



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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**October, 2012**

## Criminal charges dropped for taking this picture of the Steam Engine!



By R. A. "Barney" Barnett

On May 14, 2012, two days after Highgrove Day, the old Santa Fe steam engine number 3751 that was built in 1927, passed through Highgrove on its way to San Bernardino. Dozens of people took photos of the steam engine from both sides of the tracks as it passed through Highgrove at Center St. and at Main St. where this photo was taken.

Shortly after this picture was taken I received a citation from a railroad police officer for "trespassing" on railroad property even though I was not too close to the tracks.

Many of you already know that I am a retired Santa Fe/BNSF conductor and I worked on these same tracks for many years. But my telling this to a female railroad officer was a mistake!

I informed Officer Aimee Schmidt that I had been a BNSF conductor for 41 1/2 years and I was taking a picture for the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

About that time another BNSF employee (signal maintainer) drove

up and told us that people were "on the track!" on the other side of the tracks and I said: **"Ma'am, you should think about what you are doing because if someone is on the track, that is where you should be!"**

She told me to "shut up" and started writing a citation for trespassing. At one point she even threatened to put me in handcuffs and take me to jail if I didn't give my driver's license back to her again, after she wrote my information down earlier. My friend and I could not understand why she was so aggressive to me because we certainly were not argumentative.

### Later, I found out why:

I found 45 pages of information on the internet pertaining to a lawsuit that Officer Schmidt filed against the BNSF railroad for gender discrimination. And here I was: a man that used to work for the same railroad! When she found out that I had been a conductor on the BNSF railroad she didn't want to hear anything else!

I asked her if I was the only one

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## Burros: Are they wearing out their welcome?



*The burros are eating whatever they can find including vegetation in people's front yards and their manure can be found in many of our local streets.*

You may have seen them on TV recently or maybe you have seen them walking around in the street on Mt. Vernon Ave. or in the field by Spring Street. These wild burros appeared on TV across southern California and they can be found most evenings as they look for food in Highgrove. Looking for food is not too difficult for them because good hearted people are bringing them water and carrots or potatoes and feeding them. As a result they are becoming dependant on hand outs from the people who are not only from Highgrove but from surrounding cities. The drawback about the burros becoming so relaxed around people is that many residents in the surrounding areas have experienced the herd eating their plants, and shrubs and trampling the landscaping in their yards. And naturally everywhere they go there are piles of manure in

the streets or where ever they get the urge to do what everyone or every animal does, after they eat. Some residents have complained about the mess they make and how it looks bad when they go in the street. One suggestion I heard was that the good hearted people feeding them should also take a shovel and clean up after them.

I remember after the orange groves were removed in this area for the Spring Mountain ranch project and the 68 acres of the Bixby property how we had an infestation of field mice. Also, hawks came to clean out the birds nests in our palm tree and eat the goldfish in our small oak water barrel.

It is not the animal's fault! Their habitat has been changed due to the elimination of their natural surroundings and the elimination of the citrus groves.

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### Can you identify what is in this photo?



Answer on P. 9

### Pick up goes through pole and ends up in field!



More photos on. on P. 6

# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

**Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm**  
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[www.fsaca.org](http://www.fsaca.org)  **October 2012** 

**Oct 5th and 19th:** 9 AM - PM Riverside County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is here to help answer any questions and do blood pressure and blood sugar checks, general medical exams, and health screenings at no cost to you. No appointments needed!

**Oct 5th:** 8-10 AM Resource Table hosted by Mary with University Community Health Center 951-244-8220 Medical/951-224-8230 Dental

**Oct 5th:** 8-10 AM Resource Table regarding Loan Modification hosted by Edgar—Foreclosure Prevention Counselor for Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. 951-682-6581

**Oct 5th and 19th:** 8-10AM Resource Table hosted by Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. CE Specialists will present educational reproductive health information and access of family planning services.

**Oct 11th:** 12:30 PM "Cool Center" Closing Celebration

**October 15th:** Last day to See Cool Center Reps - "Miss Edna and Miss Ruth" !!

**The Highgrove Center is an official Cool Center...** Sponsored by the Fair Housing Council & So. Calif. Edison Are you looking for a cool place to beat the heat? The Center has been designated as an official Cool Center. Anyone who visits the Cool Center may receive energy-saving tips, energy-saving light bulbs, water and a snack. Information about senior discounts on SCE bills is also available. The Cool Center's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

**Oct 19th:** 8-10AM Low Cost Medical & Dental Care Resource Table hosted by Ilsa with Eastside Health Center 951-213-3450 and Arlanza Family Health Center 951-710-3970

**October 20, 2012 Rummage Sale** (save your space and sign up for the last 2012 rummage sale)

**October 26th - 5th Harvest Costume Ball**  
6 - 8 PM

**459 Center Street, Highgrove, Ca. 92507 (951) 341-6634 Fax: (951) 779-3099**

**Points of Interest**  
Center Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM, Friday 8 AM - 2 PM

**Aerodance Exercise:** Mon, Tues, Thurs 9-10AM, Wed 9-9:45 \$6 per week or \$2.00 per day **Evening Class** Tues 7-8:30 & Fri 6-6:50 PM \$5 per week or \$2.50 per evening.

