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OC Doctor Convicted

STAFF REPORTS

Orange County—A federal jury has convicted a Buena Park doctor for participating in a health care fraud scheme involving unnecessary procedures and prescriptions that led to Medicare paying out nearly \$3 million on fraudulent claims for durable medical equipment and nutritional supplies.

Following a five-day trial, Dr. Augustus Ohemeng, 62,

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IE News

Eastvale Goes Virtual

CITY OF EASTVALE

Eastvale—Your next planning question in the City of Eastvale might be answered by a Planning expert who is miles from the City's planning counter. Through the use of existing technology, residents of Eastvale can speak to and see a planner immediately from Eastvale City Hall via a live video link. The new system increases coverage at the

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BUSINESS FEATURE

Mandarin Taste Serves Authentic Cuisine

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar—When searching for an excellent dining experience, look no further than Mandarin Taste. Mandarin Taste is an authentic restaurant with quality service that has been open in the City of Diamond Bar for over 26 years.

The restaurant has thrived

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See their ad in this issue of the Weekly News for coupons and specials. For more information, please call (909) 861-1819 or just stop by their location at 23391 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar.



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Local Man Convicted Of Counterfeiting

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut—A Walnut man was convicted Wed. Mar 6, for illegally importing counterfeit collectible Disney pins from China and selling them over the Internet.

Larry James Allred, 58, Walnut, pleaded guilty to a court offer to one felony count of trademark infringement with sentencing

enhancements for property loss over \$200,000. Allred also admitted to a 1975 prior strike conviction for rape and a 1978 prior strike conviction for kidnapping and rape.

Allred is expected to be sentenced eight years in state prison and ordered to pay \$201,000 restitution at his sentencing on July 15, 2013 at the Central

Justice Center.

Co-defendant Robert Edward Smyrak, 54, Anaheim, also pleaded guilty Sept. 29, 2011, to one felony count of trademark infringement. He was sentenced to one year in jail, three years of formal probation, and ordered to

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Chase Bank Replacing Burger King

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar—The Burger King off S. Diamond Bar Blvd. will soon be demolished to make room for a new Chase Bank branch.

The Burger King located in the Diamond Hills Plaza Shopping Center at 2717 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. was voted to be demolished by the City's Planning Commission at the Tues. Feb 26 meeting with a 5-0 vote.

The Chase Bank branch plans to build a 3,431 square-foot bank with drive-thru ATM windows.

The commissioners were concerned about circulation for the drive-thru windows, parking, and stop signs for pedestrian safety. However, they were ensured that any issues about circulation and signage for pedestrians in the drive-thru area could be addressed during the plan check, according to local reports.

A Diamond Bar city assistant



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The Burger King off S. Diamond Bar Blvd. will be demolished and replaced with a new Chase Bank.

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Cal Poly Pomona Tuberculosis Scare

BY MARILYN SALGUERO

tuberculosis spread early Friday morning.

The unidentified student who did not live on campus dropped his winter courses to receive treatment. The student who was enrolled in the previous fall semester attended classes in physics, engineering, computer science, and women's studies.

"This is an unclear active case and the Los Angeles County Public Health has to do tests and update us on that," Justin Velasco Cal Poly Pomona Spokesman

stated. "The student's prognosis so far is good," he added.

The student has not been identified and the date when he was admitted to the hospital was also not released due to privacy concerns. But he admitted himself to the hospital Velasco said. It is not clear when or how the student became infected, but the university is encouraging students to contact the Cal Poly

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

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Low 46°



Sun Mar 17

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Low 46°



Mon Mar 18

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Low 45°



Tue Mar 19

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New FB Giveaway Prize

BY SARAH ARMIJO



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Mandarin Taste serves authentic cuisine

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because of the many delicious dishes it serves and the family-friendly atmosphere that keeps people coming back for more.

"We're like a family restaurant," said restaurant manager Chi Young, when describing the feeling that customers get when visiting the long lasting eatery.

"People are always smiling

[here]," said Young.

The restaurant's owners and staff want everyone who comes to their establishment to relax and enjoy themselves over the delectable food.

Mandarin Taste has many specialties including seafood dishes and spicy food. Crispy shrimp, fried dumplings and walnut shrimp are just some of the many customer favorites, and they are also well known for

their wonton soup.

The restaurant holds a very popular champagne brunch on Sundays and has all-you-can-eat buffets, as well.

