



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **March 2011**

Exclusive photos inside the Stop Inn!



The driver didn't STOP until he was all the way INN! See article on P. 9



New Highgrove Library Grand Opening!



The Grand Opening of this new 7,000 sq. ft. library will be at 10:00 am on March 19th. Special thanks to Supervisor Marion Ashley, The Riverside County Economic Development Agency and others. Redevelopment funds were used to build this beautiful library. The public is invited!!!!!!

Compromise offered to RCTC about Metrolink Station

In our Feb. 2011 issue we printed an article about my comments to the Riverside County Transportation Commission on Jan. 12, 2011 where I pointed out that the "Supplemental Environmental Assessment" was sent to 5 county libraries showing a diagram of a Metrolink station in the exact same location where a new 507,000 warehouse now exists on Palmyrita Avenue. I showed the commissioners a view of their diagram and a photo of the warehouse.

After my 3 minutes at the podium, Supervisor Ashley asked the RCTC staff to report back to the commission and respond to my comments.

The next RCTC meeting was scheduled to be held in Palm Springs on Feb. 10, 2011 so I decided I had better talk to Ann Mayer, Executive Director of RCTC, before the meeting in Palm Springs. I ask for a one-on-one meeting to discuss our differences and to offer a compromise that I felt would accomplish what RCTC wanted to do, which is to establish new Metrolink commuter train service between Riverside and Perris; and also give the people in the region what they want, which is a Metrolink station in Highgrove. The meeting was on Feb. 7, 2011.

My proposal was for RCTC to

forget about building a station on the Perris Valley Line in what they refer to as the "Hunter Park Area" (Palmyrita Ave., Columbia Ave. or Marlborough Ave.) and instead go around the proposed curve at Highgrove without stopping. Future Metrolink trains could use the new curved track at Highgrove, and not have to stop between Riverside and Moreno Valley. This would reduce the travel time between Riverside and Perris by not having to stop in the "Hunter Park Area" where a station is not needed anyway! More importantly, this plan would prevent RCTC from having to purchase additional property for a Metrolink station and parking somewhere in the "Hunter Park Area".

Ann said that RCTC now owns the 19 acres north of the Citrus St. warehouses at Highgrove where the curved track will be located to connect the two railroads.

The money that has been allocated for a station and parking in the "Hunter Park Area" could be used instead to build a station on the west side of this same property that RCTC now owns at Highgrove for the curved track. I reminded Ann that the "Hunter Park Area" on the Perris Valley Line and the cont. on P. 8

A historical leap back in time!



More photos on P. 10

Highgrove Day Committee Meeting March 7, 2011

At the Norton Younglove Community Center, 459 Center St. in Highgrove from 4:30 to 6:00 pm and is open to the public. We need all kinds of help and this is your chance to participate in our 26th annual celebration. This year FSA (Family Service Association) will host the pancake breakfast due to the Highgrove Volunteer Fire Department being changed to reserve status. To help: Please give us a call at (951) 683 4994

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-2pm

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



Monthly Line-Up

March 1st, 8AM - 10AM: Nutritional Information provided by Anna with Riverside County Office on Aging 800-510-2020



March 1st, 8AM - 10AM: Resource Table hosted by Norma with Concordia Insurance & Financial Solutions, LLC 951-897-8670 and on March 18th

March 4th and March 18th 9AM - 12 PM: Free medical services provided by Riverside County Regional Medical Center.

March 8th, 10:30AM - 12:30 PM: Cookie Class with Marivel. (\$20 - materials included)

March 14, 10:30AM - 12:30PM: 10 session Flower Arrangement Course with Filomena (Beginners Class - \$15 per session)

March 15th, 8AM - 10AM: Resource Table regarding Consumer Fraud hosted by Vicki with C.A.R.E 800-476-7506

March 15th, 10:30 - 1:30: 9 session Jell-O Molding Course with Marivel. (\$15 per session)

Program Update:

Karate class on Thursday has moved to Wednesday night beginning March 2nd

Aerobics' evening class on Thursday has moved to Wednesday night beginning March 2nd



Riverside County is bringing health care services to your community.



• General medical Exams

• Health screenings

* Blood pressure * Diabetes * Vision

• Sick visits



FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Norton Younglove Community Center
459 Center Street, Riverside, CA 92507

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd Fridays

For more information contact (951) 486-4084

Come Take a Sewing Class at

Norton Younglove Community Center

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Learn the fundamentals of operating your sewing machine.

Learn sewing techniques for projects and everyday sewing.

Have fun making sewing projects

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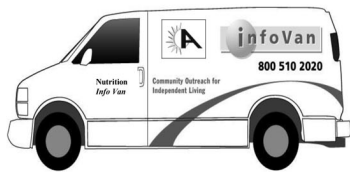
Come in to sign up for classes.

Cost: \$7.50 per session. Most projects are completed in two weeks.

Requirement needs to have own sewing machines.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

Nutrition Info Van



Is coming to

Norton Younglove

Tuesday, March 1, 2011


8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.

The Goals of the Nutrition Info Van:

- ~ Provide quality, up to date nutritional information to older adults, disabled adults, seniors, caregivers and the community.
- ~ General nutrition information is provided to allow seniors, caregivers, communities and senior care providers with valuable information to make good nutritional and healthy lifestyle decisions.
- ~ Information is provided in easy to read format with clear information.
- ~ Provide information on the services including resource and referral provided by the Office on Aging HelpLink Call Center.

**Riverside County Office on Aging
1-800-510-2020**

Are you interested in learning how to:

➤ **Protect yourself from financial fraud?** 

➤ **Guard yourself against Identity Theft?** 

➤ **Be aware of the newest scams?** 

If you are, please visit the Riverside County C.A.R.E. Program Resource Table for information on how to protect yourself from these scams on March 15, 2011 at 8:00 am (at the Norton Younglove Community Center).