**Aerodance night for CHILDREN:** Thurs 6:30 - 7:30 PM \$250 per class.

**Sewing Class:** Wed 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Project of the month: Halloween Tote Bag—bring 1 color 1/2 yrd & 2nd color 1/4 yard

**Balloon Arrangement Class:** Wed 8:30 - 10 AM \$15 per class./10 class course. Completion Certificate awarded

**Cake Class Series/4 levels:** Thurs 10 - 11:30 \$18 for each 4 week level session/ 4 level course. Completion certificate awarded

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**Cake Pops Class:** Monday 10:30 Am-12:30P \$15 per class. 3 class course/ Certificate Awarded.

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**Trunk or Treat**

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## SANDALS CHURCH IS HOSTING

### WEEKLY HEALING

### AND RECOVERY



Sandals Church to launch a Tuesday healing night to provide support groups for those seeking recovery from struggles such as abuse, addiction and grief:

RIVERSIDE, CA – Sandals Church launched in 1998 with a vision of being real with self, God and others. Lead pastor Matt Brown sought to build a church where people could be honest about life's pain, temptations and shortcomings.

As the church grew, church leaders sought to live out this vision by offering ministries to help those recovering from abuse, addiction and other struggles.

After running a small-scale healing and recovery ministry for those who attended the church over the last few years, church leaders saw a bigger vision for the role of the church in helping those throughout the community overcome addictions and recover from abuse.

Sandals will offer a weekly healing and recovery night that will be open to both members of the church and anyone from the surrounding community seeking support and assistance in overcoming addiction, healing from abuse and support for other issues.

"We initially launched our healing ministry because we realized that helping people overcome addiction aligned perfectly with our vision for being real with ourselves, God and others," said Brown. "We as a church are called to share this vision of being real and want to offer an opportunity for healing and recovery to those in our surrounding neighborhoods and community."

A key element of the healing groups that will be offered on the Tuesday healing

and recovery night is that they will be led by people who have struggled with these issues and found healing through a relationship with Jesus and the support of others.

One of the key leaders for the recovery support groups is Dwayne Wallace, a Sandals Church member who helped launch Sandals' initial healing ministry. Wallace, who spent the majority of his life battling an addiction to alcohol, knows first-hand the pain and isolation that addiction can cause.

Real Healing at Sandals Church will run on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided at no cost and food will be available. Recovery support groups will include:

- Drug and alcohol abuse and addiction
- Codependency
- Sexual abuse
- Post-abortion
- Anger and anxiety
- Grief and loss
- Divorce

With a vision of being "real with ourselves, God and others," Sandals has served the area for more than 14 years. Having begun with a group of eight people meeting in Brown's living room, Sandals is now the third largest church in Riverside.

In addition to the Tuesday healing and recovery night, weekly worship services at Sandals Church are held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Sandals main campus at 150 Palmyrita Avenue in Riverside. Beginning Sunday, September 16, Sandals will offer a worship service at 10:30 a.m. at Frank Miller Middle School at 17925 Krameria Ave. in Riverside. For more information visit [www.SandalsChurch.com](http://www.SandalsChurch.com) or contact Stephanie Keen at (951) 637-8800. (See P. 15)

## Street Lights Out in Highgrove?

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**Steam Engine** cont. from P. 1  
in the area who received a citation and she replied: "Yes"!

As a result, I had to comply with the "notice to appear" on July 9, 2012 so I left Ardie in South Dakota to help her daughter with our new grandson, and I drove back from Iowa to make sure I was back in Riverside by July 9th. But the court had no record of the citation. Later I received another "notice to appear" again on Sept. 10, 2012 but there was still no record of the citation being issued. Both times I had my citation stamped and dated to prove that I appeared each time.

The charges were eventually dropped but even though there was no record of the citation either time and I never appeared before a judge, I still had to appear on both dates or a warrant could have been issued for my arrest. To add to the confusion I received 4 notices from the BNSF police department about which court I was supposed to attend. The first two dated May 25th and May 30th said San Bernardino County and the next two dated July 9th and Sept. 10th said I should go to the court in Riverside County. Main St. is the county line and I took the picture on the south side of Main St. which is in Riverside County. But she wrote the citation on the north side of Main St. which is in San Bernardino County. I actually had three witnesses to verify what happened including my friend Jim Benson who was with

me at the time, the manager of the American Metal Recycling plant Dale DeCarlo who came forward during the re-enactment at the scene of the "crime" with two BNSF police department supervisors, and the signal maintainer. But the BNSF police supervisors would not give me the name of the signal maintainer.

This experience has been very stressful and even though I was only charged with a misdemeanor, it was considered a criminal offense. I have never been arrested or been in jail so I met with an attorney to see what I should do. He said that I did not "interfere with or hinder the safe operation of any locomotive, railway car or train" as stated in the Penal Code.

Was I the subject of discrimination because of a lawsuit or was I also a victim of gender discrimination?

This was a rare occasion and I have purposely delayed reporting it in fear of retaliation. I wanted a picture of the steam engine going past the Highgrove station sign and I got it! But it came at a price that may not only be calculated in dollars but in frustration by being accused by someone in a uniform whose authority grew larger and larger than her small delicate frame that turned this exciting venture into a 4 month nightmare.

