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Investment Fraud Scheme

USAO RELEASE

Orange – A retired colonel in the California Army National Guard who admitted running an investment scheme that caused two dozen victims to suffer a losses of nearly \$3 million was sentenced last week to 97 months in federal prison.

Timothy Melvin Murphy,

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Medical Plaza Project

By KIMBERLEY SANDER

Eastvale – The proposed Eastvale San Antonio Medical Plaza project, previously submitted to the Eastvale Planning Commission by San Antonio Community Hospital, is seeking approval for modifications to the already approved development plan for a portion of the Eastvale Gateway South retail center.

The center, located on Limonite Avenue just west of the I-15, already has approvals for several restaurants. The Med-

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Bob's Big Boy: Making History, Or A Thing Of The Past?

By KIMBERLEY SANDER

Diamond Bar – Bob's Big Boy, the iconic diner-style restaurant located on Golden Springs Dr. in Diamond Bar, is amid some controversy.

In an effort to preserve his beloved restaurant from extinction, franchise owner James Tsai has started the process to make Bob's a historical landmark for the City of Diamond Bar. Why now? According to Tsai, the

landlord of the center where the Bob's Big Boy is located, is looking to force them out. After 30 years, Tsai has other plans.

According to the National Historic Landmarks Program, "National Historic Landmarks (NHL) are exceptional

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File Photo

Help preserve Bob's Big Boy in Diamond Bar from extinction by helping make it a historical landmark.

Nov. Election For Diamond Bar City Council

STAFF REPORTS

SGV – The Diamond Bar City Council met on Tuesday evening, June 4, voting 4-0 to adopt three resolutions for the 2013 general election. One resolution requests that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

consolidate the general municipal election with school elections. This would mean that the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorders Office would plan and run the election, with a potential cost of around \$140,000.

This year, the three seats up for election of the four-year terms

are Mayor Pro Tem Ron Everett, and council members Ling-Ling Chang, and Steve Tye, with Chang looking for reelection to the council.

Any U.S. Citizen is eligible

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Prevent Being A Victim Of Scams

By SARAH ARMIJO

La County – Financial scams have reemerged across the county. Three scams in particular have been causing commotion after scamming innocent members of the community. Make sure to be aware of the "secret

shopper scam", the "granny scam", and the "phishing scam" to prevent from being a victim.

The secret shopper scam draws people in by providing what appears to be legitimate payment for services with instructions to deposit the check and act as a secret shopper at a

money wiring business, such as Western Union, Money Gram, and others.

The "secret shopper" then wires a significant portion of the check they received to the scammers

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A Forever Family With Hathaway-Sycamores

STAFF REPORTS

For 17 years, Miguel and Macrina Gutierrez's Whittier, Calif., home was occupied by only themselves and two cats. On July 30 of last year, that occupancy status increased, dramatically! As Miguel recalls, on that fateful Monday, "We became a family."

While the Gutierrez's be-

came a foster/adoptive family of five, literally overnight, their path toward parenthood actually spanned several years. Wed in 1995, the couple set their sights from the start on having children. It was soon discovered, however, that Macrina – who works at a Montebello elementary school as an early intervention specialist – had a medical problem that would make conceiving naturally

difficult. Several years were then spent pursuing infertility avenues, including in vitro fertilization, with no success.

Then, a chance conversation pointed to another avenue. Miguel, who works at UPS, was talking with a coworker about his and Macrina's struggle to start a

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Walnut Valley Montessori

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – The Walnut Valley Montessori School is unique for many reasons. First, it doesn't simply use the name 'Montessori', but is sure to incorporate the 100-year-old educational foundations that made Montessori's name

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Winner of Tequila 88 Prize

By SARAH ARMIJO

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Photo By Micheal Armijo

ABC Public Relations' employee, Mathew Sanchez, gives Facebook Giveaway winner, Chrissy Berry Liddicote, her Tequila 88 bottle prize.

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The Eye Of The Beholder

It was a warm yet windy day filled with strong sorrow. The air reflected a deep sense of respect as people gathered to say goodbye to a friend whose spirit had left the earth.

As everyone gathered, the vibrant wooden casket lay atop the ground as the family gathered closely around. The youngest boy, a young man, gazed at the casket while tears flowed from his swollen eyes. He walked up and laid his cheek on the rigid, shiny, wooden box, as his white-gloved hands gently caress the top of the last home his fathers' body would ever have. He lays gentle kisses on the top of the casket, as his unconditional love reflected in front of all those who watched. A gentle whisper is heard a row back; "did you see that? How sad."

When I heard those words; "how sad," I felt something deep inside that disagreed. Something that didn't see the message of sadness when the boy showed his emotions. Instead, I saw an act of love. A love so strong, it

displayed the true meaning of unconditional love. Something deep inside that didn't care if the world looked on or what people felt. A feeling of purity, of joy, of strength.

I believe the old saying; "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." I believe we all see life in certain light, and sometimes, in certain darkness.

I also believe that when we express the darkness which surrounds our lives, it spreads like a contagious and cancerous disease. It attaches by simple contact, clings like a dependent child, and deteriorates in a short amount of time.

