



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues
(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area March, 2010

New warning signs installed on Citrus St.



The City of Riverside has installed new traffic signs to warn westbound motorists on Citrus St. between Prospect Ave. and Iowa Avenue. There have been 2 accidents at this location. One of the accidents occurred on Oct. 9, 2009 that resulted in a fatality and another accident occurred on Dec. 23,

2009 where the driver allegedly left the scene. I gave a copy of our Jan. 2010 issue of the Highgrove Happenings to Tom Boyd, who is the city of Riverside's Public Works Director, that shows photos of the 2 accidents. We thank the city for installing the new signs. Please slow down and drive carefully!

Car crash results in stolen dog!



Around 3:00 pm on Feb. 10, 2010 we received a call about a traffic accident at Iowa Ave. near Main Street.

The one car accident involved the driver Camile Phillips 24, and her 18 month old son who was in his car seat in the back seat. Also in the back seat was their Yorkshire terrier "Rizzo". A nearby resident Rick Flores heard the crash and he and others helped the mother and son get out of the car. The vehicle was southbound on the curve on Iowa Ave. and hit the median and a sign post then ended up on its side facing the opposite direction. The vehicle was very unstable but the firemen braced the car up with 2 poles to prevent it from falling completely over. Highgrove fire station 19 responded as well as units from the City of Riverside fire department. When we arrived, both the mother and son were being attended by paramedics but we did not know the seriousness of their injuries at that time. Luckily both of the occupants were not seriously injured but the dog was missing.



Have you seen "Rizzo"?

Broken hearts but no broken bones!

home in Highgrove where CBS news was working on a story for their 11:00 pm news. They videotaped the mother holding her son in hopes that someone would know who took their dog. I gave Sharon Tay of Channel 2 (and Channel 9) news, permission to use the 17 photos that I took for their broadcast that evening and the following day.

The unusual part for us was that my daughter, whose name is also Sharon, works for Costco Corporate in Seattle, Wash., and was on business in Anaheim. She saw the broadcast on TV and was really surprised to see CBS news giving the Highgrove Happenings credit for the photos. What are the odds of this happening when she lives clear up in Seattle?

Anyone with information about this missing dog is asked to call the Sheriff (951) 955 2600, the owner (951) 801 1199 or the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper at: (951) 683 4994. A reward is offered!

The Yorkshire terrier "Rizzo" was not injured but was frightened as she ran from the vehicle when it overturned. Several people tried to catch the small dog but a man picked him up and said he would take him back to the accident scene. That is the last time the dog was seen!

The man was described as an older Hispanic man with a hard hat who was wearing black pants and a tan shirt with "White Cap" on the back. He was seen driving a tan or gold colored Chevrolet Pick Up truck.

That evening I went to the driver's

Highgrove Day set for May 8, 2010

Volunteers needed.....

Come to the Planning meeting on Wednesday March. 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

We need your help!

On March 3, 2010 there will be a planning meeting for the 2010 Highgrove Day that will be on May 8, 2010. The planning meeting will be held at the Norton Younglove Community Center at 459 Center St. starting at 7:00 PM. We need volunteers of all ages to help make Highgrove Day another successful annual event. No experience is necessary. Your time will be appreciated and this is your chance for you to make new friends and meet your neighbors. We need help of all different types and all ages so please come and participate in Highgrove's big day. This will be the 25th consecutive year for our event!

Vendors Wanted for Highgrove Day

Highgrove Day will be on Sat. May 8, 2010



Vendor and car show applications available on line:
www.highgrovehappenings.net

Highgrove business or resident or non profit org. \$10

Non-Highgrove business or resident \$20

Melanie (951) 712 5454 or Barney (951) 683 4994.

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: Sherry at (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912

THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER

459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com



Calendar of events: Mark the dates!

New Aerobics Class on Tuesday and Thursday beginning on March 2nd from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. for only \$5.00 per week. Join Lupita and have fun in exercising with the most new and energetic music of the moment such as Cumbia, Salsa, Regueton, Tecno, Banda and Samba.

The Riverside County Office on Aging Nutrition Information Van will be here on March 3rd from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Anna will provide information on the services including resource and referral. For more information call 1-800-510-2020

Mary from the Riverside County Office on Aging (951) 867 3800 will provide information referral services for the weatherization program and will assist seniors in completing applications for the program "This stimulus money will provide outreach services to benefit 20,000 low-income Riverside County seniors with weatherization services designed to increase energy efficiency and save money on utility bills." See Mary on March 2nd, 5th, 16th, 19th, and 26th from 8-10:00AM

New Cake Session with Mary - Starts March 10th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Child Care Consortium free workshops 9:00 – 11:00 AM for the community to help receive their child care license and to start their own business and to have more affordable child care in our area. March 9 th – Family Child Care Business Practices and March 23rd – Easy Science and Math Activities. For More Information call Kathy or Aggie (951) 248 0015. **No Cost** for Low Income Home Owners and Renters who meet income guidelines!

Oscar with Community Action Partnership (951) 955 4900 will be here on March 16th – Senior outreach regarding Utility Assistance through the Liheap program and for No-cost Weatherization, Low Cost Notary Services, Get assistance completing your taxes 8:00-10:00 AM.

Nora with HR Benefits Consulting (951) 897 8670 will be here on March 16th regarding Health Insurance Services 8:00-10:00 AM.

Vicki with Riverside County C.A.R.E. Program (951) 486 7629 regarding Consumer Fraud will be here on the 16th from 8-10AM.

