



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

July, 2008

## STOP THE TRAIN.....



This Metrolink commuter train is shown crossing Main St. in Highgrove. Main St. is the Riverside/San Bernardino County Line. There are already 3,224 commuter trains that pass through Highgrove each year but do not stop for passengers. The Highgrove station sign is to the left of the train.

**HERE!**



A new curved track from the Perris Valley Line RR (left-but not shown) is planned to connect to the BNSF RR near this location. The 7 on the post indicates that it is 7 rail miles from San Bernardino to Highgrove.

It is 3 1/2 rail miles to Riverside from mile post 7. Between this location and Citrus St. (near Iowa Ave.) would be an ideal location for a Metrolink platform so commuters can travel in 3 different directions: to Riverside and beyond, San Bernardino and beyond and between Riverside and Perris when the Perris Valley Line is upgraded in a few years. One platform at this location would allow commuters to park in the vacant 35 acres and ride the existing trains as soon as the platform is completed while waiting for the Perris Valley Line to be rebuilt. Commuter trains pass by this location every day of the week including week ends.

If it takes 3 years to rebuild the Perris Valley Line, that means that **967 commuter trains passed through Highgrove while the Perris Valley Line was under construction!** These existing trains could take a lot of drivers off of the freeways and save commuters thousands of dollars in gasoline. It is time to stop ignoring the benefits of this location and give the region a Highgrove Station Stop the people have been working on for the last 6 1/2 years! *To view the map showing the new proposed curved track go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) and click on Metrolink.*

(Turn to P. 9 to see New Metrolink Resolution adopted June 24, 2008)

## Highgrove Day a huge success!



The Highgrove Volunteer Firemen served up a great pancake breakfast!



Classic cars and beautiful hot rods parked in the grass at Highgrove Park



Mark Barnett (no relation) looked like, and sounded like the late Roy Orbison. Mark has played Las Vegas, Laughlin, and as far east as Boston, Mass. I kidded him that he can now add “Highgrove” to his resume! His tribute called- **Revisiting the Orbison Years**, was really great!

**MAC Community meetings changed to the 4th Wednesday of each month. Next meeting Wed. July 23, 2008 7:00 PM**

Norton Younglove Community Center, 931 Center St. Highgrove 7:00 pm Bring a neighbor!

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**Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm**  
**Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk**  
**Contact: Ann Slocum at (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912**  
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## Uptown Kiwanis donates \$5,000 to the Norton Younglove Community Center's Homework Help program, sponsored by Family Service Association



(left to right) Robin Manning, Director of Development for FSA, Ester Andrews, Presiden of Uptown Kiwanis of Riverside and Ann Slocum, Manager of the Highgrove Community Center.

Uptown Kiwanis of Riverside recently donated \$5,000 to Family Service Association of Western Riverside County for the Homework Help program at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove.

The Kiwanis Club is dedicated to helping children, one child at a time. According to Esther Andrews, president of the Uptown Kiwanis, the principal core of Kiwanis' mission is the belief that the most effective way to enhance the community is to enhance its children.

She said, "When you give a child a chance to learn, dream, experience and succeed, great things will happen to children. Our goal is to keep children learning and to keep them safe."

Family Service Association of Riverside (FSA) recently started this Homework Help Program that offers children, ages 5 to 12, help with their homework, snacks and activities after they finish their assignments.

Homework Help programs improve students' motivation, self-confidence, and work habits, which may improve their performance in school. The program provides students a safe environment during after school hours. It also reinforces what they learn in school and offers opportunities to expand their research and studies.

## Country Line Dance Classes

**Monday's 10:00am-11:00am**  
**Wednesday's 9:30am-11:00am**

**Cost: \$2 per class**

Line dancing is a great, low-impact exercise that offers Emotional and physical benefits. Come join the fun! Lessons are taught by Martha Quintero



## Rolling Cart

### FOOD GIVE AWAY



**Due to July 4th falling on a Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> rolling cart will be held on Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am and the second will be on the 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

## AROUND THE WORLD

Mondays and Wednesdays From 1:30 to 3 p.m. "Mr. B." will teach children (ages 5 to 12 years old) about the Earth's surface, atmosphere, and people. He's helped kids learn about places like Europe, Mexico, Central America, Germany and more. During the six week seminar, Mr. B will help children learn about customs, flags, animals and other things that compose our world. This seminar promises to be both fun and educational for kids.



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

## Spend time with the Masters

Thursdays, from 9:30 to 11:00am

Join us for a free art class and create your own personal masterpieces. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 will be exposed to different types of media, as well as the basics of art and color. Learn about art masters, such as Picasso, Van Gogh and others. Develop the skills you need to create your own painting, drawing, poem and more! The instructor is Annette Ramsey of HeArt Enterprise.



For more information, call the Center at 951-341-6634.

## COOL CENTER

The Center has been designated as an official Cool Center by the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County and Southern California Edison. The program is designed for anyone who wants to beat the heat and get inside a cool place weekdays from 10am-5pm. Grand Opening was held on June 30th. On July 3rd they will have a Celebration Party from 10am-5pm featuring: build a sundae, pizza, movie & prizes.



## 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.



Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic Sign up for a voucher for low cost spay and neuter at the Community Center **July 2, 2008 from 9:00am-2:00pm** Dogs on leashes and cats in carriers Please! call 951-358-7387 for more info.

## Don't Forget!!!

**Brown Bag:** 1st & 3rd Tues. 8:00am - 10:00am  
**Commodities:** 4th Friday of the month 7am -10am



## Local meetings move to Wednesday

After a request from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council voted unanimously to change the meeting dates from the 4th Tuesday to the **4th Wednesday starting on July 23, 2008**. The time and place will remain the same but our community meetings will now be one day later. We would like to see some new faces and hear your opinions at our meetings that start at 7:00 pm at 931 Center St. in Highgrove. Mark your calendar so you won't forget and bring a neighbor!

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## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Norton Younglove Community Center wants to thank those who donated money and prizes for the Drawing of Opportunity on Highgrove Day. Thanks to everyone who donated, we raised about \$650 for the Community Center.

Those who donated were:



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 Mario's Place



Family Service Association of Western Riverside County

## Citrus Label Society Meets in Highgrove

On June 21, 2008, collectors of citrus labels from the area met at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove. The citrus labels were the brand name label that was put on the ends of the citrus boxes of oranges, grapefruit and lemons to identify the particular brand name.

Thanks to Denis Kidd, copies of 92 different brands that were packed in Highgrove adorn the walls of our community center. This collection represents our rich citrus heritage that helped identify our community. Of all the packing houses that once flourished in Highgrove, only one remains. That is the former Brown Estate Packing House now known as California Citrus Cooperative. This working packing house is still located on Center St. on the east side of the old Southern Pacific (Union Pacific) RR track.