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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	2	Calls for Service	122
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	Business Checks	16
Traffic Citations	0		

Call 911 for Emergencies only

Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 (Non emergency)

Sgt. Andy Stonebreaker (951) 955 2654

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Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600

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Class dates are February 28 & March 7,14,21,and 28.

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The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international nonprofit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.



LOCAL BOYS DO WELL REPRESENTING RIVERSIDE/HIGHGROVE !!



Riverside Riot added a Highgrove player in November of 2010. Since then they have played and won the following Tournaments
 2011 Riot Valentine's Fundraiser 12U Champions
 2011 USTSA Kickoff Classic 12U Champions
 2011 USSSA New Years Classic 12UAAA Gold Champions
 2010 USSSA Veterans Day NIT 12UAAA Gold Champions and Runner-Up in a Major Tournament!
 Riverside Riot will represent Riverside at Cooperstown, New York this June 4-10, 2011. With an \$18,000 budget to get the boys entrance to the Tournament and airfare, \$13,500 has already been raised!

PLAY BASEBALL!!



<http://www.HighgrovePONY.com>

Some Divisions still accepting Applications for Spring Ball 2011 !

Call Greg at 909-322-7280

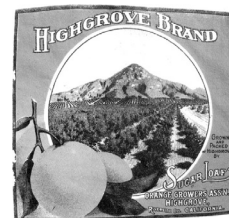
New shipment of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

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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 Zorba's Burgers: 450 Iowa Ave.
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Same people, same church, different truck!



Feb. 10, 1996 Ardie & "Barney" Barnett Feb. 10, 2011

There are 15 years difference between these 2 photos. The photo on the left was taken on Feb. 10, 1996 on our wedding day at the United Methodist Church in Highgrove and the photo on the right was taken exactly 15 years later on our anniversary on Feb. 10, 2011. Although the trucks appear to be the same, the one on the left is a Red 1955 Chevrolet Pick Up, now owned by Dave and Melanie Zimmermann our neighbors in Highgrove, and the one on the right is another Red Chevrolet Pick Up but it is a 1957. The anniversary photo was taken by Geri Barnett, Ardie's sister.

INVISIBLE POPULATION

by Jessilee Cooley

The Underserved Medicine Seminar at the University of California, Santa Barbara has been the most inspirational course I have taken in my four years in college. Neurobiology, bacterial pathogenesis and genetics are courses I have taken at UCSB that have been interesting and challenging, however, no course as been as thought-provoking as this seminar has been.

I have mentioned in prior articles that this course focuses on the issues surrounding and affecting the provision of medical care to vulnerable populations that are generally underserved by modern medical institutions. The goal of this course is to educate students on the medical services that are most needed by these populations, obstacles encountered in field work, and the various approaches used to navigating these obstacles.

Guest speakers involved in all aspects of the medical field fly into Santa Barbara from all over the country in order to share their ideas with us. These individuals are filled with brilliant, proactive ideas that they are setting into action. This class has not only reassured my love for medicine and science, it has confirmed that I am meant to be a doctor. I can't see myself happy in any other profession. Inspiration stems deep; with every speaker I felt as if I was getting an inside look into their

hearts and minds.

I hope to share my passion for helping underserved populations to anyone that I possibly can. I understand that most of you reading my column will be unable to attend this weekly seminar in Santa Barbara. However, I have a thought of a few resources you can pick up from your local book store. Two must-reads: An Imperfect Offering by James Orbinski and Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn.

James Orbinski is the former president of Doctors Without Borders/ Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). MSF is an international medical humanitarian organization that was created in France in 1971. In his book, Orbinski reveals his life experiences and struggles throughout his pursuit and life as a doctor working with underserved populations.

Half the Sky, co-written by a married couple, dives into the oppression of women through a series of stories. The book discusses how educating and empowering women can fight poverty and extremism.

Both of these books will shed light on the issues encompassing invisible populations. Reading these books may give you some insight into the material taught in the Underserved Medicine Seminar at UCSB. I hope that by reading these books you will all soon share the passion that I have in helping invisible populations.



Eagles Arie #997

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You are invited to the... 4th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

By Ralph Salisbury

Don't miss the 4th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain, Sunday, March 13 in Grand Terrace. This annual event has become very popular attracting 500 participants from all over the Inland Empire. And we anticipate a great floral showcase as you discover the hidden treasures of this highly visible yet little explored Inland jewel. In case of rain, a back-up date of March 27 has been reserved.

Easily accessed, the walk begins at the corner of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. From the 215 Freeway exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Avenue to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. Best to park along Honey Hill Drive and if needed there will be overflow parking available at the Grand Terrace City Hall down Palm before Barton Road. Start time is 8:00 a.m. and the latest you can depart is 11:00 a.m. We recommend you arrive early for sign-in.

Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open spaces. The group's vision is to create a 500 acre wilderness park connecting Blue Mountain with neighboring Box Springs Mountain Reserve. While Friends of Blue Mountain is organizing the event, the city of Grand Terrace and The Foundation of Grand Terrace are co-sponsors and enthusiastically endorse the wilderness park concept.

For those that persevere and



make it to the top, you'll enjoy panoramic views of all the signature peaks of Southern California from Mt. Baldy and Cucamonga Peak over to our highest peak, Mt. San Geronio and across to San Jacinto Peak above Palm Springs and looking toward the ocean, the twin peaks of Santiago and Modjeska.

Of course "Blue Mountain" is also two twin peaks separated by 700 feet: Blue Mountain at 2,248 feet and Highgrove at 2,417 feet. And at the top will be a few surprises; some lucky hikers will be rewarded with a gift from the "Friends". Bring your camera as all will have the opportunity to pose with "Lil Star", a llama and the official mascot of the Friends of Blue Mountain.

