



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

January 2009

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

### Mt. Vernon to Palmyrita re-opened



*This is a view of Palmyrita Ave. looking west from Mt. Vernon Avenue.*

The long awaited opening of Mt. Vernon Ave. to Palmyrita Ave. was completed on Dec. 2, 2008 by the Riverside County Transportation Department.

On Aug. 18, 2008, I sent an e-mail to Juan Perez, Director of Transportation for Riverside County and I ask for the K-rail to be removed at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Palmyrita. He replied that the signing of the easement documents were holding up the progress of Mt. Vernon being used as a public right-of-way since Spring Mountain Ranch was into receivership. The paperwork problem has been solved and traffic can now use this new road. Thank you to Juan Perez, Supervisor Ashley, the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and Steve Berry, Assistant City Manager of Grand Terrace for helping get this road opened! Unfortunately, this work was done right after we went to print for our December issue and we had to wait until this time to make a public announcement and thank those who participated. (More photos on P. 4)

### Public Hearing for 40 acre development goes to Board of Supervisors Jan. 13, 2009 at 1:30 pm

Representatives of the 40 acre parcel of vacant land in the middle of Highgrove, owned by the Bixby Land Co., have requested to "Fast track" their proposed development of 11 warehouses and office buildings and change the zoning from IP (Industrial Park) to MSC (Manufacturing-Service Commercial).

All 5 of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council members and 2 alternates opposed these changes in writing to the Riverside County Planning Commission prior to the Planning Commission meeting on Nov. 5, 2008. But the Planning Commission authorized the change in zoning over our objections and the decision now goes before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 13, 2009. The meeting will be held on the 1st. floor of the County Administration building, 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and speak under public comments. Cards must be filled out and presented to the clerk of the board and there is a 3 minute time limit to express your views.

The written notice states: **11 warehouses and office buildings ranging in size from 6,112 sq. ft. to 67,432 sq. ft. for a total of 370,595 sq. feet.**

**This project also proposes 586 parking spaces.**

*(A copy of this notice is available at [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net))*

The consultant wants you to believe it is a "Business Park" but the notice states: "**11 warehouses and office buildings**"!

The warehouse/buildings are being built on speculation and there are no tenants who have agreed to occupy these buildings. And no new jobs will be created until they are occupied. In addition, this project has no provision for any community services such as a shopping center, market, bank, post office

### Greyhound Bus/Metrolink Service

What do they have in common? Location, Location, Location!



*The picture above shows a Metrolink train passing over Iowa Avenue. Penhall Trucking (Arrow), is located on the west side of Iowa Ave. and would be an ideal location for a Greyhound Station.*

There are no residents in the area of the triangular shaped Penhall property which has RR tracks on one side, the walls of an existing warehouse on another side, and the remaining side will be along the elevated part of the Iowa Ave. overpass. Access to this property will be under the proposed Iowa Ave. overpass on the south side, and parallel to the BNSF RR tracks. The Greyhound Station would be within walking distance of a future Metrolink Station near the train shown in the picture. Iowa Ave. is also along the Riverside Transit Agency's (RTA) existing bus route 25 between Riverside and Loma Linda. Two forms of bus transportation would be available close to the proposed Metrolink Station. A Metrolink Station is needed for present commuters between Riverside and San Bernardino, and future rail commuters between Riverside and Perris. Four types of transportation would be located in the same

area: Greyhound & RTA bus service, Metrolink commuter train service, and automobile traffic could use the new proposed 1/2 mile road between Citrus St. and Spring St. when trains block the grade crossings. This short road could go through the vacant property north of the new warehouses on Citrus St. that is the same property needed for the curved track from the Perris Valley Line to the BNSF main lines! Back on **Aug. 4, 2008**, I met with Riverside City Manager, Brad Hudson and his assistant Belinda Graham in Brad's office to discuss my plan to relocate Greyhound to the outskirts of Riverside. I have never heard from them in response to my proposal! But I keep reading in the Press Enterprise about how Riverside wanted to move Greyhound to the west side of the I-215 freeway by Columbia Ave. and that fell through, and how they are considering buying

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or other service related businesses that Highgrove so desperately needs. This project will have a major impact on our community because the increased traffic will include more trucks! Their new north/south road between Center St. and Spring St. will only accommodate trucks onto Center St. because no trucks over 6 tons are allowed on Prospect Ave. in either direction at Spring Street. Trucks will have to use Center St or go east on Spring Street. If they encroach onto our restricted neighborhood streets, it becomes another enforcement issue placed onto the CHP.

In this **economic** slump, it does not seem feasible that these buildings will be occupied very soon with so many "For Lease" and "Available" signs on existing warehouses close by, on the south side of the arroyo. This project skips over Bixby's own 27 acres of vacant land on the north side of the arroyo. So far, all of the new warehouses have been built south of the arroyo but this project will change that! **Highgrove needs "services"- not warehouses!** For comments from the city of Riverside please turn to **Warehouses P. 5**



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



**Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm**  
**Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk**  
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## Family Service Association is now accepting enrollment in its Child Development Centers.

Family Service Association (FSA) is now accepting enrollment in its Child Development Centers. The services are low- and no-cost for those who qualify and cost is based on family size and income. The Centers are funded, in part, by the California Department of Education Child Development Division, First 5 Riverside, United Way of the Inland Valleys and private donations.

Dom Betro, President and CEO of FSA, said "Our Child Development Centers are different because we offer more than just child care. Our program is designed to meet the needs of the whole child; socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Our Centers provide a safe, stimulating and enriching environment with highly-qualified and dedicated staff, to care for children ages 6 weeks to 12-years-old."

