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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

January, 2012

Highlights of 2011: "Happenings"- in and around Highgrove!

Jan.: First sewer line in Highgrove begins Jan 6, 2011, Danny Stouffer tree dedication 1-13-2011, "Fast Track" for development of 67 acres of vacant land in Highgrove owned by Bixby Land Co. expired on 1-13-2011, Center St. Liquor Store robbed 1-18-2011, Electrical Components stolen from new Highgrove Library before completion 1-26-2011, Truck parking restrictions on Center St. 1-27-2011, Raina Boal appointed to Highgrove MAC 1-25-2011.

Feb.: Stop Inn invaded 2-5-2011, Gene Hayes appointed to Grand Terrace city council.

Mar.: New Highgrove Library Dedicated 3-19-11, First MAC meeting at new Highgrove Library 3-23-2011, Parnelli Jones honored at Riverside International Automotive Museum 3-25 to 3-27, 2011, Hit and run suspect arrested 3-27-2011, Chevron Gas Station construction fire 3-30-2011.

April:, House demolished s/w corner Main & Michigan 3-14-2011, Trailer signs on Center St. removed 4-27-11, Highgrove Volunteer Fire Dept. comes to an end.

May: Highgrove Day 5-7-2011.

June: House demolished on Iowa Ave. 6-1-2011, Pony League to Cooperstown, NY 6-4-2011, Valero Gas Station robbed 6-14-2011, Old Highgrove library torn down 6-16-2011, New Shell station opened 6-19-2011, RR ties catch on fire Center St. and Commercial 6-21-2011, Highgrove Library hit by electrical thieves again- re-opened 6-23-2011, Grand Terrace Community Day 6-25-11, Marion Ashley Community Center in Menifee dedicated 6-30-2011.

July:, Zorbas expands building 7-28-2011, E. La Cadena Dr. closed to raise road and install new sewer line.

Aug.: Gas lines relocated for Iowa Ave overpass 8-3-2011, Grand Terrace Stater Bros. Grand Opening of new store 8-23-2011, Beauty Gallery closes, Terrace Books closes.

Jan.: First sewer line in Highgrove Lawsuit against Metrolink by begins Jan 6, 2011, Danny Stouffer tree dedication 1-13-2011, "Fast 2011.

Sept.: Main St. and Iowa Ave. graded for new intersection 9-16-2011, 18" pipeline replaced on Michigan Ave. north of Main St.9-18-2011, new Supervisorial Districts redrawn, Supervisors Ashley and Tavaglione attend Highgrove MAC meeting 9-28-2011, Grand Terrace High School hit by electrical thieves.

Oct.: Highgrove resident Helen Holmes turned 103 on 10-8-11, Chevron Gas Station and Subway Grand Opening 10-13-11, Loma Linda parade 10-16-11, derailment in Colton 10-18-2011, Poly High School homecoming 10-22-2011.

Nov.: Grand Terrace Country Fair 11-5-11, Billy Barnett opens tattoo shop in Cardiff 11-5-2011, High-grove Sewer completion date 11-15-2011, Arson/Burglary arrest made 11-20-2011, Mission Inn Festival of lights lighting ceremony 11-25-11.

Dec.: Hunter Hobby Park dedicated 12-10-11, House fire on Main St. 12-26-2011, New Highgrove Community Plan requested.

Local Obituaries:

Ray Abril Jr. 12-14-10

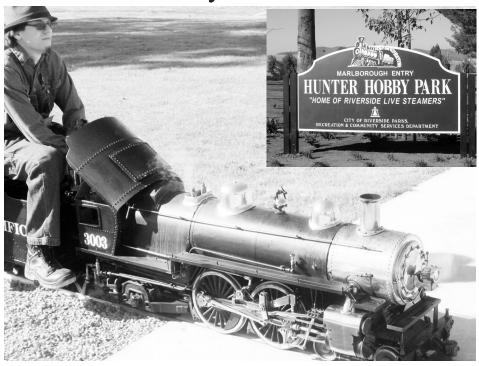
Gasper H. Diaz 11-18-10

Floyd Harvey Matteson 12-22-10

Randy Bocanegra 1-17-11 Maurice Matt Matteson 1-8-11 Stephen Floyd Matteson 1-18-11 Richard W. Wasmeyer Raymond Archuleta 2-18-11 Rosemary Ybarra and Kenneth Cook John "Steve" Stephen Lang 3-15-11 Mark Bixby 3-16-11 Norris Goodwin 4-7-11 Ronnie Castro Barraza 4-14-11 Sally Diaz Espinosa 7-13-11 David Zamora 7-14-11 Richard E. Gonzales 8-5-11 Terry Finnegan 9-14-11 Worth Gorman 10-12-11 Rufus C. Barkley III 12-3-11

Comments requested for Regional Transportation Plan see page 6

Hunter Hobby Park Dedicated



It was a perfect day for the grand opening of the Hunter Hobby Park on Dec. 10, 2011. The 36 acre park is home to the Riverside Live Steamers that now has 10,000 feet of track that circles the park. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to ride in the miniature cars that were pulled by miniature steam engines. The park also has lots of grass, basketball courts and two lighted baseball fields. It is located on Iowa Ave. between Columbia and Marlborough Avenue. Stop by and check it out!