Hikers should come prepared and bring water, a hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Friendly pets are allowed but must remain on a leash and you must clean up any waste. Unfortunately due to the number of participants, bicyclists and equestrians are not allowed.

For more information regarding the walk or Friends of Blue Mountain please contact ralphsalisbury@att.net or call 909-783-1664.

Daylight Savings Time in the United States starts on the second Sunday in March of each year and ends the first Sunday in November of each year.

When it goes into effect each spring, clocks are moved forward by one hour at 2:00 AM standard time, and the time becomes 3:00 AM daylight savings time (DST). When DST ends in the fall, the clock is moved back at 2:00 AM daylight savings time, and the time becomes 1:00 AM standard time. This is where the saying "Spring Forward, Fall Back" comes from.

Change your clocks
March 13th



New Chevron gas station progressing well



This is the new Chevron Station on the S/W corner of Center and Iowa Avenue. There will be a "Subway" store in the far corner. Project Superintendent John Antemie from Strong Inc., is shown in lower right insert.



OBITUARY

RAYMOND A. ARCHULETA, SR. Age 70
Highgrove, CA.

Passed away 02/18/2011. Raymond was employed by the City of Riverside for 31 years. He is survived by his wife Esperanza "Hope" Archuleta; Children, Diana Archuleta, Susan Castro, Linda Noriega, Raymond A. Archuleta, Jr.; 9 Grandchildren; 9 Great Grandchildren; 3 Brothers Tom & David Archuleta & Robert Martinez; and many nieces and nephews.



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DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

LIVE TO RIDE, RIDE TO LIVE

The eagle embroidered onto the back of the black leather jacket slowly rose in the morning sky and then dropped heavily as Joe let his 170 pounds slam the kick starter down waking the demons in the twin cylinder heads. Joe was college educated and knew the electromechanical explanation of engine ignition, but he preferred his own primitive mystical approach to motor biking. He had camped among the tortured hoodoos off the side of the road in the sandy wash in the Dakota badlands last night and had sardines, crackers, an onion and a warm can of Falstaff beer for breakfast. His odometer read Lemoore, California plus two thousand odd miles of America since he began his two wheel vision quest to distance himself from all things navy and Pacific. Revving his engine by twisting the gas grip on the high-rise ape hanger handle bars, he sent a cacophony of sounds out into the hoodoos echoing back to him a hundred times over. It sounded good. It felt good too. He could hear the tin ringing of the loose chain guard and he added the brassy horn along with some Indian whoops and a rebel yell. This made him laugh out loud again like he did five months ago in front of the snack shack across from Lemoore High. Allowing the engine to return to a restful lean idle Joe tightened the quarter inch horsehair rope around the bedroll draped across the head light. Sitting there he felt at peace with the world and unencumbered like a kid again. Tha thud, tha thud, tha thud, went the motor like an evil metronome marking odd low frequency musical time. Humming, he thought the word-numbers: "3, 2, 3, 3,- 2, 1, -3, 2, 2, 3", and there it was

DEVIL'S DEN
2/2011

BY Leilani Child Wilds

'LIVE TO RIDE,
RIDE TO LIVE'



again, that stupid naval hymn "Anchors Aweigh". Originally intended to inspire warriors, the score forever now would just make him smile. In an instant Joe's mind drifted back to that scene six months ago in Lemoore.....

Mr. Yousef Agajanian, the high school teacher, was laughing so hard he had to pull his new pink and black Desoto to the side of the road and stop. In his adult life he had never seen such a hilarious incongruity, such an exquisitely ludicrous sight and he had to actually dodge it as it blasted past headed out of town. He laughed so hard his ribs ached and tears filled his eyes. God knows how he needed to laugh anyway, but this was years of laughter compressed into just moments and he didn't care if it ever stopped it felt so good. The pure dee-craziness, lunacy, irony and, well, just the unexpectedness of the event was a vision out of the clear blue glorious spring noon day sky. He had an epiphany, actually he had just dodged his epiphany and it was an auburn haired hellion on a motorcycle and he recognized her face. He had to stop laughing but he just couldn't. Under his breath Joe said "Go wild child, go feral teenager!", and allowed the clarity of the moment to wash over him as he sat laughing in his car. Mr. Agajanian

glanced over at the thermos on the car seat and knew he would never need it again after today.

Yousef "Joe" Agajanian was from Armona, five miles out of Lemoore, but his collective genetic memory took him back to Armenia where he and his family really belonged. His whole family was Boswell-Salyer workers. That is, they, like most everyone else in this area of the San Joaquin Valley worked for, rented from, and bought from Jim Boswell or Clarence "Cockeye" Salyer who were the cotton kings of the valley. Joe had always felt disenfranchised and out of place in the valley, lacking a sense of belonging there. So, in 1942 Joe, with his parents' permission, joined the navy and spent what should have been his Lemoore High School years on troop transports in the Pacific. Four years of war in the Pacific paid for his GI Bill education at Fresno State only to find himself called back for another two years in Korea as a young officer on another ship carrying more teenagers into battle. Joe never understood what issues between two apparently identical Asian populations could cause such carnage in that worthless corner of the world but he was part of the killing and it left its mark on him years later back in the States, where he now taught English and Band to more disengaged teenagers back at that same Lemoore High. For now Joe was just killing time waiting for something good to happen in his life. He had become a bored, passive observer of life and he needed a little Tokay Red from his thermos to ease through the afternoons of band practice.