May Eslava, Child Development Administrator for FSA, said that FSA has eleven Centers located in areas of high-need in the Riverside, Moreno Valley, Hemet and Cabazon areas.

Parents with children enrolled in FSA's Child Development Centers are happy with the services. Tiana Thomas, a single Mother who often works more than 40 hours a week, has had her two-year-old son Keoni enrolled in FSA's child care for more than a year.

She said, "The staff is down-to-earth and my son loves going there because it's like a second home." She added, "The best thing about it is the education he's getting. He already knows his colors and numbers." She said that she has watched her son's self-esteem increase and feels that he is happy and well-adjusted.

Brandy Franklin, also has her two and a half-year-old son Jayden enrolled in the program. She said, "I like the education he's getting. I'm totally pleased with the program and would recommend it to anyone."

If you would like more information about enrolling your child in the program, make a donation or become a volunteer, then please call FSA's Child Development Administration office at 951-779-9623.

## Holiday Mixer Huge Success!

Norton Younglove Community Center celebrated the Christmas season with a holiday mixer on December 23, 2008. It was a wonderful event celebrated by over 200 community members. The night was hosted by FSA's Sherry Morris-Logan the center's manager and Leila Santamaria the center's activity specialist. Community members feasted on glazed ham, mashed sweet potatoes, garden salad, fresh rolls, and hot chocolate. The festivities were supported by a hosted of volunteers; some of which came from **Supervisor Marion Ashley's office**. The children attending the evening's party were able to make keepsakes of their hand prints as memory of the event. The evening was concluded by Santa himself that lovingly greeted each and every child (and some adults too). The center served 242 meals and gave out 25 holiday food baskets graciously donate by the All Saints Episcopal Church of Riverside, California. The center would like to send out their deepest gratitude to all involved in the event and wish the Highgrove community a very Happy New Year. Sherry Morris-Logan, Family Service Association of Western Riverside County, Norton Younglove Community Center/ Manager,



## HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS:

- First Place- 471 Tanner**
- Second Place- 155 Mandarin Way**
- Third Place-477 Murphy**
- Forth Place-147 Highland Ave.**
- Fifth Place-403 Avignon**
- Sixth Place- 250 Goldfinch**

Prizes were provided by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency through Brenda Salas and announced at the Norton Younglove Community Center on Dec. 23, 2008.

There were many beautifully decorated homes in the Highgrove area and we thank the Highgrove Fire Department, Station 19 for their assistance in judging. They covered a lot of territory when Santa Claus and Smoky Bear went up and down our streets wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and handing out candy. Merry Christmas to you all and thank you for decorating your homes!

## 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](mailto:highgrovenews@roadrunner.com) or call (951) 683 4994

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

## Rolling Cart FOOD GIVE AWAY

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Don't Forget!!!

### Brown Bag:

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





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## Too many presents to go "under" the tree!



Old Farts Racing Team/ Toys for Tots Christmas donations

On Dec. 13, 2008 the Old Farts Racing Team held a party at the business owned by Bill Wasson in Riverside. The admission to the party was to bring a gift that could be given to a child for Christmas. The area in front of the Christmas tree was filled with gifts for the children. I counted 8 bicycles plus many other smaller gifts. The gifts were given to the CHP who has a screening process to see who needs toys for Christmas. This and many other programs like the "Spark of Love" are good examples of showing the true Christmas spirit that says it is better to give than receive. We commend all of you for sharing your good fortune with those kids who may not be as fortunate.

We hope your holiday season was filled with love as we begin the new year!



Spring 2009 season Sign Ups:

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Lots of **Toys and Food** were provided for needy families through our tournaments in December!

The Riverside Roughriders took the Championship at the Toys for Tots tournament on December 8<sup>th</sup> at JayHawk's Field in San Bernardino.

The following weekend was the Food Drive Christmas Tournament. In an ironic twist, the San Bernardino JayHawk's won the Tournament held at our Park on December 15<sup>th</sup>!

The next tournament to be held is :

at **Highgrove Park**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Come prepared to enjoy good food, yummy goodies and a great time!

## HIGHGROVE SHERIFF

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

## Greyhound (Continued from p. 1)

out Greyhound for \$625,000 to get them out of their \$1.00 per year lease agreement.

Then on Dec. 15, 2008 I met with Riverside County Supervisor, Bob Buster to talk about relocating Greyhound and also to discuss the Highgrove Metrolink Station. This property is within his jurisdiction as County Supervisor but it is also within the city limits of Riverside. He informed me that Greyhound was interested in the property on the south/east corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. in Highgrove. But moving Riverside's problem to Highgrove is not the answer and I oppose this location because it is too close to our businesses and residences.

That same day (Dec. 15, 2008), I gave CD copies of my Greyhound plan to Supervisor Buster, to Jaime Hurtado for Supervisor Ashley, to Juan Perez, Riverside County Transportation Director, and to the city of Riverside for Brad Hudson, Belinda Graham, and Councilman, Mike Gardner, who is the city councilman in ward one where this property is located. Then on Dec. 20, 2008 I

talked to the owner of the property who leases to Penhall Trucking and sent him a copy of the photo shown on the front page and asked him to view the Greyhound portion of our web site. He is willing to listen to my proposal that includes talking to the city of Riverside about relocating. If Penhall Trucking were relocated, this would be an ideal location for Greyhound since they need a building to use for their station.

The CD that I gave to the City and County officials is available for your viewing by visiting our web site at [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) and clicking on "Greyhound".