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Fire damages Highgrove house on Main street!



In the evening of Monday Dec. 26,2011 we received a call about a house on fire on Main St. just west of Michigan Avenue. The upper level of the large home owned by Warren Carter and his family was on fire with billows of black smoke pouring out of the front vent near the roof line. Firemnen had already cut a hole in the roof and flames were shooting out of the opening. The family was home when the smell of smoke was first detected but fortunately they were able to get out with no injuries. The CHP closed off Main St. where a small crowd gathered to watch from a safe distance. There were 8 fire trucks that responded to the fire including Highgrove's station 19, units 90 and T-17 from Riverside County, and

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm
Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

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January 6th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Caremore Health Plan Resource Table hosted by Albert Vega 951-313-9912.

January 17th: Complementary Haircut starting at 9:00 AM sponsored by Caremore hosted by Albert 951-313-9912

January 19th: 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Mental Health presentation hosted by El Sol Neighborhood Education Center (Rep Maria 714-393-8892)

January 20th: 8:00 - 10:00 AM Resource table by Al regarding Healing Power of Alkaline Antioxidant Water (Water System)

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Wanted boys ages 6 to 11 years old to join the Highgrove Cub Scouts. If you are interested you can join. We meet every Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 7 pm at the <u>Highgrove Eagles</u> located at 466 E. La Cadena Dr.

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- Greg at 909-322-7280
- Bill at 951-712-8322

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

The following contacts and/or arrests are a direct result of traffic stops, information obtained by local residents, pedestrian checks, business checks, and ongoing investigations.

Felony Arrests Calls for Service Misdemeanor Arrests 35 **Business Checks Traffic Citations** Call 911 for Emergencies only

> **Sheriff Dept.:** (951) 776-1099 (Non emergency) Sgt. Andy Stonebreaker (951) 955 2654 Lieutenant Art Gonzales (951) 955 2600 Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600



JUVENILE STRUCK IN TRAFFIC LANES; DIES ON SCENE

On December 25, 2011 at approximately 11:00 p.m. Mr. John Sullivan (male, 74, Palos Verdes) was driving a 1991

Mercedes 300 westbound SR-60 approaching Wineville Avenue in Mira Loma at approximately 70 MPH in the #5 lane. A female juvenile (12, Riverside) was running in and out of traffic within the #4 and #5 lanes, attempting to retrieve miscellaneous clothing items from suitcases which had fallen from the roof rack of a Chevrolet Suburban.

Mr. Sullivan suddenly observed the juvenile directly in front of his vehicle running towards the right shoulder. He was unable to move from his path of travel and struck her in the #5 lane. She was pronounced deceased at the scene by Cal-Fire Eastvale Paramedics

CHP Comparive stats from last year *Christmas 2011**

12/23 until 12/26 12/24 until 12/26 DUI Arrests-23 DUI Arrests- 22 Fatal Collision- 1 Fatal Collision-0 Traffic Collisions- 28 Traffic Collisions- 37

California Law Beginning January 1, 2012:

The following law goes into effect on January 1, 2012: *MUST* be secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint (safety seat or booster seat) IN THE BACK SEAT OF A VEHICLE until they are at least 8 YEARS OLD or 4'9" in height.

Street Lights Out in Highgrove?

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

or email Hazel Rodriguez hrodriguez@rivcoeda.org. Provide address and

cross street and pole # if possible.

New shipment of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: "Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town" Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county".

"Highgrove Song"

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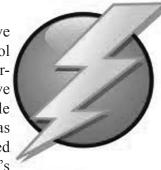
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lectrical thefts continue!

Metal thieves still at work!

It has happened twice at the new Highgrove library and at the Fremont Elementary School on North Orange St. and at the new Grand Terrace High School when thieves took expensive electrical equipment. But it is getting a little ridiculous when broadcasting equipment was stolen off the top of Blue Mountain that knocked out KVCR, San Bernardino Valley College's public TV channel 24. Three men were arrested that were caught in the act.



In yet another case, two other thieves were arrested by the Riverside County Sheriff Dept. when they took equipment that was later recovered at a recycling yard. Please report any suspicious activity that you see by calling 911 so more of these thieves can be caught. If you have anything of value that may attract the thieves lock it up, install surveillance cameras, and be aware that you too may become a victim of this type of crime. Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activities to the Riverside County Sheriff at 911 or (951) 955 2600.

