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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **May 2011**

T-34 Flyover Scheduled for HIGHGROVE DAY

Saturday May 7th is our annual community event known as Highgrove Day and will bring back some of the favorite things from past events and some new things that we are sure you will enjoy.

Six local radio stations have been making public service announcements, and we have distributed flyers, car show applications, and vendor applications. Radio Station KTIE, 590 AM, will be broadcasting from the event and Colonel Tom Freeman from the program: "Duty, Honor, Country" will be taping for his 5:00 PM show to be aired on the following day May 8th.

The event will start off at 7:00 am with a pancake breakfast at the Norton Younglove Community Center located at 459 Center St. in Highgrove. Other activities will be in the adjacent 5 acre Highgrove Community Park. This year is a salute to our military that will include the 35 member Riverside Concert Band playing patriotic music under the main canopy. A flyover of T-34's from MARB is scheduled during the concert. We will also have the Woof Gang Dogs performing again this year which is one of the most popular events of the day. They will perform 2 times during the day. In addition, we have a performance booked that is a trick Yo Yo demonstration known as General Yo. They will perform on the dance floor in front of the stage under the main canopy. There will also be another 40 ft. X 40 ft. canopy for the kid's zone with games for the youngsters. Mr. Twister will be there with his balloon artwork and we have face painters to paint your face.

There is a limit of 150 cars in the Hot Rod & Classic Car Show because there are some restrictions due to availability of space. Vehicles should be pre 1972 (no motorcycles or mini-trucks). The entry fee is only \$15.00 per car and that includes a T-Shirt. There will be 26 car show awards and Sounds Divine will be the Disc Jockey. We are still accepting applications for the car show but pre-registration is recommended.

Vendor spaces are available and vendors can set up their 10 x 10 E Z ups on Friday afternoon for those who want to set up early to eliminate the Saturday morning rush. We will have all night security guards and the park will be locked on Friday night May, 6, 2011.

The Pony League will be selling food & goodies from the snack bar as their fund raiser and other food will be available in the vendor area.

The Highgrove Happenings web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net has information and application forms available on-line for vendor sites and car show entries or call (951) 683 4994 for more information.

This year there will be trophies for: Top 20, Best Engine, Best Paint, Best Interior, People's Choice and the kids will get to vote on their favorite car for the Kid's Choice award. We will also have another "Best of Show" winner for 2011. The gates open at 7:00 am and the show cars will enter from the north side of the Highgrove Community Park at the Main St. entrance. Spectator access is recommended on the south end of the park by the Norton Younglove Community Center located at 459 Center St. in Highgrove.

Vendors wanted for Highgrove Day!

Here is your chance to set up a 10 x 10 E Z Up and display your product to the people who attend Highgrove Day on May 7, 2011. Space may be limited so you are encouraged to make your reservation as soon as possible. Rates range from \$10.00 to \$50.00. Please call "Barney" or Ardie at (951) 683 4994. Vendor applications are also on line at www.highgrovehappenings.net

Highgrove Day Car Show applications on line

If you don't have an application for the Highgrove Day Car Show on May 7, 2011 they are available on line at www.highgrovehappenings.net or call (951) 683 4994 and we will get you one. Some restrictions apply. There is a 150 car limit so please do not wait until the last minute.

3 years of "Best of Show" winners to be on car show trophies

The 2011 Highgrove Day Car Show on May 7, 2011 will have 26 awards to present to the class winners. The trophies feature photos of the last 3 years "Best of Show" car show award winners.

The 2010 winner last year was Jim Benson from Grand Terrace in his black 1932 Ford 3 window coupe. (shown at right).

The 2009 winner was Bill Skinner from Riverside with his beautiful 1956 Chevrolet convertible. The upholstery was done by DB's Upholstery in Highgrove. (see below)



Bill Skinner 1956 Chevrolet convertible was the 2009 Best of Show!



The 2008 "Best of Show" winner was Dick Hathaway with his 1932 Packard sedan. This car was found buried in Death Valley in 1979 and had been buried for 25 years. (Bring the whole family on May 7, 2011)

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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



Monthly Line-Up

May 6th and 20th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM: Resource Table by Andre Scott with Caremore 951-264-8717.



May 7th – Pancake Breakfast: 7:00 AM to 12 Noon

C.A.R.E. Program – Consumer Fraud resource table provided by Vicki 951-486-6828

Riverside County Office on Aging – Information Van provided Anna 1-800-510-2020

Scan Health Plan – Mobile Health Screening Unit: provided by Scan/Izaro 310-592-5460

Sensible Senior Homecare – Music provided for Pancake Breakfast and resource table by Tim 800-288-5720

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

Nutrition Info Van



Is coming to

Norton Younglove

Saturday, May 7, 2011

7:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon

The Goals of the Nutrition Info Van:

- ~ Provide quality, up to date nutritional information to older adults, disabled adults, seniors, caregivers and the community.
- ~ General nutrition information is provided to allow seniors, caregivers, communities and senior care providers with valuable information to make good nutritional and healthy lifestyle decisions.
- ~ Information is provided in easy to read format with clear information.
- ~ Provide information on the services including resource and referral provided by the Office on Aging HelpLink Call Center.

