



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Fourth District  
Department No.: 0240  
For Agenda Of: November 18, 2008  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item:  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Fourth District Supervisor Joni Gray 346-8407  
Office  
Staff Contact Linda Williams 346-8409  
**SUBJECT:** Naming of the County Park located in the Rice Ranch Housing Development, Orcutt

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Select\_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

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Other Concurrence: Select\_Other

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Recommended Actions:

- A. That the Board of Supervisors approve the naming of the County Park located in the Rice Ranch Housing Development as the Orcutt Community Park.
- B. That the Board of Supervisors forward to the Park Commission the list of names nominated for the park name with a recommendation that the Park's Commission designate various areas of the Park in honor of nominees.

Summary Text:

The 27 acre park located in the Rice Ranch Housing Development is now complete. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors officially name the park the Orcutt Community Park.

Background:

Pursuant to the conditions of the Rice Ranch Development Plan, the developer has completed a 27 acre park which includes trails, picnic and barbeque areas, a dog park, vista areas, and active playing fields with snack shack and restrooms. Some time in January 2009 the park will be turned over to the County and will be managed and maintained by County Parks.

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

At the October 2007 Park Commission meeting it was suggested that the park be named in honor of a local citizen. Over the next several months numerous community members contacted the Supervisor's Office and expressed their views regarding the park naming. Many suggestions were offered resulting in a campaign to work with the community in a selection of a name for the park. In July and August articles appeared in the Orcutt Pioneer soliciting community input. (See Attachment A Articles.)

The Fourth District Office and Jeff Stone of the Park's Department prepared and provided nomination/application and criteria for nominees. (See Attachment B Application /Criteria) During the months of July, August, and September applications were available in the Fourth District Office. Numerous citizens requested and were provided applications. Applications were sent to various interested citizens and distributed at community events.

Twelve names and suggestions for the Park name were submitted (See Attachment C Nominations). In October a panel of seven Orcutt citizens representing the various local interest groups was appointed by Supervisor Gray to serve as the Park Naming Panel. (See Attachment D Panel). Each suggested Park name was reviewed by the seven panel members. Each panel member individually reviewed and then ranked the suggested names. (See Attachment E Ranking).

Supervisor Gray met with the park Naming Panel on October 27, 2008 and reviewed the results of the rankings.

Supervisor Gray and the Park Naming Panel propose that the park be named the Orcutt Community Park. The panel further recommends that the list of nominees be submitted to the Park's Commission with the recommendation that the Park's Commission consider naming several of the Parks' feature areas in honor of local citizens.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A Articles
- Attachment B Application/Criteria
- Attachment C Nominations
- Attachment D Panel
- Attachment E Rankings

**Authored by:**

Fourth District Supervisor Joni Gray

# **Attachment A**

## **Articles**

**OP** Orcutt Pioneer ~ August 28, 2008

## Rice Ranch Park Name Entry Deadline Announced

Fourth District Supervisor Joni Gray's office has received great response to last month's article regarding the naming of the new 31.2-acre park that will be part of the Rice Ranch development, and has announced that the deadline for entries is September 30.

Cannon Associates describes the future park as one that will "provide beauty intrinsic to the native landscape and the increased opportunity for venturing into surrounding wild lands."

To find a name for this new park, members of the community are being offered the opportunity to nominate suggestions by submitting a letter detailing how the name meets certain criteria as well as letters of reference.

The categories for nomination are: Community leadership in or directly affecting quality of life in the Orcutt area

Role model or mentor in the Orcutt area

Volunteerism, sponsorships in/for services in the Orcutt area

Geographical features specific to the Orcutt area

Significant historical reference

Endemic cultural or wildlife features

Once nominations are received they will pass through the Fourth District

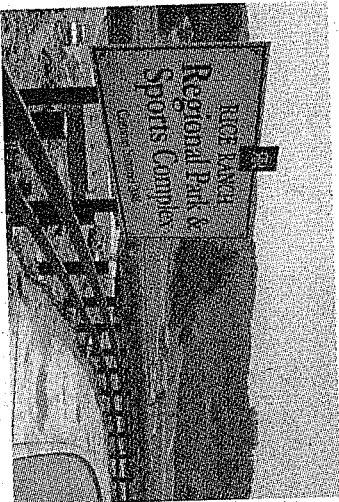
offices, the Parks Commission, and finally the Board of Supervisors if the name qualifies and is found acceptable.

Those who wish to nominate are asked to avoid "naming according to creed of limited

or controversial following, naming for living person or persons, naming for former Park Department employees, and the creation of new names where old names have frequent community usage."

To participate in the naming process, nominations must be received by September 30th, 2008. For more information visit Supervisor Gray's office at 1103 E. Clark in Orcutt or all 346-8409.

Rebecca Ross Klosinski reporting





# Orcutt Pioneer

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## County Asks Community to Help Name New Park

A growing amount of development in the Orcutt area in the coming months and years will not only yield countless new homes for our community, but new parks as well.

The Rice Ranch Development is currently in the process of completing a 31.2 acre park off of Rice Ranch Road. According to the Cannon Associates website (the developers on the project), this park will "provide beauty intrinsic to the native landscape and the increased opportunity for venturing into surrounding wild lands."

With this new park in the works, the county parks department is looking for community input in naming it.

"Supervisor Gray wants people to participate," says assistant Alice Patino, "people who have ideas for names with some connection to the area or the park."

Individuals are asked to prepare a letter detailing how the nominee meets one or more of the categories for nomination as well as at least three written references from members of the community or groups that support the nomination. The categories for nomination as laid

out by the parks department are:

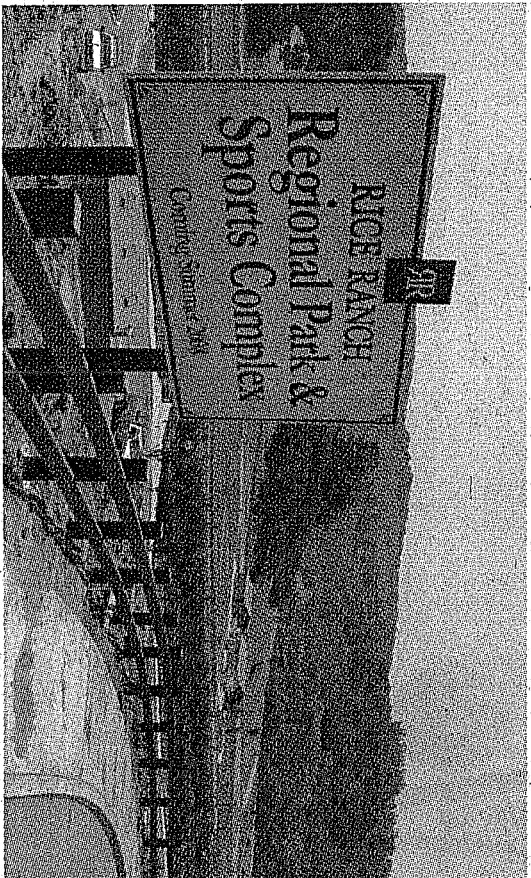
1. Community leadership in or directly affecting quality of life in the Orcutt area
2. Role model or mentor in the Orcutt area
3. Volunteerism, sponsorship, area

Fourth District Office will evaluate all materials and may seek assistance from members of the community in reviewing. Once this is complete, a nomination has the opportunity to be advanced to the Parks Commission for additional input. The Parks Commission will then decide to take action on the nomination or take no action.

If a nomination reaches the Fourth District Supervisor and is found acceptable, it will be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda. Special arrangements for recognition, plaques, and/or signage will also be arranged at that time.

Those who wish to nominate are asked to avoid "naming according to creed, of limited or controversial following, naming for living person or persons, naming for former Park Department employees, and the creation of new names where old names have frequent community usage."

Those who wish to submit names for the temporarily titled Rice Ranch Park can stop by the 4th District offices at 1103 E. Clark Ave to pick up an application.



Rebecca Ross reporting

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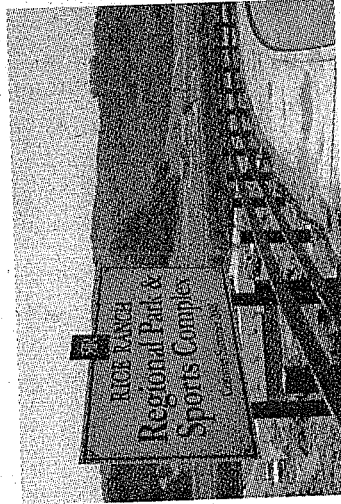
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The categories for nomination are:  
Community leadership in or directly affecting quality of life in the Orcutt area  
Role model or mentor in the Orcutt area

Volunteerism, sponsorships in/for services in the Orcutt area  
Geographical features specific to the Orcutt area

Significant historical reference  
Endemic cultural or wildlife features  
Once nominations are received they will pass through the Fourth District offices, the Parks Commission, and finally the Board of Supervisors if the name qualifies and is found acceptable.



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Rebecca Ross Klosinski reporting

# **Attachment B**

# **Application/Criteria**

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Category for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

# NAMING OF PARKS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

## NOMINATION PROCESS

A nomination letter should be prepared and addressed to the Fourth District Supervisor, detailing how the nominee meets one or more of the categories for nomination listed below and provided at least 3 written references from community members or groups supporting the nomination. **ALL** nominations should remain confidential until such time as the review process has been completed.

## INVESTIGATION OF NOMINATION

The Fourth District Office will review the nomination material, evaluate it against the established criteria. The Office of the Fourth District may have the nominations looked at more closely by contacting people in the community. After the investigation process, the Fourth District Supervisor may elect to advance the nomination to the Parks Commission for additional input. Input from the appointed bodies will be collected by the Fourth District Supervisors Office and weighted in the decision making process. If the nominee meets the criteria, the nomination may move forward to the Parks Commission for comments. The Parks Commission may choose to take action on the nomination or may elect to take no action.

## THE FOLLOWING NAMING CRITERIA IS DISCOURAGED:

1. Naming according to creed of limited or controversial following;
2. Naming for living person or persons;
3. Naming for former Park Department employees;
4. The creation of new names where old names have frequent community usage;

## CATEGORIES FOR NOMINATIONS

1. **Community Leadership in or directly affecting the quality of life in the Orcutt Area**  
What important role(s) has the individual/group played in the leadership of government or community service?
2. **Role model or mentor in the Orcutt Area** - What significant/meaningful and ongoing accomplishments has this individual/group achieved that identifies him/her/them as role models for our community?
3. **Volunteerism, sponsorships in/for services in the Orcutt Area** - How has this person/group given of time, energy and/or resources to improve the quality of life in the Orcutt Area?
4. **Geographical features specific to the Orcutt area.** A geographical feature that is descriptive or unique to Orcutt and identifiable.
5. **Significant historical reference**
6. **Endemic cultural or wildlife features, with names related**

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Submission of a nomination letter addressing one or more of the categories for nomination from a community member or group.
2. Staff investigation and evaluation of nomination letter. Preparation of an agenda report to the Parks Commission with staff's recommendation.
3. Commissioners shall decide whether or not to advance the nominee's name to Fourth District Supervisor.
4. Should the nomination be acceptable to Fourth District Supervisor, the item will be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda
5. Any special recognition, plaques, signage, etc. will be arranged with the individual/group submitting the nomination and approved by the Parks Commission.

The measurements for these categories should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis as part of the Commission's discussions.

# **Attachment C**

# **Nominations**

**Names and Suggestions for Naming of the Park:**

**Brookshire Glen**

**Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Park**

**Edwin Hammond**

**Joe Gray Regional Park**

**Manzanilla Park**

**Mary Ruth Monte Regional Park**

**Military Service Members**

**Olga Howard Community Park**

**Orcutt Community Park**

**Rice Ranch Regional Park & Sports Complex**

**Thomas Rees Park**

**William Warren Orcutt Regional Park**



# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Brookshire Glen

Category for Nomination: #5 Significant Historical Reference

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Donald Eame Brookshire

Address: P.O. Box 5791 SANTA MARIA, CA DECEADANT.

Phone Number: 805 922 5000 / 93456

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

Sept. 30, 2008

Joni Gray, Fourth District Supervisor  
County of Santa Barbara

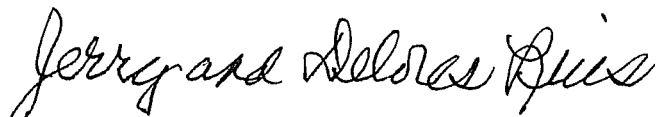
Dear Joni,

We would like to submit a name to be considered for the new park on Rice Ranch Road. The park is part of the original T. J. Brookshire homestead which was established in 1882.

Our family was acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brookshire. They were members of the T. J. Brookshire family and were neighbors and good friends of my parents, Anita and Cerfee Luis. Mrs. Brookshire took care of my two brothers and me after school. I recall being told Mr. Brookshire served as a constable in Orcutt.

As this family played an important role in the history of our area, we believe it would be appropriate to name the park "Brookshire Glen."

Sincerely,



Jerry and Delores Luis  
430 St. Andrews Way  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
(805) 937-0449

County of Santa Barbara  
Fourth District Supervisor  
Joni Gray

I take this opportunity to submit for consideration the name for the new park.  
"BROOKSHIRE GLEN"

#### History of the Person's and their involvement and contributions to the Orcutt Area

In 1866 Mr. Brookshire married Margaret Harris, a native of Pennsylvania, they had six children. All six of the Brookshire children attended the first of the 3 Pine Grove Schools.

In 1869 T.J. Brookshire made his first appearance in La Graciosa district<sup>1</sup> (see 1870 Census line 24 also 1880 census line 50<sup>2</sup>). Records show that he laid claim to one hundred and sixty acres of government land<sup>3</sup> (having proved up he obtained a legal title to it). On June 13, 1882, the United States of America granted Mr. Brookshire his homestead. Homestead records show<sup>2</sup> the homestead was signed by President Chester A. Arthur. Subsequently T.J. transformed it into a well cultivated and a valuable ranch. He not only carried on farming with good results, he also was engaged to some extent in the grocery business. For three years he was one of the leading merchants of Guadalupe. His agricultural pursuits for twenty-three years, were proof that T.J. was indeed proud of how his ranch would supply food for the entire area. He raised grain, stock, fruit and vegetables and sold it at different locations in the district, as well as shipping to other areas.

The new park is part of the original Brookshire ranch. As members of the community the Brookshire family hosted many festivals and other activities on the Ranch<sup>4</sup>. Many area families would gather on the ranch for celebrations of music, food, and fellowship. Today this area that they gathered at is at the top of Sage Crest as one would enter the new Brookshire Glenn Gate.

Showing community support and encouraging development on April 25, 1892 Mr. Brookshire donated to the County of Santa Barbara some of his land to develop a new road. Today that road is named Rice Ranch Road<sup>5</sup> April 25, 1892

In 1893 once again the Brookshire family shows support for the hills W. A. Brookshire the oldest son, donated land from the Brookshire Ranch to Santa Barbara County to establish Stubblefield Road<sup>6</sup>.

When Oil was found in Summerland and exploration moved north to the hills south of Santa Maria, it was thought to be in an oil belt. Like many other entrepreneurs, Mr. Brookshire secured an additional 40 acres and started the Brookshire Oil Company<sup>7,8</sup>. This was approximately 1902 and it proved to be another wise decision.

In 1907 the predecessor of the Santa Maria Gas and Power Company gathered permits and permission to construct and lay the gas pipe line from the Brookshire Oil Lease to Santa Maria and other districts. At the end of April 1907 natural gas from the four-inch pipeline from the Brookshire Oil Company were supplying thirty customers with gas in their home for cooking and heat<sup>9</sup>. This was viewed as a huge contribution to the oil industry as well as the citizens of Santa Maria.

Family Man, Farmer, Rancher, Merchant, Entrepreneur, Oil explorer, Employer, Risk Taker, Community Activist.

Supervisors, Park Commission, and Community Support members;  
If I can be of any assistance or need to provide more information to support my nomination, please call me.

Respectfully submitted by Donald F. Eames (third generation),  
(805) 922-5000

*Donald F. Eames*

Reference to written proof.

