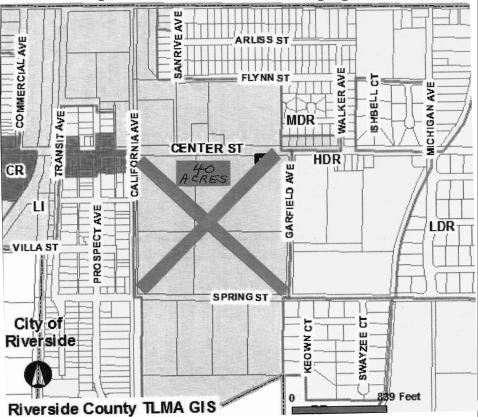




<u>Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues</u> October, 2011 (FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

## "Fast Track" plan derailed but has nothing to do with trains! Time limit expires for warehouses on 40 acres

right in the middle of Highgrove!



Some of you may remember that on Jan 13. 2009 two carloads of Highgrove residents and MAC members waited outside the Board of Supervisors meeting in Riverside for 5 ½ half hours before we were able to speak under public comments due to a previous lengthy item on the agenda. Our item did not go before the board until after 7:00 pm. We opposed "Fast tracking" the process to change the zoning of 40 acres right in the middle of Highgrove to M-SC which would allow building 11 warehouses with 586 parking spaces on the vacant land between Center St. on the north, Spring St. on the south, Garfield Ave. on the east (by the school), and the UPRR track on the west. We also submitted information that showed that neither the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council nor the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper were properly notified in sufficient time to address this major change in our community.

A letter from the City of Riverside dated Mar. 21, 2008 also supported our position and stated in part: "The proposed warehouse uses are thus inconsistent with the area's existing development pattern"......

In spite of our written and verbal objections, the warehouses were approved.

Details of these proceedings can be found by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net, Latest Issue, Feb. 2009 pages 1, 4, and 5. This article shows that Pat Meyer was not only the consultant for Bixby Land Co. who "Fast tracked" these warehouses through, but he was also the Chairman of the Board, of the First Centennial Bank when it was taken over on Jan. 23, 2009 by the (FDIC) Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. just 10 days after the zoning change was approved.

Bixby Land Co. got the zoning change they wanted, and Pat Meyer got his consulting fee for getting it passed, before his bank was taken over. But the community of Highgrove was left with the possibility of having 11 warehouses cut our residential community right in half.

#### Here is the good news:

On Sept. 21, 2011, I went to the Riverside County Planning Dept. and found out that the approval had a 2 year time limit which means that the expiration date for the Bixby warehouse project was on Jan. 13, 2011. Since this land is still vacant, Bixby Land Co. or any other developer would have to start the process

Fast Track: cont. on P 4

## Supervisors Ashley and Tavaglione attend Highgrove MAC meeting



Supervisor Marion Ashley

On Sept. 28, 2011 the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council met at the new Highgrove library on Center Street and Riverside County Supervisor Ashley from District 5 and Supervisor Tavaglione from District 2 both attended. Due to the relocation of the boundaries under the jurisdiction of the Supervisors, Highgrove will now be under the jurisdiction of Supervisor Tavaglione instead of Supervisor Ashley. The redrawing of the lines is based on several things including equalizing the number of voters in each district based on the last census. The meeting was really well attended and refreshments were available. Both Supervisors had members of their staff present and



Supervisor John Tavaglionethere were self introductions at the beginning of the meeting. Supervisor Ashley was given a Highgrove T-Shirt autographed by members of the Highgrove community and business owners for a "Thank you" gift for all of the accomplishments made during his tenure. Supervisor Tavaglione was given a Highgrove T-Shirt with no autographs or signatures and I told him that we were not trying to put any pressure on him but if he does a good job maybe he too may receive an autographed T-Shirt some day! Many good things have happened under Supervisor Ashley's leadership including the new library and the brand new Chevron Gas Station Cont. on P. 5

#### Helen Holmes of Highgrove turns 103 years old!

Helen Holmes of Highgrove will be 103 years old on Oct. 8, 2011. I recently stopped by her house and talked to her and it is always a pleasure to hear her stories from the past. She gets around her house in her wheel chair that she has used for the last 15 years. She said she has never smoked or drank and now only takes 1 pill a day. That is pretty good for someone who had polio when she was only one year old. She is a kick to talk to because she has such a good attitude and she has many stories to tell. She said she reads our newspaper from front to back every month but she didn't get the July issue. I took a July issue to her as well as this latest October issue.

