



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area January, 2010

The Highgrove Community spirit: Good people doing good things!

Danny Stouffer has been giving children and adults hay rides to see the Christmas lights for many years at the community center in Highgrove. Unfortunately Danny passed away on Sept. 18, 2009 and a tree was planted in his memory on Dec. 2, 2009.

Tree planted in memory of Danny Stouffer



L-R: Daniel Walker 12, Cody Walker 16, wife-Sue Stouffer, Son- Robert Stouffer, daughter-Kristie Walker and granddaughters Chelsea and Kaylee.

A light rain prevented the hay rides at the Christmas party on Dec. 11th but the next weekend the hay rides took residents, all wrapped up in warm clothes, around Highgrove to see the Christmas lights. It was great to see people coming out of their houses to wave and exchange "Merry Christmas" greetings.

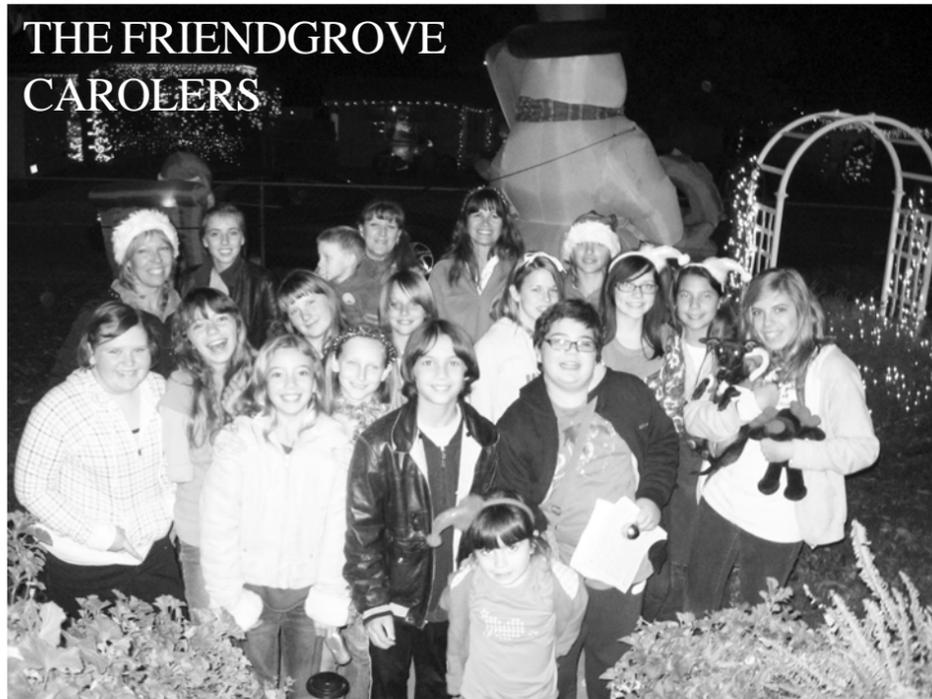
The wagons are equipped with speakers that broadcast Christmas carols from the lead wagon to each wagon via an antenna. The wagons are pulled by antique tractors such as a 1957 John Deere and the 1954 Case shown at the above right. There were 10 vehicles in the procession and we thank the Stouffers and their friends for carrying on this small town tradition.



Dan Brown of DB's Upholstery in Highgrove was driving this 1954 Case tractor that was the lead tractor. Robert Stouffer, Danny's son, even had a snow making machine that blew snow out of the back of his pick up truck!



Dec. 2, 2009: Sue Stouffer is shown giving a hug to Rene' Munoz who suggested planting a tree in honor of Sue's late husband Danny Stouffer.



L-R: Kara Snowball, Cynthia Cruz, Julie Reynolds, Monique Snowball, Kellee Collier, Brianna Snowball, Michael Snowball, Raquelle Zausch, Anelle Snowball, Isaac Zausch, RobertAnthony Cruz, Angela Reynolds, April Reynolds, Crystal DeBerry, Kyle Collier, Zach Zausch, Katelyn Crawford, Sabrina Cruz, Wile E (the dog), and Kelly Reynolds.

It was a nice surprise to open our door to Christmas Carolers singing Christmas songs to us on Dec. 22, 2009. This is just another benefit of living in our little town of Highgrove. We appreciate all of the people who make this close-knit community a great place to live by spreading the Highgrove community spirit!



