

THE CASE OF THE MISSING BRACELET

Last week was quite the week, starting off with a semi-tootle on Sunday. We needed to go to Yucca Valley on the 31st (of March), and of course that was the weekend that Cal Trans decided to close Highway 247 on a stretch near Bessemer Mine Road, with no detours.

"No detours"? Ha! Tell that to Sir William! That's like red meat to a hungry dog. He knows the desert better than that! Those know-nothings of Cal Trans have no idea of the dozens of detours in that area. Never mind that any sane person would hire an old miner with his mule to get through the rocky hills! No, Sir William is simply not "any sane person". I guess that makes him an insane person. Yes.

So, presuming that the rest of the world is as insane as he is, he ran the route ahead of time, found the best detour route, the one that required only one miner/mule combo, not two or three, and then printed it out (with the help of Debbie Schultz and her magical



graphics) for people to use.

Oops! The saner elements of Johnson Valley and Lucerne Valley thought that was a BAD idea for the city slickers to get hold of, you know, the ones with the minivans that have 4" clearance?

As you might guess, that didn't stop Sir William, Chuck Bell, and myself from using his detour to get to Yucca Valley that Sunday. (By the way, Google Maps showed a detour around the area, similar to Sir William's!) Funny thing, though, quite a number of other drivers were likewise undeterred by the rocky roads, so that "heavy" traffic added to the challenge of getting through.

What was so important in Yucca Valley? Our newly appointed County Supervisor, Dawn Rowe, was having a "meet and greet" at her house, and we didn't want to miss the opportunity to create a

strong image of our community in Dawn's mind. (OK, I heard some wise-acre ask how we three could presume to create any image other than "Desert Rat".)

As usual I felt out of place in Dawn's very nice home, with all those very nice, well-dressed Yucca Valley-ans. However, it was worth the trip in three ways: Dawn is a spizzy lady who is worlds better than the supervisor she replaced and deserves our support; we got at least 15 uninterrupted minutes with Congressman Paul Cook, her former boss; and Sir William solved the mystery of the missing bracelet.

Uh, missing bracelet?!? Well, Dawn's back yard is covered by perfect green astroturf, but someone had mindlessly thrown ice cubes out onto it. Being the good Girl Scout, I threw the ice cubes underhand across the yard to the dirt. In the process, my bracelet, made of beads on loose elastic, flew off my wrist and onto the roof of Dawn's house. Did I feel stupid or what? Being the good Boy Scout, Sir William asked Dawn for a ladder and retrieved it as I tried to find a hole to hide in! (I would have left it there and slunk home...) Oh, well.

DON'T FEED THE BEARS

Tuesday night was LVEDA night, which turned out to be one of the liveliest meetings we've had. First, Dawn Rowe showed up, just to prove that she loves us as much as she loves Johnson Valley, since Betty Munson of JV has been bragging how often Dawn attends their meetings. I've been jealous and told Dawn so on Sunday -- Bracelet Day. She wanted to show equal opportunity attention, and seriously, she did stay for the entire meeting and listened to the discussion and to individuals who came to her. Wow!

The main topic of the meeting was to bring be-

fore Sheriff's Sgt. Lonnie Siebert our frustration at the growing problem of the vagrants around here. More and more they are aggressively interfering with local businesses, and they aren't just pathetic figures needing a handout. Many are seriously mentally unstable, and if they are off their meds, they can be violent, destructive, and resistive. One burned up one of our shopping carts. People at Café 247 have had to deal with aggressive behavior. They camp in the bushes around town, but also in neighborhoods, where they can threaten people in their homes.

As you might suspect, there was no clear answer but for these 4 takeaways: 1. "Don't feed the bears", i.e. do not feed these people, hard as that is. It just keeps them around for more handouts.

2. There are plenty of programs available to help them. 3. Call the sheriff anyway, even if you know they won't make it in time. The logged calls that the sheriff cannot handle gives them more leverage to ask for more deputies from the Board of Supervisors. 4. As Jesus said in a different circumstance, "Some things can only be solved by prayer." Let's do that!

It's a frustrating situation, created by lawmakers who live in gated communities but pass laws that harm us Normals. They changed laws so that people with mental disabilities are no longer placed in care facilities and instead have to make their way on the streets. It's cruelty, in the name of caring for them.

"UNPLANNED"

Have you heard of this movie, released on the weekend of March 30-31? Shockingly, several people I know had not even heard of it, probably due to a media blackout.

"Unplanned" is the story of Abby Johnson, who worked for Planned Parenthood for 8 years, starting as a volunteer during college, and then working her way up to becoming Director of a clinic in Houston, Texas. She was committed to helping women take control of

their lives, which could include abortions which with education should become rare. Believing in her righteous cause, she did an excellent job for Planned Parenthood, even earning "Employee of the Year". But then one day, her veil of self-imposed blindness was ripped apart when she was asked to assist with an abortion procedure. That's all I'll tell you of the story, but you really do need to see it yourself. It could change your life. Reluctantly we went to see this in a theater (ew-w-w) because we felt God wanted us to. But our attendance and paid admission provided the creators of the film with our vote of support.

The bottom line is that this movie provides a close look at one of the



most powerful organizations in this country, one that sucks up tax money like a sponge, i.e. YOUR money and MY money, whether we agree with them or not. And they traffic in one major activity: INFANTICIDE, the sacrificing of unborn children to the gods of self-indulgence. You think Almighty God is going to let that slide? I hate to think what He's going to do to this nation if we fail to cease and desist eating alive his beautiful creatures, babies made in His glorious image! We need to figure out how or through whom to fight back, if for no other reason, for the sake of our own souls. Prayer is a good start with this issue, too.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

From the Web.

A policeman in the big city stops a man in a car with a baby bear in the front seat. "What are you doing with that bear?" He exclaimed, "You should take it to the zoo."

The following week, the same policeman sees the same man with the bear again in the front seat, with both of them wearing sunglasses. The policeman pulls him over. "I thought you were going to take that bear to the zoo!"

The man replied, "I did. We had such a good time we are going to the beach this weekend!"

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

L.V. School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 11, starts at 5:30PM. At the Alternative Education Center, 8560 Aliento Rd up Highway 18.

Lucerne Valley Chamber of Commerce Auction

Saturday, April 13, starts at 10AM. At Crossroads Center, parking lot in front of First Foundation Bank. Bring your own chair. Donations needed 760-248-7215.

Lucerne Valley Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, starts at 9AM SHARP!! At the L.V. High School football field. Photos with bunny too.

Mark your calendar!

L.V. Mega Swap Meet Saturday, May 4, 8AM to 3PM. Sellers at 9 different locations around Lucerne Valley. We'll have 10 spaces for sellers here at the store. Bring in your application to be a seller here in the store parking lot before the spaces are gone!

ON THE PORCHES AT THE STORE

SATS, April 13 & 27, 9A-2P, SELLING WORM RACE SPONSORSHIPS, by LV Road-runners. Enter your worm in the annual worm race for only \$10. Name your worm!

WED, April 17, 7A-9A, BIBLE LITERATURE, by Jehovah's Witnesses.

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