I've learned that opinions are only perceptions of a person's immediate thinking, and reflections of someone's inner self. What we see is usually what we feel, what we feel deep inside. Without realizing it, we express past experiences, deep histories, our insecurities of our future; we reflect the perception of our own lives.

I also believe that when we

see life in its darkest hour, we do have the opportunity to see life through the brightest light. For some, it's a short path traveled to a place inside that holds our mind hostage from our heart. For others, it's a level of confidence that sits deep within that's been damaged by a careless act from an irresponsible adult.

I believe that the true meaning of life can only be understood through the light of beauty and the inner joy that sets deep in our hearts. I believe the vision of what will come can only be seen through the eyes of a believer. I feel the truest form of emotion can only be felt when a person can feel the presence of a higher

power, a stronger entity, something or someone greater than themselves.

I understand that life is not always what it intends itself to be, it changes moods like a spoiled child. But I also understand that life can be what we want it to be; all we have to do is apply our hearts in front of our minds. Following what we truly feel, not what we think we see, is the only way to put aside our petty angry thoughts and our insignificant bitterness. Because just as the boy who helped bury his only father, the tears that flow from our swollen eyes are tears of love that can only be seen when beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

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Vejar Garden Grows Blue Ribbon Award

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - A garden is growing just outside classroom #31 at Vejar Elementary School and it just bloomed a Blue Ribbon Award.

Each year, Special Education students dig into the project with the help of Instructional Aide Helene McDonald and Teacher Jennifer Troudy.

The garden provides the youngsters with an opportunity to learn the science of plants and life skills to care for them.

Students are responsible for the fruit and vegetables they plant each fall and spring during the school year. They choose the plants for their garden, prepare the soil, weed and water the edible bounty.

Class #31 recently entered the spring garden, a handmade paper sheep and a fruit stand, in a contest sponsored by the 48th District Agricultural Fair. All three entries won top awards. The students were also interviewed about their garden by the judges.

The garden won a blue 1st Place Ribbon, the sheep took a golden 2nd Place Ribbon, and the fruit stand won a red 3rd Place Ribbon.

The students made the sheep from paper, cotton balls, yarn and polyester batting. The fruit stand was created entirely from recycled materials. The base was a recycled pizza box and the colorful fruit and vegetables

“for sale” were handmade by students. The top was made with construction paper and hangers that held an awning.

“They had a great time making the sawhorse sheep and fruit stand,” McDonald said.

McDonald was presented with an Apple Award and certificates for her enthusiasm and a first-time winning garden entry during a ceremony held at the Fairplex in Pomona last month.

This year’s contest theme was “Lettuce eat healthy!” The Agriculture and Nutrition Program at Mt. SAC College is dedicated to teaching youth. They work with teachers throughout the year to make it easier for them to teach agriculture in the classrooms.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Vejar students and staff from class #31 proudly show off their prize-winning entries in the 48th District Agricultural Fair. Shown: First Row: Richard Evans, Aidan Bejarano, Ryan Kim, Brooklyn Ambriz, Brandon Ginez, Ricardo Loera, Jacob Ruiz, Mikenley Dutcher, Miss Cindy Min. Second row: Mrs. Helene McDonald, Mrs. Jennifer Troudy, Mrs. Erica Nunez and Jackelyne Montes.

Mt. SAC Names James Czaja Human Resources Vice President

Mt. SAC RELEASE

Walnut - James Czaja, a seasoned human resources, labor relations and employee development professional, has been named Vice President of Human Resources at Mt. San Antonio College. He will assume his duties on the senior management team at Mt. SAC on June 18.

A Long Beach resident, Czaja comes to Mt. SAC with more than 20 years of experience in human resources, including the last five years as labor relations-campus relations and dispute resolution senior manager for the California State University’s Chancellor’s Office.

“James brings the full scope

of human resources skills and experience that we were searching for, including direct experience with labor negotiations, grievance and complaint resolution, investigations, compliance monitoring, and professional training,” said Mt. SAC President Bill Scroggins. “He brings added value by combining the technical knowledge of the field of personnel relations with the compassionate touch reflected in his counseling training. We look forward to Jim joining our executive team.”

In addition to his tenure at the Chancellor’s Office, Czaja has another eight years of human resources management experience at San Francisco State

University, Cal State Fullerton, and Cal State Dominguez Hills. He also has human resources experience with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Long Beach.

He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of California-Irvine and a Master’s in Counseling from Cal State Fullerton.

Mt. SAC is among the largest of California’s 112 community colleges with an employee base of about 2,100 part- and full-time instructional, management, and classified employees, serving nearly 60,000 credit and non-credit students annually.

Four Corners Coalition Economic Summit

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Diamond Bar - Four Corners Coalition is hosting its annual Economic Summit at the Diamond Bar Center on Thursday, June 13, 2013 from 7:30am to 12:30pm.

As part of its program, the Summit will feature panel discussions regarding transportation initiatives, and economy and housing issues that impact the Four Corners region, which comprises the cities of Anaheim, Chino, Norco, Ontario, Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, Brea, Pomona, Eastvale, Walnut, and Industry.