She was married for 17 years until her husband passed away and her 2nd husband of 37 years died 17 years ago. Her 3 children live in Riverside, Texas and Oregon but



her grandson David Boggs lives with her. When I asked about her plans for her birthday she said she will be celebrating with her family. She said when she turns 105 maybe they will rent the Highgrove Community Center again to celebrate! Happy Birthday to Helen Holmes of Highgrove!

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October 4th from 8 AM to 10 AM: Resource table hosted by Albert with Caremore 951-313-9912. Cookies and goodies provided.

October 4th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Chocolate Favorites Class

October 13th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM: "Cool Center Closing Celebration" sponsored by Southern California Edison in Partnership with Fair Housing Council Of Riverside County, Inc. Edna and Ruth - Fair Housing Representatives

October 15th from 8 AM to 11 AM: Rummage Sale in Parking Lot October 17th from 12:30 to 1:30: Free Arthritis Exercise Class for seniors hosted by Albert with Caremore 951-313-9912

October 18th from 8:30 AM to 10 AM: Presentation on "Choosing the Health Care that is Right for You" by Izaro with Scan Health Plan 562-308-2791

October 28th from 6 PM to 8 PM: 4th Annual Harvest Costume Ball October 28th and 29th Haunted House" from 6PM to 9 PM: Event by Cub Scouts Pack 389 and Boy Scouts Troop 176



Wanted boys ages 6 to 11 years old to join the Highgrove Cub Scouts. If you are interested you can join. We meet every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7pm at the Norton Younglove Community Center.

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

The Cub Scout Troup will be having a Haunted House on October 28 & 29 athe the Community Center. Tickets are \$5 each. Under 10 years old is \$2.00



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#### 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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Fast Track cont. from P. 1 all over from the beginning because after 2 years the agreement states: "it shall become null and void and of no effect whatsoever".

So now is the time to correct this inappropriate zoning and land use!

#### Request for General Plan Adjustment:

On Sept. 26, 2011, I drafted a letter to Supervisor Marion Ashley, Supervisor John Tavaglione and the Riverside County Planning Commission. Here is a copy of that letter: Sept. 26, 2011

Supervisor Marion Ashley Supervisor John Tavaglione Riverside County Planning Commission

Ref.: Zone NO. 7620/TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 35612/PLOT PLAN 23256, (FTA2007-30: Applicant Bixby Land Company)

As a long time resident of Highgrove I am requesting an amendment to the Highgrove General plan concerning the 40 acre parcel in Highgrove between: Center St. on the north, Spring St. on the south, Garfield Ave. on the east and the Union Pacific railroad track on the west. My request is only related to the 40 acres that include APN numbers: 255060015, 255060016, 255060017 and 255060018.

The previous zone change was "fast tracked" over the objections of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council and Highgrove residents, but was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on Jan.

13, 2009.

This property was changed from Industrial Park (I-P) and Manufacturing Service Commercial (M-SC), to Manufacturing-Service Commercial (M-SC), or "such other zones as the Board may find appropriate".

The Highgrove MAC and many Highgrove residents feel this zoning and land use specified in the General Plan is inappropriate for this prime property in the middle of the Highgrove community. The present zoning designation for warehouses cuts the Highgrove community right in half and separates the older residential properties from the larger existing residential lots.

The city of Riverside also made written comments in their letter dated March 21, 2008.

A portion of their letter reads:

"The proposed warehouse uses are thus inconsistent with the area's existing development pattern, particularly given its adjacency to sensitive land uses including Highgrove Elementary school, the Highgrove Library, and the surrounding established residential neighborhoods." (Note: The library mentioned no longer exists at this location due to a new Highgrove library that opened

Jan. 13, 2011 was the expiration date for the 2 year time limit which now has deemed this project "null and void and of no effect whatsoever" for the construction of 11 warehouses and office buildings on the above mentioned property.

on Mar. 19, 2011.)

Therefore, I am requesting that a general plan amendment be considered to change the designation from MSC to C/R and or C1/CP zoning which, according to Larry Ross, Principal Planner of the Riverside County Planning Dept., could include a variety of services needed in Highgrove such as a retail complex with a grocery store, post office, bank, restaurant, laundry-mat, middle school, baseball fields, football/ soccer fields, grass and trees, church, movie theatre, and ponds and/or lakes.