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Former Highgrove Civic Center



In the earl 50's this building was the Highgrove Civic Center and was used for Saturday night dances and community functions such as community plays. When I was in the Highgrove Boy Scout Troop 10, this is where we would hold our meetings. I recently received a program titled Highgrove Recreation Benefit Play that was sent to me by Jerry and Chris Everington who now live in Idaho. My brother Ronald is listed on the program playing the part of Grandpa Coy in a skit titled Martins and the Coys. I asked Ronald what year he thought this play took place at the old civic center and he said possibly it was in 1954. Other skits were: Dastardly Deeds, Hewie's

Bridge Party, How the White Sox Got A Run, and the Night Club Scene.

Other community plays also took place at the old Highgrove Elementary school that involved members of the community playing various parts and others who came to see the show.

I remember riding my bicycle to the free Saturday night movies that were shown at the old Highgrove softball field that was located on the north side of Center St. between the Brown Estate Packing House and Washburn's. This was where fast pitch softball was played back in the 50's and free movies were shown. It also had other community uses and was used by the Highgrove scouts.

Boy Scout World Jamboree in Irvine, Ca.



In 1953 our Boy Scout Troop 10 held tryouts at the softball field to see who would get to go to the Boy Scout World Jamboree in Irvine, Ca. with the troop from Riverside. We had to make fire by flint, string burning, cooking and other tasks to qualify. Three members from the Highgrove Troop 10 became members of the Riverside Troop 26 for the Jamboree. If you have ever been to the Irvine area you may have seen Jamboree Blvd. but in 1953 this was just a lot of acres of rolling hills of vacant land that attracted Boy Scouts from all over the world. There was a trading tent where scouts would trade items from their country for something from another country. I traded Highgrove oranges for items I wanted. The three Highgrove scouts selected were Robert Fakundiny (extreme left front row) who later became the New York State Geologist in Albany, New York and is now retired, Ron McHenry (extreme left 2nd row) who lived at 1260 Center St. where Wilson's Frame Up is located and is also retired and lives in Carson City, Nevada and yours truly R. A. Barnett, (front row behind flag right side) who is just tired and still hasn't made it out of Highgrove!

I cherish being raised in Highgrove when there were orange groves and a close knit community.



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Highgrove Community Players from the past



The photo above shows L-R: Ray Barnett (my dad), Larry Snodgrass and ? ??? who are shown with a sign that says Laughing Water on the barrel. I believe this photo was taken in front of the building across from the church but it was also from this same era back when green stamps were available. If anyone knows the name of the person on the right side of the photo, please let me know. The back of the photo indicated it belonged to Beth Homan from Grand Terrace but it was undated. In the 50's, community plays and skits were held at the former Highgrove civic center (P. 4) and the old Highgrove Elementary School.

Happy Holidays from the
Highgrove Dunicipal Advisory Council
Dext meeting: January 25, 2012 7:00pm
Highgrove Library, 530 Center St.
public invited

A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Merry Christmas!!!

First of all, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. I went to the mountains and rolled in the snow and am now paying for it with a cold. But it was worth it. Now let's talk gov't bank giveaways.

I still can't believe the money our gov't helped to help "bailout" the banks that were supposedly in financial trouble. And, as no surprise to me, these troubled banks gave huge financial Christmas gifts to their exec's, and us the depositors? Zip. Nada.

Folks, I realize it is nothing new for us to realize the stupid things our banks and bureaucrats (gov't employees) do but can you imagine what they get in return. I said it years ago and will continue to say it, this country needs a revolution and start over. And, as Benjamin Franklin said, "To preserve democracy, we MUST hang the lawyers first." Way to go Ben!

Not to whine or cry over spilled milk, we were very poor when I was growing up in rural Missouri and we were lucky to have a tree. And while I was in an orphanage for several years, there was no Christmas. But such is life and that was the past. It does remind me though, of how lucky and fortunate I am today. I



hope all of you feel the same way. And charity begins at home.

I made sure my grandkids had a nice Christmas and my daughter, who lives with me, had a nice one also. A Christmas tree is a sight to see for me and she did a beautiful

Let's all have a wonderful new year and please, focus a lot of attention and love on your children because it isn't too long and they are gone. I had four and they are scattered all over the world. Each one called me on Christmas day and that was the best present ever.

Let's make 2012 a year to remember the good things in life and pray for our soldiers in foreign countries. They shouldn't be there, but, I don't make that decision. Happy 2012.

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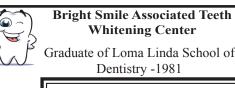
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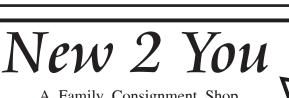
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On Dec. 20, 2011 two pick-ups used the exact same part of the intersection at the same time that resulted in this collision. The Ford Ranger on the right was headed west on Palmyrita Ave and the other pick- up from a local glass company was headed south on Palmyrita Court. Palmyrita Court is on the north side of Palmyrita Ave. and the west side of this same intersection is Northgate that goes southward to Columbia Avenue. There were only minor injuries to the driver of the glass co. truck but there was extensive damage to both vehicles. Please drive carefully and slow down!