L-R: Supervisor Marion Ashley, Danny's wife: Sue Stouffer, daughter: Kristie Walker, son: Robert Stouffer, V. Pres. Family Service Association: Veronica Dover, FSA manager at Norton Younglove Community Center: Sherry Morris-Logan. Riverside County Supervisor Ashley came to Highgrove and presented a framed resolution from the Board of Supervisors to the Stouffer family.

To see what happened next, turn to page 4

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

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Calendar of events: Mark the dates! January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 CLOSED
3 The Refuge Bible Study Service 9am-12pm Open to public for service only	4	5 Dept. of Consumer Affairs 8am-10am <u>Brown Bag 8am-10am</u> Highgrove Day Planning 7pm Volunteers needed!	6 Bible Study 6pm-8pm	7	8 Stressbusters Foot & Shoulder Massage 2pm-5pm \$5	9 CLOSED
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Highgrove Day set for May 8, 2010 Volunteers needed

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**Come to the Community Center on
Tuesday Jan. 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM.
We need your help!**

On Jan. 5, 2010 there will be a planning meeting for the 2010 Highgrove Day which will be on May 8, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Norton Younglove Community Center at 459 Center St. starting at 7:00 PM. We need volunteers of all ages to help make Highgrove Day another successful annual event. No experience is necessary and don't feel that you have nothing to contribute. We need help of all different types and all ages so please come and participate in your community's big day. This will be the 25th year for our local event!

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Commodities: 4th Friday of the month 7am - 10am



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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF

Deputy Dean Colbert Stats :

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	0	Vehicles Towed	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	Calls for Service	133
Traffic Citations	2	Business Checks	20

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Highlights:

On 12/10/09, a deputy performed a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 400 block of Prospect Ave., for the driver not wearing a seatbelt. Dispatch advised the male subject was on active CDC parole. The subject was detained and his vehicle was searched according to his parole terms. Dispatch advised the subject had a misdemeanor warrant in Riverside County for past drug offenses. The subject was issued a citation to appear in court.

On 12/10/09, a deputy contacted a male subject in the back yard of a vacant residence located in the 400 block of Electric St. A check of the subject's background revealed a misdemeanor warrant out of Riverside County for a suspended license. The deputy issued the subject a citation to appear in court.

On 12/11/09, deputies responded to the 400 block of Center St. reference a two-vehicle collision with multiple parties injured. Both deputies provided emergency care along with traffic and crowd control until Fire and Paramedic assistance arrived. AMR transported a total of seven individuals from both vehicles to several area hospitals including a pregnant woman. CHP responded and handled the traffic collision investigation.

On 12/16/09, a deputy observed a male subject lying motionless in an empty field on West La Cadena Ave. X Toulouse St. Concerned for the man's wellbeing the deputy contacted the subject who immediately jumped to his feet and began yelling obscenities at the deputy and challenging him to fight. The subject appeared disoriented and thought he was fighting in World War II. The man told the deputy he was in the war in his "other life". The subject continued to argue and behave in a violent manner. Dispatch advised the subject had recently been released from a psychiatric hospital. The subject was detained and transported to a facility for a mental evaluation for his safety without further incident.

On 12/18/09, a deputy patrolled on foot in the area of Spring St. X Pacific Ave. The deputy took the opportunity to meet with many individuals residing in several of the single story apartment complexes in the area. Several citizens approached the deputy with concerns regarding the area. The deputy advised he will be following up with them to help address their concerns and problems in the area.

On 12/22/09, deputies responded to the 3000 block of Center St. regarding a battery report. Upon arrival, deputies were advised both males had been there but one of the males fled the area to avoid contact with the deputies.

On 12/22/09, a deputy performed a traffic stop on a vehicle who failed to make a complete traffic stop at the corner of Michigan Ave. X Center St. Driver was cited.

Extra Patrol Request:

During the holidays, please be sure to buckle your seatbelts and don't drink and drive.



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Collision interrupts tree lighting ceremony!



Just as everyone was going outside from the community center for the tree lighting ceremony, there was a large crash when 2 vehicles collided right in front of the community center. The vehicle on the left photo was rear-ended by the vehicle in the right photo. Many people were outside near the tree when the collision occurred. This location is also right by the Highgrove Fire station and soon there was help on the way. There was a light drizzle when the accident occurred and the tree had been covered with an EZ UP for the ceremony. Many people assisted the occupants to the curbside and the EZ-UP that was covering the tree was used to put over the injured until the ambulances arrived.