The Citrus Label Society provides a form for the trading of labels, information, and ideas. Regularly scheduled meetings and an international membership will give you an opportunity to see a wide range of labels and tap a large fountain of knowledge. As a member you will receive meeting notices, a membership directory, and information about labels, the citrus industry, and the Society through the "Citrus Peel".

For more information they have a web site at: [www.citruslabelsociety.com](http://www.citruslabelsociety.com) or contact: President Tom Spellman: [trspellman@prodigy.net](mailto:trspellman@prodigy.net) or locally you can contact Denis Kidd at (909) 783 1664. Other information is available at [www.photospast.com](http://www.photospast.com); [www.cratelabels.org](http://www.cratelabels.org) or email [webeart@earthlink.net](mailto:webeart@earthlink.net)

## Riverside HIGHGROVE PONY LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 2008

For Grand Terrace & City of Riverside, and Highgrove residents. We are a Team of Parents and citizens from Riverside, Highgrove and Grand Terrace re-developing this program from scratch and under ALL

NEW leadership. We are committed to providing a safe, fun environment to learn baseball or softball and developing the valuable life skills of attitude, determination and leadership that team sports encourage. It will be great to have Pony Ball available right here in/near our communities! Come back to see about the possibility of joining us for WinterBall 2008!

We will be at the Highgrove Park to answer questions and for registrations on Saturdays after July 4th, 2008.

We need participation to make it happen!

If you are interested please contact:

Linda Tobin 951-323-1467

Ron & Cynthia Cruz [RiversideHighgrovePony@wwdb.org](mailto:RiversideHighgrovePony@wwdb.org)

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## Highgrove Library

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## Local "Eagles" officer succumbs to cancer

### Obituary



Dave Jackson

DECEMBER 9, 1941-JUNE 9, 2008

Dave was born in Moline, Illinois and passed away in Riverside, California after a long fight with cancer.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret, who resides in Moline and his sister, Patty (Jackson) Radlo, of San Jose, California. His father, Russell, and Brother Phillip preceded him in death, three years ago, both suffering from cancer.

While attending junior college, he and a couple friends decided to come to California in 1962. His friends went back to Illinois, but, Dave stayed in California. His main occupation was retail sales, which he did for several years.

He was married twice and had one son, Russell Jackson. He met Sharon Hood over twenty five years ago and they have been together ever since. Sharon had been by Dave's side throughout his illness and will miss him very much.

Dave joined the Riverside Eagles November 1, 1983, and from the start of his membership, was an active member.

Throughout the years Dave was involved with many charities and had

worked very hard for many years to raise money through his "Monday Night Tacos" which donated thousands of dollars to charities such as, abused children, the annual Children's Christmas party, Boys and Girls Little League softball teams, City of Hope and several other local activities within the community.

Dave went through the chairs and served as Worthy President 1992-1993.

Dave served on many committees of district 23, and was a strong supporter of sires unit 2. He rarely missed a district meeting.

He started studying the ritual shortly after he joined and eventually competed on the district 23 team, the 997 past presidents team, the "hot shot" team and the prestigious "one man" team.

He became interested in the state aerie and served as state trustee 1998-2000. He held the office of inside guard, outside guard, conductor, chaplain and vice-president. He would have been state president this year, but, decided he could not go because of his failing health. He would have served again as vice-president, 2008-2009, hoping that he would regain his health.

Dave leaves us as a "ten year secretary", a dedicated brother and friend to all. A quiet man who never wanted to ruffle feathers or offend another brother. He loved the Eagles and will be missed by all.

**There will be a memorial service held at the Eagles in Highgrove at 2:00pm on July 12, 2008.** The ladies auxillary will hold a pot luck at the memorial. For more information please call (909) 423 0416

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Margaret Pitruzzello

March 10, 1910-May 30, 2008

Margaret was born in Detroit, Michigan from Sicilian parents. On July 4, 1946 she and her husband, the late Sam Pitruzzello opened Pitruzzello's Restaurant that the family ran until 1997 when the son Joseph closed the restaurant. The beautiful brick building is still rented out and is located on the west side of the I-215 freeway and on the north

### Obituary



side of the Center St. overpass. It will always be known as Pitruzzellos to me and my family.

In 1947 we moved from Indiana to California and lived in a trailer park right next to Pitruzzellos. Jose Pitruzzello and I attended school together when I was 8 years old.

Survivors include son, Joseph and Irene Pitruzzello, 3 daughters, Anna Carabini and her husband Louis of Laguna Beach, Zina Anderson of Riverside and Josie Ware and her husband Charles of Riverside.

Margaret leaves 14 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and 8 great, great grandchildren.

Our thoughts go out to the families of the deceased who was "Mama"

to many people! A rosery was held in Riverside on June 4, 2008

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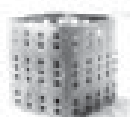
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## Scott Kalitta killed in Funny Car crash

It was a sad day for drag racers and fans of the sport when Scott Kalitta's car hit a barrier at 300 MPH while trying to qualify for the "SuperNationals" at Englishtown, New Jersey. His engine exploded at very high speed and he was unable to stop the race car at the end of the track. Last year another accident happened when Eric Medlen was killed in a Funny Car during testing. After Eric's accident there were many changes made to the race car construction to make the driver safer. John Force, Eric Medlen's teammate and car owner, attributed some of the safety changes that were made after Eric's accident, in helping him survive his own serious Funny Car accident in Dallas. But John is back driving again after his bad wreck.

Scott Kalitta had been in and out of racing over a long period of time. He retired twice but came back. He won Top Fuel Championships in 1994 and 1995 and had 18 career victories in Top Fuel and one in Funny Car. He is one of fourteen drivers to win in both categories, Top Fuel and Funny Car. These 2 classes are the fastest in drag racing. His family goes way back in drag racing. His father Connie Kalitta used to race Top Fuel in the early 60's at Riverside Raceway where the Moreno Valley Shopping Center now stands and other tracks around our area. We raced in a different class (much slower) when we were racing the MiSer's "B" Gas dragster at many of the same tracks where Connie used to race his "Bounty Hunter". But that was around 50 years ago before Scott was born. Scott was 46 when he died. 50 years ago the fastest cars were going less than half the speed they are going now. Today's acceleration contests are a complex science involving physics, technology, com-



puters, skill, and a lot of luck.

After watching the accident on TV several times, I noticed that the end of the track had K rails that curved from the right side of the right lane to the left past the end of the track. There is a sand trap and webbing located at the end of the track after the finish line that is supposed to stop cars in case of an emergency. There was a huge fireball explosion when Scott's motor blew up and it appeared to me that the Funny Car continued at a high rate of speed until it hit the concrete K rail at the end of the track where there was another large explosion.