At 40 mph there was only one chance to get this shot so I hope you like this rare photo!

## Burros: Heads in-looking for a hand out!



Shortly after this picture was taken one of the burros broke the driver's window when it stuck its head inside the car through the window that was partly rolled down! The driver and passenger did not want a photo taken of their window but this type of danger exists as well as the danger of walking or driving behind one of them if they decide to give a kick.

Please drive carefully in this area especially at dusk and after the sun goes down. I have heard estimates that there are 300 to 400 between Highgrove and Moreno Valley. Recently, Rich Haubert struck one of them in the San Timeteo Canyon in the early morning. The animal survived but did over \$5,100 dollars in damage to his truck. The burros are hard to see at night and they must not be able to read because they do not always cross at their "Burro Crossing" sign!

Since people are feeding them and giving them water, they automatically come toward the automobiles. On Sept. 21st a resident on Swayzee Court reported that about 2 dozen of them stampeded out into Spring St. and put a couple of dents in the hood of a truck. The burro's can't read but you can slow down when you see this sign.



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## FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

### “RODGER LAWSON” INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME

Rodger was born in Long Beach Ca. June 30, 1953 to Opal & Ernest Lawson. He lived in Carson California where he graduated from High School in 1971. He then enrolled in college at El Camino Jr. College where he attended until he became employed with Reynolds’ Metal Company in Torrance. He worked there from 1972 to 1997 where he retired. Still young, Rodger wanted a new career, so he went to Trade School to learn Computer and Accounting. Upon completion; he then worked for a travel agency in the Accounting Department. Rodger married in 1977 to Kathy Turner, they had four children, Ernest, Brian, Brent and Rebecca. Rodger is very proud of his children. Each one of his children are doing well in their chosen careers, and have given Rodger a total of “nine” grandchildren.



Rodger joined Redondo Beach Aerie #935 in February 1976, through Bowling for a Citizens Band Radio Club. He has held all the chairs except for Secretary and Trustee and was Treasurer for Redondo Beach for twelve (12) years. Due to health reasons Rodger had to resign his position as Treasurer. Rodger was very active in District #20, and held many chairs including Sire’s Unit #1. In 1996, Rodger joined Riverside Aerie #997 as a Dual Member. As he did at Redondo Beach, Rodger has been available to help not only the Aerie, but has also been there for the Auxiliary to cook and clean up for various benefits. He belongs to the Ritual Team for Riverside Aerie #997 and District #23. Rodger has done ritual judging at Grand Convention for eight years, and ritual has been his favorite committee. He is always available to fill a chair. Right now he is filling a chair in Sire’s #2. There are so many other areas that Rodger has been an active participant. He has been Chairman for many committees for California State Aerie, and supports many functions by various Aeries. Rodger Loves the Fraternal Order of Eagles and it shows in everything that he has done for this organization. In 1992 Rodger ran for State Office, but lost. In 1996 he became the California State outside Guard in San Diego, California. He held all the chairs and became State Worthy President in 2004. It was the most exciting time of his life. In 2006, Rodger became Western Regional President. With everything that Rodger has done, he has one very special day. It was when his older son became a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. All three of his sons were there, dressed in their Marine Corp Dress Blues. Rodger Lawson is very deserving of this award and his dedication and love for the Fraternal Order of Eagles has touched all our lives some way or another.

## Eagles Aerie 997 gets parking lot re-paved



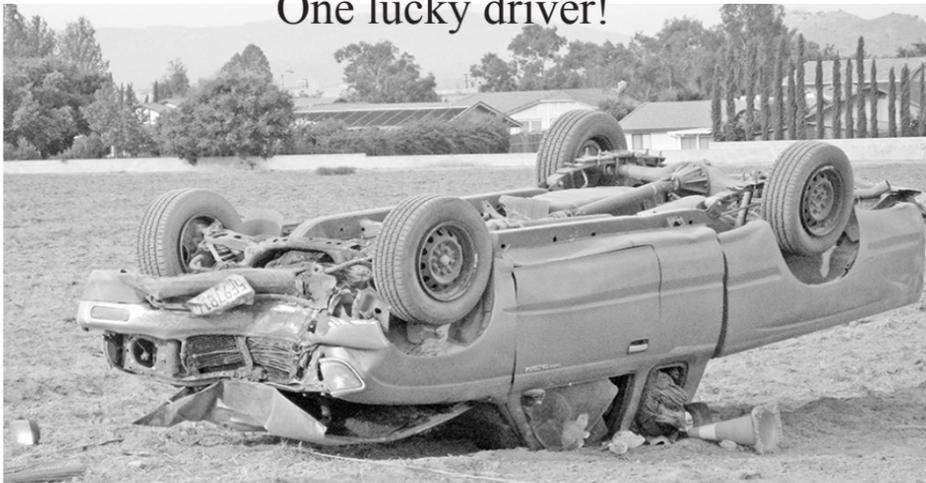
Front parking lot by freeway “Before”



Front parking lot by freeway “After”

Thanks to donations, fund raisers and volunteers, the parking lot was repaved on Sept. 8, 2012 at the Eagles Aerie 997 in Highgrove. It is known as the Riverside Eagles and is visible from the I-215 freeway on East La Cadena Drive just south of the Center St. exit. There are many members who contributed money and time to achieve this long term goal that included taking out several trees and digging a sewer line before the parking lot was paved. 35,000 sq. ft. were paved that used 550 tons of asphalt and it really turned out beautiful. The work was done by Palm Canyon Contractors.

