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## OC News

### Garage Explosion

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**Westminister** – A man was arrested last week for possession of explosive device materials and illegal fireworks after he caused an explosion in his garage.

Michael Livingston Parr, 49, Westminster, is charged with one felony count of possession for sale of a controlled substance, one felony count of possession of a controlled substance with a firearm,

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## IE News

### 15th In The Nation

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

**San Bernardino** – The County's Fleet Management Department ranked 15th in the nation by the 100 Best Fleets program, a government fleet industry group.

The ranking marks the fourth time the Fleet Management Department reached the top 20. The department has ranked in the Top 100 fleets with every submission. There are more than 38,000 public fleets in North America and this year 1,900 fleets

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## WCPD Chief Wills Retires

BY SEAN C. MOORE

West Covina – June marked the end of an era in local law enforcement as one of the longest-serving police chiefs in Southern California retired.

Frank Wills, who had helmed the West Covina Police Department for more than fourteen years, announced his retirement last month.

A 1978 graduate of the Rio Hondo Police Academy, Wills

spent fifteen years as a member of the Pasadena Police Department before being appointed Chief of Police for the City of San Marino. He was sworn in as the West Covina Police Department's tenth chief in November, 1998.

Wills implemented a number of successful programs during his tenure in West Covina,

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Frank Wills

Former WCPD Chief

## Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

**Sat July 6**

Sunny  
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Low 62°



**Sun July 7**

Sunny  
High 90°  
Low 62°



**Mon July 8**

Sunny  
High 93°  
Low 62°



**Tue July 9**

Sunny  
High 91°  
Low 61°



**Wed July 10**

Sunny  
High 90°  
Low 61°



**Thu July 11**

Sunny  
High 90°  
Low 62°



**Fri July 12**

Sunny  
High 92°  
Low 63°



**Sat July 13**

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High 90°  
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## Tree Vandalism Prevention In Walnut

BY KIMBERLEY SANDER

**Walnut** – You don't have to be a tree-hugger to agree that trees are beautiful and have a very positive impact on the environment. Trees not only clean the air and provide oxygen, but they help to cool city streets, conserve energy and save water.

Trees can also help nurture us by providing food and a habitat for wildlife.

The City of Walnut obviously agrees with these sentiments and is doing everything it can to protect the trees in its public areas from vandalism by introducing Public Tree Ordinance No. 13-03 and a corresponding City

Tree Policy Manual, which would be the official guidelines for the maintenance, preservation and protection of Walnut's city-owned trees. The City Council Meeting, held on June 26, included the recommendation to adopt the

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## Lanes Will Close On 60 Freeway

STAFF REPORTS

**Rowland Heights** – Three lanes of the 60 freeway will be closed on four weekends in July and August due to construction.

Caltrans have recently issued a press release stating that the Pomona freeway (SR-60) will be closed periodically for pave-

ment rehabilitation work between Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. The "55 Hour Weekend Lane Closure" as Caltrans are calling it, states that on the weekends of July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23, up to three lanes will be closed for maintenance.

The roads will be under construction due to the heavy weight

of cars and trucks over time, requiring a more than two feet deep replacement of pavement and concrete base. Caltrans say the new surface will provide a smooth, safer drive for motorists, reduce time required for

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## Plume Cleanup: Is The Water Safe?

BY JENNIFER MADRIGAL

The Archibald Trichloroethylene Plume located in the City of Ontario and south of the Ontario International Airport is believed to be moving in a southerly direction towards the wells pumped by the Chino Desalter Authority. This desalter is a water source for Chino Hills, Chino, Norco, Eastvale, Ontario, Jurupa Valley

and the Western Municipal Water District. Residents fear that the contamination from Trichloroethylene, TCE, will reach their water supply and contaminate the water. TCE, is an industrial degreaser and solvent used to remove grease from fabricated metal parts and in the production of some textiles.

According to the EPA website, "Trichloroethylene, is a volatile

organic chemical, a colorless or blue liquid with a chloroform-like odor." The Safe Drinking Act of 1974, requires the EPA to measure the level of contaminants in drinking water at which no adverse health effects are likely to occur. The measurement in which they base the maximum

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BY SARAH ARMIJO

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## Help Globally By Donating Locally

BY SARAH ARMijo

Imagine living in a world with poverty, malnourishment, a limited amount of safe drinking water, an unstable political environment, and where 50% of all children die before they reach the age of 15. Well, people in this world are living in this exact environment, the people of Haiti in particular. The question is, how can we help?