On NHRA Today, Jim Dunn, longtime racer and crew chief said the cars are going too fast for the tracks that were designed for 200MPH speeds. These cars reach 330MPH from a standing start in just 1,320 feet which is a quarter of a mile. Jim said he thinks the finish line should be moved back to the 1,000 foot line. The design of the cars has been changed but maybe the tracks need to be looked at too (especially the one at Englishtown) to determine if there is a better way to catch the cars, make a shorter distance to race, or a longer shut off area. They may even need to look into a remote kill switch that deploys other parachutes that could be radio controlled by an NHRA official or crew chief. Many of these drivers survive serious accidents and some

do not. I know that NHRA is dedicated to safety and I also know that most of these professional racers have had serious incidents but they still get back into the race cars because they love what they do. Scott was one of those racers who was doing what he wanted to do. After the accident, Connie loaded up the cars and headed home.


There was a very moving moment when his Funny Car opponent Robert Hight had to make a single run with no one in the other lane due to Scott's absence. With Scott's teammates standing behind the starting

line on the other side, when the light went green for Robert to go, instead of blasting to a 300 MPH run like he is capable of doing, he left very slowly and just idled slowly down the entire length of the track in respect for his fallen friend. These drivers and teams may be competitors but they are also very close friends.

Our sympathy goes out to the family, the crew and the fans who are mourning. Scott is survived by his father, Connie, wife, Kathy and 2 sons Colin 8 and Corey 14. Scott's cousin Doug Kalitta drives a Top Fuel dragster for Kalitta Racing.




## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WARNING!



Amazingly, many people harbor the idea that bullets fired straight up into the air is harmless. Some people even believe that the bullets dissolve in the air or float back to earth. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, the bullets will fall back to earth with enough velocity to penetrate the roofs of homes and vehicles and not only is it extremely dangerous to shoot guns in our residential areas, but it is in violation of State Laws. **IF YOU SHOOT FIREARMS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOU WILL BE ARRESTED FOR A FELONY** violation of the California Penal Code. Your

Riverside County Sheriff's Department is urging all concerned citizens and community leaders to join with us in persuading all the members of our county to not celebrate any holiday or festive occasion by endangering themselves, their loved ones, and neighbors by indiscriminately firing guns. *To report violators please call the Sheriff at: (951) 776-1099 Ext. 5.*



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## A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Turning Left while driving should not be an issue!

Lately, we have been told by the media about the left hand turn signals and how we are wasting precious gas. Well, they are right. But leave it to the elected officials and the California bureaucrats to see a way to bilk us out of more tax dollars to fix a "supposedly" driving problem.

Here is the issue according to the media: When you are sitting at an intersection that has a left hand turn signal and it is red while the light is green, you have to wait for a green left hand turn signal before making a left hand turn. I know you all have had the same frustration that I have when I sit there with no traffic coming toward me and I have to wait while the light turns green for the side traffic to go thru the intersection and then for the red turn signal for me to turn left turns green. We are wasting millions of dollars in gasoline while sitting there waiting for a green arrow and our cars engines are idling and burning gas at almost \$5.00 a gallon.

Here is the elected officials and our high-priced bureaucrats' suggestion for fixing the problem: They want to spend tens of millions of dollars by synchronizing the red lights to work better in order for us to save gas. In other words, they want to raid our State treasury or raise more taxes in order for our state and county workers to buy more shovels and stand on the side of the road leaning on the shovels and staring at the traffic lights while some other bureaucrat has his head stuck in the signal box and is adjusting the red arrow. Basically, it will take years and thousands of workers can add more years to their retirement pay and the poor taxpayers will still be waiting for the red arrow to turn green.

Can you imagine the cost of just the "consultants" who will have to

come in and do their traffic studies? Talk about our elected officials and bureaucrats paying off their campaign contributors or relatives. Folks, this will be the best boondoggle ever to come down the pike. Some of us will never see in our lifetime the results of all the studies or the Bureaucratic solution put into use.

However, being the humble, poor, frustrated driver that I am, I believe there is a simple solution that will not cost us a dime and can be implemented in less than a month. The answer? Pass a Law. Pass a Law that says: "If you are sitting at an intersection with a red left turn arrow and there is a green light for the traffic on your right to pass thru the intersection, and you can see no oncoming traffic, go ahead and make a left hand turn."

There are dozens of States that have such a Law and it is working quite well. Naturally, there will be some fool, usually on a cell phone and/or listening to their boom box that will turn into oncoming traffic and cause an accident. They get a ticket, (more money to support the insurance companies, Judges and lawyers in this State) and pay a fine and for the damage done to the other vehicle.

I know it sounds simple and there will be accidents, but we do have plenty of idiots in this State to reinforce the State's argument about spending millions of dollars. But for the rest of us, we save a little time and gas thereby allowing us more time to spend with our families or not having to rush to work.

Just an idea. No charge!

**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"*

## New Cell Phone Laws

**Effective July 1, 2008.** New legislation prohibits drivers from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless the driver uses a hands-free device. Drivers who violate the law will face a base fine of \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense.

The law allows drivers to use a wireless telephone for emergency purposes, drivers of commercial vehicles to use push-to-talk phones until July 1, 2011, and also allows drivers of emergency response vehicles to use a cell phone without a hands-free device.

California joins Connecticut, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, and some local jurisdictions in prohibiting the use of handheld mobile phones while driving. Do you hear me now!



This view of Highgrove Day was taken from the top of the firemen's ladder but I don't know who took the picture! (I know it wasn't me!)



**BEST OF SHOW**

The Best of show award for the Highgrove Day car show went a 1932 Packard owned by Dick Hathaway from Cannes St. on the west side of the freeway. This car was found in Death Valley and had been buried for 25 years. According to Dick, it is one of thirteen left in the world. Thank you to all of the car show participants who brought their beautiful cars to Highgrove Day. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

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## Family visit from Iowa



**Cassidy (8) and Paige (10) from Iowa are shown practicing rug surfing in the hotel getting ready to go into the ocean for the very first time!**

Ardie's son, Kendall, his wife Lori and their 2 girls Paige and Cassidy Wassenaar flew into Ontario from Omaha, for their California vacation. Although they have not suffered personally from the Iowa flooding, they received a lot of rain in the northwest corner of Iowa where they live. They live on a farm just outside Orange City, Iowa where Kendall and his brother Kyle work for their dad on his dairy farm where they feed and care for 3,000 head of cattle.