The Flores vehicle, (above), had 3 occupants and the Munoz vehicle, (above

right), had 4 occupants. A total of 3 ambulances transported all 7 people to hospitals in the area. Luckily the Munoz family was checked out and released later that same evening.

Two occupants of the Flores vehicle were also released but the driver of the Flores vehicle was not released until the next day.

The Highgrove Sheriff, Deputy Colbert, and the beat 15 Sheriff car were present as well as the CHP and other emergency paramedic vehicles. When the tow truck arrived to take the Munoz vehicle away, their belongings were put into a white pick-up truck like Mr. Munoz drives but it was the wrong white pick-up truck. Their coats, umbrellas, cameras and other personal belongings were located later

when Deputy Colbert thought that maybe the white truck belonged to one of the Stouffers that was parked at the curb by the tree. We called, and yes the items had been put in the back of their truck. Ardie and I went to the Stouffer's house, picked up the items and returned them to the Munoz household the next day.

Rene Munoz was really upset that she was involved in the collision. And in a twist of fate, she was the one who suggested planting the tree for Danny but the dedication time had slipped her mind. She was on her way to Grand Terrace to rent a movie when the accident occurred.

The hay rides had already been cancelled but it was unfortunate timing for the tree dedication ceremony.

Supervisor Ashley donates to Christmas toy drive!

On Friday, December 18, 2009 the Norton Younglove Community Center held their annual toy give-away. This season over 200 children were blessed with toys from generous donations from Supervisor Marion Ashley and his office (Special thanks Jaime Hurtado), the Sparks of Love organization (Special thanks to Cheri Patterson), Sandals Church (Thanks for the beautiful sweat shirts), and private donors. Community members enjoyed holiday treats while listening to Christmas music; the Norton Younglove Community Center's staff and volunteers were overwhelmed by

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the out pouring of appreciation and love shown during the event.

Happy Holidays to all the community members that came out for our event; and extra special thank you to the wonderful elves (volunteers) that helped distribute toys.

Happy New Year to all (especially to all my Highgrovians)!

Wording on Resolution Board of Supervisors Memorial Resolution Honoring

Danny Lee Stouffer

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, second by Supervisor Buster and duly carried by unanimous vote.

IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Sept. 29, 2009, is adjourned in memory of Danny Lee Stouffer, 60 years old, former employee of Riverside County Waste Management Department, founder of the trucking firm DMF, and well known community leader in the Highgrove and Grand Terrace area giving his time to volunteer for many events and projects, for his service to the County of Riverside and,

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors express its heartfelt condolences to the family of Danny Lee Stouffer.

A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

As a former school teacher I cannot help but wonder what is going on in California as far as the stores posting advertisements and announcing their promotions in Spanish. I am well aware of the influx of aliens (which I am using this word in lieu of illegal immigrants) that are entering California and America illegally. But before you criticize me over this column, I am also aware of other foreign languages being spoken in America but they are mostly in communities where most of the residents are from their respective countries such as China town, Korea town or German communities like in Pennsylvania. If you go into these communities to shop, you will hear them speaking their native tongue.

In 2002, I was invited to China as part of an academic team to assess their public school system. As an education evaluator I wasn't too kind in my report and because of it I was asked to help update their system. I was thankful to have an interpreter. Through the years and visiting China 4 to 6 times since my first trip, I have learned to speak the Chinese language and now when I go, I don't need an interpreter. They laugh at me sometimes because I may not say the words exactly right, but they do applaud me for learning their language. And I am still learning!

The purpose of this column is to

expose you to the cost that California pays to teach the children of these aliens to speak English.

I hope you are sitting down because this paragraph is going to show you where a lot of your tax dollars are being wasted. There are 310,000 plus teachers in the California school systems. Bilingual teachers teaching the children of these aliens number 13,500. The budget for education in California is \$15.4 billion. Of this figure, \$769 million goes to bilingual teachers or about \$57,000 per teacher.

I went to school in California in the early 60's and at that time the State of California school system was ranked 6th in the nation. We are now ranked 48th slightly above Louisiana and Mississippi. Yet, we spend nearly \$7,324 per student while Mississippi spends approximately \$4,452 per student and as I stated above, we are ranked just above Mississippi yet spend almost twice as much as Mississippi spends.

