



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues (FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area November, 2011

Chevron & Subway celebrate Grand Opening in Highgrove



Highgrove's newest businesses on the S/W corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. held their official Grand Opening on Oct. 13, 2011. L-R: James Schmude, Chevron; Attallah Abugherir, owner; Jeniene Abugherir; R. A. "Barney" Barnett, Highgrove; Supervisor Marion Ashley; Supervisor John Tavaglione; Sharon Hughes, Day-Z the clown; Abdulhamid Abugherir; Majid Abousalah; Mustfa Abdelkarim. We welcome these 2 new businesses that have greatly improved the appearance of the main entrance to Highgrove!





### Train Derailment in Colton!



On Oct. 18, 2011 there was a derailment in Colton under the I-10 freeway. The freeway was closed until it was determined that there was no damage to the concrete pillars that hold up the freeway. The Union Pacific freight train was heading south from San Bernardino and in the process of going around a sharp curve under the freeway where the front part of the train was headed west parallel to the I-10 freeway near Rancho Avenue. There was also another BNSF freight train on the adjacent track that was stopped due to the derailment. First reports were that the 2 trains had collided but the Union Pacific train was the only train that was derailed. The rear of the Union Pacific train had 2 helper units at the end of the train that were located north of the freeway where the derailment occurred. This curve is very sharp and is located where the front of the train is going uphill and the rear of the train is going downhill. None of the derailed cars were leaking.

#### Next MAC meeting moved to Nov. 30, 2011

Due to our next MAC meeting scheduled for the evening before Thanksgiving, the meeting will be changed to Nov. 30th instead of Nov. 23, 2011. The pot luck will start at 6:30 pm at the new Highgrove library followed by the MAC meeting. We are having a holiday pot luck so bring your favorite dish and if you want, bring your recipe. The public is encouraged to attend and we would like to see some new faces.



The library is located at 530 Center St. at Michigan Avenue.

#### Highgrove volunteers past and present

Since CSA 126 (Community Service Area) was formed that now is called the Highgrove (MAC) Municipal Advisory Council, I thought it would be nice to recognize the volunteers who have contributed their time and efforts in making our community a better place. The names certainly will not be in order but are people I have had the pleasure of working with for the last 17 or 18 years. Here is a list of volunteers that I remember but if anyone knows of someone I missed, please let me know. The first Chairman of CSA 126 was Joe Barber. Here is the list of present MAC volunteers: Denis Kidd, Melanie Zimmermann, Kathy Cochran, Mark Visyak, Don Earp, Raina Boal and yours truly, R. A. "Barney" Barnett. Others who have volunteered in the past are listed in random order and include: Louie Mejia, Adam Ornelas, Debbie Pierce, Jim Wilson, Rosemary Wehunt, Georgelyn Guimond, Terri Horn, Debbie Lugg, Richard Quatrochi, David Melelli, Carl Robinson, Raul Ochoa, Ken Hampton, Linda Olchawa, Tony Hernandez, Danny DeMuth and the late John Thorpe and Dave Tinker. Thank you all for volunteering!

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

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







November 4th and 18th: 8:00 - 10:00 AM Caremore Health Plan Resource Table hosted by Albert Vega 951-

9912

November 8th: Designated Facility for Consolidated

General Election from 6:15 AM to 8:00 PM

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**November 8th:** Chocolate Favorites Class 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM for \$20

which includes ingredients

**November 11th:** Center closed for Veterans Day

**November 15th:** Hair Cut day for ages 65 or better hosted by Albert with

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WHERE: Norton Younglove Community Center

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#### For more information contact:

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

#### **HIGHGROVE SHERIFF** REPORT

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

Felony Arrests Calls for Service 70 Misdemeanor Arrests 2 **Business Checks** 11 Traffic Citations Call **911** for Emergencies only

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

Zone 40-Highgrove-Part 1 Crime Activity September 27 - October 10, 2011

Part 1 Crimes decreased by 66.7% from 9 to 3 over the past two weeks in Highgrove.