Their vacation started off with a family bar-b-q here in Highgrove on the evening they arrived. The next day, Wed. we went to Disneyland for the day, and on Thursday Kendall and Lori went to Hollywood and Venice Beach while we took the girls swimming at my brothers house in Grand Terrace. Friday was another full day at Universal Studios seeing all of the sights and meeting Lori's cousin for dinner at Bubba Gumps in the Universal City walk.

Saturday was very busy too! We started out early by taking both cars to Grand Terrace for the Grand Terrace Days Parade. Ardie drove the 57 Chevy Convertible with her 2 granddaughters from Iowa in the front seat, and Grand Terrace City Council per-

son, LeAnn Garcia and her son, her sister, and her sister's son in the back seat. They enjoyed throwing candy and waving the large Mickey Mouse hands we bought at Disneyland. I drove Assemblyman Bill Emmerson in our 58 Corvette and we threw candy too! We spent some time at the car show in Grand Terrace but had to leave early to go to San Marcos where we had reservations at the Ramada Inn that evening. The following morning Kendall left with friends from the San Marcos area to go to the US Open at Torrey Pines where he spent the day watching the golf tournament. The girls and I left San Marcos and headed to San Diego to check into the Surfer Beach Hotel at Pacific Beach. We had a great view from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor facing the boardwalk and beach. We walked out to the end of the pier and went in and out of the shops along the boardwalk. Kendall returned Sunday evening.

The next day, on Monday we were at Sea World when they opened at 9:00 am. We saw the sights but about 1:45 I had to leave Sea World and return to Riverside for a meeting about the Perris Valley Line that was held by RCTC at the UCR Extension. Denis Kidd and Gene Carlstrom went

to the meeting with me and we spent 2 hours trying to show why the station platform should be where the commuter trains are now, instead of where they may be in a few years south of Palmyrita Avenue. After the meeting in Riverside I spent the night at home and drove back down to the beach early Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile, Ardie, Kendall, Lori and the granddaughters spent the rest of the day (Mon.) at Sea World then took the short bus ride from Sea World back to the beach house later that evening.

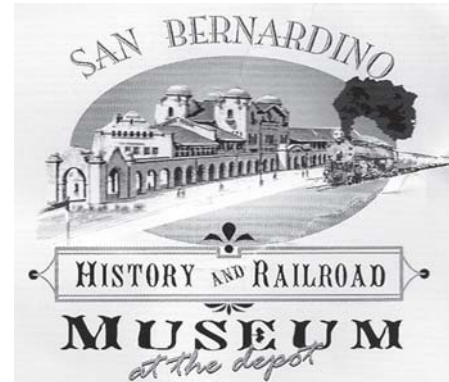
Tuesday was spent mostly at the beach where the girls tried out their new body boards and played in the ocean for the first time. We took them to the San Diego airport Wed. morning then Ardie and I returned to the hotel to check out and load our things. There was no way we could have packed everyone and everything into the van so we could head home from the airport. On our way home from

San Diego we called my son Billy, who lives in Oceanside but we got his answering machine instead. We wanted to see him because he just returned from New York City where he was seeing the sights with some friends. We were on the 76 headed home when he called so we turned around and went back into Oceanside and took the 78 and met him at Costco where we sat, ate pizza, and exchanged stories.

I am grateful that we are still able to do things with family. And even though their vacation was filled to capacity, I know the times we had together are memories that will last forever especially since they live so far away. The weather was beautiful when they were here and soon after they left, the temperature skyrocketed. Between the 2 camera's, we have close to 1,000 pictures that we put on a disc for them to keep as a reminder of their 2008 vacation to California.

## Grand Opening of San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum

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On July 12, 2008 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm there will be a Grand Opening of the San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum at the Old Santa Fe Depot located at 1170 W. Third St. in San Bernardino. The 90 year old depot is also the offices of the San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) that is the transportation agency in San Bernardino County. The depot is also where I hired out as a brakeman on Feb. 23, 1960 and I have a lot of memories of this old depot. Stop in and see what is on display. For more information please call Allen at: (909) 792 3827

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## HERB 'N LORE

By Kathlyn Quatrochi, M.H., N.D.

Hello friends, I wanted to let you know that due to a conflict of interests, I am curtailing my articles about skin care. If any of you wish to get more information, you can contact me via email at drkathlyn@airenetworks.com and I will be happy to share information regarding natural skin care and beauty techniques. Instead, this month, I would like to tell you about a recent experience I had that is related to my quest for healthy and safe living in a world of products that are not always created in our best interests.

When Al, the pizza guy told us our pizza wasn't ready because the oven didn't light properly, I considered just forgetting it and going home. He offered me a complimentary drink to stay and wait another thirty minutes. "Got peach Snapple?" I asked....thinking that I really don't drink soft drinks any more because of all the high fructose corn syrup, modified or artificial sweeteners, artificial flavors and colors which are all dangerous ingredients. I could at least use the glass bottle at home for a water bottle since I wasn't drinking from plastic any more either. He said he didn't have peach Snapple. I thought.. "Don't bother Kathy...none of it is ok...even if it's free".....but...something drew my eyes to the Bubble Up bottle in the corner. First, I was thrilled to see the label that reminded me of my youth....and it was green glass that would make a pretty water bottle. So I asked for a Bubble Up.

I didn't plan on taking more than a sip of the mid century memory soda,

because I usually have a nauseated reaction to so much sweetener. It was funny how my hand went for the metal bottle cap as if it were 1965 and I had been doing it every day since. Then, I stopped and wondered, "Would I need a bottle opener?...like the old days?". Al seemed to read me psychically and said "It's a screw top". At that point, my mind recalled the pain of squeezing the crimped metal and how I might need to use my shirt tail to buffer the pain while getting the best grip. Nope....I got it opened with little smarting sting and heard that refreshing blast of carbonation spew a cool mist into the palm of my hand....Yep....just like the old days....Ahhhhhh....how nice. As if I were twelve again...I licked my hand...looking up with a sense of guilt for seeming so juvenile.

That first sip was delicious and refreshing. I was tempted to continue drinking more as I drove home, but told myself to stop at one sip. I didn't want to have the blood sugar rush and a dizzy spell that it might invoke. A few more miles up the road, I couldn't stand it....that green bottle beckoned me to take one more taste of the delightful beverage. One more would be alright....after all...I hadn't analyzed whether it tasted like Bubble Up used to taste. Would I even remember it with any accuracy? The truth is, I wasn't allowed to have Bubble Up as a kid....even though it was my very favorite. It was banned in our family because my Grandpa Oran worked for Hires Root Beer Company. It was a sin to drink anything else...except Nesbitt's which was distributed by Hires. Bubble Up was my

secret indulgence. I was able to have it when I was with friends whose parents didn't know it was forbidden in my family. There was even an empty bottle hidden in my closet that I kept like a trophy. That green bottle was jewel like to me, and the fragrance of lemon lime that lingered long after the liquid was gone, was perfume to my nose. I remember pulling the bent cap off now and then, just to take a whiff of the citrus essence.