Lately, Joe was more than a little irritated that he had to teach "Anchors Aweigh" to the Lemoore High Band for the upcoming ceremonies out at the new Lemoore Naval Air Sta-

tion. What sense did it make for the navy to have a land locked air base one hundred miles from the Pacific Ocean? That's one of the reasons Joe came back to Lemoore, just to never see the United States Navy or Pacific Ocean again and now they both had come inland to him. Joe was angry about lots of things nowadays. It made Joe mad to see these kids playing sports and studying and just being kids in their carefree way. Joe's only brush with sports came as a fleet boxing champion where he earned his nick name "The Clamp". To look at Joe, he could have been a Neanderthal with arms hanging too long from his wide shoulders and slightly too short legs. His thick, dark Armenian hair matched his dark complexion and his low hairline made him look primitive in a low brow kind of way. Joe could take a punch and he had the crooked nose and split in his left eye brow to show for it, but this came from his signature style of fighting. Joe would take whatever punches it took to work his way in against his opponent until he could latch onto his man with his left arm hooked around the other fighter's midsection and begin the important work of rib breaking and rabbit punches with his powerful right. A customized set of gloves missing some stuffing concealed an eight ounce engine bolt in his right fist and this would wear on the other contestants, eventually bringing their fists down enough for Joe to bash in their heads.

That was all in the past and best kept there. Joe's brooding anger had become generic now and he mostly stayed mildly upset at circumstances in general and no one or thing in particular. There was, however, a new thorn in his side now

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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

The Oil Ordeal

Folks, would you be shocked if you pulled into a gas station to fill up your car and gas was being sold at seventeen cents per gallon? Oh the good life! Of course you would have to travel back in time to 1954-58 when cigarettes were only 25¢ a pack.

Well, in December of 1999, the oil companies were buying (55 gallon) barrels of oil at \$9.50 a barrel and the price per gallon at the pump was anywhere from \$1.38 to \$1.85, depending upon which part of the country you lived in. By calculating the gas stations profit, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the oil companies were making big profits even back then. And do you know that the oil companies struck a large field of oil in Alaska over 25 years ago? Wouldn't you think they would ship it to the other states so we could buy gasoline at a cheaper price? Wrong! Ninety-five percent (95%) of this oil is shipped to Japan. Now figure that one out!

It has become a bidding war for oil as the world needs more oil because of our global addiction to oil. In 1949, Great Britain was almost bankrupt and the only assets they had were the oil wells in the North Sea. They have yet to recover from World War II and this major blunder. MY friends tell me that gasoline is now as high as \$7.00 per gallon or more.

In today's market, I don't believe the gas stations are making the profit they made years ago because it looks like we have lost over 60 percent of our gas stations

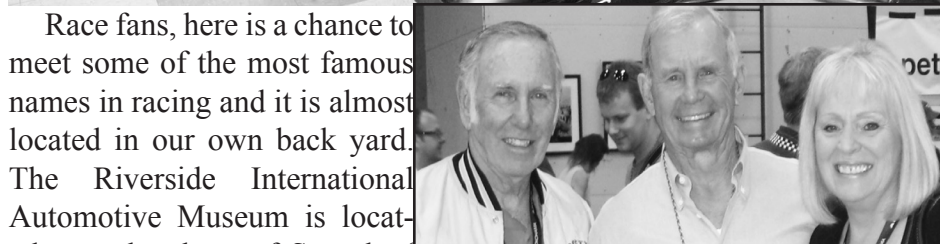


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to the out of control economy. I can remember pulling into a "full service" gas station and they would check your oil and other fluids, wiped your windows, and pump your gas for you. But not anymore! You have to do it and punch a series of buttons and go thru the drill to pay for your gas before you pump it yourself.

Thru all of this, we have become a very impersonal society and we are too busy trying to survive in this complex world that now we don't even have enough time to have friends and neighbors over for a cup of coffee. The oil industry will continue to gouge us until solar energy kicks in. Meanwhile it looks we are going to need sunshine 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help wean us off of our addiction to oil. Hurry up, Mr. Sun!!!!

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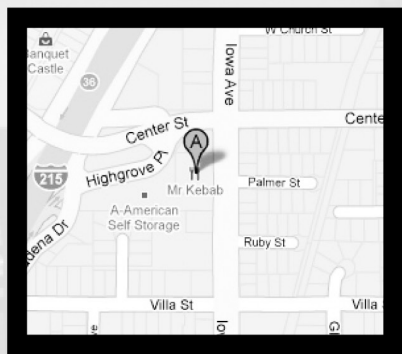
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Compromise cont. from P. 1 Highgrove locations have different destinations. The Highgrove location will address the transportation needs of the region because Highgrove is right in the middle of the triangle between Riverside, San Bernardino and Perris and is already a junction point connected by rail that could serve both counties. But the RCTC plan ignores the existing Metrolink commuter trains that go through Highgrove between Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Under the RCTC plan, these existing trains will continue to go through Highgrove every day of the week without stopping.

Her response included "We are not going to stop the existing trains at Highgrove because it is not part of the small starts program!"

If Highgrove is not part of the small starts program in this \$232 million dollar expenditure of our State and Federal tax dollars then something is definitely wrong! And it wasn't because RCTC didn't know about this location because we told them that Highgrove was an ideal location many years ago when there were 35 acres for sale between the 2 sets of railroad tracks before the other huge warehouses were built along Citrus Street. RCTC has also known for years about the Spring Mountain Ranch homes that are planned just one mile east of the Highgrove Metrolink Station location and the other related information such as the continued support from surrounding cities and civic organizations because for many years I have been delivering monthly copies of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper to the RCTC office on the

3rd floor of the Riverside County Administration building. (Ann said she reads every issue).

She also gave an explanation that the diagram of the Palmyrita Ave. location, where the new warehouse is located, could not be removed from the "Supplemental Environmental Assessment" because 3 locations, (Palmyrita Ave., Columbia Ave. and Marlborough Ave.) are still being evaluated as future sites for a Metrolink station on the Perris Valley Line. I found many other discrepancies in their "Supplemental" report that contained outdated information and other items that I know do not apply any more! Anyone reading this information at the public libraries would surely be miss-lead by this report.

