



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area February 2011

## Foundation ready for new Chevron Station and convenience store at Center St. and Iowa Avenue



This new concrete foundation on the south/west corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. will be the convenience store of the new Chevron Gas Station being built on this location. Many years ago this location was a gas station owned by the late Bob Shearer. For several years the underground contamination was ventilated and the contaminated soil removed and the property now has new gasoline tanks installed. There will also be a new Subway located on this property. If the weather stays good the completion is targeted for the first part of May of 2011. See additional photo on P. 5

## Redevelopment money to be raided by the state?

*By: Tom Freeman, Foreign Trade Commissioner*

When the Governor of California introduced his upcoming budget, he dropped a bomb on cities and counties...he wants to take all the money the county and cities have in redevelopment funds to balance his budget! What will he do with your local tax money that he is taking away? Well he says he'll take it from the low income families and under-served communities and give it to the teachers at k-12 schools. The k-12 schools already consume 40 percent of the state's budget and the Governor thinks they need more money for pay raises. Truth is our local schools already get redevelopment money in big chunks from the county. Without redevelopment dollars the soon to be open Highgrove library goes away, so does the community center, parks, and more than 8,200 construction jobs created annually here in Riverside County. More than 300,000 jobs will be lost in our state if the Governor is successful. What can you do to help stop this money grab and join County Supervisor Marion Ashley in his effort to stop this power play? Write or email your state senator or state assembly member today. Write the Governor and tell him you support cutting the state budget and doing it without taking our redevelopment funds to do it. E-Mail: [http://gov.ca.gov/m\\_contact.php](http://gov.ca.gov/m_contact.php)

Mailing address: Governor Jerry Brown., c/o State Capitol,  
Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) 445-2841

## Highgrove Day Committee Meeting Feb. 7, 2011

At the Norton Younglove Community Center, 459 Center St. in Highgrove. Meeting is open to the public. We need all kinds of help and this is your chance to participate in our 26th annual celebration on May 7, 2011. This year FSA (Family Service Association) will host the pancake breakfast due to the Highgrove Volunteer Fire Department being changed to reserve status. To help: give us a call at (951) 683 4994

## Highgrove gets first sewer line!



Center St. has become the center of attention for motorists going through Highgrove due to the construction of a new sewer line. The sewer line will start near the intersection of Center St. and Michigan Ave. by the new library and continue down Center St. westward to East La Cadena Dr. where it will turn south along the east side of the I-215 and connect to the Riverside Sewer System at Palmyrita Avenue.

The project is known as the Center Street Trunk Sewer Main and will eventually end up costing \$3.174 million when it goes into operation in May or June of this year. It is based on a sewer master plan study commissioned by the Redevelopment Agency and was performed by Krieger and Stewart 4 years ago that assessed the feasibility of sewers in Highgrove and on which the current sewer project and all subsequent sewer projects will be based. The present project is brought to you thanks to the Redevelopment Agency for Riverside County and is the first of several envisioned by the Redevelopment Agency and Supervisor Marion Ashley that intends ultimately to sewer all of Highgrove.

TBU, INC from Beaumont was awarded the construction contract and Krieger and Stewart is the design engineer. This project totals some 7,000 lineal feet of gravity sewer and originates/terminates at Palmyrita Ave. on east La Cadena Dr. which is the point of connection to the City of Riverside's sewer system who will operate and maintain the sewer. The sewer runs to Center St. then east up Center St. to Michigan Ave. where it terminates. It will serve present and future customers on those streets.

Presently, the sewer originates at approximately Villa St. and now runs to the BNSF tracks but will be completed to Michigan Ave. by mid-February. Due to some utility conflicts, the first segment south of Villa St. to Palmyrita Ave. has been delayed. An engineering solution has been worked out with the City of Riverside and that work should proceed in late February to complete the project by Summer.

Anyone on east La Cadena Dr. or Center St. where the main was installed should be able to tie into the line. Typical connection charges and fees applied will be what the City of Riverside's Public Utility department would charge a city customer since they will be the operator of the system. Property owners will be responsible for constructing any lateral lines and making connections. The next Phase of sewer will be the Main St. Trunk Sewer which will be a sewer main that ties in at Center St. and Iowa Ave. moving northerly to Main St. then east up Main St. to approximately Michigan Avenue. There is also the possibility that some lateral lines will be installed down some of the side street to allow easier access to the sewer mains for residential and commercial customers. More photos on P. 7

*Thank you Andy Frost, 5th District Regional Manager for the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, for contributing to this article.*



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**Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-2pm**  
**Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk**  
**Contact: (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912**

**THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: [www.nycchighgrove.com](http://www.nycchighgrove.com)**



## Monthly Line-Up

Feb 1st from 8 AM - 10 AM: Outreach by Norma 951-897-8670 with Concordia Insurance & Financial Solutions, LLC.  
 Feb 2nd from 10:30 - 1:30: Sewing Class Schedule Update (moved to AM hours, no longer from 1-4)  
 Feb 2nd from 10:40 - 11:20: Mommy & Me Music Class Schedule Update (moved from Tuesday to Wednesday).  
 Feb 15th at from 8:30 AM - 10 AM: Scan Community Outreach presentation on Diabetes by Izaro with Scan health Plan 562-308-2791.  
 February 21st - President's Day Observed.