- <sup>1</sup> Southern Coast Counties California Vol 2 Cal. Pg .2183
- <sup>2</sup> 1870 & 1880 La Graciosa District Census
- <sup>3</sup> The United States of America Land Patent and Bureau of Land Management Record
- <sup>4</sup> At Pine Grove 6 May 1882
- <sup>5</sup> Record of donation of land for road; Rice Ranch Rd. Page 403
- <sup>6</sup> 37/459 dds W.A. Brookshire. Etal to S.B. County
- <sup>7</sup> June 23, 1906 Meridian Oil Co. News Paper report
- <sup>8</sup> From Boom Town to Bedroom Community pg.15, pg.22.
- <sup>9</sup> This is our Valley page 137,138

Glen or Glenn either seems correct

T. J. Brookshire  
 Manager of (Woman's)  
 Bookstore

Six children -

- A.
- C.
- ADA.
- EMMA
- VICTORIA
- ALICE

found this in - Southern Coast Counties  
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inside cover reads - A History of CALIFORNIA  
 AND AN EXTENDED HISTORY OF ITS SEVENTEEN COAST COUNTIES  
 CONTAINING BIOGRAPHERS OF WELL KNOWN CITIZENS OF  
 THE PAST AND PRESENT. By J. M. G. WIND A. M. 1907

In 1859 he came to California, and after spending a while in Sacramento located in Sonoma county, where he had a good position as foreman on a large grain ranch for a period of ten years. In 1869 Mr. Brookshire made his first appearance in Santa Maria, and soon after laid claim to one hundred and sixty acres of government land, and having proved up obtained a legal title to it, and subsequently transformed it into a well cultivated and valuable ranch. He not only carried on farming with good results, but was engaged to some extent in the grocery business, and for three years was one of the leading merchants of Guadalupe. Returning then to the ranch which he had improved, Mr. Brookshire was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for twenty-three years, and as a raiser of grain, stock, fruit and vegetables was quite successful. In the meantime he located another claim, taking up forty acres of government land, which has proved rich in oil, and which the Brookshire Oil Company, in which he is a director, is fast developing, and will ere long be on a paying basis, giving large dividends to its stockholders. In 1903 Mr. Brookshire moved from his ranch to Santa Maria, where he now resides, an esteemed and respected citizen.

In 1865 Mr. Brookshire married Margaret Harris, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have six children. Politically Mr. Brookshire is a Democrat, and religiously Mrs. Brookshire is a member of the Christian Church.

References and Documentation  
To  
support this application

- <sup>1</sup> Southern Coast Counties California Vol 2 Cal. Pg .2183
- <sup>2</sup> 1870 &1880 La Graciosa District Census
- <sup>3a</sup> The United States of America Land Patent and
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- <sup>7</sup> June 23,1906 Meridian Oil Co. News Paper report

# Descendants of Thomas Jefferson Brookshire

( Local area only )

- <sup>1</sup> Thomas Jefferson Brookshire and Margaret Ann (Harris) Brookshire
  - <sup>1</sup> William Albert Brookshire
  - <sup>1</sup> Charles A Brookshire
  - <sup>1</sup> Ada Brookshire
  - <sup>1</sup> Alice Brookshire
  - <sup>1</sup> Emma Belle Brookshire
  - Victoria Brookshire
  
- <sup>1</sup> Emma Belle (Brookshire) Eames
  - <sup>1</sup> Hazel (Eames) Stokes
    - <sup>2</sup> Clyde Harvey Stokes
      - <sup>2</sup> Cathy Lee (Stokes) (Ballinger) Lees
        - <sup>2</sup> Teresa Jean Ballinger
        - <sup>2</sup> Cristi Ann Lees
  
- <sup>1</sup> Doloras (Jack) Eames
  - <sup>2</sup> Marie Dolores (Eames) (Avila ) Zemny
    - <sup>1</sup> Cathleen Joy Avila
    - <sup>1</sup> Linda Lou (Avila) (Reyes) Redford
      - <sup>1</sup> Brodie Reyes
    - <sup>2</sup> David Jon Avila
      - <sup>2</sup> Katie Ann Avila
      - <sup>2</sup> Linsey Marie Avila
  
- <sup>2</sup> Donald F. Eames
  - <sup>2</sup> Renee Lynn (Eames) Mason
    - <sup>2</sup> Audrey Laine Mason
    - <sup>2</sup> Cade Joseph Mason
  
- <sup>2</sup> Robert Leroy Eames
  - <sup>1</sup> Allen Edward Eames
  
- <sup>1</sup> Byron Lucas Eames
  - <sup>2</sup> Barney Joe Eames
    - <sup>1</sup> Byron David Eames
    - <sup>1</sup> Matthew Paul Eames
  - <sup>2</sup> William Arno Eames
    - <sup>2</sup> Joseph Parnell Eames
    - <sup>2</sup> Thomas Gregory Eames
      - <sup>2</sup> Bryce Eames
      - <sup>2</sup> Mackinzy Eames

## Generations

First      Second      Third      Fourth      Fifth

<sup>1</sup> Lived the majority of their life in the Orcutt or Santa Maria area  
<sup>2</sup> Is Living in the Orcutt or Santa Maria area on 10 Sep 2008





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Enumeration Dist. No. 85

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880.  
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.  
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in La Graciosa Precinct, in the County of Sacramento, State of California, enumerated by me on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1880.

James Cummins, Enumerator.

Table with columns: Name, Sex, Age, Color, Occupation, Health, Education, and Nativity. Rows list individuals such as Brookshire, Flores, and others with their respective details.

Now called Graciosa Precinct

1.—In making entries in columns 6, 10, 11, 12, 14 or 22, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus //, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.  
2.—Question No. 13 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.  
3.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases where a general occupation has been reported in column 13.  
4.—In column 7 an abbreviation for the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Township No. 3, in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, enumerated by me on the 30 day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Arroyo Prietas. John Seaman, Ass't Marshal. 509

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11-14				15	16	17	18	19-20	
			Age of last birthday	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		Father of foreign birth	Mother of foreign birth	If born within the year, able to read, write, speak English	If married within the year, able to read, write, speak English					Accrued school within the year	Education
1		Seveta, Grace	22	w	w	Day Laborer			Cal										1
2		Grace	13	w	w	At Home			"										2
3		Leonarda	14	f	w	"			"										3
4		Evangelista	11	f	w	"			"										4
5	136, 137	Perez, Marcos	53	m	w	Farmer	3000	2000	"										5
6		Luisa	37	f	w	Housewife			"										6
7		Martina	13	f	w	At Home			"										7
8	134, 135	Romero, Pedro D.	33	m	w	Farmer	1400	925	"										8
9		Refugio S.	21	f	w	Housewife			"										9
10		Maria A.	5	f	w	At Home			"										10
11		Petra	4	f	w	"			"										11
12		Miriam G.	2	w	w	"			"										12
13		Veronica S.	6	w	w	"			"										13
14	138, 139	Corre, Jose	34	m	w	Farmer	800	200	"										14
15		Juliana L.	22	f	w	Housewife			"										15
16		Eleonora	5	w	w	At Home			"										16
17		Cecilia	1	f	w	"			"										17
18	139, 140	Panida, Manuel	28	m	w	Farmer	950	400	"										18
19	140, 141	Olivera, Martina	23	w	w	" (W)	1300	500	"										19
20		Grace	9	w	w	At Home			"										20
21		Gerencia	3	f	w	"			"										21
22	141, 142	Oliver, Maria G.	53	f	w	Housewife (W)			"										22
23	142, 143	Stearns, John P.	47	m	w	Farmer	1200	350	N. H.										23
24	143, 144	Bookstone, Thomas	26	m	w	"	1350	250	Pa.										24
25		Margaret	25	f	w	Housewife			Irish										25
26		William A.	3	m	w	At Home			Cal										26
27		Charles	2	m	w	"			"										27
28		Ada	6	f	w	"			"										28
29	144, 145	Mobby, Samuel	39	m	w	Farmer	400	1700	Ind.										29
30		Mary F.	29	f	w	Housewife			Mo.										30
31		William	11	m	w	At Home			Cal.										31
32		John H.	10	m	w	"			"										32
33		Joseph L.	8	m	w	"			"										33
34		Olivia F.	3	f	w	"			"										34
35		Rodessa	3	f	w	"			"										35
36	<del>145, 146</del>	Rosetta	3	f	w	"			"										36
37	145, 146	Olivera, Breita	32	w	w	Day Laborer			"										37
38		Rafael	22	m	w	"	2300	600	"										38
39	146, 147	Stubblefield, Robt.	27	m	w	Farmer	2300	600	Ma.										39
40		Sarah	41	f	w	Housewife			Ind.										40

No. of dwellings, 11. No. of white females, 16. No. of males, foreign born, 0. No. of issue, 1. No. of families, 11. " " colored males, 0. " " females, 0. " " white males, 22. " " females, 0. " " blind, 0. 14500 6,925

Fourth District Supervisor Joni Gray

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of the new park to be named BROOKSHIRE GLEN; I am married to a third generation Brookshire, and there for we have Fourth and Fifth generation here today, My Grandchildren attend Pine Grove School just like their pioneers family did back in the 1880.

BROOKSHIRE: because that was the family name who homesteaded the land and who helped develop that area.

GLEN; because the park is in a narrow valley.

Respectfully submitted Sharon Eames

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Eames". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sharon Eames".

Forth District Supervisor: Joni Gray

*Bookshire Glen, would be a fitting name for the new park. The family was extremely active in the community and contributed to the area in many ways. The Brookshire children attended the original Pine Grove school all six of them. T.J. Brookshire who homesteaded this land was involved in many facets of the Orcutt Area. He always tried to improve the activities on the Orcutt Hill and in the whole area.*

*After one enters the Park, and follows the paved road down into the Glen, one realizes how perfect this area is, How the community is going to enjoy the fantastic design with the Soccer field, Baseball fields, the huge Bar B Q area and the wonderful picnic tables for all of the community to enjoy. The Walking trails are an added bonus.*

*Please consider BROOKSHIRE GLEN when you select the name for this park:*

Thank You

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Fourth District Supervisor  
Joni Gray

I am a third generation of the Brookshire name here in the Orcutt Area. I know that if you have read my cousins Nomination Letter that you already know the history of the Brookshire Name in this area. My father was of course one of the members of the Brookshire descendants, he worked in and owned a business in old Orcutt for many years. This new Park is wonderful and gives the Brookshire name a chance to be reintroduced into the community as a person who contributed to its development and it's history. If you have read the book This Is Our Valley, you'll find the Brookshire name as well as some other references you'll find on the Nomination Letter. It's not a new name just a name that some how got overlooked. Now is the right time to acknowledge my Great Grandfather's devotion to this area.

Thank You, for your consideration:

*Barney Eames*

Santa Barbara County Parks Commission  
Forth District Supervisor Joni Gray  
1103 E. Suite 162, Santa Maria, CA 93455  
Re: Nomination Application for Naming of Park Facilities

9/25/2008

Dear Joni,

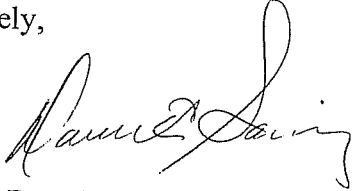
It has been brought to my attention by Mr. Donald Eames of Orcutt that the Parks Commission is considering naming the newly created park facilities, now found within Rice Ranch Estates. His suggestion being "Brookshire Glenn."

As a long time resident of the area, I would second that proposal. I know that originally Thomas Jefferson Brookshire homesteaded the area where the park is now situated. The adjacent properties known as the Brookshire Oil Company where the Southern Counties Gas Company got its start was named after the family. Rice Ranch Oil purchased the Brookshire Oil Co. in the 1930's.

I believe the naming of Brookshire Glenn to be very appropriate.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

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Darwin Sainz

Cc: Donald Eames

# MERIDIAN OIL COMPANY

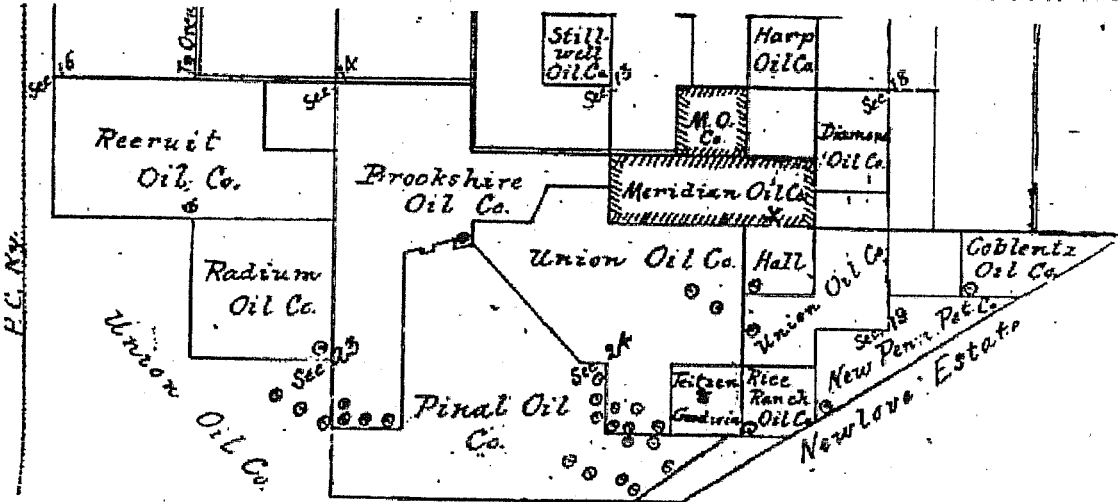
CAPITAL \$300,000

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THE MERIDIAN OIL COMPANY has secured the J. H. Drumm tract of 120 acres, together with an option on an additional 40 acres to the north of it, has purchased a combination rotary and standard rig, and will proceed immediately to drill for oil at the point marked with a cross on the map.

That point is a quarter of a mile from the famous Hall well, which produces the lightest oil in the field. The opinion of experts this indicates that the Meridian's property is well within the field. With such a certainty of striking a light gravity oil at a reasonable depth, the difficulties to be encountered in drilling are known from the experience of other companies in the vicinity, and with the means at hand of meeting such difficulties that others have encountered, the prospects of the Meridian Oil Company are particularly bright.

115,000 shares of the capital stock have been allotted for sale, at 25c. per share. Of this amount over 40,000 shares have already been subscribed for. The remainder will be placed upon the market until July 1st 1906, which date responsible parties have promised to take any remaining shares of the allotment. This is the issue of stock, and none has been sold below this price.

Subscribers may pay 10 per cent. on application, and the balance in three equal monthly installments.

Santa Maria Times  
23 Jun 1906

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L.S.

W.A. Brookshire, et al.  
to  
S. B. County

State of California  
County of Santa Barbara.  
Whereas W.A. Brookshire and others free holders  
of said District Number Seven taxable  
therein for road purposes &c. have petitioned in  
writing the Board of Supervisors to lay out a  
new road thereinto set forth in their petition  
filed with the Clerk of said Board the 2nd  
day of May 1893. which said road is pro-  
posed to be located forty (40) feet in width  
in said District No. Seven (7) in the  
County of Santa Barbara State of California as  
follows to wit:-

- Twenty (20) feet on each side of the follow-  
ing described line commencing at a post in the  
center of the County Road and at the Southeast  
corner of the North East 1/4 of Section 14 Township  
of North Range 3rd West 23rd N. and running  
thence South between Sections 13<sup>21</sup> and 14<sup>22</sup>  
between lands of W.A. Brookshire and Chaffin  
10.52 Chains to North West corner of Cemetery  
20.20 Chains to corner between the North 1/2 and  
South 1/2 of South West 1/4 of Section 13. Thence east  
on line between the North 1/2 and South 1/2  
of the South West 1/4 of Section 13 and  
between the lands of Brookshire and Chaffin  
10.25 Chains to post in center of County Road  
and terminate at road.