Diamond Bar Center is located at 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar. There is a \$35 cost to attend the Summit; pre-registration is required and can be processed

online at <http://fccsummit2013.eventbrite.com/#>

Established in 1990, Four Corners Coalition is a 501(c) (4) non-profit organization designed to give a voice to the businesses and residents in the Four Corners region. This organization enjoys diverse participation from cities,

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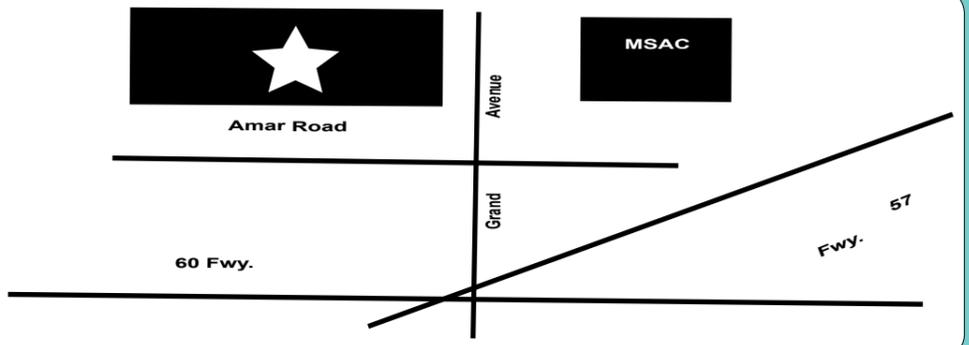
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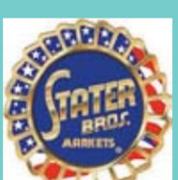
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Diamond Bar Relay For Life

By **KIMBERLEY SANDER**

SGV – This weekend, another American Cancer Society Relay for Life happens in Diamond Bar. The American Cancer Society shares the Relay as a life-changing event

that helps communities celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones lost, and helps fight back against the disease. Through your support, they are “creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays”.

This history of this event begins back in 1985, where Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma Washington, raising \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. A year later 340 supporters joined

the overnight event. Since then it has grown into a worldwide experience, with over \$4 billion raised to help fight cancer.

Diamond Bar is hosting the event June 8-9, at Lorbeer Middle School (501 N. Diamond Bar Blvd). The high energy Opening Ceremony begins on Saturday at 9 am, followed by the Survivor's Lap at 9:30am. The powerful Luminaria Ceremony, a special time of remembrance, takes place at 9 pm; and the Closing Ceremony is at 9 am on Sunday.

This overnight fundraising walk is a family-friendly envi-

ronment with teams of people camping out around a school track. Members of each team take turns walking for the cause. There are also food, games and activities adding to the camaraderie. So far, Diamond Bar has raised \$12,464.43 through its 16 teams (138 participants).

Other Relay for Life Events in the area are being held in Eastvale, June 8 at Ramirez Intermediate School; La Sierra, June 8 at Hillcrest High School; and Chino, August 3 at Ayala Park. For more information, visit <http://relay.acsevent.org>.

Crime Recap

STAFF REPORTS

The month of June has started with a few crime incidents, including a missing woman allegedly stealing a vehicle, a freeway killing, and a few marijuana houses discovered.

On June 1, 2013, a woman who was reported missing by her mother later turned up at a car crash on the 60 freeway. Reports state that a woman who was identified as Victoria Guzman, 18, of Whittier confessed to stealing the car she subsequently crashed and was booked into the county jail on suspicion of felony auto theft and felony vandalism.

On June 4, 2013, another incident occurred when a 21-year-old West Covina woman was killed in a crash on the 71 freeway. The woman was later identified as Elizabeth Nicole Nutt.

At 2:40 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the freeway accident about 600 feet south of the Grand Ave. exit. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a 2001 two-door Honda Civic that

had veered off the roadway for unknown reasons and flipped over multiple times. Authorities contacted emergency vehicles, which then transported Nutt to the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center where she was pronounced dead at 7:27 p.m. due to her injuries. The crash is still under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

On June 4, 2013, a marijuana grow house was discovered in Chino Hills on old Carbon Canyon Rd. Chino Hills Firefighters reported that they discover the indoor marijuana grow at 3:04 p.m. after responding to a fire in the 2100 block of Old Carbon Canyon Rd.

Deputies in Chino Hills called in the Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team for assistance, and once the home was deemed safe to enter, an investigation was launched.

Almost every room of the 3,500-square-foot, two-story home had been converted for growing marijuana using a hydroponics method. 349 marijuana plants were seized along with a large amount of processed marijuana.

“The overall set-up and methods utilized for the cultivation presented an extreme fire danger with the likelihood of a fire starting at any time in a number of locations throughout the residence,” authorities stated in a press release. “The fire appeared to have started in one of the grow rooms where an unknown piece of equipment was plugged in.”

No suspects were found in or near the home and no arrests have been made.

Lastly, on June 5, 2013, another marijuana house was found in Diamond Bar after another house fire was reported. At 5:40 p.m., the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department responded to a call of a fire in the 1500 block of Deer Crossing Dr. After arrival, firefighters discovered an indoor marijuana grow after an electrical panel caught on fire, which caused the small blaze.