Mandarin Taste also serves cocktails and if customers can't come in to enjoy the

pleasant ambience, they have the option to order food for carryout.

For more information, please call (909) 861-1819, or just stop by their location at 23391 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar.

A Call for Volunteers

CITY OF WALNUT

Walnut - Want to make a difference? Help is needed for this year's Walnut Family Festival! Anyone interested in being involved with the planning of the 2013 Walnut Family Festival should attend the planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at 5 p.m. at the Maintenance and Recreation Services Depart-

ment located at 21701 Valley Blvd. in Walnut.

Help is needed for the parade, entertainment, theme development and so much more. Join the planning committee and watch the 2013 Walnut Family Festival develop into the best Festival yet! The Festival will be on Saturday, October 12. Call Festival Liaison Cheryl Linnborn at (909) 598-5605 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

CITY OF DIAMOND BAR

Diamond Bar - The City of Diamond Bar and the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club are again teaming up to host the popular annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30.

The fun begins at 8:30 am with a pancake breakfast provided by the Fire Explorers Post 19 for a nominal fee, followed by the free egg hunt at 10 am featuring 11,000 treat-filled plastic eggs.

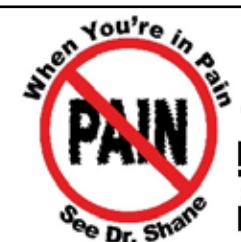
Hunting areas will be divided into six areas based on age groups, with parental assistance allowed for the youngest

attendees, and photo packages with the Easter Bunny will be available for a cost starting at \$10.

Children need to bring their own baskets for the egg collection. Pantera Park is located at 738 Pantera Drive in Diamond Bar. Parking will be available on surrounding city streets; as well at neighboring Pantera Elementary School at a cost of \$5.00 per parking space, with the funds benefiting the school's 6th grade promotion ceremony.

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FREE e-Waste Collection Fundraiser

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Do you have unwanted electronics that you don't know what to do with? Well, the Collegewood Elementary Community Club is hosting a FREE e-Waste recycling collection next weekend to collect all your unwanted electronics.

The Community Club is hosting this event as a fundraiser for the Collegewood Technology Committee. The event will be held on March 16, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Collegewood Elementary School located at 20725 E. Collegewood Dr. in Walnut.

The items that can be dropped off are computers, monitors, televisions, cell phones, MP3 players, ink toner cartridges, printers,

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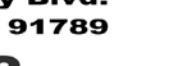
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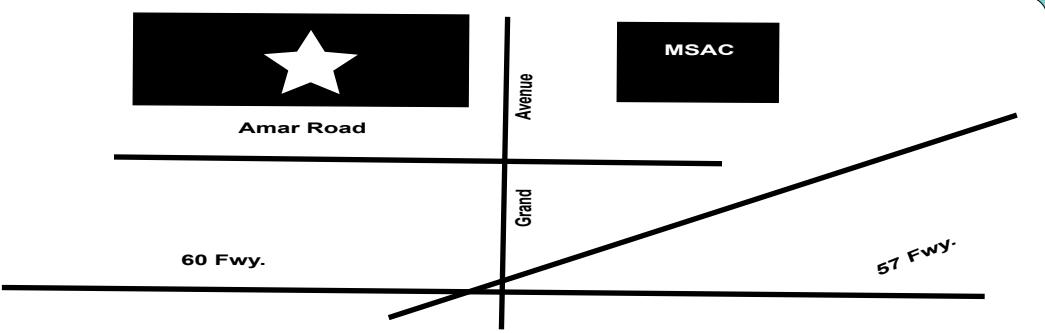
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By NANCY STOOPS

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through and every obstacle we encounter is our life. Every second we are alive is our life. We seem to almost be asleep during the parts we don't like or the parts we are afraid to deal with. Every experience we encounter is an opportunity for learning and creates memories. Some of the pieces of our lives are good and some appear to be bad. I think they are all part of our blueprint for the journey we call our life.

Why are we so fearful to live life to the fullest? Why are we so afraid to feel the pain that comes with our lives at times? Why are we so lazy about growing into the best version of ourselves? I often wonder why so many people are willing to just exist and never really experience being fully alive. So many people seem to be filled with anxiety and depression around just being alive and living each day. Life can either be wonderful

or terrible based on your mindset and your reaction to how you manage yourself and your life. Many things do happen during our lifetimes and the only input we have is how we react to those things. Does life make you or does life break you? You are the only one that gets to decide that.