## One lucky driver!



This westbound Toyota pick-up was on Spring St. and jumped the culvert, went through a telephone pole, and ended up upside down. Neighbors heard the crash about 11:00 PM Sept. 22nd but the CHP and Fire Dept. said the teenage driver was uninjured!



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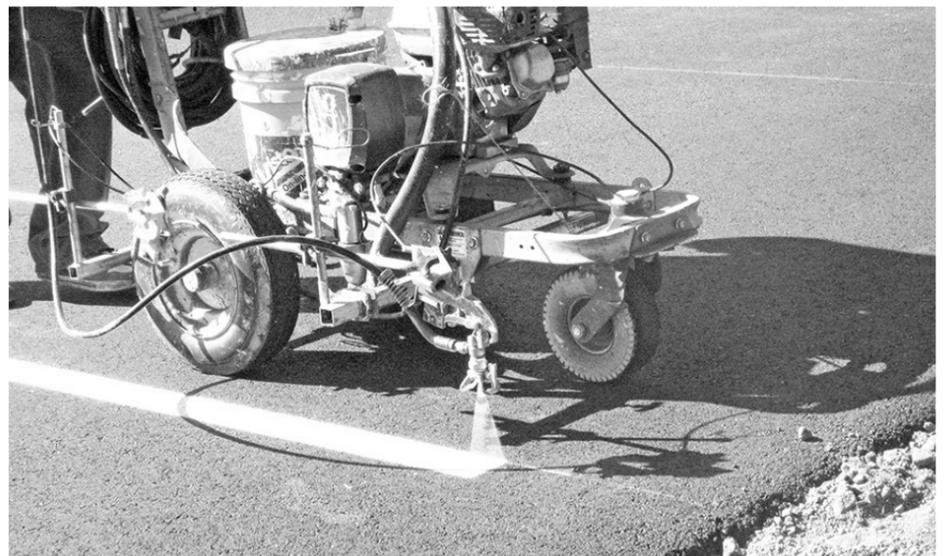
Rear parking lot "After"



Last load of asphalt. Work was done in 1 day!



Marking the parking spaces takes a steady hand.



There are 62 spaces in the new Eagles parking lot!



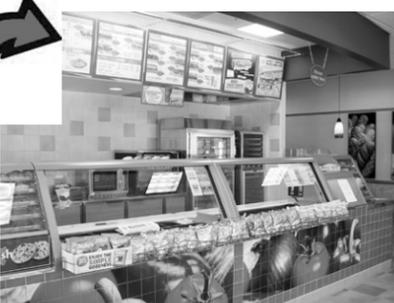
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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner

Tyranny of the Minority

**MEDIA:** Many years ago, I was attending an evening class at U C Berkley. Berkley, even then, was a very large campus with an enrollment of about 30,000. While walking across campus to the student union building, I came across a small anti war (The Viet Nam War) demonstration. I would estimate that there were twenty-five or thirty demonstrators, carrying signs, chanting through a megaphone, and such. TV cameras and several reporters were there. My thought then was, why all this coverage for such a small gathering? That evening I watched news coverage of that same demonstration. The camera shots were very tight on the group, making the demonstration look as though the entire campus was participating, when actually, after turning the corner of the building, you couldn't see or hear it. Later, I got a phone call from a buddy in Texas, who saw the demonstration in the news on a Dallas station. Knowing I went to school there, he called and asked me if I got caught up in this "massive event". It was hard for me to believe that this was the same very small demonstration I saw earlier.

The lesson learned is that, although there were very few demonstrators, the public was led to believe that there was general support for the group that opposed the war. Which was, at that time, very far from the truth. Whether the war was right or wrong is beside the point.

Today, we again have very small minorities, dictating today's discourse, public policy and lawmaking. Now, with 24-hour TV/Radio/ and Internet news, and the need to fill so much time with something/ anything, we are presented daily with groups that have views, for the most part that are very foreign to what is considered "American".

**ABORTION:** Today abortion is opposed by a large majority of our population, but it is the law of the land. Abortion has been renamed "choice", or women's reproductive

rights, or women controlling their own bodies.. Sounds a lot better than killing babies, doesn't it? Yesterday we learned that in Massachusetts, a judge ordered the state to pay for a sex change for an inmate convicted of murder.

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION:** A very large majority of the population opposes illegal immigration, but because of a small minority, lawmakers across the land are being pressured to cave in to their demands, and the President has ordered people to turn our collective cheek on most of the associated issues. After an overwhelming vote of more than 5 million Californians, Proposition 187 (The proposition that would disallow illegal aliens from receiving state benefits) was shot down by one judge in the 9th circuit. Illegal aliens now want not to be called such. They demand to be called Undocumented Immigrants or just plain Immigrants. I suspect that will be forced upon us as well.

**AIDS:** Several years back, gay activists made so much noise about a cure for AIDS, that the amount spent on research out spent the money spent on several major diseases that effects all of us combined. For example, breast cancer research, 778 million vs. AIDS at 3.2 billion.