Yadira 951-868-7273 will be here on the March 24th from 10:30 -11:00 Self Defense Presentation.

Free Mammograms on May 15th 2010. Call Nina, Sharon, or Deborah 951-485-9334 to register.

Highgrove Pony League Baseball & Softball ages 4-12; Some Divisions may still have openings. Call Cynthia (951) 846 9431

Fund Raisers:

Rummage Sale on March 20th from 8 -11AM call and reserve your table and car space \$10 for both.

Spaghetti Dinner on March 23rd 6 – 8 PM tickets are available at the center or call and reserve (951) 341-6634.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ticket Prices:
Adults: \$5.00
Children: \$3.00

Date: March 23, 2010
 Dinner Served: 6:00 PM – 8:00PM
(Includes salad, beverage, dessert)

Location:
 Norton Younglove Community Center
 459 Center Street
 Riverside, Ca. 92507

Support Your Community Center Buy a Ticket!!

Opportunity Drawing!

Contact Leila Santamaria for ticket information.
 951-341-6634

Dinner served by Cub Scout Troop #389
 Sponsored by Norton Younglove Community Center and Cub Scout Pack #389

Cake Decorating Course.

Starting New Course
 Wednesday March 10, 2010
 From 9:30 -11:00 AM

The course will be for 4 weeks, and when its finish you will be promoted to an advanced level.

Sign-up today for the entire course for only \$10 (includes practice materials)

For more info: Come to our center in 459 Center St. Highgrove, CA 92507
 Or call us at (951) 341-6634

Thursday April 1st From 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt

Egg Hunt, Egg Toss and Bonnet & Hat Decorating Craft- Contest

Egg Hunt: Group Ages: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
 Egg Toss and Hat Contest Group Ages: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Where? →

459 Center Street
 Highgrove, Ca 92507
 951-341-6634

Rummage Sale

Is your garage filled with stuff and you can no longer fit your car in it?
 Are you closets completely filled and you need more space?
 Make money while clearing out your clutter!
SIGN UP NOW FOR A SPACE!

- Booth rentals are \$10.00
- Rental include one table & chair
- ALL rental proceeds go to the community center

Norton Younglove Community Center Rummage Sale
 459 Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507

Know your 3 R's: Reuse-Reduce-Recycle
 "Do a little Spring cleaning while making money at same time"

Contact Leila or Sherry for more information at (951) 341-6634
 Time: 8am-11am Set-up @ 7am
 Date: Saturday March, 20th

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 Energy Hotline: 1-866-431-FLEX

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

The following contacts and/or arrests are a direct result of traffic stops, information obtained by local residents, pedestrian checks, business checks, and ongoing investigations.



Felony Arrests	3	Vehicles Towed	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	Calls for Service	196
Traffic Citations	2	Business Checks	15

Call **911** for Emergencies only

Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 (Non emergency)

Sgt. Andy Stonebreaker (951) 955 2654 Lieutenant Art Gonzales (951) 955 2628

Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600

On 2 5 10, a deputy performed an occupied vehicle check in the 1300 block of Villa St. The deputy contacted a male adult and determined the subject to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The subject advised he lived in his vehicle, and promised to not drive. Based on the subject's level of intoxication he was arrested for public intoxication.

On 2 10 10, a deputy responded to the 500 block of Keown Ct.; reference a report of a stolen dog. Upon arrival the deputy was advised the female owner of the dog was earlier involved in a traffic collision on Iowa Ave. While paramedics treated her and her 18 month old son the dog escaped from the overturned vehicle onto Iowa Ave.

The owner advised the dog was captured by a pedestrian who stopped to assist prior to medical personnel arriving. The good Samaritan was then approached by an unknown male Hispanic. The unknown male then grabbed the dog and told the pedestrian in Spanish he would return the dog to the female owner. The male subject was last seen running N/B on Iowa St. Any information please contact the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Jurupa Valley Station. (951) 955-2600

On 2 11 10, a deputies responded to the 400 block of Devener St., reference a domestic disturbance call. Deputies arrived and contacted two adult subjects at the location. A female at the location advised the argument started over trust issues. Both parties were counseled by the deputies and advised to call if they had any further trouble.

On 2 11 10, a deputy responded to the 100 block of Pacific Ave., reference a traffic collision. Prior to the deputies arrival, dispatched advised it was a single vehicle involved that collided with a tree. Dispatch also advised the vehicle was driven away from the location and that there was possible property damage.

The deputy located the abandoned vehicle a block from where the collision had occurred. Witnesses were able to give the deputy a description of both of the occupants. After checking the area the deputy located a male walking in an alley adjacent to where the vehicle was located. The subject admitted to being a passenger, but refused to cooperate further. CHP was notified and took over the investigation.

On 2 18 10, a deputy responded to a business located in the 300 block of Iowa Ave., reference a report of a possible wanted subject from Moreno Valley inside the location. Prior to the deputy's arrival, dispatch advised the subject was driving a stolen Mustang, and possibly armed with a handgun. Dispatch provided the deputy with a color and description of the vehicle.

Upon arrival the deputy observed a Mustang matching dispatches description. The deputy then requested assistance and set up a perimeter to prevent the subject from escaping. Deputies then had the occupants/patrons of the business exit at which time the wanted subject attempted to blend in with the crowd. The deputy was alerted to the subject by his actions and he was taken into custody without incident.

Extra Patrol Requests and Additional Public Safety Information:

Neighborhood Watch: Please be vigilant and take notice of any suspicious activity in your neighborhoods. Citizens are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Department and report anything or anyone out of the ordinary in their neighborhoods. Sheriff's dispatch can be contacted 24hrs a day at (951) 776 1099.

