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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

September, 2010

New Highgrove to Grand Terrace bus service includes free rides during trial period



RTA bus 25 is shown crossing the railroad tracks at Iowa Avenue.

Through the combined efforts of the Riverside Transit Agency in Riverside County and Omnitrans in San Bernardino County, a new bus route No.325 will replace the RTA route 25. The new route will still enable riders to travel from Highgrove to Grand Terrace and Loma Linda but on Sept. 7, 2010, route 325 will include a stop in Highgrove in front of the new library located on Center St. and Michigan Ave. for access to businesses in Grand Terrace. The new route and will also include a side trip to the Grand Terrace Senior Center.

The route coming from Riverside will still be along Iowa Ave. then east on Center St., north on Michigan Ave., east on Barton Road and through Grand Terrace to Loma Linda.

This new 7 day a week service called "Omnigo- Your Hometown Shuttle" will provide free bus rides between Highgrove and Grand Terrace and Loma Linda from Sept. 7th to Sept. 30th.

Another RTA route 14, will bypass the Grand Terrace businesses and go onto the I-215 at Barton Road and Michigan Ave. in Grand Terrace and then eastward on the I-10 to Loma Linda.

For more information please call: 1 800 966 6428 or visit www.omnitrans.org

New bus schedule Highgrove to Grand Terrace Monday-Friday:

Pick-up point in front of new library at Center St. and Michigan Avenue.

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| Arrives: 5:44 am | Departs: 5:52 am |
| 6:54 | 7:02 |
| 8:00 | 8:12 |
| 9:14 | 9:22 |
| 10:24 | 10:32 |
| 11:34 | 11:42 |
| 12:44 pm | 12:52 pm |
| 1:54 | 2:06 |
| 3:04 | 3:12 |
| 4:14 | 4:22 |
| 5:24 | 5:32 |
| 6:34 | 6:42 |
| 7:44 | 7:52 |

New bus schedule Grand Terrace to Highgrove Monday-Friday

Pick up point at Grand Terrace Senior Center.

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| Departs: 5:29 am |
| 6:39 |
| 7:45 |
| 8:59 |
| 10:09 |
| 11:19 |
| 12:29 pm |
| 1:39 |
| 2:49 |
| 3:59 |
| 5:09 |
| 6:19 |
| 7:29 |

For information regarding the RTA routes to Riverside please call: 1800 800 7821 or visit www.riversidetransit.com

Copies of the new route and schedules will be available at the existing Highgrove library on the corner of Center St. and Garfield. The library number is (951) 682 1507. Please turn to P. 5 for a photo of the new library and Bus advertisement.

Video taping Center St. for new Sewer line



On Aug. 23, I received a call from Art Bernal asking what they are doing walking down Center St. with a video camera. I found out that it was being videotaped before the actual construction begins so when the new sewer line is completed the properties can be restored back to original. (photo above) The new sewer line will begin near Michigan Ave. and go westward down Center St. and turn southward just before the freeway and continue along East La Cadena Dr. where it will connect to the City of Riverside sewer system at Palmyrita Ave. on the east side of the freeway.

Notices should be sent out the first part of September to residences and businesses along Center St. so everyone

will be aware of the proposed construction. The sewer line will be 8 inches in diameter near Michigan Ave. and will get as large as 18 inches in diameter as it proceeds toward the Palmyrita Ave. connection. The fenced off area on the north side of Center St. near Garfield and the fenced off area on the south side of Center St. near the railroad track will be used for equipment storage, sewer pipe, and for temporary storage of dirt that is removed for the line.

This is the first step in a long term plan to sewer the entire Highgrove area but don't plan on hooking up just yet. Information is not available at this time to give a target date for hooking up but as we receive more information we will pass it on to you.

Core samples taken from Center St. for new Sewer line



Workers are shown cutting Center Street to take core samples

Center St. Truck Parking Restriction map available

A Map is available for public viewing at Norton Younglove Community Center, 459 Center St. in Highgrove that shows the proposed parking restrictions and time limits for trucks and vehicles over 5 tons between the BNSF railroad tracks and Mt. Vernon Avenue. Stop by during normal Community Center business hours and ask to see the map.

RCTC fails to respond to registered letter!

On July 27, 2010, I sent a registered letter to Ann Mayer, the Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission and I received a notification via return mail that my letter had been received.

There has been no answer to the very important basic questions in the letter about the proposed Metrolink station location in the Highgrove area.