The concerns and comments from "We the people" have not been properly resolved in this small starts program, but station location makes a big difference because of the difference in destinations!

Once when I mentioned the word "we", Ann Mayer asked who I meant by "we" and I responded: **"All of the people who have supported the Highgrove location for the last 9 years!"** *

The compromise (about the future Perris Valley Line trains not stopping at Highgrove), was not well received because Ann Mayer said: "The Perris Valley Line commuter trains need to stop for passengers".

This is the same exact message we have been trying to convey to RCTC for the last 9 years in our quest to stop some of the existing daily commuter trains that go through Highgrove. But RCTC has their own agenda, and station location is entirely a political decision

that will only serve Riverside County. They have ignored the requests from the people in the region for the last 9 years and their plan does not properly address the future needs of the people who may be forced to use the Metrolink commuter trains due to the rising cost of gasoline!

Highgrove is still the best location for a Metrolink Station because of its importance to the region on both sides of the county line due to the difference in destinations!

In another area of public interest, I understand there is a possibility of legal action against RCTC by the Riverside Unified School District unless an agreement can be reached about the 2 elementary schools located in the UCR area. One of the areas of concern is a 6 inch high-pressure pipeline that supplies jet

fuel to the March Air Reserve Base. This pipeline is located within the Perris Valley Line railroad right-of-way approximately 50 feet from the Highland Elementary School (not Highgrove Elementary School), that is located in the UCR area.

This project should address all issues of public concern and should be done right the first time!

The next RCTC meeting will be on March 9, 2011 at 9:30 am on the ground floor of the Riverside County Administration Building located at 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside. It is my understanding that Ann Mayer will give her report to the commission at that time.

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(The inset in the picture above shows the bottom of this underpass) This simple 12 ft. 3 In. underpass has had thousands of trains pass over it for at least 50 years and is still used every day by freight trains and Metrolink trains between Riverside and San Bernardino! It is located just 2 miles north of the Highgrove Metrolink location on the BNSF railroad near the Santa Ana River in Colton. The support underneath is made from used rail and is located at La Cadena Dr. and Vivienda Avenue.

This same principal could be applied by using the old rail that will be removed from the Perris Valley Line track to support the track for a new road between Spring St. and Citrus St. through the same property RCTC now owns for the curved track. Emergency vehicles or any other traffic blocked by freight trains at Main St. or Center St. would then have access to the opposite side of the tracks by using the new Iowa Ave. overpass to get to the other side of the BNSF main line. An underpass similar to the one above could be made when the grading is done for the curved track.

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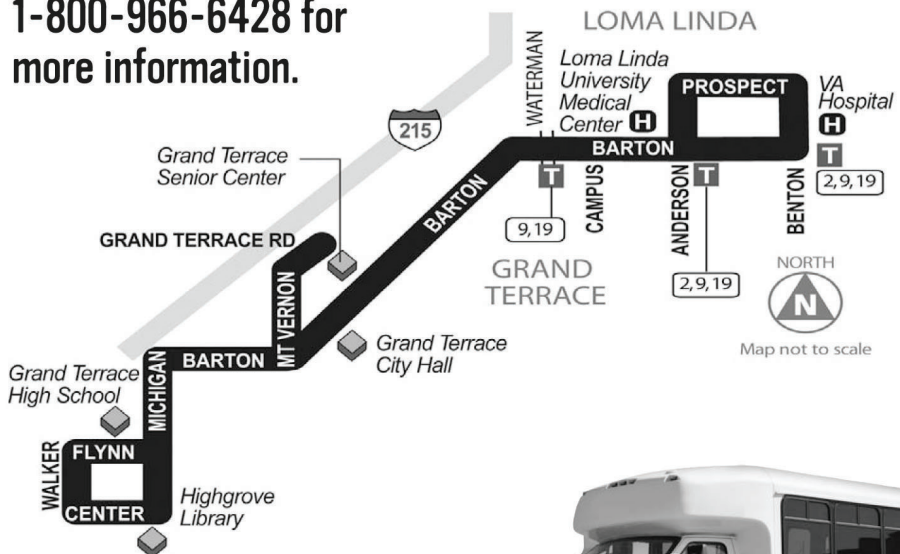
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Stop Inn: On Feb.5, 2011 at about 2:00 am a speeding southbound Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck on west La Cadena Dr. smashed into the Stop Inn and went clear inside the building. The driver tried to flee the scene but was held by witnesses and arrested by Colton police. The inside of the building was littered with broken glass, crushed bar stools, stucco and wood from the structure. The impact moved the bar back and opened up the beer spigots but luckily there were no patrons in the building at the time of the incident. The truck also moved the pool table at the rear of the building. Part of the grill was laying in the debris where the truck also sheared off a gas pipe. The gas was shut off by the owner, Todd Gibboney when he arrived after receiving a call from the alarm company. This small building dates back to the 1930's and will be re-opened soon but hopefully it will never again be used as a drive through!