Reminder to Highgrove residents: The county noise ordinance restricts loud music in our community and calls for a significant fine for each violation. Please be courteous to your neighbors when enjoying music and avoid a costly citation. For further information about the specific noise restrictions, please refer to the codified Riverside County Ordinance, sections 9.52.060C, 9.52.060D1, and 9.52.060D2.

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LOCAL COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Media Information: LEJ Sports Group (678) 994-0107



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Highgrove PONY Baseball & Softball will host a free Aquafina® Major League Baseball® Pitch, Hit & Run™ Competition for area youth.

Date: March 20th Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Highgrove Park

Pitch, Hit & Run™ is the Official Skills Competition of Major League Baseball®. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills.

Competitors are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the 2010 MLB™ All-Star Game®.

The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each age group at the Local Competition will be awarded and advance to the Sectional Level of Competition.

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact your Local Coordinator, Cynthia Cruz at 951-846-9431 (email or phone).

Email: highgrovepony@wwdb.org



Highgrove Day Kids Zone needs your help



The theme this year is "Energy Awareness"

We will be making the Mad Hatter hats but need donations of the following items: feathers, buttons, foam shapes, ribbon, lace, pipe cleaners, pom poms and any small craft items you might want to donate.

We also would like plastic bottles.

If you have any ideas for recycling games please let us know. If you are willing to help or donate please contact

Kathy Cochran at (951) 696 0100 or (909) 261 6070.

If you have any prize donations for the winners of the games please let her know. We are collecting these items for Highgrove Day on May 8th.

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Betty Stinson Celebrates Her Birthday With 100 Others



L-R: Anissa, David, Kelcie, Jerry, Betty, Mark, Mark Jr, Diane, Birdie and Emily in front.

On January 2, of this new year, Betty thought she was going to the Mission Inn, along with her three sons, Mark, daughter in law Diane and their son Mark and sons Jerry, David, his daughter Kerlcie, along with her Mother and little sister Emily and Betty's mother Jean Powell of Highgrove.

When they picked up Betty's mom in Highgrove, Jean told the family that she had to drop by the Eagles' Lodge to drop off some keys. Betty didn't think anything about it since her Mother is a long time member of the Eagles'. Betty is also a member and they both do charitable work connected with the Aerie and they are members of the Escort Team from the Riverside Aerie.

When arriving Betty's Mom and son told her to go in and say hello to everyone since there was a little time before meeting the rest of the family at the

Mission Inn. Well, when Betty walked into the main hall there was the rest of the family along with almost 100 guests who came from all over to celebrate her big 70th Birthday.

To go back a little in history, Betty (maiden name Betty Sipus) grew up in Highgrove, she attended Highgrove Elementary, University Heights, and old Poly High School which is now RCC. Her grandfather took care of the orange groves in Highgrove, her grandmother worked for the fruit growers both in Highgrove and Riverside. Betty's aunts and uncles were all raised in Highgrove.

Betty married Ross Stinson, of Highgrove, his parents lived in Highgrove until their deaths. Ross passed away many years ago from Cancer. Ross and Betty married in 1962 and had three boys. They built a home in Glen Avon

and had a great life. Their boys had horses, played little league baseball, football and soccer. This is where all the friends came from. Ross and Betty were involved in everything their sons were a part of including PTA, so with the help of her long time friend Bev Huber, daughter-in-law Diane and son Jerry, invitations were sent and to everyone's surprise almost everyone showed up. Diane kept telling Betty at the party how blessed she was to have so many friends.

Some of the guests included nieces and nephews from Ross' side of the family, cousins from Betty's side, aunts Margie Gould, Wilma Stainbrook, Ruth Brown.

Also friends from baseball came in from Hemet, Palmdale, Victorville and other areas. Friends from Jurupa School District where Betty worked for 14 years, Bonnie Crull, Bev Huber, Margaret Mahoney. Betty works for the Center for Community Action & Env. Justice, and almost the entire work force came out to celebrate. They had a hard time keeping this secret. However, her boss Penny Newman and her husband Jan were there. Jan and Ross were good friends when they were in Boy Scouts with their sons. Ross had the Weblo Den for many years. Also attending was Rachel Lopez, daughter Christine, Josie Gaytan, Raquel Contreras and others. Betty is also a member of The Riverside Community Flower Show and there were plenty of friends from that group who came out to celebrate with Betty and her family.

The joy of everyone was seeing Betty's mother Jean, also known as "Birdie" being so active at 89 years of age. She had the best time helping with this big bash.

Also, there were many attendees from the Eagles Aerie. This is a great organization. They do so many charitable functions and they raise money all year long for great causes. Betty's Mother and her Dad, until his death a year ago, have been very active for over 20 years. In fact, "Birdie" will be having a St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corn Beef & Cabbage on March 14, to raise money for City of Hope, cancer research.

Betty was overwhelmed with the showing of friends. Her family was also surprised. They knew Betty was well respected in her community but the love that everyone showed that night was a beautiful sight to see.

Betty's two favorite things to do is dancing and roller skating. So after a great dinner of Spaghetti, from the famous Vince's restaurant in Ontario and two birthday cakes, Betty was ready to dance, but no slow dancing for her. She had the DJ play a great jitterbug toon and she grabbed her friend Frenchy to show the crowd and her two grandchildren how the dance is done. For that night Betty felt 16 again. But what we all need to remember is "Age is just a number" and good times are still ahead. Birthdays can be memorable and this one will certainly be remembered for a very long time.