Please turn to page 3 for a copy of that letter.

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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912

THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER

459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com



Highgrove Community Center calendar

Sept. 2nd from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM: Stop by the Resource Table hosted by Anna with **Office on Aging 800-510-2020**



Sept. 3rd and 17th from 8 AM -10 AM: Reserve your seat with Rina Nunez **951-224-8222 /**

Eastside Health Center for the free "Why do you need a Mammogram?"; sponsored by Community Health Systems and the American Cancer Society (lunch included). Next Presentation is on October 14th and November 18th

Sept. 6th - Center closed for Holiday observance - Labor Day

Sept. 7th - HIGHGROVE BROWN BAG PARTICIPANTS - Your distribution for the month of September 2010 will be Tuesday, September 21st. This will be your only distribution for the month of September.

Sept. 7th from 8 AM - 10 AM AND Friday September 17th from 8 AM - 10 AM: Outreach by Norma with **Concordia Insurance & Financial Solutions, LLC 951-897-8670** regarding disability and retirement information.

Sept. 17th from 8 AM - 10 AM: Visit your Community Action of Riverside representative regarding the "**California LifeLine Telephone Program**"

Sept. 21st from 8 AM - 10 AM: Medicare Basics Presentation hosted by Izaro with **SCAN Health Plan 562-308-2791**

Sept. 22nd - "Senior Fit for Life Exercise" hosted by Enda and Ruth; Representatives of the **Cool Center Program/Sponsored by Southern California Edison**

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When: Tuesday, September 7th, 2010 And

Friday, September 17th, 2010

Time: 8:00 A.M.

If you are unable to attend and would like to schedule an appointment, Please call Norma Barles at 951-897-8670



**Don't Forget The Next MAC Meeting
 September 22, 2010 7:00pm**

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

July 25 to Aug 25, 2010

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.



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| Felony Arrests | 2 | Traffic stops | 68 |
| Misdemeanor Arrests | 1 | Calls for Service | 168 |
| Traffic Citations | 10 | Business Checks | 29 |

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Sgt. Andy Stonebreaker (951) 955 2654 Lieutenant Ken Paulson (951) 955 2600

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Lieutenant Ken Paulson from the Riverside County Sheriff Dept. attended our last MAC meeting on Aug. 25, 2010 but Lieutenant Art Gonzales is back as our current Sheriff Lieutenant assigned to Highgrove.

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Ann Mayer (Copy of un-answered letter)

July 27, 2010

Executive Director

Riverside County Transportation Commission

4080 Lemon St. Third floor

Riverside, Ca. 92502

Dear Ann,

The disagreement between the public and RCTC regarding a Metrolink station location between Riverside and Perris in the Highgrove area has lasted for almost 9 years.

During that time we have documented many reasons why we feel the Highgrove Metrolink location would be the best location to serve the most passengers. But the written resolutions of support from surrounding cities, letters from local civic organizations, and many comments at the RCTC meetings and public hearings have continually been opposed by your agency.

Many residents are asking why RCTC wants to build a station in the Hunter Park area instead of in Highgrove where there are existing commuter trains that would benefit the region on both sides of the county line.

The citizens and residents have given their reasons for supporting the Highgrove location and now we are requesting that you give your reasons for wanting to build a station in the Hunter Park area.

We need your reasons why your location is better. Please list the reasons for RCTC's choice for a station location in the Hunter Park area and state where the station will be located. Also, list the reasons you are against a station location in Highgrove on the west side of the same property needed to connect the 2 railroads.

Other questions that need answers are:

Have you read the supporting letters, resolutions and information on our web site? www.highgrovehappenings.net

For many years we have brought our newspapers to your office each month to be up front with you and share our position on station location. Station location is our only concern in preparing for future commuter train service on the Perris Valley Line.

If you feel the information on the web-site or in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper is not correct, please list the statements you believe are untrue. We have criticized your position and we welcome your criticism so the proper decision for a station location can be made to best serve the entire region.

Very truly yours,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

474 Prospect Ave.

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New shipment of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

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

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Sprint car races at Perris Auto Speedway



Our first Sprint car race on July 31st with Betty and Dale Crossno- was great!



David Cardney came from behind to win his 4th USAC/CRA race in a row!