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**Sick visits**

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9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

For more information contact (951) 486-4084



## RESOURCES NUMBERS

**Social Security** (800)772-1213  
**Riverside County Office on Aging** (800) 510-2020  
**Healthy Families**  
 Low cost health, dental, vision, mental (800) 639-1115  
**Help/Crisis** 24-Hour Crisis & Suicide Prevention (951) 686-4357  
**Adolescent Family Life Programs**  
 Riverside County Health Dept. (951) 358-5192 (maternal, child, & adolescent programs & info)  
 WIC- Women, Infant, Children Program (800) 455-4942  
 Planned Parenthood (951) 682-8540  
**Department of Motor Vehicles** (800) 777-0133  
**AIDS/HIV**  
 Riverside Co. Hotline (800) 243-7275  
 Riverside Treatment AIDS Project (951) 784-2437  
**Riverside County Animal Services** (888) 636-7387  
**Riverside County Register of Voters** (800) 773-8683  
**Children & Family Services**  
 County wide childcare referrals (800) 442-4927  
**Riverside County Information Line** Call "211"  
**Children's Protective Services (CPS)**  
 Child Abuse Hotline (800) 442-4918  
**VETS Express** Transportation from Vets to VA Hospital (909) 825-7084 ext. 2778  
**Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)**  
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**Domestic Violence**  
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**Riverside Unified School District** (951) 788-7135  
**The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County** (951) 682-6581  
**Family Service Association Child Development Services** (951) 369-2828  
**Riverside County Library Highgrove Branch** (951) 682-1507  
**Employment Development Department (EDD)** (951) 955-2200  
**Riverside County Department of Public Health** (951) 358-5000  
**Family Service Association** (951) 686-1096  
**California Department of Consumer Affairs** (800) 952-5210

## Play Baseball

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**From Now to Feb 19th  
 at Highgrove Park!!**



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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## 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	Calls for Service	164
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	Business Checks	54
Traffic Citations	3		

Call **911** for Emergencies only

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

**Sgt. Andy Stonebreaker (951) 955 2654**

**Lieutenant Art Gonzales (951) 955 2600**

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



## Raina Boal selected to serve on Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

Just one day before the Highgrove MAC meeting on Jan. 26, 2010 the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the addition of Raina Boal to the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council. The vacancy occurred when the former secretary Debbie Pierce resigned from the council.

Raina is a former resident of Grand Terrace but now lives in Highgrove. She was voted Grand Terrace Citizen of the year for her many contributions to Grand Terrace's 2010 Community Day. In 2010 she also helped out in the planning of Highgrove Day. We welcome her to our community and look forward in working with her. She stepped right up to the plate on her first meeting on Jan. 26, 2011 volunteering to be the secretary of the council. Raina is a registered nurse at the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

She and her husband have 3 children. Quaid is their 6 year old son and their daughters are Shaina 8 years old and Regan age 14. Their family enjoys vacationing in their travel trailer. Her husband Shad is a cub scout leader in Grand Terrace and also an instructor at Intercoast College on Atlanta St. in Riverside.



Raina Boal

Shad has 25 years experience as a electrician and was a building inspector for 5 years until he was laid off. He has been an instructor at Intercoast College for about a year and a half. We welcome this family to our neighborhood and look forward to working with them. Raina stated : "I commit to making valuable input that will help improve Highgrove". I personally want to thank those of you who submitted applications and ask that you continue to show your community spirit by staying involved in making Highgrove a better place in which to live.

## Fraternal Order of Eagles #997

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Marker placed at community center honoring Danny Stouffer



L-R: Daniel Carrera, Sue Stouffer, Cody Carrera, Kristie Walker, Karlee Ferem (Cody's girlfriend), Kaylee Walker in front.

Last year a Christmas tree was planted in honor of Danny Stouffer who passed away on Sept. 18, 2009. The Stouffer family has given free hay rides to the Highgrove community for over 15 years. This year a granite marker was placed by the tree to permanently thank the Stouffer family for their contribution to the Highgrove community. The granite was donated by Fair Price Carpet, the inscription was donated by the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency made the concrete form to hold the marker.



Kaylee Walker



DANNY STOUFFER

## New shipment of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: "Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town" Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county".

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T-shirt samples can be seen at:  
 Zorba's Burgers: 450 Iowa Ave.  
 Chris' Burgers: 407 Iowa Ave.



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New UCR Student Housing and Apartments coming to Iowa Avenue across from K-Mart



The Sterling Iowa project will consist of three buildings containing a total of 216 units. The unit breakdown is 45 one-bedroom units, 63 two-bedroom units, 5 three-bedroom units and 103 four-bedroom units. The buildings are organized around surface parking and a single-story parking garage. The surface parking lots will utilize car ports to help break-up the massing of the buildings and provide for transition to the homes and multi-family apartments to the east.

The buildings are oriented to provide a pedestrian friendly presence on Iowa Avenue while pushing them further away from the adjacent single family homes and multi-family apartments to the east. The buildings will be four stories in height.

The Sterling/Iowa Ave. project will be a luxury student apartment community with an exceptional design and mission appearance that provides an oasis of peace, comfort and tranquility amidst the University district of the city. The architectural style is reminiscent of the Mission Inn, a cultural and historical landmark in the city. The building facades are proposed to be a combination of stucco and stone with a tile roof. The color palate was selected to tie the project to the surrounding community. The project will offer three unit types, ranging in size from one-bedroom units that are 461 square-feet in size, up to four-bedroom units that are 1,493 square-feet in size. Interior finishes may include 42" Plasma/LCD televisions, in-room cable and high speed internet, washer and dryers in each unit, and fully furnished residences available.