So, as the legislator passes more laws, we will see more advertisements and promotions written or announced in Spanish. Eventually, if it hasn't already happened, the legal American citizens have become the minority group in California. Although we are paying the bills the state creates to function, we have a shortage in the billions in our State budget.

In conclusion, our legislators are considering passing a Law that any alien

in California, prior to the Law being passed, can stay in California and receive all the benefits that American citizens receive. Did you know it is against the law for a principal to ask a student if he is an American or if his parents are American citizens?

What is the solution to this problem? It is two-fold. First vote EVERY Legislator out of office. Second, do not allow the children of aliens to attend our schools.

I know a lot of people are shaking their heads because they believe every child deserves an education and I agree. But please, add one word to that belief: they must be an AMERICAN child.

Of course there will be readers that disagree with my harsh suggestion but just stop and think for a minute how your children are deprived of a good education because of the alien children in the schools. Join the PTA or whatever organization that will demand that aliens not be allowed in our school system.

As for the stores with the dual advertisements, walk out and shop at an American store.

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Truck parking along Center Street raises concerns!



These large trucks and trailers are parked on the south side of Center Street.



Both sides of Center St. are used for parking between the school & church.



Many school children walk along Center St. on their way to and from school.



The arrow points to a leg of one of the school children playing by the trucks of the curb by the sidewalk and oil spots where the trucks park.

The parking of big rigs along Center St. is drawing concerns from residents for the safety of the school children who walk between the Highgrove Elementary School and the Methodist Church. We were sent photos showing that these trucks are parking right next to the sidewalk where the children walk. During the week and also on week-ends, there are several large trucks that park in this area. Some of these trucks are from as far away as Moreno Valley. There is currently a parking restriction for trucks over 5 tons in residential areas of the county but the area between the school and church is not currently marked for no parking for these large trucks. Other photos sent to us show tire marks on top

We realize that there are not many places for these large trucks to park but one suggestion has been made to ask them to park along Palmyrita Ave. near Mt. Vernon or behind the empty warehouses on Palmyrita Ave. where they would be out of sight from everyone. There are many other places these trucks could park instead of parking between the school and church.

This problem will be discussed at the next meeting of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council at 7:00 pm on Jan. 27, 2010 at the community center.

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Large trucks park by historic church and block view of intersection!



This big rig was parked across from the United Methodist Church. This photo was taken on a Sunday morning just before the church service.

Big rigs are also parking across the street from the historic Highgrove United Methodist Church that was built in 1890. There is a sign in front of the church on the south side of the street stating no vehicles over 6 feet in height, (middle photo), but big rigs are parking on the north side directly across from this sign on the opposite side of the street. When these big rigs are parked right next to or over the cross walk lines at Center St. and Prospect Ave. it creates an unsafe situation for any pedes-

trian crossing in the crosswalk because there is a blind spot for the pedestrian to see if any cars are coming before they step out from in front of the parked truck. We also have photos of this same truck parking across the line that marks the pedestrian crosswalk. This is unacceptable! If anyone has a suggestion or if any big rig truck owners or drivers want to attend our meeting we will listen to suggestions of how to resolve this problem and where to park the trucks to make it safer for everyone.



This sign is located right in front of the church and is meant to limit the height of vehicles parking in this area. The sign has been in place for quite some time but lately big trucks and trailers have been parking directly across the street.



This sign is to warn westbound vehicles of the pedestrian crosswalk but it is completely blocked by this big truck and trailer that is parked on Center St. directly across the street from the church.

Grand Terrace up-dates support for Highgrove Metrolink station!

December 29, 2009

Mr. John Standiford

Deputy Executive Director

Riverside County Transportation Commission

4080 Lemon St., 3rd floor

Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Mr. Standiford:

This is a new letter of support for the Highgrove Metrolink station location.

The Grand Terrace City Council adopted Resolution #2001-28 on December 13, 2001 in support of Highgrove as a Metrolink station location.

The City of Grand Terrace continues to believe that a Metrolink stop in Highgrove would benefit the city and its residents.