Arrest made in Highgrove shooting incident



A domestic argument occurred that escalated into shots being fired at a residence in Highgrove on Highland Ave. on Aug. 11, 2010 on 2 different occasions. There were no injuries but according to Detective Brett Johnson of the Riverside County Sheriff Dept. the incident involved an ex-boyfriend. Arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a stolen vehicle was Jesse McDowell age 25.

Mosque site near ground zero causes controversy

Since so much controversy has risen about building a Mosque so close to ground zero in New York City, maybe a simple solution would be to build it somewhere else!

This particular location has become a political issue instead of a religious issue! Religious organizations should be allowed to worship their own beliefs in their own temple, church, or synagog but with so much opposition to this particular location, isn't another location the best solution to the problem?

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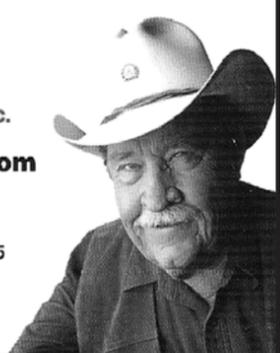
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New Library going up and looking GOOD!



This photo was taken on Aug. 24, 2010 showing men working on the outside of the building. This will be an important improvement to our community and will also be the location of our new bus stop that will start on Sept. 7, 2010.



This was what the library looked like back on April 16, 2010 when just the "bones" were sticking out of the floor. There is quite a difference in the 2 different views that were taken just over 4 months apart. It is really going to be nice!

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT DOWN SYNDROME

Friday, September 10, 2010 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 11, 2010 8:am to Noon

22770 Raven Way in Grand Terrace (East of Mt. Vernon)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Bring family members and friends with you. All proceeds go to the Down Syndrome Association. Our grandson, Gavin Joseph Bailes (pictured at right), was diagnosed with Down Syndrome shortly after his birth. He just celebrated his 4th birthday. On Sunday, November 7th, we will be participating in the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (DSAOC) Buddy Walk at the Los Angeles Angels' Stadium. Our team is called, "Gavin's Groupies".



All "gently used" yard sale items have been donated by family members, friends, and other caring people who have learned of our efforts in raising money for this worthy cause. All items left over after the sale will be donated to local charities.

lamps; small appliances; large & small pillows; wall pictures & picture frames; kitchen towels & bath towels. rugs; blankets & bed sets; seasonal items; wall clocks; clothing for everyone (most priced \$1 and under); shoes for all; jewelry; lotions & makeup; stuffed animals; hardback and paperback books & games for adults; toys, puzzles, books and games for children and teens; knick knacks: dishes; mugs; glasses; exercise items; golf clubs & bags, etc. Please support us on the 10th & 11th. We look forward to seeing you!!!

Some of the items available at this year's sale are: lawn chairs; man's bicycle & a motorized scooter; table

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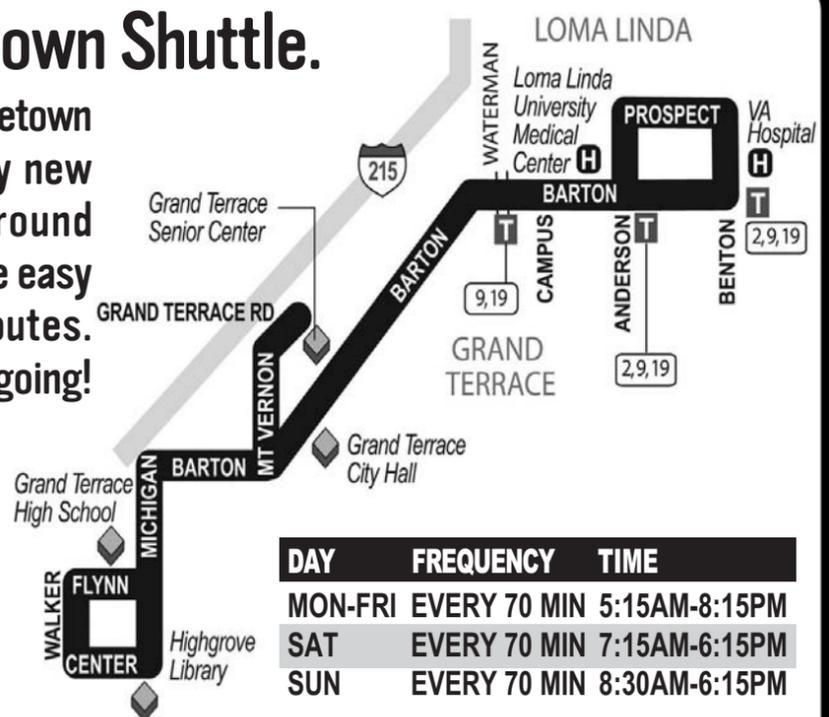
our quest for off shore oil until it happens again?