Other project features and amenities will include seeking a LEED Silver designation to promote environmental responsibility and to maximize efficiency and conservation measures. Green homes are healthier, more durable, and more energy and water efficient than conventional code built homes. A two-story, approximately 7,400 square foot clubhouse will house our fitness and exercise rooms, leasing offices, computer lab powered by Mac and PC products, multiple study rooms, coffee bar, club room, complimentary tanning services and lounge. Additionally the project will provide five court-yards, one of which will feature a resort style pool. Another courtyard will have a multi-use court along with a BBQ area. The other three courtyards will be designed for gathering and/or study areas for residents.

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## Center Street Liquor Store Robbery



On January, 18, 2011, at approximately 6:30 pm, deputies from the Jurupa Valley Station responded to Center Liquor Store, which is located at 285 Iowa Ave. in Highgrove, reference an armed robbery that just occurred. Deputies arrived on scene within minutes and were told a black male adult, armed with a handgun, entered the business and shot the owner and his wife then took an undetermined amount of cash. The victims described the suspect as approximately 35 – 40 years old, with a bald head and goatee. Additionally, the suspect was wearing glasses and a dark colored jacket. A perimeter was immediately established surrounding the area and an extensive search for the suspects initiated. Investigators and Forensic units arrived on scene to gather evidence. The suspect was not located; however, good surveillance footage of the crime was obtained from inside the store. The gunshot victims were transported to area hospitals for treatment and expected to make full recoveries. Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Investigator Richard Boyd at the Jurupa Valley Station at (951) 955-2600.



Workmen are shown installing a new gasoline tank on the south-west corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. on Jan. 26, 2011.

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To Retire Comfortably, Know What Moves to Make and When to Make Them.

We all want to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But to do so, we need to make different moves, and consider different issues, at different times of our lives.

To help illustrate this point, let's look at three individuals: Alice, who is just starting out in her career; Bob, who is nearing retirement, and Charlie, who has recently retired.

Let's start with Alice. As a young worker, Alice has a good four decades ahead of her until she retires. Yet she realizes that it's never too soon to start saving for retirement, so she has already begun contributing to her 401(k) and to an IRA. And since she has so much time ahead of her, she can afford to invest aggressively, putting much of her contributions in growth-oriented vehicles. While it's true that the market will certainly have its "dips" in the future, and that Alice's account values could rise and fall from year to year, it's also true that, over the long term, stocks have historically trended upward\*. And the longer Alice holds her investments, the less of an impact that market extremes should have on her 401(k), IRA and other accounts.

Now, let's turn our attention to Bob. Since he is within a few years of retirement, he has some key decisions to make. For one thing, he must decide if it's time to change the investment mix in his IRA, 401(k) and other accounts. Because Bob doesn't have much time to overcome market volatility, and since he'd like to maintain the gains he has already achieved, he may decide to become more conservative with his investments. Consequently, he may choose to move some of his investment dollars from stocks to bonds and other fixed-income securities. Realizing, however, that he may spend two or three decades in retirement, and knowing that he will need to stay ahead of inflation, he doesn't abandon all his growth-oriented investments. Furthermore, Bob decides that he may need to

bolster his retirement income, so he considers whether an annuity, which is designed to provide him with an income stream he can't out-live is appropriate for his situation.

Our final "life stages" investor is Charlie. He has recently retired, so his biggest concern is making sure he doesn't outlive his financial resources. Therefore, he may need to consider a variety of moves. For starters, he should determine when to start taking Social Security and when to begin taking withdrawals from his IRA and 401(k) plans. (For a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, Charlie, like all investors, must start taking withdrawals no later than age 70-1/2, but for a Roth IRA, there is no age requirement. However, there may be other requirements that must be met for a Roth IRA. ) After deciding when to start taking withdrawals from his retirement plans, he'll also need to calculate how much he can afford to take each year without emptying the accounts. Finally, he might need to rebalance his overall investment portfolio to provide himself with more income.

Of course, the situations described have been simplified for illustrative purposes to give an idea of some of the considerations for different stages in your life. It is important to work with your financial professional to develop a plan to help you enjoy the retirement lifestyle that you've envisioned.

\*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment in stocks will fluctuate with market conditions and may be worth more or less than the original investment. Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. When interest rates rise the prices of bonds can decrease and the investor may lose principal value if sold prior to maturity.

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## DEVILS DEN

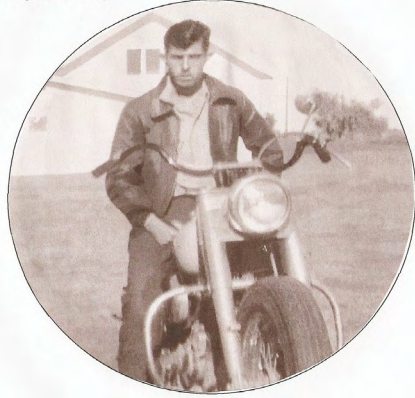
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MOTORCYCLE, MOTORCYCLE.....