**Riverside County Office on Aging
1-800-510-2020**

Next MAC meeting May 25, 2011

The next community meeting of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council will start at 7:00 pm at the new library in the community room. This is your chance to participate in your community meeting and learn what is going on in and around Highgrove.

Our monthly meetings were recently changed and now we only meet every other month instead of meeting monthly at the community center. The community meetings will be at the new library on the south/west corner of Center St. and Michigan Avenue. We hope to see some new faces so please come and ask someone to come with you. The new library will be open on Highgrove Day.



Pancake Breakfast on May 7th

“Highgrove Day”

Tickets are now available for purchase

At
Norton Younglove Community Center
(459 Center Street, Highgrove, Ca 92507)
(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.

Are you interested in learning how to:

- **Protect yourself from financial fraud?** 
- **Guard yourself against Identity Theft?** 
- **Be aware of the newest scams?** 

If you are, please visit the Riverside County C.A.R.E. Program Resource Table for information on how to protect yourself from these scams on May 7, 2011 at 7:00 am – 12:00 noon (at the Norton Younglove Community Center 459 Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507).

ELDER ABUSE
is a crime!

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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	7	Calls for Service	121
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	Business Checks	19
Traffic Citations	6		

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

Street Lights Out in Highgrove?

Report Street Light outage: call (951) 955-3224

or email Hazel Rodriguez
 hrodriguez@rivcoeda.org.

Provide address and cross street and pole # if possible.



Graffiti Hot line

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<http://www.rcgraffitibusters.com/>

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Eagles are a Social Group

Thousands of people are attracted to the Eagles by our social events. We are fun-loving individuals who enjoy spending time with family, friends and neighbors. It is not uncommon to hear a longtime member say that a dance was the first Eagles function he or she attended. We also offer many social opportunities at our regional and national conventions. Call today to join or if you know someone who is a member come along as a guest and check it out!

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international nonprofit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

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".

"Highgrove Song" & Highgrove T-Shirts

Music Video



available at Highgrove Day



1916 citrus label

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DVD	\$10.00	\$12.00	Adult XL, 2XL

Give us a call!
 (951) 683 4994

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

PLAY BASEBALL!!



<http://www.HighgrovePONY.com>

Some Divisions still accepting Applications for Spring Ball 2011!

Call Greg at 909-322-7280



Zack Gomez, pitcher for the Bronco division (11-12yr olds) White Sox, threw the 5 inning no-hitter against Rialto on April 9. Zack is 12 years old.

Highgrove Pony Baseball Off and Running

Highgrove Pony baseball is off and running with the start of the 2011 spring season. Season games are played at Highgrove Park from mid-March through mid-June. Highgrove Pony baseball is a member of the national Pony baseball organization that is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The Highgrove Pony league has teams from 5 through 12 year olds. They play an inter-league schedule consisting of 6 other Inland Empire pony leagues. "We play a tough schedule" stated Greg Apprill, Highgrove Pony president. "We play against some leagues that have 50 teams or more and we compete well against them." So far this year Highgrove Pony has done just that. The Bronco division, 11 and 12 year olds, started out quickly with 6 and 0 record. "To start out 6 and 0 and also have one of our pitcher's throw a no-hitter has been phenomenal. It's been a lot of fun working with these kids."

Being a small league, Highgrove Pony volunteers need to perform more than one duty. Bill Bartel and his wife Winnie wear many hats. While Bill manages the fields and the snack bar, his wife Winnie is the league treasurer and co-snack bar manager. "We could not have a league without these two folks" stated Greg. "Not a day goes by that they are not at the park." Both Bartel's are in their 70's. "They are fun people to be around and they are much appreciated."

"This is a fun, competitive league" stated Greg. "I would like to thank Ron and Cynthia Cruz for getting Highgrove Pony started back up a few years ago." To get baseball back in Highgrove, the fields needed work and Ron put in endless hours, along with Bill getting the Highgrove Park fields in top shape. "These are the best fields in the Inland Empire" stated Greg. "I might be biased but not a team comes into Highgrove Park to play without complementing us on our fields".

As the saying goes in baseball, there is no place like playing at home. The late Johnny Hernandez was the originator of the Highgrove Pony League and spent many hours organizing baseball for our youth!

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Poll Voting Policy

Have you ever wondered how the political system determines where you should vote? We can come up with all theories from the circuit clerk in your county mandates the polling places, to even voting at one of your neighborhood's homes (which I actually saw occur in California when I was growing up. The housewife was one vicious woman because she would not allow any minorities vote – only white Caucasians.) Anyway, here goes:

The system could care less about your sexual preference or whom you are sharing your bed with. The system doesn't allow or take into consideration if a person or couples are gay, or if they are a male or female sleeping by themselves each night. Minorities had the rough rode to hoe, though.