It took me about a half hour to get home with the pizza that day. I kept on drinking and savoring the long lost flavor that triggered satisfaction in my brain like nothing had done in years. I would pay the price for sure, but it was worth it. It was worth remembering the experience of feeling real glass at my mouth. The smooth, rolled edge that was safe to caress with my lips...it brought back memories of adolescence...you know...when you were just learning the sensuality of your own body. Fondling the glass lip of the bottle with your own was intriguing when you were wondering what that first real kiss was going to feel like. Today, I giggled, remembering such funny, embarrassing experiences....and I relished every sip.

After finishing the entire bottle of Bubble Up at home, I sat it on my coffee table....just to admire the beauty of the green glass. At least an hour had passed when I realized that I didn't get sick from drinking the whole thing. I also thought about how it was satisfying and didn't make me feel like I didn't get enough. It was filling and delicious.


A couple of hours later...I found myself repeating the old habit....I picked up the bottle to smell the citrus aroma...and it was still there...and it was still delightful. I held the bottle to the light and admired it as if it were an emerald from Cartier. As I spun it in front of the window, I noticed the labeling and saw the ingredients list. Real cane sugar. No high fructose corn syrup...no corn syrup at all. No crazy preservatives...and it had natural citrus oil extracts...no artificial flavors or colors. Citric acid is safe...in fact...the ingredients were plain and

simple. No wonder it didn't make me sick and was a satisfying drink. My body and mind could recognize, use, process and eliminate these natural ingredients. You see, your brain doesn't recognize those phony sweeteners, so they don't satisfy your sweet tooth....and you want more...and more...and still...no satisfaction. Then, you get fat because you have had so many calories that aren't usable. Do you wonder why nothing makes you feel good any more?

It's those phony foods. That Bubble Up experience was a confirmation to me that my beliefs and the scientific research are correct. I have been lecturing for years... "Remember when you would order a small soft drink and it would be enough?". People would agree, but I don't think they fully believe I am right. It's true...and I'm not even addressing the other toxic chemicals laced in our foods today...and the poisons of plastic and metal packaging.

As you might see...I could go on and on with my many insights, opinions and data on phony foods....and I will, in months to come, when the focus comes to mind. For now, I urge you to do your own taste tests. How about cookies? You can eat a bag or twelve cases of those store bought disks of high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated oils and artificial flavors....and never be satisfied. Try some homemades and see if you don't get more satisfaction....and fuller, faster. If you can find any of the old formula sodas, give one a taste and see if your brain goes Ahhhhh. Try some homemade lemonade? Bet you don't drink nearly as much of it as you would the artificial stuff. I'll just bet too, that when you taste those real ingredients, you will find yourself smiling with contentment and consider it a sensual experience long forgotten...and it is that, dear friends...we all crave. We crave the satisfaction of real foods...of real experiences....of real pleasure. Cheers!!! Until next month, "Count your blessings every day and love each other like there was no tomorrow".

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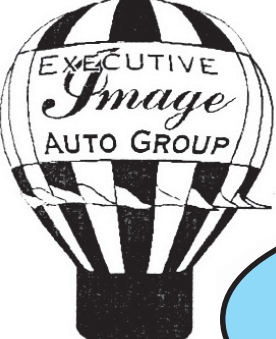


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## Virginia's View Point

by Virginia Harford

### DON'T TELL ME THERE'S NO FREE LUNCH

The State of California Office on Aging governs the local agency that prepares and delivers lunch five days a week to all of the senior citizens that care to partake of the lunch being served to them at the various senior centers around Southern California. Grand Terrace is one of the cities.

One week in June the agency disallowed any donations that are regularly given by the seniors for their lunch. The fee is not mandatory. One is not required to pay for his lunch. Any hungry individual 60 years of age or older can come to any senior center and be fed a nourishing and tasty lunch. The meals are carefully planned and directed by a graduate dietician. Ordinarily the agency asks for a modest donation to help cover the cost of the meals. This donation does not cover the entire cost. The state of California ponies up the remainder.

The reason give for the free lunches was to show gratitude for our participation and past donations.

### FINALLY

For several months now the activity at the Grand Terrace plot where a center is supposed to be built not much has been happening but a lot of trucks moving dirt around. As was done with other projects approved by the City Council and the Planning Commission lawsuits were brought about to stop the construction, expressing concerns about noise and the obstruction of scenic views. Don Davis, vice president of the Grand Terrace Seniors group, attended a meeting

at the Civic Center at which he was assured that the building of the complex will be accomplished.

It can be observed now that the building has indeed been started. It looks as though the lawsuits have not accomplished the cessation of the work. The basic structures are being hammered and nailed in place and men are going about the business of building several different sections. I had begun to wonder if some of us would live long enough to see the project completed. Maybe we will.

### CJUSD HIGH SCHOOL #3

I don't have any news for you regarding the \$100,000,000 high school being proposed by the city of Grand Terrace. My last communique with the superintendent said that it would probably not be begun before late 2009. Not much has been done about the site except the investigation to determine the health of the soil which was found to be without dangerous elements. What bothers me is the money. We do not need to spend that kind of money at this time.

### FIREWORKS

I have an idea that the City of Grand Terrace with its infinite lack of good judgement will once again give permission for the soccer and baseball teams to erect a stand that will provide those foolish enough to spend their money on them to purchase fireworks. What really disappointed me last year was that the Fire Chief actually approved the fireworks sale. Now if that isn't an extreme lack of good sense, I don't know what is. **FINIS**

**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"*

## METROLINK RESOLUTION ADOPTED

HIGHGROVE  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Resolution  
June 24, 2008

WHEREAS, On **Nov. 27, 2001**, Riverside County Service Area 126 (Highgrove) passed a resolution requesting a Metrolink Station Stop in Highgrove and

WHEREAS, On **Jan. 8, 2002**, the Highgrove PAC (Project Area Committee) also requested "a Metrolink station stop be implemented at Highgrove when the tracks are upgraded for commuter service on the San Jacinto branch" and

WHEREAS, Highgrove residents and residents from other surrounding communities have given written support for a Metrolink Station in Highgrove for the last 6 1/2 years and

WHEREAS, Many local leaders and residents from both counties have attended Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) meetings and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) meetings, to make verbal requests (3 minutes at a time under public comments) for our voices to be heard for the benefit of residents in both counties and

WHEREAS, On **April 9, 2008**, the RCTC commissioners changed the preferred route for the Perris Valley Line track from going over the Union Pacific RR track near Marlborough Ave. to the location near Highgrove in the same vacant 35 acres where the public has been requesting a station for 6 1/2 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the above reasons, the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council is requesting a Metrolink Station Stop on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) main line between Mile post 7 and Citrus Street near Highgrove. This location currently has 62 existing commuter trains per week, (3, 224 trains per year) that pass by this location without stopping for passengers. We oppose building a station south of Palmyrita Ave. on the Perris Valley Line where there will be no commuter trains for several years.