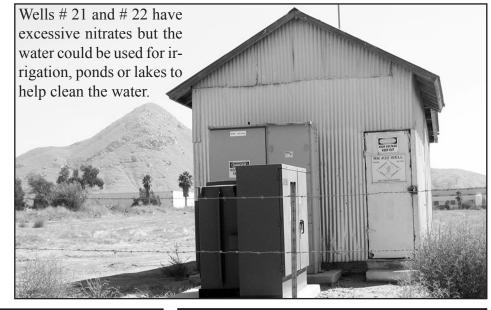
This property is serviced by the Riverside/Highland Water Company that has both potable and non-potable water on the adjacent 27 acre property on the south side of Spring Street. The president of the Riverside/Highland Water Company, Don Hough, stated that the ponds or lakes would be beneficial in helping clean up their wells due to excessive

nitrates in their 2 wells located on the south side of Spring Street. This non-potable water could be used for the ponds, streams or lakes and watering grass and trees. The potable water could be used by the businesses needed in the area that could also include a swimming pool or a water park for children.

Since the proposed warehouse plans are now null and void, the timing is appropriate to request a change that would better serve the needs of the Highgrove community rather than having warehouses divide our community into 2 portions.

Please consider the request for an amendment to the Highgrove General Plan.

Thank you, R. A. "Barney" Barnett 474 Prospect Ave. Highgrove, Ca. 92507 (951) 683 4994 highgrovenews@roadrunner.com





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On September 18th and 19th, the Inland Empire experienced several armed robberies, some of which included the discharge of a handgun. These crimes occurred on I-15. I-10, I-210, SR-91, and the SR-60 freeways within the metropolitan areas. Most of the victims were motorists who were disabled on the right shoulder of the freeway during the early morning hours. They were robbed at gunpoint by three to four male Hispanics wearing hooded sweatshirts. The suspect vehicles were described as a white, full size, regular cab pickup truck with a utility bed and rack, a red Honda Accord, and a tan Honda or Hyundai sedan. It is believed the suspects are also responsible for several other violent

Chevron/Subway: cont. from P1

and Subway sandwich shop on the S/E corner of Center St. and Iowa Avenue. The new Subway opened on the same day as our MAC meeting on Sept. 28, 2011 but the Chevron station has been open a few weeks. Both the Chevron Station and adjacent Subway will have their Grand Opening on Oct. 13, 2011 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. These 2 new businesses are a major improvement

crimes that occurred around the same time frames. They include two freeway shootings and an armed robbery in Mentone and another in the City of Redlands.

The California Highway Patrol, Redlands Police Department, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department are committed to the safety of the public and are working together to apprehend the individuals responsible. The CHP has formulated a task force comprised of investigators and uniformed officers. The CHP has increased patrols on the affected freeways during the early morning hours.

Anyone with information is asked to call the California Highway Patrol, Inland Division Investigative Services Unit at (909) 388-8000. They may also contact the Yucaipa Sheriff's Station at (909) 790-3105 or WE TIP (800-78-CRIME), or the Redlands Police Department Investigations Bureau at (909) 798-7688.

to the entrance of Highgrove from the I-215 freeway. Improvements such as these and the facade program could not have been possible without the assistance of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and redevelopment funds that the State is now trying to take away from the Cities and Counties throughout the State. Hopefully, the Supreme Court will make a ruling on this issue sometime in December.





Terry Finnegan passed away at his home in Green River, Utah on September 14, 2011.

He was born November 1949 in Waterbury, CT. and moved to California with his family in 1952. Terry grew up in Highgrove and after attending North High School he spent 2 years in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

He leaves behind a daughter Tiffaney and a Son Michael in Texas, his sister Sherry Dodson of Hesperia, and Seaneen Newlan of Shady Cove, OR, and many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother Jay Jay. Terry was loved and will be missed by all.