And, there was the possibility of your home being on the borderline between two states. This is where it really got complicated but eventually a policy was formed to adjudicate any voting discrepancies. Therefore, the "powers to be" determined that the decision lies in where the master bedroom is located in the house and which side the "man" sleeps on.

The master bedroom did not have to be on the imaginary line but the headboard had to be facing

the north wall of the house. Then, the man, being a husband, friend, or roommate had to sleep on the left hand side of the bed. If you were single, it was still the left hand side of the bed. (I wonder how much of a nightmare this is in Mormon country or if the person was a transvestite?)

Then there is the issue of what is a legal residence. In today's world, it is quite possible for a family to have more than one home and in different states. The system came up with the solution that you must register to vote. Overall, this was a wise decision with the exception of one person years ago voting 25 times throughout his home and neighboring state. His choice of candidates lost the race. Something about the candidate not being a U.S. citizen.)

Another sticky issue which actually happened was there was a tie vote in the Presidential election of 1800. Aaron Burr, who murdered Alexander Hamilton (another story for another day) happened when Aaron Burr ran against Thomas Jefferson. The House of Representatives had to resolve the issue and Jefferson, principal author of the Declaration of Independence, was declared the winner. Burr fled to Texas to keep from being tried for treason and tried to split the country with he as king of the west.

In closing, the next time an elec-

tion comes up, PLEASE GO VOTE. There is no excuse for not voting because it is your right and the Law will protect you from all predators. Sad to say, though, in most races, less than thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters actually vote. And to think, in other countries through-

out our world, citizens die by the thousands fighting for the right to vote – but can't.

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Another reason you may be out of a job!

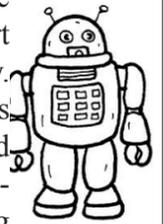
The media is always stating how many new jobs were created according to the latest statistics but is it cheap foreign labor taking our jobs or is it technology that has resulted in the high number of our workers being out of work? In the Highgrove area, channel 191 is the Science Channel and if you have ever watched it you know what I am talking about. This channel has programs that are very interesting that show things being manufactured by robots such as the "How it's made" program.

Many of the jobs gone by the wayside are gone due to technology that requires very few employees to make vast amounts of widgets or everyday items that can be mass produced. These robotic wonders can do amazing things to turn out a product that is consistent, never gets tired, can work 24 hours a day if necessary except for a little maintenance, and has other benefits such as not needing vacation time, medical benefits, or 3 separate 8 hour shifts to produce items 24 hours a day. And

the robot won't take the manufacturer to court because of an injury. Computers and robots have changed the world and many former employees are left sitting at home watching TV wondering what happened. Have you ever seen a robot standing in an unemployment line?

Automation coupled with the robotic machines has made it possible to increase production while reducing cost by eliminating workers. These things coupled together are nothing new, but in today's world the technology made possible by the computer age has taken its toll on many workers.

Does this mean that designing a machine to do the work of many people is a job that you may want to consider? Consider this: even if you design a new machine to take the place of the worker, will your invention benefit you in the long run or will it be copied and made in a foreign country where there is cheaper labor?



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PANIC: "Hot potato!"

What would you do with the MARB Commander's cell phone?

I recently was in a panic after the Veteran's Parade in Riverside on April 16, 2011.

There were 130 parade entries and thousands of spectators along the parade route that started in the parking lot of Riverside City College, then north on Magnolia, through downtown, and past the Riverside County Court House.

It was my pleasure to be the chauffeur for Janet Green, President of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees, and Colonel Karl McGregor, the commander of the March Air Reserve Base.

It was a beautiful day and we had our 1957 Chevrolet convertible decorated with flags as we proceeded slowly along the parade route with the crowd waving and my guests waving back.

When we arrived at the announcing booth in front of the court house, Colonel McGregor got out of the back seat and Janet Green got back into the car because she had to go back to the staging area at RCC.

After I let her out I noticed something in the back seat. It was Colonel McGregor's cell phone!

I realized that he was at least 1



mile away, back at the court house, and I had the commander's blackberry. The parade was still underway so I couldn't go through the parade again to get back to the court house -that would take too long! The cell phone had an "emergency" button but I surely didn't want to push that, and have someone at MARB think it was an emergency message coming from the base commander. (I pictured setting off an emergency response or base alert and maybe having the fighter jets scrambling to respond as an "emergency"!)

I decided to use my cell phone and call Ardie at home. She looked up the number for MARB to ask them to try to contact one of Colonel McGregor's associates to tell him that I had his phone. Meanwhile, while waiting for Ardie's return call, I parked the car and flagged down

Bill Densmore, parade coordinator, who was in his golf cart with several other people. He offered to take the phone back to the court house and try and find the colonel but I told him I had to return it to him personally. I jumped on the back with 2 other people and Bill took me back to the court house via side streets and waited until I gave the phone back to the colonel at the announcing stand.

Colonel McGregor was glad to get it back however at the time, I wasn't aware that he had another phone as a backup to stay in constant contact with the base. I was glad to get it back into the proper hands!