DEVIL'S DEN  
1/2011

BY Leilani Child Wilds

"Motorcycle, Motorcycle"



I had been hearing that motorcycle sound off and on for the last thirty minutes and it was within a minute of high noon now. It was Eugene's 51 pan head all right, but he was usually at work this time of day, not riding around the school ground outside. I looked at the crayon depiction of his motorcycle in front of me on the undersized first grade class table. The wheels were brown and the tires black and the tank blue. It was a crude drawing unlike Curtis Adney's black and white ford V8 cop prowler which he had been quietly creating across the table that we shared with David "Beans for Breakfast" Orton and his flatulence. Curtis' dad was the local law which made Eugene the local outlaw by comparison. Curtis had the silent concentration of a true artist, and he was a natural born artist for sure. I was admiring his work from across the table when the WWII vintage siren went off in the town square heralding noon. Glancing up at the clock to confirm this I was, in an instant, at the door with my lunch box in hand yelling "Bombs over Tokyo". Outside in the playground I ran over to the fence between the street and the school grounds, craning my neck looking for Eugene. The rumble

was gone for now and I turned from the fence, which by the way, was put there to protect the school kids from mad dogs and escaped convicts. It sure couldn't keep me in if I had the mind to climb its flimsy wire barrier. Looking down the corridor I saw my big brother David, a seventh grader headed my way. He was carrying his shoes and was bare footed. This was his usual visit to me at lunch time just to check up on me. He was my guardian this time of day, but he looked messed up with uncombed hair. I asked him why he was not wearing his black dress shoes and he lifted up his foot showing me a big blister on his heel. Telling me to be sure to eat my lunch, he headed back from where he came leaving me on my own for the rest of the lunch hour. I saw Norma, Curtis and David playing a Ring-Around-the-Rosie game out on the lawn so I ran over, barged in and accelerated the clockwise motion of the kidring singing, "Motorcycle, motorcycle, go so fast....." until the speed sent us hurling outward until we all tumbled down in the grass, at which point I sang, "Motorcycle, motorcycle, skin yo ass", laughing out loud. Yeah, I was fascinated by Eugene's motorcycle, as was the entire family. It attracted attention wherever he rode it, especially the attention of Curtis' Dad whose flathead Ford had little or no chance of ever catching it out on the open road. There was a local controversy over the legality of dragging a wooden sled loaded with camp gear down Hwy 41. Technically, since the sled had no wheels, the consensus was that Eugene and his motorcycle buddy, Jack Strachner could legally do so

in spite of Deputy Adney's opinion otherwise. The law was clear about one point however, and that was that you could not carry a person on the sled so Eugene would drag us kids up and down the local camp airstrip on his motorcycle sled for the occasional thrill.

As I sat down with my back to the school building and began on my lunch, I heard the rumble again but I could tell that it had to be someone else on Eugene's Harley Davidson because, whoever it was went through the gears just a little too tentatively, not with the wild and aggressive acceleration which was Eugene's style. Whoever it is was in for big trouble if Eugene caught them on his 51 Panhead. I heard the V twin muffler sound fade out on Hwy 41 headed toward Lemoore, but what I couldn't see was that today my big sister Chris, who had been much too sick to go to high school this morning, was now well enough to have borrowed the Harley and that had been her killing time around town until lunch time at her high school.

Chris was sixteen and her beautiful red hair was streaming behind as she passed Doyle White's used car lot on the outskirts of Lemoore. She had gotten one of the workers at Harrigan's camp to kick start her brother's motorcycle and she took it from there. Out on the highway she got up to seventy or more on the straightaway and here Maybelline was mixing with tears making black stripes from the corners of her eyes back toward her ears. By the time she slowed down through the residential Lemoore neighborhoods, she had gnats stuck to her fresh red lipstick. She was dressed casual with a sleeveless blouse, pedal pushers, oxfords and white anklets. The one family comb and a dollar

bill were stuffed into one ankle and David's one pair of socks was stuffed into her big sisters brassiere that she had borrowed for the day. A natural born beauty, this was all superfluous because there was none more pretty than my big sister. She was just making sure she got the attention of her classmates today, because, like our entire family, we just didn't fit in. When she pulled up to the hamburger joint across the street from Lemoore High, she circled the parking lot slowly so her classmates could get the full effect before coasting to a stop, shutting down the Harley next to the group of picnic tables in front of the hamburger joint. Immediately she was surrounded by the boys in white tee shirts, Levi's and engineer boots. Sitting down on top of the picnic tables with her feet on the seat, the Queen of Sheba took her place on her lunch time throne while the boys went all oohs and aahs over the bike and the girls surveyed her from a distance knowing they could never top this act. Chris picked her table strategically so as to command the most attention, purposely facing her back to the three pretty pom-pom girls in school sweaters and pleated skirts. Those girls were all show and they arrived daily assured they would be the stars of the lunch hour, but, today their place in the sun was eclipsed by Christibel Ouida Wilds, the center of the solar system. Chris smiled in this knowledge. She had rehearsed this day in her mind since last summer in the cotton fields of the Tulare Lake bottom. The only attention the three pretties would get today was from the two jug heads who dared to sit across from them eating bologna sandwiches from their black barn shaped institutional lunch boxes.

cont. on P. 9

# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## New sewer line drilled under Center Street Railroad Tracks!



## Parking restriction signs placed on Center Street



New signs in front of United Methodist church on Center Street.

