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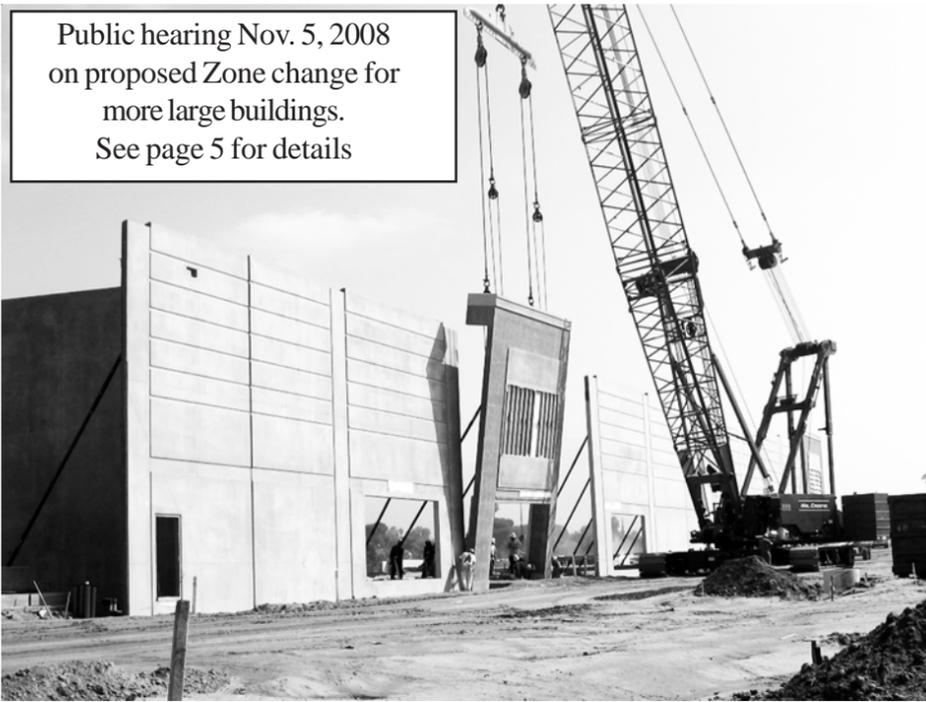
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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

November, 2008

Warehouses dominate city boundary!

Public hearing Nov. 5, 2008 on proposed Zone change for more large buildings. See page 5 for details



I call them warehouses but some of the developers call them business offices. If you have driven up Palmyrita Ave. lately you can see how large these buildings actually are. As of this writing all of the "Warehouses" have been constructed on the south side of the Springbrook Wash. The property on the south side of the Springbrook Wash is within the city limits of Riverside where all of the large buildings have been built. The property on the north side of the arroyo is in Highgrove which is in the

county except for a small portion on the north side of the arroyo that extends northward to Villa Street. The new buildings that are under construction between Citrus St. and the arroyo (shown above) are within the city limits of Riverside. This 35 acre pie shaped property is the same location where we have tried to get a Metrolink stop for the last 7 years.

If the property north of the arroyo is not sold by the developer, there are

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Single car accident/no injuries!

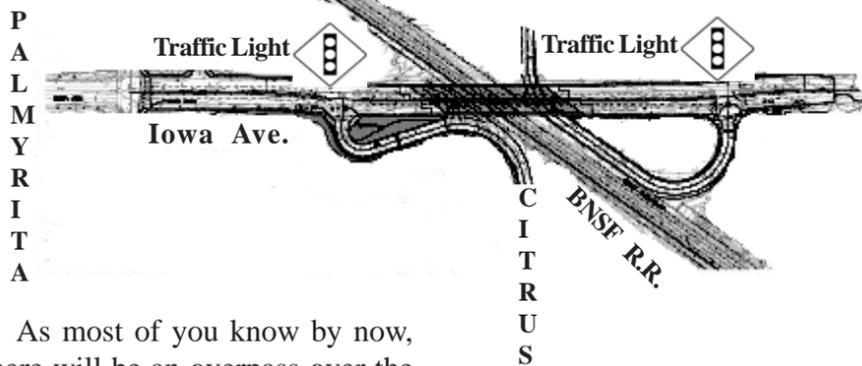


On the same day that the cable TV went out, Oct. 13, 2008, there was a single car accident on the south east corner of Center St. and Michigan Ave. across from the fire station. I received a call from Fred Garcia and I went to the intersection to find 2 tow trucks working together to get the vehicle off of the top of the utility boxes. This accident, however was not the cause of the TV cable outage. That was attributed to a fire along the I-215 freeway in San Bernardino that interrupted the cable TV service. (see article on P. 6)

The CHP at the scene of the acci-

dent said that the vehicle was traveling north on Michigan and turned right (eastbound) onto Center Street. The parties involved did not want to discuss what happened but the CHP indicated that they were from a nearby area and that the driver may have possibly hit the gas instead of the brake. The car hit the concrete block wall on the right before coming to rest on top of the utility boxes that contained phone wires. Although the wires were stretched it did not appear that they were broken.

Changes made to Iowa Overpass Plan



As most of you know by now, there will be an overpass over the BNSF railroad tracks on Iowa Avenue. The construction will not start until the Columbia overpass is completed. The Columbia overpass is scheduled to start around mid November and take approximately 16 months to construct. The Riverside City Engineer, Tom Boyd attended our Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Oct. 22, 2008 with good news for everyone present. When he previously attended our April 22nd meeting and explained how the Iowa Ave. project would be constructed, he met with opposition from the people of Highgrove because the preliminary plan

showed a right turn only onto Iowa Ave. from the east side of Citrus Street. This would have meant that anyone on the east side of Iowa (Highgrove) would have to make a mandatory right hand turn sending them northbound only toward San Bernardino.