Now therefore in consideration of the location  
and establishment of said roads above  
described and of the benefits to accretions  
and each of us by such location we the  
undersigned owners, occupants and claimants of  
land required for road purposes on the line  
of the foregoing designated route hereby  
signify our approval of the location of  
said road and do hereby consent thereto  
and we hereby dedicate to said County and



Part of Township 9 N 34W

Range 34 W ----->

<---Range 33 W

<p>Franklin Hall 25 Oct 1889</p>	<p>Daniel Toy 91</p>	<p>M.G. Foster 5 Sep 1891</p>	<p>Foster, William W 23 Mar 1892</p>	<p>Ebenezer Hopkins 1 Apr 1890</p>	<p>Edward L Tyler 1891</p>
<p>Lucy Twitchell 3 Sep 1890</p>	<p>Fremont C Twitchell 5 Sep 91</p>	<p>Foster, David S 5 Sep 91</p>	<p>Hedrick, Lewis 9 Apr 1881</p>	<p>Howerton Mat W 16 May 1891</p>	<p>Charles Hazlrigg 30 Sep 1882</p>
<p>Newton W Best</p>	<p>Litchfield, Milton Crabtree, Ephraim J 30 Jul 1878</p>	<p>John Gibson 10 Feb 1882</p>	<p>Samuel J Groves 20 Nov 1882</p>	<p>Nancy Stubblefield 20 Aug 1881</p>	<p>John R. Norris 21 Jun 1892</p>
<p>Hartnell</p>	<p>Jose Gorrea 15 Mar 1882</p>	<p>Romero 1882</p>	<p>Thomas J. Brookshire 30 Jun 1882</p>	<p>Heacox &amp; James H. Drumm 11 Nov 1892</p>	<p>Heacox and King 30 Jun 1882</p>
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<p>Hartnell</p>	<p>Hartnell</p>	<p>Hartnell</p>	<p>Robert C. Stubblefield</p>	<p>Stubblefield 30 Jun 1882</p>	<p>Stubblefield 21 May 1887</p>

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P.G.2 School  
P.G.3 School

P.G.17 School

# THE BROOKSHIRE'S

Margaret Ann



Thomas Jefferson



Top row R to L **Emma Bell Brookshire, Ada Brookshire,** Alfonso Flores, Milt O. Stevenson, boy, girl, Mattie Norris, **Alice Brookshire** Middle row Teacher, John (Tap) Norris, girl, girl, boy, Flores girl, **Victoria Brookshire,** girl, Ben Flores Bottom row girl, girl boy, boy, boy, boy, **Charley Brookshire** Teacher Unknown  
Picture taken cir. 1888

William A Brookshire was out of school and ranching at this time

The First of three Pine Grove School's

United States of America  
to  
Thomas J. Brookshire

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:  
Whereas, in pursuance of the act of Congress approved  
March 3, 1855 entitled "An Act in addition to certain  
acts granting Bounty and to certain Officers and Soldiers  
who have been engaged in the Military service of the  
United States" there has been deposited in the General Land  
Office, Warrant No 25593 for the same, in favor of  
William Dickinson, Colonel, Virginia Militia, Mar  
1812 with evidence that the same has been duly located  
upon the South half of the South West quarter of section  
thirteen, and the East half of the South East quarter  
of section fourteen in Township nine North of  
range thirty-four West of San Bernardino Meridian  
in the district of lands subject to sale at San  
Francisco California, containing one hundred and  
sixty acres according to the Official Plat of the  
Survey of the said land returned to the General Land  
Office by the Surveyor General the said warrant having  
been duly assigned to Thomas J. Brookshire in whose  
favor said plat has been located.

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Now know ye, that these in, therefore granted by the United States  
unto & said Thomas J. Brookshire, as assignee as aforesaid  
and to his heirs the tract of land <sup>above</sup> described; to have and to  
hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances thereof  
unto the said Thomas J. Brookshire as assignee as aforesaid and  
to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued  
water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing or other  
purposes, and rights in ditches and reservoirs made in connection  
with such water rights, as may in or recognized and acknowledged  
by the local custom, laws, and decisions of courts, and also  
subject to the rights of the proprietor of a mine or lode to extract  
and remove his ore therefrom, should the same or found to  
penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided  
by law. In testimony whereof, J. Chester A. Arthur, President of  
the United States of America, has caused these letters to be made  
Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto  
affixed. Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the  
thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord One  
thousand eight hundred and eighty two, and of the independence  
of the United States the one hundred and sixth

General Land  
Office Seal

By the President Chester A. Arthur  
Per W. H. Crook, Secretary  
S. W. Clark, Recorder of the General Land Office  
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Recorded at the request of R. M. Cilland June 22 1893  
at 11 o'clock  
H. Stoddard Recorder

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**Names**

Patentees: THOMAS J BROOKSHIRE,  
WILLIAM DICKINSON

**Survey**

State: CALIFORNIA  
Acres: 160

Metes/Bounds: No

**Title Transfer**

Issue Date: 6/30/1882  
Land Office: Assigned For Automation

Cancelled: No

U.S. Reservations: No

Mineral Reservations: No

Authority: March 17, 1842: Scrip or Nature of Scrip (5 Stat. 607)

**Document Numbers**

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Aliquot Parts	Sec./ Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
S½SW	13/	9-N	34-W	No	San Bernardino	CA	Santa Barbara	
E½SE	14/	9-N	34-W	No	San Bernardino	CA	Santa Barbara	

At the Pine Grove picnic May-day the people began to assemble at an early hour upon the picnic grounds on the mesa belonging to Mr. Thomas Brookshire. The day was cool and foggy in the forenoon but turned out very pleasant in the afternoon. The spot was a lovely one, sloping gradually to the north and west, being covered with the noble evergreen live oak and carpeted with a fine coat of green grass. More lovely on account of the magnificent view of the great Santa Maria valley, lying stretched out from the south-east to the north-west, a distance of 25 miles as a great map artistically painted in green. Grain fields in green, hedged in by rows of blue gums; and groves of blue gums with Central City and its shining houses; the laguna at the foot of the Point Sal mountains; and Guadalupe looming up in the distance, together with

#### A FULL FLEDGED SHIP

Out on the blue ocean sailing in the back ground, formed a conspicuous part of the view. At about 11 o'clock the large assembly was called to order and Mr. Jared appointed as Chairman, who made some very pertinent remarks and then called for the song "God Made All Nattre Free," by the choir. After which came the proclamation of the Marshall, Herman Whitford. Then came another song, which was well rendered by the Misses Norris, Miss Whitford, Mr. Charles Martin and Prof. John Coates, "Little Brown Church in the Lane." After which came the very imposing ceremonies of Eddie Norris crowning her majesty, Miss Sarah Jasper, as Queen of May and Powers. She chose Misses Mattie Norris, Hettie Newlove, Dora Ables, Serena Chappell, and Maria Holloway as maids of honor. She then with her scepter waived the maids to their seats and proceeded to address her subjects in a very impressive manner.

Behaved herself in a very fitting and becoming way. Next was a song "A Thousand Years" Rev. Mr. King, of Guadalupe was introduced and made a very interesting speech, first giving the history of May Day and then falling back on to the favorite theme of temperance, to the great edification of the audience. Then followed a song by the choir, "Sweetly through the Silence," which certainly was "sweetly." The President here announced that it was dinner time. Different tables were spread with abundance of cakes, pies, chickens, fruit—everything good—and didn't let royal subjects do justice to the occasion. Every one engaged in this part of the exercises and not a single failure. After dinner the people talked and swung and went home happy.

Santa Maria Times May 6 1882



To  
Santa Barbara County;

County of Santa Barbara  
H. Reed J. P. Morris and others,  
proprietors of Road District

Number Seven (7), located therein for road purposes, have petitioned in writing the Board of Supervisors to lay out a new road therein; as set forth in their petition filed with the Clerk of said Board the sixteenth day of October 1891, which said road is proposed to be located forty (40) feet in width

Donation of land to create part of Bradley Rd and all of Rice Ranch Rd prior to 1960

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of said Road District No. Seven (7) in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, as follows, to wit: Twenty (20) feet on each side of the following described land, commencing at the corner of sections 11, 12, 13 & 14 and Townships 10, North Range 3, West S. B. Meridian, and running thence South between sections 13 & 14, and between lands of M. Elisler and Jerome Cash, 20.00 chains to post marked R. (1); thence West in line with quarter section lines between lands of Jerome Cash and J. J. Bronckhorst, 20.00 chains to post marked R. (2); thence West on quarter section line between lands of Jerome Cash and Sarah Flood, 20.00 chains to post marked R. (3); thence West on quarter section line between lands of Sarah Flood and John Gibson, 20.00 chains to post marked R. (4); thence West on quarter section line between lands of Maria Guinness and John Gibson 20.00 chains to quarter section post on line between sections 14 & 15 and thence running of road.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the location and establishment of said road as above described, and of the benefits to same to us and each of us by such location, we, the undersigned, owners, occupants and claimants of land required for road purposes on the line of the foregoing designated route, hereby signify our approval of the location of said road, and do hereby consent, grant, and do hereby dedicate to said County and its successors the lands belonging to each of us as far as the same may be required for said road to that purpose and for the use of said road as a public highway; and we hereby waive all claims for damage for and on account of the same.

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 25th day of April 1892.

John Gibson	(Seal)	Marie B. Birstle	(Seal)
		Salome A. Flood	(Seal)
		J. J. Bronckhorst	(Seal)
		J. B. Cash	(Seal)
		M. Elisler	(Seal)

State of California }  
County of Santa Barbara } ss.

On this 25th day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, before me, M. Thompson, a Notary Public, in and for said County of Santa Barbara, personally appeared Marie B. Birstle and Salome A. Flood, J. J. Bronckhorst, J. B. Cash, M. Elisler and John Gibson known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal this 25th day of April 1892.

M. Thompson, Notary Public

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Park

Category for Nomination: 1, 2, & 3

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: 39 years (His entire life)

Category For Nomination: 1, 2 & 3

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Allen, Jerry & Dayna Bennett

Address: 486 St. Marys Ct.

Phone Number: 937-6451

Attached:

Nomination Letter ✓

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

Vanveen

August 7, 2008

The Bennett Family  
486 St. Mary's Court  
Orcutt, CA 93455

Fourth District Supervisor  
Joni Gray  
1103 East Clark Suite A  
Orcutt, CA 93455

“Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Park”

Dear Supervisor Gray,

We are writing to request that the Rice Ranch Regional Park be named after Chief Ron Bennett. Ron meets not one, but four of the nomination criteria, and we believe he is most deserving of this posthumous honor.

Ron dedicated the better part of his life to serving the community. He served with the Orcutt Fire Department for 24 years. He spent the last five years of his life as Chief of the department, and in this capacity he played an important role as a respected leader of the community. Ron volunteered a great deal of time ensuring the safety of the citizens of Orcutt in numerous ways.

Ron also played an important role as mentor of young men and women both through the department and in the greater community. Ron trained countless firefighters at the department over the years. These trainees not only served to protect Orcutt, but many of them went on to serve with local fire departments, thus continuing the training they received under Ron.

Ron's volunteerism speaks for itself. He dedicated over 20 years of his life volunteering with the Orcutt Fire Department. He spent countless hours there from the time he was 16 and truthfully, his dedication knew no bounds. Our family recalls him dashing out of the house at 2 a.m. to respond to a call for the department. The department could have wished for no better volunteer ~ he was as dedicated as they come.


What's more, as a servant of the community he was always looking for ways to involve the public in events with the fire department. Ron gave of his time to sponsor two annual events in Orcutt, both of which brought us all together in celebration. First, the Orcutt Haunted House, which provided a safe place for Trick or Treaters to enjoy the holiday with their families. Each year it got bigger and better, and that haunted house had been Ron's creation. He dreamed it up and had the vision to make it all that it was. Secondly, the Orcutt Christmas Parade, an event that Ron had participated in as a child. Ron is truly



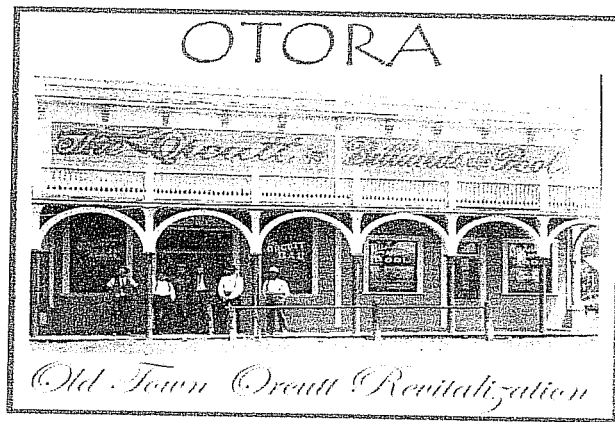
a shining example of an Orcutt citizen who grew up to serve his community.

In the last year of his life, Ron also had the foresight to see the need for change in Orcutt. The Orcutt Fire Department served this community for eighty years. Ron was part of that and recognized that as Orcutt grew, it became necessary for the department to grow as well. Always, Ron had the safety and well being of our community at the front of his mind. Beginning the process of the merger with the county before he passed away, Ron was acting in the best interest of our town. Now that the department is gone, what more fitting tribute than to honor Ron, our Chief.

We humbly request that the 4<sup>th</sup> district see fit to call the new regional park the Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Park.

Sincerely, 

Allen and Jerry Bennett  
Dayna Bennett Davis



Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association  
120 East Clark Avenue, Orcutt, CALIFORNIA 93455

(805)937-2747 Email Address OTORA@ymail.com

August 6, 2008

Joni Gray, Supervisor  
Santa Barbara County  
1103 East Clark, Suite A  
Orcutt, CA 93455

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF  
NAMING OUR NEW REGIONAL PARK FOR RON BENNETT

Dear Supervisor Gray:

*I am writing to you on behalf of the board of directors of the Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association. Thank you for soliciting our input, as well as the rest of the Orcutt communities' input in this important decision. I am sure there are many well qualified nominees, but it is our board's strong feeling that the late Orcutt Fire Chief, Mr. Ron Bennett, is the best qualified individual to have a regional park named after him.*

*Ron stands out not just in one category, but in four nominating categories. The late fire chief was a native of the Old Orcutt community who was raised in the Old Town cultural center of the greater Orcutt area. He is truly a native who dedicated his life to public service.*

*First, he showed great community leadership by keeping the Old Orcutt Fire Department together during recent years, but on the other hand became aware of the need to merge the department with the County of Santa Barbara to provide more efficient service to the Old Town area and surrounding areas. As many are, Ron was not afraid of change, and he led the department and community in that new direction.*

*In addition to leadership, Ron showed himself through the years to be an outstanding role model and mentor for new fire recruits at the Volunteer Orcutt Fire Department. This department became a training ground for other departments in the county and these recruits went on to community service in surrounding Santa Barbara County communities.*

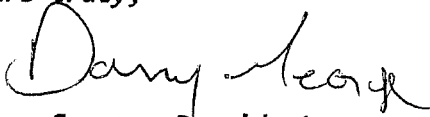
*Just Leadership and mentoring make Ron the ideal choice, but he also shown in the field of volunteerism. Under Ron's Leadership the Orcutt Fire Department sponsored two annual events for children, the Christmas Parade and the Firehouse Haunted House. Ron did not sit back and let others do all the work; he dedicated many, many extra hours to these events, again setting an example for those who worked and volunteered in the department.*

*The most important nominating category that the late Fire Chief brings to us is the fact that, historically, he was the last fire chief of a proud department that began in 1928 to serve Old Town Orcutt, the cultural center of the greater Orcutt area. The department is in the process of merging with Santa Barbara County. Naming the park for Ron would not only be an honor to his memory, but to the memory of the Orcutt Volunteer Fire Department. This is why it is our board's strong feeling that the park should be called:*

*Ron Bennett Regional Park  
Chief Orcutt Fire Department*

*His legacy encompassed leadership, mentoring, and volunteerism coupled with historic significance.*

*Yours truly,*

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*Danny George, President  
Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association*

## Ronnie Bennett

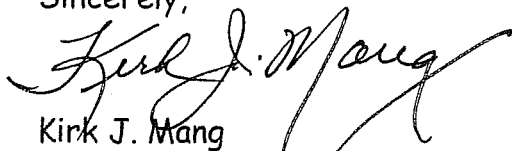
I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my friend Ron Bennett. I met Ron when he was still in High School and joined the Orcutt Fire Department. I was also new to the Department but several years older. I knew from the first time I met Ron that he was someone that was special. He knew what he wanted in life and that is unusual for a person of his age. Ron was 100% sure that being part of the Emergency Services was what he wanted. He was dedicated to helping others and serving his community. He dedicated his life to helping others as a member of the Orcutt Fire Department and later being part of American Medical Response. When I was asked to take over as the Fire Chief in 1990, I knew right away that Ron was my choice for the Assistant Fire Chief, being second in command of the Department. That choice was one of the best decisions I made during my thirteen years as the Chief.