Very truly yours,

Maryetta Ferre'

Mayor

cc: Grand Terrace City Council

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

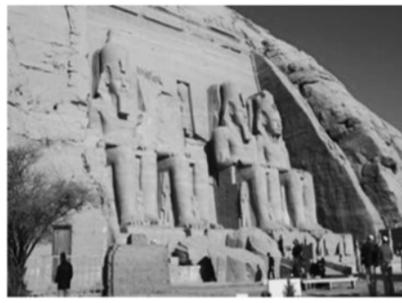
The above letter was the result of input received during the public comments section of the Grand Terrace City Council meeting on Dec. 8, 2009. Speakers included the first Mayor of the City of Grand Terrace, Mr. Tony Petta; Hugh J. Grant, member of the 1st Grand Terrace City Council and councilman for 14 years (1978 to 1992) and also former Chairman of San Bernardino County LAFCO and the Omnitrans Board; Gene

Carlstrom, former Grand Terrace City Councilman and former Mayor Pro Tem; Bill Addington, Civil Engineer-retired and R. A. "Barney" Barnett. A petition was also presented that included signatures from Grand Terrace residents and 14 year former Grand Terrace Mayor, Byron Matteson.

To view their comments please visit: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on the Metrolink tab and look for GT City Council Meeting video.

Visit Antarctica and Egypt in the comfort of Highgrove.

Sunday January 17, 2010 at 5pm at the Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 Center Street Highgrove, a slide presentation of Antarctica will be shown. Come see glaciers, penguins, historic stations and more. Then on Sunday January 31, 2010 at 5pm, at Highgrove United Methodist Church, a presentation of Egypt will be shown. See pyramids, tombs, temples and other ancient sites. Come enjoy a free show and light refreshments. You may not be able to get there yourself, so come see all that Ladd and Gail Seekins have seen!



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New Year Thoughts and Thanks

by Dr Cynthia Williams

A new year gives us the opportunity to look back at what the last year brought, allowing us all the year-end gift of hindsight. Sometimes we might gain some insight into our fellows or even ourselves. At a minimum we are given the chance to give thanks.

Economy: We seem to have seen the end of the train that was running out of control down the hill. Now we are left looking at the wreck and looking forward to cleaning up and rebuilding. However, the school and college budgets have been trashed with lots of students wanting classes, instructors wanting to teach, and no money for any of it. The train wreck for education is not over. When this scholastic/fiscal year is over, there will be another wave of crashes. Potential students will not be able to get into classes and they won't be able to find jobs either. The recovery in the educational sector will take a decade. THANKS: Uuummmm. Bank of America, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo have or are in the process of paying back billions in TARP monies, even selling stock to do so. Caveat: it is the consensus that they are doing so ASAP to get out from under governmental scrutiny.

Politics: Partisan email attacks are alive and well. Every day I receive emails of misinformation, exaggerations, panic, anger, and doomsday predictions

from those who are obviously not supporters of the current presidential administration. I dread the next three years of more of the same. THANKS: Every American is free to express their political views without fear of persecution from our government. Your friends may not be as patient!

Ecology: Earth day came and went. April bring flowers and lots of "green" talk. By May the stores are selling tons of paper plates, plastic forks and disposable aluminum BBQs for the summer season. EARTH DAY IS SUPPOSED TO BE EVERY DAY! THANKS: once again to all the people, companies and business that are *truly* making an effort to reduce their "footprint" on this planet and not just giving seasonal lip-service to the green bandwagon.

Housing: Spring Mountain Housing Project: still stalled due to the economy. THANKS: Spring Mountain Housing Project is still stalled due to the economy!

Friends: We lost two dear community members in 2009: Louis "Chris" Christiansen, D.C. and Danny Stouffer. Chris was a resident of Grand Terrace, worked at Wilden Pump in Grand Terrace, was a member of the Eagle Club on La Cadena in Highgrove, and had practiced chiropractic in Colton, as did his father before him, for decades. Danny was a long time resident of High-

grove and will best be remembered as having the Christmas hay rides. He and his wife Susan were friendly, charming hosts of this private annual tradition that has grown into a favorite annual community event. Danny's kind, giving spirit will live on with this fun tradition. Both men were loved so much by their families, friends and the communities they supported with their actions. I will miss

them both so much. THANKS: For my family and friends who continue to be in good health and have a positive family life. I can't be thankful enough. I am very thankful for what I have now and dare not ask for more than that. I can only pray God keeps us all healthy and happy.