The good news that was presented at the October MAC meeting by Mr. Boyd was first heard when Denis Kidd, Melanie Zimmermann and I attended a committee meeting at the city hall in Riverside on Oct. 9, 2008. We invited Tom Boyd to come to our

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VOTE!

NOVEMBER 4TH 2008

Voter Beware: Money, Media, Manipulation

Nov. 4th will be a very important election across America. Politics are all over the television, newspapers and internet. And this election has been dominated by excessive **Money** from both sides of the political spectrum, most of the **Media** has already decided who the next President will be, and some organizations have been accused of trying to determine the outcome of the vote by the **Manipulation** of voter registration. The television, internet and newspapers have been filled with information aimed at the voter who is supposed to decide the outcome.

Depending on which channel you watch on TV we have been bom-

barded with one sided information to swing our votes for either Obama (NBC and other networks) for example, or McCain (Fox) on the other hand. If you listen to the commentary on just one channel, you may soon be influenced or persuaded who is the best candidate according to their viewpoint.

I have been watching different channels that support both candidates in order to make the right decision. My father, Ray Barnett was very politically aware and I guess I have followed in his footsteps. My concern is the power struggle between the Democratic and Republican parties to gain control of the white house. I am so frustrated with

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm
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"A Message from Dom Betro"

I have been the President and CEO of Family Service Association for the past 22 years and I continue to be amazed by the growth of our organization with staffing of over 450 employees and 500 volunteers with a client base that reaches over 50,000 family members in need throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.



Dom Betro-President/CEO of Family Service Association

FSA presently offers services including senior nutrition, child care, mental health services and community services. In addition, we are now exploring affordable housing.

We would be hard pressed to serve our community family without the dedication and support of our incredible board members, employees and volunteers. We are truly blessed to have such a gifted group of individuals whose passion for serving is immeasurable.

FSA and myself are looking forward to continuing services to you and your community.

Please consider joining our email list to receive the electronic version of this newsletter and other important events and information about what is going on in the agency.

Stop by and see Leila and Sherry at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove and take advantage of the fine programs offered to people of all ages-from child care to seniors and all those in-between. These programs have been a blessing to our community!

Spend time with the Masters

Learn the basics of art and color and create your own personal creations by using the techniques of the art masters at each session. The instructor will be Annette Ramsey of HeArt Enterprise. Classes are on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. for adults and 2:30pm for youth. Cost is \$1 for supplies. Please contact the center for information



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Homework Help is offered at the Norton Younglove Community Center

Family Service Association will hold a Homework Help program for children ages 5- to 12-years-old, at the Norton Younglove Community Center.

The program is held every Monday through Friday, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost per week is: \$5 for one child; \$8 for two children; \$11 for three children; and \$14 for four children. If you would like to enroll your child, become a volunteer, or make a donation to the program, then please call the Center.



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



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Proposition 8 letter to the editor

The California Marriage Protection Act, Prop 8, states that "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Why are we going to the polls to vote on this for the third time?! (Californians already voted in favor of this in March of 2000 and prior to that in 1977.)

On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court overruled the wishes of the people and overstepped the jurisdiction of the Court system to make gay marriages legal ~ as long as voters in November agree.

The experiment in Massachusetts (the first state to allow same sex marriages) has had some dismal consequences. The rates of HIV / AIDS have gone up considerably in Massachusetts. This year public funding to deal with HIV/AIDS and tax dollars given to the Commission on gay and lesbian youth in Massachusetts has risen by over \$1,050,000 ~ even after budget cuts in other areas. (www.mass.gov)

With California's financial challenges, do we want to tax ourselves more to treat disease and encourage such a lifestyle?

The California Department of Education (CDE) Code 2.1 requires children be taught about marriage and types of families from second grade on. (In spite of what commercials might say.)

Massachusetts' state law, like our California Education Code, requires that children be taught to respect marriage as the people in the state have chosen to define it. Parents in Massachusetts cannot even "opt-out" of such "education" for their children. What if they don't want same sex marriage taught to their seven year old? Too bad, the court decided. How old were your children when you chose to discuss this with them? Five? Seven? Older? Do you want to have the choice? In Massachusetts they don't.

We keep on saying this is one nation under God. If it is, then we must do what is right!" Keep your parental rights and your tax dollars.

Do what is right and Vote YES on proposition 8.

Ron and Cynthis Cruz- Highgrove residents

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Highgrove Baseball is Back!!

Thanks to the encouragement and help of our Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) and the determination of Linda Tobin: Riverside's Roughriders will host two 9U Tournaments at Highgrove Park. It's FREE to join the fun ~ watch the games, and cheer on your favorite teams! Proceeds from the snack bar will go to provide more baseball for more children in the community as well as to support the team. Teams from all over the Inland Empire will be playing. Watch exciting games between the Riverside Roughriders, Inland Empire Elite, San Bernardino JayHawks, Beaumont Pass Heat, Moreno Valley Mavericks, Fontana Marlins, Colton and more!

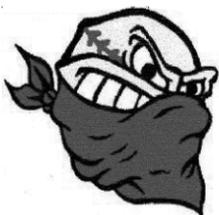
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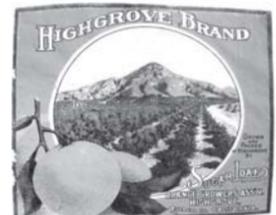
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Large warehouses under construction on north side of Citrus Street



This interior view shows building "A" under construction on 10-13-2008



Citrus Street

Perris Valley Line RR track

There are 2 new large buildings under construction on the north side of Citrus Street. This building (building "A") is 125,514 sq. ft., and the other new building next to it on the west side toward Iowa Ave. (building "B") is 66,497 sq. feet. Both of these new warehouses are directly across the street from other warehouses that were built a couple of years ago on the south side of Citrus Street.