**MARRIAGE:** Although most Americans believe that marriage is a union between a man and a woman, a small minority has relentlessly demonstrated, lobbied, and spent fortunes on the media to present their case. It is almost inevitable that politicians will cave in on this issue as well.

**MARIJUANA:** Medical marijuana has been pushed into the mainstream under the pretence that it is needed for "medication" instead of being recognized as a social drug that violates federal laws. This, at a time when the City of New York is outlawing soft drinks, with sugar, over 16 ounces.

**THE CROSS:** If your city is so insensitive as to have a cross in the

city seal, one person, with the help of the ACLU, will take legal action and sue to have it removed. If you put up a cross on your own land, where non- Christians are forced to see it, expect a lawsuit from that one person whom it "offends".

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** As a parent of a special needs child, I'm very sensitive to this issue. I believe that a measure of civilization, is how it treats it's weakest members. But, when a special needs student, is picked up by a school bus, then boards a small plane, then another bus to a school demanded by a parent, we've gone too far. Here in San Bernardino County there is a parent that demands that her special needs student be picked up by a taxicab and taken to a school in Fullerton. She then complained that county is being "cheap" because the county used the cab company that submitted the lowest bid. All this because it is more cost efficient than using a school bus for only one student.

**SCHOOL PRAYER:** A small minority demanded that there be no prayer in schools, football games, and most other public gatherings. Minority groups demand that there be no Nativity Scenes at Christmas. The Christmas Holiday is now called

the "Winter Break", because of their demands. Easter Break is now called Spring Break. The Ten Commandments are no longer permitted in or on public buildings.

**HISTORIC CHANGES:** This has become a country foreign to the one that my great-uncle died for in the Spanish American War, that my grandfather was wounded for in the 1st World War, my uncle died for in World War II. This is not the country that another other uncle was wounded for in World War II, my father served for in both World War II and the Korean War, and I served for in the Viet Nam War.

We have become a country that has attempted to include everyone. In the process we have shoved aside, and marginalized the majority. I hate to use the term "silent majority", but that is the exact case. We are just that, very silent, and the majority.

That begs the question... when are we going to use our majority vote, and our majority voice to reverse this assault on our culture, our faith, our morality, our civilization?

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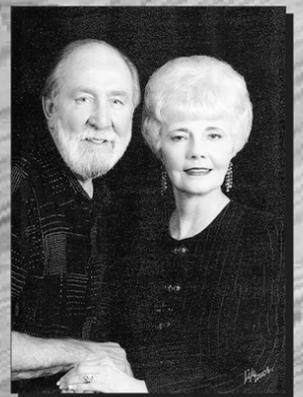
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## “Mystery Cruise” to where???



My grandson was my navigator on the “Mystery Cruise” that started in Riverside. He is 11 years old and also has a 57 Chev. P. U. like grandpa’s

The Old Farts Racing Team had a mystery cruise that started in Riverside but nobody knew where they were going. This club is very active and we are fortunate to be associated with these fine people who drive old hot rods and classic cars. By now you may be wondering: What is a Mystery Cruise?” Almost 100 vintage cars started in downtown Riverside and they were separated into 3 color groups which were green, red and blue. We were in the red group and when we started we had to read the directions about where to turn right or left and the approximate distance between the turns. Each color group headed in a different direction and each group would be going to the same destinations but in a different sequence. When you arrived at a stop you would be given another list of instructions to follow when you were ready to leave. The first stop in the Red group was Walker Evans Racing wheels in Riverside who also make custom shock absorbers. We were

given a tour of the plant and were shown the computerized equipment that shapes solid aluminum bars into beautiful shocks and wheels. The machines have a clear viewing window that shows the shock absorbers being made as the spinning cuts the shape and threads while a white milky substance cools the cutting blades. A lot of aluminum shavings are created during this manufacturing process, which of course are recycled.

The next stop was the Perris Airport where we parked near the runway and watched the sky divers while we ate lunch. From Perris we went to a place I have never been to in the Gavilin Hills. We took roads that I never knew existed that were a maze of asphalt patchwork and we ended up way out in the toolies at a museum with Indian motorcycles and memorabilia from the past, that was a private collection. It even included a small airstrip for the owner’s collection of remote controlled airplanes. The next set of instructions took

us back to the main road (the one without so many patches) and we drove along the south side of Lake Matthews headed toward Corona. Following the list of turns, the map took us to Extreme Automotive in Corona that is a shop that builds and restores old cars. After Extreme Automotive we took another trip not knowing what the destination was and this time we ended up at Eiback springs in Corona which is a manufacturing plant for various kinds of coil springs, shock absorbers and sway bars. They make a lot of products for NASCAR.

We then were directed back toward Riverside where we went to Ted’s Rod Shop which is another construction shop for street rods. From this location it was a short

distance to Bill Wasson’s shop which is also the home base of the club we belong to-The Old Farts Racing Team. Wasson’s shop is also where they do complete restorations from the ground up and was the final destination for the day where all three of the color groups ended up for a tri-tip Bar-B-Q while we sat around and listened to the live band.