Happy New Year to You and Yours.... Dr. Cindy



Denis Kidd



Blue Mountain

Denis Kidd, top left, is the founder of the Friends of Blue Mountain. He was presented 2 checks at the Grand Terrace City council meeting on Dec. 8th.

Darcy McNaboe, President of the Foundation of Grand Terrace, presented one check for \$5,000. Ladd Seekins, Treasurer of the San Geronio Chapter of the Sierra Club, also presented a matching fund check for \$5,000. Both will go toward the purchasing of 10 acres on Blue Mountain to get the ball rolling for the goal of a 500 acre public park.

The Friends of Blue Mountain is raising \$64,000 to purchase the 10 acres.

If you would like to help, send your donation to Friends of Blue Mountain, 22874 Pico St., Grand Terrace, CA. 92313. All donations are tax deductible on Federal and State income tax returns because "Friends of Blue Mountain" is a 501c3 tax deductible charitable corporation. The Grand Terrace City Council passed a resolution supporting the concept of a Blue Mountain Park and recognized the efforts of the Friends of Blue Mountain.



Best wishes for a
happy, healthy and
more prosperous
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-Marion Ashley

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

THE PERFECT DAY

Hands down, the most perfect day of my life was one day in March, 1954 at Harrigan's camp near Stratford. Having just recovered from appendicitis and too sickly to attend school and barely able to walk, I had long days alone while the camp kids were off to school. This day the winds were blowing hard and the late morning temp was cool. My big sister Virginia had made me an egg sandwich for breakfast and while she got busy with house cleaning I began my morning wander around the camp.

As camps went, this one was small with about five or six houses and a Quonset hut. There were some work sheds made of tin and a landing strip for the owners of the camp, some people named The Roland Land Company. Mr Stanley Hawk was the foreman and he lived in the nicest house away from the others, while the Duncans, Hills, and our family occupied the other houses. Separated from the camp by about twenty acres of new barley was the beautiful ranch home of the Harrigans. Mr. and Mrs. Harrigan lived a world above the rest of us as was fitting for the superintendent of the large Tulare Lake bottom farm holdings of the Land Co. My mom cleaned house for them and Stanley and occasionally would take me with her to keep

an eye on me. Mrs. Harrigan soon saw the opportunity to save my heathen soul and began to take me to the Seven Day Adventist Church in Lemoore on Saturdays. Mom would dress me in a white shirt with cuff links and a blue bow tie and deliver me up to the Harrigans each weekend to celebrate the Sabbath. They actually called it Sabbath School and gave me a picture bible to carry. As nice as this was, I instinctively stayed clear of the Harrigans on my wanders. Today, I was lured into the barley field by the wave like undulations of the two feet high crop. Looking around, there was no one as far as the eye could see, and more importantly, no tractors in the field. I scared a jack rabbit out of its hiding place about one hundred feet into the ocean of tall green grain. He had matted down about a three foot nest of flattened barley so I tromped some more down and lay down on my back out of the wind. I pulled my coat collar up and stuffed my hands into my coat pockets for warmth. With the sun overhead and protected from the winds by the surrounding grain, I looked up to see the wind carrying the occasional cotton puff clouds across the sky. The sun warmed me as I lay there in my weakened post surgical condition just a little short of breath. I had only been out of the Sacred Heart Hospital for a couple weeks or so and I tired easily. I cannot remember think-

ing about anything specific as I rested except that it was as peaceful and worry free a time as I have ever experienced in my life before or since that day. Watching the buzzards and crows drift by on the cool gusts overhead, I was warm and protected in my pocket of tranquility. No one could possibly see me on this level unless they were directly overhead. A perfect hiding place like this could protect you from mad dogs and escaped convicts, the two evils adults would warn you about in those days.

which I did not wear yet, but one day I suddenly took sick. Nausea and vomiting and an aching abdomen got my mom's attention so she drove me into Hanford to the home of Dr. Benjamin H. Pratt. In his operatory in the basement under his garage, this man of about seventy diagnosed me with a belly ache and recommended castor oil. After a day or so of this treatment Mom loaded me up in the back seat of our Ford and began a search for another doctor. Failing to find a doctor willing to treat an indigent case in a couple towns, she drove to Dr. Guernsey's office in Lemoore. I remember being too weak to walk so first the doctor's nurse, Francis came to the car and looked in at me. I was wearing only underwear because it was fairly hot that day. She was a big woman dressed in white and kind of gruff. She took a brief history of my symptoms from my mom and went back inside the office. In a few minutes the doctor came out and reached into the window of the car and poked on my abdomen, making it hurt more. I remember him saying something to mom about meeting him at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Hanford right away and then he went back inside. It probably took less than thirty minutes to get into Hanford and find the hospital but mom had to carry me inside and hand me over to the nurses. They seemed to know the deal and I think the doctor had called ahead. I