The total of violent crimes decreased by 33.3% from 3 to 2 Robbery stayed the same at 0. Rape increased by 100% from 1-2 Aggravated Assault decreased by 100% from 2 to 0 Homicide stayed the same at 0

Property Crimes decreased by 83.3% from 6 to 1 Burglary decreased by 100% from 1 to 0 Auto Theft increased by 100% from 0 to 1 Vehicle Burglary decreased by 100% from 1 to 0 Larceny Theft decreased by 100% from 5 to 0

"The 2 rapes listed were reported on a Saturday and Sunday. One was a statutory rape from 4 years ago, and the other was an attempt rape, where a woman said she woke up in the canal with a male next to her.

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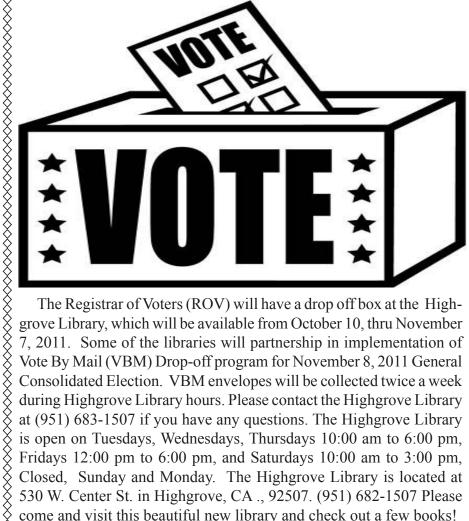
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### **HIGHGROVE LIBRARY**



The Registrar of Voters (ROV) will have a drop off box at the Highgrove Library, which will be available from October 10, thru November 7, 2011. Some of the libraries will partnership in implementation of Vote By Mail (VBM) Drop-off program for November 8, 2011 General Consolidated Election. VBM envelopes will be collected twice a week during Highgrove Library hours. Please contact the Highgrove Library at (951) 683-1507 if you have any questions. The Highgrove Library is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Fridays 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Closed, Sunday and Monday. The Highgrove Library is located at 530 W. Center St. in Highgrove, CA., 92507. (951) 682-1507 Please come and visit this beautiful new library and check out a few books!

### Street Lights Out in Highgrove?

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Report Street Light outage: call (951) 955-3224 or email Hazel Rodriguez hrodriguez@rivcoeda.org. Provide address and cross street and pole # if possible.

## Graffiti Hot line

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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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Worth Gorman 3 29 1920 to 10 12 2011



WORTH GORMON 91, passed away peaceably on Oct. 12, 2011 at his home in Grand Terrace with his wife Donna by his side. Worth was born March 29, 1920 in Loma Linda, California, the son of Ernest and Elizabeth Gormon of Highgrove. Worth attended Highgrove Elementary Schools, graduated from Colton High, and attended Jr. College for 2 years. His first job was telegraph operator for the Railroad at Colton Tower. Worth was drafted in 1943 and decided on the U.S. Army/Air Force as he had already had some flying experience. Worth was discharged in 1948 with a rank of Captain. He served in Okinawa, Japan, Philippines, and mainly in the pacific area. Worth was given several awards while in the service

After hearing that Worth Gorman passed away I looked through the back issues of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and found the article I wrote in 2002. In honor of his family I decided to print the article again in his memory........

for his physical endurance while in training. Leaving the Air Corps he took advantage of his pilot training, flying charter (self owned airplanes) and later flying helicopter for Paul Hubbs Construction. Early in the 1950's he worked for Cal-Electric, later Edison. During this time he raced the big Hydro boats bringing home several trophies. As a teenage he raced bicycles and won 1st place. Worth enjoyed spending time with his family& and many friends in their vacation homes at the Colorado River and in Baja, CA. Worth was preceded in death by his parents and most heartbreaking his only child, Craig W. Gormon in 2002. He is survived by his wife of 50+ years, Donna. Private Services were held!

"Who is Worth Gorman?" As a kid that is what I would always say every time I would hear a loud buzzing of a low flying airplane which appeared to be skimming close to the top of the orange trees of Howard Hall's grove near where I was raised here



in Highgrove. I went for years and years before I really was able to put a face with the name when I met him several years ago. I ran into him again at the San Bernardino Train Station when the old Santa Fe 3751 steam engine came through on August 2001. I asked him if he would share some of his early days before we became acquainted.