On the right side of the railroad track there are Highgrove residences on the north side of Citrus St. between the railroad track and Prospect Ave. but the homes are not visible in this picture.



The photo above was taken on Oct. 30, 2008 showing the Banner Mattress warehouse on Palmyrita. This is just one of the many large buildings on the south side of the arroyo that is within the city limits. See Redevelopment map P. 8

Warehouses *Continued from page 1*

plans for 2 more warehouses north of the arroyo (Buildings "C" and "D"). This property is important because of its potential for a Metrolink location and a new road that we need one half mile in length between Spring St. and Citrus Street. (heavy black line). Many Highgrove residents feel the large buildings should remain on the south side of the arroyo and not on the north side. On the city side of the arroyo both sides of Palmyrita Ave. are nothing but large warehouse type buildings. We need a better "C" plan for Highgrove than just becoming another location for more warehouses. Proper land use will determine our future and we have room to grow! It is time we thoroughly examine what is planned on property that was once flourishing with citrus groves. We need services in Highgrove such as a Shopping Center, Post Office, Bank, and businesses that will enable shopping locally instead of traveling to another neighborhood for our basic needs!

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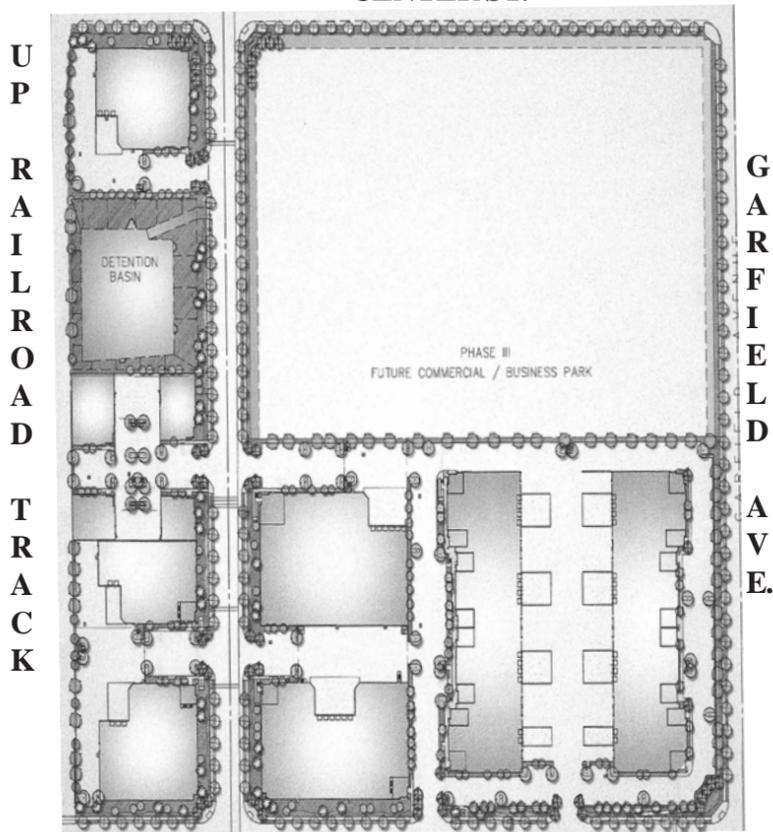
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Do you want more large buildings? Public hearing 9:00 am Nov. 5, 2008

County Administration Center, ground floor at 4080 Lemon St. Riverside

A Public hearing will be held on Nov. 5, 2008 and will consider Bixby Land Company's request to change the Zoning of approximately 40 acres that is currently all vacant land from "Industrial Park" to "Manufacturing Service Commercial". The property is between Center St. on the north, Spring St. on the south, the Highgrove Elementary School on the east and the Union Pacific RR track on the west. The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council has sent a letter asking the Riverside County Planning Department to deny this zone change until we receive a thorough explanation at one of our community meetings before any decision to proceed is given. Representatives from the Bixby Land Company have been invited to attend our community meeting at the Norton Younglove Community center at 7:00pm on Nov. 26, 2008. We believe that this decision should involve communication and planning between all three of the parties: the Developer, the County, and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council who represents the community. Please call if you can attend. (951) 683 4994

CENTER ST.



Highgrove Elementary School

SPRING ST.

The above Preliminary Plan shows several large buildings that are planned in phase I. The vacant portion on the top right indicates "Future Commercial/Business Park". With this plan it appears that the large buildings will be built first instead of providing the community with services that are so desperately needed. Bixby Land Co. has been invited to our community on *Nov. 26, 2008* to explain the details of the project. There are also 27 acres of vacant land directly south of Spring St. that are also owned by Bixby Land Company.

Riverside County Code Enforcement Conference in Palm Desert



On Sat. October 25th from 9:00 am – 2:00pm, four community members from Highgrove went to the Riverside County Code Enforcement conference in Palm Desert. Those who attended were L-R: Beatrice Etchison and Kathy Cochran from Highgrove, Chaka Ferrell Code Enforcement, Melanie Zimmermann, Highgrove, Aurora Chavez, and Mark Visyak from Highgrove. The Riverside County Code Enforcement office supplied a van and picked us up at the Norton Younglove Community Center. Our Drivers were Mary Overholt (*Supervising Code Enforcement Officer*) and Jennifer Morris (*Code Enforcement Officer*). It was put together to provided communities throughout Riverside County to come together and share their knowledge, experiences and visions to improve this great county we call home. We had an entertaining ride to UC Palm Desert and back to Highgrove. Mark Visyak attended "**Living with Diversity in Your Community**" while the rest of us attended "**Lush and Efficient Landscaping**". The next work shop we attended was "**12 Step's of Emergency Preparedness**".