A total of 565 plants in various stages of growth were seized. Sheriff's deputies were unable to make any arrests and no suspects were found in or near the home.

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Teachers Celebrate at BTSA Induction Colloquium

By KELLI GILE

Walnut -The Walnut Valley BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment) Consortium hosted its 14th annual Colloquium last month at the Royal Vista Golf Course.

"Thank you all for being here to honor the teachers who have worked so long and hard to complete their Induction program," said BTSA Coordinator Julie Sheldon.

The end of school year event celebrated teachers who completed Induction requirements and earned their clear credential.

"This year's Colloquium is particularly noteworthy because the group of Inductees included Special Education teachers for the first time who participated in BTSA for their credential,"

Sheldon said at the event.

Walnut Valley is one of very few BTSA programs currently approved to clear Ed. Specialist credentials. This year's group of 60, completing Induction Candidates included 15 Special Education Teachers.

BTSA teachers and their Support Providers, and many district and site administrators were in attendance, including Dr. Dean Conklin, WVUSD Superintendent; Laurie Bacchus, Chief Academic Officer of Whittier City SD; Cecilia Laidemitt, Assistant Superintendent Of Administrative Services; and Elizabeth Eminhizer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction in Covina Valley USD. These and many other administrators attended the Colloquium to support their new teachers and to view the presentations each

Induction Candidate created to feature the professional development and student achievement that resulted from their BTSA experience.

The Walnut Valley BTSA Consortium is comprised of seven districts: Walnut Valley, Covina Valley, East Whittier, South Whittier, Whittier City, Los Nietos and Lowell Joint. In addition, the Consortium partners with several local private and charter schools to serve their new teachers.

During each new teacher's two-year Induction program they are matched with a trained mentor, called a Support Provider, to engage in Inquiry based effective teaching practices. New teachers meet weekly with their Support Providers, and also engage in regular professional development and

collaboration with other new teachers in similar assignments across the seven districts.

The Walnut Valley BTSA program is extremely proud to be an integral part of each of our partner districts' efforts to continually improve the quality of education for every student.

"I want to commend the people who are the key to this program's success. I believe that Support Providers are the unsung heroes of education," Sheldon said.

The impact of supporting just one new teacher is far reaching. "Support Providers make a huge impact for students," Sheldon said.

"If a veteran teacher supports an elementary school teacher, then over that teacher's 30-year career, he or she has helped provide almost

1,000 students with an excellent, effective teacher. If that Support Provider is at the secondary level, then that number grows to more than 5,000 students. And, if they support several new teachers over the course of their career, that number grows exponentially," she said.

Teachers that have been involved in BTSA report that it has also impacted their own teaching practice. "Every Support Provider said that they have become more knowledgeable and reflective in their own teaching. Their generosity of spirit, time, and expertise has a very long lasting impact for new teachers, colleagues, school cultures, and most importantly for students, and I am in awe of them every single day," Sheldon said.

Farmer's Markets Summer Fun

By KIMBERLEY SANDER

SGV - With summertime produce at its peak, it's the perfect time to visit a local farmers market. Purchasing locally grown produce is a great way to Go Green.

You've heard your mom say it; you've heard your doctor say it: Eat your vegetables! They are both right. Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables daily is one of the best things you can do for yourself. But eating locally

grown produce is even better. Locally grown food tastes and looks better because crops are picked at their peak; produce is able to ripen on the vine which improves flavor. The shorter time between farm and table keeps the nutrients higher, improving nutrition. Local crops also support local farming families, cutting down on production costs, and helping to conserve gas and oil by eliminating long shipping costs. Plus, there is a community-building tradition of

knowing where your food comes from and teaching your children about nature and agriculture.

Many markets offer products beyond produce such as local honey, olive oils, breads, wines and handmade crafts. Some even make it a great family outing by hosting children's activities and entertainment. Inspired to visit your local Farmer's Market? Here is a partial listing of what's available in the area:

Chino: Chino City Hall, 13222 Central Avenue; OPENING

NIGHT: Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 - 8:30pm

Chino Hills: McCoy Equestrian Center, 14280 Peyton Drive; Wednesdays, 4:00pm to 8:00pm, April to September

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Corona: 488 N. Main Street; Saturdays, 8:30am to 12:30pm

Diamond Bar: Diamond Fresh Farmer's Market, 21168 Golden Springs Drive; Monday to Sun-

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Pomona: Farm Store at Kellogg Ranch, 4102 S. University Drive; Daily, 10:00am to 6:00pm

Riverside: Galleria at Tyler (outside Barnes & Noble); Sundays, 8:30am to 12:30pm, All Year Long

San Dimas: Civic Center, 1st Street and San Dimas City Hall Parking Lot; Wednesdays, 4:00pm to 8:00pm, April to September.

Prevent being a victim of scams

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and later, the victim discovers the check was fraudulent and the bank has charged their account to cover the funds. By the time the fraud is discovered, the receiving account has been closed and all of the contact information provided was false, making these crimes very difficult to investigate.

Local police departments urge residents to protect themselves by utilizing the following information and prevention tips:

- Mystery shoppers set up through legitimate companies generally do not provide any form of payment up front.

- Do not deposit checks and then spend and/or wire transfer money received from someone

you don't know.