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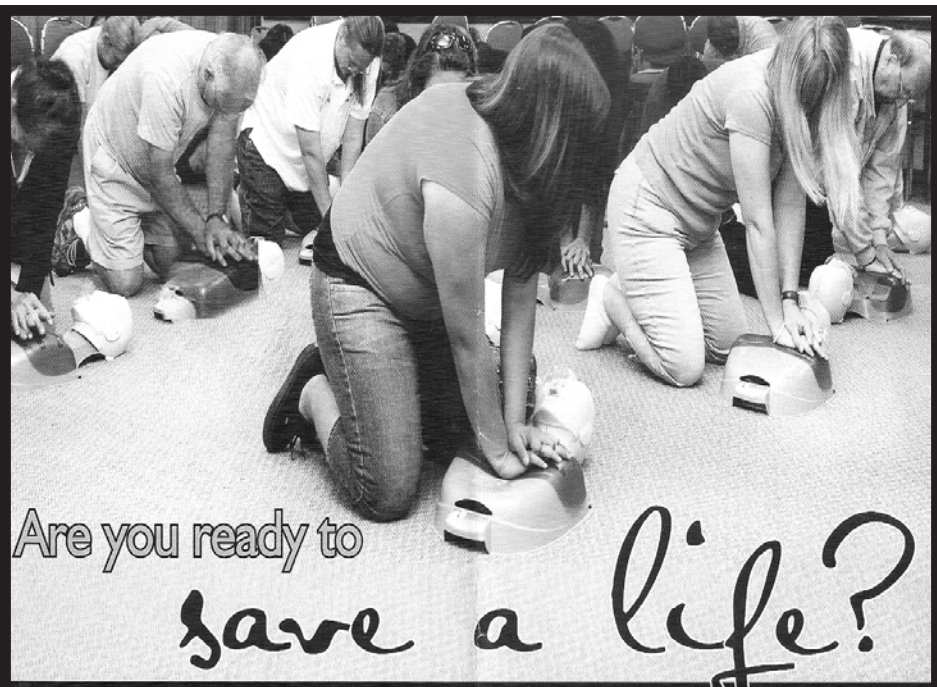
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California Energy Commission Terminates Highgrove Power Plant Project



The Application for certification for the
AES Highgrove Power Plant that was
to be located on Taylor St. between
the 2 sets of railroad tracks has been
terminated. This location is between
Main St. and Pico St. on the Grand
Terrace side of the county line but has
been referred to in the past as the High-
grove Steam Plant.

On Feb. 2, 2010, Applicant, AES
Highgrove, LLC, filed a notice pur-
suant to California Code of Regu-
lations, title 20, Section 1709.8,
withdrawing the Application for
Certification.

The Committee directs that the Ap-
plication for Certification proceed-
ing for the AES Highgrove Power
Plant Project be terminated. The
docket in this case (No. 06-AFC-2)
shall be closed.

This former project was going to be 3
turbine powered generators that would
be used for supplemental power when
needed especially during power short-
ages that occur during the summer
months when electricity is in the most
demand. This location is on the west
side of Taylor St. by the new Grand
Terrace High School that is being built.

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Cooking Locally, Cooking Fresh

by Cynthia Williams, DC
Culinary Arts Instructor, San Bernardino Valley College

One of life's greatest pleasures... eating the food you prepare yourself. The focus is on ingredients that are seasonal, local, fresh, and flavorful. We are so lucky to be living in the US, in California, in Riverside County, and in Highgrove! We have a bountiful access to so many fresh, flavorful foods and the weather to enjoy them out of doors or in. So let's get cooking!

We can get almost any food from the market but too often it has been harvested green, shipped hundreds or thousands of miles, and lacks the color, flavor and nutrition of locally grown fresh produce. Fortunately we live in an area where we can obtain fresh, locally grown produce year round, even in winter. Road side stands of citrus fruits, persimmons, and avocados make it easy to pick your own fruit and vegetables. Farmer's markets like the ones in Grand Terrace, Riverside, and Redlands make shopping local, fresh and seasonal convenient and fun.

Here is a list of some of the produce that is available in March for Southern California.

Artichokes	Celery
Asparagus	Spinach
Avocados	Grapefruit
Broccoli	Kiwi
Brussels sprouts	Lemons
Cabbage	Navel oranges
Carrots	Tangerines
Cauliflower	Tangelos



Oranges are especially dear to my heart, having grown up here in Highgrove. Here are a couple of recipes that feature this bright flavored fruit.

This is great over pancakes, ice cream, or even added to hot tea.

Orange Syrup

1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 cup boiling water, 1 cinnamon stick, 1 tbs lemon juice, 1/2 cup orange juice, grated rind of 1 orange

Boil sugar, cinnamon stick and water 5 minutes. Add the fruit juice and grated rind and continue boiling until syrup is reduced to a sauce that sticks to the back of a spoon.

Orange Carrots

1 pound carrots, cut into quarter-inch-thick slices
the juice and zest from 1/2 orange
1 orange, peeled and cut into bite-size pieces
2 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
2 tablespoons brown sugar

In a saucepan, cover the carrots with water and simmer for 10 minutes until just tender. Drain and return the carrots to the saucepan. Add the remaining ingredients and heat.

For more information and a look at seasonal produce charts, please visit this website:

<http://www.seasonalchef.com/cropchart1.htm>

<http://www.seasonalchef.com/cropchart2.htm>

Flex Your Power Grant approved



Local Agency to Participate in Statewide Energy Efficiency Campaign

(The Norton Younglove Community Center and Family Service Association) is one of 16 California agencies selected to promote Flex Your Power campaign messages in the Riverside County area.