(Thanks to Bill Hahn for preparing this for our web site)

### NOTICE:

**There will be a meeting of the Transportation Committee at 1:00 pm on Jan. 8, 2009 on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main St., to discuss the possibility of finding a new location for the Greyhound Bus terminal in the city.**

**The public is invited to attend!**

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## Barrier on Mt. Vernon at Spring St. removed

In preparation for opening Mt. Vernon Ave. to Palmyrita Ave., the intersection at Mt. Vernon and Spring St. had to have the barrier removed that blocked the southbound lane and the intersection had to be repaved and striped. New striping was painted between Mt. Vernon and Palmyrita and both intersections.



Hugo Munoz, a crew member of the Riverside County Transportation Dept. directed traffic on Dec. 1, 2008 during the repaving of the intersection.



The new pavement was compacted by this machine and now its nice and smooth



The crew above is shown using the asphalt paving machine at the corner of Mt. Vernon and Spring Street. There are large pipes under this intersection that were placed there as part of the flood control portion of the Spring Mountain Ranch grading and portions over the pipe had settled making the pavement uneven. The potholes were filled several weeks ago and now the new asphalt has made the intersection nice and smooth and will enable traffic to get from Mt. Vernon Ave. to Palmyrita Avenue.



If you look closely through the grader, you can see the truck sweeping the road .



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This truck is used to paint the lines in the road. The paint operator is shown at the rear of the truck in his compartment. Communication between the driver and the painter is essential to put the lines where they belong.



Here is a close-up of the truck! Crushed glass helps us see the lines at night.



Once the lines were painted, the signs were removed and I think I was the first one (besides the crew) to drive over the new road to Palmyrita Avenue.

## Dial-A-Ride Ridership Continues to Climb Agency's Overall Ridership On Pace to Hit Record

Gas prices may be going down but that hasn't slowed down RTA ridership, including Dial-A-Ride service.



The Riverside Transit Agency experienced another ridership increase during November and remains on pace to reach eight million boardings for the year, which would be the most in the Agency's 31-year history. New information released this week shows 658,000 systemwide boardings in November, a 19 percent increase compared to November of last year. Ridership on CommuterLink express routes was up 69 percent from a year ago and Dial-A-Ride boardings climbed 23 percent.

The Agency's Dial-A-Ride program is a curb-to-curb advanced reservation transportation service for seniors and persons with disabilities. RTA has two types of Dial-A-Ride service: 1) Senior/Disabled service and 2) ADA Priority Service, which is given to persons certified under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Many customers use the service to travel to senior centers, the grocery store, entertainment venues and medical appointments. Others use it to travel to and from developmental workshops for the disabled.

Seniors age 60 and above and persons with disabilities are eligible for local DAR service within a single city and within three quarters of a mile of local fixed route bus service. Persons who are ADA certified are eligible for trips throughout the RTA service area and within three quarters of a mile of local fixed route bus service.

The base fare for DAR service is \$2.50 per passenger, per boarding. Reservations may be made by calling (800) 795-7887.

### Warehouses- Cont. from P. 1

This project has also been reviewed by the city of Riverside since Highgrove is within their sphere of influence. The letter from the city Planning Director to the County Planning Department dated March 21, 2008 stated in part: "The proposed warehouse uses are thus inconsistent with the area's existing development pattern, particularly given its adjacency to sensitive land uses including Highgrove Elementary School, the Highgrove Library and the surrounding established residential neighborhoods." In another portion of this same letter it states: "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". Please turn to P. 6, read about the 88 apartment units that are planned in addition to the Bixby warehouses and then please read the editorial.

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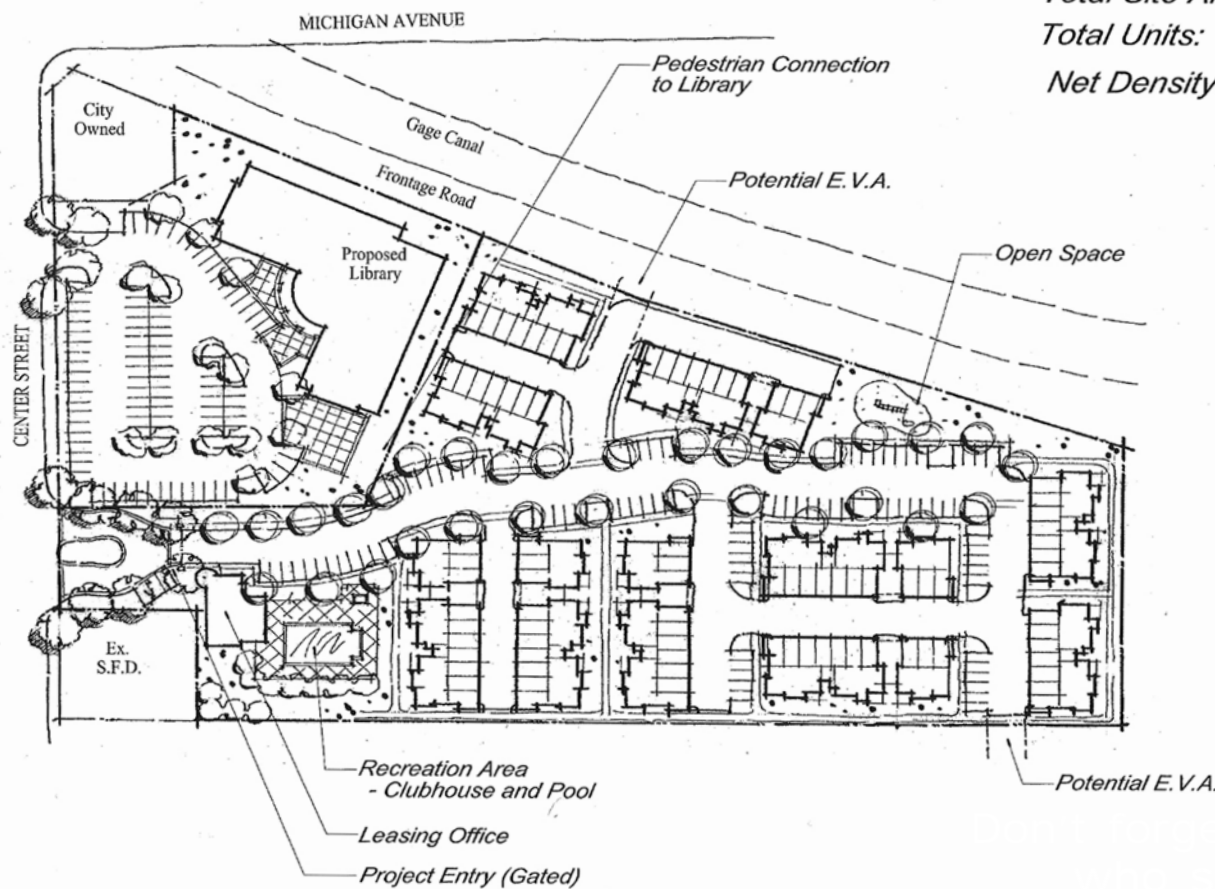