There were almost 100 cars that went on the Mystery run and it was about 100 miles in distance. One of the nicest things was that I took my 11 year old grandson with me as my navigator and later my daughter, Beverly from Hemet picked him up at Wasson’s after we ate. Ardie came to Wasson’s and we all had a really good time!



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## DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

When the next summer came and passed, Leila was disappointed not to have the opportunity to set the boy straight. She was also just a little interested to see Danny again for he had his good and humorous side. Happening onto his aunt in town the next summer, she inquired if Danny was coming back to work at the dairy. Danny's aunt said she thought he was playing baseball and thinking about college, but she wasn't for sure. Trying not to look disappointed, Leila asked his aunt to pass along her regards and let it go at that. It would be a crying shame if he never returned and she missed out on the opportunity to straighten Danny out but good. She would just have to wait and mentally perfect her sermon to him til the time came. By fall, Leila found herself in her regular seat in the front row, far right at church singing an old familiar hymn whose words went "... nearer our hearts and thine", when a slightly familiar, but albeit more baritone voice from behind chimed in "... and her shoes were number niiiiiiiiine...". Turning around to her right she saw Danny sitting behind her grinning like a possum. At first she hardly recognized him as he had grown a good four inches taller and gained about forty pounds and had the beginnings of whiskers on his chin, but those green eyes and that irrepressible smile and attitude shone through. It was Danny all right and he silently rounded the pew and edged in next to her and reached around her with his left arm and reached over and held her songbook and hand in his right. She turned as red as a beet and sat there fuming as they both finished the hymn together. Looking up at her mom on the pump organ, Leila was infuriated

to see her mama smiling back at her with a knowing look. Leila was the only person she knew that had so far resisted the charisma of Danny and she vowed to continue to battle his will to the end. You can't just smack a girl on the lips and get away with it. He was going to pay, and today was the day.

Leila usually passed the time during her dad's sermons by day-dreaming about this and that, but today she was unusually focused on what she had to say to Danny once church was over. As soon as she heard "Amen" from the congregation she turned toward Danny who was already on his feet headed toward her dad and mama. She watched as the three greeted each other cordially. Her mama gestured to Leila to join them so she approached the three feeling almost like an outsider the way they were carrying on. Her folks were unmistakably thrilled to see Danny again and they immediately invited him for supper. That wasn't in Leila's plan but she politely acquiesced and agreed that they could catch up on old things then. Leila excused herself, feeling hardly missed as she mingled with the rest of the congregation, including her usual suitors who bored her for the most part. Occasionally, Leila would catch Danny grinning her way from across the church while he met and greeted likewise. As usual, he was a big hit but this time some of the older girls had made their moves in his direction. The more Danny bathed in welcome adulation from all, the more the whole scene irritated Leila. Charisma Boy had become a Charisma Man and she even wondered if he remembered their last meeting over a year ago. It took seemingly forever before the congregation spilled over onto the lawn of the church and Danny found his way

back to Leila who was again with her parents visiting with a young couple who were planning their wedding the next spring. The bride-to-be was carrying on about what music and flowers she wanted at her wedding and her young man was trying to show interest when Danny arrived next to them and caught the eye of the young woman. It was disgusting to Leila how the young woman responded to Danny's arrival. She actually ignored her future husband in favor of Danny's small talk while Danny, in turn, seemed oblivious to his effect on the opposite sex. Excusing herself, she grabbed Danny's arm and led him off away from the throng.

As soon as Danny and Leila were off on their own Danny said "Ahm going to college over at Tulsa Baptist" this fall. "Got a scholarship to play ball on account of my friend Jimmy Thorpe who they recruited this summer."

"What do you mean 'Play ball?'" Leila asked briefly distracted by this new information.

"Yep, Jimmy's pretty good at football and since I'm his best blocker, he said they had to take me too or he would go somewhere else. We played summer basketball and baseball for Broken Bow Ford this summer and I earned some pretty good money, so here I am."

This boy or man was full of surprises it seemed and again, Leila felt herself figuratively and literally being carried along in the conversation and soon thereafter he had her sitting on his folded coat on the crossbar of his bike headed off to the university to show her his new home away from home. By the end of the two mile or so bike ride Leila had actually relaxed somewhat and admittedly was enjoying the ride sitting there with Danny's arms around her as they both held the handle bars. She could smell his body and it wasn't unpleasant. For his part, Danny could smell Leila's hair as they rode

along the streets of Tulsa and he looked forward to much more time with his girl in the coming year.

Having crossed through the older part of Tulsa, Danny turned the bike onto the campus of Tulsa Baptist University and passed the old brick buildings of the administration building, dormitories and pulled up by the athletic field house. Leaving the bike leaning against a tree on the front lawn, Danny led Leila into the field house where indoor sports like basketball were played. Danny searched the closets til he found a basketball and proceeded to demonstrate dribbling and shooting to Leila who found herself laughing at herself as she lofted the ball well short of the basket at first. For his part, Danny seemed quite at home dribbling with either hand and lofting successful lay ups and hook shots into the basket. Assigning Leila the job of guarding him, they both dissolved into laughter as she swatted at where the ball had been seconds before while Danny ran circles around her. In due time, when Leila was sufficiently out of breath, Danny showed Leila through the corridor out of the field house across the lawn and through a tunnel which opened up onto the outdoor athletic fields. As they stopped on the cinder running tract Leila got her first glimpse of where she would watch many football games where Danny earned his scholarship over the next two years. The track encircled the football field with its goal posts and chalk marked yard lines. On the periphery of the football field, and between it and the track there were various saw dust pits and cross bars and smaller running tracks. These, explained Danny were part of the decathlon event. This was Danny's specialty she learned and he proceeded to outline the rules of the ten stage decathlon. The javelin, shot-put, long and high jumps were pretty straightforward, but then came Danny's explanation of the