Ron displayed his enthusiasm for the work and his dedication to the Department and me each and every day he worked. He was a true leader and someone that everyone that came in contact with respected immediately. He was sure of himself and you could see that his pride, dedication and love for helping his community was a driving force in his life.

Ron took over as the Fire Chief in 2003 when I retired from the Department and I knew when the Board of Directors asked for my recommendation as to who I thought should be the next Chief, that there was only one answer, Ron Bennett.

It's been ten months since we lost Ron and a day doesn't go by that I don't think of Ron and the tremendous impact he had on my life and others that he touched as well. We were blessed to have had Ron in our lives and had the opportunity to work with him and learn from him and enjoy his great inspiration.

Sincerely,



Kirk J. Mang

Orcutt Fire Chief-Retired



C. NELSON BRANNON, D.D.S.

1430 E. Main St., Suite 105  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Telephone: (805) 922-1017

8/11/08

TO: Joni Gray, Fourth District Supervisor

RE: Park Name

I whole heartily support the naming of the new park south of the Rice Ranch housing development in honor of the late Ron Bennett. The Orcutt community lost an individual whose life was dedicated to its well being with his passing.

As a volunteer, and ultimately the Chief of the Orcutt Fire department, he was a positive force in Santa Barbara County. He mentored multiple volunteer firemen who went on to serve in our local fire departments. Ron was the first responder in countless emergency situations throughout our county. His actions saved lives and insured the safety of our citizens.

Orcutt native, Chief Ron Bennett should be honored with this park's name.

Sincerely,

C. Nelson Brannon D.D.S.

August 29, 2008

County of Santa Barbara- Board of Supervisors  
4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Joni Gray  
511 East Lakeside Parkway, Suite 126  
Santa Maria, Ca 93454

Re: Naming the New Orcutt Park

Dear Supervisor Gray:

I support naming the new park in Orcutt in memory and honor of Orcutt Fire Chief Ronny Allen Bennett for his devoted service to the community.

In memory of Ronny Bennett let us all forever strive to make Orcutt what Ronny was, hospitable, genuine, sincere, gracious, kind, warm, humorous, witty, someone you could always count on.

Ron was synonymous with Orcutt, a friend, a friendly place, a person of faith and hope, a place for faith and hope.

Sincerely,

  
Steve LeBard

Joni Gray  
1103 E. Clark Ave.  
Orcutt, CA 93455

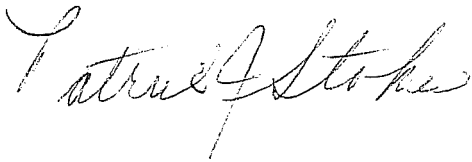
Dear Supervisor Gray,

I am writing in support of naming the Rice Rance Park after Chief Ron Bennett.

As a community leader, Ron directly affected the quality of life in Orcutt. He served our Orcutt community for 23 years with enthusiasm and dedication. He was a role model and a mentor whose impact on our lives will resonate for years to come. His dedication to Orcutt and the Fire Department was unsurpassed. He constantly found ways to improve and enhance the services offered by Orcutt Fire and countless fire fighters trained under Ron's guidance. He had a committed staff of over 20 fire fighters on the department, and the loyalty of its members is a testament to his leadership.

Ron never met a stranger. His network of friends and acquaintances is astounding, particularly in the Orcutt area. His volunteerism and sponsorship of both the Haunted House and Orcutt Christmas Parade brought our community together and encouraged us to enjoy our town. His life was spent serving us, and to honor his memory in this way would be one small way to pay back what he gave.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Stokes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Patricia Stokes".

September 8, 2008

Supervisor Joni Gray  
1103 E. Clark Avenue  
Orcutt, CA 93455

Dear Supervisor Gray:

I am writing in support of naming the Rice Ranch Park after Chief Ron Bennett.

As a community leader, Ron directly affected the quality of life in Orcutt. He served our Orcutt community for 23 years with enthusiasm and dedication. Ron was a role model and a mentor whose impact on our lives will resonate for years to come. His dedication to Orcutt and the fire department was unsurpassed. He constantly found ways to improve and enhance the services offered by the Orcutt Fire Department and countless fire fighters trained under Ron's guidance. He had a committed staff of over 20 fire fighters on the department and the loyalty of its members is a testament to his leadership.

Ron never met a stranger. His network of friends and acquaintances is astounding, particularly in the Orcutt area. His volunteerism and sponsorship of both the Haunted House and Orcutt Christmas Parade brought our community together and encouraged us to enjoy our town. His life was spent serving us. To honor his memory in this way would be an opportunity to say "thank you" for all he gave.

Sincerely,



Shawna Robertson  
4481 Stonebrook Road  
Santa Maria, CA 93455



# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: EDWIN D HAMMOND

Category for Nomination: VOLUNTEERISM + MENTOR

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: 39 years

Category For Nomination: A 3

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: LINDA MCKEEHAN (HAMMOND)

Address: 355 W. CLARK AVE # 86. ORCUTT

Phone Number: 805-973-9848

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

My Father Edwin O. Hammond  
Volunteered of Himself, of time &  
Money, to Hopefully Keep Kids  
off the Streets, and Out of trouble  
by. Showing Movies, every  
Saturday night, to all the kids  
in Arcutt, in the Arcutt School  
Auditorium, he put his Heart &  
Soul into this, and enjoyed  
every minute of it, He was not  
Only a Mentor to His Children,  
but all Children, My Father  
left this Earth far to soon,  
He had so much more to

I support the nomination of Edwin D. Hammond for volunteerism & mentoring.

He was an exceptional husband, father and community worker.

*Sharon Beltraman*  
1355 Via del Carmel  
Santa Barbara Ca  
93455

I support the nomination of Edwin D. Hammond for volunteerism & mentoring.

He was an exceptional husband, father and community worker.

GW  
Glenda Rogers  
1186 Via Del Carmel  
Santa Maria, CA  
93455

I support the nomination of Edwin D. Hammond for volunteerism & mentoring.

He was an exceptional husband, father and community worker.

Gula Hillman  
355 W Clark  
Space #31  
Arcutt, CA 93455

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: JOE GRAY REGIONAL PARK

Category for Nomination: #1, #2, #3  
NAME OF NEW REGIONAL PARK

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: 50 YEARS

Category For Nomination: NAMING OF NEW REGIONAL PARK

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: MARTIN FAMILY

Address: 1295 STUBBLEFIELD, SANTA MARIA, CA

Phone Number: 805-937-3391 93455

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

August 8, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to suggest the new regional park that is under construction by the Rice Ranch Development being named in honor of Joe Gray.

I personally knew Joe my entire life and always looked up to him as a role model for all young people. His love of the people and community where he lived was evident. He personally had an impact on the lives of so very many people. Joe was a humble man and never bragged about what he did - he just did it.

His public career is indeed a testament to his uniqueness. Joe served as a volunteer on the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission for 21 years. He was always willing to help with his time, equipment and materials. Joe provided the materials and labor for the animal cages at Tony's Zoo at Waller Park. He also provided the necessary assistance and equipment to build one of the ponds at Waller Park. He became my hero, when I asked if there was anything he could do to help us build a BMX Track at Waller Park. His answer was, of course, what do you need. Not only did he help with the plans, he provided the equipment and manpower to build it. He didn't just say he would help - he did help. He would come out to the park check on the progress of things, grab a shovel, or drive a tractor. He physically helped build the track. Without him, this BMX track could not have been completed. Hundreds of children benefited from this track, thanks to Joe Gray.

Whenever our local parks were in need of something, you could always count on Joe Gray. He had the ability to move mountains and if one of our parks needed a big boulder, rock or some other massive object, Joe was the man to see and he made it happen.

He was always there to help out when asked and provided materials and manpower for the many baseball and softball fields in our community. Many of the bleachers, dugouts, backstops and fences were originally provided by Joe. When fences and walkways were needed at Nojoqui Park, he made it happen.

He always cared about the youth of our community as evidenced by his unselfishness in working toward so many youth oriented activities. But, he never forgot about the "older" members of our community. I can remember my parents telling me how Joe Gray would honor all the retired employees of Union Oil at an annual bar-b-q. These retiree's always looked forward to this every year.

He received many awards for his dedication and involvement in the Orcutt community. He was a 4-H leader, Orcutt representative on the Santa Barbara County Fair Board, was awarded PTA Life Membership for both Orcutt School and Santa Maria High School. And, who can forget that for 30 years Joe and his family served as the official mounted color bearers at the annual Elk's Rodeo. He was a long-time member of the Elks and worked on the many projects with the Elks that benefited the children in our community. I have no idea how many other projects he was involved in, but I know there were many.

I just know that what Joe did for the community and the people was above and beyond. He was truly a unique individual.

I would love to see the new park named the Joe Gray Regional Park. This would be a tribute to a man who loved his community and who contributed so much to our community and especially to the children.

*" A good man is one whose warmth, wisdom and humor have earned him the respect of his friends and family . . . someone who made this world a better place in which to live though his action and deeds."* Joe Gray was an example of such a man, he truly made a difference.

My husband and two adult children wholeheartedly support this nomination.

Sincerely,



Shirley Martin

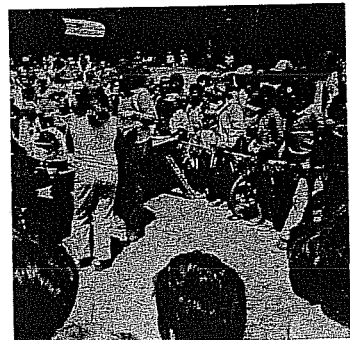
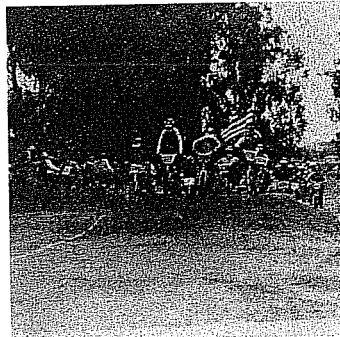
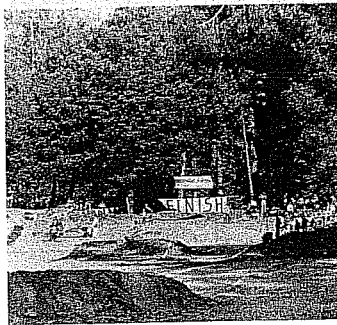
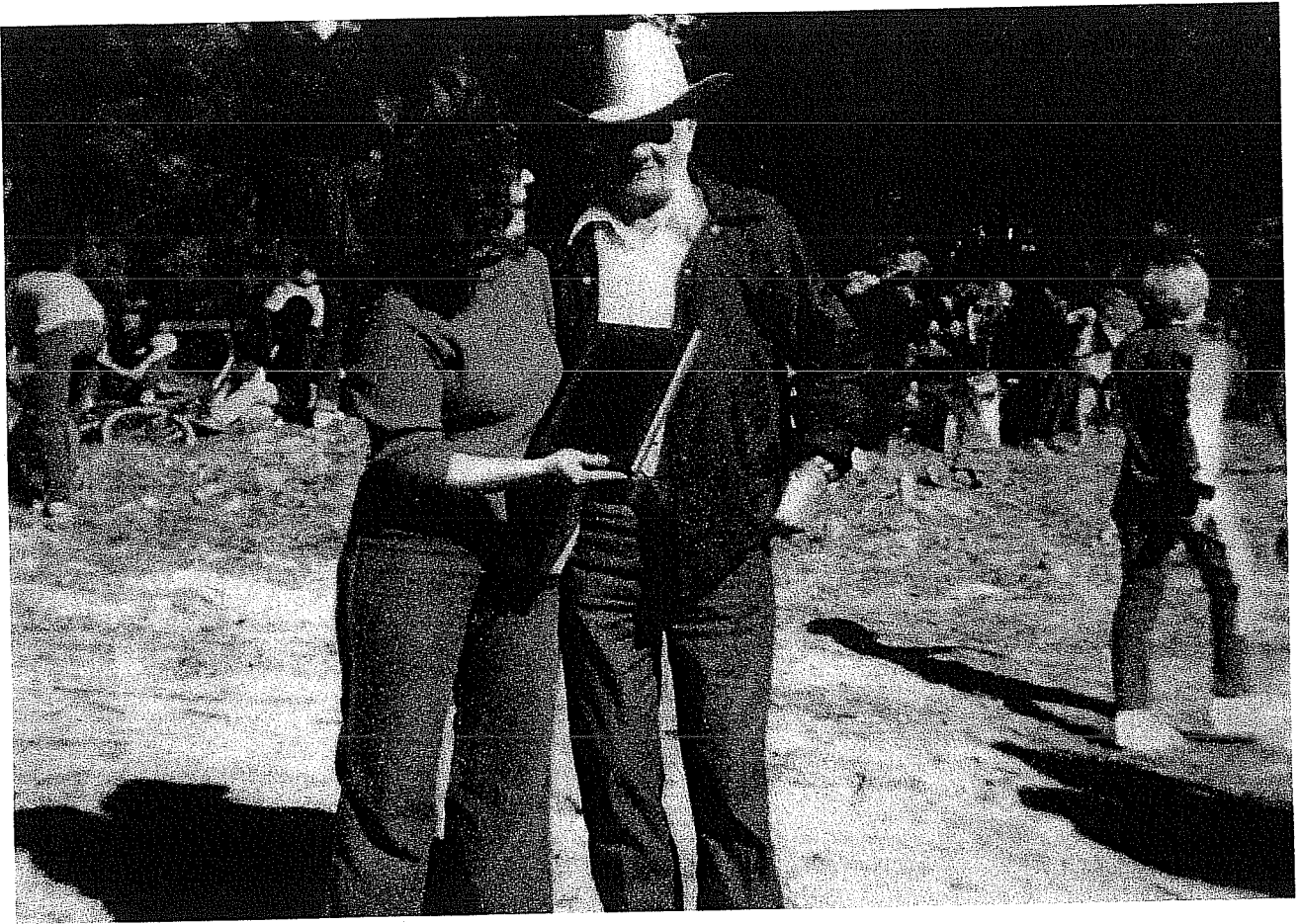
1295 Stubblefield

Santa Maria, CA 93455

Phone: 937-3391



Joe Gray is presented with a plaque for his contribution to the BMX Track at Waller Park.



September 5, 2008

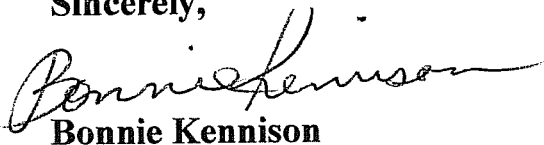
To Whom It May Concern:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write this letter of support in naming the new regional park in Orcutt, the Joe Gray Park.

Joe was a valued member of the Orcutt community for over 50 years. He was a role model and mentor, and spent many hours volunteering to the many projects in the Orcutt/Santa Maria area. If it were not for Joe Gray many of these projects would not have been accomplished. He also served as a volunteer member of the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission for over 21 years. It would be wonderful to see his legacy live on in naming the park after him.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Kennison

September 15, 2008

Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

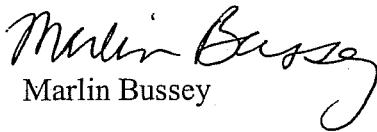
I am writing in support of the Martin's Family nomination of the Joe Gray Regional Park.

He served on the County's Park Commission for over 20 years during which he helped with cages at Tony's Zoo at Waller Park along with helping build one of their ponds. Whenever something had to be done Joe was the go to person. He had a knack for getting things done.