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## 88 Apartment units planned in Highgrove

As many of you already know, there is a new library planned near the intersection of Center St. and Michigan Avenue. Just before Christmas I met with Jaime Hurtado from Supervisor Marion Ashley's office and Anthony Mize from Homebuilders LLC to discuss the proposed construction of 88 apartments south of the new library. The plans show 56 units with 989 sq. feet, 16 units with 1,153 sq. ft. and 16 units with 1,219 sq. feet. A layout was given to me and I told Mr. Mize I would publish his proposal in the "Highgrove Happenings" and ask for community input. He is aware that the existing residences along Michigan Ave. are 1/2 acre lots and there have been previous objections to high density housing during the Spring Mountain Ranch planning.

The developer has been invited to our Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Jan. 28, 2009 at the Norton Younglove Community Center, 459 Center St. in Highgrove. **The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the public is invited to attend and speak under public comments or send your written comments to our e-mail at: [highgrovenews@roadrunner.com](mailto:highgrovenews@roadrunner.com)** Here is a layout of what is being considered by the new library. Public comments encouraged:




### Project Summary:

**Total Site Area:** 5.2 Acres±  
**Total Units:** 88 Units  
**Net Density:** 16.92 Homes/Acre±

<b>PLAN 1:</b> 989 Gross Total Sq.Ft. 2 Bedrooms / 1 Bath 1 Car Garage (Flat Unit)	56 Units
<b>PLAN 2:</b> 1,153 Gross Total Sq.Ft. 2 Bedrooms / 2 Baths 1 Car Garage (Flat Unit)	16 Units
<b>PLAN 3:</b> 1,219 Gross Total Sq.Ft. 3 Bedrooms / 2 Baths 1 Car Garage (Flat Unit)	16 Units

**Editorial:** Neither one of the newly proposed developments; the 40 acre Bixby warehouse construction by the School; nor this additional proposal to build 88 apartment units (above), have addressed the need for a new east/west road between Spring St. and Citrus Street. Any new developments in Highgrove should include a provision for providing this important road to accommodate future traffic created by their projects. The Bixby project shows 586 new parking spaces and Center St. will be the main route for trucks in or out of the area. Spring St. has no westward access but could be used if it were extended 1/2 to Citrus St. near the future Iowa Ave. overpass. If this new short road is not built and new developments continue to seek approval of their projects without a provision for any new east/west road, then we will be headed for even more traffic jams on our existing streets when freight trains block Center St. and/or Main Street. The 1/2 mile extension of Spring St. westward to Citrus St. is essential because with this new short road, **any traffic** on the east side of the BNSF RR tracks would not have to cross over the RR tracks to get to Riverside or San Bernardino. This road would go parallel to the BNSF tracks on the east side and connect to Citrus St. at the base of the new Iowa overpass.



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Three year old Billy Barnett on his "Big Wheel"- 1973 in Grand Terrace.



35 years later Billy created another "Big Wheel" from an electric scooter.



I gave him an electric scooter 4 years ago (see photo bottom left) and he made it into a front wheel drive electric big wheel with a water bottle behind the seat and a squirt gun by the handlebars. He was a checker at Stater Bros. in Grand Terrace but now lives in Oceanside and has been a tattoo artist for 12 years-but he has no tattoos. Below are some other examples of his art work.



Like father- like son when we rode out on the Oceanside pier on our scooters!



"Mariachi" band made out of wire with skeleton heads.



The "wave" right under the top pictures is a piece of curved aluminum!

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## Non-metallic historical marker replaced by Riverside County EDA



Thieves stole the brass marker that marked the first power plant in the area. But the new marker below is not made of metal that can be re-cycled.



Andy Frost, Regional Director for District 5, and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency were responsible for replacing and upgrading the new marker which was finished on Dec.22, 2008. (See above right for text)



Brass plaque that was stolen!



Original wooden historical marker.

### Text of Highgrove Hydroelectric Plant marker

County of Riverside Historical Marker No. 024

The first commercially significant hydroelectric plant in California, designed and built by Gustavus Olivio Newman, went into service here in 1888 utilizing the flow of the Riverside Water Company canal to produce about 225 kilowatts of power used for the arc light illumination of downtown streets in Riverside and Colton. The plant was destroyed by fire in 1915. Marker placed in cooperation with the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West # 296, 241, and 299 Billy Holcome Chapter, E Clampus Vitus; and Riverside County Historical Commission -May 1, 1991.

### Growth of the Edison company

By the late Bob Powers

Reprint from: **The Fence Post Country Reader**, Courtesy Marge Powers, Kernville, Ca.