Sacramento, CA – The Family Service Association (thru the Norton Younglove Community Center) has been awarded a grant to design and

implement outreach activities aimed at educating communities about the importance of saving energy. Flex Your Power is a comprehensive marketing and outreach campaign funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by the California Investor Owned Utilities under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

"We are pleased to partner with FSA and the Norton Younglove Community Center on this worthwhile campaign that aims to educate the public about ways to save energy, save money and ultimately save the environment," said Estelle Saltzman, President, Runyon Saltzman & Einhorn, Inc., a Sacramento-based advertising and public relations firm contracted to manage the program. "FSA has developed a variety of exciting activities and events to reach large numbers of local residents."

"Energy is a precious commodity here in California," said Southern California Edison's local representative. "We believe a major strength of the Flex Your Power outreach campaign is participation of local community organizations like the FSA. Based in this area, they know when, where and how to educate area residents about ways to reduce their energy consumption. We look forward to collaborating with The Community Center and FSA in their outreach efforts." Suggested quote: We are doing our very important local part in the statewide and national effort to conserve energy"

Dom Betro of Family Service Association said "We are very pleased to have been selected to participate in the Flex Your Power outreach campaign. We are all working together to achieve a common goal: to protect the environment for future generations by showing people how they can reduce energy."

The event features some entertaining activities, including the "Leave Your Mark" Pledge Drive, where the agency hopes to gather thousands of signatures showing the community's commitment to reducing energy consumption. Additional activities include contests, CFL bulb distributions and presentations. For more information, call:

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Two traffic collisions on the same day!

Monday Morning



On Feb. 22, 2010 there was a traffic accident on Center St. just west of Stephens St. that involved 2 vehicles. This Chevrolet had front end damage and the Intrepid shown below on the back of the tow truck, had rear end damage. The CHP stated there were minor injuries but no details were provided.

The 2 photos above and below were taken at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 22, 2010.



I received a call from Linda Olchawa about the accident but by the time I arrived, the two tow trucks were getting into position to remove the vehicles. This Dodge Intrepid had just been loaded onto the tow truck but the driver was not there. The driver of the Chevrolet was still near his truck but he did not want to discuss what happened or anything about the accident.

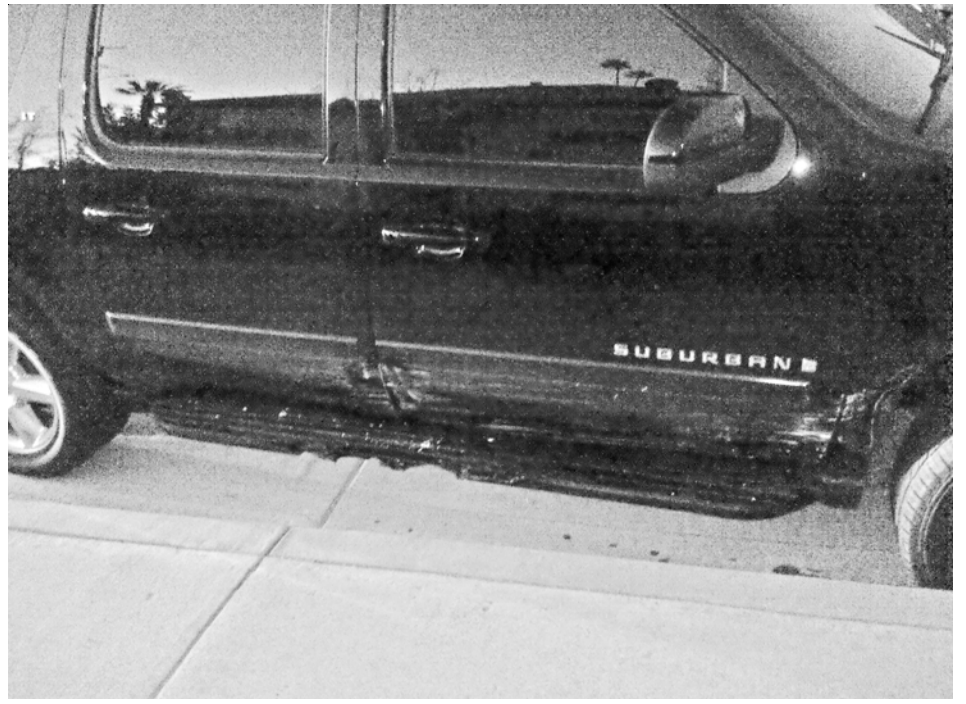
Gary Bauman from Bauman's Tow Service arrived to load his truck onto his tow truck. Bauman's Tow Service advertisement is shown on page 6.

Monday Evening



The above pictures were taken at approximately 6:00 pm the same evening. According to the CHP, there was an "illegal" who made an illegal U turn on Center St. at Highland Avenue. This white Honda had front end damage and a portion of the front end is shown by the crosswalk on the left hand side.

The driver was an illegal alien who had no driver's license and the vehicle and driver were removed from the scene. Thanks to Adam Ornelas for the tip!



The collision resulted in damage to the passenger side of this Chevrolet Suburban. The incident was investigated by the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. and the CHP but there were no injuries reported. Please turn to P. 8 for more.....



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“Artistic” or Bad taste?



This is not just another car accident but is supposed to be an “artistic display” that can be seen on the front lawn of the Riverside Art Museum on Mission Inn Boulevard in Riverside. This display is within 2 blocks from the historic Mission Inn and those are large flowers pouring out of the door.