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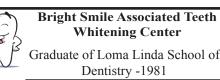
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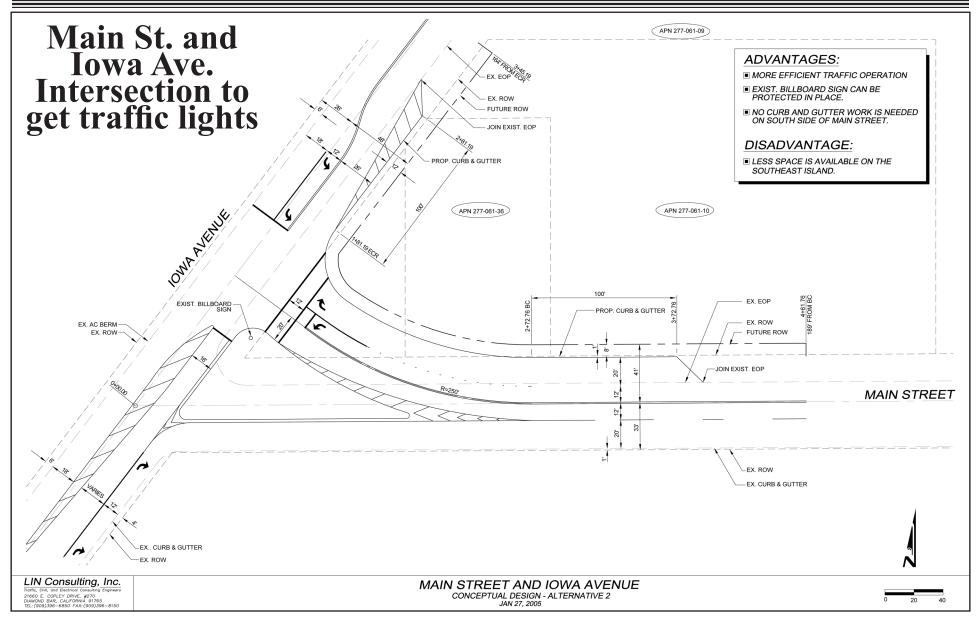
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it hard to see oncoming traffic.

County of Riverside and \$50,000 Terrace. from the City of Grand Terrace. There Engineering costs and \$400,000 alwhich will include traffic lights soon made this project possible!

The intersection of Main St., Iowa to be installed. We thank Victor Ortiz Ave., and La Cadena Dr. has been a from the City of Colton for sending concern to all of us who use this interthe information on this project. This section because the westbound traffic intersection is the boundary between on Main St. has to enter the intersec- Riverside County and San Bernardino tion on the inside of the curve making County and also the north side is in the City of Colton and the south side This problem has been addressed is in Highgrove which is in Riverside by the contribution of funds of County. The new Grand Terrace High \$230,000 from the Surface Trans- School is currently under construction portation Program, \$50,000 from the and is straight up Main St. in Grand

This project proves that these were \$22,000 in Environmental and agencies and cities can work together for a common goal and improvements located for construction and inspec- can be made that will benefit people tion. The City of Colton was the lead on both sides of the county line! A agency for project implementation big "Thank you" to all of you who





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The Subway sandwich shop opened on Sept. 28, 2011.



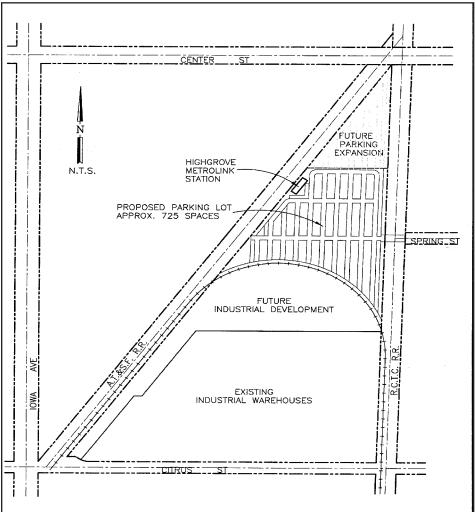
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Excess Metrolink property could benefit regional transportation!



meeting in Riverside with Ann Mayer, Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission. We showed her a map prepared by our Civil Engineer that showed how the Highgrove Metrolink station would not interfere with their Perris Valley Line at all! Future Perris Valley Line trains could leave Riverside and once they get to Highgrove they could go around their new proposed curved track without stopping, and stop at their Marlborough Ave. Station. Our Civil

Engineer's map shows that there could be at least 725 parking spaces north of their curved track even without a parking structure with room to expand north of Villa Street.

Our plan was simple!

If RCTC only needs the width of a curved track to connect the 2 railroads in the 17.22 acres they own in Highgrove, then sell or develop the un-needed portion north of the curve for a regional commuter station using the existing Metrolink trains between San Bernardino and Riverside.

Ann Mayer stated that their study

showed that ridership was insufficient to warrant a Metrolink Station at Highgrove. This study goes all the way back to Jan. 10, 2007 under Eric Haley's leadership as Executive Director of RCTC when RCTC staff <u>inflated</u> the Highgrove location costs by improperly attaching the multimillion dollar Colton flyover costs to the Highgrove site and deflated the ridership projections through inaccurate estimates. On Jan. 10, 2007, Mr. Haley stated: "The Highgrove station would cost \$157 Million Dollars for only 117 riders per day." We knew these figures were incorrect when they were presented, in fact on Sept. 7, 2011 the bids closed for the construction of the Colton flyover and it still has nothing to do with the Highgrove location!