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DEVIL'S DEN
11/2009
BY Leitani Child Wilds



I recalled then the biggest adventure of my young life that had unfolded in the late summer about a month and a half before that day. School was ready to start up again and I was looking forward to starting the first grade and Stratford Elementary. I had about one half a year of kindergarten under my belt and I was ready to take on reading and arithmetic in September. I had some new school clothes from JC Penny's in Hanford and new shoes



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Graffiti painted over on I-215 Railroad bridge



For many years the 2 railroad bridges over the I-215 freeway near Grand Terrace have been targets for graffiti. After many letters from Grand Terrace to the railroad and other authorities, the bridge was painted on Sunday Dec. 6, 2009 and a barrier was placed to keep the taggers away. The above crew is shown working on the bridge owned by the Union Pacific R.R. where it crosses the I- 215 freeway in Grand Terrace.

I counted 10 men working in this area with cherry pickers and cranes and on-track equipment like the truck shown above. The time, equipment, and manpower to correct this ugly sight is very expensive. If it is left unattended, the whole area looks bad. People really do care about their neighborhood and this ugly tagging needs to be stopped!

Unfortunately the bridge was tagged again on Christmas eve according to a call from Lawrence Halvin, our long time friend from Grand Terrace. If you know who is tagging this bridge call G. T. city hall at: (909) 824 6621

Old Farts Racing Team holds annual toy drive



On Dec. 13, 2009 there was an inter-club car show that was sponsored by the Old Farts Racing team at Bill Wasson's shop in Riverside. It was well attended and presents were brought and distributed to the less fortunate. The photo above shows just some of the items by the tree that were brought by the club members. There were other presents that were on a nearby table.



Some of the gifts that were donated were still in their boxes and had to be taken out and assembled. This became a "who can put this together the fastest" contest as the members assembled tricycles and bicycles. After all, what good is a bicycle under the tree if it is still in the box.

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had never seen nurses or doctors before that day, nor had I seen a nun in full habit. The nursing staff were all nuns in this little nineteen bed hospital so for years I thought all nurses were nuns too. They were very caring as I floated along being carried here and there into this strange new indoor environment of cleanliness and disinfected surfaces. Lots of chrome and concern all about me, I could not have known how close to dying I really was. I heard the word surgery for the first time in my life and had it explained to me that something inside me had gone wrong but that the doctor was going to remove it and I would feel better soon. Next I was on a bed on wheels going down a bare hallway past swinging doors and there were rows of butcher knives hanging on the wall to my right as the nuns and I left mom waiting outside surgery.

So that's what they are going to cut me open with I thought as I passed the cutlery. I am sure they had given me morphine by now so who knows what the aliens did to me that afternoon while I slept under ether anesthesia. I do know that when I awoke later that night the nuns had my wrists tied to the bed rails to prevent me from pulling that tube from my nose. Man alive, it itched and there was a hole in my abdomen that stunk to high heaven and it had rubber tubes coming out of it. I was in a room with a crying baby they said had pneumonia and I couldn't reach my nose to

scratch it so when mom appeared I asked her to scratch it for me. How worried she must have been for me and probably she was wondering how would she ever pay for the expenses. Through all of this the nuns continued to impress and kind of scare me with their silent hovering and ministering. They were very good to me and from what I could gather, to mom too. I never saw Dr. Guernsey after that afternoon in the streets of Lemoore but I can remember years later Mom pointing out his large home off of hwy forty-one on the way to Hanford. He had a walnut grove and another small home next to his where his mother lived too. I remember thinking how I would provide for my mom when she was old, just like the doctor was doing for his mom.

