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L-R: Butler "Frenchy" Deville- Past State President, Ed Mote- 997 Aerie President, Vic DeVries- California State Aerie Worthy President, Melvin Fry- Grand Aerie Worthy President, Darrell Rall- Grand Aerie Trustee, Larry Lavender- Western Regional President

here Eagles Fly

an association called The Order of Good Things. Over the next two years, membership grew and they adopted the Eagle as their emblem. They then adopted the name The Fraternal Order of Eagles. From there the order grew into the present day organization of over 1,400 aeries (Eagle Nests) and 1,200 auxiliaries across the United States and Canada with over 850,000 aerie members and 250,000 auxiliary members.

Riverside Aerie 997 celebrated its 107th birthday on February 18th with a sumptuous dinner prepared by the Auxiliary. VFW Post 12020 provided Honor Guard Team 45 commanded by MSgt. Jerry Warner for the presentation of the colors. The Aerie was honored by having the Grand National President Mel Fry and his lovely wife Margaret in attendance. To make the occasion even more special, the State Worthy President Vic DeVries and many of his state officers picked this day for their annual president's visit. It should be noted that State President Vic DeVries is a member of Riverside Aerie 997. Other dignitaries included Western Regional President Larry Lavender, several State Past Worthy Presidents both Aerie and Auxiliary and of course the local aerie officers and members.

Riverside Aerie 997 originally

In 1898, 6 theater owners formed received its charter in 1905 and was located near what is now the Fox Theater. The aerie was moved sometime later to an address approximately where the 215 and 60 freeways cross. The aerie moved to its present location at 466 E. La Cadena Dr. in the 1950's when the Columbia Street overpass was built and has been there since.

The Eagles motto is "People Helping People" and to that end have raised millions and millions of dollars nationally to fund their charities. Their latest endeavor was a national pledge to raise \$25 million dollars to fund the Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa. \$15 million has already been paid and the remaining \$10 million is anticipated to be raised by a record setting motorcycle ride by Iron Eagle Darrel Rall. Darrel will be riding 25,000 miles in 25 days and will touch all 49 continental United States and all the provinces in Canada. An undertaking never before attempted and we wish him good luck and God speed.

The Eagles are always looking for members who are interested in helping their fellow man in an environment of fraternal friendship. If you would like further information on our organization, please do not hesitate to call the Riverside Eagles in Highgrove at 951-683-7770 or go on line at Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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Monthly Line-Up

March 2nd and 23rd: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Caremore Health Plan Resource Table hosted by Albert Vega 951- 313-9912

March 6th: Complimentary Haircut for Seniors at 9:00 AM hosted by Albert Vega 951-313-9912 with Caremore

March 15th: 10:30 AM - 11:30 Mental Health Presentation regarding Domestic Violence hosted by Maria 714-393-8892 and Ana Marie with El Sol Neighborhood

March 16th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Free Eye Screening for children ages 0-5 Sponsored by Maria 714-393-8892 with El Sol Neighborhood Education Center in combination with Loma Linda University and First 5. Required to be present for 20 minute presentation.

March 16th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Resource Table regarding Low cost or No Cost Health Coverage and Cencer Prevention for women and child health hosted by Ilsa 951-710-3970 with Eastside.

March 16th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Reource table regarding Caregving Information and Care Pathway class hosted by Julia 951-867-3800 with Office on Aging.

New Exercise Program: Taekwondo Fitness from 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM on every Wednesday evening for \$10.00 per month

March 23rd: 7:00 AM - 10 AM resource table regarding loan modification hosted by Edgar - Foreclosure Prevention Counselor for Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. 951-682-6581 Save the Date:

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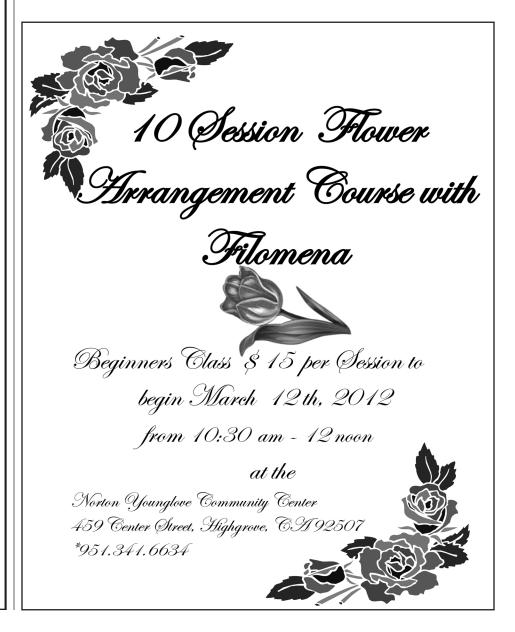
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(951.341.6634)

\$4 per Adult (over 13 years old) \$3 per Child

Includes: beverages, eggs, sausage Orders To-Go are available!