There have been new parking restriction signs placed along Center St. from the BNSF railroad tracks eastward to Mt. Vernon Avenue. Community meetings were held to address complaints about large Commercial Trucks parking along Center St. by the School and the old 1893 Highgrove United Meth-



New sign by school designating school children pick up area.

odist Church. The Riverside County Transportation Department has installed new signs on both sides of Center St. and we are asking you to please observe these signs that are designed to protect our children by prevent big rigs from parking in these restricted areas.

## Royal Flush beats a full house!



This honey dipper is shown pumping the septic tank of the Highgrove Elementary School. Only ½ block away the sewer line construction is underway that will service the school and the current library and will eventually make the pumping of the septic tank a thing of the past.

## A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!! I was very fortunate to be home in America to celebrate the New Year. Folks, you will not believe the countries I have been in, to wait for the new year to begin. And besides watching the ball drop in New York, my 2nd best country to be in for the New Year is Saigon, Vietnam. It is fireworks, food, alcohol, and literally thousands of motor scooters. And yes, I was sitting outside my hotel just taking it all in and enjoying myself when one of your best friends from your home town came walking by? It happened to me. What a great New Year!

Let us hope and pray that our respective families are safe, happy, and healthy during this New Year. I have 10 days rest here then I take another trip to Hong Kong. Once again, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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## New study requested for Metrolink Station Site!

On Jan 12, 2011 I spoke to the 30 RCTC commissioners during public comments and referred to the "Supplemental Environmental Assessment" dated November 2010 that showed a diagram of a Metrolink station on the east side of the Perris Valley Line railroad track between Palmyrita Ave. and Columbia Avenue. This information was sent to the libraries in Riverside, Moreno Valley, Woodcrest, Perris, Highgrove, and was also available at the RCTC offices.

Here is the problem:

We told RCTC 2 years ago there was a plan to build a large warehouse on this same property. In fact I presented a video to RCTC on Feb. 11, 2009 showing the starting of the construction. (This video is available on our web site).

I then showed the commissioners a photo dated Jan. 3, 2011 showing the new 507,000 sq. ft. warehouse that is built on this same location and is almost completed.

Anyone reading this incorrect information at the public libraries would believe there will be a station built on the 25 acres now occupied by this giant warehouse. RCTC has opposed building a station at Highgrove for the last 9 years!

On April 5, 2007 the Executive Director of RCTC at that time, Eric Haley and former RCTC Commissioner Robin Lowe stopped an independent study planned by SCAG (Southern California Associated Governments). And as stated be-

fore, I have a tape recording of this meeting.

At the last meeting on Jan. 12, 2011, I asked for a new independent study where we can have a seat at the table for a Metrolink station in Highgrove that will examine destinations, availability of trains, cost, growth, future housing and transportation dollars. Supervisor Ashley asked the RCTC staff to report back to the commission and respond to my comments.

Nine years is a long time for the public's requests to be ignored in regard to a station at Highgrove. We asked for a station when 35 acres were available between the BNSF main line railroad tracks and the Perris Valley Line railroad track.

Now there are only 19 acres available on the north end due to another large warehouse being built on the south end along Citrus Street. These same 19 acres are needed to connect the 2 railroads.

Property for a station between Palmyrita Ave. and Columbia Ave. is no longer available due to the new 25 acre warehouse. And a station at Marlborough Ave. is out of the question due to insufficient parking and it is 1 & 1/2 miles from the existing Metrolink trains that go through Highgrove each day.

The public is entitled to know the real reasons why RCTC is so opposed to a station that would be on the same property that has to be purchased anyway to connect the 2 railroads where existing trains pass

by 7 days a week. It is our tax money that is being used on this \$232 Million dollar project.

Last month I spoke to the Colton City Council, the North Side Improvement Association and to the SANBAG Commuter Rail and Transit Committee to inform them about RCTC's long term opposition to a Metrolink station at Highgrove. I also spoke to the Executive Director of SCAG after the SANBAG meeting.