A team from VantagePoint Church in Eastvale has gathered together and committed to travel to Haiti for 10 days to help the Haitian people in any way they can. This VantagePoint Church Missions Team is partnering with the organization, Imperial Valley – Hope For Haiti, and is traveling from July 19-28 to assist with the ongoing construction of an orphanage and to minister to the Haitian people of that region.

However, this team needs the help of the community in order to help the people of Haiti. The team invites you to partner with them through your prayers and financial support. The cost of this Missions trip is \$1,600 per person and any size contribution is greatly appreciated!

Living in a fast-paced life-

style, sometimes we believe that if we physically can't help someone in person, then there's nothing we can do to help those around the world. But, teams like the VantagePoint Haiti Missions Team are ready to travel in honor of those who physically can't go to Haiti. Partnering financially means you will be represented by the team who can go; you will be a part of their team.

There are two ways you can partner with this team financially:

1) You can send your contribution to their team leaders to be placed in their VantagePoint Haiti Fund. All contributions should be made out to: VantagePoint Church (Haiti Mission) and sent to Brett and Marta Gibson. All contributions are tax deductible. Please call 714.257.1484 for more information.

2) You can go to the team's Chik-fil-A fundraiser on July 9 anytime between 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Chik-fil-A located at 3640 Grand Ave. in Chino Hills. Please say "VantagePoint Church" or "Haiti Mission Team" at the register and a portion of your purchase will go to the Haiti Mission Team Fund.

If you are unable to partner

financially, the team would love it if you would partner through your prayers. They ask you to please pray for safe travel,

good health, ability to complete the task before them and that their actions may be living proof of our loving God.

If you would like to follow this team on their journey of helping the Haitians, you can also fol-



The VantagePoint Church Haiti Team is looking for financial supporters to help them get to Haiti to build an orphanage and to minister to the Haitians in that area.

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By KIMBERLEY SANDER

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In an effort to put safety first, SoCalGas recently sent a mailing to all residents living near major pipelines. Enclosed was a letter and brochure providing education on recognizing leaks, precautions for digging near underground utilities, and what to do if you detect a leak.

Most pipelines are buried underground, and there are markers to indicate locations near you. Markers do not indicate the depths or number of pipelines, so it is critical to take precautions before digging for landscaping, construction or other excavations. Only use hand tools within 24 inches of any marker. Mark your planned area for digging and call the Underground Service Alert at 811, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm. Monday through Friday, a minimum of two days before you begin digging in

order receive proper instruction. This is a free service to help keep you safe.

Leaking gas can cause fires, explosions, property damage and serious injury. To recognize a leak, look for any damaged connection to a gas appliance, dirt or water being blown in the air, dead or dying vegetation near a marked pipeline, or an exposed pipeline after any natural disaster. Listen for hissing, whistling or roaring sounds near a marker or gas appliance. And, natural gas has a very distinctive odor, which

you may have noticed if you've ever turned on a gas stove burner when the pilot didn't ignite.

SoCalGas is intent on providing safe and reliable service, and they routinely perform pipeline inspections, testing and repairs. If you suspect a gas leak or pipeline damage, evacuate the area and call 1 (800) 427-2200 from a safe location, or call 911. Remember that no damage is too small to report. For additional information on SoCalGas and safety regarding natural gas pipelines, visit [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com).



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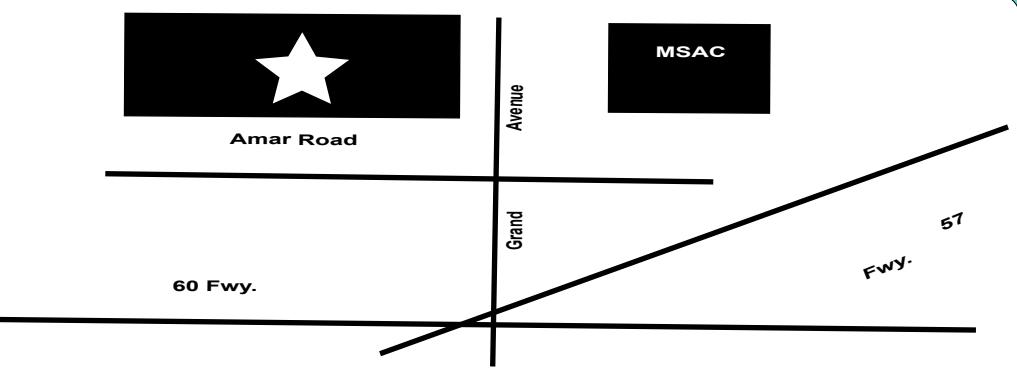
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# Crime Recap