All Proceeds go toward the operation of Norton Younglove Community Center.



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.

Calls for Service Felony Arrests 11 Misdemeanor Arrests **Business Checks** 15

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The Cub Scouts are also very much in need of sponsors to help with the cost of neckerchiefs and badges. If you are interested please contact Priscilla Flores at (562) 405-5145 or email her at priscillaflores@live.com





Street Lights Out in Highgrove?



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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- Practice will start March 3rd

2012 Baseball Fees

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Construction on Main St. affects both sides of Riverside/San Bernardino County Line.



Heavy equipment has been working to widen Main St. between Michigan and Sanrive Ave. in preparation for the new Grand Terrace High School.



These concrete pipes have been installed on the south side of Main St. that was formerly a gutter along the entrances to the properties on the Highgrove side of the county line.

Main St. undergoing widening, new storm drain, curb and gutter, sidewalks and new driveways.

Many Highgrove residents who live on Main St. have not been happy about taking the frontage of their property to widen the street.

A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Out of curiosity, I thought I would look up and see how many people are in Federal prisons in America. Are you ready? There are 1,650,000 people in federal prison at an average annual rate of \$23,000. Of the number of people, 93 percent are males and 7 percent are females. Murder is the major charge for most of these prisoners. Folks, that's a lot of tax dollars.

The state of Pennsylvania has the most males and California has the most females in prison. Here are some of the most recent California stats on women:

Although African-Americans comprise only 7% of California's population, they constitute 33.6% of California's female prison population. (Dept. of Finance, California Statistical Abstract, 12/1999; CDC, California Prisoners and Parolees, 12/1999)

While African-American women are 32.4% of the population of VSPW, they represent 45% of the women in VSPW's Security Housing Unit (SHU) (12/31/99 CDC, and 4/3/98 CDC Monthly Ethnicity Report).

7% of juveniles committed to California detention facilities were female. (Juvenile Detention and Commitment Admissions to Public Facilities by STATE 1994, National Center for Juvenile Justice.)

As of December 31, 1999, 73.3% of women in California prisons were imprisoned for non-violent offenses, the majority (43.5% of total) of which were drug crimes. (CDC)

A 1995 study of women in the California prison system found that 71% of incarcerated women had experienced ongoing physical abuse prior to the age of 18 and that 62% experienced ongoing physical abuse after 18 years of age. The report also found that 41% of women incarcerated in California had experienced sexual abuse prior to the age of 18 and 41% experienced sexual abuse after 18 years of age. Such a background further inhibits the ability of female inmates to report or seek recourse in cases of abuse within the prison system. (Barbara Bloom, Barbara Owen, "Profiling the Needs of California's Female Prisoners," 1995.)

In conclusion, no matter what the count is, we SPEND way too much on prisoners or as I wrote years ago, "When you have a lot of laws, you have a lot of outlaws." The numbers speak for themselves.

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"



The intersection at Main and Michigan will get a new traffic signal.



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L-R: Ray Barnett, Larry Snodgrass and Jimmy Carrara

Thank you for your response to my question. I failed to thank those who responded to my question about the identity of the person on the right side of the photo on page 5 of our Jan. 2012 issue. We received several responses. Some of them were local but one was sent from former Highgrove resident Jerry Everington who now lives in Idaho.

The unidentified person shown on the right side of the photo with my dad Ray Barnett and Larry Snodgrass is Jimmy Carrara who is now living in Shasta County near Montgomery Creek, California.

We also received input from Ray Snodgrass, Larry's son who lives in

Yucaipa. Ray was born in Highgrove in 1949 and attended both the old and new Highgrove Elementary schools, University Jr. H. S., Poly H. S., and North H.S. in his Jr. and Sr. year. His mother Ruby Snodgrass lived in Highgrove on Transit Ave. until she passed away in 2006. The late Larry Snodgrass had a small auto repair shop at the N/W corner of the Toy Tech property next to the back of the building located on the N/E corner of Center St. and Transit Ave. that used to be Ben's place in the early 50's.

We appreciate your input and thank you for identifying the members of this old photograph. At least we know someone is reading our paper.

Reader support from Perris

We recently received a call from a reader who lives in Perris who picked up a copy of the Highgrove Happenings at the city hall in Riverside. She read the Metrolink article but has never been to the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Perris. She thought it was unusual that she called our paper in Highgrove about the Metrolink when she lives in Perris and hadn't noticed the article about the Perris sports park in the Highgrove newspaper.