There is currently a lawsuit against RCTC from "The Friends of Riverside Hills" that is challenging RCTC's ridership figures for the Perris Valley Line.

Ann Mayer said riders will be commuting from their homes to work at the nearby warehouses in Hunter Park and she believes that most people use the Metrolink trains to get to work. But the Metrolink trains going to Oceanside were former called "Beach trains" that became so popular that they eventually expanded these trains to 7 days a week. And I am sure that most of these riders were not just going to Oceanside to go to work!

I pointed out that their station on Marlborough Ave. is on a dead-end road that ends at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. The N/E corner has a large flood control basin, the S/E corner is occupied by Sugarloaf Mountain, and the S/W corner has conflicting railroad tracks that are

owned by the Union Pacific RR known as the Riverside Line. Highgrove has more warehouses that are closer and within walking distance than their Marlborough Ave. site.

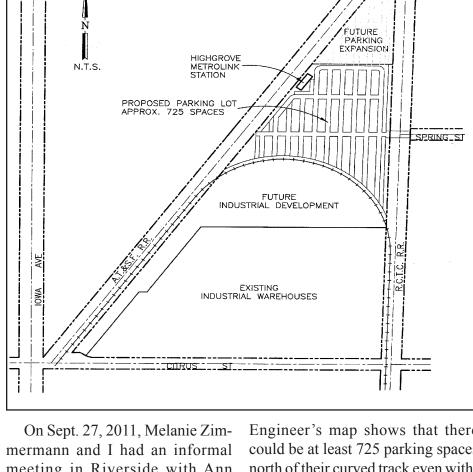
The only corner left is the N/W corner that RCTC just bought, which is 9.75 acres that cost \$8,146,000.00 dollars of our tax money which breaks down to \$19.18 dollars per

RCTC also bought the 17.22 acres for the curved track at Highgrove that cost \$8,625,000.00 dollars which breaks down to \$11.50 dollars per sq. foot. My real Estate contacts tell me this is about twice what these properties are worth in today's market for vacant land. Both properties were bought from the same owner for a total of \$16,771,000.00.

In reference to selling the unused portion of the 17.22 acres for the Perris Valley Line connection, Ann Mayer stated: "Once the project is built, any excess usable land would be disposed of in accordance with state regulations and Commission policies and procedures."

We ask for RCTC to determine how much property they actually need to connect the 2 railroads before construction begins.

I reminded her that the public has supported the Highgrove location for 10 years and if RCTC continues to hold this property until after the Perris Valley Line is completed, which may be several more years, it may be perceived that RCTC is holding the public "hostage" by preventing or not developing a station on their own property that would benefit both counties. RCTC's property at Highgrove that they do not need for the Perris Valley Line should be developed by RCTC for regional transportation purposes!





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Anyone 18 or older, who lives, works, or takes classes in Grand Terrace may participate in the fair. Children ages 10-17 may participate in the Children's Cookie Contest.

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- ~ Sell your home-made arts and crafts, home-grown plants and produce. (Participants may NOT sell food other that produce.)
- ~ display or demonstrate a hobby, collection, or classic car.
- ~ enter the cooking competition in these categories: Chili, cakes, cookies, pies, breads, salsas, candy and/or preserves.

Food contest entries are to be delivered to the fairgrounds by 8:30 a.m. and are sold after judging by the committee to help defray expenses.

No one is allowed on the premises before 7 a.m. on the day of the fair. Please, plan to keep your booth/table open until 3 p.m. If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the complete fair guidelines, please call Pauline Grant at 783-1067 or Ann Petta at 825-8608 or email shellrose@sbcglobal.net. If you wish to participate, please fill out and return the form below by Oct. 1 Forms must be returned and approved by the committee in advance. You will be contacted before the fair.