- Verify the validity of the offer by researching the alleged company and any reviews that may be available on the internet.

- Report possible fraud to your local law enforcement officials.

Similar to the secret shopper scam, the granny scam involves wiring money to a scammer. However, this scam only targets elderly individuals.

The granny scam takes place when a caller pretends to be the victim's grandchild who needs money because he/she has been arrested, in a car accident, at the hospital, or has another emergency that requires wiring him/her cash. Usually the callers ask for the money to be wired to Canada or another country; but victims have been directed

to send the money to other U.S. locations as well. The caller can also have a third party pose on the phone as a friend or a lawyer who is assisting the grandchild.

In other cases, the caller already knows the grandchild's name, helping to convince the unsuspecting grandparent that this is real. The imposter gets these names through obituaries, information posted on the Internet through social networking, public information and genealogy sites.

If someone asks you to wire money, please read the following tips before you take action:

- Hang up and call your family members to confirm your grandchild's location.

- Tell the caller you will return the call and call them directly at his or her home, cell phone, jail, or hospital that they are claiming to be at.

- Family members can also develop a password to verify themselves to one another over the phone.

- Never provide any of your banking or credit card information.

- Never Wire Money!

The third scam that has re-emerged is the phishing scam, where the caller attempts to fraudulently acquire personal information.

Although the circumstances vary from case to case, typical phishing scams involve a misrepresentation of a company via phone or email where the caller/sender attempts to obtain information, which is then used to commit some form of fraud.

For example, the Chino Police Department was recently exposed to a phishing scam when a resident received a call from a scammer who was posing as a City employee and inquired about the residents' electric bill. Most cases lead law enforcement to untraceable or out of the county phone lines and internet service providers, making these types of crimes very difficult to

investigate.

If found in a phishing scam situation, residents are urged to protect themselves by utilizing the following prevention tips:

- Verify the identity of the person by asking specific questions such as their name, title, and the name, phone number, and address of the company they are representing.

- Don't hesitate to question the validity of the information provided by the caller.

- Ask if you can call them back after you verify their employment with the alleged company they are representing.

- If you receive a solicitation for information via email, remember that legitimate companies will not inquire about personal information such as account numbers, passwords, social security numbers, etc.

If you experience any of these scams, you are urged to inform your local Police Department immediately.

Wood Ranch Fundraiser

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills - The Wood Ranch in Chino Hills is hosting a fundraiser on Mon. June 17 for lunch, dinner or take-out, and 10% of your check will be donated to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Bring this article or the flyer on page 6 with you and you will help us get one step closer to find a cure!

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Class of 2013 Commencement Ceremonies Held

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - Over 1,500 graduating seniors took the stage during commencement ceremonies at Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools on May 30.

Families and friends filled the football stadiums to watch the milestone moment as Class of 2013 seniors took the stage and received their diplomas. At the end of the ceremonies, the graduates threw their caps in accomplishment and celebration.

During the 44th Commencement at Walnut High School, 768 Mustang graduates marched into the Ken Gunn Stadium for the 7 p.m. ceremony.

Student Speakers Edward John Cabasal and Hilda Kajraf delivered a graduation message to their classmates titled "Success is a Journey."

Principal Jeff Jordan addressed the crowd that gathered to celebrate and shared some of the class's special achievements.

In a recent publication, Newsweek ranked Walnut High School #162 out of the top 2500 schools in the United States. Walnut High School also has two athletic scholarship winners, two National Merit Hispanic Scholars, two Merit Scholarship winners, two students going on to the Navy and the Air Force and an overall total of 1.5 million in scholarship funds.

Even more impressive is that 94.5% of the Walnut High School Class of 2013 is going on to pursue further education. 61% are going a 4-year University, 28% are going to the UC system, 17% the Cal State system, 16% private college and 33% onto a Community College.

Congratulations to the 19 Walnut High School Valadictorians, who achieved a perfect 4.0 in all eight semesters of high school: Kaelan Chan, Avika Dua, Jessica Kwok, Amy Lee, Morgan Lee, Jasmine Lin, Nahlee Lin, Margaret Pan, Elliot Park, Matthew Tsai, Priscilla Tsui, He Wang, Brittany Watu, Marion Xu, Julius Yee, Mason Yu, Kingston Zhou, Kingswell

Zhou, and Lucas Zung.

Commencement ceremonies for the 13th graduating class at Diamond Bar High School were held at 6:30 p.m.

Class of 2013 flag bearers Evan York and Mi So Kwak proudly led over 800 graduating Brahmans into Holmes Memorial Stadium.

York was recently awarded the 1st Annual Principal's Recognition Scholarship and DBHS Super Star Student Award. Kwak, an inspirational blind flutist, marched with the elite Bands of America Honor Band in the 2013 Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Thundering Herd Band, under the direction of Steve Acciani, performed "Pomp & Circumstance" during the processional.

"When I think of the Class of 2013, two words come to mind - resolve and determination. These words have been the defining tenet of which you have set yourself apart as a graduating class. Seniors, you have shown the ability to choose what you believe in, the

resolve to stand up for your beliefs and the determination to achieve your goals - you have been amazing," Principal Catherine Real said.