Thank you for supporting the Highgrove Metrolink Station!

Your e-mail response to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has been received by SCAG and I have received copies. But we still need to convince the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to build a Metrolink station on the vacant property they own next to the BNSF main line in Highgrove. Hopefully they will listen to our 10 year requests for a "Regional" Metrolink station. The rising cost of gasoline makes this location even more important to give commuters a place to park while using the existing Metrolink trains!



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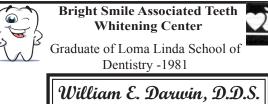
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The giant steel post that holds up the billboard is now in the middle of the intersection and close to the northbound lane where Iowa Ave. turns into La Cadena Dr. at Main Street. The city of Colton is looking into installing reflectors on the steel post to warn night time drivers.





On Feb.27,2012, the crew shown above was in the process of adding crossbars to the tall electrical poles to hold the electrical wires along Spring Street. The shorter poles are being removed. The tall heavy duty poles were installed to get power to the Spring Mountain Ranch area a few years ago when the economy was much better.





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Where:

Highgrove Community Park
459 Center Street (Main Street Entrance) Highgrove, Ca 92507



OBITUARY





BILL JUDSON 5/7/1943 - 2/21/2012 Lion, Bill Judson of Grand Terrace has "gone to the great Baja in the sky" at the age of 68. Leaving behind a sister Judi Dunn, 2 daughters, Juanita (aka Ned) Allgower and Sherri McCarthy, a son Jeff Judson and 4 grandchildren. He proudly served the Inland Empire through the Grand Terrace Lions Club, Kiwanis and Jaycee organizations and as a local business

owner for over 40 years with The Sauna Shoppe. Celebration of his life was held at the Grand Terrace Community Center, 22130 Barton Road on Feb. 26, 2012. He wished for donations to be made to the Lions Club International sight first.



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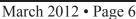
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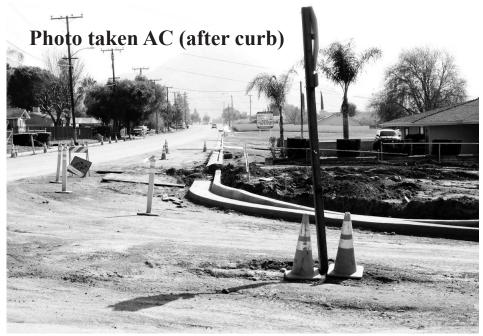
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County line widened on Main Street



Intersection of Main St. and Sanrive Ave. looking east.



S/W Corner of Main Street and Michigan Avenue.

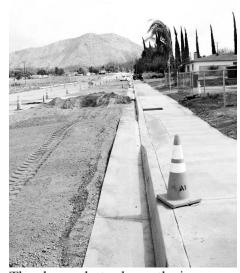
The new Grand Terrace High School is changing the area on both sides of the county line. The street is on the county line between Riverside County and San Bernardino county. If you are eastbound you are in Riverside county and if you are westbound you are in San Bernardino county.

The new High school is on the north side of Main St. in San Bernardino county and Highgrove is on the south side of Main St. in Riverside County. This 2 lane road was not wide enough to handle all of the proposed traffic in the area so the street had to be widened.

Many residents on the south side in Highgrove were upset that several feet of their property had to be taken to widen the street and public hearings were held to assess the situation. There are approximately 24 homes on the south side of the street and there were no homes on the north side. The former Inland Timber offices on the north side of the street were torn down to make room for the new Grand Terrace High School but Highgrove residents wanted the street widened on the north side instead of taking a portion of their frontage. Two counties were involved in the widening of Main Street.

Riverside County Transportation representatives even walked the Highgrove frontages with homeowners to show how much of their property would be needed.

New curb and gutter, driveways, and sidewalks



The above photo shows the improvements made on the Highgrove side of Main Street.

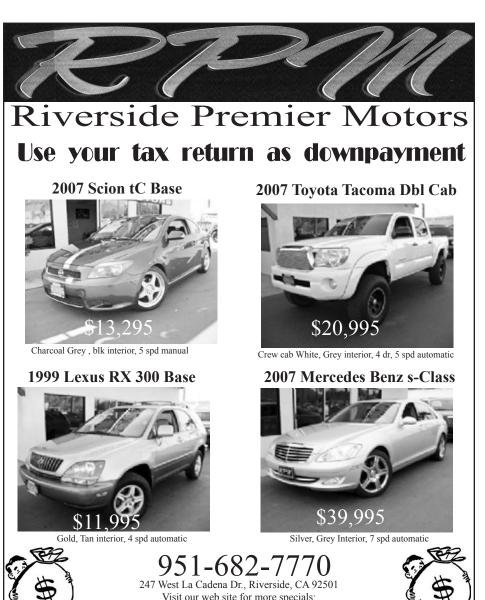
Underneath this new curb and gutter and sidewalk is the new storm drain that has been installed between Michigan Ave. and the RR tracks. Many new concrete driveways have been completed that will allow access to Highgrove resident's properties. A new concrete intersection has been built at Sanrive (Photo top left) and new curb and gutter have been built on both sides of Michigan Ave in Highgrove. (Photo at left)