Other than that it was a beautiful parade and a great salute to our veterans and there was a great crowd all along the route.



L-R: Colonel Karl McGregor, Commander of the March Air Reserve Base, Janet Green, President of the Riverside Community College District Board of Directors, and R. A. "Barney" Barnett.

I would like to thank Janet Green for being my passenger and Colonel McGregor for his efforts in getting the "Fly Over" for our Highgrove Day on May 7, 2011. The theme this year is "A salute to our Military".

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Trailer/Signs: Legal or Illegal?

You may have noticed that for about 2 weeks there were 2 small trailers with advertising signs parked in the street next to the curb on Center Street. I understand that Code Enforcement placed notices on the trailer/signs and on April 27th as I was going up Center St., I saw the CHP and a tow trucks removing the trailer. I grabbed my camera and noticed another tow truck with the other trailer/sign on the back of the tow truck across the street.

Vehicles parked on the street are supposed to be moved every 72 hours and my personal opinion is that these small trailers may be a traffic safety issue when they are parked in the street-especially at night time. I notice that one of the trailers was headed in the wrong direction with no reflectors for night time traffic and there was no lighting on these trailer/signs.

I understand that the owner of the

trailer/sign business has had other complaints about his method of advertising before and has previously challenged the legality of what he is doing. I do not believe that we want to see traveling billboards up and down our streets with the owner trying to move them a few feet every 3 days to keep from getting a ticket. I don't know where this will end up but I do know that the area code for the phone number was not in the 951 Highgrove telephone area. This practice should be stopped or at least the trailer/signs should be in the proper telephone area. But yet again I would not want to wish this type of unscrupulous advertising on any of our neighbor's streets.

The discrepancy on whether or not these trailers are parked legally or illegally may end up in court.

Unfortunately these signs re-appeared in the same location 3 days after they were towed away!



Do you want to see advertising signs in the street?

Invisible Populations:

The Vision Behind Doctors Without Walls

Jessielee Coley

I curiously examined the unfamiliar snow flurried streets of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I found myself unable to find my destination on that brisk east coast morning, so I asked a man on the street if he could point me in the direction of Operation Safety Net. He did just that. He knew the organization well, and it turns out the office was just across the street. I ran to the building quickly, with a rush of excitement and a slight realization of my nerves.

I was in search of our history, the idea that inspired Dr. Mimi Doohan to create Doctors Without Walls-Santa Barbara Street Medicine. I was in search of Operation Safety Net, a not-for-profit organization founded and directed by Dr. Jim Withers. He has been a huge motivational factor to Dr. Doohan since her early days as a medical student-they have been bouncing brilliant ideas off one another since their first encounter.

I wanted to visit our roots and learn the purpose behind it all. We all have our reasons to volunteer and serve the most vulnerable in our cities, but I wanted to see what it takes to transform one thought into a proactive movement. This

was my chance. I was greeted by a friendly staff excited to hear about my travels from California. Dr. Withers welcomed me and gave me the grand tour. I am confident that one day Doctors Without Walls will have a well organized office mirrored after their model.

The strong structure which supports the organization is easy to see, but I was in search of the marrow, the core, the sole purpose for dedicating ones life to this service. So I asked the question, "Out of all the under served populations you have worked with, why have you continued working the homeless?" It turns out my question wasn't so simple. After hearing stories full of twists and turns, Dr. Withers shared with me his reasons for working with the homeless.

It is raw. It is austere. It is real. It is about bridging the gap between reality and fiction. It is about preserving the truth. It is about having courage to stand up for what is right, and not giving up when faced with adversity. We strive to follow these standards as we work to provide free medical care to the most vulnerable of Santa Barbara County. Thank you Dr. Withers, you are an inspiration!

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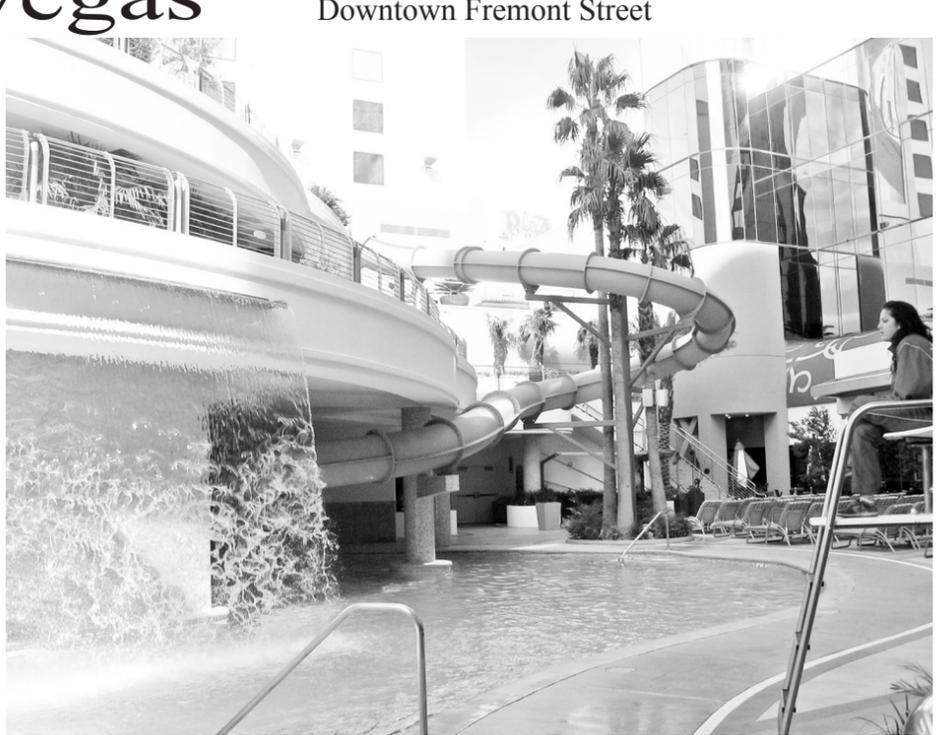
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This is the view of a restaurant inside a wooden structure that is located in Citycenter in Las Vegas. You can see how large it is by the size of the man standing underneath it. Looking is free but if you want to buy something you had better bring more than just pocket change to these high end stores!