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Dole Foods building 507,000 sq. ft. Warehouse on Palmyrita Avenue



This is the east wall of the new warehouse that will be the dock for the trucks.



This large crane lift the steel beams into place assisted by smaller cranes.



These workers are putting framework around the insulation. It was very hot that day so the man on the right made a hat for shade out of a piece of cardboard.



This is the Dole warehouse as viewed from Columbia Avenue. (Aug. 15, 2010)

If you have been on Palmyrita Ave. lately you may have seen the giant warehouse under construction between the Perris Valley Line railroad track and the Riverside Line railroad track.

Or maybe you have read about it in one of our previous issues. This large warehouse is being built on the 25 acre property south of Palmyrita Ave. and north of Columbia Avenue.

This whole area is dominated by warehouses. My question to the contractor at the construction site was "Why do they continue building warehouses when so many of them are vacant?"

He explained that this particular building that is being constructed is designed as a cold storage facility that is a special construction with extensive insulation. The floor has an 8 inch base, 3 inches of sub slab, 6 inches of foam, and 8 inches of concrete. There will be an area that will be kept at minus 10 degrees and another area at minus 20 degrees. There will be a wet area to keep produce fresh and other areas for meat, bananas, ice cream and other items to be distributed. The walls are 50 feet high but the structure will only be one level.

Estimates are that the building will be ready in Jan. or Feb. 2011. The contractor, Fullmer Construction from Ontario is also the contractor for another separate project right next to the Dole warehouse. The Sabert Corporation project is the expansion of an existing warehouse on Palmyrita Avenue. (See page 7)

got bones?

by, Dr Cynthia Williams, Chiropractor

Depression is a common disorder that strikes young and old, male and female, rich or poor. It is not a weakness, or laziness, being a crybaby or a character flaw. Understanding and not fearing depression will bring comfort to those suffering from it and affected for those affected by a loved one with depression. Taking away the fear and the stigma allows those who are suffering from depression the freedom to seek treatment. With proper treatment comes relief from the physical and emotional pain of depression.

While the exact cause of depression is not known, we do know that the brain undergoes a chemical change, one that requires medication to be treated. There is a long list of possible medications that may be prescribed and each person will respond differently to each one. Because the medications to treat depression need to be gradually introduced, take time to take effect, and if necessary, take time to withdraw, the proper medica-

tion cannot always be quickly identified. Also depression usually brings physical symptoms that need to be differentiated from the same physical symptoms due to other unrelated causes. One might be trying to see improvement in a physical symptom thought to be from depression and that symptom may have nothing to do with depression at all, further clouding the issue. The reverse is also true. Many physical symptoms associated with depression are investigated thinking they are due to other causes.

There is a lot of resistance to seeking treatment for depression. The stigma of mental illness runs centuries old and is not easily erased. In February 1692, Dr. William Griggs, a Salem, Massachusetts physician, concluded two young girls were "bewitched". From then until May 1693 over 150 people- children included- were accused of practicing witchcraft

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Sabert Corporation expanding existing warehouse from Palmyrita Ave. to Columbia Avenue



Another separate project just east of the new Dole warehouse is the expansion of an existing warehouse that has frontage on Palmyrita Avenue. The existing Sabert Corp. building at 860 Palmyrita Ave. is 150,000 sq. ft. and they are adding another 250,000 sq. ft. onto the south end of their building toward Columbia Avenue. The Sabert Corp. makes plastic forks, spoons, bowls and other items that we use without ever thinking where they come from or who makes them.



This view shows the new wall that will be tilted up and become the east wall of the new Sabert Corp. addition. The existing building in the distance is the rear of their building that is located at 860 Palmyrita Ave. between the Union Pacific railroad track and Northgate and just east of the new Dole warehouse.

The target date for completion is Dec. 1, 2010 according to the project Superintendent, Dan Jones.

got bones?