On the north side of the county line, Michigan Ave. has been widened on the west side of the street and new curb and gutter has also been installed on the Grand Terrace side including the north side of Main St.



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Swiss Diplomat visits Riverside County



L-R: Supervisor John Tavaglione, Bruno Ryff and Stephan Noger

Swiss diplomat Bruno Ryff and Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione met in the City of Riverside to discuss opportunities for exports, foreign direct investment, and educational partnerships. Consul General Ryff was accompanied by Mr. Stephan Noger, of the Los Angeles based Swiss Consulate. Supervisor John Tavaglione was joined in the meeting by his Chief of Staff John Field and members of the Office of Foreign Trade-EDA.

After a gift exchange in which the county received a Swiss Army Knife and the county presented the Consul General with an engraved pen, the delegation discussed the possible relocation of a Swiss owned solar energy firm to the County of Riverside. The solar firm would operate its R&D facilities out of a proposed new plant along with an assembly facility.

Also discussed were the benefits of establishing a manufacturing plant in the County of Riverside. Chairman Tavaglione also explained the board position on solar and wind energy and the county history as a national leader in the production of

wind energy. The Consul General updated Chairman Tavaglione on the status of the Swiss economy and business opportunities in his country.

After the formal meeting at the Board of Supervisors officer in downtown Riverside, Consul General Ryff and Mr. Noger were also able to tour the Fender Guitar plant located in the City of Corona. Ryff will return to Riverside County in mid-March and county officials will resume discussions on mutual cooperation on exports and foreign direct investment with Swiss officials at that time.

Today's initial meeting with the government of Switzerland was closed to the public. Earlier this month Chairman Tavaglione met with South Korean Minister of the Economy Kim, and signed a bilateral trade agreement with the Canada California Business Council and it's president Lee Fraser. The county will continue to reach out to other nations and encourage increased investment, enhanced exports, and the creation of more new jobs in Riverside County.

Noise issues bothering Highgrove residents!



The following information was sent to us from a concerned Highgrove resident.

Letter to Riverside City Councilman Mike Gardner: Dear Councilman Gardner:

We are writing to you regarding the incessant noise heard from our neighbor CarbonLITE. Our neighborhood is located at the edge of an arroyo, north of the CarbonLITE facility. The noise from their facility is a constant annoyance to our family and our neighbors who have voiced similar concerns. The addition of several tall silos is also a visual nuisance. We have attached video evidence to illustrate the situation. The best idea we have heard, by way of mitigation, is the suggestion that CarbonLITE plant a stand of trees

above their facility. This would reduce sound polution, visual blight, and

reduce any potential toxic emissions. Natalie Rabone, Highgrove resident.

Response from Councilman Mike Gardner:

Thank you for writing, and I am sorry our new business is creating a disturbance. City staff is working with CarbonLITE to address the problem. Parts have been ordered from Europe and they are looking at installing sound absorbing foam on the silos. They have also retained a sound engineer to assist them. The city believes they are making a genuine effort to address the problem.

Riverside will continue to work with CarbonLITE and the surrounding community to address the sound issue. Yours is the first comment I have heard on the visual impact issue. I will ask staff to work with CarbonLITE in that too.

Best regards,

Mike Gardner



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Roxie Jane Barnett to release music video March 9, 2012 The Fox Event Center in Redlands will be the site of the album release party

The Fox Event Center in Redlands will be the site of the album release party and concert for Roxie Jane Barnett's CD, "Pray on it". Her second music video: "More than that", was recently filmed in Highland. Other scenes were taken at the beach. The video shows her friends picking her up to go to the beach for the day. Tickets for the concert on March 9th include a copy of Roxie's CD "Pray on it", a special live concert by Roxie, the premier of Roxie's new video "More than that" and a performance by Andrew Enos. The top 2 photos on the left shows Roxie coming out to the car with her surf board while being filmed in the reflection of the hubcap. The 2 middle photos show her friends in the car picking her up (Roxie's dad, Mike Barnett is outside car) and the bottom 2 photos show them going to the beach. The video work was produced by: Walter Pawluk.