Don't wait until you are filled with regret to really start living each and every day to the fullest. Learn to understand that life is a gift, even if it looks different than

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Please visit www.herbdoc.com. Look into what's involved

for the gallbladder cleanse. I have done it myself a couple of times in the last ten years and it was very effective. (Get a positive diagnosis first). You didn't mention if you are nursing your baby. If you are, please make sure that your pediatrician is informed about all of the various herbal ingredients. As you know, everything you ingest affects

your baby.

Good Luck!

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She has a great passion for alternative healing and has over 20 years of experience in this field. She provides a form of energy psychology called The Emotion Code, where she helps people

literally get rid of their emotional baggage. She also offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. This is a letter she received from an anonymous reader. To send a question to Danice, email her at straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoachingservices.com.

Easter Is Coming!

By MARK HOPPER

Easter will fall on the last day of this month! Sunday, March 31st is Easter Sunday this year.



I suspect that many people wonder why Easter is such a big deal. As a teenager, I asked the same question.

Why do so many people go to church on Easter? Why do so many people that don't go to

church very often, show up on Easter?

The reason is that Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday.

All four of the accounts of the life of Christ include important details about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John give detailed accounts of this remarkable event in their gospels.

These authors include information about the false charges that were brought against Jesus. They also tell us about

the suffering and abuse Jesus' experienced at the hands of his captors.

Very few details are given about the actual procedure of crucifixion. People in Bible times were very familiar with this cruel practice.

The authors do provide us with important details about the burial of Jesus' body. The location of the tomb was well known and guarded by Roman soldiers. Both soldiers and loyal followers of Jesus confirmed that Jesus was dead.

Bible writers also provide nu-

merous eyewitness accounts of people who saw Jesus alive again. This is why Christians celebrate Easter. They are celebrating his resurrection from the dead.

Followers of Jesus do not deny that he died on the cross. We believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. He paid for the debt that we can never repay for the sins we have committed.

His resurrection is proof that what He did on the cross is adequate to settle our debt before God. He died "once-for-all" in order to bring us back into a relationship with God.

Easter is a day to celebrate! Let me encourage you to attend a church near you this Easter. Better yet, why not invite a neighbor or friend to go with you? I'm confident that you and your guests will come away encouraged and uplifted.

Mark your calendar now. Easter is coming on March 31st!!

Pastor Mark Hopper

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OC doctor convicted

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was found guilty last week of six counts health care fraud.

While serving as a medical director at Pacific Clinic in Long Beach, Ohemeng and others recruited Medicare patients and billed the national healthcare program for office visits that typically included unnecessary tests and procedures. The evidence presented at trial showed that

Ohemeng also generated fraudulent prescriptions for medical equipment, power wheel chairs and enteral nutritional supplies, prescriptions that were sold to medical supply companies that used the fraudulent documents to bill Medicare for millions of dollars of unnecessary and undelivered medical supplies. "Nearly all, if not all, of the wheelchair prescriptions Ohemeng and [George Tarryk, another doctor who worked at Pacific Clinic]

signed were written for people who could walk," according to court documents.

Over the course of four years, Ohemeng signed hundreds of these fraudulent prescriptions, many of which were blank so his office manager could fill in the details.

As a result of the fraudulent conduct involving Ohemeng and his co-conspirators, which took place from February 2005 through September 2009, \$5.6

million in fraudulent claims were submitted to Medicare, which paid approximately \$2.97 million.

As a result of yesterday's guilty verdicts, Ohemeng faces a maximum statutory sentence of 60 years in federal prison when he is sentenced on June 17 by United States District Judge Christina A. Snyder.

Ohemeng was among 10 defendants – including two doctors and a nurse – who were charged

as a result of an investigation into Pacific Clinic, Ivy Medical Supply in Anaheim and Santos Medical Supply in South Los Angeles. All 10 defendants, including the owner of Ivy Medical Supply, have now been convicted, either as the result of guilty pleas or jury verdicts.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

New FB giveaway prize

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announced in a video message on Facebook and published in the Eastvale Community News, the Weekly News and the Community News.

Please note that this is an online event. You do not need to be

present on the day of this event. Winners will be able to pick up their prize at their convenience. Everyone is eligible to win, except ABC Public Rela-

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Local man convicted of counterfeiting

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Between January 2010 and April 2011, Allred worked with Smyrak in the fraudulent scheme by sending legitimate collectible Disney pins to a manufacturer in China to be replicated and shipped back to them. Allred and Smyrak sold the counterfeit pins over the Internet while passing them off as collectibles.