## STAFF REPORTS

This week for crime includes an update on a Walnut woman who stabbed her husband, a freeway crash, and multiple arrests and citations issued in a motorcycle sting.

On June 26, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department conducted a crackdown on motorcyclists.

Deputies from the Risk Man-

agement Bureau's Traffic Services detail conducted the Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation. Officers stopped 35 riders in total. Of those 35, 25 of them were issued citations for various violations, two were arrested for unlicensed driving, and another was arrested for a suspended license. Officers also impounded two motorcycles for 30 days, and stored another for one day, according to authorities.

The purpose for the opera-

tion was to reduce the number of deaths and injuries in traffic collisions, according to a press release.

"Extra deputies were on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur," officials said in the press release. "Deputies were looking for drivers and riders who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and cracking down on traffic violations made by motorcyclists, as well as other vehicle drivers, that

could lead to motorcycle collisions, injuries, and fatalities."

On June 27, two motorists were injured in a multiple-vehicle collision involving at least one big rig on the eastbound Pomona Freeway in Hacienda Heights. Both motorists were taken to the local hospital however their injuries were not immediately released.

On the same day, a woman accused of fatally stabbing her estranged husband back in October of 2011 pleads not

guilty. The defendant, Socorro Mora was arrested Oct. 19, 2011 and charged with murdering her estranged husband, George Mora, at his Brookside Court home in Walnut.

The father of four was found dead from multiple stab wounds minutes after Socorro Mora called the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to report a domestic disturbance at the home. She will reappear in court on Aug 14 for a pretrial conference and trial setting.

# Senate Education Committee Passes AB308

## STAFF REPORTS

**Sacramento** — Assemblyman Curt Hagman (R-Chino Hills), Assembly District 55, recently had success with the unanimous passing of AB308 with a 9-0 vote by the Senate Education

Committee.

According to a June 19 Press Release, Assembly Bill 308 would authorize the State Allocation Board to establish a program requiring school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education that sell real prop-

erty initially purchased with state funds, to return the state's portion in specified instances.

Assemblyman Hagman said that "AB308 encourages sustainability of state funds and greater spending efficiencies. This bill ensures that money allocated

from the state goes to the purpose funded, while creating more opportunity for educational institutions.

In order to keep facility funds for actual facility use, this measure will discourage districts selling or renting properties pur-

chased, constructed or improved with state funds from using the proceeds for general fund purposes.

Visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/hagman](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hagman) for more information on local Assemblyman Curt Hagman.

# Water Safety Equals Summer Fun

## BY KIMBERLEY SANDER

**SGV** — With high temperatures, swimming is definitely one of the most popular summer activities. It's a wonderful way to cool off and a lot of fun if you stay safe.

You've heard the saying, "Children drown without a sound". In fact, it takes only a few seconds for a life to be lost. Children drowning in backyard pools and spas were often thought to be somewhere else in the home.

Drowning is one of the nation's leading causes of ac-

idental death. According to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, there is an average of 120 drowning incidents in Los Angeles County each year alone. That is exactly 120 too many. With an ounce of prevention, we can all help to reduce that number dramatically.

To help keep your summer fun and everyone safe near the water, remember these simple rules from the American Red Cross:

- Never take your eyes off a child in or around water, even

for a second. This includes everything from the bathtub to the ocean (even buckets and toilets can be a source of drowning).

- Allow children to swim only when a responsible adult is present.
- If a child is missing, check all water sources first. Seconds count!
- Keep toys and other tempting items out of pools and spas when not in use.
- Keep doors and gates to pools and water areas locked when not in use.
- Teach your children to

swim and learn water safety as soon as possible. There are local classes available for all ages, from infants to seniors.