R. A. Barnett, Don Earp, Denis Kidd, Mark Visyak, & Melanie Zimmermann

*The above resolution was passed unanimously by the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council at the community meeting on June 24, 2008 and the original was given to Jaime Hurtado to give to our Riverside County Supervisor for the 5th District, Marion Ashley.*

*Our guest speakers for the evening were Eliza Echevarria, Riverside County Transportation Commission Community Relations Manager and Cathy Bechtel, RCTC Project Development Director.*

*We thank them for attending our meeting. There was however, respectful objections to the placement of a station platform south of Palmyrita Ave. where there are no present commuter trains.*

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## NO FIREWORKS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

All three Riverside County agencies; Code Enforcement, Sheriff's Department, and Fire Department have united and began to implement the "Fireworks are prohibited" 2008 campaign by having extra patrols throughout Riverside County. The intent of this program is to reduce the illegal use, storage, and possession of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

Code Enforcement Officers, Sheriff Deputies, Fire Department Law Enforcement Officers will begin extra patrols as of Friday, June 27, 2008. This increase in patrols will continue through Sunday, July 6, 2008. ALL Fireworks are illegal in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Illegal fireworks include all "Safe and Sane," imported fireworks, commercially manufac-



tured fireworks, and any homemade fireworks including sparklers. Sparklers are responsible for about half of the injuries to children under the age of 5. Possession of any fireworks may result in fines and/or arrest.

The Riverside County Code Enforcement, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and Riverside County Fire Department, would like the citizens of Riverside County to have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday.

For additional information, contact your local Sheriff Office or (800) 950-2444. For emergencies, please call 911.

## Celebrate the 4th of July safely

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and Democracy was born. Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream. The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people. Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings.

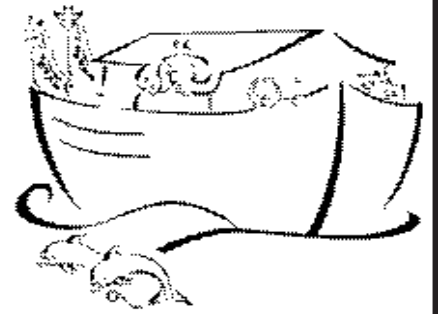
*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*



## The new Noah's Ark-USA style

If Noah had lived in the United States today the story may have gone something like this: And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, 'In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all flesh is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark.' In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an Ark. In fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. 'Remember,' said the Lord, 'you must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year.' Exactly one year later, fierce storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. 'Noah!' He shouted. 'Where is the Ark?' 'Lord, please forgive me,' cried Noah. 'I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction, and your plans did not meet the building codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation devices.

Then, my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my



front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

Then, I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I really needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me take the 2 owls.

The carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now, I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls. When I started rounding up the other animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to me taking only two of each kind aboard.

This suit is pending. Meanwhile, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on

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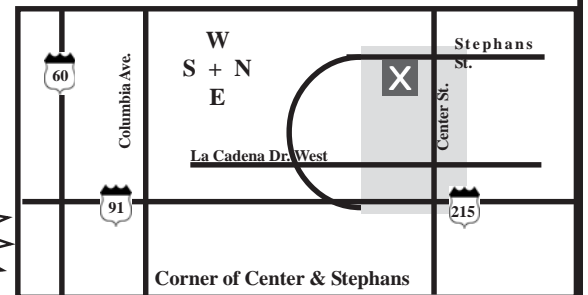
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your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe. Then, the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed flood plain. I sent them a globe. Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking atheists aboard. The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the state that I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the

Ark as a 'recreational water craft'. And finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it's a religious event, and, therefore unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another five or six years.' Noah waited. The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?" "No," He said sadly. "I don't have to. The government already has!"

**Author unknown**

## Local Resident is new California Golden Glove Champion!

Manuel Jimenez, 18, is a Highgrove resident that recently won an international championship in Puerto Rico, and is currently the California Golden Glove Champion.

Alex Capiz also a local Highgrove resident, former U.S.A Boxing Official, and head coach of a boxing team started working in 2006 with kids in the Highgrove area along with his assistant Alex Diaz. Alex Capiz brought his boxing team to local and international championships.

Lorenzo Cabral, 14 years old also won in Mexico by TKO on the second round, and later in the same year he made it up to the final championship in the silver gloves competition.

There's another great boxer like Jesse Zandoval, who is currently working with another 20 kids

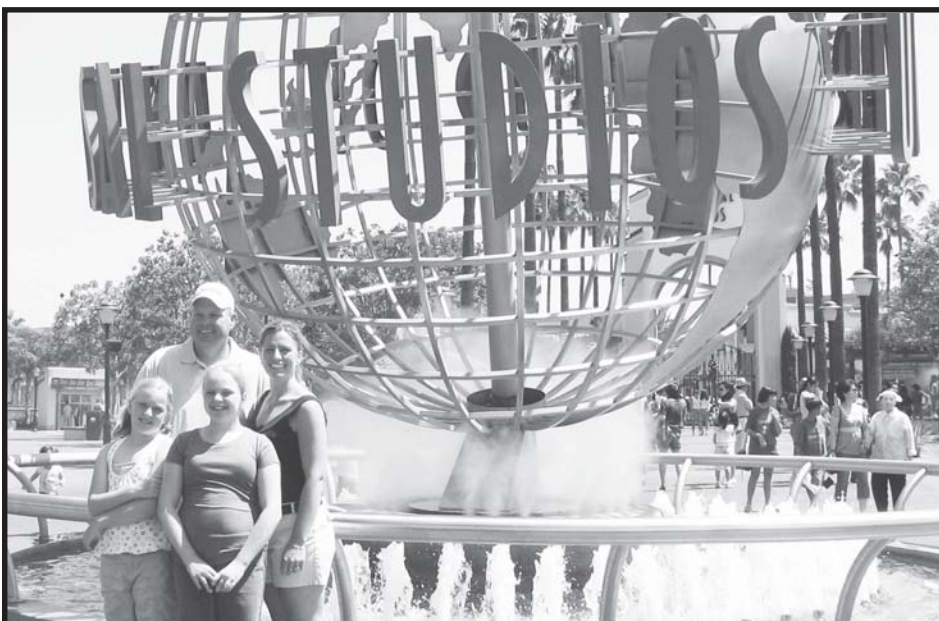


*Oscar dela Hoya and Alex Capiz hoping to bring them to championships as well.*

Alex Capiz and his team represent Lincoln Boxing Club/LBC 33 Southern CA. He strongly believes that if you work with young adults you will build a better community and give another option for success to all these kids. He also wants to invite the community to boxing shows coming up on September 9th where you can see all these kids in action. Alex wants to give a special thanks to local business and residents who helped: Marcelo Farias, Rick Rude from VMC, Zorbas Restaurant, Tacos El Junior, La Michoacana, and Inland Body and Paint of Fontana.

