 Highgrove Day expenditures.

The Bixby plan was on the agenda and was the major topic of the evening. Pat Meyer from Urban Environs did attend, and was in the audience to answer questions about their proposed plan. Among other comments, he stated that the reference to "warehouses" was inappropriate and not comparable because the development is a "business park".

There were additional comments from several members of the community and later I read a letter I wrote to Supervisor Ashley requesting that he does not approve the "Highgrove Business Center" proposed by the Bixby Land Co..

I read my reasons for the letter to Supervisor Ashley based on the following:

1. Bad location.
2. No services being provided.
3. MAC has not properly been included.
4. Poor timing due to economy.
5. Availability of similar buildings south of arroyo.
6. May establish a precedent for large buildings north of the arroyo.
7. Community does not want this project.

My motion to send the letter to Supervisor Ashley did not receive a second and there was no action taken. Denis Kidd abstained from voting due to a possible conflict of interest and the letter to Ashley will not be sent from the MAC.

You may contact Supervisor Ashley individually. (See details on P. 11)

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove at 459 Center St. on Jan. 27, 2009 PUBLIC INVITED

Highgrove T-Shirts get around (Hint: Christmas is coming)!



Bob King of Sun city, Arizona is a repeat customer from when he first bought a Highgrove T-Shirts over 5 years ago. He called again on Nov. 21st and he bought 2 more. They have the Highgrove Logo on the front and a beautiful print on the back- of one of Highgrove's Citrus labels that date back to 1916.

Bob drives a truck for Carelone Trucking and delivers to all of California and the Phoenix area. Our T-Shirts have even been to the Suez Canal where we received a photo from retired Sheriff Sgt. Weakley years ago. If you live in Highgrove you should have at least one of these shirts. We have various sizes. We also have CD's and videos of our Highgrove Song. And don't forget:

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Modular buildings often block traffic on Citrus St. between Prospect and Iowa Ave..



The driver of this stopped truck on Northgate motioned for me to go around!



The Bixby Property is shown on both sides of Spring St. and the 6 ton limit ahead sign applies to Prospect Ave. in both directions. The new buildings that are planned would be on the 40 acres on the right side of the picture.



This sign is posted by Citrus and Northgate looking north onto Prospect Avenue. Prospect becomes Northgate behind the photographer.

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Flabob Celebrated Veterans Day!

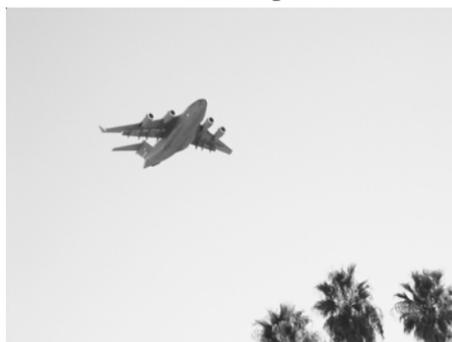


There were all kinds of airplanes from different eras like these bi-planes and jets doing fly-overs, static displays, a car show and lots of things to do and see at the Flabob airport in Rubidoux.

Art Bernal from Highgrove, shown below, won a digital TV. He has a beautiful 1929 Ford Roadster Pick-Up. Art and I were Highgrove Elementary School classmates many years ago!



Flabob Airport



WW II clothing

WW I clothing



These people were dressed in clothing from two different eras.

L-R: Don Cervantes from El Segundo was dressed in WW II clothing and Rich Burden and his wife Barbara from Banning were dressed in WW I clothing. The Riverside Concert Band played in one of the hangers and it was a great day!

“Operation School Bell”



Approximately 60 local children in need, each received new school clothing and a backpack on Saturday, November 29th. The program, known as “Operation School Bell” is operated by Assistance League of Riverside.

Operation School Bell provides each child in need with three shirts, two pair of pants, a jacket, a sweatshirt, six pairs of underwear, six pairs of socks, a personal care kit and a backpack, plus a \$15 voucher to Payless Shoes.

While waiting to receive the outfits the children participated in arts and crafts and a book corner where they received a free book.

The children, ages 4 to 13 years old were referred to Family Service Association’s (FSA) Mead Valley and Norton Younglove Community Centers by local school teachers or community members. FSA provided transportation for the children to participate.

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"In Our Own Backyard"

by Cynthia Williams, DC

Places to go, things to do, people to see!

How many of us have said- "I've lived here for 25 years and I have never been to that [fill in the blank]!" This column is to introduce you to what is in your own backyard and show you what you are missing. Then maybe you will want to go explore for yourself.