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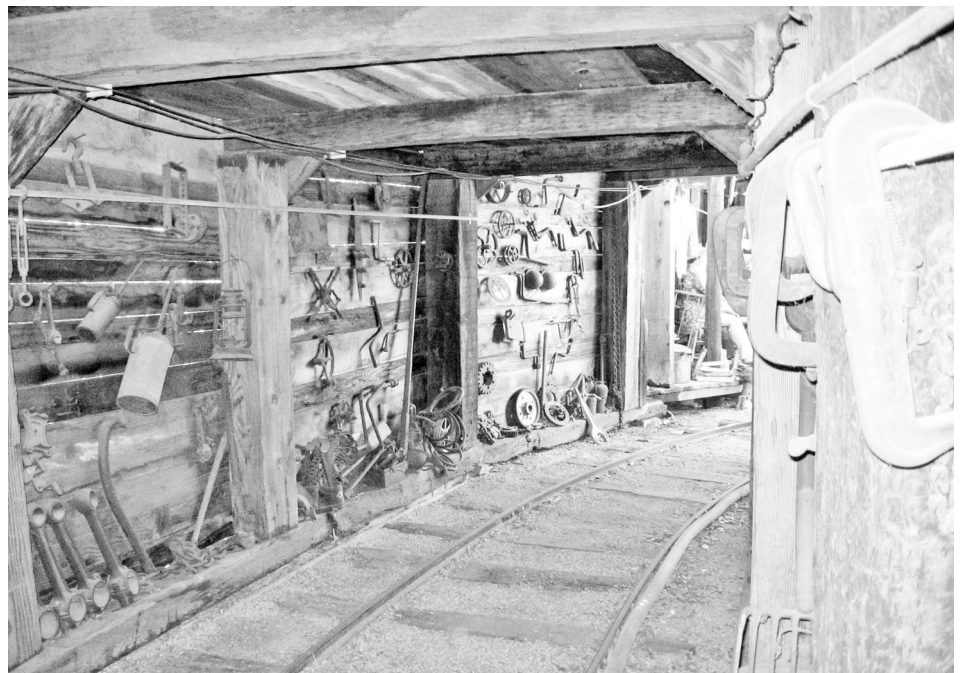
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A historical step back in time!



These old vehicles have been sitting out in the rain for many years and they have the rusted out bodies to prove it. Some of these vehicles are beyond restoration but it is good to see these old timers in their original condition. Some of the other cars are in much better condition.



This railroad track goes through a tunnel made out of heavy beams and the walls are lined with old tools and items that are just interesting to look at. There is even a replica of the Wright Brothers first airplane hanging from the ceiling of one of the buildings, a collection of old signs, with bullet hole chips in them, a matchbook collection and other memorabilia.



Kalagia just stood there and didn't say a thing! This collection should be seen by everyone young and old.



There are a lot of Dodge Brothers vehicles from the early days that date back to the 1920's.

For the first time ever, I visited a nearby location that I had only heard about but did not know where it was located. Ever since 1978, Bill Leuer has been collecting articles of historical interest, collectables and unusual significance and has spent many hours of time and energy assembling one of the most interesting collections in the entire area.

His collection reminds me of the

old relics found in the original Ghost Town at Knott's Berry Farm or Calico. There are too many things to list and so many things to see that it is better explained through some of the photos that accompany this article. This collection includes an old bank, jail, telegraph office, machine shop, school room, barber shop, dentist office, dress shop, mine, print shop, saloon, general store and



This little store has old tin ceiling and bottles from the good ole days. That's Ivory Snow on the shelf.



Here is an old time printing press and no, this is not how we print the "Highgrove Happenings"!

even a modern putting green. Congratulations Bill, you have done a great job in preserving an important part of our history. I do not see how this collection could have been assembled since 1978. There were 4 of us in our group and we were very impressed with your collection. It is one of the most unique places I have seen and is like taking a historical step back in time.

By now you may be wondering where this is located. If you would like to visit this location you may have to wait until the next open house since I am reluctant to reveal the location without permission from the owner.



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Do Some Spring Cleaning on Your (Financial) House

It's spring - time to clean out the gutters, tune up the lawn mower and wash down the windows. But as you attend to these types of tasks around your home, why not take the time to do some financial "spring cleaning" as well?

Specifically, consider these moves:

"Dust off" your investment strategy. If there's an area in your home that you haven't looked at for a while, you may need to dust it off in preparation for the new season. And the same principle may apply to your investment strategy - if you haven't examined it for a while, it may be time to clean it up to prepare for a new season in your life. After all, since you initially designed your investment strategy - that is, the total amount you invest, the percentages going into "growth" and "income" vehicles, the dollars going into taxable versus tax-deferred accounts and so on - many things may have changed for you, such as your employment situation, the number of children in your household and even your long-term goals. Consequently, you may need to revise your investment strategy in consultation with your financial advisor.

"De-clutter" your portfolio. The chances are pretty good that if you look around your house, you'll find many things that are actually duplicates, such as those five coffee makers you've accumulated over the years - so you decide to "purge" a few. And when you take a close look at your portfolio, you might find several investments that you've added over time and that are similar to each other. If that's the case, you might help yourself by selling the "redundant" investments and using

the proceeds to buy different ones that can help you diversify your portfolio. (Keep in mind that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee gains or prevent losses.)

Prepare yourself for stormy weather. During springtime, we often experience heavy rains, hailstorms, high winds and other types of inclement weather. That's why we keep our roofs in good shape, keep branches away from our homes and take other steps to protect our houses and property from the ravages of Mother Nature. You and your family could go through some rough "weather" too, during the course of your lives, so you'll want to make sure you have sufficient protection in the form of adequate life and disability insurance. Review your coverage to make sure it's still adequate for your needs.

Open up the windows of opportunity. After a long winter, you'll find it pleasant to open the windows of your home and let in the sun and the air. And as an investor, you'll find "windows of opportunity" through which you can open yourself up to good investment possibilities. For example, even though we've clearly been in a challenging economy the past couple of years, a number of factors - such as low interest rates, improved corporate earnings and favorable stock valuations (the price you pay for a stock, relative to its earnings) - have actually meant that it's been a pretty good environment for investors looking for quality stocks.