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Highgrove Residents Form Volunteer Fire Department in 1960's

Written by Peter Bradley

After several years of study, the Riverside County Fire Department has decided to end their volunteer fire company program. This is a good time to remember the history and the local residents of Highgrove who have served in the fire department.

Riverside County formed a consolidated fire department with the California Department of Forestry in 1946. The Highgrove Volunteer Fire Department began in the early 1960's with the help of P.W. Everington, a local business owner. Initial members included David Kitchen, Donald Sproat, William Pingvee, Paul Cullen, Richard Davies, Ted Rogers and John Crandell.

While the first fire station (#19) was on Prospect Ave. just north of Center Street, the volunteer fire company began at the second fire station at 910 Center Street. The volunteer purchased a 1956 rescue truck to provide emergency medical service for the community. At that time, Riverside County Fire Department provided one driver for the fire station 24 hours a day; the volunteer members provided the additional staffing.

Other members in the early years

were Steve Davis, Dick Shipley, Ralph Jones, Luis Mejia, Phil Kerr, Bob Underhill, Bill Taylor, Gordon Swing, William Farnham, Bob Ecker, Joe Park and Jim Schaaf. An active Women's Auxiliary support the fire company; members included Betty Cullen, Deena Beaman, Majorie Kerr, Carol Mitchell, Sharon Dixon, Barbara Tinker, and Annette Mathis.

One unique aspect of the Highgrove Fire Station was its service area. Station 19 provided fire and rescue service to both sides of the county line. Before the city of Grand Terrace incorporated in 1978, the volunteer fire company responded to emergencies across the county. Station records show that in 1968 there were 149 fire calls and 53 medical calls. Generous community donations allowed the volunteers to purchase a new rescue truck in 1969 and to build a garage for the rescue truck behind the fire station in 1971.

The volunteer fire company always had a strong involvement in the local community. First aid and CPR classes were sponsored for local residents. The annual Smokey the Bear and Santa Claus visit at Christmas began in the late 1960's. Other community events included pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, dances and even a circus.

A big setback occurred on February 3, 1974 when the garage and rescue truck were severely damaged by an arsonist fire. The local community responded with donations totaling \$3,688. allowing the volunteers to rebuild the garage and restore the truck under the leadership of Bud Cox. A dedication of the new garage was held on June 1, 1974 with county supervisor Norton Younglove present. Dave and Barbara Tinker gave many years of service to the volunteer fire company in the 1970's and 1980's. Membership in the company was steady at 20 firefighters.

Several Highgrove volunteers spent many days fighting the Panorama Fire in 1980.

As the county grew, the county fire department experience many changes including expanded training requirements for the volunteer fire companies.

In 1991 with the good work of company members Joe Barber and Rich Solometo a new rescue truck

was purchased. A new fire station was built by the county in 1998 and the staffing at the fire station had increased to three fulltime firefighters.

The volunteer fire company moved into new millennium under the strong leadership of local residents Mike Smith and Jamie Everington. The volunteer company continued to staff the second fire engine, a new water tender and the rescue squad. The community involvement with the pancake breakfast and the Smokey and Santa visit at Christmas continued right up to last year.

As this chapter of community service comes to an end, it becomes part of the history in the Highgrove community. It is always important to take time to express our appreciation for the people who cared about their community enough to get involved. To the many members of the Highgrove Volunteer Fire Company through the years - "A big thank you for a job well done"!



Here is an early picture of the former fire station by the railroad track. Do you know any of the names of these people? We have identified a few but give us a call if you know any of these volunteer firemen. (951) 683 4994

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April 16th and 17th were great days for rail fans of all ages when the old Santa Fe Depot was host to the San Bernardino Railroad Days. The public was allowed to go through a modern diesel engine and the museum at the depot, and for those who had ticket, they were able to depart San Ber-



Here is the 3751 getting ready to leave San Bernardino for Los Angeles on April 17, 2011.

nardino and ride to Los Angeles behind the historic 3751 steam engine. Ticket sales from the event helped raise money for the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society. If you have never visited the museum at the Santa Fe Depot, it is located at 1170 W. Third St. in San Bernardino.