The Southern California Edison Company has played an important role in the settlement and continued of the Kern River Valley since the year 1900. in 1972 over 2 million dollars of property taxes were paid into the Kern County Treasury by the Edison Company, half of which was used exclusively for schools and roads. Even outweighing the financial ability to this area are the contribu-

tions made by the company's employees and their families as they lived and worked here on the Kern.

It might be interesting therefore to look at the early development of the Southern California Edison Company. An overview of the Company's success and California as a whole is necessary to better understand their accomplishments here. A good place to begin would be the year 1879 when Thomas Alva Edison perfected his incandescent lamp. Three years later he officiated at the opening

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## Growth of Edison

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of the first central power plant located on Pearl Street in downtown New York. Among Edison's first 59 customers was the New York Times, where workmen had rigged 25 lights in the editorial office. When the incandescent lights came on for the first time at 5:00 pm, Sept. 4, 1882, a veteran reporter summed up the history making occasion with these words:

*"It seemed almost like writing by daylight to have a light without a particle of a flicker-and scarcely any heat to make the headache"*

That was the beginning of America's electric utility industry. Before this, isolated plants had served individual users, but Edison's Pearl Street Station was the first attempt to extensive and continuing distribution of bulk electrical power. Within 4 years the demand for this new kind of power had spread across the United States. In 1887, some 600 electric light companies were in operation, although few of these made a serious effort to provide electricity on a round-the-clock basis.

In that year, two such small companies began service in Southern California, one at the community of Highgrove near Riverside, and the other at Santa Barbara.

At Highgrove, the first commercial service from a hydroelectric generating plant in California became a reality as a result of negotiations between Charles R Lloyd of San Francisco and the Riverside Water Company, owners of a canal under construction near Highgrove.

Lloyd was a behind-the-scenes type entrepreneur who, throughout the earliest days of hydroelectricity development, was likely to be found involved in many deals in which commissions were to be made. Near Highgrove, the Riverside Water Company's canal dropped 50 feet, and Lloyd saw an opportunity to build a small hydro plant to provide lights for Colton and Riverside. On May 8, 1886, Lloyd concluded a tentative lease agreement with the water company to install a 12 horsepower waterwheel at the drop in the canal, at a lease price of \$1.00 per H. P. per month. However, water was not let through the canal until April of 1887, and as other developers also wanted to use the drop, Lloyd

finally had to up his bid to \$250.00 per month.

When the lease was concluded, Lloyd engaged Gustavus O. Newman, Chief Engineer of the Riverside Water Company, to design and build the Highgrove plant.

(Newman later became Chief Engineer of the Pacific Light and Power Corporation.)

The plant, as originally built, was a wooden building containing a single waterwheel driving a direct current dynamo. The plant went into service in September 1887, supplying power for 15 arc lights in Colton and 15 in Riverside.

In 1888, Lloyd organized the San Bernardino Electric Light and Power Company, and its principal priority was the Highgrove plant into which several additional dynamos were installed as demand picked up. In 1896, Highgrove was extensively rebuilt in order to provide electricity for streetcars in nearby San Bernardino. A steel penstock replaced the wooden flume, and the original arc machinery was replaced by a General Electric 150kw, 3 phase, 2,220-volt alternator, operated by two water turbines connected by belting. Power was stepped up to 15,000 volts for delivery to Colton and San Bernardino.

In 1903, the Highgrove hydro plant became the property of the Pacific Light and Power Corporation, a predecessor of the Southern California Edison Company. The last important power delivery from Highgrove was made in December 1914. The plant burned down in March 1915. However a substantial part of the plant remained in 1973: the stone and concrete forebay, the penstock that still carries water beneath Iowa Avenue, and the concrete piers of the plant-are all in a lot surrounded by eucalyptus trees. And until 1952, the Edison Company leased power privileges on the site from the Riverside Water Company at \$250.00 per month.

*We would like to thank Marge Powers for granting permission to print this portion of the article written by her late husband.*

*Also, Thank you to Brenda Salas and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency for restoring this important historical marker about the Highgrove Power Plant.*

The marker is located on the west side of Iowa Ave. south of the intersection of Iowa Ave. and Spring St. about 1/2 block across the street from Zorbas.

## Colton Christmas Parade Great turnout!



We followed this antique fire truck in the Christmas Parade on Dec. 6, 2008



Alex Perez, is the new Colton City Councilman of District 6 along Highgrove's northern boundary between the canal and freeway on the north side of Main. St.



Councilwoman (and former mayor), Diedra Bennett was in our 57 Chev. Convertible and if you look closely you can see a reflection of the car in her glasses. This photo was taken by her daughter from the back seat during the parade.

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## New Year Thoughts and Thanks

by Dr Cynthia Williams

A new year gives us the opportunity to look back at what the last year brought, allowing us all the year-end gift of hindsight. Sometimes we might gain some insight into our fellows or even ourselves. At a minimum we are given the chance to give thanks.

**The Economy:** One small group of greedy-self-serving bankers virtually caused the collapse of the economy in nearly entire world. What started out to be a small mortgage disaster has turned into an economic catastrophe with ramifications that has touched virtually everyone in one way or another. I think we all know someone who has been directly affected by the current economic debacle. No one seemed to have envisioned the depth of the failure when the collapse started. This house of cards fell absolutely flat. This is one event of 2008 that we will be talking about at the end of 2009 as well. THANKS: that America is still one of the most abundant and (relatively) least expensive places to live.