By doing some financial spring cleaning, you may find that you've swept away some of the obstacles to helping achieve your goals.

provided by Shawn Price with Edward Jones Investments

Devils Den continued from P 6

and it was a little red headed girl named Christobel in his band class. What she had to be mad about he couldn't have guessed but the kid came and went skulking and played on the coronet in, well, just a mean manner. He had to admit, it verged on comical but she did have raw talent and her solos gave a new interpretation to whatever she played. Summer was just around the corner and Joe couldn't wait for school's end so he could (get out of Dodge) and do something, even if it was wrong. For now, that kid, Chris Wilds, would hammer out the notes, never bothering to learn how to read the music sheet. She had some one number the notes for "Anchors Aweigh" according to the three plungers on her horn and it sounded like "3, 2, 3, 3, - 2, 1, - 3, 2, 2, 3", over and over again til Joe had assigned Chris the sound proof rehearsal room to preserve his sanity. He sipped the Tokay red wine from his thermos cup and watched the clock, and became a little more upset by the day.

That was Joe Agajanian's relationship with Chris yesterday, but it was all changed today as their eyes met as she passed him on Eugene's Harley. He saw her but she just looked right through him as she thundered past. The low rumble rattled his DeSoto like a corp of bass drums. There was raw, palpable energy in the sound and he could sense his adrenaline rise in his veins even as a bystander. But that was the situation, he was just a bystander and Christobel was the champion of teenagers. The kid had courage to do something even if it might have been wrong. Right then and there Joe made his decision. Tomorrow he would take his DeSoto down to Doyle White's car lot and cash it in and buy himself a motorcycle. He would also promote Chris to the kettle drums where her energy could be more useful. He needed a long vacation and he now had the

beginnings of a plan. He was beginning to feel a little like the old Clamp again.

Tha-thud, tha-thud, tha-thud, sitting astraddle his bike, Joe approached a Zen like closeness with the machine. He was at peace with things in general and one thing in particular. There would be no more Lemoore in his future and his future for the today was over the next set of hills in Sturgis where others in his two wheeled tribe waited for him. Then, like building thunder a great metal and rubber serpent topped the hill behind Joe and descended into the depressed wash and shook the ground as it passed him, making the hair on the back of his head stand up. Joe watched as five hundred or more bikers, two abreast passed him and climbed up and over the next hill and rolled off into the grasslands toward their common destination. The massiveness of this chrome clad chain of man and machine seemed to cause the entire wash to sink even further down into the prairie. Ahead and to the sides of the highway pheasants fled upward into the sky fleeing this acoustic attack. When the last bikes passed the drafting currents pulled in the scent of the prairie grasses, wild roses and the sweet menthol of the sage, where these aromas mixed in with the cycle exhaust fumes. Joe felt the pull of the parade and knew he belonged there with them, the other disenchanting rebels. He forgot that navy hymn. For now Joe had a new anthem and he sang it out loud, "He wore black denim jeans and motorcycle boots and a black leather jacket with an eagle on the back. I'm Joe "C" Agajanian, the terror of Highway 101....." And then Joe kicked his motor-sickle in the rear and took off like a gun.....

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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

AWARDS, EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

The February 8, 2011 meeting of the Grand Terrace City Council was awash with awards to the Colton High School football team, its coach and several certificates were given to people who helped during the recent flooding and other volunteer efforts. The meeting was apparently without controversy or comments meant to incite rioting or persons filled with bitterness and reduced to tears as was the case with one of last month's meeting.

I am talking about the citizen who came to the podium last month in profuse tears to complain about how Stater Bros. building on the south side of the property would infringe upon her property and is causing her considerable alarm. I decided to drive over there and see what she was so tearfully emotional about.

I drove the entire length of the street behind the Stater Bros. property and got out and walked all long the chain length fence, peering inside even though there is plastic sheeting there. However, there are several places where cut-outs have been professionally instilled so that one does not have to do very much to see inside the area.

For the life of me I cannot understand her grief. There is a street between the homes which is a normal sized residential street and beyond the chain length fence on the south side there are small posts all along the area where I am assuming the wall will be built. This must be a design intended to help curb noise and disturbances of any kind. There is a considerable distance between where the wall will be and the end

of the property, about 10 feet or more. I suppose there could be some enterprising gang members who are stupid enough to graffiti the wall on the street side but I don't see where that would give them much satisfaction. But I don't understand anyone that wants to deface property.

Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz commented briefly about his trip to Sacramento where among other items he joined a group that discussed the Governor Brown suggestion that the redevelopment agencies be disbanded or severely cut back.

It seems to me that Governor Brown has his brain operating properly in any and all of his ideas of how to balance the budget. Maybe completely disbanding all redevelopment agencies is not too great an idea but surely reducing the staff and cutting back of redevelopment would be in order as much of his ideas may be.

Our biggest problem is the placing of his notions on the ballot. Wrong!

How many people do you know that will be willing to vote for more taxes, particularly on tobacco, alcohol and licenses? Come on, be honest you are not going to vote for any of these, are you? You are also not going to vote for the reduction of services.

I think Governor Brown could balance the budget if he could make all these propositions become a reality. What choice does he have? We can't just keep going further in the red. What happens when California becomes bankrupt? Are you willing to be a party to that eventuality?

SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN

The correctional work being done at the Grand Terrace Senior Center kitchen apparently shows that more money has to be acquired before the work can be finished. I think we should ask John Harper, our city attorney, if he can figure out a way that we can sue the original builders for doing the job in such a slipshod manner. Why not? How about those who passed inspection on the job when it was supposed to be good

to go? I wonder if the people who want to take over the operation of the kitchen have the foggiest notion what they are getting into?