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or of being bewitched. All were arrested; many were imprisoned, put to death, or died while the accusers tried to extract confessions from them. We now know that some of the symptoms many were having, that of being bewitched, with indications of a serious mental illness, were actually due to ergot poisoning; the fungus of the rye grain they made their bread from. Throughout the next 350 years or more, persons with serious mental illnesses were locked up in "loony bins", shackled, given electrical shock "treatment", and in general, closeted away. These poor patients are portrayed as babbling, incoherent, and raving, with matted hair, filthy clothes, eating spoiled food, feces, and in general being frighteningly disgusting. No wonder people were and still are afraid of mental illness. The good news is that depression just doesn't fit into this category. But depression is still a very

serious illness; one that can ruin lives, cause loss of employment, is a stimulus for divorce, and in the worst cases, death by suicide.

Depression can run in families as well. However there is a saying: "Genetics loads the cannon, behavior pulls the trigger." In the case of depression, replace the word behavior with circumstances. In certain persons, *circumstances* will trigger the onset of depression. The causes are numerous and not limited to the ones normally expected such as death of a loved one or divorce. The onset of depression can also be insidious with no apparent cause. No matter what the cause, it is critical that depression be treated appropriately and effectively.

NEXT MONTH: the many symptoms of depression and common treatments for depression.

Wish to reach me personally? email me: WmsChiropractic@aol.com

Old Lily Cup Building "For Sale"



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Cage Park: Fond memories!



This entry sign brings back a lot of good memories when Cage Park had green grass, beautiful trees, and a pond. It is located on Main St. and Transit Ave. by the BNSF railroad tracks and was the location we used for several years for the Highgrove Picnic. One year we hired the Riverside Concert Band to perform under the trees for the enjoyment of everyone. It was a beautiful place (except for the train whistling for Main St.) and the only requirement was that you could reserve the park through an Edison employee and just leave the park clean after your event was over.

The former park is gone now and all that remains is a locked gate with warning signs. Everything inside in dried up and dead.

On Oct. 16, 1999 the Highgrove Community Park that we know today was opened and dedicated and now the original Highgrove Picnic has evolved into "Highgrove Day". Our 5 acre park is enjoyed by many who like to play basketball or walk the track and the Highgrove Pony League has 2 fields for our kids to play on.

Cage Park may be gone now but we have a bigger and better facility that is enjoyed by many on a daily basis. Please take care of our park and clean up or pick up before you leave.

Power Plant Demolition



What a mess! This is what it looked like on April 23, 2010 during the water cooling tower demolition at the Highgrove Power Plant.



These rocks were part of the cooling tower foundation

Taylor St. is also where the former power plant is being demolished. Years ago this was referred to as the Steam Plant and was at one time owned by Edison. The south end of the power plant property is where Cage Park was located. The demolition has been underway for several months. No other information is available at this time about what will happen to the property after the land is cleared. This land is located just west of the new Grand Terrace High School and the Riverside Line railroad track on Taylor St. in Grand Terrace but has always been referred to as the Highgrove power plant even though it is not in Highgrove.

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Part of the structure is still standing and the remaining structure has been wrapped in plastic during the asbestos removal process.



The white plastic prevents asbestos from contaminating the air.

“Stipends” divide Grand Terrace candidates!

On Aug. 24, 2010 I attended the Grand Terrace city council meeting and it was very interesting and sometimes intense.

The agenda included voting on an agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and Stater Bros. but no action was taken because there was not a quorum of city council members to vote on the issue. Lee Ann Garcia was not present due to illness and Walt Stanckiewicz abstained because his business is too close to the proposed Stater Bros. project. Former Councilman Jim Miller resigned last March and his council seat is up for election. That left only Mayor Maryetta Ferre' and Bea Cortes to vote on the Stater Bros. issue.

There has been a special meeting set for Sept. 1, 2010 to address the Stater Bros. agreement. (See P. 11)

The meeting became quite controversial when the public hearing was opened pertaining to Stipends for the Grand Terrace City Council.

Walt Stanckiewicz, current city councilman running for mayor locked horns with former city manager, Tom Schwab, who is a candidate for the city council, concerning payments made to council members for reimbursement of expenses over the last 30 years.

Current city manager Betsy Adams stated that current and former council members were paid more than allowed by state law. They receive \$150.00 per month and should get \$30.00 per meet-

ing instead.

Councilman Stanckiewicz ask if the process has been going on for 30 years why are they only going back 3 years? Instead of the amount being \$14,000 it could be \$140,000 according to Stanckiewicz.