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### **DEVILS DEN**

by Dennis Wilds

Baby I Was Born This Way Lady Gaga

I ask you to think of your most embarrassing moments in life. Now hold that thought and imagine collecting a lifetime of embarrassing emotions and condense those uncomfortable feelings into just one second in time. What I am asking you to do is to distill a lifetime of discomfort into its pure essence. Now imagine every second of every day ruled by this one emotion and you will know how Baby endured his every day. That's what it feels like to be painfully shy as a young man with a speech impediment. I told you before how Baby was tongue tied with the cingulum or something or other that Dr. Clarkson called it holding Baby's tongue down to the floor of his mouth trapping and changing "s's" into "t's" and "r's" into "w's". Talking like that may be ok for a three or four year old but Baby never grew out of his baby talking phase and by eight or so he was reluctant to open his mouth in front of strangers. The grins and laughter his speech elicited became daily punishment for talking. He turned shy and quiet. He read and studied and avoided the normal socialization a young boy needed. Baby had no friends. The poor boy couldn't even say his name Oral without it coming out "Owa". Before you get to feeling too sorrowful for this kid there is something else you need to know about him. He was a literary prodigy and the one book he mastered was the Holy Bible. By "prodigy" I mean Baby's reading and memory skills were prodigious, maybe even a little on the genius side. Baby absorbed and remembered everything he read and stored it for later on and this "later on" would be a glorious time in his life as I will soon explain. Oh, by the way, Baby's dad was an evangelist with a tent revival circuit in Southern Oklahoma so Baby was home schooled in church doings. He suffered through Bible sermons four days out of every week all year long. I can just imagine Baby sitting in the front row of the church tent wearing his little blue clip on tie and blue cufflinks in his starched white shirt and blue jeans soaking in his dad's sermons quietly grading their biblical accuracy, knowing better than his dad what the Bible really said while just keeping his mouth shut. Baby dreamed of one day getting up there on that stage and blasting out the biblical message inflating that tent with the Truth. Baby had things to say and he dreamed of being heard. But he was going to need the help of the Zundappers to be complete and whole.

As time went on and Baby entered adolescence he became more withdrawn and outwardly sullen, refusing to talk unless directly confronted. Keeping his nose buried in his Bible Baby had the apparent look of an overly zealous student, even during meals and his folks soon learned to just leave him alone in his quiet solitude. All this time Baby wanted to talk and he had lots to say but every time he worked up the nerve and took a deep breath prepared to share his thoughts, his words stopped in his throat and just sat there clogging his airway. This just hurt. His rib cage would ache and he developed indigestion. Baby went on into young adulthood tense and irascible. He would curse under his breath and head off alone where he would talk to himself out loud and practice elocution as he had taught himself from his readings at the small town public libraries. Nothing seemed to help his diction or his frame of mind. Baby's attitude was sour like his stomach. Just one look at this tense young man was enough to make you want to leave him be. His body language shouted "Leave me alone!" His question for God was "Why was I born this way?" The least slight would send Baby off into an epithet filled tirade.

Baby's family was a working family and Baby did his part in setting up camp raising the tent and breaking it down again. Two hundred folding chairs needed unloading and setting up each Wednesday and reloading again each Monday. Tuesday was a travelling day. The Robbins' Evangelical Healing Revival, as Baby's dad called it was an institution in Southern Oklahoma and if you wanted to see the lame healed and tongue talking, then this was the show for you. To supplement the donation take there was the Bible sales that Baby took over as he matured. Weekdays through Saturdays would find Baby parked in front of the public library or town square at a folding table with a stack of new Bibles and a sign asking for whatever donation the locals could spare. This left Baby ample time to read and study the books from the libraries too. Baby had to admit to himself that, all in all, the Bible was a bit depressing compared to world literature and he found a favorite author in Clemmens. This writer

could make him laugh and he needed a little humor to get through the days. The newspapers were talking about a war in Europe in this summer of 1940 and a charismatic named Adolph Hitler. His dad believed this was the Anti Christ predicted in the Bible Book of Revelations and began to preach this in his sermons, drawing more and more sick and lame onto the stage for the post sermon healing sessions and testimonials. That was the part of the show the locals really came to see in the first place. There were the regular participants each time with Baby's dad needing two strong assistants to stand behind each supplicant to catch their backwards fall when the full force of Jesus travelled from Daddy's hand to the recipient's forehead with invisible energy. This bolt of salvation and healing was accompanied by the pronouncement of "Sweet Jesus save this sinner!" and Baby learned to predict which of these sinners were the ones to collapse backwards into his waiting arms. The Sunday evening schedule never varied with Baby's mom opening the meeting with an organ recital and a couple hymns with the hundred or so attendees. Reverend Robbins would then proceed with a full sermon reminding the audience to beware of the impending end of days and the final judgment. Asking if they were ready if that happened that night, the Reverend would close in prayer. That was the cue for Mama to play a processional on the organ while Reverend Robbins asked any and all to approach the stage for testimonials and or cures. All manner of lame and sick might choose to ask God through the Reverend for forgiveness and healing and what followed was often good theater. There were a few sinners that would travel with the show for the season and Baby learned just what to expect from these, but some of the first timers from the local population could bring unpredictable energy to these healings and Baby had to watch out for them and the rollers in particular. When all the dust settled Baby would pass the donation plates hoping the audience would reward his family with coins and the occasional dollar bills.