The kids in the car are front: Driver; Matthew Marines, Cheyenne Barnett, David Marines. Back seat L-R; Kaylie Arden, Ian Dewri.

SAVING AND SECURING LIVES, ONE SEAT BELT AT A TIME



SACRAMENTO, Calif.— When it comes to buckling up, daily efforts by the public and the

California Highway Patrol (CHP) are making a difference. Every click of a seat belt represents another life potentially saved. This is a trend the CHP strives to continue throughout the state.

"Motorists are to be commended because seat belt usage is at an all time high in California," said CHP Commissioner Farrow. "However, there are still a small percentage of people who have yet to realize the benefits of passenger restraints and continue to ignore the warnings about not buckling up. This education and enforcement campaign is aimed at saving their lives."

To assist in this safety mission through September 30, 2012, the CHP has obtained the Vehicle Occupant Restraint Education and Instruction (VOREI) grant. The money from this grant will be used to support statewide community outreach and enforcement efforts by CHP officers who will encourage Californians to not only buckle up themselves, but to ensure their passengers are properly secured as well. The grant will also provide child passenger safety certification training to personnel from CHP and other law enforcement agencies.

According to data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, an average of five vehicle occupants were killed in collisions everyday in California during 2009 (the most recent year for which finalized data is available). Among those five vehicle occupants killed daily, statistics indicate at least one of them was not properly secured inside the vehicle.

In addition to lives lost for failure to wear a seat belt, hundreds of citations are issued daily. The cost of a citation for an adult not wearing a seat belt is at a minimum \$142, while the cost of a ticket for an unrestrained child under 16 starts at \$474, along with a point against your driving record.

"This is an unnecessary risk and a needless expense," added Commissioner Farrow. "Buckle up, it saves lives." Funding for this campaign is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

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"Don't look like no girl to me."

"Ees reel name ees Richard but he used to work in a carnival and dressed like a wild woman in grass dress and weeg and call heemself 'Mrytle-inthe bushes'. From Loozeeana. Ees a Cajun or sumten. A wild woman, ouweee." Caesar finished before dissolving into laughter, making David grin. "He make medicine and I grow Relaxol."

"So he's the one who broke my cousin Woodford's nose?"

"Don know bout that. All I know is Myrtle's medicine is muy bueno and sells good in town and the Doctor Clarkson uses it all the time for his doctorin' too. The doctor buys my Relaxol too."

"You keep talking Relaxol. What's Relaxol anyways?"

"Dat's what da Zundapp named it. Ees from Mexico. Ees a bush you eat or smoke. Any way makes you calm and happy and a leetle hungry. Doctor Clarkson geeves it to sick people to make them feel better, get better, eat when they no wonna eat. The Doctor comes over and smokes it sumtime too. I feex in cornbread and tortillas and sell in town at general store. Don taste bad either. Come on, time to skeen snake and cook."

With that, Caesar pulled out something metal from a pouch hanging from his rope belt and with a flick of his wrist snapped out a long sharp blade. Walking back to the buckboard he tied the snakes head to one of the

side boards and began a long, expert slice down the length of the rattler's belly exposing the entrails.

"What kind of a knife is that?" said David as Caesar began to dissect the entrails from the pinkish white snake meat. Making a circular cut at the neck level Caesar then began to pull and tease the skin from the back and sides of the serpent keeping the entire skin intact. This he set aside, explaining to David he would make a belt and hat band eventually out of the reticulated skin. The head, he said was good medicine when dried and the eight buttons he handed to David for a present. Wiping his blade clean, he now answered David's original question.

"Ees a switchblade knife. You see." Closing and then clicking it open in front of David's face.

"Can I try that?" David said, taking the knife and carefully closing and then pushing the concealed button again to snap it open again admiringly.

"Cut im up in leetle pieces like dis." Caesar said to David holding his thumb and index finger about three inches apart. While David began to dice the snake, spine and all, Caesar headed off toward the garden and returned with a glazed pan and scooped the meat into the pan. From there David followed Caesar up the hill toward the house up the steps into a meticulously cleaned kitchen where a Black fellow wearing horn rimmed glasses was stirring a pot of beans over the pot bellied stove. Caesar introduced his coworker as Malcolm and then David watched as Caesar dropped some lard in a skillet and proceeded to cook the snake meat til it browned on all sides. From a large sifter like shaker, Caeser sprinkled what smelled like pepper, salt and some other exotic smelling seasonings into the pan while Malcolm nodded his culinary approval.

"Whattya tink, Brother Malcolm?" Caesar said to his fellow cook.