- Avoid alcohol use when swimming, boating (or other water activities), and especially when supervising others in and around the water.

the rules, knowing how to dial 911, or even learning CPR.

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You can learn more about water safety, or sign up for a number of classes, from Home Pool Safety to First-Aid and CPR, by visiting the Red Cross at [www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/water-safety](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/water-safety). Have a safe and fun summer!

# Tree vandalism prevention in Walnut

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ordinance on its agenda.

According to the City Council Report of June 26, 2013 regarding Ordinance 13-03, Walnut Deputy Director of Community Services, Hector Kistemann, recommended that the City Council adopt the Public Tree Ordinance and approve the City Tree Policy Manual. At a City Council Study Session held on April 24, staff had reported that public trees had been vandalized by severe pruning, trimming or removal by residents or contractors not employed by the city. Trees have also been planted on public right of ways without city authorization.

Already in place is Ordinance 03-05 intended to preserve

Walnut's heritage trees, the Oaks and Black Walnuts native to the area. The new ordinance would join No. 03-05 in helping to protect all trees, regardless of their species.

The City Council Report also noted that Ordinance 13-03 would assist Walnut in applying

to be recognized as "Tree City USA", which would allow for future grant funding opportunities.

Help the City of Walnut protect and maintain the beauty of its trees by obtaining a Tree Report and a Tree Permit prior to conducting any maintenance.



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# South Pointe Distinguished with 2013 Exemplary Arts School Award

By KELLI GILE

**Walnut** - South Pointe Middle School has been named a 2013 Exemplary Arts School. The Walnut school is among the first to be selected for the new state award.

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson has recognized 19 public schools, which are also 2013 Distinguished Schools, with two new state Exemplary Program Awards for their successful and innovative efforts to promote either the arts or physical activity and nutrition.

South Pointe is one of the 13 schools that received the 2013 Exemplary Arts Program Award.

"If we want our students to succeed inside and outside the classroom, they need an education that takes the 'whole child' into account. Encouraging creativity and good nutrition and physical activity are just some of the ways these schools are working to accomplish exactly that," he said.

South Pointe is a school filled with S.T.E.A.M. – science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. The award-winning school proudly offers an integrated technology program, award winning academics and performing arts programs combined with innovative opportunities such as Project Lead the Way - Engineering and the 2013 implementation of Bio Med. Together these programs create a school filled with S.T.E.A.M!

"We are fortunate to have a staff dedicated to ensuring our

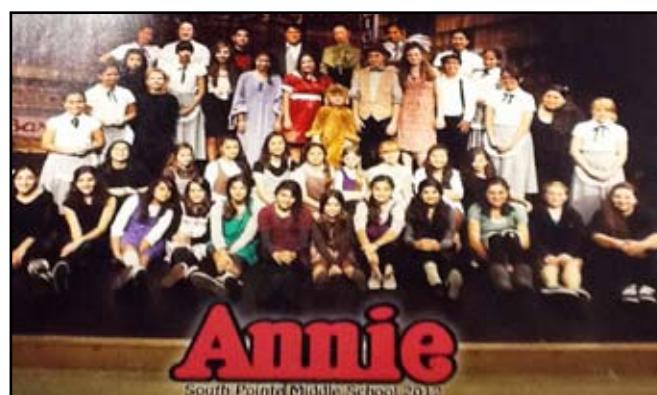
students are prepared for their future. The cross-curricular connections of the Arts enhance learning and provide rigor while instilling a joy that students carry with them for a lifetime!" said Principal Susan Arzola.

The schools selected for the two new exemplary program awards reflect Torlakson's goals outlined in his Blueprint for Great Schools report.

The Exemplary Arts Program Award reflects Torlakson's commitment to the arts and creative education as essential components of a high-quality comprehensive education. This program recognizes schools that, in addition to high academic achievement indicated by their Distinguished School qualifications, have committed time and resources to broad-based arts education programs that strengthen students' creativity and encourage their personal interests.

Schools selected for the Exemplary Arts distinction have demonstrated school and community support for standards-based arts programs across multiple disciplines. These programs have made a significant impact on school culture and academic success. This award is directly related to the California Department of Education's involvement in CREATE CA, a statewide coalition of agencies and organizations working to further arts education in California.