California Citrus State Historic Park "Grassy, tree-shaded areas evoke a quieter time, an era when the American dream might be found in a leafy, evergreen grove heavy with golden fruit."

Located in the Arlington Heights area of Riverside, groves of citrus are protected and preserved from the rapidly vanishing citrus landscape of southern California in a 377-acre park in a historic setting, reflective of an era when southern California dominated the citrus industry in this country.

Citrus was introduced to California by the Spanish missionaries in 1769 but in 1873 two seedless orange tree called Bahia orange and renamed Washington Navel, were sent to Eliza Tibbets in Riverside, California. (One of the original trees still stands, protected by a chain-link fence, on the corner of Magnolia Ave and Arlington Ave.) Thousands of acres of orange trees were propagated from those two trees, creating an industry in California that changed the culture and financial future for those living here. Sometimes called the 2nd Gold Rush, the citrus industry painted a picture of a state that was warm and sunny, carefree and affluent, and in-



viting to all.

The Museum, Gift Shop and Visitor Center are located at the south end of the park. Staffed by friendly, knowledgeable volunteers like George Molchan, and Joe Hamlin, it has displays, videos, dioramas, artifacts and murals that take you through the history of citrus in southern California from the early missionaries, through the explosive growth of the citrus industry, to the present day. George and Joe are eager to share with you the history of citrus and assist you in the Gift Shop. The Gift Shop is stocked with everything-citrus. Citrus recipe and history books, key chains, toys, candies, linens, and jars of marmalade in various citrus flavors are available; with proceeds going to support the museum efforts.

From the Visitor Center you can take a leisure walk through groves of various exotic and unique citrus trees, past displays of historic systems and equipment, and stops at the Sunkist Center. If you visit when the trees are in bloom, you can take in the intoxicating perfume of the blossoms.

I went on a Saturday afternoon and it was so relaxing. The Museum is interesting, the Gift Shop is adorable, and the park is beautiful. It is a destination worth making.

The park is part of the California State Park system with a daily use fee in effect: \$4.00 per car, \$3.00 for seniors 62+. The park is supported in part through a non-profit organization: California Citrus State Historic Park

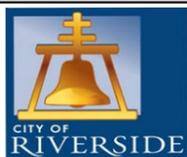
Non-Profit Management Corporation, PO Box 21292, Riverside, CA 92516.

The California Citrus State Historic Park is located on the corner of Van Buren and Dufferin Ave. (About 2.5 miles east of the 91 freeway.) The park is open 7 days a week; summer hours (April through September) 8 am to 7 pm; winter hours (October through March) 8 am to 5 pm. The park has a concert series on Friday evenings June-July-August (6 Fridays) that is free and open to the public. Bring your picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy live

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The Visitor Center and Museum is open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm; 951-637-8044.

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Snow forecast for Bordwell Park



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Forty-five tons of fresh snow will be transported to Bordwell Park, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd., for Snow Day, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 6th.**

Snow Day is fast becoming a Riverside tradition in this sunny climate.

There will also be holiday crafts, games, prizes, entertainment, a holiday boutique, Santa Claus and a pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.. The cost is \$7 per person for a 25-minute snow play and \$9 per person for both snow play and breakfast.

Space is limited for the first 500 participants to sign up. All children 12 and under have to be accompanied by an adult.

Call the parks department at (951) 826-2000 or on-line at www.riversideca.gov/park_rec.

Pick-up truck stolen(or just "borrowed"?)

The gardener who has done our lawn work for years was in for a surprise when he returned from mowing our back yard. His pick-up truck that had been parked in front of our house was gone! And we did not know it until we received a call from Highgrove Sheriff Deputy Bryan Vig who we met in front of our house.

The truck was recovered the next evening, not far away, and all that was missing was a can of gas. It was an older truck and possibly it was a crime of opportunity for someone just walking by and decided to ride instead of walk. Luckily the equipment was still in the back of the pick-up when it was located and the same truck was back in front of our house again the next week.



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Call of the Canyon

By Mae Wagner Smith

Early morning sun transforms the telephone wires into golden ribbons looping along the edge of the winding road of San Timoteo Canyon, making each morning's commute a new present just waiting to be unwrapped.

My daughter tells me she wishes I would find a job in Redlands so I wouldn't have to drive to Moreno Valley each day. No way. If I were to do so, I would lose two of my most magical times of the day—the drive to work and the drive home.

It's the canyon, you see. Although I love to drive through both of the canyons linking Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, it is San Timoteo and not Reche Canyon that I travel almost every day.