"Ahhmm thinking maybe some cayenne too and onions." Said Malcolm, bending over the skillet sniffing the aromas approvingly.

"Go on then and put em with the beans while I go check the garden." Replied Caesar as he and David returned to the compound yard and headed into the garden.

"So you killed that snake with the bean flip? How many shots did it take and how close were you?"

"Jus one shot an I got close but not so close he could reach me. He was in a coil so I aimed for his head. One shot keel him but he can still bite after dead so I hold his head down with a stick and grab ees tail and crack heem like a wheep." Caesar explained with a whip like gesture over his head. "We eat good tonight. Makes bean and cornbread taste much better."

"Hey Caesar!" came a voice by the house. "Give me a hand over here with this tie." It was Brother Roy Fermin calling at Caesar so Caesar turned back in the direction of the

House with David following and approached the man he had been referring to as "Da Zundapp".

"Who you got there Caesar?" Roy asked.

"Ahm David Wilds. We used to live around here a couple years ago."

"You the folks that moved to California?" Roy said "Yessir." "That your rig?" Roy said looking toward the mare and the wagon.

"Yessir, well, no sir. It belongs to my Uncle Emil Baker who I live with this summer. I'm cutting firewood for em til I go on back to California this fall."

"Well, if its wood you want, we're clearing about ten acres over there." Roy said pointing toward the hog pen area. "You can have all that you want if you help dig out the stumps. Think that old mare can pull anything besides that buckboard?"

"Sure can, sir. My uncle won't mind if I bring back a load of firewood every day."

With that, Caesar, Malcolm, Roy, Myrtle and the rest of the Zundappers came to know my brother that summer and he came to know the meaning of hard work and friendship. By the middle of that summer of 1940 David

had figured out what Zundapp was and it was simply hard work, delivering on your word and trips into Valliant every Saturday to make deliveries of Relaxol and medicinal spirits. Sundays were spent at home with Aunt Nellie and Uncle Emil and his five cousins, the Baker boys. There was no escaping church at Mt. Zion but Sunday supper more than made up for the torture of the long drawn out sermons. Meanwhile, the wood shed had overflowed and another stack of firewood was building next to it, dwarfing the shed itself. The Baker house would be warm for several winters to come it looked like. Aunt Nellie pumped David for information on the Zundappers and from what he told her she grudgingly approved of David's association with them, after all, they were better neighbors than Booger Israel and his lot, folks David was soon to have plenty of dealings with.

This brings us back to Rodeo Saturday in Valliant where the Sheriff had sent Booger packing and the excitement of the Fourth of July Wright City Rodeo Parade was due to visit Main Street, Valiant in less than an hour. The Wright City Rodeo was the best rodeo in Mc Curtain County and was held in Wright City a few miles beyond Valliant on the red clay banks of Little River. To publicize the rodeo, Valliant and Idabel were treated to a mid day parade of rodeo stock and performers and contestants as a preamble to the afternoon events held in Wright City. Uncle Moe Irons was the premier rodeo stock contractor and his cowboys and cowgirls and stock made up the bulk of the parade. Today was the premier event of the year for the locals bringing people in their cars, trucks and buggies from miles around. The odors of outdoor cooking, bar be que and the buzz of the cicadas transformed Valliant into a vibrant community and Baby and his new friends had the coolest seats in town. Cumulus clouds were building in the west and the air was still and muggy. The atmosphere was pretentious in every sense of the word. Baby set the book aside and soaked in the human and natural energy swirling all around him.



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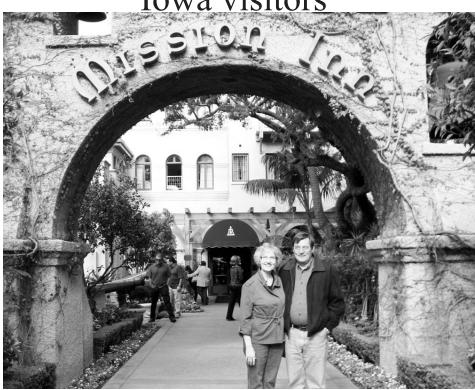
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Iowa visitors



Cousins Mark and Lynnette Schuller recently visited us in Highgrove and we had a good time showing them the sights and seeing them once again. They are from Orange City, Iowa which is in the north /west part of the state and Ardie's home town. We took them to the Eagles in Highgrove, the Mission Inn, and went to Las Vegas for a few days. Ron and Geri Barnett also went to Vegas with us and we all had a great time. We also went to the beach in Oceanside and to see Billy Barnett at his tattoo shop in Cardiff. Mark, Phil Turner, and I went to the "Winternationals" drag races in Pomona while Ardie and Lynnette went shopping. It was Mark's first time at the drags to experience how the concussion vibrates your body and chest when 16,000 horsepower of the 2 dragsters is released as they go from a standing start to 325 MPH in 1,000 feet. We even got a little mist of Nitro to irritate our eyes during one of the funny car warm-ups but Mark was happy to get John Force's autograph for his grandson back in Iowa.