Smyrak and Allred sold

Eastvale goes virtual at City Hall

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planning counter from a day or two a week to full time, without increasing costs to the City.

"In order to provide Eastvale residents with a friendly face at City Hall at all times, the City has instituted a Virtual Planner option," said Carol Jacobs City Manager. "If a customer comes into City Hall and a planner is not available in person, we will now have a Virtual Planner for the face to face experience through FaceTime on an iPad at the front counter."

PMC, the City's planning services provider, brought the Virtual Planner system to the City of Eastvale. "Continual improvement in customer service

nearly one million counterfeit items on Internet auction sites in bulk quantities averaging less than \$1 per pin. The retail price of genuine Disney collectible pins range from \$6.95 to \$14.95.

The fraudulent operation was discovered in February 2011 when U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers and import specialists intercepted a parcel at Los Angeles International Airport addressed to Smyrak containing more than 150 pounds of counterfeit Disney

pins.

Smyrak and Allred were arrested April 14, 2011, by the Anaheim Police Department (APD). At the time of their arrest, Smyrak and Allred were in possession of more than 91,000 counterfeit pins.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and APD.

Deputy District Attorney Chuck Lawhorn of the White Collar Crime Team is prosecuting this case.

is one our goals, and the Virtual Planner lets us do that. Even when a planner is not available at city hall, customers who come to the public counter can talk face-to-face with one of our staff and get immediate answers to their questions," said Eric Norris Planning Director.

"The Virtual Planner service lets us provide better customer service in a more cost-effective way," said Norris. "Our customers enjoy using the Virtual Planner service. It's fun, and it has the benefit of providing personal, face-to-face interaction."

City Manager Carol Jacobs personally tried the Virtual Planner when the service went live at City Hall and she felt, "it's a great way to communicate and

have the added ability to discuss plans, layouts and drawings without having planning staff in the office."

"Eastvale is a very technology savvy community and I'm hoping our residents will be as excited about the Virtual Planner option as we are. It is a great tool for the community and it provides an affordable solution with an improved level of service," said Jacobs.

The Virtual Planner is not going to replace the quality planning services the City provides therefore, PMC is scheduled to have staff at City Hall regularly, but this new system enables that time to be used more efficiently. The new planning system is the perfect fit for the young community of Eastvale.

Chase Bank replacing Burger King

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planner said that the conditional use permit is to mitigate any lighting, noise, circulation, or

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parking issues. The assistant also confirmed that the existing Burger King will be demolished

and a new building constructed in its place, according to local reports.



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BREAKING NEWS! Christopher Dorner found and engaged in gunfire with police near Big Bear.

BIG BEAR (CBSLA.com) — Two officers have reportedly been shot while pursuing a carjacking and home-invasion suspect in the Angelus Oaks area of Big Bear. A law enforcement source confirms to the Associated Press that the assailant is ...

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The Paella Festival 2013

The Paella Festival 2013 was held March 2 from 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the El Cortez Hotel grounds located at the quiet but welcoming town of San Felipe, Baja Mexico, barely 2 hours away from Mexicali. This year, as in other years, there was a great turnout of local guests and visitors who sampled the paella, variety of drinks, and

ultimately, swayed to the music of invited musicians/bands and the signature Mexican mariachi who provided live music. The location of the festival was also by a lovely clean beach, and gorgeous view of the sunset.

Priscilla and Oliver Vasquez were among the many that were able to try the Paella, which is

a rice stew made of saffron-flavored rice with chicken, shellfish, and a variety of other ingredients cooked together, originally from Spain. There were also stalls which catered to those who wanted to sample San Felipe's sea salt, health drinks, and a variety of clothing and shirt materials for one's own use or just perfect for gifts.



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Cal Poly Pomona TB scare

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Pomona Student Health Services to schedule a visit.

Velasco stated that there are no other cases like this one or any outbreaks throughout the campus. Regarding the status of the student, Velasco said, "We have no updates so far."

As a result, the university is providing TB tests at no cost to all students. Faculty and staff can also receive testing through their regular health care provider.

According to the Los Angeles Public Health website, TB is a bacterial infection that affects the lungs it can be cured with a prescription medicine; however, it can be fatal if left untreated. Common caused factors for this disease is overcrowded living conditions and malnutrition.