Ardie and I met with him and his wife Donna at their home in Grand Terrace and he filled us in on some of the things he used to do. He said that a few times he would buzz Highgrove in a T6 Texan along the R. R. tracks doing 190 m.p.h. over Jerry Everington's and go by the packing house and change the pitch of the propeller to high rpm to make

the loud buzzing sound.

The residents of Highgrove complained about the noise so he had to stop the buzzing. He said that one time he buzzed his folks house where he lived at the N.W. corner of Center St. and Michigan and his Dad told him it shook the walnuts off the tree.

He also told us that "One night he sent out a parachute flare and the whole town of Highgrove and Blue Mountain were lit up". That was way before Grand Terrace became a city.

Worth was drafted in early 1943 and went into Cadets at Waco Texas and graduated twin engine school. Out of the 50 pilots or so he was sent to Greenville, South Carolina to fly B- 25's. He was lucky enough to be sent to March Field where he



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received low-level strafing training for 15 weeks (evidently he didn't *have enough of that over Highgrove)* and then he was sent to Salinas. Ca. where he and his crew were assigned a brand new B-25. Fuel tanks were installed in the bomb bays and they were off for Hickman Field in Hawaii where they landed at night but never got to see the island. They got more gas and a glass of pineapple juice and their next stop was "beautiful Johnson Island which was nothing but a runway and a gas pump"!

From there it was on to the Island of Guam again at night to gas up. The next destination was Manila. Worth said "As I approached Manila, the bay was full of downed Japanese planes. I thought at the moment, "What in the hell am I doing here?"

Two weeks later he ended up in Okinawa's Yanton Strip where he spent the last 6 months of the war. Right after the end of the war he

went to Ashea AFB in Japan and flew 400 m.p.h. A 26's. Six months later her returned to the States and was discharged in Marysville, Ca. as Captain from the US Army Aircorp on August 22, 1946.

Worth knew of 2 other pilots from Highgrove that were in WWII. They were Dick Cullen who flew B-24's and Robert Lague who flew single engines. We are thankful and appreciative to those who have served in our armed forces. I am sure there are many more stories like Worth Gorman's. Stories that have never been told because their author never made it home safely.

Thanks to Worth, for sharing his stories with us back then but I broke my promise that I wouldn't tell anyone about how he used to water ski in the Gage Canal behind a car or how he used to jump from the top of a P F E railroad reefer from one car to another while riding a bicycle!

### YARD SALE

Sat. Nov. 12 8am to 2pm

Friends of Blue Mountain will be holding a yard sale on Saturday November 12th at the Eagles Lodge #997 in Highgrove. The Eagles Lodge is located at 466 East La Cadena Drive.



Yard Sale donations can be dropped off at the Eagles Lodge from 6 pm Friday evening the 11th and at 7 am Saturday morning the 12th.

#### The 30th Annual Grand Terrace Country Fair

Grand Terrace holds onto what makes it unique. Once again it's time for the annual Country Fair on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions' - Grand Terrace Community Center at the corner of Barton Rd. and Vivienda Ave.

The public is invited to enjoy handmade arts & crafts, home-grown plants and produce, as well as the baking and chili-cookin' skills of our community members.

This nostalgic event conjures up images of Mayberry, where town-folk get together for some old-fashioned, locally-based fun. Quilting, carved walking-sticks, fiber arts, woodworking, jewelry, handmade soap, digital artwork, and a variety of other items will be available for purchase, just in time for the holidays. It's a great way to show pride in our home town while supporting the talents of our neighbors.

Various community groups will be on hand including the Lions' Club and the Foundation of Grand Terrace. The Boy Scouts will also have booths to provide information and answer questions. A local artist will provide face painting.

The Friends of the Library used book sale will include many collectible, cook-books, crafting, and children's books at reasonable prices.

The Grand Terrace Woman's Club Barbecue will be held on the back patio.

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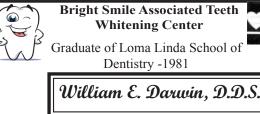
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## 48th Annual Loma Linda Parade Oct. 16, 2011



Abe Lincoln:

Here is a picture I took at Loma Linda on Oct. 16 with Abe Lincoln (Chet Rollins) standing next to the 911 display of a portion of a steel beam from the World Trade Center.

I wonder what Abe's reaction would have been in response to the 911attack!