Former Grand Terrace city manager, Tom Schwab stated that stipends are not considered income but are considered reimbursement of expenses and there is no reason to pay payroll taxes on the reimbursement of expenses. Schwab stated he takes full responsibility for 24 of the 30 years that W-2's were not issued to the council members. He suggested that they should eliminate stipends and not have to worry about withholding or paying payroll taxes.

Councilmember Bea Cortes read a prepared statement stating the oversight was not intentional and offered to pay the city back for her overpayment for the last 8 years.

Mayor Maryetta Ferre' said that it was a mistake and it will be corrected!

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DEVILS DEN

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The Giant Technicolor Chicken - Part Two

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"The Amazing Technicolor Chicken"
Part II



Now here I am chugging along on the Roeding Park miniature train around a small lake, over bridges and through plywood tunnels thoroughly enjoying the new experience as the engineer, myself and a handful of other passengers made a lazy circle past the giraffes and zebras toward the far side of the zoo. Along the water's edge there were these big pink crane like birds, some of whom had their heads submerged upside down in the ankle deep water. They looked like the big blue herons I saw along the canals near Westlake Farms but they were definitely pink and exotic. There were more out on a small island with a sign saying "Flamingo Island". Quite a few of these birds had only one leg and those that slowly walked about had knees that bent the wrong way. I felt sorry for these goofy birds as the train left them behind in the doldrums of the small lake. I allowed myself to get lost in my thoughts as we negotiated this strange landscape of exotic animals and very few people. I began to fantasize about the local natives. What language did they speak? How did they dress, or maybe not dress? I had learned a little native American and Mexican from the camp

Mexicans and Uncle Walter. Let's see now, "chickama hobuck, comeshaw, chick a shay, sheepshitahamayho" all words Uncle Walter used from time to time. Then there was "bwana" which already had come in handy, and "oomgaawaa" from the Tarzan movies. Yeah, I could probably hold my own with the natives without resorting to the Mexican swear words I also knew. "Ding, ding" went the engineer's train bell and I came to as the train pulled back to where we started in the general vicinity of the carnival area. It was getting close to noon and I could smell the burgers from the snack shack as I wandered toward the Ferris wheel and the roller coaster. Watching, I noted that occasionally people would get a ticket at a small outhouse looking building and then hand it to a fella standing by the Ferris wheel. Once three or four cars were loaded, the bored looking worker would set the wheel in motion and up and away the riders would swing toward the sky and back down again making some of the littler kids scream at first. This looked like great fun so I went over to the shack and inquired about the ticket cost. An elderly lady inside said each ride was five cents so I reminded her I was from Stratford and the book club and wondered if the ride was included in my deal. I added that I had read over twenty books so far. This was probably more information than she needed, so barely looking up from a book she was reading, the old gal pushed a couple tickets out of the half moon slot toward me without saying a word as she moved two nickels from a can on one side of her desk over to a small metal strong box on the other side. I was off to the wheel making a mental note to read more books when I got back to Stratford.

After waiting way too long for my turn, I climbed up into the waiting Ferris wheel car and began the incremental ascent higher and higher as subsequent

cars accepted their passengers below me. I had made the mistake of climbing high up in a eucalyptus tree and getting too scared to come down in the past but this was a bit higher and it was scary at first until I got used to the funny feeling in my stomach as each spin crested at the top and then dropped downward toward another revolution. Besides, I was too cool to scream anyway. After a few revolutions, I relaxed into sightseeing as the distant tall buildings of downtown Fresno appeared on the horizon. Some were over five stories tall and bigger than the Stratford cotton gin. The cars in the parking lot were like toys from that height, and Chester's yellow school bus sat where I left it, under the pine trees off to the side. I could see the occasional group of visitors headed toward the entrance. There was a father and his son, holding hands with the boy slightly behind, carrying his head down as if bored by the occasion, acting like he didn't want to be there. I wondered why a boy wouldn't want to go to the zoo with his dad, or for that matter, what it would be like to even have a dad. I figured that neither knew the danger waiting ahead for them and I momentarily thought of yelling out a warning from above, but reconsidered at the last minute as they disappeared among the park's trees inside. Pondering missed