Valedictorians Joshua Chen, Casey Lam, Christopher Lee and Udodiri Okwandu delivered the commencement address.

The speakers thanked grade level coordinators, teachers, family and friends for helping their dreams and aspirations come true.

"Whether we are athletes, musicians, dancers, nerds, gamers, hipsters, or benchwarmers - we are the knuckleheads that make up the Class of 2013. The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match and each one of you is a fuse. So rejoice, celebrate, Hakuna Matata - we did it!" exclaimed the foursome.



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Congratulations to DBHS Valedictorians: Deedee Chao, Joshua Chen, Genevieve Cheung, Jimmy Cheung, Stephanie Chow, Favian Ho, Brittani Kellogg, Casey Lam, Alice Lee, Christopher Lee, Joyce Lee, Sowbhagya Nalla,

Udodiri Okwandu, Jonathan Phan, Zephan Walters, Adrienna Yan and Jason Yang.

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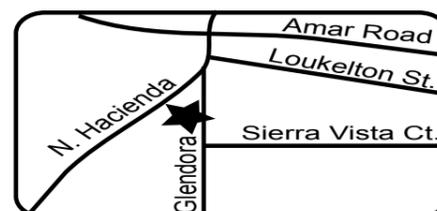
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Summer Fun

By MARK HOPPER

When I think about family memories, I think about holidays and birthdays. But, I also think about summer time when school was out and there were long evenings for



fun and adventure.

One trip I remember was camping by the beach in Mission Bay, near San Diego. My wife and I had several young children at that time. We actually borrowed an RV from a friend, drove to San Diego and camped right on the water!

Each night, the camp ground showed a movie. Families sat on the grass and sand near the water and watched some old clas-

sics. One movie that I remember was "Treasure Island". The kids enjoyed it. I did too!

This summer, we will be having three summer movie nights at our church. These are "G" rated movies suitable for the whole family. The movies are free, the pizza is free and there are plenty of free snacks, too!

Let me invite you to make a memory with your family this summer. Come to the first free

movie night on the evening of Friday, June 21st. There is no cost and it is open to the community. The food, fun and film start at 6:30 p.m.

We will be showing other movie classics on July 12th and August 16th.

Don't worry, the movies will be shown on the big screen in our main auditorium. We won't ask you to sit on the sand or grass!

I hope you will take time to

make some memories with your family this summer. I hope you will accept this invitation to come to our Family Movie Nights. Please contact the church office for more information.

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Your Child's Best and Most Productive Summer

By NANCY STOOPS

I am a very big believer in rest and relaxation and feel summer is a great time to do that. I take a lot of time off in the summer to do exactly that, but I must feel my summer is also productive as well. I force myself to move at a much slower pace and I do play a lot more,



but I try to remember the concept of balance as well. Summer also allows for some unique activities.

Please allow me to explain what I mean here. I see summer as a time to work on special talents and projects. Having a project can be very grounding and give you something to be working toward, which I believe is a very important concept. This doesn't in any way, take away from a very well deserved break.

The other really great piece

about all of this is that your child won't lose all of their skills over the summer and returning to school will be easier. Common sense tells us that if we don't use something for three months, our skills can become rusty. By allowing our children to do absolutely nothing over the summer, we are not doing them a favor; we are doing them a grave injustice. Encourage your children to read a book, write a story about something

fun, walk the dog to keep their muscles strong, help you add and subtract how many miles you'll be traveling this vacation, understand why when you throw the ball up, it always comes back down, and just keep learning the whole summer through. Teaching them the way to find that balance that will enhance their relaxation, make them feel good

about their productivity and allow them to have more fun than they ever have!

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Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DANICE,

One of my close friends bought me a beautiful pair of earrings when I graduated from college last year. We had dinner together last week and she mentioned that she had never seen me wear my earrings. I told her that I loved the earrings, but I usually reserve wearing jewelry for special occasions. She said she specifically bought them to help me dress myself up a little. Then she said if she didn't see me wearing them soon that she wanted them back. I said ok, but I thought the whole conversation



was rude. What should I do?

M.M. Diamond Bar

Dear M.

Your friend has poor manners. It is impolite to give someone a gift and then expect to dictate how they manage that gift. When a gift is accepted, and some form of gratitude is shown, that is the end of the requirement, in my opinion. If a gift has a condition attached to it, then it is not really a gift at all, but some sort of earned reward for an expected outcome. If I were in your shoes, I would give the earrings back. Mainly, because when I wore them I would think of the awkward circumstances surrounding them. I would also enclose a note to my friend asking that we discontinue further gift giving due to our very different views on that subject. She seems like she can be very controlling, so if she pushes you into an uncomfortable confrontation, tell her you are not interested in being bullied in your friendships. Be polite, yet firm.

Danice Akiyoshi ND

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 straight-talk@candidcoaching-services.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoaching-services.com.

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Investment fraud scheme

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70, of Orange, was sentenced by United States District Judge David O. Carter. In addition to the prison term, Judge Carter ordered Murphy to pay full restitution – \$2,953,758 – to his fraud victims.