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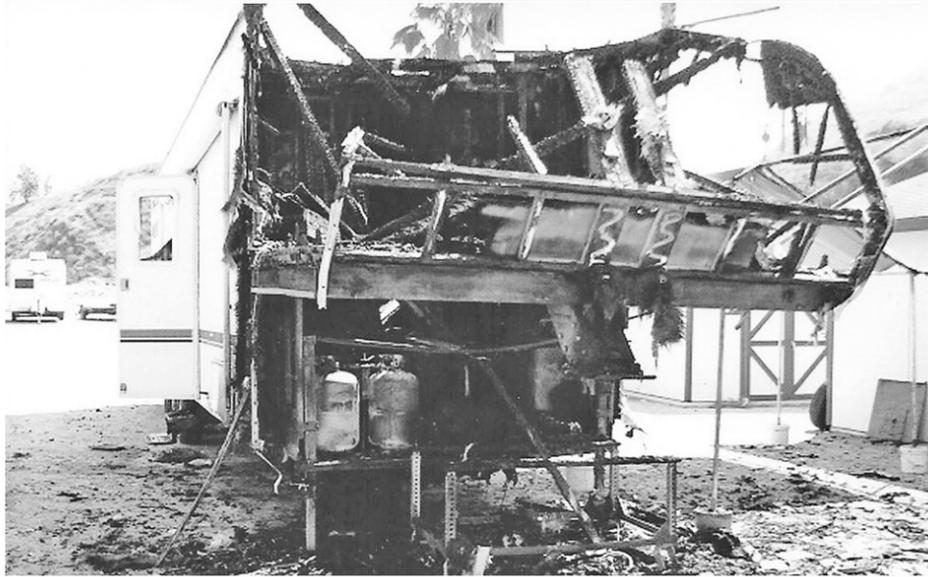


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hop, skip and jump. Failing to adequately define this stage, he tried to demonstrate the curious combination of steps which yielded a measurable distance. This evoked more than a little laughter from Leila who asked just what the point of it all was. Try as he may, Danny wasn't able to convince Leila that the hopping and skipping and jumping belonged with the rest of the nine stages, so Danny abandoned the course and took Leila under the chin up bars.

"Watch this." Danny said as he leaped up and grabbed the bar with his palms facing away from his front as he hung from the cross bar a good eighteen inches off the grass. Being careful of his style so as to impress Leila, Danny performed about ten perfect chin ups before dropping back onto the grass facing Leila.

"Now it's your turn." Danny said as he lifted Leila by the waist upward before she could protest.

Reflexively, Leila grabbed the bar and just hung there looking up and then down.

"Go on; pull yourself up til your chin is over the bar." Danny encouraged her.

As hard as she tried, even resorting to kicking her legs, Leila's best was about three quarters of a chin up before relaxing her arms and hanging limp from the bar.

"I've got you." Danny said as he reached up and grabbed Leila's waist and felt her release her hands. Just to show off a little, Danny held her over his head a couple seconds before slowly lowering Leila down. Leila leaned forward and grabbed Danny's shoulders on the way down.

What happened next was unexpected by both and, in many ways, defined their feelings for each other for the rest of their lives. As Leila sunk down their bodies touched and they found themselves facing each other in an innocent embrace, her with her arms around his neck and his hands on her waist. Leila felt oddly excited, but comfortable in Danny's embrace and she looked into his green eyes for a long moment as they quietly held each other close.

"I've missed you Leila." Danny said after a couple seconds, watching a little smile appear on his girl's lips. (To be continued next month )

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- When you're married...with young kids — Now, in addition to hav-

ing to pay off the mortgage if anything should happen to you, your surviving spouse will have to find the money to educate your children — and that's a big challenge, given the rapidly escalating expenses associated with college. But with sufficient life insurance in place, your spouse can deal with the high costs of higher education. Furthermore, if you have permanent life insurance, such as whole life or universal life, you have the potential to build cash value, which you may be able to tap to help pay for college — while you're still alive. (Keep in mind, though, that using some of your cash value could lower your policy's death benefit.)

- When your children are grown — Even with your children grown and gone, you can benefit from life insurance. For example, if your spouse outlives you by a decade or more, will he or she have enough money to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle?

- When you're retired — Your need for life insurance doesn't retire when you do. For one thing, you may be able to access the cash value of your permanent insurance to help meet your retirement expenses. (Keep in mind this may affect your death benefit.) And your policy's death benefit could help your children or other heirs deal with estate taxes, if any exist. Furthermore, if you'd like to be able to pass on something to your children or grandchildren, life insurance may be an ideal vehicle, because the proceeds are typically income tax free and can avoid the time-consuming process of probate.