opportunities, I came to the conclusion that I should have ignored the librarian and brought my well oiled Winchester bb gun. This day didn't add up anyway, because the few adults I had encountered inside the zoo were obviously unconcerned about the danger all about them. I wondered what the ticket lady knew that I didn't as she so nonchalantly gave me the tickets without looking up at me. Adults had a way of just stepping back and letting kids rush forward to experience life on their own, risks and all. It was amazing to me that more kids didn't meet their demise in this world. Maybe adults did know more than they let on. They were hard to figure at times. Later in life, I would recognize this as a pattern of rites of passage that both kids and adults were faced with where older folks stepped back allowing young fools to recklessly push by in life, simultaneously marking their respective milestones in life. The kids were allowed to grow up in small increments, while the adults edged further through maturity to seniority, with everyone headed inexorably in the same direction. The rarity of the atmosphere high up on the wheel was making me more philosophical by the minute. Then I heard it again, that double yelp and it seemed to be coming from the big fig tree across from the base of the Ferris wheel. To be continued.....

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Grand Terrace High School: A different view!



Here is a view that you can only see if you drive north on Taylor St. where Pico St. used to make a connection. Most of us have only seen the High School construction from Main St. because Taylor St. is now a dead end.



This was taken from the old intersection of Taylor St. and Pico with the G. T. High School that is under construction in the middle left of the photo.

Most expensive High School not in Grand Terrace!

\$578 Million dollars is what the cost was to build the High School in Los Angeles on the site that was once the Ambassador Hotel. This location was where Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated and will be appropriately named after him. The Robert F. Kennedy school will have 4,200 students and many people in the Los Angeles area are concerned about the exorbitant cost especially when the school system has a \$640 million dollar budget gap. Katie Orloff from the Colton joint Unified School District said that the Grand Terrace High School will cost \$118,600,000 dollars and is scheduled to open in August of 2011. There will be 1,200 freshman and sophomore students. Students from Highgrove can apply for special permission to attend the high school.

Invisible Populations: A Deeper Look Continued

Jessielee Coley

Sure enough Liz came to the clinic in Pershing Park the following Wednesday. Our medical team is filled with volunteer doctors, nurses and students, all which have begun to love Liz. She is lovable and seems to have a permanent grin across her face. However, on this particular Wednesday she seemed distracted by her thoughts. I glanced at her with a friendly smile, and when our eyes met I knew something was wrong.

I slowly approached her and asked her what has on her mind. Liz and her husband had a laptop, one of their prized possessions, which had been stolen the night before. To make matters worse, the thief had been a dear friend. The friend had been a girl who often stayed in Liz's camp. Their camp is a hidden spot where they retreat to during the night for safety and warmth. Liz accepted and trusted this person into her home and was betrayed. She at-

tempted to get the authorities involved, but without paper work for the computer, the case was quickly closed.

I couldn't imagine how vulnerable she must have felt. Truly helpless, watching her belongings taken without her control. On the streets there isn't much that one has power over. The weather is harsh, people are selfish and money is scarce. I guess that's life, but things seem easier with a roof over your head.

I connect with Liz in an interesting way; I don't feel sorry for her though. I don't think anyone living without a home wants to hear "I am so sorry." The word *sorry* is like a big, red stop sign causing a screeching halt between even the faintest idea of a conversation. Instead a simple, "Tell me about it" gives the green light, and allows an interaction to flow. Liz is a beautiful young girl facing struggles I couldn't handle with my own army. I feel as though her story deserves to be heard. Every time I see Liz I am always greeted with her warm embrace and I respond with a simple statement, *tell me about it...*

Notice of special meeting in Grand Terrace

A special meeting of the City of Grand Terrace City Council and Community Redevelopment Agency will be held on **Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm** in the council chambers located at 22795 Barton Road in Grand Terrace. The meeting is for the purpose of approving the Economic Development Agreement between the City, Agency and Stater Bros. Markets. The agency and staff report is available on the City's website at: <http://www.cityofgrandterrace.org/archives/38/09012010%20council%20packet.pdf>. For more information please call the Grand Terrace city clerk at: (909) 430 2212

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

Buying & Selling Political Offices:

by Jerry Loving

For the right price, you can buy a political position and bypass the voting process completely. And we are seeing more and more of this action every day. In the beginning, each Congressman, Governor, State representatives and other local political offices, had to have the backing of the taxpayers thru the voting process. Not anymore, though! The latest implementation of this process was when Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich wanted to sell Obama's Senate seat "to the highest bidder" instead of allowing the voters to choose his replacement. Blagojevich was charged with 24 violations in Federal Court on but on Aug. 17, 2010 he was only convicted of 1 of those charges, which was lying to investigators.