The Physical Activity and Nutrition Exemplary Program Award recognizes schools that are making significant strides in



Cast picture from the fall musical "Annie." Orchestra Festival in Corona.



Chalk art created by students Jane Kim and Erin Wu.



Over 150 South Pointe band members performed in the SCSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival in Corona.



Showtime, South Pointe's mixed ensemble, under the direction of Robin Wadsworth, took the stage to perform a ballad during a cultural talent exchange.

PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

their school environment related to physical activity and nutrition. Active and well-nourished students demonstrate improved attendance and greater academic achievement. A healthy school environment provides clear and consistent health messages, accurate health and nutrition information and opportunities for increased physical activity.

Elementary and secondary schools are recognized in alternate years, and this year middle and high schools were acknowledged.



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# Lanes will close on 60 freeway

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maintenance and minimize the need for further lane closures. Work is expected to be complete in late 2014.

During the following weekends, Caltrans will replace the No. 3 and No. 4 lanes of the westbound SR-60 freeway between the Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. exits. These weekend closures include:

From Fri., July 12 at 10 p.m. to Mon., July 15 at 5 a.m., three

lanes of the westbound SR-60 will be closed; northbound SR-57 to westbound SR-60 connector will be closed; and the following on-ramps: Brea Canyon Rd., Fairway Dr., Nogales St., and Fullerton Rd. will also be closed. At midnight on Friday, only the car-pool lane will be open to all vehicles. Some lanes will reopen at 10 p.m. on Saturday and all lanes will reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday.

From Fri., July 26 at 10 am to Mon., July 29 at 5 a.m., two lanes of the westbound SR-60 will be

closed and the northbound SR-57 to westbound SR-60 connector road will be closed. The same on-ramps will be also closed: Brea Canyon Rd., Fairway Dr., Nogales St., and Fullerton Rd. From midnight on Friday until 5 a.m. on Saturday, all westbound lanes will be closed. Some lanes will reopen on Saturday, but all lanes will be closed again at midnight on Sunday until Monday at 5 a.m.

During the following weekends, Caltrans will replace the No. 3 and No. 4 eastbound

SR-60 lanes between the same two exits. These weekends include:

From Fri., Aug. 9 at 10 p.m. to Mon., Aug. 12 at 5 a.m., three lanes of the eastbound 60 will be closed and the following on-ramps will be closed: Hacienda Blvd., Azusa Ave., Fullerton Rd., and south Nogales St. The following off-ramps will also be closed: Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St.

From Fri., Aug. 23 at 10 p.m. to Mon., Aug. 26 at 5 a.m., the same on-ramps will be closed: Hacienda Boulevard, Azusa Ave., Fullerton Rd., and south Nogales

St. and the same off-ramps will also be closed: Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. However, the SR-57 and SR-60 connector will remain open.

Caltrans recommend planning a different route using their map app at quickmap.dot.ca.gov/. If you know you will be traveling on the 60 freeway during the construction, Caltrans encourage you to bring water, snacks, medications, and entertainment for children because the delay is expected to be long.

If you have any further questions, please contact Public Affairs at (213) 897-3656.

# Plume cleanup: is the water safe to drink?

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contaminant level goal is called MCLG and the MCLG for trichloroethylene is zero. Contaminants are any physical, chemical, biological or radiological substances or matter in the water. Trichlo-

roethylene is known to cause cancer and due to its toxicity it fell out of use over 20 years ago.

In an effort to avoid contamination and to solve the problem before it gets to these areas, Chino Desalter Authority, Jurupa Community Services District,

Ontario, Upland, Western Municipal Water District and Inland Empire Utilities have agreed to work together to clean up the contamination before it becomes a problem. The Jurupa District Board of Directors approved the agreement, called a memo-

randum of understanding, on May 13th. The agreement will hopefully allow the agencies to work together to solve the problem instead of wasting time and money in litigation. The water quality control board issued draft cleanup and abatement orders

and the agencies will have to develop a clean-up strategy to apply for state and federal funding to pay for the work.

We will report on this story as it continues to develop and as more information becomes available.

# Learn and fun put into one at Kiddie Academy

## KIDDIE from page 1

is to deliver the highest quality childcare possible. This passion, and their franchise's 30 years in business, has earned them a leadership position in education-based childcare. It's what drives them to positively shape the lives of children, families, and communities everywhere.