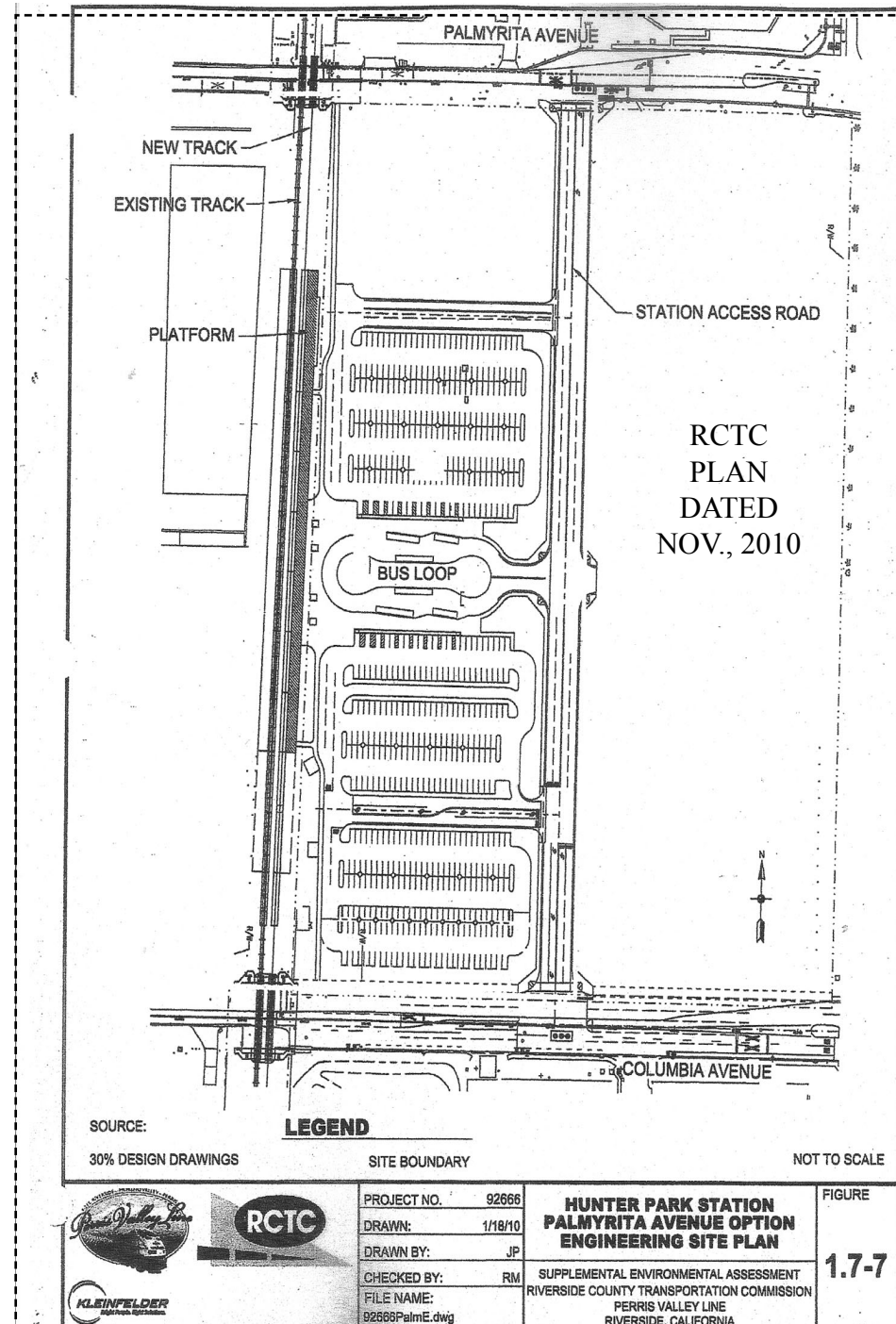
I will continue to try and enlighten the public until someone starts to listen! So far I have outlasted former RCTC Executive Director, Eric Haley; former Deputy Director Hudieo Sugita, RCTC's Stephanie Wiggins and former RCTC Commissioners Robin Lowe and Bonnie Fleckinger who lost their elections on Nov. 2, 2010. Carl Sheirmeyer, a consultant to RCTC and SANBAG, is retiring this month.



Photo taken Jan 3, 2011

**Will RCTC tear down this new warehouse or will a Metrolink Station be built 1/2 mile away in Highgrove on 19 acres of vacant land on property that is already needed to connect the 2 railroads?**

This New warehouse (above) is already built on RCTC's choice for a Metrolink Station site. The photo was taken on Jan. 3, 2011. We told RCTC 2 years ago their was a warehouse under construction but their diagram below was sent to 5 public libraries only 3 months ago showing a station designed on the same property as this new warehouse!



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Devils Den continued from P 6

So Chris grinned more and pushed her chest out a little further and shook her hair back, soaking in the noon-day adulation. Soon enough one of the boys produced a pack of Lucky Strikes from his rolled up tee shirt sleeve and offered Chris a smoke which she accepted casually but was careful not to inhale, avoiding the paroxysmal coughs which would mark her as a novice smoker. Out came the family comb and she needed a good five minutes to de-tangle her hair, knowing the inevitable ride home would undo her grooming again. If this was her day to bask, It was David's worse day, going to school sockless and combing his curly hair with a fork. The world maintains its balance one way or another I guess. Chris' dollar bought a shake and cheeseburger and fries which she ate heartily while holding her court of motorcycle royalty, knowing that in a few minutes her courtesans would head off to class and she back on the freedom road on this righteously glorious spring day. This could be a little tricky for an inexperienced biker but she knew she had already pulled off the per-

fect first and second acts of her performance. Timing her departure for the fullest effect, Chris asked one of the bigger lard butt boys to help her start the motorcycle. Instructing him on how to find the compression stroke with the cycle in neutral, and warning him of the kickback, she had the big kid raise up high off the ground and stomp on the pedal with his entire weight while she handled the handlebar accelerator giving just enough gas to keep the motor running as she slipped her leg over the seat and rocked the bike upright. With her left hand she flicked the Lucky Strike off to the side, then pulled in the clutch and dropped the bike into first gear with her left toe. Sitting astride the machine with its low rumble, Chris felt every eye on her as she expertly kicked the stand up and she gave it some gas, releasing the clutch. This could be a great exit or a disaster. Waiting until even the pom-poms turned to look and hoping for the best possible outcome Chris gritted her teeth and advanced the throttle from a low rumble to a sufficient rpm level to assure escape velocity.....to be continued

Thieves steal electrical components from library!