At sunrise on Monday, the packing would begin while the Reverend made his rounds to the local ministers to thank them for any and all referrals and saying good bye 'til next year. And as I said, Tuesday was a travel day again. (to be continued) for more or to read past issues go to www. brasspearl. com.

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

Retirement Savings

Oct. 10, 2011

You may not see it posted on your calendar, but Oct. 16 – 22 is National Save for Retirement Week. This annual event, endorsed by Congress, is designed to raise awareness about the importance of saving for retirement — so you may want to take some time this week to review your own strategy for achieving the retirement lifestyle vou've envisioned.

If you're not convinced of the need for an event such as National Save for Retirement Week, just consider these statistics, taken from the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2011 Retirement Confidence Survey:

- The percentage of workers not at all confident about having enough money for a comfortable retirement grew from 22 percent in 2010 to 27 percent — the highest level measured in the 21 years of the Retirement Confidence Survey.
- 56 percent of respondents say that the total value of their household's savings and investments, excluding the value of their primary home and any defined benefit plans (i.e., traditional pension plans) is less than \$25,000.
- Less than half of the respondents say they and/or their spouse have tried

It's a Good Week to Think About to calculate how much money they will need for a comfortable retirement.

> These numbers are obviously troubling — and they indicate that most of us probably need to put more thought and effort into our retirement savings. What can you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Determine how much you'll need in retirement. Try to define the lifestyle you want during retirement. Will you travel the world or stay close to home? Will you work part time or spend your hours volunteering or pursuing hobbies? Once you know what your retirement might look like, try to estimate how much it might cost.
- Identify your sources of retirement income. Take into account your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, Social Security and other savings and investments. How much income will they provide? How much can you withdraw from these vehicles each year without depleting them?
- Calculate any retirement shortfall. Try to determine if your savings and investments will be enough to provide you with an income stream that's adequate to meet your retirement needs. If it isn't, develop an estimate of the size of the shortfall.
  - Take steps to close savings "gap."

If it doesn't look like you'll have enough to meet your retirement needs, vou may consider adjusting your savings and investment strategy. This may mean contributing more to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. Or, perhaps your investment mix may need to be reviewed to find a better balance growth potential with risk. Or you may need to take both of these steps.

• Monitor your progress. Once you've put your investment strategy into place, you'll need to monitor your progress to make sure you're on track toward achieving your retirement savings goals. Along the way, you may

have to make adjustments, if there are changes in your objectives or your specific situation.

Taking these types of action can be challenging, so you may want to work with a professional financial advisor who has the experiences and resources necessary to help you identify and work toward achieving your retirement goals. In any case, though, National Save for Retirement Week is a great time to consider your course of action.

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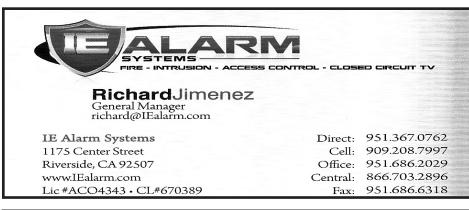
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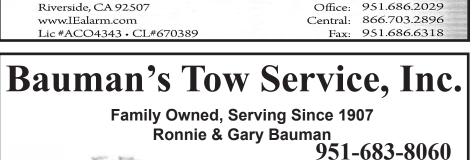


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### VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

A MISTAKE NOT THEIR OWN OR WAS IT?

Okay, Grand Terrace is in debt to the tune of more millions than I like to think about.

This debt is to the Valley Municipal Water District the amount of which is \$2.3 million dollars. And you know why? Because the water district made a mistake. No, I am not kidding.

You know, folks, If we owe money then it is because we did something to incur that debt. We purchased something that was more expensive than we had money to cover or some obscure reason that tell us the money concerns are ours and ours alone. But whatever the fact is: We owe it! But not in this case.

Ryan Hagen, staff writer with the Sun Newspaper (San Bernardino) stated in his article of September 13, that: "Grand Terrace learned of the debt in May, after the water district realized that in fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10, the county Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office used the wrong formula to calculate the amount the city's redevelopment agency needed to pay to the district."