The director and owner of Kiddie Academy of Diamond Bar opened up an academy that provides a secure and reliable learning experience for the children in Diamond Bar.

"The community of Diamond Bar is very close to our hearts because Gina [Director of Kiddie Academy] and I grew up here. We wanted to open up a place where the community can leave their children and feel happy to know that their children can be taken care of," said owner of Kiddie Academy, Tina Anand.

At Kiddie Academy, they never take a single moment of your child's growth potential for granted. They feed your child's curiosity and instinct to learn with days filled with age-appropriate activities designed to treat every experience as an opportunity to learn.

Only Kiddie Academy provides the kind of care that focuses on days filled with learning and fun, the key ingredients of their Life Essentials curriculum. Their proprietary Life Essentials curriculum also focuses on social/emotional, physical and cognitive outcomes which are aligned with state preschool standards. These standards are based on skills, knowledge and abilities that children achieve through developmentally appropriate activities and experiences.

They are also a nationally networked franchise, which ensures strict standards and a consistent experience for your child. From family style dining to character education, their developmentally appropriate curriculum gives

your child a full day of learning no matter what he or she is doing. Some of the best learning happens without your child even knowing it!

Kiddie Academy has also grown to be a premiere preschool on the east coast for the past 30 years. As one of the newest members of their franchise, Kiddie Academy of Diamond Bar is bringing this commitment to quality early childhood education to the west coast.

Even though the Kiddie Academy of Diamond Bar is a brand new school, they have a very well-educated and experienced staff. The combined teaching experiences of the staff are almost 50 years, with the director and teachers being previous Principals and teachers at local schools.

Kiddie Academy in Diamond Bar also has a professional chef on-site that cooks fresh meals every day. "We have a full-time Chef dedicated to cooking well-balanced nutritional meals for

our children," said Anand. Kiddie Academy also has a state of the art security system. "All of the parents have their own pin code, so that way only they can check their children in and out," said Anand.

Enrolling in extra-curricular activities is must at Kiddie Academy of Diamond Bar. They offer a variety of classes including foreign language, tae kwon do, cooking demonstrations, gardening, yoga, music and so much more. They also have computers in the older children's classrooms, according to Anand. All extra-curricular activities are even included in the tuition!

In addition, Kiddie Academy offers Preschool Education for infants (6 weeks) through Kindergarten and offers Private Kindergarten.

Right now, you can get free registration and two weeks free at Kiddie Academy of Diamond Bar. Kiddie Academy will also be having an open house and ribbon cutting on July 13, 2013.

Spring Lane, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. You can reach them at (909) 444-4848 or visit their website at [www.kiddieacademy.com/diamondbar](http://www.kiddieacademy.com/diamondbar). They are located off Diamond Bar Blvd. and Cold Spring Lane.

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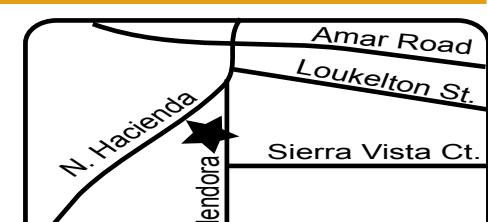
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# Happy Birthday Bryan

By NANCY STOOPS

Thirty-five years ago, a great miracle occurred, the birth of my son Bryan. This last week my miracle celebrated his thirty-fifth birthday, so I dedicate this week's column to Bryan. Without Bryan, I know I wouldn't have the honor of writing this column because all of my success came after having and raising him.

Having my son was the best



thing I ever did because becoming Bryan's mom helped me grow up. I wanted to be the best role model I could be and having

Bryan gave me drive and motivation. I was twenty-two when I had Bryan and didn't even have a degree, much less a Masters

degree and a license to practice therapy. I always went to school the same hours Bryan went to school, because I wanted to be there for him. This way, I could be home when he was and still achieve my dreams. This really made us very close and we still are.

Nine years ago, my son bought his own place and moved out. It's amazing to me how hard we work at staying close. We're very open and honest with each other and have a great amount of trust

and respect for each other. I'm very proud of our relationship and the man that my miracle has become.