This is a non-profit organization and contributions are always welcome.

For information please contact Alex Capiz at (951)313-2703



Our Iowa relatives, Ardie's son Kendall, daughter in-law Lori, and granddaughters Cassidy and Paige went with us to Universal Studios. The weather was absolutely beautiful that day and we beat the extreme heat!



*Alex Capiz with Shane Mozler*

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## Gardeners Delight

### Incoming! Garden Explosions

Between the yellow squash, the patty pan squash and the cucumbers, with a few peppers and onions thrown in and a side order of tomatoes and cucumbers, the garden is starting to explode! I have probably already harvested 20 lbs of summer squash since the beginning of June – we ate a LOT of it but I gave some away too. My Sunday School class is always good to eat up my garden surplus or someone at work will put their hand up if I say “anybody want some \_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank)?” If you’re like us, half the fun of a vegetable garden is sharing what you have extra. Some other ideas when your garden produces TOO bountifully – look around your neighborhood. Is there an older person who loves fresh vegetables but maybe can’t afford to buy them as often as they would like, or is no longer physically able to plant a garden? What about that family with five kids? Anything will help these days with the soaring price of everything. Local Food Banks often will accept home grown produce as well. Get creative and share your harvest!

This month I wanted to mention all the specialty garden clubs that are out there in our region. You can find a group to match nearly any particular garden fancy you have. The Riverside and San Bernardino area has two rose clubs, a succulent and cactus club, an African Violet club, a rare fruit growers club, an orchid club – you get the picture. To find the meeting times of these groups, check the Saturday “Local Plus” section of the Riverside Press. It also lists plant sales and shows and is a good resource for anything special you are looking for. The Sunset



Magazine website is also a good resource for listings of specialty nurseries – that perfect camellia, for example, or a special cymbidium orchid. You may have to drive a little, but believe me, it can definitely be worth it. However, don’t fall into the trap of trying to grow something that is not suited to our hot dry inland climate. I have pined for years for a fuchsia, but every time I think I am going to try one, Joan reminds me that they really are not meant to live in Riverside unless you happen to have a cool damp microclimate in your yard (we don’t). My friend Eula can grow maidenhair ferns in her yard in Riverside for this very reason – they turn crisp out here in Highgrove! I am writing this during that hot spell in mid-June, and am having trouble keeping ANYTHING alive!

But back to the garden. We have not had good squash or cucumbers for several years because I tried to grow transplants from local nurseries. After the second try and failure of this system last year, I said that was enough, and vowed to plant my own seeds this summer. So far, it has been a resounding success. I planted bush cukes and pickling cukes from seed and they are much more resistant to the heat than the Japanese cucumbers I had planted last year, not to mention much more compact and less expensive. The squash I planted has also been very successful. The last couple of years all I had was scrawny little yellow crookneck which never got big and

a small handful of patty pan, and zucchini that simply dried up on the vine and never developed. Eggplant is one of the most faithful and successful of summer crops (in addition to tomatoes) and planting from a small transplant has not proved to be problematical for either one of these crops. We also have a burgeoning crop of butternut and buttercup squash (both winter squash types) which we are looking forward to for storage this fall. Joan is growing Roma tomatoes to dry as we are big dried tomato fans but hate to pay \$3.00 for a small package! After the tomato salmonella scare in early June, I am just as glad we planted so many!

Fruit-wise, the peaches are doing well. We thinned them mercilessly this year and it made a BIG difference. This is very hard to do but has a very good effect on the size and quality of the fruit. We did the same with the plums. Both are larger and looking excellent. We have Thompson seedless and Red Flame grapes coming too. Apricots are a battle – we ended up with about 25 marble sized apricots for the whole tree. They did taste good though. Down the street on Center, there is a tree with apricots dropping – I may just go by to ask if I can have some! Our Texas blackberries were a little seedy, but very tasty and we harvested a pretty good crop.

Here’s my recipe for **Grilled Vegetables** – this couldn’t be easier or more delicious.

Cut up a variety of fresh vegetables. Cut summer squash lengthwise, cut thick slices of peeled eggplant, wedges of peppers, thick slices of sweet onion. Heat your grill to medium, and brush the veggies with the following baste:

½ cup Newman’s Own Light Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing

Fresh ground pepper and a little more salt

A little more oil (maybe a ¼ cup) Trader Joe’s Pasta Seasoning or other Italian seasoning – 1 or 2 tsp to suit your taste

Grill the vegetables with the lid down, turning and brushing with the marinade every few minutes until done to your taste. I don’t like to overcook them but a few char marks are good. Grilling vegetables is like oven roasting them – the flavors seem to intensify. Serve alone or sprinkled with parmesan cheese, or use as a filling for a veggie sandwich with good bread.

Last month on Mother’s Day we had just rescued a kitten from inside our kitchen wall – he ended up being called “Wally” and I have been searching for a home for him ever since. One lead I had was a lady at my church who had just lost two cats to COYOTES, so I said, well, maybe not. I really didn’t want this little guy to go to be a coyote snack. I had been asking everyone. Finally last week after a meeting, I was talking pets with a couple of friends, so I mentioned the kitten. My friend Kathy said that her daughter was looking for a cat. We finally spoke and he went home with them on Father’s Day. Turns out that they had lost their old cat and her husband, who works from home, really missed him. He had just asked his wife for a cat for Father’s Day! It was meant to be. We were very relieved as he was getting too big to keep in a box anymore and he could scale the baby gate in my room with ease. He was bound to get in trouble with the dogs somehow.

#### What to do in your garden in July:

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best, so you will have less evaporation

- Fertilize everything monthly as heavy watering leaches out nutrients

- Keep your fruit trees well watered as the fruit is ripening and cover with a bird net so the birdies don't have dessert at your expense! Distract the birds with a feeder in another part of your garden.