Assembly member Mike Morrell, 63rd Assembly District, is shown with his wife Joanie just before the start of the Parade in Loma Linda on Oct. 16, 2011. It was a great parade and lots of people lined the route on both sides. The parade started at the corner of Barton Road and Anderson and ended at the Loma Linda Academy where there were lots of vendor booths set up.



"Abe Lincoln", (Chet) and his wife Carolyn, enjoyed sitting in our 1957 Chevrolet convertible which was something the real Abe Lincoln never got to do. (I wonder why) This spirited couple has only been married a few weeks and were really nice. This photo was taken at the end of the parade.





Denis Kidd took this photo of his palm tree that was removed from his property at the corner of Center St. and Prospect Ave. across from the United Methodist Church. The tree was loaded onto a flatbed by this large crane for transportation to Newport Beach. This type of palm tree is in demand for up-scale landscaping improvements but we will miss this old tree.

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### Poly High School Homecoming starts off with parade in Riverside



On Oct. 22 my old Alma mater, Poly High School held their Homecoming Parade in Riverside. The parade started at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Alessandro and ended at Poly High School. I took students Billy Runyon and Elizabeth Simmons in my car and there was a lot of high school spirit all along the parade route. At the homecoming game that evening the Poly High Bears beat the King Wolves 40 to 10.

That same night, my other Alma mater RCC, beat the Golden West Rustlers when the RCC Tigers came out on top with a 44 to 13 win at Wheelock Field. Wheelock Field was the name of Poly High School's football field in the late 50's when I attended Poly High School but it is now part of the







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The Poly Bear Mascots posed for a picture while the girls on the left waited patiently in the staging area to take their place in the Homecoming parade.



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Grand Terrace Michigan Ave. paving



On Oct. 26, 2011 the workmen and their equipment were busy re-paving Michigan Avenue. This location was where a new 18" water pipeline had been installed earlier and now the street has been repaired between Main St. and Pico just north of Highgrove in Grand Terrace.

# Breast Cancer Walk at Eagles Aerie #997 raised over \$5,300 and more is coming!



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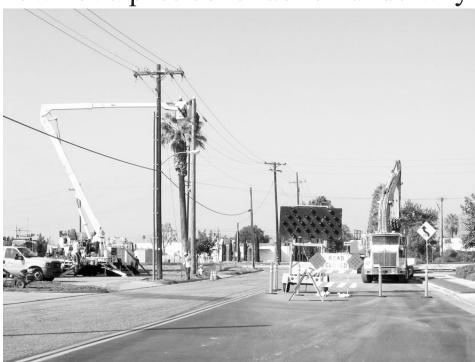
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#### Iowa overpass construction underway



The underground gas lines have been re-located and other utilities are being re-located in preparation for the new overpass on Iowa Ave. that will go over the BNSF railroad tracks. Citrus St. was closed on Oct. 26, 2011 when equipment was working on the power poles. This view is looking west from Citrus St. toward Iowa Ave. and the \$32 Million dollar project.



The following article and supporting information has been sent to: The Press Enterprise, Senators Boxer and Feinstein, Congressman Calvert, Senators Dutton and Emmerson, Assemblymembers Nestande, Morrell, Jeffries, and Cook, Riverside Supervisor Tavaglione and San Bernardino Supervisor Derry, State Transportation Commissioner Joe Tavaglione and the Federal Transit Administration Director of Region 9, Leslie Rogers.

### Facts you should know about Metrolink Station location!

By R. A. "Barney" Barnett

For 10 years the Riverside County Transportation Commission has rejected the public's requests to place a Metrolink station at Highgrove that would use the existing commuter trains between Riverside and San Bernardino. RCTC paid \$8,625,000.00 to purchase the property at Highgrove with funds from State, Federal, and Measure A Transportation tax money. RCTC's 17.22 acres of vacant land is located right next to the track that is used by Metrolink trains seven days a week that go through Highgrove between Riverside and San Bernardino.

But instead of building a station on their own vacant land, RCTC is wasting an additional \$8,146,000.00 of State, Federal, and Transportation tax money, by buying another 9.75 acres of vacant land on a branch line track at Marlborough Ave. one mile south of their 17.22 acres. Both properties are still vacant land and were bought from the same developer for a total of \$16,771,000.00.