Back at the hospital there were daily adhesive tape bandage changes and twice a day penicillin shots from glass syringes. My arms were too skinny so the shots went into my behind and they really hurt. As days went on the nuns moved me into a room with an older kid, a Portegee of about ten or twelve. This is where my catholic indoctrination began, at the hands of another kid who was catholic and proud of it. He said he had rheumatic fever and his folks ran a dairy, as did most of the Portegees in the San Joaquin Valley those days. When he found out I had no religion he explained the whole catholic scenario to me, including all about the nuns who he said were mar-

ried to Jesus. He never fully satisfied my questions about their strange clothes but he did enlighten me about purgatory in a way I can never forget. You see, he said, when a catholic dies he goes straight to heaven, and he demonstrated this flight path with a swooping arm gesture aimed at the ceiling. But, he said, when I died as a non catholic I might go to heaven too but by a more circuitous route which he demonstrated by making a gesture with his finger as if he were tracing a fly's path around his head and out the window, then up to the sky. Well I had to believe him as he seemed so knowledgeable about everything else. Just the same I intended

to run this by Mrs. Harrigan too as their churches in Lemoore and the bigger church in Fresno were pretty impressive too.

This kid could explain everything but he was no help when it came to the shots and the dressing changes. The nurse would apologize for the agony of the tape removal every time and we tried every possible permutation of removal techniques including soaking the tape beforehand, but in the end, by mutual agreement, I would let her just rip the tape off my abdomen in one quick motion removed the drains and the stink subsided but the shots never stopped. *continued next month*

Sheriff Officer involved shooting

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 at about 2:45 pm a deputy sheriff from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Jurupa Valley Station was on patrol in the Highgrove area of the County. The deputy observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of the 480th block of Electric Avenue. The deputy approached the vehicle from the rear and the driver put the car in reverse and attempted to run over him. The deputy discharged his duty weapon and an officer involved shooting occurred. The suspect fled the area at a high rate of speed.

The suspect vehicle is described as an older model tan Chrysler sedan and the driver is a Hispanic male adult. No further description is available. It is unknown if the driver of the Chrysler

was injured.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Central Homicide Unit, The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Professionals Standard Bureau, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Jurupa Valley Station Investigations Bureau, and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office arrived to investigate the incident.

The deputy sheriff involved in this incident is a 10 year veteran of the department and was uninjured. The deputy has been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy.

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It has happened again..... at the same location!

Oct. 9, 2009



On Oct. 9, 2009 this crash resulted in 1 fatality and injuries to 3 other occupants when this van crossed the RR tracks at Citrus St. by Iowa Avenue. We covered this incident in our November issue with photos on the front page and on page 12. The van pictured above went across all 3 railroad tracks where there is no grade crossing, rolled and came to a rest on Iowa Ave. No trains were involved in this single vehicle accident but the impact knocked a rail loose from the RR ties and had to be nailed back down before trains could use the BNSF # 2 main line.



This is the westbound view for vehicles on Citrus St. east of Iowa Avenue.

Dec. 23, 2009



Another accident occurred on Citrus St. by the railroad tracks when this van crashed on Dec. 23, 2009. I received a call from Crystal Crawford about the accident near the old Lily Cup. When I arrived the Riverside Police were already on the scene and the officer said there was no one in the car. He speculated that the driver may have fled. I was concerned that since a stuffed animal was on the ground nearby, maybe a child could have been in the car too. No details are available at this time except for the fact that it was registered in Moreno Valley.

Clothes & Shoes drop off bin



This clothing and shoe bin is located in front of the La Frontera Market by Chris' Burgers on Iowa Avenue. Another one of these bins is located in front of the Highgrove Village Market at the corner of on Center St. and Highland Avenue.

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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

MONICA GARIBAY CORRECTION:

Last month for the second time, I mentioned one of the delightful and very attractive young women who works with Judy Wilson at the Blue Mountain Senior Villas and I misspelled her name twice! Her name is Monica Garibay. I apologize Monica. Maybe the third time is a charm!

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Alex Gonzales

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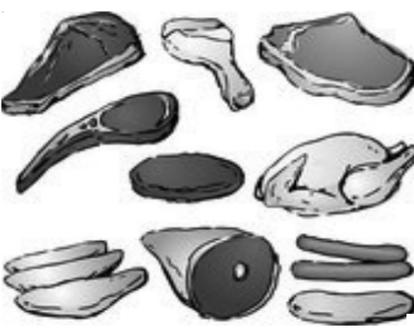
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