- Keep dead flowers picked off your plants and keep your veggies picked and they will produce longer

- Keep up with the weeds, don't let them go to seed and you will eventually have fewer weeds

- Plant crepe myrtles. There are beautiful varieties blooming in the nurseries now and they are one of our most reliable shrubs and trees for summer color

- It's not too late to plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and so on

if you haven't done it yet – you should have something to eat by sometime in August and they should bear into the fall

n Mulch! Superior compost is great for this and may be found at the Farm Supply store on Third St. in Riverside. We also use a thick layer of straw on the ground in the vegetable garden and orchard. Lovely on the tootsies if you like to go barefoot in the garden – not very fancy but very practical

Joke of the Month:

**Cat's motto:**

**No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it.**

Yea! Wally has a home!

By the way, if you have garden questions, please feel free to email me. I'll send you an answer and if I don't know, I'll try to find out. **Jean Texera** [jtexera@msn.com](mailto:jtexera@msn.com)

## On the road again!



Byron Matteson former Mayor of Grand Terrace for 14 years, and his daughter, Tammy were at "Grand Terrace Day" on June 14, 2008. It's good to see this 1923 T back on the road again. The parade, car show and festivities at Rollins Park made it another great day for Grand Terrace!

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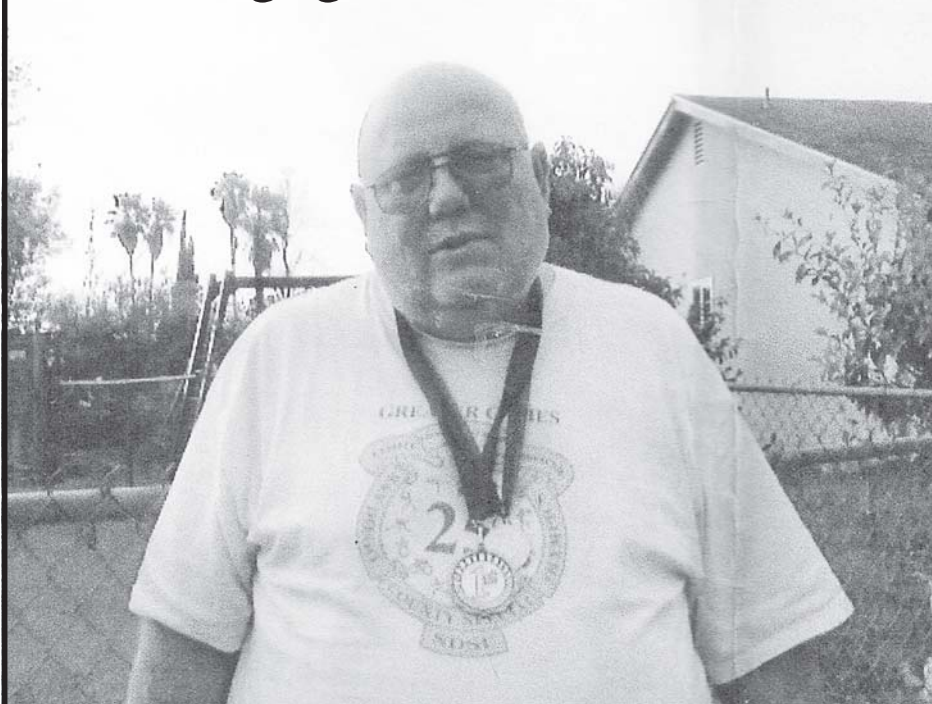
### Winner of the Month

Andrea Chavez was very excited to win this past month's Word Search puzzle. Andrea is 11 yrs. old and is a student in the 6th grade at Highgrove Elementary School. Andrea chose to use her prize money to buy something for her father for Fathers's Day. Way to go Andrea! The competition is getting stronger so get your finished answers in soon as soon as you can!



Andrea Chavez age 11

## Local Highgrove Man Wins Gold



James Vance a local Highgrove resident for 35 years won two gold medals at the Summer Special Olympics. These events were held in Long Beach on June 13-15. This event has athletes from all over Southern California who come to Long Beach and use their skills to be proud of themselves and their skills and hard work.

He won his gold for the 100, and 400 meter fast walk. His time in these events was 35.8 sec for the 100 m, and 3 min and 15 sec for the 400m.

James would like to thank his family, and his coaches for their support. He would also like to thank Law Enforcement for getting involved in Special Olympics and raising over eighty thousand dollars this year for this event. Congratulations James for bring home the "Gold"!

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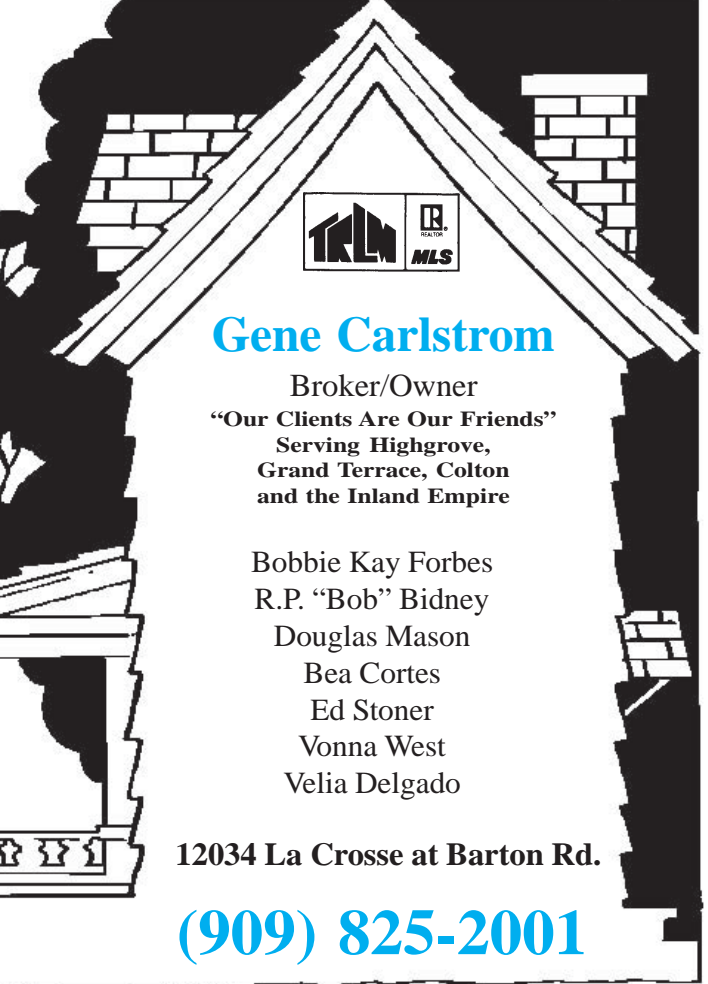
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