On Sunday we were able to meet up with Lynnette's brother Harv Keith from Hudson, South Dakota who is a long haul trucker and was delivering a load of cabinets in Colton. We had lunch at the Food Connection in Colton.

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Here are some ideas you may want to put to work:

- Get rid of clutter. You probably don't have to look too far around your home to find things that are broken or simply no longer useful to you. If you poke around your portfolio, you might make similar discoveries: an investment that has chronically under performed, duplicates another investment or met your needs in the past but is less relevant to your current situation and goals. Once you identify these types of investments, you may decide to sell them and use the proceeds to take advantage of opportunities that may prove more valuable to you.
- Consolidate. Over the years, you may have accumulated multiple versions of common household items — brooms, mops, hammers — which pop up mysteriously in various parts of your home. You might find it more efficient, and even less expensive, if you consolidated all these things in one centralized location. As an investor, you also might find that consolidation can offer you some benefits. Do you have one Individual Retirement Account (IRA) with one financial services provider and a second IRA with another? Do you have a couple of old 401(k) accounts with former employers? And have you scattered investments here, there and everywhere? By consolidating all these accounts in one place, you can cut down on paperwork, reduce fees and, most importantly, unite your investment dollars so that it's easier for you to see what you have and then follow a single, coherent investment strategy.
- Prepare for turbulent weather. As you know, springtime can bring heavy rains, hail, strong winds and other threats to your home. As part of your overall spring cleaning, you may want to check the condition of your roof, clear branches away from your house, clean your gutters and downspouts, and take other steps to protect your property from the ravages of Mother Nature. And just as you need to safeguard your home, you'll want to protect the lifestyles of those who live in that home — namely, your family. You can help accomplish this by reviewing your life and disability insurance to make sure it's still sufficient for your needs.
- Get professional help. You may find that you can't do all your spring cleaning by yourself. For example, if your carpets and rugs are heavily soiled, you may need to call in a professional cleaner. Or if your tree branches have grown out of control, you might need to bring in a tree trimmer. Similarly, when you decide to "tidy up" your portfolio, you'll need some assistance from a financial professional — someone who can study your current mix of investments and recommend changes, as needed, to help ensure your holdings are suitable for your risk tolerance, time horizon and short- and long-term goals.

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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT GRAND TERRACE DIS-INCORPORATE?

"Probably not" says Denis Kidd. Why? Because the citizens would have to vote for increased taxation to pay off the city's debts which are enormous considering that Grand Terrace has but a few citizens of voting age and no one, absolutely no one wants more taxes. How Grand Terrace got in this financial predicament can be laid on the City Council and the other members of the city government when it was apparently believed that we could spend, spend, spend and never worry too much about paying it back. In addition, almost every business in Grand Terrace has to pay revenue to the city. But this amount is very small.

Well, what is the answer? Finding ways to create revenue. How can a little town like Grand Terrace make money? Well, we are getting something out of the \$36,000 a month it costs Jack Brown to uphold his original agreement to pay for the old Stater Bros. building. But that will run out next month (April) and as yet Anita McGaughy who has some investment in the building, has as yet to come up with a new idea for renting it.

Our city manager Betsy M. Adams would probably be asked to resign if dis-incorporation were accomplished. She would not be needed because her job is to keep all the citizens happy and her salary of \$185,000 per year with a few perquisites would be eliminated. Since the Redevelopment Agency has been eliminated all of those who worked for it will be eliminated including their salaries. It will be interesting to see what transpires in the next few months.

WELL WE FINALLY GOT IT!

On February 20, 2012 the flag was raised and a ceremony was held with a lot of audience participation complete with Boy Scouts, Lions from their club and many seniors. The Sun newspaper reported it and took a beautiful picture of the pole complete with flag and JoAnn Johnson, president of the Seniors with Denis Kidd a contributor and supporter of Hilton Hotel on Hospitality Lane in

the seniors group.

SAD BUT NOT UNEXPECTED

The saddest report I have for you is the death of Lucille Pflaumer, wife of deceased husband Paul Pflaumer that I reported to you in last month's column.

Lucille was a very good friend of mine and I loved her dearly. She helped me in ways beyond the ordinary requirements of a friend.