Comments requested for Regional Transportation Plan!

For the last 10 years, the public's requests for a Metrolink station at Highgrove have been opposed by the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

But the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is now making a study for their Regional Transportation Plan from the year 2012 to the year 2035. This plan extends 23 years into the future and includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

A Metrolink station at Highgrove will benefit both counties and the entire region due to the established Metrolink trains that are now in existence and future Metrolink trains

of infrastructure ready for hundreds of new homes in the Spring Mountain Ranch housing project.

In addition, the land right next to the track in Highgrove where the Metrolink trains now operate between Riverside County and San Bernardino County is now owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission. But RCTC refuses to build a Metrolink stop on the west side of their own property next to the BNSF main line. Our tax money should be spent wisely by this transportation agency and not wasted. The station should be on the west side of RCTC's property that has existing Metrolink service where there is potential for expansion of this service to benefit the **SCAG Regional Transportation** Plan between the counties, and where there will be hundreds of new homes sometime within the next 23 years. But instead RCTC has spent another \$8,146,000.00 to purchase 9.75 acres on the Perris Valley Line at Marlborough Ave, that is on a different track one mile south of Highgrove. And RCTC does not plan on stopping **any** of the present or future Metrolink trains between the two counties that go through Highgrove. Please compare the green X on the map to the red X on the website:

www.highgrovehappenings.net

RCTC used State, Federal, and Transportation funds to purchase the 17.22 acres at Highgrove for \$8,625,000.00 at the green X (shown below) but then spent another \$8,146,000.00 for property at the red X that will not address any of the needs of the Regional Transportation

Please turn to P. 9 for the SCAG **Regional Transportation Plan.**



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Live Nativity at United Methodist Church



The live nativity scene on Dec. 16, 2011 at the historical church in Highgrove that was built in 1890 included three live sheep and members dressed in robes gathered around the manger.

George and Maggie Saunders of Grand Terrace pictured at the right have been members of the Highgrove United Methodist Church for many years.



The Highgrove United Methodist Church celebrated its 121st anniversary Sunday Nov. 13, 2011. The church was organized in November 1890 as the East Riverside Methodist Episcopal Church. Highgrove was then known as East Riverside. The first charge conference was held at the school on Nov. 1, 1890. The paperwork had to be sent to the district office in San Diego. It took a while to get there and be reviewed so the official birthday of the church is Nov. 9, 1890.

The new minister Reverend Valorie Weise officiated at the service. Denis Kidd gave the annual history talk. The subject this year was the dispute 100 years ago between Charles Kidd, Denis' grandfather, and Reverend F. A. Leak about who may attend church services. Today everyone is welcome. by: Denis Kidd Please see the church directory on page 15.



Center St. & Iowa Ave., Highgrove, CA

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Drivers getting younger and cuter all the time!



Behind the wheel is Natatia Calvillo who turned one year old on Jan. 2, 2012. She was supervised by her parents Luis and Christina who were helping her cruise near the library. The little pink car is radio controlled and this sidewalk cruiser is completely controlled by her dad. Too cute!

Old Farts Racing Team AnnualChristmas gifts for children





The Old Farts Racing Team collected toys at Christmas time and donated them to the CHP for distribution to children in the area.

2006 Ford F250 Lariat



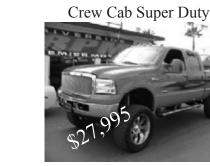
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Highgrove house fire cont. from P. 1 units 18, 2 and 6 from Moreno Valley and units 23 and 38 from San Bernardino county. Warren Carter said the firemen did a fantastic job putting out the fire. There are 2 fireplaces on the south wall, one downstairs and he was upstairs where there is also a fireplace. Both fireplaces share a common chimmney on the south side of their house. There was a fire in the downstairs fireplace but no fire in the upstairs fireplace when the smell of smoke was detected upstairs. Later he speculated that embers from the lower fireplace somehow ignited the inside of the wall because firemen had to remove the bricks from around the fireplaces on both levels to extinguish the fire inside the south wall.



This photo shows a fireman fighting the flames coming through the roof during the fire. The "after" photo below is another view of this same hole.



to gain access to the fire. This photo was taken on Dec. 28th., 2 days later.



The upstairs bedroom had estensive damage to the ceiling, roof, and trusses and there probably was water damage to both the top and bottom levels. This is the view of the upstairs bedroom. The bricks from the wall had to be removed to allow firemen access to the wall that was smouldering.