In April 2012, Murphy pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud, admitting that he executed a scheme through his business, the Orange-based Capital Investors Inc., by offering fraudulent investment opportunities that typically yielded annual returns of 12 percent and, in some cases, came with “guaranteed” rates of return.

Murphy falsely told most of the investors that their money would be invested in truck-leasing companies based in Gulfport, Mississippi. As part of the scheme, Murphy created false account statements to mislead his clients into thinking that their money was properly invested and was generating the promised income. The false documentation included

bogus account statements that appeared to be issued by “The Sterling Trust Company,” a third-party financial services firm.

Instead of using the victims’ money to make investments, Murphy used the funds to make Ponzi payments to earlier investors and to pay for a variety of personal expenses, including refurbishing and maintaining classic automo-

biles, making payments on home loans and buying membership at a weight loss clinic.

While in the California Army National Guard, Murphy served as the commanding officer of the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos.

The case against Murphy was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Medical Plaza project to be built

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ical Plaza, which would occupy the lot in front of the recently completed 24-Hour Fitness Center, is proposing a modification that would replace some of the restaurants. Other businesses currently at the retail center include Corky’s Kitchen and Bakery, McDonald’s, Taco Bell, Wing-Stop, Game-

Stop, and Walgreen’s. The Medical Plaza Project is proposing a major review for the development of two two-story buildings, totaling over 69,000 square feet, and 327 parking spaces. The development would be built in two phases, with the first building, 213 of the parking spaces, perimeter landscaping and walkways to be completed initially. The next phase would

develop the second building, the remaining 114 parking spaces and the balance of the landscaping. Phase II would begin one to two years after Phase I has been completed, depending on its success.

Since the property is already subdivided into three lots for the originally approved restaurants, the Medical Plaza Project does not configure to the site. They would

require approval of a lot line adjustment to the existing parcels.

The proposed Eastvale San Antonio Community Medical Plaza would include a combination of physician offices and outpatient services such as surgery, imaging, labs, physical therapies, cardiac rehabilitation, dialysis, oncology, urgent care, and other health-related options. No emergency rooms or ambu-

lance services would be provided at the site.

Once approved by the Planning Commission, there is a ten day window to appeal (the project will not go to the City Council for approval). There is also a 30-day window to contest the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) document, commencing on the date the document is filed with the Riverside County Clerk’s Office.

Walnut Valley Montessori

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successful. The school also aims to feel like home to its students.

“A lot of parents like the school because it feels like home,” Assistant Director Denise Stephens said. “We’re not a new school, we’re not high-tech; we want children to feel like they’re at home.”

Walnut Valley Montessori incorporates the Montessori teaching method that was created over 100 years ago. The doctor

who started the first Montessori schools studied the development of children from physical, mental and emotional aspects.

“It’s everything coming together,” School Director Pam Koby said. “Children are allowed to progress at their own pace. The teachers have time to sit down with children on an individual basis and work with them on whatever problem they’re having.”

Koby, who has been a Montessori teacher for 40 years, said that students are taught a wide

variety of not only academic skills, but practical life skills such as concentration and self-esteem. Children are instructed in five major areas including practical life, sensorial, language, math and science. There are also opportunities to learn art, music, dance, sign language and other cultural topics.

“There are very rich academics for kids,” Koby said. “It’s fun for them. They don’t even know they’re learning because it’s so much fun for them.”

Students are also taught the

importance of manners and respect, as well as how to resolve conflicts amongst others.

“Respect and manners are very important here,” Koby said. “We go by Montessori’s motto of ‘We do not do for the children what they can do for themselves.’”

Walnut Valley Montessori’s classes are small with a 10:1 ratio of students to teachers. The school is open to all children, including infants, no matter what

their academic progress through the sixth grade. They also welcome preschool children that are not potty trained.

“I love what I do,” Koby said. “I love seeing children who are exceptional and able to meet their potentials.”

Walnut Valley Montessori is located at 650 Camino De Teodoro in Walnut, CA 91789. For more information or to schedule a tour, they can be reached at (909) 598-5936.

Diamond Bar City election

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to run, as long as they are registered to vote in Diamond Bar at the time nomination papers are issued. Local elections are

typically set during November in odd-numbered years, with November 5 scheduled for 2013.

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A forever family with Hathaway-Sycamores

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family. The coworker told Miguel that his wife works at a local agency, Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services, and that they have adoption and foster-family programs.

Miguel, who is now 44, was extremely excited and thought to himself: "Now is the time. If we're going to do something, we need to get moving." Although she didn't share Miguel's immediate enthusiasm, Macrina, 46, agreed to attend a Hathaway-Sycamores Foster Parent Orientation.

Because the Gutierrez's overall goal was to have a permanent family, their first question was: Can fostering a child lead to adoption?

The answer was a resounding "yes." In fact, the Gutierrez's learned that there are currently more than 56,000 children in California's foster care system, with over 13,000 needing an adoptive home. Nationally, there are some 382,000 youngsters in foster care, with about 104,000 available for adoption.

Sensing that foster/adoption was the right path to pursue, Miguel and Macrina began the process to become certified foster parents.