As each year passes, the power of the ballot box gets weaker and weaker due to politicians who purposely ignore the correct procedure and make up their own rules. What bothers me the most is that the voters just accept what happens and go on with their lives not realizing they have lost the power of selecting their political leaders.

Eventually the voters will be completely eliminated from selecting their political leaders because there is an old saying, "money talks and B.S. walks." As an example, a resident of Illinois with the most money might have become a U.S.

Senator and then control literally millions of dollars to dole out to his or her companions.

There are several other incidents of bypassing the voter and a person buying a political position but it would be of no concern of the reader of this column because our political system has changed. Naturally, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

We are slowly losing our democratic foundation to a hand full of politicians with a ton of money.

According to several political and historical professors, they have come up with a magic number when obtained is the sign the democratic process is collapsing and the voters can do nothing about it! That magic number is 24 percent. If 24 percent of the voters or less vote in any given election, the democratic process is being attacked. In the past election in Russia, less than 19 percent of the voters voted and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see how Russia is governed today.

How do you stop this practice? **Vote!** In the next election cycle, please vote and remember your vote is putting the people back in charge of the political process.

The current California Governor's race is a good example of the vast amount of money being spent by the Republican and the Democratic parties. The TV is

dominated by political advertisements for Governor of California.

Isn't it comforting to know that we only have 2 more months of TV advertisements to listen to Meg Whitman and Jerry Brown tell us how bad their opponent is!

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"Border Wars" on TV

National Geographic will televise a program about the smuggling of drugs and people across the border from Mexico. The program will be shown on the National Geographic channel at 9:00 pm on Sept. 1, 2010. There is also another program titled "Inside the border warriors" about illegal immigration and the activities the border patrol goes through on a daily basis. Refer to: natgeo.com/borderwars

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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

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And most of the people in it. I know there are people who are American citizens who are not necessarily the nicest or the most moral persons in the world.

Capital punishment is reserved for those who have committed murder so heinous that they must be locked up forever and eventually put to death. Aye, there's the rub! Many of those condemned to death will languish on death row for many years because our system allows the appeal system to be used. Some would say abused.

I love my country because it gives all of us freedom. Freedom to walk the streets at night safely and we do not have to have visas or passports to travel to each and every state in our country. We have the right to worship God of our choice or not. We have the ability to change our government by voting in every election and by removing those we believe are not acting in our best interests.

You want to hear an interesting speech try: You Tube: Dennis Prager Q, and A. at U of Denver. He says, among other delightful tidbits that we need to change the entire lineup of congress. They are set in their ways, they do not give us representational government and they are old and useless. I think that is a good idea. We need to remove them all and replace them

with new blood.

Walt Stanckiewicz is running for mayor of Grand Terrace as is Doug Wilson. I would not vote for Doug because he encouraged his very young granddaughter to step up to the council forum and speak for her ability to control fire works that she would be playing with. I hope that you are not tired of hearing me repeat over and over again and again that there is no such thing as *safe and sane fireworks*. Try to understand that you should not vote for fireworks to be legal in Grand Terrace.

This November is your golden opportunity to change things around here and around our country. Do read the issues and vote as you feel is proper. We are in charge as we have not been for a long, long time.

Don't blow it by making excuses why you can't vote. You can and you must if you want to turn our government bodies into the proper fac-tion they were meant to be.

And of course I love my country because it gives me the right to criticize the leadership and to write about it in a newspaper such as the one you are reading. **FINIS**

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Was rock throwing the reason Dinosaurs became extinct?



These Dinosaurs in Highgrove have suffered some serious injuries. Highgrove still has a few dinosaurs but one of them has a hole in the base of his neck and the other one's neck is broken.

If you live in Highgrove you probably know where these dinosaurs are located. The metal ones are still in good shape but they are also a little rusty.

Could someone throwing rocks at the dinosaurs be the real reason why dinosaurs became extinct? Is this what happened to the one on the right?

Eventually if this vandalism continues these dinosaurs in Highgrove may also become extinct. Please stop the abuse of these unique replicas that are located on private property and remember: Please do not feed the animals!

Medical Marijuana store in Highgrove!

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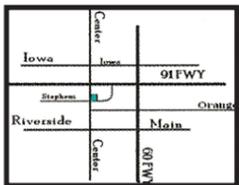
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