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New railroad ties have been replaced in the track through Highgrove. Here is a westbound Union Pacific train going through Highgrove passing by some of the railroad ties used as part of the maintenance program. The UP, BNSF, Amtrak and Metrolink use the tracks through Highgrove.

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A new curb and gutter and a median are being poured by the new Chevron station on the S/W corner of Iowa Ave. and Center Street. Improvements keep coming to Highgrove thanks to Supervisor Ashley and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency. With the bad economy it's good to see these improvements!

Devels Den

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Zundappe sect actually made motorcycles too? Who were these people and how did I join up? This incredible gift of gifts was even more amazing because it wasn't even David's motorcycle in the first place. You see, he liberated it from a neglectful owner in Santa Barbara and took it to me in Northern California. Only a Charismatic could do that I guess but it is good to know that statutes of limitations do expire eventually. Anyway, I rode that Zundapp in the true spirit of Zundappe all over Northern California without a license or registration and never with proper riding gear. I loved that motorcycle and sometimes I would just take it apart and put it back together for the pure joy of it. I bonded with Zundappe figuratively and literally. I was washed in the spirit of Zundappe and felt invincible as I flew higher and higher in my first years of college amassing knowledge and soaring upward toward my goal of being a doctor. I was one jacked up kid.

From the heights I was pretty full of myself and my abilities and potential and I wanted to pull people up with me and this naiveté came to a sobering end the day I asked the most stupid question possible to my older sister Virginia. I called her Jean and she had been my surrogate mother when I was a toddler, before she started her own family. Jean had not finished school and she had three children and no husband to care for her. She was trapped in

the welfare existence living in an apartment nearby subsisting and languishing in a hopeless life. Her only transportation was a bike with a wire basket and she used this for grocery shopping. This day I had magnanimously offered to fix the flat paper thin rear tire on her bike and I just asked her "Jean, have you ever thought of just getting off welfare?" Her answer was as honest as it was short. Uneducated Jean had to explain to college boy me the bone jarring simple facts of her life from a single mom's perspective. No school, low wages, no transportation, unaffordable child care....she lived in a trap with no escape. I was humbled as Jean matter of factually laid out the truth of her life to me and she did it with a sincere honesty without asking for pity. I went down to Pep Boys and bought a new tire and tube and put it on her rusty bike and then tucked my tail and went back home. The next few times I visited Jean and my nephews and niece we talked more about her options or lack thereof and I just listened and learned. I learned that Jean really wanted to be a nurse but the distance from her grade eight schooling to college appeared insurmountable. Then one day, MmmmmmmZundappe! I hatched a plan for Jean and her future and it was brilliant, inspired and maybe a little illegal too so for the second time in this story I need to invoke the statute of limitations while I tell her college story.

To be continued.....

County Administrative Center to get green power boost!

by Tom Freeman

Riverside, CA.- The County Administrative Center(CAC) in Riverside will "go green" as The Facilities Management Division of the County Economic Development Agency got the "green light" from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at the Board of Supervisors meeting. The \$ 1.4 million dollar project will fund installation of a 110 kilo watt solar shade system on the upper level of the parking structure immediately adjacent to the County Administration Center.

Power generated from this new state of the art system will help energize the CAC and reduce the cost of providing electricity to the building. It is estimated that the county will save approximately \$85,000.00 per year on energy costs to power the building. Additional cost savings are also made viable by the installation of a new light-emitting diode fixtures in the parking structure. In addition to saving long term energy cost the project creates 20 full time construction jobs for the local workforce. The funds for the project are provided by a federal grant under the ARRA and no cost will be incurred by the county for this project.

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This is just an example of what it might look like to "Go Green" on the top level of the Riverside County Administration Center's parking structure!



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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

I am not kidding, I thought Barney had fired me! There was no April column and that has not happened ever to my recollection. Maybe it's because I didn't send it!

(It is my bad as the kids say.)

So here is the **April column**:

The Council has decided to allow a fireworks stand again. It will be moved to the new Stater Bros. lot. I would hope this is the last time. Remember there is no such thing as "Safe and Sane Fireworks." Why would you want to take a chance that some little kid could be burned? Especially if it is your kid? Just look at the computer and ask it to tell you how many persons have been injured by fireworks. All fireworks are dangerous, especially to children. In 2004, 9,600 people were treated in U.S. emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries. During the month around Independence Day, children 14 years and younger sustained about 40% of injuries related to fireworks, and among all ages males represented 76% of those injured. Typically, more than two thirds of injuries from fireworks in the United States occur in the month surrounding the July 4th holiday.