This close-up shows the bricks on the floor that were removed from the wall and fireplace, and the upper right hand corner of the photo shows the sun shining through a hole in the wall. The smoke smell was prevelant throughout the house but luckily no one was injured and the fire was confined to one section of the house. Our sympathy goes out to Warren Carter and his family during their stressful encounter that happened on the day after Christmas. He said the firemen did a good work saving his house!



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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
2012-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
STRATEGY

The Southern California Association of Governments has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy which is a long-range regional transportation plan that provides a blueprint to help

achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system in the SCAG region. The SCAG region is comprised of six counties: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. The proposed 2012-2035 RTP/SCS provides land use and transportation improvements such that vehicle trips and vehicle trip lengths are reduced and land is used efficiently and sustainably, thereby minimizing energy and water consumption.

Note: The entire notice can be seen on their website:

www.scag.ca.gov/peir

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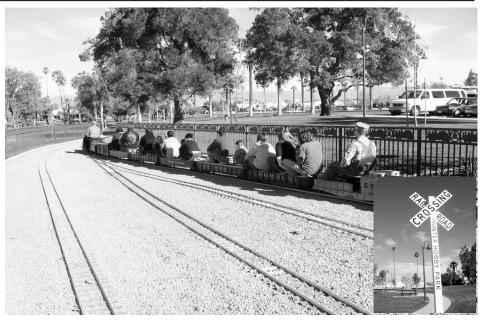
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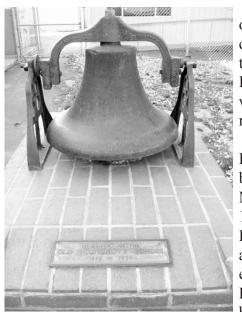
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Highgrove Elementary School Bell



I wonder how many thousands of Highgrove Elementary School children have passed by this old bell that was used in the old Highgrove Elementary School from 1888 to 1958 when the school was torn down and rebuilt.

There are other historic bells in Highgrove also. The bell that is in the bell tower at the Highgrove United Methoditist Church that was built in 1890 at the corner of Center St. and Prospect Ave., I believe, used to be an old bell from a Santa Fe steam engine. I believe that former Santa Fe Conductor Dan Hogan may have been responsible for obtaining it when

the steam engines were replaced by the more efficient diesel engines. Dan was helpful to me when I first started on the railroad in 1960. He and his

wife Avis lived on Prospect and were long time family friends but they both have passed on. There is another bell that is located outside the community center. This bell was removed from the Catholic Church that was located on the west side of Pacific Ave. and West Church St. when the church was torn down in Feb. of 2000.



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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds
BOOGER ISRAEL AND RASSE-LIN' WITH ANGELS (continued)

"Just hold it right there Israel!" A voice of authority boomed from the street. Heading straight for Booger was Sheriff Irons making big strides. At six foot and three or more inches, the big man dressed in a khaki uniform and wearing the badge of Mc Curtain County Sheriff, Waldo Irons strode toward Booger with a purpose. He had been keeping an eye on the old man since his deputy Amos Slaybaugh had alerted him of Booger's drunken arrival into Valliant from Buzzard Creek that morning. Sheriff Irons' job was to enforce the anti liquor statutes of his county and this involved breaking up the occasional still here and there but for every still eliminated there were two or more left in operation. Even Waldo liked a sip now and then and if he was to remain in good standing with the Fraternal Order of the Odd Fellows, of which he was a member, he was obligated to look the other way now and then when it came to certain stills. Waldo, after all was an elected official and the next election was less than a year away. Sheriff Waldo and Booger had a long history involving Booger's Buzzard Creek stills and various other infractions of the local laws. He suspected most of Booger's problems stemmed from the poor quality of his whisky, which Booger used solely for his own consumption.

"Put the stick down now, Israel, I mean right now I said." Waldo ordered again as he approached within twenty feet of the two combatants. By now, Caesar's knife was out of sight and he was edging backwards away from Booger.

"He done stuck me from behind Sherriff!" Booger protested, still gripping the table leg with it pointed toward Caesar.

"Gimme that stick." Waldo said wrenching the leg from Booger's right fist. "You know not to come to town drunk, causing trouble. I saw the whole thing from the beginning Israel and if you don't head home right now, and I mean right now, I'll arrest you and keep you for a

week or two in jail til Judge Williams comes to town."

"What about him?" Booger whined looking around for the now gone Caesar.

"I'll take care of him too Israel, so git on home now, and for goodness sake take a swim in the creek on the way home. You stink to high heaven. Use lye soap or something and wash them clothes too. People can't stand to be around you for the smell Israel."

Knowing not to press it with Sheriff Irons, the old man turned to survey the small crowd he had drawn and noticed Delphia disappearing around the side of the library with little Levester in the buggy. Looking straight at Baby standing in front of the three legged table and scattered Bibles, Booger growled "I ain't finished talkin to you either."