And the drive does something to me—especially in the morning—something that borders on magical. It gives me a time to sort and collect my thoughts, a time to pull it all together for the day that lies ahead, a time to ponder the beauty around me. Some mornings are glorious sparkling blue sky and puffy cloud mornings and others are misty moisty gray mornings.

If my timing isn't just right on the road leading out of Redlands, I am on the wrong side of the railroad tracks and must wait for a train to cross. Usually, the trains are very long and very slow—but the wait can be a time of peaceful meditation. As I watch the powerful engines pulling the long line

of cars with names like Maersk and Evergreen and Uniglory, I wonder ... who is waiting for them? Will they be hitched to a big truck heading for Texas or Arizona or will they sit on a dock somewhere until loaded onto a ship, sailing to some distant shore? I ponder oh so many things as I watch them rumble past, loaded with mystery cargoes and adorned with graffitied messages. Some messages are artistic and some are an assault on the senses—but they, too, give me pause. Where did the messages begin and where will they go? Perhaps the "artist" cannot escape whatever environment puts him near the tracks while only the rolling rails and distant destinies of the train limit his "art".

Waiting for the train also gives me time to contemplate the orange grove intersected by the railroad crossing. It marks the seasons as they come and go. First comes the season of blooming when the air is filled with the fragrance of orange blossoms. Soon, the blossoms are replaced by little green globes that grow larger and turn orange. At harvest time, ladders bob up and down among the trees and I know that, for each ladder, there is a worker moving it from tree to tree as the oranges are harvested by skilled, work-hardened hands belonging to someone who must follow the crops as surely as the train must follow the tracks. And I wonder, will this harvest

end up on a train going to some distant place while the oranges I sometimes buy come from Australia?

I cross the tracks and turn left onto San Timoteo Canyon. I love the drive for giving me a respite from the clutter and clang of urban life. Although I am on the actual Canyon road for only a short time, I know it rolls and dips for miles in front of me and miles behind me. Gigantic steel monsters march across the ridges of hills with their cargo of electricity. Lines of telephone poles, some tall and tilted, some stumpy and askew, lurch along the road like a drunken chain gang. Eucalyptus and pepper trees line the roadside where bright yellow sunflowers undulate and beckon.

When my eyes lift beyond the telephone poles and tumbleweeds, they are treated to incredible panoramas of gentle rolling hills dotted with oaks. In my rearview mirror, I see the mountains, magnificent in the play of sunshine and shadow, shadows that create folds of color—shades of gray and velvet brown, highlighted by hues of purple and violet. Sometimes, in unique California fashion, palm trees are silhouetted against distant snow-covered mountains. Some mornings, clouds hang misty over the land and the ever-changing mountains appear to rise out of them like distant, magical castles and kingdoms.

And, as if he commanded his own kingdom, I once saw a hawk perched on the last crag of hill before I dropped down into civilization as Moreno Valley suddenly sprawled before me. Now, I

see these birds of prey less and less.

I am left to not only mourn the disappearing hawks but the changes that are happening in the Canyon. Traffic is heavy. A cross marks the spot where one person's impatience cost another his life. Lines of commuters just like me snake along at a crawl behind trucks loaded with gravel and lumber as they rumble to construction sites. Development will soon transform it into more clutter and clang. What will future generations do? Where will they find the respite I have found?

In the meantime, life goes on. The daily commute is my own time machine, marking the seasons of the year as surely as they mark the seasons of my life. Large rounded green thistles turn into brown tumbleweeds, loosed from their moorings and transported by the winds. Fields are plowed, planted, come to life, are harvested and plowed again. The smoggy haze of summer lifts from the mountains to reveal another season of dazzling snowy peaks.

And if there is such a thing as reincarnation, I know I have been incarnated from a place of rolling hills where hawks soar and dip above, where streams cut through the land, where orange trees blossom and oaks are framed dark against the morning light.

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Virginia's View Point

by Virginia Harford

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU

There are more and more cameras being installed at intersections ostensibly to catch speeders and red light violators. I have a feeling this is a money maker and not entirely an attempt to thwart speeders or red light violators. There are two in Grand Terrace and several in Loma Linda, San Bernardino, Riverside and Redlands. I do not know of any human being that drives that does not make an occasional mistake. I know of no driver who is a perfect driver. I am certainly not one! I may be exhibiting sour grapes. I was driving south on Mt. Vernon Ave. in Grand Terrace and came to Barton Rd., to the intersection planning to turn right but the light was yellow and as I punched the accelerator the light turned red and the cameras caught me.