Having been in the Orcutt Area for some fifty years I can't begin to list all the accomplishments of this fine man. He was extremely active in the Santa Maria Elks, The Santa Barbara County Fair Board, honored by the Rotary for his community service and active in local FFA activities.

It is with honor that I nominate the naming of the new park at the Rice Ranch Development the "Joe Gray Regional Park."

Thank you,

  
Marlin Bussey

August 30, 2008

Fourth District Office of Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

We are in support of the Nomination Letter Shirley Martin wrote in regards to naming the Rice Ranch Area Park the "Joe Gray Regional Park." We agree with her reasons and feel Joe Gray was a valued force in the Orcutt and Santa Maria area.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Martin

  
Steven Martin



Santa Maria Inn  
801 South Broadway, Suite 1  
Santa Maria, California 93454  
(805) 928-6463

August 27, 2008

From: Harrell Fletcher, Retired County Supervisor

Re: Naming of Rice Ranch Park

To Whom It May Concern

I propose that the new park in the Rice Ranch development be named in honor of Joe Gray.

Joe Gray served on the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission for 21 years. He was originally appointed by Supervisor Fred Garcia and served as Commissioner for Supervisor Curtis Tunnell and for me. At the time he retired from the Commission he was named "Commission Emeritus" by his fellow Commissioners and the County Board of Supervisors.

Joe worked tirelessly for County Parks and especially the parks in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts. His accomplishments were numerous. He provided the equipment and assistance to build the number three pond in Waller Park. He provided the materials and the labor to construct the cages for the animals in Tony's Zoo at Waller. He also provided the plans, equipment, and manpower to build the bicycle cross course in Waller Park.

It was through his initiative and persistence we were able to acquire the long term lease for the YMCA at the edge of Waller Park. He not only helped acquire the property, but he was instrumental in acquiring the gifts from the oil industry to build the first buildings on site. He felt that having the YMCA in that area would provide a much needed pool, gym, and facilities for the Orcutt area.

For many years whenever any of our parks needed large rock, boulders or other landscaping features, Joe found those items and personally trucked them into our parks. He built fences and walkways at Nojoqui Park so local 4-H children could hold their yearly Exhibit Day.

Many of the backstops, dugouts, fences, and bleachers at our local youth baseball and softball fields were originally provided by Joe Gray. It was not unusual to see him out late in the afternoons or weekends putting in things so "the kids could play ball".

When the housing expansion hit Orcutt at the time of the development of Vandenberg Air Force Base, Joe assisted on the building of local neighborhood pocket parks. It was his position that neighborhoods and kids should have a place to get together, play games, and climb trees without having to travel.

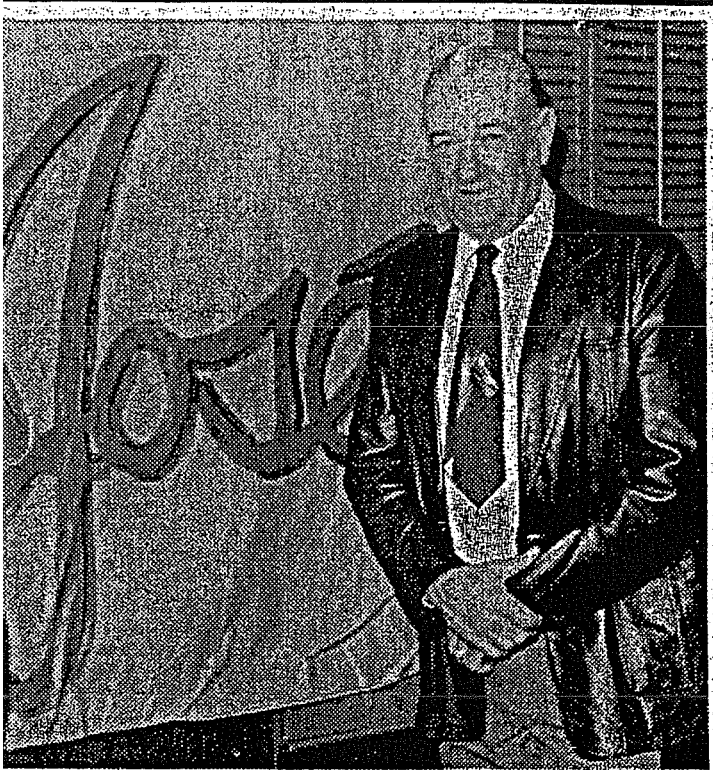
Joe Gray provided a place at his home on Foster Road for many children to keep their horses and be able to enjoy the thrill of owning and riding a horse. I personally know several children, including my two daughters, who could have never experienced the dream of having a horse if Joe Gray had not shared his barn and corral with them. Further, he helped build and furnish the materials to build show areas Suey Park, our local riding facility.

Joe Gray was a leader in the Orcutt community. He was awarded the PTA Life Membership for both Orcutt School and Santa Maria High School. He was Santa Barbara County Fair Horseman of the Year, Recipient of the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship for service to his community, Grand Marshall of the Elk's Parade, and a 4-H leader in Orcutt.

He also served on the Santa Barbara County Fair Board for twelve years at the time the fairgrounds were acquired from the city and given to the state in order to get the state to build the convention center and the other buildings. Also during his term the Fair was named the outstanding small fair in the nation.

I have attached the articles from the Santa Maria Times which recognized the retirement of Joe Gray and his service to the County Parks Department. I can think of no person more deserving of the honor of having this park named for him.

*Harrell Fletcher*



VAYA Con Dios for Joe Gray

Times Staff Photo

# Joe Gray feted for park service

By Karen White  
Times Staff Writer

"My, look at the people" Joe Gray of Santa Maria served, sipping on a cocktail Wednesday night and watching sons arrive for a special dinner at the Far Western Tavern Guadalupe.

The 70 persons there were gathering to honor Gray, who retired after 21 years of service as a member of the volunteer Santa Barbara County Parks Commission.

The event was a surprise, and Gray arrived at the restaurant believing he was to attend yet another meeting with other park commissioners.

Smiling and greeting the men with handshakes, the women with hugs and kisses, Gray commented at least once that "I love everyone."

He obviously enjoyed the event and only had to walk in the door to know the festivities were in his honor, as a massive banner held the message "Vaya Con Dios Jose," written in red.

First appointed by former local county supervisor Fred Gracia, the tall, grey-haired Gray, who still looks the cowboy he is, explained that he had just decided it was time to retire. Gray celebrated his 70th birthday last month.

"I thought it was time for new ideas," the co-owner of Engel and Gray equipment and other local businesses explained.

After Gracia, Gray served through the terms of supervisors Curtis Tunnell and Harrell Fletcher. Fletcher was among those on hand for the celebration, along with present and former members of the park commission, the Santa Barbara County parks agency, some old friends from the days Gray also served on the board of directors of the Santa Barbara County Fair and family members.

Gray's daughter, Joni Wood, had to hurry back from a meeting in Sacramento to be on hand for the event honoring her father.

Although he is retiring, Gray stressed that he is "still willing to help" and his offer for help was recognized with the gift of a captain's chair, bearing the sign "Joe Gray, commissioner emeritus." He also was presented a special photograph of Waller Park, one of the developments in which Gray took great interest.

A resolution in his honor was presented by the county board of supervisors.

He talked about various projects at Waller, noting he personally helped to build the bicycle track. He also aided in the development of the YMCA on the edge of the park.

With his access to heavy equipment, as well as ownership of a large rural ranch, Gray also has been the supplier of large boulders and rocks for various projects.

The party was arranged by George Adams, county park director for 12 years, now retired, according to Bob Mangus, present parks director.

Gray praised the present park commission and the persons now involved in working on various recreation and park aspects, explaining "there is a lot of new people who are really enthusiastic, really doing a good job...I will help them in any way."

And he remembers that he originally went on the park commission because Gracia "told me he needed my help" and stayed on the board because "I like to help kids."





he Santa Maria Elks Rodeo parade.

Contributed

# Meet Joe Gray, Rodeo Parade grand marshal

By Karen White  
Senior Times Writer

Long-time Santa Marian Joe Gray has been named grand marshal of the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo parade.

Gray, 85, says he has only missed three parades in his lifetime, having ridden solo in the first parades and then with his family on matching black horses.

Again this year, he will be on a black horse, joined by his daughters Joni Gray and Dorothy Giorgi as outriders.

In 1954, the Gray family was named the official mounted color bearers for the annual parade. The family rode in the parade in this capacity for 30 years. The third generation of the family joined in 1972.

Born in Rocky Comfort, Mo., in 1912, Gray moved with his family to Whittier. At 14 he hunted raccoons with Richard Nixon and later with Roy Rogers.

Gray knew two American presidents well before they were elected: haberdasher Harry Truman in Missouri and hunting buddy Nixon.

He married his wife Norma in 1934, and they moved to Orcutt in 1942 where he worked for Union Oil. Three years later, he and Carl Engel former the partnership of Engel and Gray, working in oil field support.

He served as a member of the Santa Barbara County Fair Board of Directors for several years and spent 15 years serving on the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission.

Gray was honored by the Santa Maria Rotary with a Paul Harris Fellowship for community service and as the horseman of the year by the county fair. He served as president of the California State Horsemen in 1958.

Both the Orcutt PTA and Santa Maria High School PTA selected Gray as their honorary life member.

Joe Gray started his family group riding matched



**TO:** Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara County

**FROM:** Michael H. Pahos, Director of Parks, Ret.


**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Name the Rice Ranch Park in Orcutt  
For Joe Gray

I want to tell you about Joe Gray. Joe was a long time resident of Santa Maria and an activist when activists were not fashionable. In the many, many years that Joe was a member of the County Park Commission, he traveled all over the county in support of every park in the Santa Barbara park system. His main interest never was what supervisorial district the park was in, but in how this park property could best serve the park visitor.

Joe Gray was already a member of the County Park Commission when I was appointed Director in 1974. In the years that followed, Joe participated in many acquisition and development projects throughout the County Park System. These projects included: the Acquisition of and Master Plan for Lake Los Carneros; the redevelopment of a significant portion of Waller Park; the restaurant concessions at Arroyo Burro Beach and Goleta Beach; and the extension of Goleta pier, among others.

His greatest contribution was in the development of the Recreation Element of the 1980 County Comprehensive Plan. This Recreation Element established policies which allowed the Board of Supervisors to acquire Santa Barbara Shores Park, the development of a Riding & Hiking Trails System throughout the County, and most importantly, authorized the Quimby Act which gave the Board of Supervisors the right to condition land developers to donate land or money for park acquisition or development.

I ask that your Board of Supervisors honor Joe Gray by naming this Rice Ranch park property in his name because of his concern for the recreational opportunities for the residents of Santa Barbara County.



Michael H. Pahos  
Director of Parks (Retired)

August 15, 2008

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: MANZANILLA PARK

Category for Nomination: 6

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: 12/15/52

Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: MARGARET G. CORONA

Address: 5358 ORCUTT RD. ORCUTT, CA.

Phone Number: 805 937-5249

Attached:

Nomination Letter

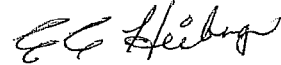
Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

September 23, 2008

TO: Joni Gray,

Margaret Corona is our neighbor for the last 20 years. She is our good friend and we support her in her application for naming of parks.

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. E.C.Heiberger  
5374 Orcutt Rd.  
Orcutt, Ca.  
805-937-1810

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E.C. Heiberger".

SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERT SAAVEDRA, RESIDENT  
OF CALIFORNIA AT 7810 TOPANCA  
CANYON BLVD., APT 221, FULLY  
SUPPORT Mrs. MARGARET G. CORONA  
SUGGESTED NOMINATION OF  
"MANZANILLA PARK" NAME, AS  
DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED  
APPLICATION.

*Mr. Saavedra*

Sept 21, 2008

To whom it may concern:

I Jessica Key, I support  
the name that Margaret  
Corona has suggested,  
I think its an appropriate  
name for that area as  
she has named in  
her application.

Jessica Key

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Mary Ruth Monte Memorial Park

Category for Nomination: 1, 2, 3

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: 40+ years

Category For Nomination: (see above)

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: The Monte Family

Address: 730 Raymond Ave, Santa Maria, CA 93455

Phone Number: (805) 938-5442 (home) 264-2126 (cell)  
David

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

September 21, 2008

Supv Joni Gray  
511 E Lakeside Pkwy #126  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dear Joni:

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Monte family to nominate the name of Mary Ruth Monte Memorial Park for your consideration in naming the new Rice Ranch park. Our mother, Mary Monte, lived in the Orcutt area for over 40 years, providing leadership and mentoring to hundreds of Girl Scout leaders and thousands of Girl Scouts during her long years of volunteer service to Tres Condados Girl Scout Council.

Mary Monte was a humble woman who did not seek recognition for herself, but simply strived to enable others to become all that they could be. She did not make others conform to her image of what they should be, but gladly embraced them for who they were and supported them in their life goals. One would have to work to not be her friend, for she liked everyone she met.

Attached is a list of positions and responsibilities Mary Monte assumed during her long history with the Girls Scouts, along with special recognitions conferred upon her. Each role led to increase responsibility, with her training other budding leaders to step into increasing responsibilities in her wake. Mary Monte was an integral part of the success of many of the Council's activities and events over the years.

Her influence and service was initially recognized by Girl Scouts of America in the conferring of their Thanks Badge for Volunteer Service in 1982. When Mary Monte, along with numerous other individuals, continued beyond this award to provide hundreds of hours more in service, the Thanks Badge II was created. Mary received this award in 1997.

Our society as a whole is beginning to recognize the need and value of community leadership and volunteer service. Mary Monte was well ahead of the curve, providing leadership, mentoring and volunteer service long before it was a popular emphasis. Memorializing this dedicated woman by naming the new park after her is to recognize the value of this type of service in the success of our community and its people.

Sincerely,



David A. Monte  
730 Raymond Ave  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
(805) 938-5442

**Girl Scout Service of  
Mary Monte**

Mary Monte began her service to Tres Condados Girl Scout Council in 1969, when her then second grade daughter was a Brownie. She continued in various roles until ill health required her to step aside in 2003. At one point she was lovingly referred to as the oldest Girl Scout in the Tri-Counties area. Over the years, she served in a variety of positions and received numerous awards, as noted below.