It seems to me that we have enough property damage, physical and mental suffering to those involved in a traffic collision without a reminder like this in front of a museum? What do you think? Is this display “artistic” or in bad taste?

Rich Haubert, Water Company Superintendent retires

After 30 years, the Distribution Superintendent of the Riverside-Highland Water Company has retired.

I talked with Rich in his office on the day before he retired and he said he will still do some consulting work but he will have more time to go fishing and be able to spend more time doing other activities.

Rich is also a board member of the

Riverside Eagles. The Riverside Eagles is actually in Highgrove at 466 E. La Cadena by the freeway but the location is referred to as Riverside to other Eagles Aeries.

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Booths will be set up and there will be goodies and information about the efforts to create the Blue Mountain Wilderness Park.

- There will be commemorative T-shirts available.
- Start at the corner of Palm Ave. & Honey Hill Dr.
- The event will be canceled should there be rain.

Driving directions: From the 215 Freeway in Grand Terrace, exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Ave. to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive

Contract awarded for vehicle entrance to Highgrove Park

The bid has been awarded to Highgrove resident Kevin Collier of C.M.C.I. Masonry for the construction of a new north entrance to the park for vehicles entering the car show on Highgrove Day on May 8th and for use by the Pony League when they need access to deliver items to the snack bar. The new entrance will have a lockable steel post that will prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering the park. Three bids were received from Highgrove residents/businesses and the County Economic Development Agency awarded the bid.

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Highgrove gets new Legislative Assistant

Darcy Kuenzi is now our new contact person for items to convey to Supervisor Marion Ashley.

We welcomed her at our meeting on Feb. 24, 2010 and we look forward to working with her.

She is replacing Jaime Hurtado who has been assigned to other duties. Darcy Kuenzi is a Legislative Assistant who has been with Supervisor Ashley since he first took office in 2003. She is responsible for Planning, Transportation, Building & Safety, Water Conservation, Habitat Conservation, and Flood Control issues.

Prior to working for the Supervisor, Darcy served as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. She has an entrepreneurial background and has owned and managed a small consulting and tax preparation business.

\$5,000 Donation received from Supervisor Ashley for Highgrove Day!

Supervisor Ashley allocated \$5,000 from his Community Improvement Designation fund towards Highgrove Days. Those funds are utilized to enhance programs and events for the residents that are in his district.

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Center St. Sewer line bids

At our Highgrove MAC meeting on Feb. 24, 2010, Andy Frost, Fifth District Regional Manager of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency announced that the bids for a new sewer line through Highgrove will be due for consideration on Mar. 4, 2010.

The new sewer line will run westward down Center St., turn southward to E. La Cadena Dr. and connect to the Riverside sewer system near Palmyrita Avenue.

Andy also stated that the structure on the N. W. corner of Center and Iowa will be demolished and the Center St. Tire building across the street will be demolished to make room for a new Chevron gasoline station on the S. W. corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave.



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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds (continued from last month)

BY Leliani Child Wilds

"GOFORTH"



We realized that there were more car lights all around us. Everyone in the camp who had a car or truck was out looking for us. Leading the pack was Mama. She got to us first and after looking at "Daddy" who was sound asleep, she started the slapping. She didn't discriminate though. We all four got the slaps upside the head and put into Mama's car. Honestly, I don't know whatever happened to "Daddy" and the kids. I heard different stories but don't know anything for sure except the next morning when Dennis and I slipped down to Gaylord and Edith's cabin, they were all gone. They must have pulled a midnight move. I'll never know. However, I do know that we had us one fine picnic, hot cokes and all.

This is my big sister's memory of the picnic with the Goforths and I too remember having fun on this adventure. In addition to letting us kids drive, I remember "Daddy" letting Anna Jane and me ride on the front fenders holding onto the hood ornament while he and his kids were driving down the dirt roads. As drunks go, "Daddy" was one of those happy drunks. At one point in the picnic, he ate an avocado. I had never seen an avocado or a drunk eat one and it was disgusting to see all this green stuff on his bad teeth and to see him sucking the fruit off the large seed. "Daddy" was a caricature of fatherhood and I felt sorry for Gaylord and Edith for being his kids. My sister adds: Although "Daddy" was a happy drunk, I truly believe his brain was satu-

rated with beer which affected his thinking, and he had no guilt about leaving his children to make do until he returned from wherever he disappeared to on some (most) days. When I think back on it, we kids really had fun exploring the camp. I got my hands on a Kodak camera and it gave me great pleasure to have the others pose for pictures. After the roll of film was used up I didn't know what to do with it so none of my great pictures were ever developed. If they had been we would have seen the four of us standing on one leg, sticking our tongues out and even shots where we had our arms slung over each others' shoulders. We certainly missed Gaylord and Edith but accepted the fact that once again, the friends we had made had left us waiting for someone else we could play with. We were accustomed to people going and coming from one place to another on short notice or just not being there one day. We are happy enough to have those two kids in our memories. Both of us grew up to be happy, productive adults and when things don't go our way now, we don't blame our childhood. It was just life and we took it as each day passed. It makes me wonder when I hear adults blame their bad behavior on their childhood. You can go through life sad, angry and mistrusting, but truth be, we had our choices. Life is what you make it and if you can just remember the good times, it is good. If I had to conjure up an image of Gaylord it would have him wearing cut off jeans and no shoes or shirt and Edith would have on pedal pushers and a mismatched blouse of some sort. Their dirty dishwater colored hair and Devils Den dirt stained garb marked them as camp kids for sure. With this image of these two I have to be pessimistic about their fate in life as they went forth existing in the San Joaquin Valley.