If indeed that office used the wrong formula to calculate the amount owed aren't they at least partially to blame? And shouldn't the council persons do more than make statements that appear to be more like apple polishing that common sense? Somewhere along the way no one challenged this horrendous debt. Not the city manager, finance director, no one. There is more than meets the eye here. How about some enlightenment on this ridiculous situation.

The Grand Terrace city council has lots of words to try to explain what has happened but it does not satisfy me. If indeed the water company or its affiliates made a mistake then they are to blame. Simple. They should be the ones to pay it back!

THE VOID LEFT BY STATER **BROS MOVE** 

I am concerned about the building that Stater Bros. abandoned in favor of a new location down the street that

GRAND TERRACE IN DEBT FOR would accommodate a larger store and more perquisites.

I heartily approve of the new store. It is beautiful and indeed has more to offer the customers, including Chase Bank and lots of other wonders.

But what are we going to do about the old building? I have learned that the leasing agent and property manager Ms. Anita McGaughey of Monarch Beach is not too concerned about the place. I discussed at length with her the fact that the building is in danger of being over run by cockroaches, rats, homeless persons, gang members learning of a choice spot for literally ruining the inside and maybe even being responsible for burning the building down. She did tell me that she had made several attempts to talk to our mayor Walt Stanckiewitz regarding the building but to no avail.

If there is something that frustrates me no end is when people that do not have the courtesy to tell you an answer to a question they do not want to talk about. Why is that? I can handle it—if you don't want to talk about it then just tell me so. Don't beat around the bush trying to answer the question by not answering it. Politicians are good at this. Know what I mean?

I talked to Ms. McGaughey at length about my concerns and the only solid piece of information I received was that she "has it covered." She did not elaborate and when I asked point blank if she hired a security guard to patrol, she evaded the question. She said she had discussed the building with a potential tenant but he told her that Grand Terrace has too many homes that are being repossessed and therefore he is not interested.

Does that have anything to do with the citizens that do not have homes that are in danger of being repossessed? We do a lot of shopping and doing other business right here in Grand Terrace. Whatever business goes into that building will need to be one that generates revenue for Grand Terrace, therefore one that cont. on P. 13



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will be used by the current citizens and those passing through.

A friend of mine suggested a Mexican market such as two that are in San Bernardino and one in Colton and appear to be quite successful. Ms McGaughey dismissed this idea.

I do not have an idea of what would be a good business to occupy that building but it is certainly large enough for almost anything and someone more local and capable of promoting it should be hired by Grand Terrace to do so. No, I am not vying for the job.

I do not have the expertise nor

the time to spend on the job but there must be those who would be delighted to make the effort for a decent piece of change, of course.

The building in question is intact right now. It does not seem to be in any danger but this will not last forever. If someone doesn't decide to do business in it, it will deteriorate. Old empty buildings are vulnerable just as old homes are if not maintained judiciously. FINIS

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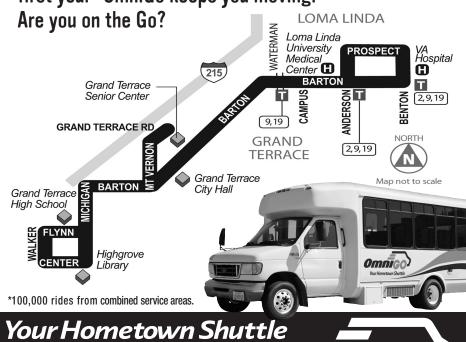
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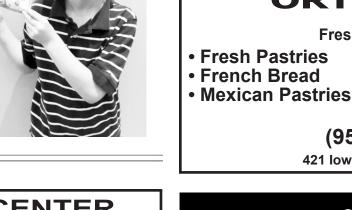
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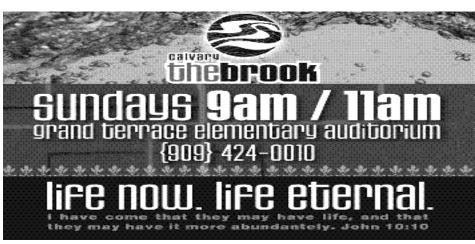
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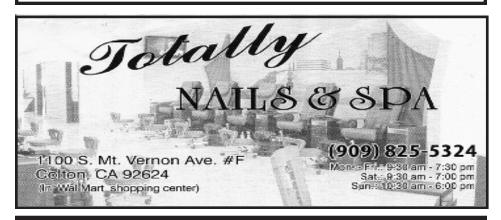
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