"Git." Ordered Sheriff Irons to Booger's back grabbing the suspenders of Booger's overalls and pulling him back from Baby and wheeling him around toward the street in one motion. With that the old man turned toward main street and proceeded to stumble off in the direction from which he came into town.

With that, Sheriff Irons turned to Baby, handing him the leg to his table and said "My advice to you, and you too" glancing over at Myrtle, "is to steer clear of Israel for the next few days. And tell your Mexican friend I want to talk to him today or he'll spend a few days in jail."

"Yes sir." Replied Baby while Myrtle nodded in the affirmative off to the side. Looking around the crowd and taking a mental note of witnesses Waldo returned his attention to the growing line of people lining the street waiting for the parade. His job today would be to prevent more of this type of foolishness in Valliant while presiding over the rest of Mc Curtain County with only two deputies to help him. In the meantime, Caesar had circled around the back of the library and ran across Delphia changing Levester's fouled diaper. She had found a water spigot at the side of the building and was holding the kids butt under the stream of water with the kid continuously crying.

"Thanks for the help with daddy." Delphia said acknowledging Caesars approach.

"He malo that man. I no like heem. I like to make him go away for good." Caesar said noting the red welt on Delphia's face and an older bruise on her arm above the elbow.

"Daddy is mean enough when he's not drunk, but when he drinks he gets this way. The Sherriff has warned him before and even put him in jail in Idabel for a month last year but he still beats on us at home. I hate him. If'n I told the Sheriff all the stuff Daddy done to me and my sisters he would put him in jail for ever. I wish I could cut his heart out." Delphia began to sob now as she placed the whining boy back in his buggy and turned to rinsing the diaper under the spigot. "And if I was you I'd watch out now that you done cut him cause he'll come for you with his gun. He'll wait til the sheriff ain't around so watch yourself."

"Maybe he the one to worry." Observed Caesar under his breath, taking a few steps around the corner of the library, looking to see where Myrtle had gone. "Looks like they getting ready for the parade out there." He said to Delphia over his shoulder. "You gonna stay and watch?" He asked her while he rinsed the blade off with water from the spigot.

"I guess. Can't go home now til Daddy sobers up. With that Delphia produced a bottle of paregoric from the buggy and poured a tablespoon into Levester's crying mouth, caus-

ing the boy to slurp and cough a little. Delphia took a good sip from the bottle before replacing the cork. "That usually settles him on down, and me too." Delphia said as she turned the buggy around and followed Caesar back toward the front lawn of the library where Baby and Myrtle were replacing the wobbly leg under the Bible table. The crowd Booger had drawn had dissipated leaving Delphia, Levester, Caesar, Myrtle and Baby mostly alone in the shade on the lawn. "Thanks Caesar. I thought the old man was gonna skull me for sure." Myrtle said. "All I done was to say 'Hi' to the baby and he started whomping on me. The Sheriff run him off and told him not to come back. I think he's skeerd of the Sheriff. By the way, the Sheriff wants to talk to you too fore we go on home tonight."

That's where David found everyone on returning to the truck to get more Relaxol. My brother had come to town with Brother Roy and more of the Zundappers. His job was to make the rounds to the growing list of Relaxol subscribers in Valliant while Roy and the rest delivered the ethanol and tried to keep up with the increasing demand for the Zundappers' high quality medicinals.

"I saw my Uncle Waldo over there and he was asking more bout you Caesar. Wants to talk to you fore you go home tonite." David said to Caeser.

"I don tink so." Said Caesar back to no one in particular. (to be continued next month)



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FINANCIAL FOCUS

some New Year's resolutions. This year, in addition to hitting the gym, learning that second language and getting better organized, why not also consider a few financial resolutions?

What types of resolutions might you consider? Here are a few suggestions:

Contribute more to your retirement accounts. The new year means that you are one year closer to retirement. To help yourself build resources for the lifestyle you've envisioned as a retiree, try to boost your contributions to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You can do this if you get a salary increase and devote at least part of it to your 401(k). At the same time, try to "max out" on your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). For 2012, you can contribute up to \$5,000 to an IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.

Reduce your debts. Look for ways to cut down or consolidate your debts. It may not be easy, but it's worth the effort because the lower your debt load, the more money you'll have available to invest for the future.

Build an emergency fund. If you don't already have an emergency fund containing between six and 12 months' worth of living expenses, start building one soon. Keep the money in a liquid vehicle - one that's separate from your everyday checking and savings accounts. Without such an emergency fund, you may be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair, a new furnace or a large medical bill.