RCTC's future station at Marl-

borough Ave. will only provide commuter train service between Riverside and Perris sometime after the Perris Valley Line is completely finished in a few years. And the Marlborough Ave. station will not provide any Metrolink service to San Bernardino!

In addition, RCTC has no provision to stop any of the existing Metrolink trains between San Bernardino and Riverside counties that now go through Highgrove every day of the week!

Station location has been our only concern due to the difference in destinations and availability of trains. Highgrove is ideally located because it is only ½ mile from the Center St. exit of the I-215 freeway and it is also ½ mile south of the Riverside/San Bernardino county line where it is supported by Grand Terrace in San Bernardino county. No Eminent Domain is needed because RCTC already owns this vacant pie shaped property that has railroads on two sides where there is ample room for parking. Since RCTC only

needs the width of one curved track to connect the Perris Valley Line railroad track to the BNSF main line to establish future Metrolink service between Riverside and Perris, the remainder of RCTC's 17.22 acres of vacant land could be used for parking for the existing Metrolink trains now operating between the two counties. Surrounding cities and organizations first requested a Metrolink station at Highgrove in 2001 when Metrolink trains went through Highgrove 5 days a week. On July 15, 2006 Metrolink trains started going through Highgrove 7 days a week. Since then more than 16,000 commuter trains have passed through Highgrove without stopping for passengers. (These figured do not include 5 years of 5 day a week service through Highgrove from 2001 to 2006).

All that is needed at Highgrove is a platform and parking on RCTC's vacant land! No track improvements are needed and no additional trains are needed because the trains and crews are already running on an established timetable between the two counties.

RCTC's Marlborough Ave. location will only providing Metrolink service within Riverside county between Riverside and Perris and does not address the transportation needs between the two counties that would help relieve I-215 freeway congestion. RCTC needs to be held

accountable for their abuse of power and questioned about wasting millions of dollars of our tax money by building a station on the Perris Valley Line track only one mile away from their own property where there are existing Metrolink trains 7 days

Thousands of people are protesting all across America in the Occupy Wall Street protests against banks, government, and large corporations and their abuse of power. People are holding demonstrations in our city streets due to large organizations such as this that are not listening to the "voice of the people". In this case, the voice of the people in both counties has not been heard by this transportation organization. Written documentation from both sides of the county line can be seen on the web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net under Metrolink/8 years of comments, Supporting Docs (click on each item and look at the dates), and Highgrove Happenings Articles 2001 to 2009.

No agency should be allowed to use tax money that was allocated for transportation purposes by continuing to ignore the "regional" benefits of a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

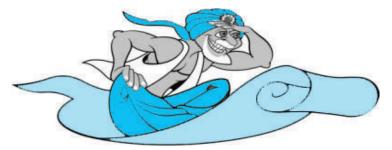
The Marlborough Ave. location should be stopped before construction begins and the station should be built at the green X on the map on our web site!

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#### Metrolink

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Only one platform is needed. The same station platform could be used now, for the existing commuter trains between San Bernardino and Riverside, and the future Perris Valley Line trains could use this same platform between Riverside and Perris after the Perris Valley Line is completed.

#### **DEVILS DEN**

by Dennis Wilds Baby I Was Born This Way (continued)

Saturday, July 4th, 1940 found Baby standing in his family trailer in front of the broken half mirror hanging from the back of the flimsy door separating the small bedroom from the rest of the trailer. He had the full head of hair of a twenty year old and the beginnings of whiskers on his chin. Baby liked the way he looked in the mirror as he adjusted his tie around the collar of his white shirt. He was already a bit taller than his dad and he had the green eyes of his mother. Yep, he was good looking all right and he decided he would wear his light colored suit today due to the summer heat. If he left now he would find a shaded spot in front of the Valliant, Oklahoma public library to set up his table and sign. Baby figured on a good flow of people for the Independence Day parade and hoped to sell a few Bibles too. On stepping out of the trailer Baby noted the red morning sky, a beautiful sunrise. The cicadas were beginning to buzz in the trees and bushes around the revival tent site. The air was still and muggy. The morning felt portentous and ominous. It had been cloudy in the afternoons lately but no rain yet.