(Look for new saga "Normal Kids" next month).

Invisible Populations: An Eye Opening Introduction

by Jessielee Coley

Amidst a man's rugged, leathery face appears a grin, hidden by an unkempt five o'clock shadow. Recycled apparel drapes over his ill-cleansed body, yet he walks contently towards Harley. Harley is not an expensive motorbike; it is the man's oldest and dearest friend. They found each other in a park, both were abandoned and left to fend for themselves. Harley was the runt of the litter who would not sell for much, so he was left without food or water to die in the park. The man is homeless, after losing his wife and two daughters in a tragic car accident his behavior became askew. The mundane tasks of life became impossible for him to handle due to an overwhelming cloud of depression. Living in a house painted with the family's memories was unbearable. He lost his family unexpectedly, his house deliberately and the loss of his job inevitably followed close behind.

When hearing the description of the man above, stereotypical thoughts mostly likely crowded the minds of many readers. Assumptions must be set aside in order to begin to under-

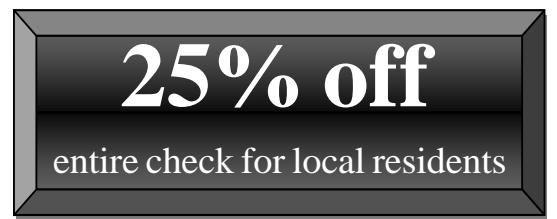
stand the complex circumstances of those that become homeless.

Substance abuse is a popular theory for the cause of homelessness; however psychological conditions are often overlooked or ignored completely. Most of those suffering homelessness have been shocked with a tragedy that they are unable to deal with in a manner viewed as proper by society. Underlying conditions such as unstable or abusive upbringings, coated with an untreated mental condition amount to the perfect formula for homeless.

This column will be dedicated to inform those about invisible populations and the resources that provide free, necessary help. "Invisible" populations are more commonly referred to as the underserved. These minorities are overlooked due to lack of money and education. I have observed that these populations strive to remain hidden, because once becoming visible they are viewed with hatred and negativity. I would like to halt ignorance by keeping readers informed. I have a dominant volunteerism gene packed tightly in my core, and I feel both passionate and obliged to share this with others.



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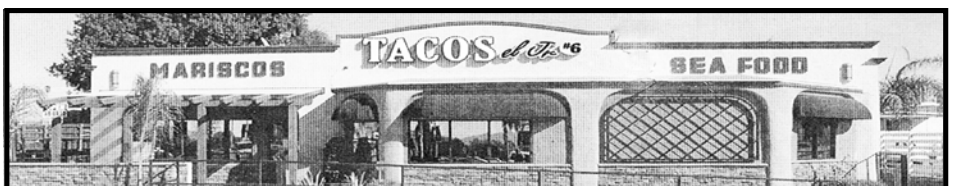
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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Recent Supreme Court Ruling on Free Speech

On January 17, 2010, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled 5 for and 4 against thereby ruling in favor of corporations contributing corporate funds to any political campaigns. First of all, this ruling was not about money. It was about free speech as defined in the first Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Individuals can contribute money to a political candidate but most importantly, they can either elect them into office or vote them out of office. Corporations do not vote but the people who work for the corporation do.

This recent vote now allows corporations to openly contribute to political campaigns. In past years the citizens of this country had no idea which candidate a corporation was supporting because the corporations had their freedom of speech rights taken away for them over 20 years ago.

I realize that most citizens disagree with this decision because they are looking at it as a money issue and rightfully so. However, it is a far more reaching decision in restoring corporations' rights to free speech. Yes, giving money to a candidate is a form of free speech. And we will have to wait and see if it was a sound decision as soon as we have an election.

My experience has taught me that it was a sound decision and because it was a 5 to 4 decision, it is very possible that the U.S. Congress may step in and write new laws once again stripping the corporations of free speech.

The votes were along the political philosophy of a conservative versus a liberal. As it stands now, there are 5 conservatives on the Supreme Court and 4 liberals. Therefore, it is possible that Supreme Court votes at later dates may follow the same path as this recent one. Sad to say, our Constitution is rarely used as the foundation or reference of making a decision. Even our Supreme Court is now political and the founding fathers are rolling over in their graves with the demise of the Constitution in ruling this nation.

It would be to no advantage to name the Justices in this column because it would take years to research their past employment and education levels in order to try and second guess their next vote. When the next issue comes before the Supreme Court, try to determine if it is a political issue and who will benefit from it rather than will it protect the people of this country.

In closing, the 5 to 4 vote will certainly benefit a specific group of Americans and if another issue closely follows the last 5/4 vote, it may be the reverse of the first 5/4 vote. It has happened numerous times in the past 50 years and in each time the voters have usually

been on the losing side. Supreme Court Justices are appointed for life and should not be controlled by any political group. But, somewhere in the wood pile is the truth and it just may make you feel hurt or angry when these 9 Justices ignore it. Hopefully, some day, our Supreme Court will get back to protecting the Constitution and the people it governs.

But don't hold your breath!

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"

EDA Offices Moved

The Riverside County Economic Development Agency is now located on the 4th floor of the Security Bank Building at 3403 Tenth St. in Riverside. The new location is north of the County Administration Building at 4080 Lemon Street.

The offices were moved from the building on the N. W. corner of Spruce and Iowa on Thursday Feb. 18, 2010.

The phone numbers will remain the same and Brenda Salas can still be reached at 951 955 6046.