**The Election:** No matter whom you were for or against, we Americans voted for "someone" in big numbers. A record 122,842,626 Americans cast their vote in the November 2008 election. I wanted a front row seat so I worked at a polling location in Ontario. Voters at the polling location were as varied as Americans themselves. Many voters could not speak English or read and a startling number of voters did not know how to complete the ballots as this was their FIRST election. No, they were not newly-minted 18 year olds. But they wanted to vote in "this" election

and "be a part of history". I hope they and everyone else has learned that every election is a part of history and will stay involved. THANKS: Every American has the right and the opportunity to vote. Exercise that right often.

**The Ecology:** Earth Day was celebrated again. More companies and businesses are joining the green bandwagon. More products are "green" and more reusable shopping bags are available for purchase than ever. You can get a minimalist reusable bag from Stater Bros. for \$1 or for \$27.95 you may purchase a chic Timbuk2-Hidden Backpack made from 90% post-consumer recycled plastic bottles and containers. (Find these at www.reusablebags.com) No matter what style of bag you want to carry, please remember to grab a reusable one. THANKS: to all the companies and business that are truly making an effort to reduce their "footprint" on this planet and not just riding the green bandwagon.

**Smoking:** Still kills at the rate of nearly one-half million per year. My mother died of emphysema in February. She did not have heart disease, diabetes, or hypertension. She had emphysema, period. Her lungs rotted out and we all watched her slowly suffocate to death. It was hard to watch. And it was clearly due to 64 years of smoking cigarettes. Pretty harsh words? Yes. THANKS: to the nurses at Kaiser Hospital in Fontana who made her last days as comfortable as possible. They were true angels and a God-send to our family.

**The "Scenic Route":** I used to take my girls the back way into Riverside,

enjoying the sea of green trees, inhaling the hypnotic fragrance of orange blossoms, and listening to the hawks and owls screech. After many years and many, many postponements the road is finally open and it is not the least scenic anymore but we at least have our back way into River-city. THANKS: ... mmmm.... still thinking... OK- that the big housing development is stalled due to the economy. A dubious and temporary silver lining.

**Education \$\$\$\$ Cut\$:** The ekanomee in Cauliforneeah i\$ \$o bad that the govner ha\$ had to cut million\$ of dolloar\$ from our \$chool\$. Witout money how arr are kid\$ gonna lurn to wryte and reeed? Thi\$ i\$ an unparaleled cri\$i\$. No proper edukay\$hun will bee a \$iriu\$ nale in the coffin of thi\$ \$tate'\$ \$ future. Writing like thi\$ will not be a joke, but average. THANKS: that I benefited from the core fundamentals in education at Highgrove Elementary many years ago and am now a college educator and am able to teach my students.

**Riverside County Animal Shelters:** Cute and cuddly for a bargain! The Riverside County Department of Animal Control on Wilderness Ave. in River-city has one of the most organized, well run-facilities in the Inland Empire. The dogs, cats, and other small critters are kept indoors in clean, well-lit kennels behind security doors. This keeps them safe from other animals, a preying public and potential diseases. The facility has a low-cost spay, neuter and vaccination clinic right next door. You can choose a wonderful family pet and if it hasn't been spayed or neutered, probably pick it up the next day after it

has been. The cost for their first shots, being spayed or neutered, and the adoption is ridiculously low- about \$100 for a dog. That is a bargain! THANKS: to the shelter for being there. My friend took me there for my birthday and I chose the most darling little puppy for my gift. "Holly" will be a treasure for many years. There are many more waiting for you!

The year 2008 will not go down as one of my favorites. I lost two family members as well as a four-legged family member. My son-in-law came back from Iraq an angry and violent man- a danger to my daughter and granddaughter. The economy has hit me and my family hard as well and due to the state budget cutbacks, I have to keep my fingers crossed from semester to semester at Valley College where I teach. I look at 2009 with some trepidation, holding my breath and whispering a prayer for a better year. My dearest nephew Steven, a USMC Corporal, is being deployed early 2009. I will not sleep well until he returns safely. However, I do give THANKS: I had a beautiful grandson born in March- Brady McConnell Christensen, and my other grandchildren, Cara Elise and Terry Charles Christensen III are in great health, brilliant and full of life. My friends and family, although we are getting on in years, are in pretty good health and all are working. I am very thankful for what I have now and dare not ask for more than that. I can only pray God keeps all healthy and happy.

**Happy New Year to You and Yours....**

Dr. Cindy

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## Skunk Deodorant Formula

By Ellen Black

My veterinarian gave me this formula late one night in response to my frantic call when one of my dogs got sprayed by a skunk. Whether a dog or other animal is directly sprayed or has just rolled in the scent, this formula will work. I have soaked clothes in it and been able to wear them again..

The formula., developed by chemist Paul Krebaum, first appeared in an article that appeared in the October 18, 1993 issue of Chemical and Engineering News..

First, wipe off the dog with clean, dry terry cloth towels to remove the oil-based skunk spray. This part is crucial as the towels help remove the oil of the spray, which is the hardest part to get rid of. It is a good idea to double bag the towels and throw them away. Washing them will spread the oil inside your: washing machine. If the dog has been sprayed in the face, use as many dry towels as necessary to remove the oily residue. Then wash the area around the face with a "no tears" baby shampoo.

Now for the formula. In a bucket mix: 1 quart fresh hydrogen peroxide One (1/4) cup baking soda 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap. (1 use Dawn.) Fresh hydrogen peroxide, from an unopened bottle, is essential. If the bottle you have on hand has already been opened, this recipe may not work.



Hydrogen peroxide loses its chemical properties and turns to water over time. Use a fresh bottle that has not been opened to be on the safe side.

The mixture will bubble. Thoroughly wet the victim in this mixture, taking care to keep it out of the eyes. Wash and rub the dog with the mixture as if it were shampoo, while it is bubbling. Then rinse the dog with clean water. In warm weather this can be done outside with a hose. In cold weather, I do it in the shower.