FOR THE IRISH THAT MAY BE READING THE PAPER HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO YOU. ERIN GO BRAGH! FINIS

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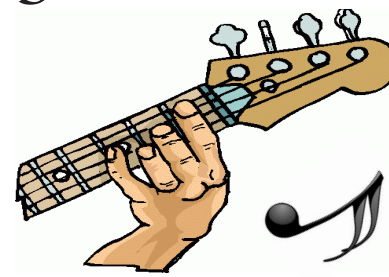
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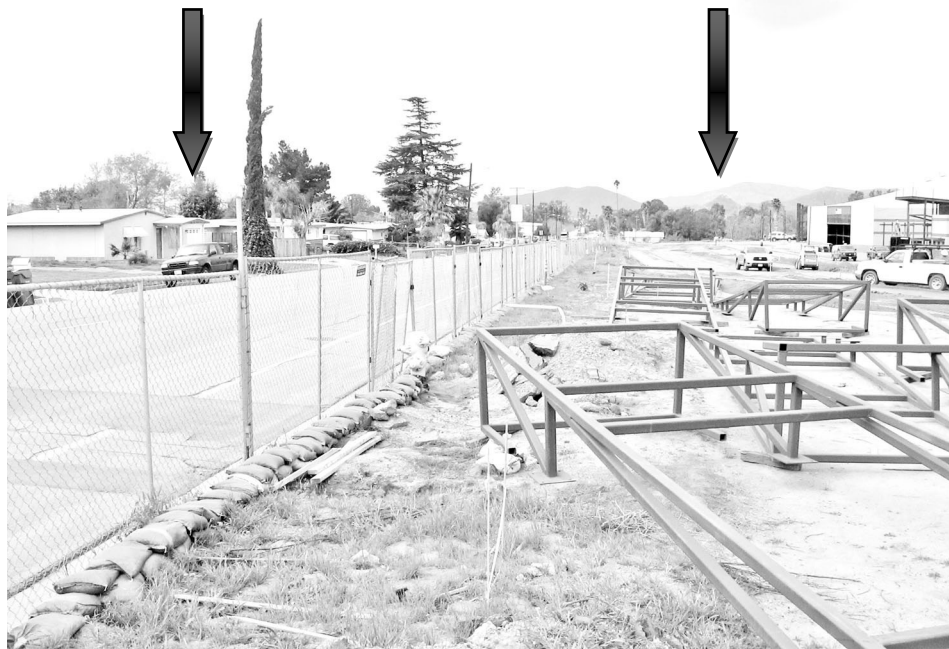
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Main St. widening/Pigeon Pass Corridor discussed at Highgrove MAC meeting

24 Homes on south side of Main St.

No homes on north side



The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Feb. 23, 2011 was well attended and included representatives from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Riverside County Economic Development Agency, Riverside County Sheriff Department, California Highway Patrol, Colton Joint Unified School District, Mayor Stanckiewicz of Grand Terrace, Grand Terrace Councilman Bernardo Sandoval, and residents from Grand Terrace and Highgrove.

The widening of Main St. on the south side due to the new Grand


Terrace High School has been a concern of the Highgrove residents who live along Main St. because the new widened road will take part of their property for the road widening. There are 24 residences on the south side of Main St. between Michigan Ave. and Taylor St. and no houses at all on the north side of the street. The new High School is located on the north side of Main Street and Main St. is the Riverside/San Bernardino County line. Many Highgrove residents feel the street should have been widened on the north side of Main St. where there

are no houses when the Inland Timber Co. was the only business on the north side. Main St. is 64 feet in width at its widest point by the entrance to the Highgrove Community Park but is only 51 feet wide between Michigan Ave. and Taylor Street where the houses are located. I measured the street and I believe it is possible to add an additional 13 feet to the north side of Main St. without interfering with any structures on the north side. Even with the additional 13 feet, there is still room for a bicycle lane and sidewalk on the north side without moving the large standpipes that stick up from the ground that is part of the new school. The north side of the street has nothing visible that would have to be moved except the curb and fire hydrants because at the present time the area north of the chain link fence has no structures, roadway or landscaping between Michigan Ave. and Taylor Street. It is just a dirt surface. The Colton School District is

in the process of furnishing information regarding what is planned along the southern boundary of the new school. There was also a discussion about the Pigeon Pass Corridor which would bring a new street from the top of Pigeon Pass and connect to either Main St. or Center Street. When I first learned about this plan these were the only 2 options being considered, but other ideas were discussed during the meeting. Instead of just 2 options, 4 other possible options were mentioned that may not have been examined. The other options could be: connecting to Spring St., or Palmyrita Ave., or Reche Canyon Road, or not building the Pigeon Pass Corridor at all. Viewpoints were mentioned about how a new road would bring customers to our local businesses but the opposing view was how the connection could become a racetrack for traffic between Moreno Valley and the I-215 freeway.




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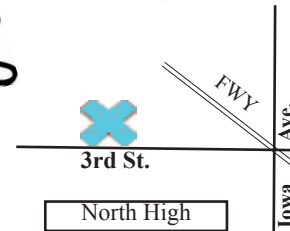
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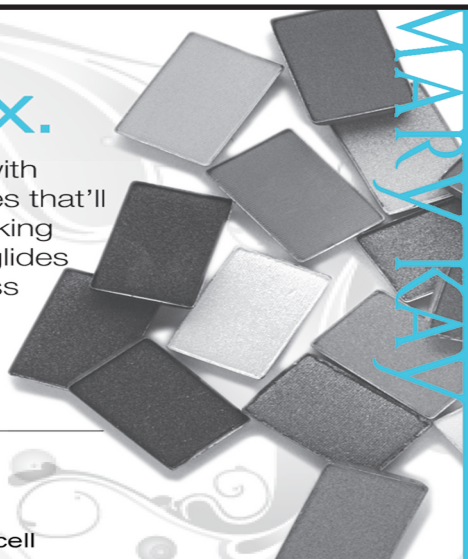
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