When it was announced that she and Paul were moving to Yucaipa many of us were sorry to see them go. They were thoroughly involved in the Seniors' group and actively participated and helped wherever they could.

I see it happen more often than it should: the uprooting of a couple from a home they had lived in for many years then moving to a strange place even though it appeared that it was a good idea which ultimately resulted in tragedy. I sincerely hope that they are together in heaven and feeling very sympathetic toward us poor mortals with our continuing problems.

Perhaps we can learn from this episode that maybe we can work something out for our future without losing the home and companions we cherished when we were able to do so.

ANOTHER BLACK AND WHITE BALL

If you did not attend last year's fund raiser for breast cancer, you missed a high class, entertainingly delightful party that the Mayor of Grand Terrace, Walt Stanckiewitz and his wife, Monique, hosted. This year's Black & White Inaugural Ball is also being conceived and produced by Jamie Azpeitia-Sachs owner of Bowen-Hayse School of the Arts in Grand Terrace.

A black and white ball is one in which guests are asked to dress in either black or white attire. It is a formal event and guests dress accordingly.

It will take place this year at the

San Bernardino on April 30.

There will be a silent auction to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Las year's soiree raised almost \$3,000 for the charity.

This fund-raiser and costs each guest \$60,00 or \$500 for a table of ten. Call Mayor Walt Stankiewitz for further information: (909) 825-5254. **BETTIE MARSHAL'S KITCHEN**

The Office on Aging is the agency that is responsible for the Senior Citizen meals but direct supervision and arranging of the meals is under the guidance of the FSA (Food Services Association) both of which have some rather interesting ideas about what the seniors need. One of their ideas is to interrupt the meal once a month to announce what they believe is information we need. Of course they have a captive audience for those who can actually hear the presentation which I cannot.

I am highly incensed each time the

activity is brought to us because for one reason most of us know more about the subject being delivered and do not need the unnecessary interruption of our lunch. Bettie has tried to ask the persons sent to perform this duty to do so before or after the meal. No one has as yet to follow that suggestion.

Oretta Baker and George Beckman are longtime diabetics and know more about the condition that anyone I know, including a few doctors I have questioned.

Bettie has managed the kitchen for several years and does so admirably without becoming too upset about complaints. Once I heard her tell a disgruntled senior, "Well, if you don't like the food, go down the hill to McDonald's!"

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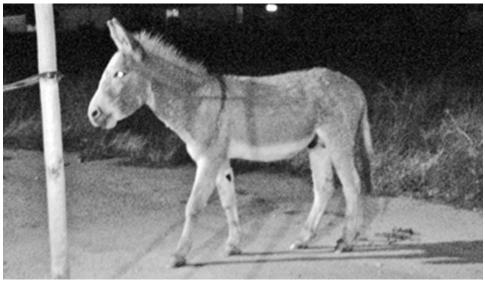
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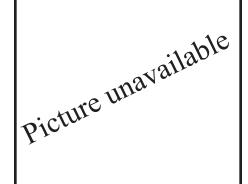


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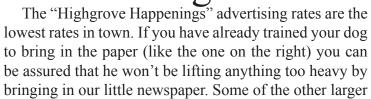
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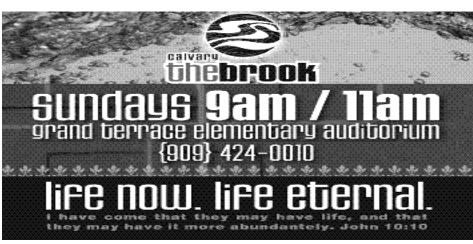
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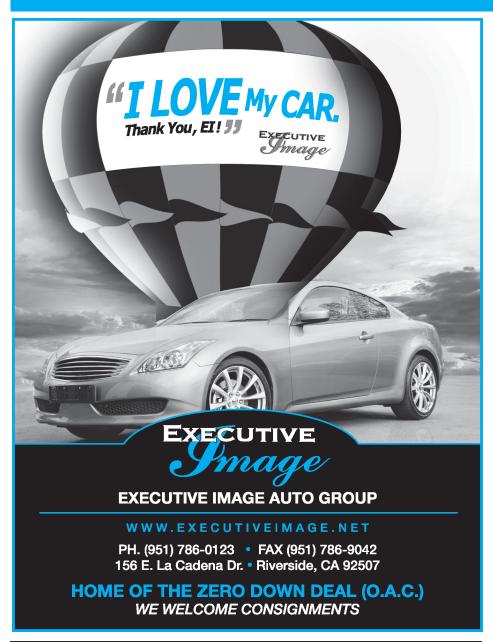
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