the farmers needed rain badly. The ground was dry and hard and the oak tent pegs barely held the ropes supporting the revival tent. Baby headed off to the general store and bought a Rocky Road candy bar and a Royal Crown Cola from the ice barrel. This would be his breakfast. Sure enough the street in front of the library was busy with cars and the occasional team of mules pulling buckboards and carriages, some with bunting draped across the front ends. Baby set up his folding table and easel poster board and proceeded into the library to browse for a good picture book. The Collier' World Book was always a good bet but today a biography of Will Rogers caught his eye and he checked it out for the day. Back outside he settled down in his folding chair and buried his nose in the pages of photos and text, occasionally looking up at the growing crowd. People watching was a fairly good pastime and Baby had become good at guessing personalities from body language. Like Will Rogers, Baby was an optimist about people finding more to like than dislike about the general public. Unlike Rogers, he would not go so far as to say he had never met a person he did not like. There was evil in the world out there and Baby learned to recognize this when he saw it in a person.

Baby's suit coat was a bit snug in the shoulders and it was warming up now so he slipped it off and draped it over the back of the wooden folding chair. Loosening his collar and tie, he rolled his sleeves up and returned his attention to his book for the day and began in on his breakfast before the Rocky Road began to melt. As long as he didn't have to talk much today he would be perfectly content to let of Will Rogers and that large nose and goofy grin and clown hat which were Roger's trademarks. Reading between the lines, Baby figured Rogers as a classic self promoter but not a charlatan. There was no argument that Rogers was the most well known Okie in modern times and his popularity survived him even five years past his death. Like Baby, Rogers had some Cherokee blood but Baby actually had the high cheekbones and black hair to show for it.

Baby glanced up to see an old Model T truck pull up in front of the Valliant General Mercantile Store. The front end of the black truck was all factory but the back end was home made into a flat bed truck. From the front and back a curious group of characters wearing what looked like cotton sacks with "X's" on their backs emptied onto the gravel street. The driver appeared to be in charge giving hand and arm directions to his crew as they headed off into Valliant in all directions. When the leader closed the driver's side door there was a large white "X" painted on its side. Baby was used to seeing some unusual characters come into his dad's tent in these backwater towns but, even by those standards, these fellas were a bit beyond odd. Baby noticed two of the smaller ones headed in his general direction. Like the other X men they were shoe less and had long hair and whiskers but their cotton sacks were clean and white. The shoulder straps had been cut off and were tied around their waists like sashes. At about five foot five or six the one of the left was dark skinned and probably Mexican or Indian. The other had blonde naturally curly hair and light skin and a fairly pleasant countenance and pale blue eyes and a thin light beard. Say-

ing something to his dark friend, the blonde X man veered off toward the library front door while the Mexican X man strolled over next to Baby's Bible concession and plopped down cross legged in the shade about eight feet off to Baby's right. All the while the crowds began to thicken on the sidewalks and in the street of Valliant in preparation for the annual parade. The street sounds and the general hubbub of people talking and kids playing were transforming the quiet Saturday morning into a vibrant scene. Baby was aware of a general festive air building in Valliant and he glanced down again at the Rogers biography. Distracted by the arrival of the X men, Baby hadn't noticed the approach of another character. First Baby was aware of a shadow created by the visitor to his stand; then the stench hit Baby. Looking up Baby saw a menacing figure of a man a little under six feet wearing tattered coveralls over a filth stained long handle shirt.

Old man Israel was what everyone called him. At about sixty years of age, Israel lived around Buzzard Creek next to the Zundappe homestead. His first wife had died during childbirth and the five kids from that family were grown and gone but Israel somehow had found a woman stupid enough to marry him again and he now had another four children growing up on his small rundown farm. Little more than beggars, Israel's wife and kids supported their impoverished life style by hiring out to other farms as laborers. The locals made sure the wife and kids didn't starve while Israel devoted his time to carousing and his whisky still.

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Some people buy investments here and there, now and then. Others open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), put some money in it, and then forget about it. But this type of haphazard investment behavior can lead to haphazard results. On the other hand, you've got five good reasons for creating and following a comprehensive, long-term investment strategy.