Sadly we report that the new Highgrove library has been vandalized. Someone broke the lock on the outside High Voltage cabinet and shut off the power and used a key to open the door to the electrical room. The electrical hardware was unbolted and taken out of the panels. The thieves cut the wires but did not take the wires. These components are valuable items that can be sold on the black market or to other builders. The Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the theft. If you have any information please contact the Jurupa Valley station at (951) 955 2600 and ask for Lieutenant Art Gonzales. Nothing was removed from the interior. The MAC walk through was cancelled due to no power.

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## Invisible Populations:

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### Homeless Death Rates

Continued

In my last article I discussed the top reasons homeless deaths increase during the winter season. One question still remains: How are potential deaths in the homeless population ranked? If an organization wanted to fund a program to house the homeless, by what process would they determine who holds the highest need for such a program? The innovators of the Vulnerability Index had a similar thought. The Vulnerability Index is a survey used to rank and prioritize high-risk homeless individuals. This survey was developed by a group known as Common Ground in New York City led by Becky Kanis. This idea was based on the research from the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program by Dr. Jim O'Connell, Dr. Stephen Hwang et al in 1998.

The survey is administered to homeless populations and asks them a series of questions relating to their medical history. Individuals are ranked by a number of things including emergency room visits in one year, and a condition called "tri- morbidity." This was an interesting vocabulary term to encounter; tri- morbidity infects a person who has coexisting substance abuse problems, a psychiatric disorder, and another under-

lying medical condition (i.e. heart failure, liver cirrhosis). Once a homeless population is surveyed, they are ranked and housed accordingly. Common Ground is the organization that goes to great lengths to house these individuals in need, their mission is to end homelessness.

As a student at University of California, Santa Barbara, and an active volunteer in street medicine, hearing ideas and seeing them set into motion is inspiring. I am lucky enough to be taking a seminar this quarter that focuses on underserved populations. It brings scholars from across the country to our classroom so that we can hear their ideas face to face. On February 17th Dr. Jim O'Connell will speak to our class about Homeless Medicine with a lecture entitled, Reflections on Rough Sleepers: Life and Early Death on the Streets of Boston. Dr. Jim O'Connell is the President of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. The Vulnerability Index and Housing the Unsheltered will be discussed by Becky Kanis who is the 100,000 Homes Campaign Director, for Common Ground Communities. The ideas and practices of these accomplished mentors are something students aspire to replicate in order to become innovative minds in the medical field.



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## OBITUARIES



### RANDY BOCANEGRA

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He is survived by his very devoted and loving wife, Monica; 3 children: Michael from Murrieta, CA, Mark from Colorado, and Melinda from Canyon Lake, CA; and 10 grandchildren.

He was an Engineer for Santa Fe/BNSF Railroad and worked with Barney Barnett for many years.

His wife Monica is the daughter of former Highgrove resident, Norma Jean Rennels/Cecil.

Randy was truly a fine man, a great co-worker, and a very dear friend. We will miss him!



### MAURICE MATT MATTESON

Age 69, resident of Riverside for 45 years, passed away January 18, 2011. Matt was born February 6, 1941, in Hartford, Wisconsin.

He served in the US Army Infantry as a Combat Engineer during the Vietnam War. He retired in the sheet metal industry after 40 years.

Matt is survived by his wife Lillian of 44 years and blessed with 6 children: James, Tracie, Kim, Marsha, Aaron and Allen. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded by death 2 brothers: Billy and Harvey. He is survived by brothers Luke, Byron and John and sister Donna McFarland and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church 5545 Alessandro Blvd. in Riverside on January 31st at 11am and he was laid to rest at the Riverside National Cemetery.



### STEPHEN FLOYD MATTESON

2/22/58 - 1/18/11 He was preceded in death by his Dad, Floyd. He is survived by his mom, Judy; brothers, Jerry, John, Dan; sister, Vicki; and niece, Sarah; and many aunts, uncles, cousins & friends.

He was the nephew of Byron Matteson, Grand Terrace, CA, nephew of Maurice Matteson (above) and son of Floyd Matteson who's obituary was in last month's paper. The Matteson family has lost 3 members of the family in the last 6 weeks.



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He won many awards. He was the recipient of the Iner Sheld-Ritchie Presidential Award from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association in 2008, the Distinguished University Service Award from Loma Linda University in 2009, and the LLUAH-SC Spiritual Life and Wholeness Leadership Award in 2010.

On Wednesday, January 12, the day he died, He was named Citizen of the Year by the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by: wife, Carol; son, Michael, and daughter, Marci; sister, Helen; and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Weismeyer are scheduled as follows: graveside service, Friday, February 4, at 2:30 p.m., Montecito Memorial Park in Colton; memorial service, Sunday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m., Loma Linda University Church. The public is welcome to attend both services.



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## VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

### YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT PARTYING IS!

If you want to know what a real party is, try to finagle an invitation to one of Barney and Ardie Barnett's parties. Those of you who don't know it, these are our esteemed co-editors of the paper you are holding in your hand.

On New Year's Eve December 31, 2010 they threw caution and expense to the winds and invited a very special few, about 20, to their home in Highgrove. The party was held in what they call their "Barnette" a very interesting room with fascinating photos everywhere and collections of Barney's railroad memorabilia.

The spread included hors d'oeuvres, chips and dips, jalapeno peppers filled with tuna, delicious sandwiches from La Pasta Italia in Grand Terrace—I could go on and on but I know that your mouth is watering right now.