Common symptoms of tuberculosis are but are not limited to: bad coughing, sweating, pain in the chest, weakness/fatigue,

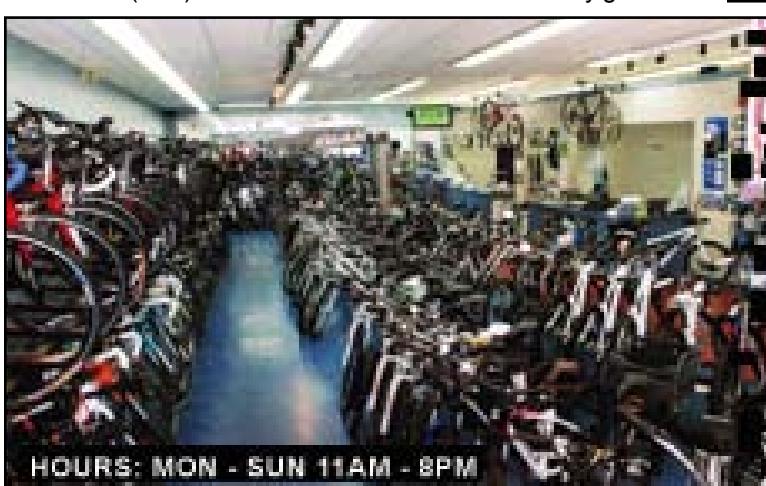
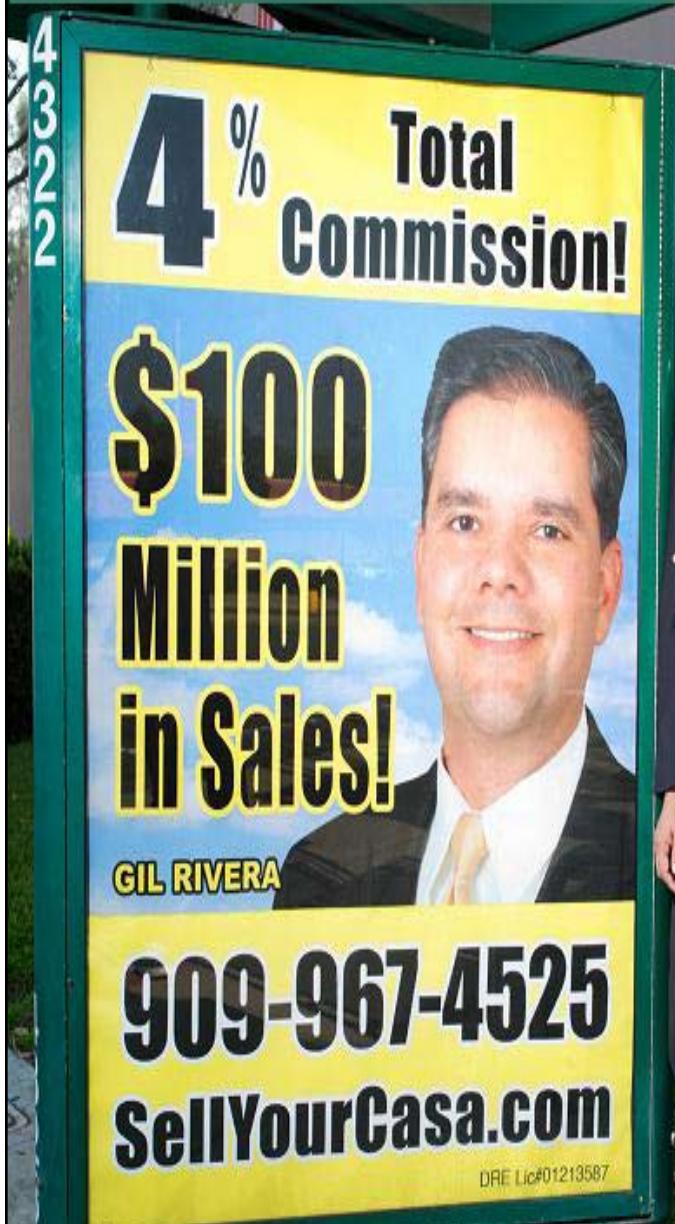
fever, chills. Check with your doctor if you suspect you may have TB symptoms.

For more information about this case, contact Cal Poly Pomona at (909) 869-3342. To find out

more about this disease, visit the Los Angeles Public Health website www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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