- Reason No. 1: You want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. For most people, building resources for retirement is the most powerful reason to invest. As a key part of your investment strategy, you'll want to consider investments that have growth potential. The proportion of your portfolio devoted to these growth investments should be based on your individual risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as you move much closer to your actual retirement date, you may decide to shift some — but certainly not all — of your portfolio from growthoriented vehicles to those investments that can provide a reliable income stream and incur less volatility.
- Reason No. 2: You need to stay ahead of inflation. Over the past few vears, we've experienced relatively low inflation, but over time, even a low inflation rate can dramatically erode the value of your savings and investments. That's why you may want to consider investments that provide the potential for rising income.
- Reason No. 3: You need to help predict what life will hold in store

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for you. To cope with unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a new furnace, you'll need to create an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses so that you won't be forced to dip into your long-term investments. And to deal with other major uncertainties of life, you'll need adequate life and disability insurance.

- Reason No. 4: You need resources for major life events. Your retirement may eventually require the bulk of your financial resources — but it's not the only milestone for which you'll need to save and invest. You may need a down payment on a house, or you may someday even want to purchase a vacation home. And if you have children or grandchildren, you may want to help them pay for college.
- Reason No. 5: You'll want to keep in mind investment-related taxes. Taxes, like inflation, can eat into your investment returns. You'll need to evaluate whether you can benefit from tax-advantaged investments and retirement accounts, such as traditional or Roth IRAs.

So there you have it: five good reasons to adhere to a unified investment strategy that's tailored to your situation. This type of "blueprint" may not sound glamorous, and it's certainly not a "get rich quick" formula, but it will help you stay on track toward your important financial goals.

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#### RTA AWARDED \$2 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS

Funds will enable agency to buy new Dial-A-Ride vehicles and rehabilitate headquarters

RIVERSIDE, CA — October 18, 2011 — The Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) got some good news today when the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that the agency would receive more than \$2 million in federal grants to help upgrade its vehicle fleet and perform much-needed maintenance at its two facilities.

The DOT notified RTA that it qualified for \$735,000 in federal grant money to purchase 21 new replacement vehicles for its aging Dial-A-Ride fleet, which provides curb-to-curb advanced reservation transportation service for seniors and persons with disabilities. The new vehicles will help maintain current levels of connectivity for more than 600 customers who use the service every day.

In addition, more than \$1.3 million was awarded to RTA for the rehabilitation of its Riverside and Hemet facilities. The improvements will include the replacement of crumbling exterior concrete, internal flooring repair, roof repairs, interior painting and the conversion from underground fuel storage tanks to environmentally friendly, above-ground tanks. The two facilities are vital for the operation of RTA's transit network. The majority of the agency's buses are based at the Riverside facility, which also houses three CNG fueling stations. The Hemet facility serves as a base of operation for the southern portion of the service area.

Local matching funds will be combined with the grant funding for these projects.

"RTA has a vision for how it wants to deliver public transportation for Riverside County and we need grants like this to make the vision a reality," said RTA Chairman of the Board Bob Buster. "These projects are critical for the advancement of public bus service in our region."

The grants, which came from the State of Good Repair federal funding initiative, were supported by Congressmen Ken Calvert (R-Corona) and Jerry Lewis (R-Redlands).

"I am delighted that federal planners have recognized the value of the Riverside program to our transportation system and Southern California environment," Lewis said.

Calvert said the grants will help RTA make a positive difference in the lives of Riverside County residents.

"Federal support like this goes a long way to improving and expanding transit access and decreasing traffic congestion in Riverside County," he said.

#### **Speaking of Women's Health.....**

Loma Linda University is holding a health and wellness event for women on Friday Nov. 18, 2011 starting at 7:30 am at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange St. in Riverside. The event will include a continental breakfast, breakout sessions, free health screenings, cooking demonstrations, bra fittings, massages, entertainment and more. Each guest will receive 2 bags of gifts. The cost is \$40.00. For more information please call 1 877 LLUMC-4U or visit lomalindaevents.org



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### VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOIN

by Virginia Harford

#### BLUE MOUNTAIN BEER GARDEN

Gene and Marcus Hays, brothers, have decided to do business as the Blue Mountain Beer Garden located just behind Dominos Pizza on Barton Road in Grand Terrace. Gene was a U of Redlands student and football player and he played professional football. The Hays brothers plan to feature Bavarian Beer and others but more a variety of these. They will also serve frankfurters and during festivals bratwurst. They will have space inside to drink and there will be a garden adjacent. Gene told me he wants it to be a relaxing and pleasant atmosphere with flowers about and soft music.