I'm very grateful I have my life's work to make me feel satisfied, especially now that my only child is all grown. I'm extra grateful I had Bryan because of all the joy he has brought and continues to bring to me. Parenthood is such an amazing gift and there isn't a second that goes by that I don't appreciate being Bryan's mom. Bryan, I wish you the happiest of

birthdays and may your life be as amazing as you are!

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## Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. AKIYOSHI,

In the past few years, my weight has gone out of control! I need help! My husband makes it really hard for me to resist when he



brings snacks to bed when we watch TV at night. He brings pie, ice cream, popcorn, nuts, and even cocktails. I admit I have always loved this snack time, but I told him I am trying to lose weight. He sees me exercising and walking 4 days a week! He has a normal weight and eats everything! I feel like he is sabotaging me. I struggle to stay on my diet even when I'm cooking meals for my family. I do have some will power, but I need his cooperation so it's not so hard. How can I get through to him?

**Kim from Azusa**

Dear Kim,

I really feel for you. Excess weight is one of the hardest issues to deal with. In all of my years as a Naturopathic Doctor, I have found that getting a patient to change their eating habits is a very hard thing to do. Popular theory is the calories in...calories out concept. Obviously this is failing for many people. Different bodies gain weight for different reasons, and in different ways. I know a woman who ate 800 calories a day for 2 weeks eating only rice cakes and peanut butter. Her scale didn't budge. Her body couldn't manage the carbohydrates would be my guess. I know people who eat three times the amount of food I eat on a continual basis and they don't have an extra pound on their bodies, and it's not because they're involved in vigorous exercise. I am not fortunate in this way

either, so I truly do understand your struggle.

However... It is a mistake to blame your husband for your situation or for your discomfort when he eats things in front of you that are not on your eating plan. He has the right to his own choices, even when they seem insensitive to you. You have a right to your choices as well. So let's take a look at you taking a little personal responsibility for achieving your goal. It seems to me that doing the family cooking is working against your health and weight goals, so perhaps your husband can take that over for you. You wouldn't ask him to make the cocktails at a party if he were trying to cut back or quit drinking, right? You would be supportive and allow him to keep some distance until he became stable and accomplished what he set out to do. As for the late night snacking in front of

the TV, I think it would be a better idea if you spent your time doing something else until he is finished with his snack fest. Maybe read, or watch TV in a different room or step out for a bit. I'm sure you enjoy spending time with your husband, but for now, adjustments need to be made. It's not a good idea to ignore this situation, as it won't be long before you become resentful. Or perhaps he will, if he is forced to change his eating habits to suit your needs.

Sacrifice yourself, or save yourself. The choice is clear. People with certain personality types often make choices that don't serve them well personally, and or physically, in order to do what they think is best for the whole family. I hope you will try to balance this out as you work on your physical well being. Body weight issues are very complex, and can be addressed in a variety of ways. I wish you

well in finding the path that feels right for you, and I hope you work out a plan to be true to yourself and your needs.

Take care, Kim.

Sincerely,  
Danice Akiyoshi

*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@candidcoachingservices.com](mailto:straight-talk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candidcoachingservices.com](http://www.candidcoachingservices.com).*

## Lessons From A Plumber

By MARK HOPPER

Recently, my son and I were trying to repair a plumbing problem at his condo. Something had clogged one of the water pipes restricting the flow of water into his shower.



After putting up with a trickle of water for months, we finally got up the courage to do something about it. Most problems don't fix themselves; you either call a professional or you get out your own tool box and take action.

We got out our tools and cut a hole in the dry wall in a closet behind the shower because it was the only way we could access the shower diverter. There is a scene in the movie *Untouchables* where Sean Connery says to Kevin Costner, "Are you prepared to go through that door? If we go through that door, there is no turning back."

We turned off the water supply to the condo and cut the water pipes around the shower fixture. Now, there was no turning back. We were committed until the job was completed!

Taking things apart is only half the battle. Once we cut all the connecting pipes, we had to go out and purchase a new diverter and the various copper elbows, pipes and connectors to put it back together.

Home repair projects usually take twice as long and cost twice as much as you expect. I have learned that most projects require at least three trips to Home Depot – often a lot more! Pretty soon the store employees become your personal friends and your wallet shrinks in size.