*Her service...*

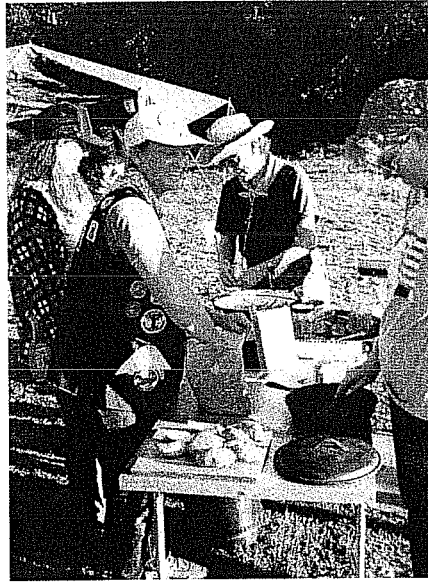
- Leader
- Recruiter
- Neighborhood Chairman
- Service Unit Manager
- Leader Trainer
- Cookie & Calendar Sales Coordinator
- Assistant Day Camp Director
- Organized Camporees
- Served at annual scouting events such as Friendship Day
- Sat on the Committee to confer the Gold Award (Girl Scout's highest achievement)
- Served on Tres Condados Girl Scout Council Board of Directors
- Liaison to the United Way
- Delegate to the National Girl Scout Convention

*Awards conferred...*

- Girl Scouts of America Thanks Badge for volunteer service – awarded in 1982
- Girl Scouts of America Thanks Badge II – awarded in 1997
- Tree planted in Waller Park in her honor by Brownie Troop #216 and Jr Troop #376 – 1993
- President's Call to Service Award – 2003



# Mary Monte in Girl Scout Activities



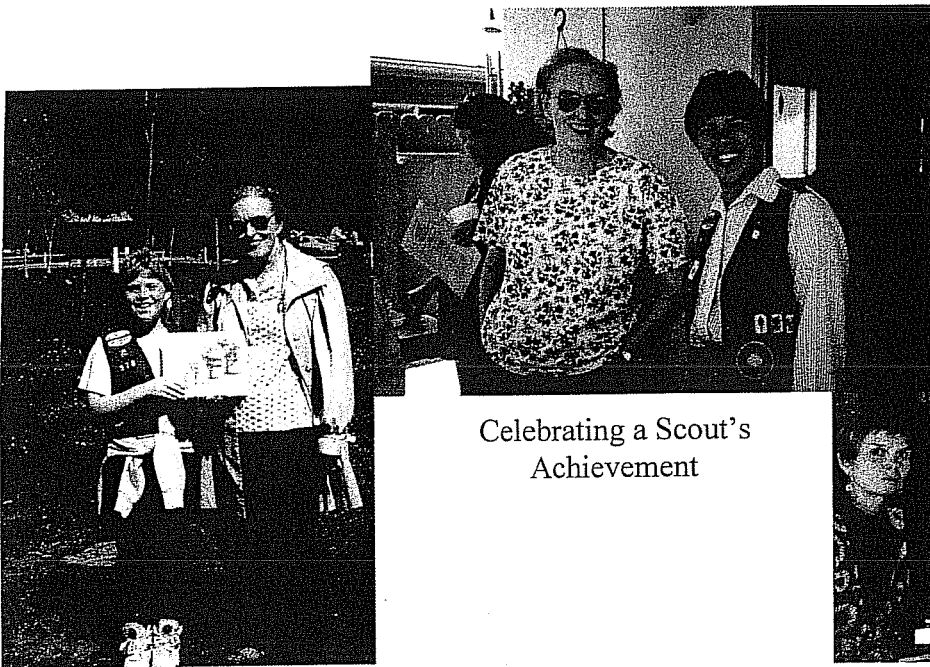
Training Leaders and Organizing Campfires over the Years



Float for a parade



Day Camp Registration



Celebrating a Scout's Achievement

A Tree in her honor



Gathering with Fellow Leaders

Shelley Klein  
702 E. Fesler  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Sept. 16, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I was born and raised here in Santa Maria and spend my school years in the Girl Scout Program. It was there I first met Mary Monte. As a young adult, I thought she must have always been a girl scout. She was a leader, a director for our camporees, assistant director for day camp, organized our cookie sales and seemed to be helping with every event in our Orcutt/Santa Maria area. She was always wearing a green girl scout uniform or jacket!

As a mother of a girl scout, I again met Mary. This time, she was my leader trainer. In fact, it was through her encouraging comments and remembering me that I was recruited to become a trainer! In fact, I knew then, that she not only wore the green of the girl scout uniform but as we say about our life-long volunteers, she bleed green.

Mary always was thinking about the girls. She had a positive and giving attitude. If a leader thought an activity was too far-fetched or difficult, Mary would respond with "why not? Let the girls try." The Girl Scout and Orcutt Community lost a wonderful volunteer when Mary passed away. It would be a great honor to remember her through the naming of a park.

Sincerely,



Shelley Klein

September 16,2008

To Joni Gray and to whom it may concern;

I am offering the name of the late Mary Monte for the naming of the Rice Ranch Park.

Mary Monte was a very outstanding member of the Orcutt community for over forty years. She directly influenced and inspired hundreds of Girl Scout Leaders and many many hundreds of children through the girl scout program.

At the age of ten, in Topeka, Kansas, she joined Girl Scouts. What she learned helped shape the rest of her life. When she passed away in 2004 she had just received her 40 Year Membership Pin. In 2003 Mary also was awarded the US Presidents Volunteer Award.

Over the years, raising five sons and a daughter in the Orcutt area, Mary was involved with her boy's sports and became the Brownie Girl Scout Leader for her daughter at Ralph Dunlap School. Her troops were large, around thirty girls, as she was very popular with girls and adults alike.

After leading Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops and simultaneously taking on many other positions such as Orcutt Registrar, Librarian, Troop Organizer and Consultant, Mary became the Orcutt Area Manager. She also was an active member of the Tres Condados Girl Scout Board of Directors and liaison with United Way.

My very close friendship with Mary which originated in girl scouting lasted over thirty-five years. We volunteered together, for many years, as co Day Camp Directors at the Union Oil Picnic Grounds, Orcutt Service Unit Managers and Tres Condados Girl Scout Trainers.

I strongly put Mary Monte's name before you because I know of her selfless dedication and invaluable inspiration and skill she shared with thousands of young women. We called her Mother Mary because she was warm, loving, humorous, and hard working. Her home was always open to all.

In 1982 Mary was awarded the Thanks Badge, the highest national award given to an adult for very exceptional dedication to Girl Scouting and the community. Years later after continued tireless efforts this outstanding woman was given the then new Thanks Badge II, an even higher award.

Mary greatly contributed to the quality of life of Orcutt. She inspired residents by the character building skills she taught as well as the personal example she lived.

She was a community leader who unobtrusively and quietly affected the lives of hundreds of young women. As a direct result of her influence many women after completing their education have returned to the Orcutt area to raise their families. This has had a direct affect in further enhancing the quality of life of our wonderful Orcutt community.

I therefor request that you honor this great citizen of Orcutt by naming this park the Mary Monte Park.

sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karolyn Addington".

Karolyn Addington  
3563 Marvin Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
805-9375562

Area Training Coordinator  
Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast



Dear Ms Gray,

I'm delighted to nominate Mary Monte, my dear late friend and mentor as the namesake for the park in Orcutt.

Mary put in thirty-five years of active Girl Scout service benefiting hundreds of Girl Scout leaders and thousands of girls.

From planning, implementing and teaching women of all ages for all these years, "Mother Mary's" influence is inestimable. Her girls have become Girl Scout leaders themselves, teachers, scientists, doctors, mothers [even of boys]. To further this point, I want to add Indian Chief but will make due with an Air Force helicopter pilot.

In her hours of service Mary has organized the Orcutt Girl Scouts into troops with trained leaders. She worked tirelessly on years of Day Camps, Camporees [outdoor camping adventures], yearly scouting adventures, such as International Friendship Day, troop leader, troop leader meetings and on the Board of Directors for the Tres Condados Girl Scout Council. She was also a delegate to the Girl Scout National Convention several times.

Mary was opinionated in her belief as to what was the best for her girls and was not shy in expressing her views to Council. She was somewhat a rebel here and we all loved her for it. Her boldness, generosity, and caring created a lasting legacy as a role model for all women.

Mary received numerous awards including Girl Scouts highest award, the Thanks Badge and the Thanks Badge II. These awards are bestowed infrequently and with great seriousness. Had Mary lived longer, I'm sure the Thanks Badge III would have been invented.

Please consider this and other nominations on Mary's behalf and honor Mary Monte with a park in her name. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,  
Eve Dickson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eve Dickson".

To Whom It May Concern;

When I was approached to submit a letter to nominate a dear friend of mine, who was also my favorite Girl Scout mentor to have a county park named after her, I was thrilled to hear the impending action. My immediate thoughts were what a wonderful and honorable way to commemorate a dear loving friend of mine. This honor will be given to a woman who graciously and humorously trained new Girl Scout leaders for over twenty-five years in the Orcutt and Santa Maria area.

Now, here is my chance to recount for you of how my dear loving friend Mary Monte qualifies and rightfully deserves to have a county park named in her honor in the northern part of Santa Barbara County. This tribute will represent the countless hours Mary Monte donated to Girl Scouts of Tres Condados Council. In 2007 Girl Scouts of Tres Condados Council merged with Girl Scouts of Monterrey Bay Council. The current name is Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Council which covers six California coastal counties instead of three California coastal counties.

Myself, Merci Rowe, I joined Girl Scouts in the fall of 1983. By this time Mary Monte had been a Brownie Girl Scout leader and a Junior Girl Scout leader. As the years passed by, Mary Monte held many volunteer positions from Girl Scout leader to Orcutt Service Unit manager. She was also a Girl Scout national delegate. Mary Monte served both sides in Girl Scouting which is policy decision making and the latter side is providing program for Girl Scout troops. I gathered this information from numerous conversations with Mary over the years. Mary Monte had gained a reputation of taking on jobs within the Girl Scout community that no one else was willing to fulfill. Mary Monte always carefully thought out her plan of execution to deliver the best possible Girl Scout program she could offer. As the event planning progressed, everyone involved with Mary, somehow almost magically the best qualities of the planning committee surfaced and rose to the occasion to make the Girl Scout event a huge success for all participating in the event whether girl or adult.

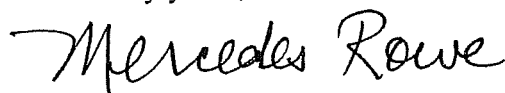
In the 1970s, Mary Monte was approached to become a Girl Scout trainer or she was forced to become a Girl Scout trainer. Either way, Mary Monte excelled being an outstanding Girl Scout trainer. In 1982 Mary Monte received the Thanks Badge from Girl Scouts. This Girl Scout national recognition in the 1970s was the highest award a Girl Scout volunteer did receive. As time went on, Girl Scouts at the national level did create a new recognition for Girl Scout volunteers who kept on giving their time and talents to the Girl Scout movement. Lo and behold, Mary Monte received the Thanks Badge II in 1997 for her continual dedication to donate her time and talents to Girl Scouts.

There were literally thousands of Girl Scouts that were directly influenced by Mary Monte. Some of the young women went on to become professionals in various and widespread fields such as teachers at both elementary and secondary schools, microbiologists, mechanical, electrical and field engineers, accountants, medical field such as registered nurses, entrepreneurs, and some women went into the government sector at the county and city levels. Oh, yes, some of the young women who were Girl Scouts at a younger age have chosen motherhood and the next

generation of Girl Scouts has begun. Mary Monte was able to observe from a distance a young Girl Scout move one age level to an older age level within Girl Scouting. There were numerous times Mary Monte watched with a huge bright smile on her face, to gaze upon a Girl Scout work arduously earning to complete her Silver or Gold Award projects. Afterwards, when it was time for the presentation of the Silver or Gold Award to the Girl Scout, Mary Monte usually received an invitation to the Girl Scout award ceremony. The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn and receive in Girl Scouting. The Gold Award is the highest a Senior Girl Scout can earn and receive in Girl Scouting. Mary Monte attended these Girl Scout ceremonies knowing deep down, her part to train the Girl Scout leader years earlier helped this particular Girl Scout to receive one of the highest awards a Girl Scout can receive. Mary Monte usually glowed with pride and smiled to herself knowing she helped one more young woman achieve something intangible. That young woman's self-starter abilities, self confidence and self reliance increased by tenfold. Our community and other communities and localities are the recipients of such endeavors from these young women who have been empowered to realize her dreams with confidence, self assurance and poise which she gained from her years being a Girl Scout.

Finally, I am sure you will agree with me of how Mary Monte was very influential, she had the insight of her long range planning and thinking to begin her Girl Scout training which did and there still is along positive impact in our community in northern Santa Barbara County and elsewhere. Finally Mary Monte volunteered to her heart's content without any fanfare. I strongly believe and urge for your favorable decision that Mary Monte deserves a county park to be named in her honor. This letter conveys my facts and feelings to prove this request. Let's get the job done and let's make a reality by naming a county park the Mary Monte County Park, in honor of Mary Monte.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mercedes Rowe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mercedes "Merci" Rowe  
2008 Girl Scout National Delegate  
and Girl Scout trainer

## Patino, Alice

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**From:** Gray, Joni  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2008 4:27 PM  
**To:** Patino, Alice  
**Subject:** FW: Names for Memorial Park in Orcutt

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Holthaus Austin [mailto:ahol10@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 05, 2008 6:14 PM  
**To:** Gray, Joni  
**Subject:** Names for Memorial Park in Orcutt

Shawn E. Dressler	Santa Maria High (Santa Maria)	June 2, 2007
Joseph J. Heredia	Santa Maria High (Santa Maria)	November 20, 2004
Garrywesley Tan Rimes		April 1, 2005

<http://projects.latimes.com/wardead/hometown/santa-maria/>

These are the three American service members killed in the Iraq/Afghanistan conflicts from Santa Maria. I'd like to nominate the for memorialization in the park in Orcutt.

I am an Air Force Major, stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. I served in the Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udied Air Base, Qatar in 2003-2004. Thanks for your consideration.

Austin Holthaus



# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Olga Howard Community Park

Category for Nomination: Community Leadership

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: 40+ years

Category For Nomination: Incredible community leader

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Georgia Schrage

Address: 2242 Fallen Leaf Dr Santa Maria, CA 93455

Phone Number: 805-937-0388

Attached:

Nomination Letter  $\phi$

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

To:

Joni Gray  
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 126  
Santa Maria, CA 93455



Orcutt Area Advisory Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2173  
Orcutt, California 93457

September 27, 2008

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Joni Gray  
4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

Dear Ms. Gray:

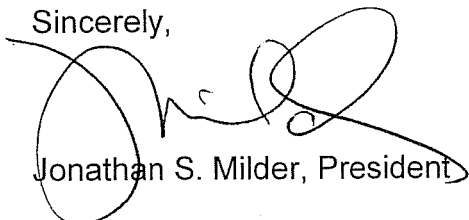
The Orcutt Area Advisory Group, Inc. ("OAAG") has represented the citizens by voicing legitimate concerns about planning and growth and parks in our community for over 25 years. Our group was founded by Olga Howard. Ms. Howard was also a prominent physician who assisted many in the North County.

OAAG has unanimously endorsed the naming of the Rice Ranch Regional Sports Complex the Olga Howard Community Park. While OAAG is aware that the naming of parks for living people is discouraged, we believe that an exception is appropriate in light of the facts that Ms. Howard now resides full-time in Colorado, that so many in the community support this name, and because of all Ms. Howard has done, without pay, to assist in planning for parks and for the health of North County residents.

Besides the hundreds of OAAG members who support the name, please find enclosed herewith seventy-three (73) petitions signed by local residents who also support the name.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

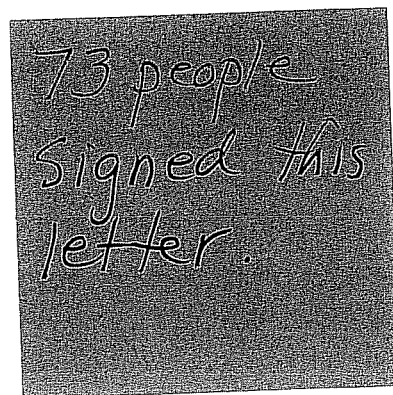


Jonathan S. Milder, President

cc: County Supervisors

August 20, 2008

Joni Gray, Supervisor  
Fourth District, Santa Barbara County  
1103 E. Clark Avenue, Suite A  
Orcutt, Ca. 93455



Re: Nomination for Rice Ranch Regional Sports Complex

Dear Supervisor Gray,

I support the nomination that the Rice Ranch Regional Sports Complex be named the Olga Howard Community Park.

It is well known that Olga Howard, who along with Mary Roberson and LaVonne McBroom, incorporated the Orcutt Area Advisory Group in 1979, and was instrumental in the development of the Orcutt Community Plan, which is still very much in use in the design of Orcutt.

As a community leader, she was influential in bringing the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' and Planning Commissioners' Hearings to the North County for local access.

Olga and June Shaw promoted the idea that developers should pay Quimby Fees to insure that there was money for parks and open space when development occurred.

Olga championed the idea that the Rice Ranch developers complete the park prior to occupancy of any homes. This was written into the approval process for this large subdivision to assure the completion of the recreational space.

Although it is "discouraged" to name the park after a living person, Olga Howard, who has contributed so much to the Orcutt Community, should be recognized for her many years of service.

She is truly a role model who has improved the quality of life in Orcutt for years to come and is very much deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

Pauline Williams  
Signature

120 NORTH AVE, ORCUTT  
Address

937-5752  
Phone

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Olga Howard

Category for Nomination: 1, 2, 3, 5

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Carol Powell

Address: 4515 S Blosser Rd

Phone Number: 805 934 2300

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

*This letter is in support of  
naming the park after  
her.*

*Carol Powell*

291 Harsin Lane  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
August 5, 2008

Joni Gray, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
1103 E. Clark  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dear Joni,

Although the guidelines “discourage” naming parks for living people, I urge you to make an exception for an exceptional living person, Olga Howard.