Injuries from fireworks most often affect the hands, eyes, and the

head, face, and ear. Under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, the federal government banned the sale of the largest and most dangerous fireworks to consumers. Some states have banned the general public's use of fireworks altogether. The U.S. National Fire Protection Association and CDC strongly recommend that fireworks be used only by professionals.

Quick Facts:

In 2004, emergency departments treated 9,600 people for fireworks-related injuries in the United States, and 8 people died from their injuries. During the month around Independence Day: 40% of these injuries occurred among children ages 14 years and younger; males sustained about 76% of all injuries; hands (33%), eyes (21%), and the head, face, and ear (21%) were the parts of the body most frequently injured. More than half of the injuries involved burns (62%); and injuries were most commonly associated with fire-crackers (17%), sparklers (17%) and rockets (14%).

Source: Greene MA, Joholske J. 2004 Fireworks annual report: Fireworks-related deaths, emergency department treated inju-

ries, and enforcement activities during 2004. Washington (DC): U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; 2005 [cited 12 May 2006]. Available at URL: www.cpsc.gov/LIBRARY/2004fwreport.pdf.

Blue Mountain:

The hike up Blue Mountain on March 13, 2011 was a tremendous success. Denis Kidd was very disappointed that the Council chose not to support the hike. Apparently those who participated were overjoyed at their ability to make the climb. Mike Breckenridge (75) said that it was easy for him but he saw several overweight hikers who had to stop and rest periodically. It really is beautiful up there. I went once a long time ago and was amazed at how truly beautiful our valley is. We are lucky to live here!

New High School:

It seems that there has been a delay with the Grand Terrace High School. It was either the rain or the economy but the work has been cut back somewhat.

May column:

Stater Bros.:

The Stater Bros. market is coming along very well and I will say that the building looks a lot taller than I expected it to be. The wall on Stonewod St. is very attractive with very nice designs and it appears substantial. I believe it will help with any noise problems but I am concerned about graffiti. Once upon a time when Sharon Korgan (I may have misspelled the name) was our community services officer I asked her why didn't the city do more about the graffiti and she said, "Well, Virginia, I think we could be doing a lot worse!"

Senior Center:

The Grand Terrace Senior Center has really improved by leaps and bounds. We get real "silverware" and the food is not cooked to death. The vegetables today were very nice and not at all overcooked. Yester-

day, the lunch was very healthy and tasty. You really ought to give the kitchen a chance again. We could probably serve at least another dozen or more diners.

Mayor's Ball:

Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz and his wife Monique were resplendent at the Mayor's Black and White Ball held at the Hilton Hotel on April 2, 2011. I have always liked the Hiltons because they do treat you well and in spite of the rather expensive *anything* you use there, it is worth it once in a while. Their Sunday buffet is really nice but you must go early around noon because they close up early, maybe around 3 p.m. (I am not paid a dime for this information). Several city council members and about 120 others attended and the meal was super good. We had to pay \$50.00 for each dinner but it was worth it. Almost everyone followed the rule of black or white attire. It was a benefit that raised almost \$3,000 for the breast cancer fund. The Mayor's Black and White Inaugural Ball was conceived and produced by Jamie Azpeitia-Sachs owner of Bowen-Hayse School of the Arts in Grand Terrace.

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Virginia's Viewpoint

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and hear clearly is sometimes impossible.

Communicating with someone can be difficult if you don't know the rules. I am profoundly HOH in one ear and seriously compromised in the other. Hearing aids do very little to help the HOH and can be very costly. In addition, they are difficult to use when the person is old and tends to be nervous placing batteries in them. Also the batteries are not effective for very long.

If you are still following Virginia's Viewpoint these are my suggestions: 1. Face the person squarely, do not turn around and expect the person to hear you and do not shout or scream. 2. Do not walk away from the person and do not lean into the best side. 3. Do not hide your body language. 4. If what you want to convey is serious then do not make a joke. 5. Tell the person that you love them, if indeed you do. If you do want to make a joke don't make it about people who are hard of hearing. It is bad enough being hard of hearing without having to cope with the mirth and jocularly abounding people like us. Being the butt of a joke is not fun!

One of my biggest problems is that I have a loud voice. I have had a loud voice all of my life. It is not easy to change one's habits that

have been there for 81 years. People believe I am shouting and they think I am rude. If you meet me you will learn that my ability to shout is far louder than my speaking voice.

I sincerely appreciate those who understand and follow the above suggestions. I am sure there are many like me and you are welcome to come over and talk with me. I will do my best to understand you and I will try very hard to be polite. Thanks for your courtesy in reading my article.

I seem to need to make another apology and this one is from a mistake made many years ago. Don Ritz of Fair Price carpets has been in Highgrove for more years than he wants to admit. Fair Price has been in business so long that Don can afford to retire but he hasn't. He has a grandson working for him named Kurt and I am telling you this young man is hot! Girls go over there just to see him. You are in for a treat!

If you need beautiful carpet and want a doughnut, go see Don.

I apologize for the mistake I made and hope you will forgive me. L and K (You know what this is when texting? Love and Kisses). FINIS

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"

A suggestion for the old Highgrove Library

We moved into the community back in late '88 and have really enjoyed living in Highgrove.