Of course this means I have to take a shower with them! Do another application of the formula, and repeat the dean water rinse. The soap breaks down the oil in which the odor: is suspended, and the hydrogen peroxide and the baking soda neutralize the scent. Do not pre-mix the solution or store it in a bottle. The bubbling will cause it to rupture: the container. I keep a copy of this formula, and all the ingredients both at home and in my vehicle first aid kit. The hydrogen peroxide is also good to induce vomiting if a dog has eaten something they should not such as chocolate.

My vehicle first aid kit is for dogs as well as people.

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## A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

### 2009 New Year Resolutions and their Life Expectancy

Happy New Year everyone!! It is another year and I have spent the last two weeks making up my New Year Resolution list. And this year, I promise to stick to it. Really. Maybe your list will look like mine. So, here goes:

I promise to quit smoking. Hey!! Who stole my darn lighter?

I promise to quit drinking alcohol. Okay. A beer is 3.2 percent alcohol and there is 16 ounces in one can but if I drink just 2 ounces of Jack Daniels and the rest is coke or sprite, I have cut back on my intake of alcohol. Right? Good. Then just one more JD before breakfast won't kill me, right. Then I can eat breakfast, which will soak up the alcohol intake and then I can drink in moderation during the football game. That reminds me, I need to get a bag of ice for the ballgame.

I promise to lose 10 pounds during the first month. Let's see now, it is January 15<sup>th</sup> and I have yet to lose a pound, what is the problem here? Honey, these darn scales are broken. We need new ones. Oh, while I am taking my bath, I would like some biscuits and gravy for breakfast and throw in a couple of eggs and hash browns. No, no jelly on my biscuits. I'm cutting back. Just give me the maple syrup and I'll put just a little on one of them. Honey, is real butter fattening?

I promise to do more exercising in my spare time. Honey, I'm going to take a walk around the block and work up my appetite. Darn, it is cold out here again. The heck with it. I'll walk two blocks tomorrow. Honey, what's for dinner? I hope you made mashed potatoes to go with my 12 ounce steak. Honey, I told you I was going to lose weight. I could have bought a 16 ounce steak but I didn't. See, I am really trying to lose some weight. Now pass me the gravy for my mashed potatoes.

I promise to go to church EVERY Sunday. Honey, we have got to get a new preacher. This one talks to darn long and I miss the opening kickoff on my NFL game. Let's just go to Sunday school and skip church. We got to get rid of that preacher. The Packers are on today and they are playing the Giants. I can't miss this one. Okay, you are right. We could go to evening service but then I would miss the NFL doubleheader. I firmly believe God would punish me if I missed Brett Favre against Peyton Manning. I don't even think God would go to church during this game.

I promise not to yell at the kids. Honey, you have got to be kidding. Which one of these idiot kids of yours parked his bike behind my truck? Okay, which one of you monsters is responsible for me running over your bike?

I promise to clean out the garage. Okay, honey. Now really. Where am I supposed to put all this extra stuff? And no, it is not junk. I need all this stuff. Listen, we will just get a tarp to cover the car while it is outside. There. Now we have more room for more stuff. See. There is a solution for every problem.



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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## Virginia's View Point

by Virginia Harford

### LOTS OF ACTIVITY

I attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday pot luck celebration arranged by the Historical and Cultural Committee of the city of Grand Terrace on December 16. It was attended by about 100 people and was a very nice affair. Several people who do not live here any more but once were instrumental in getting Grand Terrace started such as Tom Tillinghast attended. It is always a good dinner with comprehensive speeches made by such as Tony Petta, Grand Terrace's first mayor.



Tony Petta, was the first Mayor of Grand Terrace back in 1978.

Tom Schwab was on hand and looked quite chipper after a long illness. He spoke about wanting to come back to his job as City Manager and Finance Director part time and declared that he would work under Steve Berry who has been acting City Manager in Tom's absence.

After the dinner the city held its regular monthly council meeting which was short and all problems dealt with dispatch.

### NEW SHOPPING AND BUSINESS CENTER BEGUN

You have probably noticed the corner of Mt. Vernon Ave. and Barton Road on the northwest side where a lot of demolition is going on. Several of the former stores are not longer there and it is obvious that the building of the shop-

## Grand Terrace celebrates 30 years as a city!



L-R Grand Terrace City Council: Walt Stanckiewicz, Bea Cortes, Mayor Maryetta Ferre', LeeAnn Garcia, and Jim Miller are shown cutting the 30th anniversary cake.



North/west corner of Barton Road and Mt. Vernon Ave. in Grand Terrace.

ping center advertised on a large sign for several months is in the works. I spoke to Bill Gilmore the contact person listed on the sign and he told me that the center will hold several stores such as Radio Shack. It is not final about any of the new businesses but Gilmore said, "like that." The area is pretty much surrounded by fence and

the area is replete with debris from the buildings including concreted blocks, lots of wood walls and floors and piles of waste is being collected and hauled away. It will be interesting to see what will be there.

Grand Terrace does not always support such places as hardware stores. For example, we have had several that

could not compete with Home Depot and Lowe's. One such made the effort in the building where Walt Stanckiewicz and his family run the Pasta Italia restaurant. The owner of that hardware business told me that people would rather drive several miles to Squires in Colton or Home Depot to save a few cents rather than pay their prices here in Grand Terrace. It will be interesting to see what takes place there.