Lunch..... Wow they really out did themselves MMMmmmm!!!!
The Last work shop attended was "**Broken Windows Theory**" presented by- Richard Campanaro.
We all learned so much and almost filled up our notepads!!
We were all in agreement that the workshops were very informative. The MAC members who attended agreed to try and get some of the speakers to come to our community meetings.

I have so much that I could say about our trip but I would probably still leave something out. (It would fill up the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper). Please attend the next MAC meeting (Nov. 26, 7:00pm) to hear from those who attended. I cant say enough about what a great informative time we all had! Melanie Zimmermann, Municipal Advisory Council Secretary

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I-215 freeway closed during fires



This photo was taken looking north from the Ninth St. overpass in San Bernardino and shows that there was "no problem" with traffic on the I-215 on Oct. 14, 2008. This was the day after wind blown fires swept through the area. The freeway was still closed as firemen finished knocking out the hot spots.



These concrete pillars used to separate the storage units in U-Stor-It where people lost all of their stored items. The wind had died down when these pictures were taken but the firemen and their truck were right in the midst of the units.

Eagles Arie #997 Auxillary sponsors "Walk for a Cure" for Breast Cancer



Noel Lomeli & Al Carditel

Noel Lomeli age 32 from San Bernardino participated in the 1st annual "Walk for a Cure" for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer research.

Noel discovered a lump on her breast through self exam last October 5th. She has since gone thru several rounds of chemo therapy and radiation treatment and just this past September 29th she underwent a Radical mastectomy. She wanted to participate in the walk for the cure so she was helped by her mother and also Al Carditel by pushing her in her wheelchair for the 5k walk. Noel is the mother of 2 young sons ages 4 & 5.



Lori & Terry Carlstrom

Thanks to Lori & Terry Carlstrom the "Walk for a Cure" for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer research earned well over \$5,500. This is the first year that the Eagles has sponsored this event and by the looks of it's success it will not be the last one. Also a great big thank you to all who participated by their donations, walking, volunteering their help and time in so many ways. This even could not have happened if not for all the great support shown.

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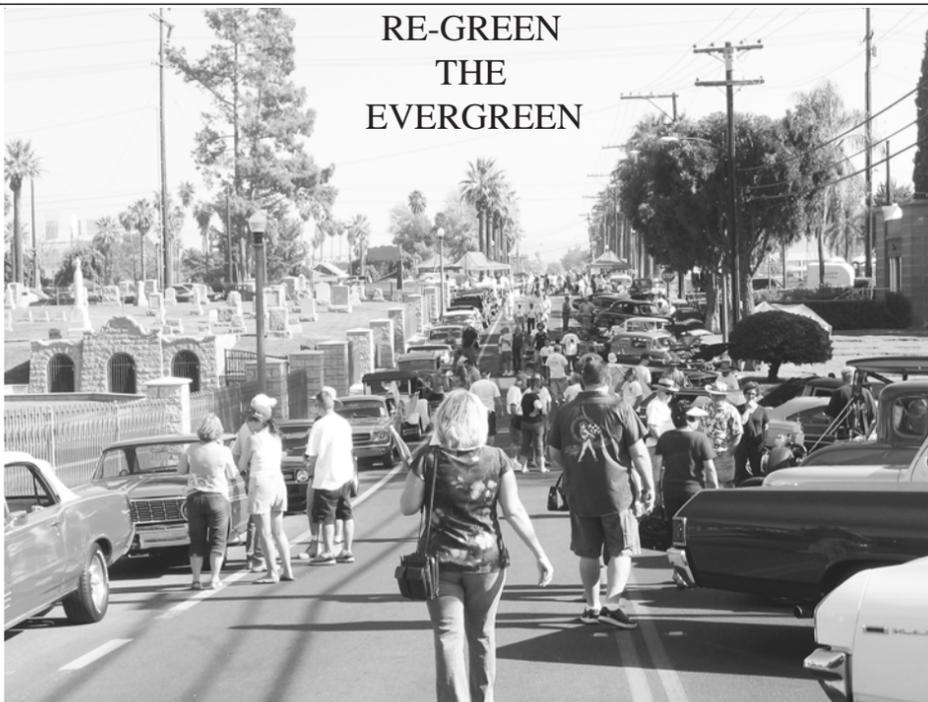
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RE-GREEN THE EVERGREEN



Another worthwhile fund raiser was a car show on Oct.26, 2008 to help Re-green the Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. It was sponsored by The Old Farts Racing Team and raised almost \$10,000. This is the 4th annual car show that is now showing many improvements to this old cemetery. Vandals had damaged monuments which have been repaired and what was once dirt is now green grass. There is still more work to do but the generosity of the Old Farts Racing Team car club members is really making a difference in restoring this historical cemetery.



Don't lean over a running engine when you check the oil! This El Camino, owned by Larry and Vicky Sullivan of Loma Linda, was seen at the Re-green the Evergreen Cemetery car show just before Halloween and was not the scene of an accident. But the bare foot and the extended arm did make me stop and take a second look! This was just one of several cars that were decorated for the Halloween season by the owners of some really neat classic cars. There were about 250 cars in the car show and it was great!