Was it really worth a \$390 fine not to mention the time lost going to court to try for a reduction? Did the judge ask me to explain? Not a word! His only statement was whether or not I wanted to go to traffic school (\$50). I said "Yes", thinking perhaps I could learn how to avoid this violation in the future. But I would have to spend another two hours trying to decipher the lessons. The reduction was \$100 but with the \$50 charge for school the amount of the fine was \$340. What would they have done to me if I had been broke, put me in jail? What did I learn? Don't speed up when the light is yellow—stop!

Loma Linda in its infinite wisdom has also decided that it is okay to fine anyone smoking in Loma Linda. Is Loma Linda offering free help for people who want to stop smoking? They want to make Loma Linda smoke free, even on public roads. I don't know if this will make the money for Loma Linda that the cameras do but it might. I have not smoked in 25 years. It was the most difficult thing I ever did but the best for my lungs. But can we be judge and jury on the poor smoker? Isn't his nicotine addiction enough of a burden for him?

Someone somewhere decided without my permission or yours that we will need a converter box for our television sets that do not have digital or high definition capabilities. I am told by the experts that our reception will be so much better that we will be delighted. What if we are satisfied with our current reception? What about those who cannot really afford the cost of the box? You can apply for a reduction but the box will probably cost about \$20.00 even at the reduced rate.

We are having to give up more and more freedoms. Are these deficits justified? I love my country. I happen to know from experience that it is the best country in the world in which to live. But, Folks, what is wrong with this picture? Big Brother lurks, doesn't he?

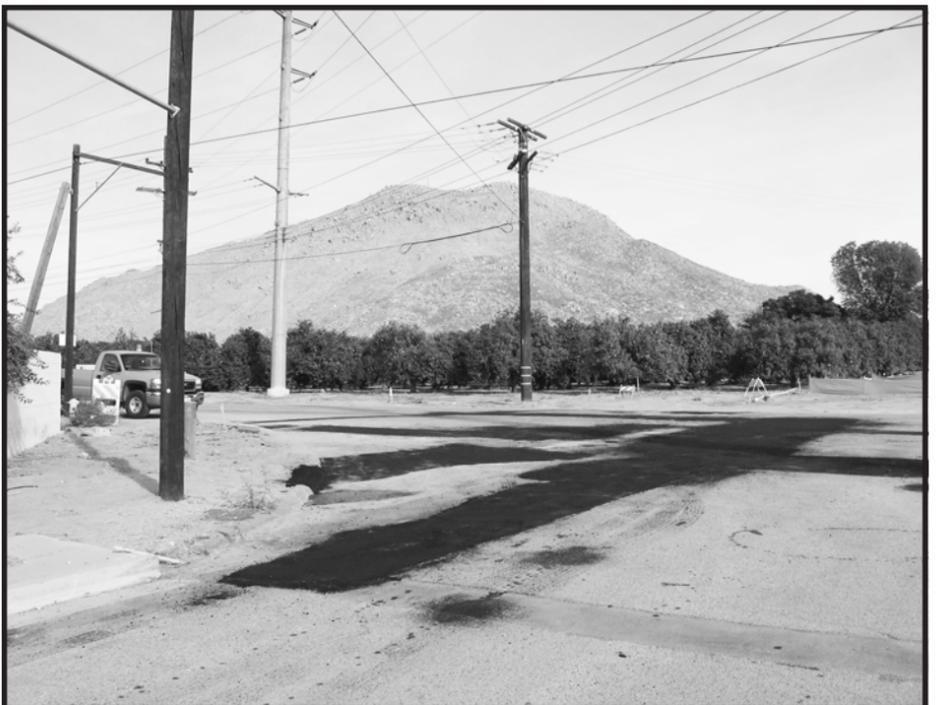
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Columbia overpass groundbraking



On Nov. 6, 2008 there was a ceremony to signify the starting of the overpass over the BNSF RR tracks on Columbia Avenue.

L-R Councilmen Andy Melendrez and Chris MacArthur, Joe Tavaglione, Councilman Mike Gardner, and Mayor Ron Loveridge. The \$32 million dollar project is scheduled to take 16 months and then the Iowa overpass will begin



Potholes filled

The intersection of Spring St. and Mt. Vernon Ave. was like a washboard after the street was dug up so many times during the Spring Mountain Ranch grading and placement of underground pipes in the area. Thanks to the Riverside County Transportation Dept., the intersection is nice and smooth again!

Good News!!