CHP closes Michigan Ave. due to sink hole



The small hole by the cone in front of the CHP car was much larger underneath. On Feb. 6, 2010 the CHP blocked the road until the Riverside County Transportation Department arrived to fill up the hole. Continued on P 12

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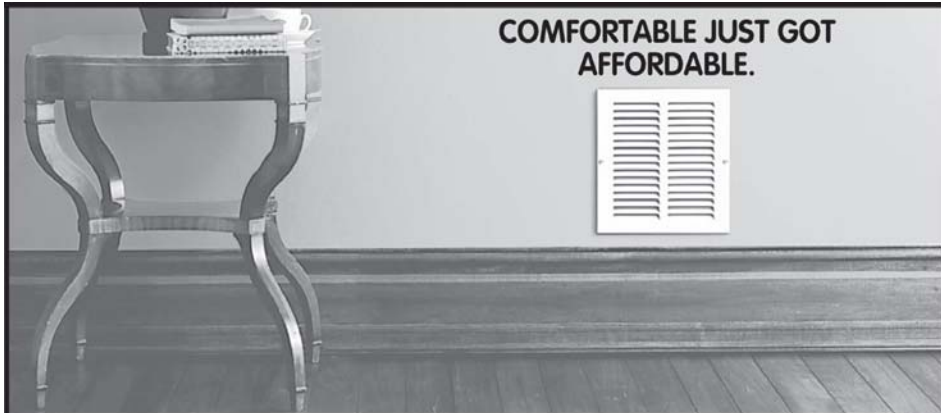
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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

JAPHILL

Do you wish your name were different? What about the town you live in or the landmarks therein? Would you change their names if you could? Anyone who has lived in Grand Terrace for more than 40 years has always called the approach from Colton on Mt. Vernon Ave. up into Grand Terrace *Jap Hill*. It is a hill and a landmark. The name has an interesting history. Jack Oberschmidt and Byron Matteson have lived in Grand Terrace all their lives and they are both senior gentlemen. They both call the entrance into Grand Terrace *Jap Hill*. By the way, there is a website for sale called Japhill.com.

In the early 1900's the area where Edison has its facility just west of Jap Hill was farmed by Chinese immigrants. They did not live where *Jap Hill* is located. That place under which are the remains of bunkers are where Japanese immigrants lived and they worked more for the Cooley family than anyone else. The Cooley Ranch encompassed the area where WalMart and that entire complex or series of complexes are now located, a location of many acres. The Cooley family ranch was one of the first developments in this area sometime before World War I. The Cooleys had several children, mostly boys who worked diligently on the ranch and when they married; most of them stayed in Colton or Grand Terrace. One of the most recent was Stafford Cooley who died about 10 years ago. He loved gardening and did so for my home and several others hereabouts.

Jack Oberschmidt told me that his father the late Ernie Oberschmidt and anyone else who developed anything from Colton to Riverside as he did called the hill by the name Jap Hill. Jack said that about the time WWII began Japanese people were hired to till the fields and work for other owners of property in the Grand Terrace/Colton/Riverside area. Thus people in order to point out a landmark for directional information named the hill Jap Hill. If anyone in Colton asked you where Grand Terrace was the answer would be: "Well, you just go up Jap Hill and there you are in Grand Terrace." Jack feels that most people are more sensi-

tive than they should be by words particularly when it comes to their nationality.

Byron Matteson, former Mayor of Grand Terrace who served for 16 years, and who is still a community minded individual said that he never heard anyone call the hill by any other name.

The late George Carlin made it one of his "schticks" (*see the definition at the end of this article) and it was very popular. He discussed almost all of the four letter words and his finale was that: "They are just words, man, just words."

Jim Gifford, is married to a Japanese/American woman and I asked her once why the name was offensive. She said, "It is a dirty word like others are when referring to a person's nationality." Jack Oberschmidt would classify this as being too easily offended.

My intention in writing this article is to educate you or anyone who finds it interesting that we still call that landmark into Grand Terrace by the only name we have ever known it to have. I am not in the business of insulting people although there are times when it is an overwhelming temptation. Please do not take offense, the hill was named long before I came here 45 years ago.

Therefore, folks, I am at a loss of what else to call it. You have any suggestions?

1. A shtick (or **schtick**) is a comic theme or gimmick. "Shtick" is derived from the Yiddish word shtik (שטיק), meaning "piece"; the closely-related German word Stück has the same meaning. The English word "piece" itself is also sometimes used in a similar context. Another variant is "bits of business" or just...en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shtick - [Cached](#)

2. schtick.: a usually comic or repetitious performance or routine by a comedian. FINIS

Next month: Another landmark. If you are interested in locations such as Box Canyon, Blue Mountain, Box Springs, Tamarack Mt. or Sugarloaf Mt. you can e-mail me at: virginiaharford@att.net

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"

Storm water flows down Main Street



These photos were taken the same day as the sink hole. This view is west of Michigan Ave. where the drain pipe opens up into the ditch where water flows down the south side of Main Street. There are several houses in this area where this water flows past the entrances to their homes. Several hun-

dred feet further west the water flows into a storm drain. The catch basin next to the house on the left was almost full and is located on property where a new church is planned.

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Robert Anthony Cruz Age 11 is this month's winner. Robert is the son of Ron and Cynthia Cruz of Highgrove.

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Robert Anthony Cruz

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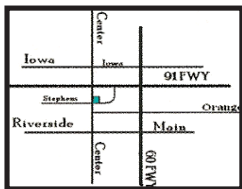
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