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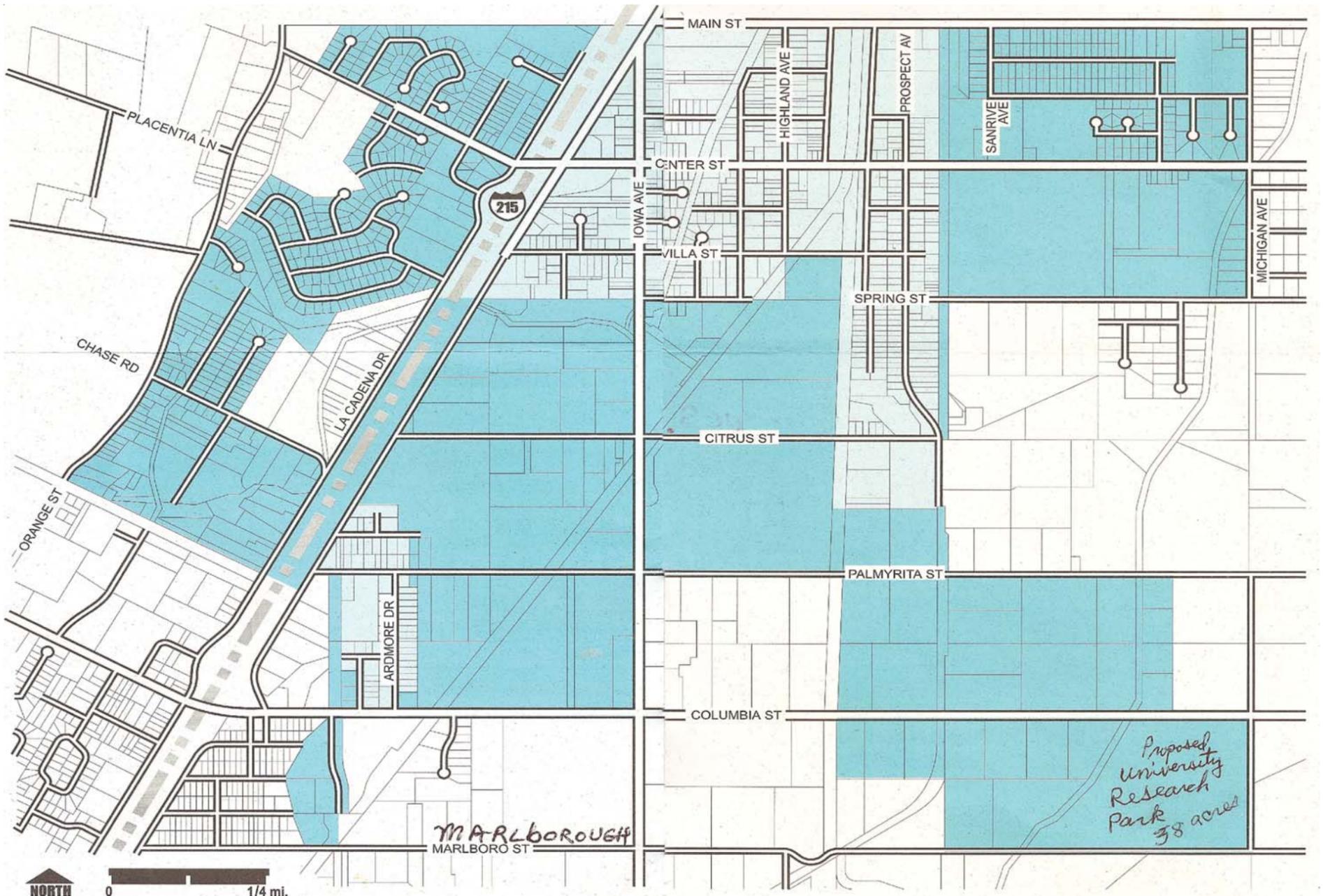
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Highgrove Redevelopment area shown in blue

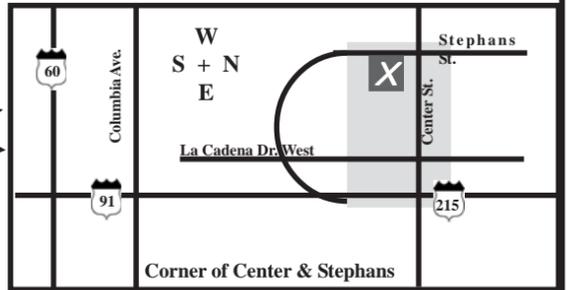


About 10 years ago the original Highgrove redevelopment area (shown in light blue shaded area at top of map) was expanded by 850 acres (shown in dark blue shaded area) Since then, the area along Palmyrita Ave. and Citrus St. have turned into many large warehouses. These warehouses need to be stopped at the arroyo so Highgrove can benefit from the expansion of our original redevelopment area by using it for purposes other than warehouses. Some businesses in the light shaded area have been improved by the EDA but major portions of this new redevelopment area have been gobbled up by the addition of large buildings.

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The past few years have brought an awareness of the problem of our landfills and water being contaminated with home medical and personal waste. Examples of such waste are left over medications, used hypodermic needles, mercury thermometers, lotions and even cosmetics and fragrances.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board terms these products as Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products — PPCPs. PPCPs constitute a very large range of products with thousands of chemical substances including medications, colognes and perfumes, cosmetics, sunscreen agents, and many others.

Some products require special handling for disposal. When mercury thermometers are tossed in the trash they break and mercury is released into the air. Mercury is very poisonous and it will escape into the air. *Mercury thermometers need to be disposed of as hazardous waste at a designated collection center.*

NO PPCPs should be flushed

down the toilet or washed down the drain. Even if you have a septic system, the chemicals will work their way into the water system. Traditionally we thought it was safer to flush medications as this would guarantee that no one could have access to them. However, we now know that thousands of chemicals are being released into the public drinking water and many are not cleaned from the water before we consume it. Taking the proper steps for disposing your PPCPs can help protect us all from the thousands of chemicals we utilize every day.

You may dispose of your PPCPs in the following manner (these methods are approved by the City of Riverside). This information is from the City of Riverside CURE website.

LIQUIDS: pour the liquids onto absorbable paper towels or rags and dispose of with your regular trash.

PROPELLANT INHALER: empty the container by expelling all the contents. Dispose of the container in the trash.