### 'HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS' THANK YOU PARTY..... A DELIGHTFUL EVENING!

One of the nicest evenings I have spent in a long time was at the home of "Barney" and Ardie Barnett our publishers. They invited all of the staff of the paper to their beautifully decorated home in Highgrove. We were served a delicious meal and lots of camaraderie. Dr. Cindy Williams came as did Jerry Loving. Writers and delivery persons were on hand and "Barney" gave us a very interesting talk about the history of the paper.

Jerry Loving talked about his travels to China. Ardie was beautiful as usual in a lovely outfit (everybody dressed even yours truly) and Ardie agreed with almost everything "Barney" said!

A game was played that I was not familiar with. The guests were given a number and they then choose a gift from several that are bagged in colorful sacks and then after you see your gift if you don't want it, you can trade it to someone else for their gift. It was a lot of fun and they all teased me because I had received a beautiful soft blanket that I just loved and did not want to trade. Everybody wanted to get it from me and teased me about not wanting to give up my "blankie." FINIS

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## RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW LAWS

Several new laws designed to help strengthen existing DUI laws

(Sacramento) With a new year on the horizon, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) wants to remind motorists of a handful of new laws, passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, that go into effect in 2009.

"The overall safety of the motoring public is our primary concern," says CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Not only will these new laws enhance a motorist's safety, many of them are a step toward ridding the roadways of drunk drivers and the tragedy they cause."

Below are the major changes to driving regulations and vehicle equipment.

**Texting While Driving** (SB 28, Simitian) This new law makes it an infraction to write, send, or read text-based communication on an electronic wireless communications device, such as a cell phone, while driving a motor vehicle. Previously this was only illegal for individuals under 18 years of age, but now has been expanded to all drivers.

**Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Zero Tolerance** (AB 1165, Maze) This new law prohibits a convicted DUI offender from operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level (BAC) of .01 percent or greater while on probation for DUI. The law requires the driver to submit to a Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) test, a portable breath test to determine the presence of alcohol. If the driver refuses, or if the driver submits and has a BAC of .01 or greater, a citation will be issued, the driver's license will be taken and driving privileges will be suspended. In addition, the vehicle will be impounded.

**Ignition Interlock Devices (IID)** (SB 1190, Oropeza) This new law reduces the BAC from .20 percent to .15 percent or more at the time of arrest to trigger a

requirement for the court to give heightened consideration for the installation of an IID for a first-time offender convicted of DUI of an alcoholic beverage.

**Ignition Interlock Devices** (SB 1388, Torlakson) Effective July 2009, this new law transfers authority for the administration of mandatory IID programs from the state courts to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This law also authorizes the DMV to require any driver convicted of driving with a suspended license due to a prior conviction for DUI to install an IID in any vehicle that the offender owns or operates.

**Alcohol-Related Reckless Driving** (AB 2802, Houston) This new law requires the court to order a person convicted of alcohol-related reckless driving to participate in a licensed DUI program for at least nine months, if that person has a prior conviction for alcohol-related reckless driving or DUI within ten years. Additionally, the court is required to revoke the person's probation for the failure to enroll in, participate in, or complete a licensed DUI program.

**Global Positioning Systems (GPS)** (SB 1567, Oropeza) This new law allows a portable GPS device to be mounted in a 7-inch square in the lower corner of the windshield on the passenger side of the vehicle, or in a 5-inch square in the lower corner of the windshield on the driver's side. These are the only two locations on a windshield where a GPS device can be mounted. The GPS device can only be used for navigational purposes while the motor vehicle is being operated, and it is required to be mounted outside of an airbag deployment zone.

**Motorcycles** (AB 2272, Fuentes) This new law changes the definition of a motorcycle by deleting the weight limitation and deleting the separate definition for electrically powered motorcycles. The law will now allow fully enclosed, three-wheeled vehicles

to have access to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes regardless of occupancy.

**Clean Air Stickers: Misuse and Penalties** (SB 1720, Lowenthal) This new law makes it an infraction for anyone who forges, counterfeits, falsifies, passes, or attempts to pass, acquire possess, sell, or offer for sale a genuine or counterfeit "Clean Air Sticker."

**911 Telephone System Abuse** (AB 1976, Benoit) This new law increases the penalties for any person who knowingly uses, or allows the use of, the 911 telephone system for any reason other than an emergency. Those who misuse, or allow the misuse of, the 911 telephone system are guilty of an infraction, and subject to either a written warning or a fine.

**Special License Plates** (AB 190, Bass) This new law, when approved by local authorities, allows veterans whose vehicles display plates honoring Pearl Harbor Survivors, Legion of Valor recipients, former American Prisoners of War, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, or Purple Heart recipients to park their vehicles that weigh not more

than 6,000 pounds gross weight, without charge, in any metered parking space.

**Studded Pneumatic Tires** (AB 1971, Portantino) This new law allows the use of pneumatic tires with retractable metal-type studs, year round, as long as the studs are retracted between May 1 through October 31. However, the law prohibits a tire with retractable metal-type studs on a vehicle from being worn to a point that the metal-type studs protrude beyond the tire tread when retracted.

**Spilling Cargo Loads** (AB 2714, Keene) This new law eases restrictions on cargo loads of straw or hay to allow individual pieces that do not pose a threat to life or property, to escape from bales of straw or hay that are being transported by a vehicle upon a highway, so long as those bales are loaded and secured according to federal regulations.

**Assault on Highway Workers** (SB 1509, Lowenthal) This new law provides an increased penalty for assault and battery crimes committed against Caltrans highway workers who are engaged in the performance of their duties.

## Car crashes across freeway at Palmyrita



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### Word Search Winner of the Month

Congratulations to Aliah Hernandez for completing the word search puzzle this month. Aliah is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at Highgrove Elementary. Her teacher is Miss Mcgin. Thank you Aliah for providing the words for this months puzzle.



Aliah Hernandez

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