Don't overreact to volatility. In

Once again, it's time to make 2011, the financial markets have been volatile, with big gains followed by big drops followed by big gains - a true roller-coaster pattern. Try not to let large, short-term price movements influence your investment decisions. Many of the factors that cause jumps or declines are not that relevant to long-term results and as an investor, you want to focus on the long term. Concentrate on building a portfolio that's suitable for your individual goals and risk

> Be aware of different types of risk. For many investors, "investment risk" strictly means the possibility of losing principal when the value of an investment drops. Consequently, to cut back on their risk in the face of a volatile market, they may sell off stocks and load up on certificates of deposit (CDs), bonds and other so-called "safer" investments. But each investment actually carries its own type of risk. For example, if you own CDs that pay a 2 percent return, and the inflation rate is 3 percent, you will lose purchasing power over time. And if you wanted to sell your bonds before they had matured, you'd have to sell them at a discount if the market interest rate had risen above the "coupon" rate of your bond because no one would pay you full price for them. Just be aware that no investment is "riskfree," and try to build a diversified portfolio that can lessen the impact of one specific type of risk.

> By following these suggestions, you can go a long way toward making 2012 a good year in which to make progress toward your important financial goals. So plan ahead - and make the right moves.

Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



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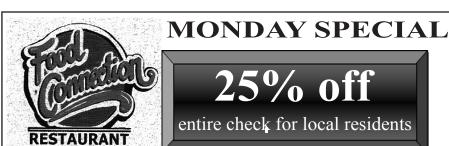
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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

WESTERN MEDICINE

Vic Phennighausen asked me this morning what I was going to write about for my January column and I told him I was going to preach but actually that is not what I intend. I would like to point out a few things I learned in 2011 regarding medicine.

Joe and Teresa Graedon write a column for San Bernardino Sun that covers a lot of things about medicine and recently they told about the side effects of today's medications.

I spent several weeks in 2011 very ill. I was not sure I was going to survive and most of my problems came about as a result of the medication that was prescribed for what was believed to be an extreme attack of osteoarthritis. The pain in my hip joints was so severe that I thought about suicide. But a friend of mine, Mike Breckenridge, who is knowledgeable about home remedies and non traditional medicine, said to "get off the damned traditional medications and try glucosomine with condroitin plus hyaluronic acid and MSM." I tried his regimen and in just a few days I was considerably better. Shirley Wright, another friend of mine volunteered to shop or do any other thing I needed and she gave me a walker that had belonged to her late son. I was unable to walk without a cane or the walker for several weeks.

I am now about 98 % well and am no longer suicidal. I have determined that the medication that was prescribed may have caused me to be addicted or may have killed me. It surely did not help my condition. The side effects of the various meds that were prescribed were intolerable. I do not take any medication now unless I have a flare up of the hip pain and then only for a day or two.

I am writing this essay to tell you to consider the Graedon column, read it carefully and see if maybe some of your problems could be a result of the dreadful side effects of your medications. I realize that there are prescription medications that are life saving substances such as insulin and digitalis. "There is no medication on the planet earth that does not

have side effects." (That is a direct quote from Dr. Rains).

The Graedon column was printed in the Sun on Sunday December 18, 2011. You can get it online.

Once upon a time I believed we had the best medical care in the world but this was before the advent of the HMOs (health maintenance organizations). Now it appears that the main goal of most of the physicians I have encountered are only interested in the money they can glean from Medicare and Medicade. Don't get me wrong: I am not advocating going back to the era of the doctor that died young or of alcoholism or drug addiction and would come to your home to check you out and take a sack of potatoes for his pay. I do believe these men, they were mostly men, went beyond the call of duty and truly cared about their patients. Not true today. Watch the TV commercials advertising medication and pay special attention to the side effects menthoned which menton death as one of them.

I have been a member of at least five different HMO's and all of them have been wrought with rude female clerks who abused patients and accused them of causing the problems we were having. This past connection I had actually allowed the front office women to tell me it was my fault that I could not get in to see the doctor. I was a member of this organization for one year and saw the doctor once. I had to deal with a physician's assistant. I was told it would be six weeks before I could see the doctor and that the reason why was because I had cancelled appointments several times. How does one deal with pain for six weeks? So what did I expect? I believe that the patient has the right to cancel any appointment he has made for whatever reason. A physician who allows the women who run the front office to treat patients in this slipshod manner is not a doctor—he is a businessman with MD after his name.

GHS

I have been over to the Grand Terrace High School to watch what is going on and how close they seem to be to open for business and enrolling children from 9 to 11 grades.

I still don't understand how they can open and not have a l2th grade. Students must come from this side of the Riverside, San Bernardino county line which is designated by Main Stree. I interviewed several residents that live on the Riverside side of Main Street and most of them are very unhappy with the fact that the school is so close to their homes.

In addition, they have been visited by officials from the CJUSD telling them that considerable pieces of their property will be taken in order to widen Main Street. They also feel they will suffer noises and other disturbances such as automobiles driving up and down Main St. and yelling and screaming typical of teenagers. One of the residents said they feel there will be a drug problem also. One resident said that he feels that some of these children will be armed and

dangerous.

It remains to be seen if building this costly and in my opinion unnecessaary institution was a good idea. It has cost in the neighborhood of 130 million dollars, so far. Are you still glad you voted for it?