Life Insurance Awareness Month only lasts 30 days — but, as we've seen, life insurance can offer a lifetime of benefits. So make sure you get the coverage you need.

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## California Dreaming by Dr. Cynthia Williams

Being a transplanted native Californian I am suffering from shock just like my plants. I miss Highgrove and all my family and friends! I moved to central Oregon a little over a year ago and it is nothing like Highgrove. I knew the change would be dramatic- this little city has about 77,000 people, hundreds, if not thousands, of wild deer, and more dogs per capita that any place I've ever been. It is another planet compared to California. Let me share with you my journey.

People in Highgrove seem to have a reasonable ratio of dogs to people. We love our dogs, take them places, and give them a good time. Evidently Central Oregon puts the whole country to shame. Bend, OR was recently named "#1 Dog Town USA" by Dog Fancy Magazine. With a human population of 80,000 and a canine population of 27,000, Bend was on the magazine's radar for the number one spot. Dogs rule! They go everywhere; and I mean absolutely everywhere. There are five parks dedicated only to dogs for running around off leash and one is on the river; they have their own space to run up and down and get all wet and sandy and chase ducks and sticks in the warm summer days and when there's ice on the river. There are dozens of lakes and campgrounds where dogs are allowed and back country hiking trails where dogs can roam off-leash. The dogs go camping, rafting on the river, cross-country skiing, and biking; there's a fair amount of hunting so the retrievers, hounds, and setters are very popular. This is farm and ranch country; Australian Shepherds, Border Collies, and cattle dogs are seen bouncing around in the back of pickup trucks on back roads and when the ranchers come into town.

City dogs have their place too. The major shopping centers are focused on catering to dogs and their owners. Outside shops you will find bowls of water sitting out for the dogs' use along with outdoor seating at the restaurants dedicated for guests with dogs. Drive thru banks, fast-food windows, and gas stations have buckets of dog biscuits- "Take one for your pooch" "We love your

dog too!" "Your pooch is welcome here!" Every 4th of July there is a Pet Parade winding through downtown and it is a BIG deal. It's not the Rose Parade but in this small town it hits all the right marks for much needed entertainment. The critters- cat, chicken, goat, lamb, snake, rabbit, and of course, dogs- are in costume, riding on or in contraptions that have been decorated for the occasion. The most popular is the floating Chihuahua. I kid you not- this little dog is literally floating above the fray- held aloft by a bundle of helium balloons. He is the hit of the whole parade and people literally line up for a chance to see him float on by.

Bend is very focused on shopping locally owned businesses. There is a very successful local pet store with two locations as well as many small boutique spaces dedicated to all kinds of pets, but in this town the focus of the marketing, products and pet food is on the dogs. There's some pretty fancy pooch food around here- "biologically appropriate" duck, elk, lamb; organic, grain-free, gluten-free, cage-free, free-range, grass-fed, wild-caught, sun-ripened; cans, bags, fresh, or frozen; even gourmet iced cookies and cakes. The pooches are well dressed with collars, leads, harnesses, booties for the ice and snow, down and knit jackets, hats and scarves; life-vests for water play, and they are provided with oodles of toys of the most amazing assortment. I am used to just tossing a tennis ball. Here the tennis ball has evolved into a special hard ball that snaps into a gizmo that can fling that ball across the river so your high energy lab can get a serious workout running it down. My favorite dog accessory is the hand crafted, locally sewn "bear bell". It's a bell on a strap that you snap onto your dog's collar when you go out into the wilderness- supposedly to warn an unsuspecting bear your dog is coming. Will it scare off the bear or is it a dinner-bell for the bear? I've not heard how it works (could be because 1. I've not heard of bears around here or 2. I'm not going

to test it with my little pooch- she is snack size.)

With so many dogs and so much fancy dog food you get... well the town is suitably equipped with a couple hundred posts with boxes of poop bags mounted to them: in the parks, on the walkways by the river, outside businesses, veterinarians, and apartment buildings. Tip: carry a carabineer clip for the "full bag" as there are many more doggie poop bags than there are trash cans and you may have to drag the warm, smelly little bundle a ways before you can find a can to dump it in. The bags are usually biodegradable but I advise not to toss it in your compost heap!

It's Heaven for the dogs; my little

dog is happy here. However I don't like tripping over dogs everywhere I go (not an exaggeration). I miss a more reasonable ratio of dogs to people. With a high ratio of dogs to humans, you also get a high ratio of poor dog owners and misbehaved dogs. Crotch sniffing, dogs fighting, and peeing on every post, bush, and wall gets old.

OK, I don't miss walking my dog in Highgrove and having to step over a pile of dog on the sidewalk and seeing that someone didn't have the forethought to bring along a bag to clean it up but I never saw that many dogs being walked or that much poop so I still miss Highgrove.

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Kellee Collier

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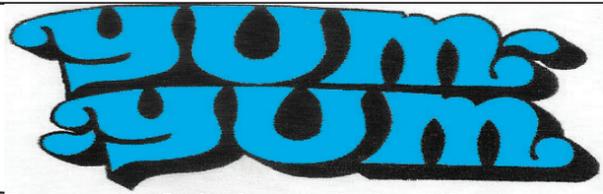
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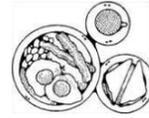


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