The Parks Commission was correct when they unanimously voted to name the park on Rice Ranch the “Olga Howard Community Park.” Their vote has been enthusiastically supported by Friends of Waller Park, Orcutt Area Advisory Group, Residents for Preservation of Old Town Orcutt and the North County Deputy Parks Director. **We wish to extend our support to their votes.** Reason: there is no other single person who comes close to giving so many years of consistent work to preserve and develop the quality of live in the community she loves. The ensurance of parks and open spaces amid development are only part of the legacy she has left this community.

As you may know, Olga, broke her hip and is in a care facility in Lake Oswego, Oregon. **The time is NOW to honor Olga,** not after she is dead and cannot personally enjoy such an honor. Please dispense with what George Pierce called a new, convoluted procedure. It seems to us that you have already heard the will of a good portion of the community. Please move the process forward and submit that the park in Rice Ranch be named “Olga Howard Community Park.”

Thank you.



Jo and Everett Beck

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Orcutt Community Park

Category for Nomination: significant historical reference,

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Virginia Mason

Address: 1156 Village Drive, Orcutt

Phone Number: 805-937-3677

**Attached:**

**Nomination Letter**

**Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter**

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SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 19, 1960

## Year-Around Rec Program is Scheduled for Orcutt Area

### Adults and Children to Be Included in District Plans

By Muriel Wideman

Valley News Service Correspondent

ORCUTT (VNS) — For the school year 1960-61 the Orcutt Recreation Assn. is planning a year-around program for children and adults of the district. A complete description of the program follows:

A program of Friday night Young Center activities for seventh and eighth graders at the Orcutt School gym. The hours will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and will include ping-pong, knock knock, checkers, shuffleboard, pool, chess, chess, ballerola, and dance. All of these events will be topped off with refreshments.

#### LEADERS LISTED

Leaders will be Charles Fong, director, John Madden and Miss Nancy Moore. Tentative dates for the programs are: Nov. 4 and 18; Dec. 2, 9 and 16; Jan. 6, 13 and 27; Feb. 3, 10 and 17; March 3 and 17; April 7, 14 and 21 and May 5, 12 and 19.

Mens' Physical Recreation program also will be held in the Orcutt School gym, with Madden in charge. Times are from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Activities will include basketball,

board, pool and ballerola.

Tentative dates are: Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; Feb. 6, 13 and 20. The activities will be held the same hour and in the same place as the mens' on the following date:

Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30; Feb. 6, 13 and 20. The activities will be held the same hour and in the same place as the mens' on the following date:

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Saturday morning program will be held at both the Orcutt and Nightingale Schools. Madden will supervise Orcutt School, while Bob Edwards will take charge of Nightingale School. These will be held: Nov. 12, 19, 24, 25 and 26; Dec. 3, 10 and 17; Jan. 14, 21 and 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and May 6, 13, 20 and 27. There will be active and active sports and activities featured throughout the series of programs.

I was Orcutt  
PTA President  
Yes - That  
was THE  
John Madden  
VNS

ORCUTT SCHOOL PTA

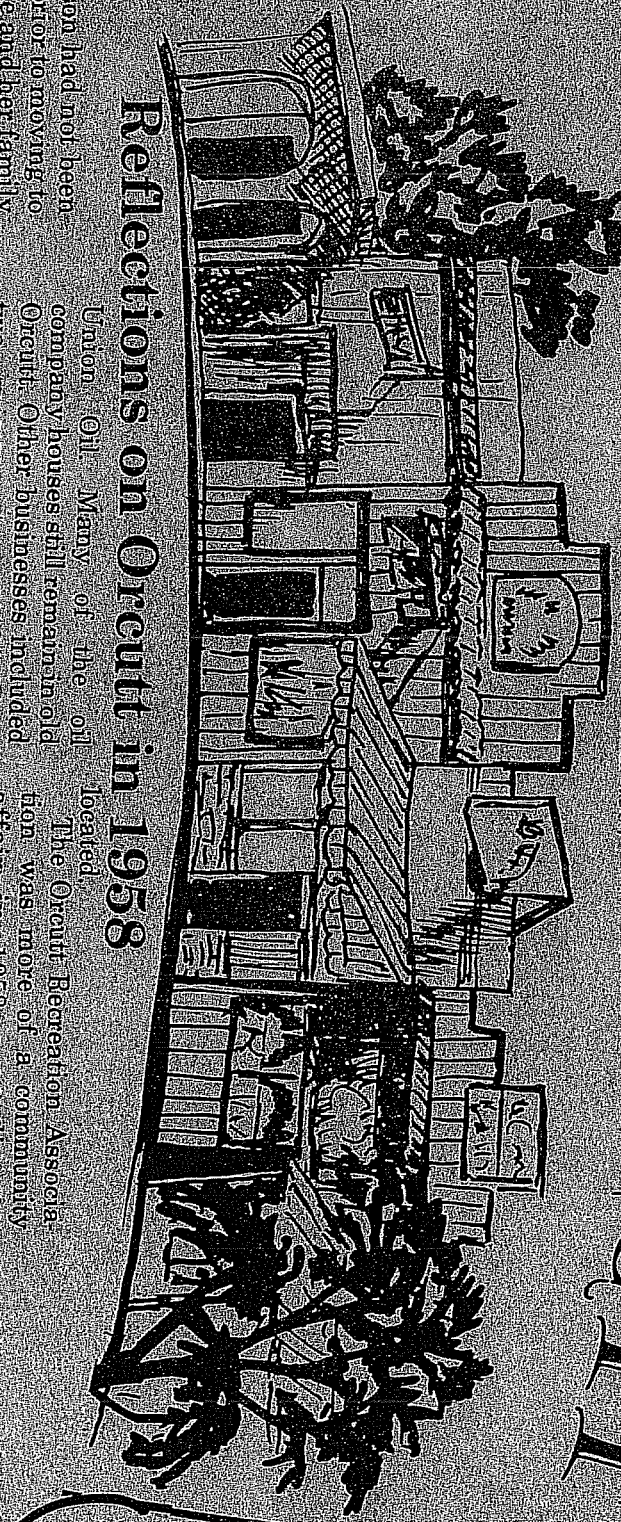
Mrs. Ethal H. Burton	1937
Mr. Joe Nightingale	1951
Mr. Edwin D. Hammond	1953
Mr. Earnest Righetti	1954
Mrs. Edna K. Schultz	1954
Miss Mae Grisham	1955
Mrs. Loretta Radford	1956
Mrs. Chas. Shaw (Alice)	1956
Mrs. Dan Soule (Ruth)	1957
Mr. Joe Gray	1958
Mrs. Joe Gray (Norma)	1958
Mrs. Kenneth Moore (Georgia)	1959
Mrs. Russell Quick (Della)	1959
Mr. William Elliott	1960
Mrs. Carl Taylor (Ida)	1960
Mr. Don Black	1961
Mrs. William O'Carroll (June)	1962
Mr. George Heitz	1963
Mr. Paul Layman	1964
Mr. Orin Lee Causey	1965
Mr. Frank Silva	1966
Mr. Ronald Rodenberger	1968
Mrs. Glenn Niceley (Arlene)	1969
Mr. John E. Taylor	1970
Mrs. J. E. Taylor (Julie)	1970
Mrs. J. Bossenecker (Helen)	1972
Mrs. Carl Kerlick (Molly)	1971
Miss Jean Dunham	1973
Mrs. Elmer Doane (Wilma)	1974
Mr. Larry Anderson	1975
Mrs. Edna Deming	1976
Mr. Bill Temple	1976

Just a few  
 Orcutt folks  
 who served  
 our community  
 There were  
 and are so  
 many more.



# OLD TOWN ORCUTT

Established 1904



## Reflections on Orcutt in 1958

If Virginia Mason had not been involved in PPA prior to moving to Orcutt in 1958, she and her family may not be here today. When they first moved to the area, they owned a trailer and were looking for a lot of space to park it. Virginia's husband went from door to door asking when he came upon Alice May (known as "Mrs. PPA"). Mr. Mason, of course, did not know who she was, but mentioned that his wife was active in PPA, and Alice Shaw helped them find a spot to build a trailer.

It was as if the town opened up to us and that is why we got so involved in the community. Virginia told me recently as she reflected on past memories Virginia recollected some of the businesses in 1958. The oldest business in Orcutt, of course, was

Union Oil. Many of the oil company houses still remain in old Orcutt. Other businesses included two grocery stores, "Curtee's," Market, which was located where the United Pentecostal Church is today, and "Seolar's" Market up the street, where the Seolar's now own J.J.'s Food Market. It was a family business and if you needed credit, Curtee would extend it to you. His sons worked in the store and Curtee did the meat cutting.

Mary Walker's Variety Store was a special treat for the Mason family and Earl Jennings had a barber shop next door to where Let George Do It is now located, which was the Post Office at that time. One thing Virginia especially recalls is that there were no laundromats in Orcutt and only one in Santa Maria where Paramount Cleaners is now.

located.

The Orcutt Recreation Association was more of a community affair in 1958, according to Virginia. They always built a float for the Ellis Parade and kept the frame for it at Union Oil. During the summer months, they would have programs at the school grounds for the children.

The PPA carnival was by far the most popular event in Orcutt, however, and involved the entire community. The highlights of the carnival were a hay ride around Orcutt and "cascarón" shells which the PPA made and sold for a penny.

### BURT'S WATCH STOP

6 am. to 1 p.m.  
Mon.—Fri.

Watches sold & repaired, except

quarter a dozen. In 1958, 6,000 cascarón were made by the PPA members.

The 4-H club was also instrumental in Orcutt and rapidly has grown in number and popularity.

The Orcutt schools are community oriented. Virginia said, "and I never knew a time when they didn't do what was best for the community." Virginia was PPA president in 1959-60 and has been for the past two years.

### COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE CARE

Keep your car running well  
with help from

# Looking Back



The public school in Orcutt is shown in this photograph taken about 1910. It was located in the 300 block of East Clark, on the north side of the street.

We would like to share the following poem with you. It comes from a book entitled SCHOOLS IN YOUR HAND - a history of education in Putnam County, Indiana and compiled by the Putnam County Retired Teachers' Association of Greencastle, Indiana.

## PROUDLY TEACH

Would you set your name  
Among the Stars?  
Then write it large  
Upon the hearts of little children.  
They will remember.

Have you visions  
Of a nobler, Happier world?  
Tell the children.  
They will build it for you.

Have you a word  
For poor, blind, stumbling human kind?  
Then give it not to stupid, blundering  
men,

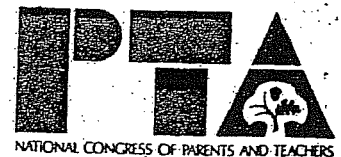
Give it to the children.

In their clear, untroubled minds  
It will reflect itself  
A thousand fold  
And someday  
Paint itself upon the mountain top.

by Clare Tree Major

SANTA MARIA VALLEY COUNCIL

PTA \* NEWSLETTER \* PTA





# Dedicate School Buildings

Orcutt today had one of the two elementary school community recreation centers in the state, the other being in Olive district in Orange county. No other elementary school district in the state has a building comparable to the school cafeteria and gymnasium, dedicated in Orcutt last night to community recreation by Dr. Roy E. Simpson, state superintendent of public instruction.

Large enough to accommodate 700 persons at basketball and other school activities and with kitchen and seating accommodations for 500, the new building was packed with spectators for the dedication.

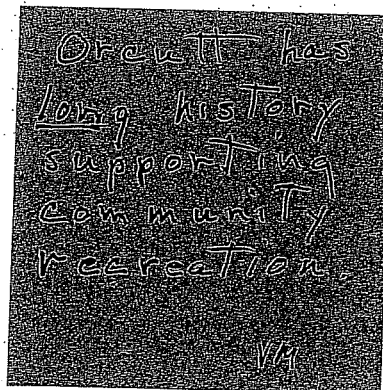
Joe Nightingale, district superintendent, said seating space had been provided for 800, additional benches were put in for another 100 or more, and many were standing.

School officials, trustees and the public generally from surrounding areas attended the dedication program. Hal D. Caywood, county superintendent, who once was a teacher in Santa Maria and married an Orcutt teacher 22 years ago, headed the delegation of visiting officials. Dewitt Meredith, who has headed the community committee for observation of Public Schools week in Santa Maria and vicinity, was present with Mrs. Meredith. Other public school officials included Harry E. Tyler and Robert A. Bruce, Santa Maria superintendents, and their wives; Frank R. Johnson, Guadalupe superintendent, and wife, and Asst. Supt. W. J. Wilson, Santa Maria high school.

"I see here in this community, the foundation that goes to make this whole public school system of ours the success that it is," declared Dr. Simpson. "I note in the presence here of other school officials the co-operative spirit that exists thruout Santa Barbara county, and speaks well for the friendly attitude between the educators and the people generally of this area. This spirit of friendly neighborliness is quite widespread in California. It shows that the people of the state are taking greater interest in

Among former superintendents who made special trips here from their present homes, to be present, were Perry Cole, superintendent in 1922-23, grandfather of the lad who gave the welcome on behalf of the students; Lendel McKenzie, Elsinore, who is a brother of Kermit McKenzie, assistant principal in Guadalupe, and who married an Orcutt girl while superintendent in 1927-35; Hugh A. Bruce, principal at present of John Muir high school in Santa Monica, Orcutt superintendent in 1937-45.

Robert A. Bruce, superintendent of Santa Maria elementary schools, who started his school career as an Orcutt physical education teacher and was district superintendent in 1925-27, was also introduced and soon had the audience in hilarious good humor in recalling some of the antics of the students when he was there, including those of Rodney Rojas, now principal of Alvin Avenue elementary school under him, and Blaine Hughes, one of the Orcutt trustees at present. Hughes was in the first class of eighth-graders to graduate from the Orcutt school, Nightingale recalled.