They opened during the second week of October but for weekends only. In November they plan to have weekly hours. Gene Hays is one of the newly chosen council members for Grand Terrace.

#### RUMORS ARE FLYING

Denis Kidd said that Grand Terrace High School will have a swimming pool after all. And he should know. He is knowledgeable about almost everything that happens in Grand Terrace having lived here and in Highgrove all his life. He is particularly current with information pertaining to the CJUSD and the Grand Terrace City powers. This little piece of information is not a rumor. Denis does not indulge in them He is the man, if you don't know it that owns some property on Blue Mountain and wants to develop a park there.

The "rumors" are as follows: The old building where Stater Bros. store was located which has been vacant since the new one opened is owned by Anita McGaughey, the rent on the building is \$36,000 per month. Yes, folks, that is what I said! Unbelievable isn't it? But look, if about 20 people decided to set up shop there, say a bank of attorneys or an antique shop or whatever then the rent for each unit would be about \$1800 per month, which would not be too shabby. Next rumor is that Jack Brown is obligated to finish out his term of agreement until August of next year. Also it is rumored that Jack Brown does not want to rent the building out to another grocery store be it Mexican, Viet Namese or whatever because he feels it would be too much competition for the new store. Makes you wonder doesn't it? Maybe the new store was not such a bright idea after all. There is no doubt that it cost an enormous amount of money and being in the black may not happen for several years. I don't see it that busy, do you?

I have been to this old store several times hoping to see something going on that would be worth printing and not rumor. These are facts I have found to be okay: On October 10 and 11 Marvin Crawford owner of an auction company had a crew cleaning out the shelves and other paraphernalia from the old Stater Bros. building and he told me he was there to clean it out for the next business owner. Gino Bawa of the Mail Mart said that Ms. McGaughey had been there that day. I did not see her. Walt Stanckiewitz our esteemed mayor said that he believes she owns the building. FINIS

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### Veterans car show



This 1928 Nash is rare and was just one of the 1,200 cars on display at the Veterans Car show held in Loma Linda on Oct. 2, 2011.

## Texting while driving a bad idea! Channel 7 news reported that a driver in Wausau,

Wisconsin, was texting while he was driving and ran into the back of a police car. If that wasn't bad enough he had 4 open containers in his car and was drunk, according to the report. When the officer confronted the driver he found a loaded firearm and hunting knife in the vehicle and this was the 4th DUI incident for this driver. How would you **Don't Text And Drive!** like to be the lawyer trying to defend this client?



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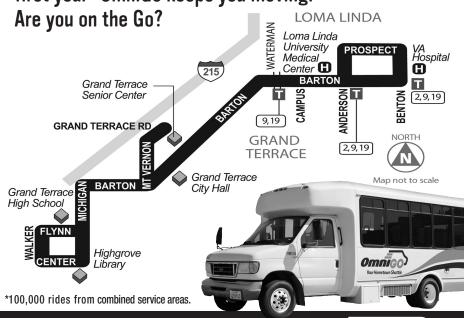
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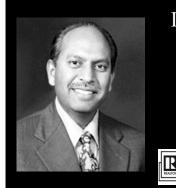
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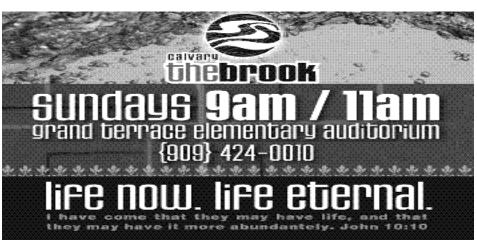
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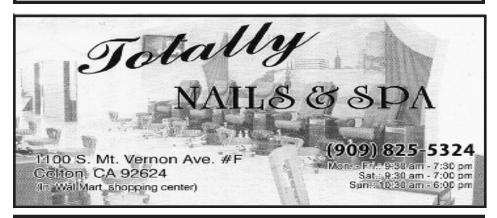
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