From the first class on, Miguel was impressed with Hathaway-Sycamores' program. "They are so thorough, helpful, open, and

honest. They answer all of your questions, and are with you every step of the way." Those steps included training, a home inspection and a home study, which is an in-depth interview of each applicant's motivation to become a foster/adoptive parent and their history. Commenting on Hathaway-Sycamores' program, Macrina says, "They really prepare you well for being a foster parent. They had guest speakers, educational movies, and you had the chance to talk with actual foster parents."

With Hathaway-Sycamores' guidance, Miguel and Macrina received their foster and adoptive parent certification on July 9, 2012. Just 21 days later, on July 30, 2012, Miguel and Macrina became foster "Mom and Dad".

The couple hadn't planned on becoming a family of five, but when they learned the siblings' story, they instantly became committed to keeping the trio together because their young lives already had been so difficult. The oldest girl, now 6, and her brother, who is almost 4, had been in four foster placements over the last three years. The youngest, a 2-year old toddler girl, had been in foster care since she was four-months old. All had been removed as a result of parental substance abuse and domestic violence.

While Miguel admits that overnight parenthood was "a big

shock and a big change," he adds, "Hathaway-Sycamores' support made the transition very smooth. You can literally call them for help any time of the day or night." And that support doesn't end when the children walk through your door. While all three youngsters are truly thriving, the oldest is struggling with memories of early childhood trauma. To help her navigate these painful recollections, Hathaway-Sycamores home-based services provides weekly in-home therapy to the little girl.

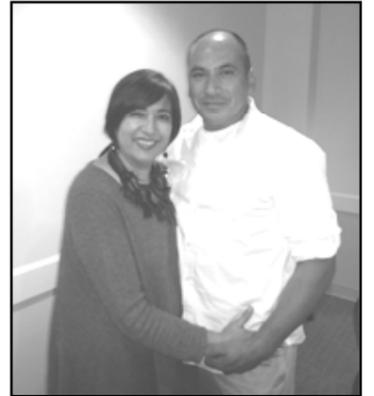
While the Gutierrez's have only been a family of five for just short of one year, Macrina observes, "Now, we couldn't imagine life without them." She has also learned, "Being a parent isn't just about giving birth. It's about taking care of the children and showing them that they're loved."

Miguel shares similar sentiments. "I can't imagine our lives any other way," he says. "They've made such a difference in our lives, and we've made a difference in their lives. They tell us they love us and want to be with us forever." Miguel and Macrina also want the sibling trio to be with them forever, and have been identified by the court as the prospective adoptive home for the children.

There is a pressing need for foster families who are willing to care for a child temporarily, and

for foster/adoption families who want to provide a forever home for a child. Foster families come in many forms of race, lifestyle, income and education levels; full-time employees or retirees; home-owners or renters. The crucial requirement is that you're dedicated to helping a child in need. It's also important to know that Hathaway-Sycamores trains, certifies, supervises, and supports its foster families, including weekly social worker visits, along with virtually any home-based services that are needed.

Anyone who has ever considered opening their heart and home to a foster child is urged to contact Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services at 1-888-24-FAMILY (888) 243-



Miguel and Macrina Gutierrez have opened their hearts and home to a trio of siblings.

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WINNER from page 1

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Bob's Big Boy: making history, or thing of the past?

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places. They form a common bond between all Americans." Wikipedia further characterizes NHLs as "Sites where events of national historical significance occurred; places where prominent persons lived or worked; icons of ideals that shaped the nation; outstanding examples of design or construction; places characterizing a way of life; or archeological sites able to yield information".

The process to have the U.S. Department of Interior declare Bob's Big Boy in Diamond Bar an NHL is long and detailed. Tsai has already started the process by obtaining over 1,800 petition signatures from loyal customers. Reinforcing his plea, a large sign inside the restaurant reads, "PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP KEEP THIS BOB'S BIG BOY FROM BEING CLOSED. WE NEED YOUR SIGNATURE SO

WE CAN BECOME A HISTORIC LANDMARK".

Built in 1981, Tsai took ownership of Bob's in 1993. "The building is old, but well-kept," said Tsai. With 24 employees, 14 of which have been with him for anywhere from 10 to 20 years, the Diamond Bar location is known for its customer loyalty. According to the restaurant's manager, Lucy Bartlett, "We are concerned about the public and hear from hundreds of people that they love coming to Bob's. They want us to stay in the community."

Is it possible for Bob's Big Boy in Diamond Bar to become a Historical Landmark? It's happened before. The Bob's in Burbank is the oldest in the United States. It was built in 1949 by Los Angeles architect Wayne McAllister in the 1940s streamline modern style, and became a California Point of Historical Interest in 1993. Not a Historical Landmark, but certainly noteworthy, Bob's Big

Boy in Norco – Horsetown USA- has "Cowboy Bob", the only one of its kind, greeting customers in a cowboy hat. The possibility for Diamond Bar is definitely there.

James Tsai invites you to his restaurant to enjoy his food, speak with his employees and see for yourself if you'd like to help his cause. He says, "We have been at the same location in Diamond Bar for 30 years, and our customers are loyal from generation to generation. Thank you for your loyalty! We need your continued support to keep this Big Boy location alive." Come to think of it, an Original Double-Deck Cheeseburger sounds pretty good! Check it out for yourselves.

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