PILLS AND CAPSULES: Tablets and capsules should be made unusable and unattractive by wetting, breaking and crushing them. The remains should be placed in a childproof container, sealed with tape and put in the trash. You may also mixed the medication with

decaying food, used coffee grounds, or used kitty litter and then dispose of it all in your household trash.

SHARPS AND NEEDLES: Your used needles and sharps must be placed in an approved sharps disposal container and taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Some collection centers will provide you with containers. If you do not have a container, as a temporary solution, you may use a hard sided plastic container like a bleach or laundry detergent bottle with a secure lid. Label the container SHARPS/NEEDLES, close the lid tight and tape it closed. Take the container to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

As of January 1, 2008, a new California law requires that all sharps and needles be placed in a container designed for such use. These containers are available at pharmacies and sometimes your doctor's office may have them available for you.

If you are taking medications to a hazardous waste center, you should know "It is illegal for household hazardous waste centers to accept... 'controlled substances'." These are drugs that have a potential for addiction and/or abuse such as narcotics and tranquilizers. Common controlled substances include codeine, phenobarbital, and anabolic steroids."

Chemicals, medications and other pharmaceuticals contaminating the water supply is a very serious matter. We need to all take the necessary precautions to avoid contaminating our water supplies. Please keep this information in mind when you are ready to dispose of your PPCPs.

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Ron Barnett and Geri Higgins exchange wedding vows

On Oct. 18, 2008 my Brother, Ron Barnett and Ardie's sister Geri Higgins were united in marriage at our home in Highgrove.

Rick Doucette from "Calvary the Brook" church officiated in the ceremony. The event was attended by about 35 family members.

The couple started their week long honeymoon with 2 nights in Laughlin, Nevada and then went to Williams, Arizona for 2 nights. They took the train ride from Williams, to the Grand Canyon and enjoyed seeing the sights. They also took their time on their way down to the Phoenix area going thru Sedona, and Jerome, Arizona.

Their final destination was Geri's granddaughter Jaimie and Steve who live in Glendale, Arizona. They spent 1 night there and then headed back home. They are making their home in Grand Terrace.



**Ron & Geri Barnett
with Pastor Rick Doucette**

Ron is still my brother but now he is also my new brother-in-law and Ardie's sister, Geri's is also her new sister-in-law. They make a great couple and we are all very happy!

Iowa Overpass

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meeting and explain the changes made to the project since his visit last April.

The revised plan will include access in both directions (northbound and southbound) for traffic in the vicinity of the large Lily Cup landmark on the east side of Iowa Avenue. There will be an opening in the center divider that will allow left hand turns southbound onto Iowa Ave. to enable vehicles to go toward Riverside and the new freeway interchange instead of sending traffic northbound only-like in the previous plan. After the construction of the Iowa Ave. overpass is completed, there will be 2 traffic signals installed on the overpass. One will be on the north side of the overpass

and one on the south side of the overpass. They will be installed after the fact because the environmental document has already been approved and the city does not want to disrupt or postpone this process.

We thanked Mr. Boyd for listening to our concerns and changing the plans to allow turns in both directions instead of just one. This is a good example of how important it is to be aware of what is planned in and around our community. Being involved may have helped change things for the better and we appreciate having our voices heard regarding a decision that will definitely impact our community. Thanks again Tom Boyd and the city of Riverside for listening to our concerns!

A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

This Presidential race has attracted more attention than any past election because of the influence, domination, and the excessive amount of money spent by both parties and the big contributors. Almost one Billion dollars has been spent for the Presidency! Is this the "buying" of the Election and the White House?

Literally millions and millions of dollars have been spent on manipulating the voters in this country to vote for either Obama or McCain, neither of which, in my many years of working in our nations Capitol, is qualified to be the next President.

Obama spent \$5 million dollars for a 30 minute Obama infomercial on Oct.29, 2008. And reports show that Obama has raised \$600 Million dollars and McCain 84 Million.

First of all, any person who would want to be the next President of this country, should be smart enough to NOT get in the race for the simple reason of having to put up with a bias media, selling his soul to the corporations with the money that helped him or her buy the election, and the manipulation by anyone wanting a favor once their President is elected.

The media has already decided who the next President will be and they keep hammering away at us. It has reached the point where most of us are so sick of politics that we would like to turn off our televisions and quit reading the newspapers. When Obama changed his mind about receiving matching campaign funds he opened up the floodgates of money to help get him elected. As a result of having so much money he

doesn't need matching funds. I do want you to vote and vote for YOUR choice, not the choice of someone who wants to control the next President. But if you cast your ballot make sure you examine both sides of the issue first.

Be an informed voter!

Here are a few key things to remember before you vote. There is a story behind each one of these words.

Bill Ayers, Jeremiah Wright, Tony Rezko, Rashid Khalidi, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, ACORN, voter fraud, foreign policy, socialist, most liberal in Senate, inexperienced, good speaker.

Here are some other important words. *Authentic, consistent, humble, modest, maverick, dedicated patriot, Navy pilot, father and grandfather were 4 star Generals in US Navy, graduated from Annapolis 1958 and flight school 1960, prisoner of war in Hanoi for 5 1/2 years but refused early release, elected to House of Representatives in 1982, elected to Senate in 1986.*

On Tues. Oct. 28 I returned from an 11 day trip to China and the most frightening thing I saw in the major cities such as Hong Cong and Shanghai was election posters for Obama.

Remember, China is a Communist country. Need I say more?

McCain is the best choice in this election for President!

Please vote!!!!

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Voter Beware:

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both parties that I recently changed my affiliation to "Independent" so I could not be considered a member of either party.

I think what has influenced me the most is watching, reading and listening to people who can attest to the character of the candidates and their past influences or those who have had long term relationships with them.

We have never endorsed any candidate in our newspaper before.

That is ...until now!

You probably have already determined who you will vote for by now, but just in case you are still on the fence- here are some things I think should not be ignored!