## **Rice Ranch Regional Park**

## **Orcutt Community Park**

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**Other suggestions for names**

**Favor this idea of designating areas of park to certain individuals.**

**Comments:**

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**Signature of Panel Member**

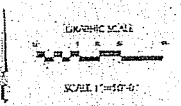
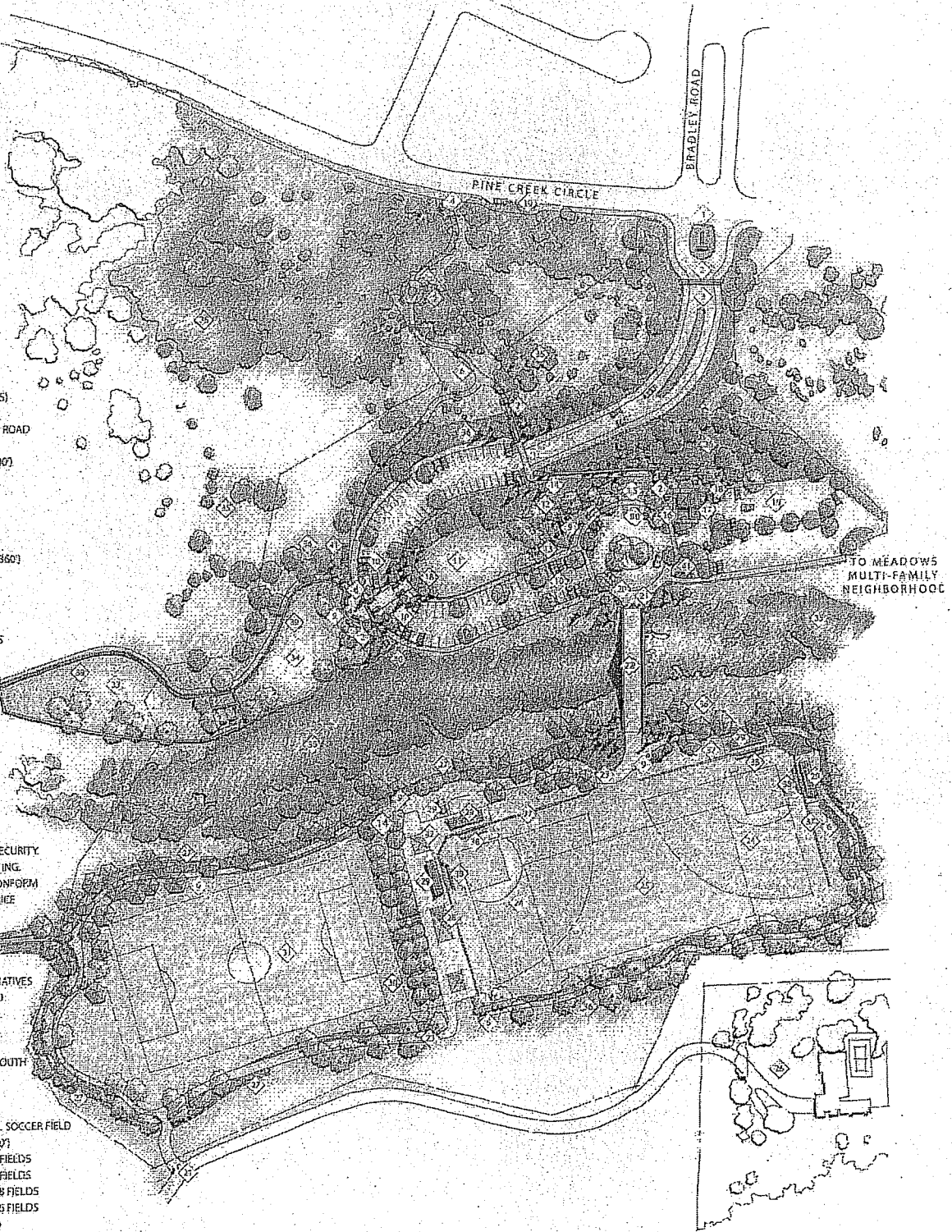
**KEY**

1. PARK ENTRY WITH SIGNAGE & LIGHTING
2. TIMBER GATEWAY
3. SECURITY GATES
4. ADA ACCESS & TRAIL
5. VISTA POINT
6. HIKING TRAIL WITH TRAIL MARKERS
7. SECONDARY TRAIL HEAD WITH SIGNAGE
8. PRIMARY TRAIL HEAD WITH SIGNAGE
9. INFORMATION KIOSK
10. DRINKING FOUNTAIN
10. ADA PARKING
11. OPEN PLAY AREA
12. TIMBER SEAT WALL @ SLOPE BOTTOM
13. TOT LOT AND GAME & PICNIC TABLES
14. PEDESTRIAN RAMP
15. FUTURE GROUP PICNIC SHELTER
16. RESTROOMS
17. TRASH ENCLOSURE
18. PICNIC AREA
19. AUTO & TRAILER PARKING
20. SIGNAGE TO SPORTS FIELDS
21. REMOVABLE BOLLARDS (VEHICULAR ACCESS)
22. PEDESTRIAN & VEHICULAR BRIDGE
23. PEDESTRIAN, MAINTENANCE, & EMERGENCY ROAD
24. LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD
25. HIGH SCHOOL SIZE SOCCER FIELD (165' X 300')
26. EXISTING HOME
27. FENCING (SEE SEPARATE EXHIBIT)
28. FUTURE CONCESSION BLDG & RESTROOMS
29. BLEACHERS
30. SPECTATOR TURF SLOPE
31. CHAMPIONSHIP SIZE SOCCER FIELD (230' X 360')
32. CONNECT TO TRAIL NETWORK
33. LARGE BREED DOG PARK
34. SMALL BREED DOG PARK
35. EXISTING TREES & VEGETATION
36. NEW NATIVE AND MEDITERRANEAN PLANTS  
(SEE SEPARATE PLANT LIST)
37. BACKSTOP FENCING
38. PLAYERS DUGOUT
39. VINE COVERED FENCE
40. ACCESSIBLE PICNIC
41. BIKE RACK
42. MAINTENANCE BUILDING

**NOTES**

1. TOTAL PARKING SPACES: 166 MINIMUM
2. PARK WILL HAVE DAWN TO DUSK ACCESS, SECURITY GATES AT ENTRY AND ONLY SECURITY LIGHTING.
3. PARK SIGNAGE AND TRAIL SIGNAGE WILL CONFORM TO DESIGN GUIDELINES IN THE APPROVED RICE RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN.
4. PLANTINGS WILL EMPHASIZE CALIFORNIA NATIVES FROM THE APPROVED LISTS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION FROM THE RICE RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN. SEE SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT.
5. SOCCER FIELDS CAN BE SUBDIVIDED INTO YOUTH AGE APPROPRIATE SMALLER FIELDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER FIELD (230' X 360')	HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD (165' X 300')
U6—UP TO 12 FIELDS	U6—UP TO 9 FIELDS
U8—UP TO 4 + 4 U6	U8—UP TO 4 FIELDS
U10—3 FIELDS	U10—1 + 1 U8 FIELDS
U12—2 FIELDS	U12—1 + 2 U6 FIELDS
U14—1 + 2 U6 FIELDS	U14—1 FIELD



**RICE RANCH COMMUNITY PARK  
MASTERPLAN**  
Rice Ranch Ventures, LLC  
Orland, California

January 20, 2006



52  
H6 signatures  
52

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Rice Ranch Regional Park & Sports Complex

Category for Nomination: Public Park

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Lintel Belew

Address: 255 Pinal Ave Orcutt

Phone Number: 805 937 6243

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

Supporting Proposed Name Above

- |                    |                   |                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Eda Atkins         | Nancy Hutchins    | Jina Flores     |
| Cheryl Atkins      | Ronald Williams   | Dorinda Romero  |
| William W. Atchell | Jose H. Brown     | Judi Fogel      |
| Cathy Jackson      | B. Sparks         | Jessica Ward    |
| Becky Jackson      | Elaine Estrada    | Justo Roldan    |
| Cathy A. Perry     | Dann Fry          | Uely Cruz       |
| Carl Bohard        | Stu Fogle         | Samuel Bantick  |
| Whlee Evans        | Richard Yokoyama  | Bijelela Ramo   |
| James              | Laura Ramsey      | Lethy Ontiveros |
| Ruth               | Royce R. Smith    | Michelle        |
| Margaret Daines    | Lucinda Patterson | Andrea Leonard  |
| Quanta Cook        | Erin B. Smith     | Art Lurie       |

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Category For Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Lizette Belen

Address: 255 Pinal Ave Orcutt

Phone Number: 805 937 6243

Attached:

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Supporting Proposed Name Above

Mary Beard Marion + Helen Capitanis

Theresa Minnett Larry + Laura Greenman

Mark

John Crush  
Joselyne Kokone

Gandette

Ronald W. Mast

Mary Carlson Lundgren  
Robert Rivers

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: Thomas A. "Toppie" Rees Park

Category for Nomination: Role Model

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: Born in Santa Barbara, Orcutt 60 years

Category For Nomination: Role Mode

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Thomas Gibbons

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Phone Number: (805) 934-3539

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

Gibbons Letter of Nomination  
Letter of Reference

Rees - letter of Reference

Alexander Letter of Reference



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**From the Desk of Thomas Gibbons****LETTER OF REQUEST**

**To:** Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Joni Gray, 4th District  
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, suite 141  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**From:** Thomas Gibbons

**Date:** September 24, 2008

**Subject:** NOMINATION OF THOMAS A REES TO HAVE THE RICE RANCH PARK NAMED AFTER HIM

Supervisor Gray,

This Letter of Request is to enter into nomination Mr. Thomas A. Rees as the name to honor the new park that I will refer as the current local name of Rice Ranch Park. The following considerations fulfill the required criteria for the nomination of Thomas A. ("Toppie") Rees Park:

- Thomas A. Rees has always been known as "Toppie".
- Toppie Rees has always remained the esteemed status of Role Model in the Orcutt Community as well as Santa Barbara County. His guidance and practices have guided young and old alike and remain as a testament to his good work.
- He has been a lifelong resident of Santa Barbara County being born in Santa Barbara in June 22, 1915.
- He was the Santa Barbara County Brand Inspector from 1955 until 1981.
- Toppie and his wife Anne leased the subject park ground from 1955 to 2006. They raised two children Justin and James (Justie born in 1947 and Jamie born 1962) on the property where they raised cattle and dry farmed.

Toppie has remained a good steward of the land and taught those skills to everyone he touched; the subject property is in its great shape today as proof of his practices. From his home ranch in the "Bradley Dip" he ventured forth to manage his low impact on the environment and shares those skills through his children, their families and specifically his three grandchildren. I nominate that the subject park be named, Thomas A. ("Toppie") Rees Park. Feel free to contact me at the numbers below.

Thank you,



Thomas C. Gibbons

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**To:** Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Joni Gray, 4th District  
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, suite 141  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**From:** Raymond and Kathleen Alexander  
5623 Chilmark Lane  
Orcutt, CA 93455

**Date:** September 25, 2008

**Subject:** NOMINATION OF THOMAS A REES TO HAVE THE RICE RANCH PARK NAMED AFTER HIM

Supervisor Gray,

This Letter of Request is to enter into nomination Mr. Thomas A. Rees as the name to honor the new park off of Rice Ranch Road. The following considerations fulfill the required criteria for the nomination of Thomas A. ("Toppie") Rees Park;

- Toppie Rees has always been a Role Model in the Orcutt Community as well as Santa Barbara County.
- He was the Santa Barbara County Brand Inspector from 1955 until 1981.
- Toppie and his wife Anne leased the subject park ground from 1955 to 2006.

Toppie has been a great steward of the land and taught outdoor skills to everyone. We share the nomination that the subject park be named, Thomas A. ("Toppie") Rees Park. Feel free to contact me at the numbers below.

Thank you,

Raymond and Kathleen Alexander

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**Contact:**  
[RaymondAlexander@aol.com](mailto:RaymondAlexander@aol.com)

Telephone (805-938-7677

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**To:** Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Joni Gray, 4th District  
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, suite 141  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**From:** Jamie and Shawn Rees  
PO Box PO Box 541  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Date:** September 25, 2008

**Subject:** NOMINATION OF THOMAS A REES TO HAVE THE RICE RANCH PARK NAMED AFTER HIM

Supervisor Gray,

This Letter of Request is to enter into nomination Mr. Thomas A. Rees as the name to honor the new park off of Rice Ranch Road. The following considerations fulfill the required criteria for the nomination of Thomas A. ("Toppie") Rees Park;

- Toppie Rees has always been a Role Model in the Orcutt Community as well as Santa Barbara County.
- He was the Santa Barbara County Brand Inspector from 1955 until 1981.
- Toppie and his wife Anne leased the subject park ground from 1955 to 2006.

Toppie has been a great steward of the land and taught outdoor skills to everyone. He has remained the mentor for our 4H Group and our children (his Grandchildren) along with everyone that is in our group. His support of Ag has been a lifelong commitment. We share the nomination that the subject park be named, Thomas A. ("Toppie") Rees Park. Feel free to contact me at the numbers below.

Thank you,

Jamie and Shawn Rees

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**Contact:**

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Office (805) 937-1785

# Application For Naming of Parks or Facilities

Proposed Name: William Warren Orcutt Regional Park  
and Sports Complex

Category for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

If Nominating a Person Provide the Following:

Length of Time in Orcutt Area: N/A

Category For Nomination: #1, #2, #3, #5, #6

Person / Group Submitting Nomination: Gary A. Jansl

Address: 4051 Sandy Court, Santa Maria, Ca. 93455

Phone Number: (805) 938-3254

Attached:

Nomination Letter

Three Written References To Support and Document Nomination Letter

Gary A. Jairl  
4051 Sandy Court  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
(805) 938-3254

Joni Gray, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
1103 East Clark Ave. Ste.A  
Orcutt, CA 93455-5149

Dear Joni Gray,

I am submitting this Letter of Nomination to suggest a name for the new Regional Park and Sports Complex at the Rice Ranch Development in Orcutt. I am suggesting this name due to the significant contributions made by the nominee to the Orcutt community and to the surrounding area as well.

I would like to suggest that the new park be named "William Warren Orcutt Regional Park and Sports Complex" for the reasons mentioned above. Below I will supply some historical facts about Mr. Orcutt and his contributions to the community.

William Warren Orcutt was a man of firsts. He was a member of the first class of Stanford University, and was the first person to employ geology in oil exploration. His pioneering studies led to the first great oil discoveries in California, including the Orcutt area. His discoveries helped make oil the dominant fuel of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was also the first to recognize the significance of fossils at the now-famous La Brea Tar pits. In commemoration of Orcutt's initial discovery, paleontologists named the the La Brea Coyote in his honor, *Canis Orcutti*.

Born in Dodge County, Minnesota on February 14, 1869, Mr. Orcutt came from Puritan and Virginia stock, and some of his ancestors arrived in America on the Mayflower. His home and church training in old New England standards gave him a foundation based on dignity, modesty and honesty.

When Stanford University opened in 1891, he was a member of the "Pioneer Class" and roomed with Herbert Hoover, who later became President of the United States. By the time he graduated in 1895 with a degree in civil engineering, Mr. Orcutt was a physical specimen who had been rated among his fellow students as "No. 1 and 100 % physically perfect."

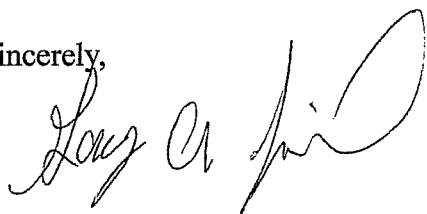
No early oil man before Orcutt had tried to locate fields by observing and plotting out the structural formation of the terrain. But that is what Orcutt set out to do. He tirelessly explored huge tracts of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and other counties, travelling by buckboard, spring wagon, on horseback or on foot. His geological studies and maps of the hills in northern Santa Barbara County allowed

Union Oil to select the most promising properties. By 1904, when highly productive wells like Old Maud in the Orcutt hills came in, confidence in his pioneering approach and judgment was firmly established.

While plotting the northern Santa Barbara County hills in 1901 and 1902, Orcutt laid out a town to serve as a supply base in what he felt would someday be a massive oil field. His men installed a water and sewer system, oil and gas pipelines, storage tanks and equipment for loading oil at railroad sidings. Within the company-and over the geologists objections-the town became known as Orcutt.

I think the above mentioned historical facts regarding Mr. Orcutt and his involvement in developing the community of Orcutt make him a prime candidate for the naming of the new park and sports complex. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary A. Jairl". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Gary A. Jairl

\*Historical facts courtesy of Old Town Orcutt: A Small California Oil Town Remembered by Bob Nelson and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

## References

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# **Attachment D**

## **Panel**



**PARK PANEL**

PARKS COMMISSION - GENE PETERSEN  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY - JUDY CAPITANI  
ORCUTT AREA ADVISORY - RON BETTENCOURT  
OLD ORCUTT - EDA ATKINS  
D. A. OFFICE - CHRISTY STANLEY  
ORCUTT SCHOOL DISTRICT - ROB BUCHANAN  
OLD ORCUTT - DANNY GEORGE

THE ABOVE HAVE AGREED TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.  
EACH MEMBER WILL COME IN AND REVIEW THE  
APPLICATIONS. THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RANKED 1,2,3,4,5,  
THRU 10

# **Attachment E**

## **Rankings**

## Tally for Naming of Park at Rice Ranch

### Top Five Favorites:

- #1. Orcutt Community Park - Designated Areas 26 points
- #2. Brookshire Glen 15.5 points
- #3. Olga Howard Community Park 13.5 points
- #4. William Warren Orcutt Regional Park 10 points
- #5. Joe Gray Regional Park 9 points

Orcutt Community Park	<u>26 points</u>
Brookshire Glen	<u>15.5 points</u>
Olga Howard Community Park	<u>13.5 points</u>
William Warren Orcutt Regional Park	<u>10 points</u>
Joe Gray Regional Park	<u>9 points</u>
Rice Ranch Regional Park & Sports Complex	<u>7 points</u>
Military Service Members	<u>4 points</u>
Mary Ruth Monte Regional Park	<u>3 points</u>
Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Park	<u>3 points</u>
Manzanilla Park	
Edwin Hammond	
Thomas Rees Park	

Point Scale: 5 pts. for #1, 4 pts. for #2, 3 pts. for #3 etc. Points for top 5 places