SENIOR MEALS

It is amazing how much improved the meals at the Grand Terrace Senior Center are since the AFS (American Food Services) company has taken over the menus for the center. Our census has improved because of this. There are still some meals I don't care for such as the riblets and the breaded fish but as a whole the meals are tasty and complete. You really should come over and try for yourself. Meals are served for \$3.00 (as a requested donation) for those 60 or over and \$5.00 for those under 60. Chldren are not invited so leave them at home or with Grandma. FINIS

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



The North/West corner of Barton Road and Mt. Vernon in Grand Terrace is undergoing some major changes. This corner is where the Starbucks was located and the property behind will become a Walgreens Drug Store. Other stores and retail businesses are planned for a later date if possible. Brittany Court has been closed to through traffic.

Redevelopment funds bite the dust!

On Dec. 29, 2011, the California Supreme Court eliminated Redevelopment Agencies. Redevelopment Agencies have been in existance since 1945 but the State of California is facing a shortfall and the money allocated to Redevelopment may be used to ballance the State budget. The new Highgrove Library was dedicated on March 19, 2011 and without redevelopment funds we would not have our new library. We thank the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and especially Marion Ashley for acting when they did!



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Riverside County Transportation Commission

April 28, 2011

R.A. Barney Barnett 474 Prospect Avenue Highgrove, CA 92507

Dear Mr. Barnett:

This letter is in response to your request for records received by the Riverside County Transportation Commission on April 20 regarding real estate cost information for the Perris Valley Line project. The following information you have requested is available as follows:

- Agreed purchase amount for property between BNSF railroad and the Perris Valley Line railroad track to connect the two railroads:
- Citrus Connector, APNs 247-112-007-6 and 247-150-040-3 = \$8,625,000
- Amount of property purchased to connect the two railroads:
 17.22 acres

With respect to your request for the agreed purchase amount for property at or near Marlborough Avenue, Columbia Avenue, and Palmyrita Avenue as well as amount of property for future station located at the above listed locations, information is not available as either there is no transaction on a property requested or a purchase has not been finalized and therefore not public record.

Please submit any future requests for records to my attention.

Sincerely

Jenniger Harmon

Jennifer Harmon

Office and Board Services Manager

The above letter from RCTC shows the purchase price for the property at Highgrove that is mandatory for RCTC to connect the Perris Valley Line track to the BNSF track to allow future Metrolink trains between Perris and Riverside. We have no objection to this expendature except for the high price they paid. We told RCTC about this property 10 years ago when this was 35 acres of vacant land that was available at a much cheaper price. This property was bought just to connect the two railroads by building a future curved track between the Perris Valley Line track and the BNSF main line. The west side of this property is where Metrolink trains pass by every day of the week including weekends and this same property could also be used for a station platform. When the grading is done for the curved track, the grading for the parking lot could be done at the same time.





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Riverside County Transportation Commission

September 21, 2011

R.A. Barney Barnett 474 Prospect Avenue Highgrove, CA 92507

Dear Mr. Barnett:

This letter is in response to your request for records/information received by the Riverside County Transportation Commission on September 20 regarding a Marlborough Avenue Metrolink Station. The following information you have requested is available as follows:

- Number of parking spaces planned for the 9.75 acres = 593
- Purchase price of the Marlborough Avenue Metrolink site = \$8,146,000
- Seller of the property in question = Grove Business Park LLC
- Number of parking spaces at the Downtown Riverside Metrolink station = 1115

Sincerely,

Jenniger Harman

Jennifer Harmon

Office and Board Services Manager

The above letter shows that RCTC wasted \$8,146,000.00 by buying additional property at Marlborough Ave. for a future Metrolink station when a regional station could be built on RCTC's property only one mile away at Highgrove. This purchase was unnecessary because the Highgrove station could serve riders between Riverside and San Bernardino and the same platform (Green X on the website map) could be used between Riverside and Perris <u>after</u> the track from Highgrove to Perris is completely rebuilt.



Real Estate statistics as of December 30, 2011

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December's Word Search winner is Melissa Manzo, age 12. Melissa is the daughter of Mary Manzo and attends University Heights. She is in the 6th grade and her teacher is Ms. Elison. Melissa's mother is a volunteer at the

local Norton Younglove Community Center.

Good luck to the next winner.

Happy New Year to everyone young and old from the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and may 2012 be a happy and healthy New Year!



Dec. 2011 word search winner

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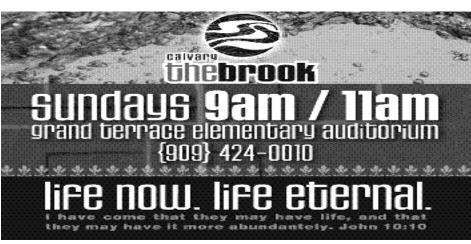
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