I am still concerned that Senator Obama could sit in his church for 20 years without being influenced by his pastor's comments. I do not believe that the visual displays of Reverend Wright's comments that were shown on TV were something created by someone on a computer. I believe these were Reverend Wright's actual comments that were recorded during one of his sermons. But Obama did not disown Reverend Wright until it became politically beneficial to distance himself from his long term association with his pastor.

I can not believe that someone could sit and "listen" for 20 years and not "hear" some of the influential and inflammatory remarks about "America" from his spiritual leader!

Also, Obama's association with ACORN has not fully been explained except that the bombings associated with William Ayers happened when Obama was 8 years old. But wasn't Obama an adult at the time he made that \$800,000 donation to ACORN?

ACORN personnel have been accused of improper voter registration in a dozen states. When Freddie Johnson, for example can register 73 times or a goldfish can be registered to vote, I think it is time to wake up, pay attention, and monitor whether or not the votes that are being cast are from qualified voters. If they are not they should be cast in the trash!

There have been too many unanswered questions from both candidates because they have been too busy criticizing each other.

Senator McCain may not be as good with words as Senator Obama but should we elect a man with good debating skills with limited experience or should we elect a patriotic man who has served our country through his military service and as a long time Senator who knows **who, what, why, and when**- when the chips are down!

I think both parties are apprehensive about the status quo in the political system. Yes, some of the incumbent Republicans are concerned too. We need someone with experience to shake up Washington and McCain is the one to do that to both parties.

I hope each voter will be an informed voter and have the correct qualifications when they vote!

Highgrove packing house goes high-tech!



New machinery has been installed in the California Citrus Cooperative packing house (formerly Brown Estate) at 859 Center St. in Highgrove.



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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Virginia's View Point

by Virginia Harford

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GRAND TERRACE

Grand Terrace incorporated 30 years ago

More than 110 people attended the invitation only 30th birthday party held at the Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church on September 17, 2008.

The instructions on the invitations said, "Elegant casual" for the clothes we were to wear, but there was just about everything there that could qualify as elegant from simple pant suits, short hemline dresses, to formal gowns. There were so many beautiful gowns it was hard to tell which was the prettiest! This was not a children's celebration although the Grand Terrace Boy Scout Troop 40 did all the serving except of course, the wine.

We were served a lovely green salad to begin our dinner and then the main course was served. It was the most delicious gourmet meal I have had in a long, long time. Roast beef, a chicken delight, super mashed potatoes, perfect vegetables and rolls to die for. Desert was an edible chocolate baby grand piano with fresh fruit and whipped cream. We were encouraged to take the chocolate piano home if we wished.

The dinner was catered by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. John Cronin coordinated the meal. He is a food services supervisor. His supervisor is Lt. Rick Ells, commander of this unit and the media relations contact in the Public Affairs division. This effort is a vocational program in partnership with the county school system. Its goal is to help give former criminals an opportunity to become rehabilitated by learning a trade such as the ones pro-



vided in a body shop or print shop in addition to the bakery. The inmates may come from such places as the Glen Helen facility and it is a very successful program in that it has helped many individuals stay free of incarceration.

An orchestra played throughout the party. Crooning some Frank Sinatra songs was Neil Derry, the incoming Board of Supervisor for San Bernardino County.

A professional photographer was on hand to take anyone's picture which was put into a nicely framed portfolio that we could take home. No one was asked for money until the drawing for a quilt was given. Myrna Weiland of Grand Terrace won the quilt.

You should have seen Steve Berry, our acting city manager resplendent in black bow tie, immaculate white shirt, and elegant dress up jacket and slacks, and lovely wingtip shoes polished to a mirror finish. Steve coordinated all of the festivities but he also had a lot of help. We had a lovely time and a wonderful dinner!

I have been all over the world, Paris, London, Edinburgh, Athens, Mexico City, Acapulco, Honolulu, Rome, Madrid, Amsterdam, New York, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City

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Virginia's View Point *Continued*

and many others but I have never been to a better or more elegant party. Mayor Marietta Ferre held onto the microphone for a few words of welcome but no one dominated the party.

All of the candidates for vacant seats on the council were there in addition to former mayors Tony Petta and Hugh Grant. No one campaigned or solicited votes. I sat with a local business owner Walt Stanckiewicz and his wife Monique, Ron Espalin of Willdan Engineering, Rick Doucette, and his

wife Kathy from The Brook church. We had a lovely time and a wonderful dinner.

Tom Schwab, regular city manager and finance director, has been ill but hopes to come back to his job soon. It was heartwarming to know that our assistant city manager Steve Berry, who is taking Tom's place during his illness, was able to accomplish this wonderful party.

Happy 30th Birthday
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Grand Terrace 4-H Club

By: Autumn Jacobo (10 years old)
Communications Manager



On Saturday, September 20, the Grand Terrace 4-H Club attended the annual San Bernardino County 4-H Achievement Night ceremony. Achievement Night is when all the 4-H clubs come together for dinner, a silent auction, and recognition awards.

The theme of the event was "Mardi Gras". There were centerpieces, masks, and necklaces that were all purple, green, yellow and gold. There was great food like rotisserie chicken, beans, rice, potato salad, and all kinds of baked goods. The silent auction was when people bid on baskets full of great stuff. The basket our club donated was an artist basket with colored pencils, paint, drawing paper, paint brushes, and pastels.

Awards given to our club's leaders were service awards to, George Saunders for 32 years of service, Maggie Saunders for 29 years of service, Rebecca Pryde for 16 years, Cyndi Lehto for 11 years, Eric Lehto for 5 years, Leslie Pjerrou for 1 year, and Magda Jacobo for 1 year.