One of the first people I met was Adam, my barber. He is my only connection to the past of this area, besides the big library downtown. After reading the book "A Citrus Legacy" that Adam sold me, I feel a lot closer to the area. But, there is so much more.

Adam, and probably many more people locally, have many photos and other memorabilia that they would probably love to share with the community, but no place to show them.

Why not use the old library building as a Highgrove Museum, maintained and staffed by local volunteers? It only needs to be open a few days a week, and only a few hours a day.

Adam knows (and you probably do, too) a lady who moved away, but she has a picture album of the town and she used to give tours. I would love to see those photos and know more about Highgrove. How about a map of this town, say from the 30's or earlier to show people just where that hotel or train station were located? What were those buildings down by the tracks on Center Street? And, I understand that the library building itself has a unique history.

Hopefully, it returns to our community and not taken down for another parking lot.

By the way, are there any requirements that photo/digital records be made of any/all buildings before they are destroyed for progress? It should be a rule!

Thanks, Allen Hess

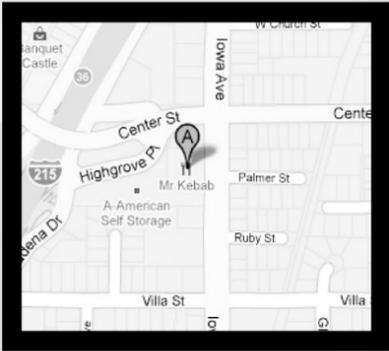


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Real Estate statistics as of April 26, 2011

New Properties Sold in HIGHGROVE in APRIL:

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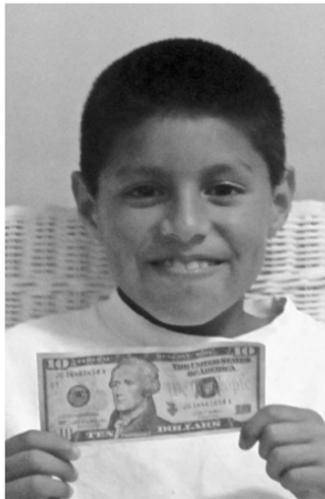
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Ruben Chagolla

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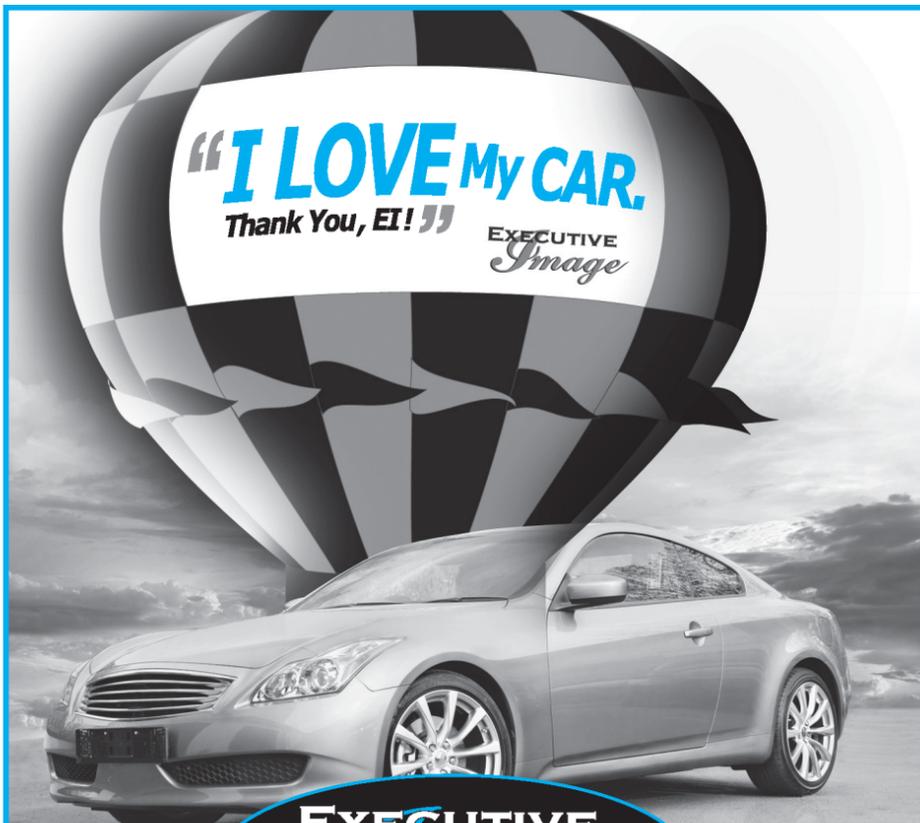


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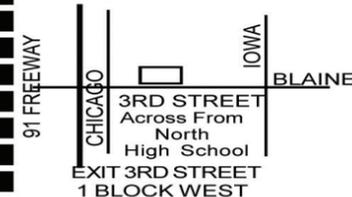
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