But the really entertaining part of the evening was Barney and Ardie providing the music; he plays guitar and sings and she is very good on the keyboard. She also sings and provides very subtle accompaniment and background for him. One of the guests, Gene Carlstrom was persuaded (quite easily) to play a few tunes also.

In addition, champagne was served when the new year rang in as we watched the ball drop in Time's Square in New York on TV.

I believe that we are grateful to see the end of last year and know that this new year must be better than last year!

GRAND TERRACE APPOINTS NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY!



Councilman  
Gene Hayes

Gene Hayes has been a resident of Grand Terrace for 7 years and is an attorney specializing in immigration. 13 people were interviewed by the 4 city council members and he was chosen to fill the 5th seat on the Grand Terrace city council.

If you are interested in this subject and read any newspapers then you already know that the man is an African American and highly educated and qualified.

I will interview him at another time to get to know more about him.

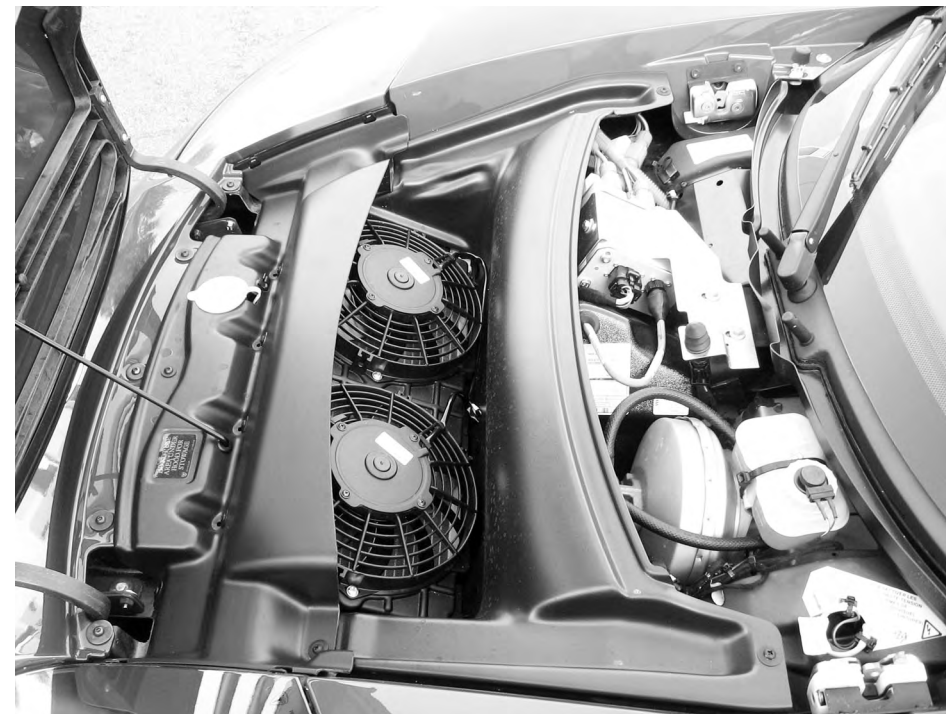
I will say this: I believe it was a very smart thing for the council to appoint him from 12 others that wanted the job. There was at least one council member that wanted to operate as a four member council. But this is Wrong! Five is necessary because if you have five members who are competent and capable then community decisions can be made without a 2 to 2 tie.

*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"*

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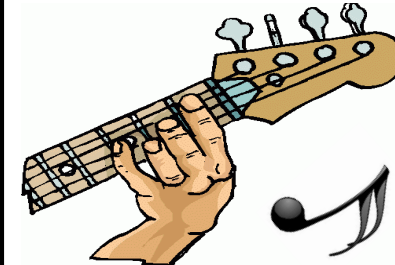


The Riverside International Automotive Museum at 815 Marlborough Ave. just south of Highgrove, was the host to the Tesla sports car that is all electric powered and rated at 288 horsepower. I had to make a reservation in order to drive this car and I must admit it is very quiet and very quick. It can accelerate from 0 to 60 in just 3.7 seconds compared to a 2011 Camaro with 426 horsepower that takes 4.7 seconds to go from 0 to 60 MPH.



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This month's winner is Genevieve Martinez from Mentone. Genevieve is 6 years old and is a 1st grader at the Mentone Elementary School. Her teacher is Mrs. Armenta. Her parents are Paula Hilbreth and Jay Martinez and her grandmother Cindy Kupfer is the receptionist at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove. Congratulations to Genevieve for winning \$10.00 for being the first to solve the word search. Genevieve provided this month's words for you to find. Be the 1st to turn in your answers. Good Luck to the next winner!



Genevieve Martinez

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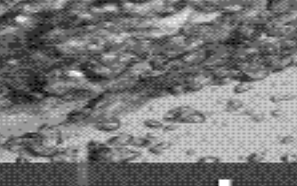


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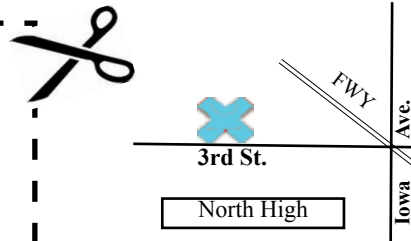
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