Awards that were given to our members were: Kayla Pjerrou (medalist/pets), Autumn Jacobo (county winner/gardening), Daniel Pryde (medalist/wildlife), and Stephanie Lehto (county winner/arts and crafts).

The event was a success and it was very fun. The great food, decorations, awards, and gift baskets made it a memorable night!

The Grand Terrace 4-H club meets the first Tuesday of each month, at the **Highgrove United Methodist Church**. For more information about the Grand Terrace 4-H club call: (909) 783 0196.



Back row, L-R: Leslie Pjerrou, Magda Jacobo, Maggie Saunders, George Saunders, Rebecca Pryde. Front row, L-R: Autumn Jacobo, Kayla Pjerrou

Colton High School Jazz Band to play at Grand Terrace Senior Center

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The public is always invited! Join us at the Senior Center the Second Monday at 10 am with Auto Guru, Robert Snyder; on Tuesdays for Crafts at 9 am also on Tuesdays for Bridge, Samba, Hand and Foot, etc. at 12:45pm; Wednesdays for Art at 9 am and Guitar at 12:30pm (Birthday Cake 3rd Wednesday at lunch) Wednesday evenings for Games at 6 pm, Thursdays for Penny Bingo at 1 pm and Bunco at 6:45pm. Light exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. General Meeting on Second Friday at 9:30 a.m. Game Night on Second Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Lunch is served daily from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for a \$3.00 donation if over 60 and a \$5.00 if not.

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104 years and 8 months but who's counting?



L-R: Ardie Barnett, Doris Wright, "Barney" Barnett & John Stahley (top)
"Highgrove Barnstormers" entertain Doris Wright at Grand Terrace Senior Center

Doris Gene Wright can be seen each day Monday through Friday at the Grand Terrace Senior Center having lunch with her many friends. She was born February 21, 1904, in Cripple Creek, CO. Her father was a minister and passed away when she was just one year old. She had two step-brothers and three sisters. Her mother never remarried. She came to California where she met and married Attorney, Lauren Wright and they were married for 23 years; but never had children of their own. She has lived in Grand Terrace for 20 years. Doris enjoys all her Grand Terrace senior friends and the lunches at the Center. She especially looks forward to the once-a-month programs presented and especially the music. Doris enjoyed dancing in her younger days. (That is so evident if you watch her tapping in time to the music!) She did home nursing for about three years and she traveled quite a bit with her sister-in-law, Florence. They have been to Hawaii several times. Many have seen her in her lovely decorated baseball caps-but she actually started her decorating with eggs! She made many different designs, all of them outstanding. She is a very quiet woman of 104 years young and has seen many changes in her lifetime. It is indeed a pleasure to know this remarkable woman. Come in and talk to her or have lunch with her sometime at the Grand Terrace Senior Center at Mt. Vernon and Grand Terrace Road. (909) 824 1491

Thank you ArleneWeaver for interviewing Doris for this article.



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Word Search Winner of the Month

Congratulations to Clarissa Chagolla for completing the word search puzzle this month. Clarissa is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade at Highgrove Elementary School. Clarissa's teacher is Mr. Mims. The words for the new puzzle were provided by Clarissa. Thank you very much!



Clarissa Chagolla

The Brook Breaks Ground in Highgrove



Pastor Rick Doucette is shown addressing those who attended the ground breaking ceremony in Highgrove on Oct. 5, 2008 of "Calvary the Brook" church. They have been meeting in Grand Terrace but will soon start construction of their own church in Highgrove on Main St. just west of Michigan Avenue. Welcome to the community, we are anxious to see this project get started! Among those who attended the ceremony were Grand Terrace Mayor, Maryetta Ferre', Acting City Manager, Steve Berry and Mayor Pro-Tem, LeAnn Garcia.

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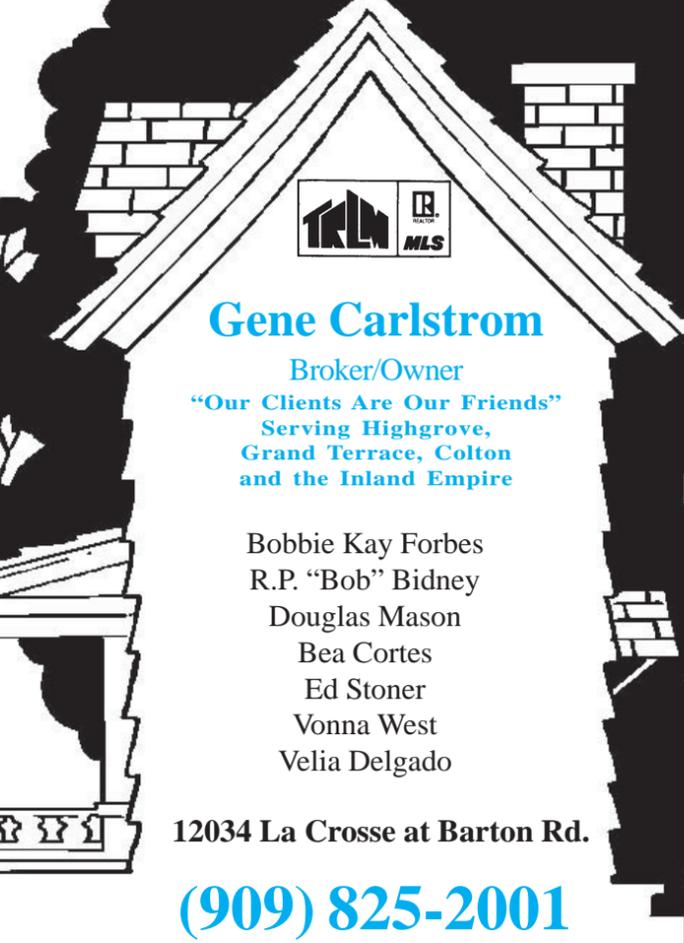
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