If all goes as planned, the K rail that is placed across Mt. Vernon Ave. at Palmyrita Ave., that blocks traffic over this new road, is scheduled to be removed the first week in December. We have been asking the Riverside County Transportation Dept. to open up this new road across the arroyo to Palmyrita Ave.

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Did Your Vote Really Count?

During the 2000 Presidential election, the people of America voted for Al Gore. However, the U. S. Supreme Court stepped in and circumvented the will of the people and gave the election to George Bush, Jr. So, did your vote really count?

We had an election here in Riverside to vote for a Superintendent of Schools. We voted for a person who we felt could best serve our children. However, he decided that his loyalty was to a higher paying State job instead to the importance of ensuring our children were receiving a quality education. Now, were the voters of Riverside given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote for a new superintendent of schools? Or, in other words, did your vote really count? Hold on, there's more.

Then the Riverside Sheriff who voted into office is offered a better paying State job and he packs up so fast I don't even think the moving company put his stuff in boxes. A new sheriff is appointed thereby, once again, circumventing the election process and not allowing the voters their right to choose who would be best to protect their lives and property. Once again, did your vote really count?

Now we have Proposition 8. As a former military man, I am of the opinion of "don't ask, don't tell" philosophy. But the REAL issue, as I saw it, was: Does a small segment of our society want the larger segment of our society to know what goes on in their bedrooms? And, since we are a Democracy, we were given the opportunity to go to the polls and vote on this issue. And the majority spoke in a loud voice, "No, we don't want to know nor do we care what you do in your bedroom.

It is none of our business." Further, now my opinion again, do two people who are in love really need a piece of paper to prove they love each other?

However, hold the phone. This small segment of our society has decided to take their case to the California Supreme Court and demand that we, the voters who voted "YES" on this issue, be forced to watch them in public. I hate to say it, but did your vote really count? In this case, obviously not. The California Supreme Court will get the opportunity to circumvent your vote again and if this small segment loses at the State level, I am willing to bet they carry this case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Folks, the media and the lawyers make a fortune off of the issues that arise in our society. The media keeps giving the issues of the day big headlines and it sells newspapers and gets us to watch the talking heads on television or listen to them on the radio. However, the real winners are the lawyers. They get their money up front and each time they can circumvent the voters, they weaken the foundation of our society. As Benjamin Franklin said over 200 years ago, "The best way to preserve Democracy is to hang the lawyers first!" I wonder if we could get this issue on the ballot and vote on it. I bet our vote would count on this one. But wait. They can always go to court. So, in conclusion, does your vote really count? **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"**

Highgrove gets own Paramedic's



Juan DeLeon standing by the fire truck is one of the new paramedics that accompany the Highgrove Station #19 fire truck. He, along with

Patrick O'Donahue cover the Highgrove area with new equipment that has been added to the fire truck. With the addition of the paramedic and equipment, a new designation of "Medic Engine 19" was added when this service first started on Oct. 20, 2008.

We welcome this additional service to our community and appreciate all of the things that our firemen do even when they are not out fighting fires.

Lets all hope that we don't need to make that 911 call for a loved one but it sure is comforting to know the paramedics have been added to the truck. Thanks again to our firemen!

Volunteers help with Turkey give-away



Pictured L-R : Joe Morones, Russ Garr, Steven Lee, Doris Lee, Connie Mejia, Carmen Carrenza and Rosario Cardenas.

Our "Thanksgiving" turkey give-away was a great success. The center was able to sponsor over 50 families this holiday season, and for that I am truly thankful. I would like to give a very special thanks to **Supervisor Marion Ashley's office** for so kindly donating Stater Bros. gift cards to our community; as well as Pastor Rick Doucette from **Calvary the Brook Church** and the members of the **Highgrove Methodist Church**. Because of their kindness and generosity we were able to brighten some community member's holiday with a full Thanksgiving meal.

As we approach a new year I want to thank the Highgrove community for its kindness and dedication to the center. Thank you for each and every hour of support to our programs (Holiday events, Rolling Carts, Homework Help, Brown Bag, Classes, and special events). It's because of you (and for you) that we are here to service. Highgrove is a place filled with wonderful people and it has been an honor to work for you. May you all have a peaceful holiday season filled lots of love, happiness, and blessings.

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Word Search

Winner of the Month

Congratulations to Chloe Powel for completing the word search puzzle this month. Chloe is 9 yrs old and in the 4th grade at HG Elementary. Her teacher is Mrs. Phillips. Chloe likes to ride horse when she can. Thank you Chloe for the new words you provided for this months puzzle.



Chloe Powel

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