The most difficult step is putting things back together. This is especially true of plumbing because the water pressure can result in drips and leaks.

This step did not go so well. We tried to reassemble the pipes with a propane torch while trying not to burn down the condo. We slowly tightened the fittings and let the pipes cool.

Finally, it was the moment of truth. We turned on the water and sure enough there were

several drips and leaks. It was so frustrating to have spent so much time and money on a project that didn't go as planned. Home repair projects usually don't go very well so we must not expect success on the first try.

When in doubt, call a plumber! That is what we did. When the plumber was done, the pipes no longer leaked and the shower worked like a charm!

Before you start your next home repair project, you may want to call the expert first!

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# Garage explosion

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one felony count of possession of materials with intent to make an explosive, one felony count of possession of a zip gun, one misdemeanor count of possession of illegal fireworks, with a sentencing enhancement for possessing 28.5 grams or more of methamphetamine with intent to sell. If convicted, he faces a

maximum sentence of six years and four months in state prison. The People will request Parr be held on \$500,000 bail and he is expected to be arraigned at the West Justice Center, Westminster.

At approximately 4:35 p.m. on April 2, 2013, Parr is accused of causing an explosion and subsequent fire in his garage. Westminster Police Department (WPD) and Huntington Beach

Fire Department were called to Parr's home after receiving reports of a loud explosion and fire at the residence.

Parr is accused of possessing various chemicals, powders, and other items that are dangerous and highly explosive, including rolls of fuse, specialized containers, homemade mortars, and a tumbler used to refine the powders to make them more explosive. Parr is also accused of possessing a zip gun and illegal

fireworks.

Parr is accused of storing these items on the workbench area of his garage where the fire occurred. Orange County Fire Authority arson investigators and the Orange County Sheriff's Department bomb squad were called to the defendant's residence to assist in the investigation.

The defendant is also accused of possessing packaging materials and a small digital scale along

with approximately 33 grams of methamphetamine separated into plastic bags. Parr is accused of possessing a loaded shotgun near the methamphetamine.

The defendant suffered severe burns to his face and head and was hospitalized for these injuries. Parr was arrested today, June 26, 2013, by WPD.

June 26, 2018, by W.F.D.  
Deputy District Attorney Andrew Katz of the Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting this case.

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# WCPD Chief Wills retires

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were invited to apply.

"I am proud our Fleet Management Department continues to be recognized as one of the most advanced and efficient fleets in the nation," said Roger Weaver, Director of Fleet Management. "Congratulations to the entire department for what they do to improve our vehicles and equipment, save taxpayer dollars, and make San Bernardino County a better place to live."

The 100 Best Fleets program ranks fleets on a variety of factors including the use of technology and information, evidence of high-trust culture, performance recognition, collaboration, creativity, staff development, quick and efficient turnaround and competitive pricing.

"The employees of Fleet Management are to be commended for exercising prudent cost saving measures, and providing excellent customer service," said the County's Chief Executive

anti-gang youth program, and citywide anti-graffiti efforts. He also earned several honors, including the Badge of Courage Award in 2002, and

served as the president of the San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs.

Meanwhile, former Assistant Chief Paul LaCommare, who retired from active duty with the police department in March of

this year, has been appointed Interim Police Chief by City Manager Christopher Chung. LaCommare spent his entire 31-year career as a law enforcement officer with the West Covina Police Department, where he began as a cadet in 1981.

Mayor Shelley Sanderson

called Wills' retirement "bittersweet," saying, "He'll truly be missed, but I'm happy that he's reached a point in his life where he'll be able to spend more time with his family. He's an amazing man, and he did a fantastic job with the department for many, many years."

Officer, Gregory C. Devereaux. "They are outstanding at what they do."

In addition, the Fleet Management Department completed the Certified Fleet Management Operation certification program conducted by the Government Fleet Management Alliance. On June 12, the department was awarded their certification.

The Certified Fleet Management Operation certification benchmarks government fleet practices against private-sector companies. The testing process consists of 20 categories. The certification process gave Weaver's department a chance to take an overall look at opera-

tions and use it as a checklist to make improvements, he said.

Weaver was also nominated as fleet manager of the year in Government Fleet Magazine's peer-judged contest.

The Fleet Management Department operates on a budget of \$30 million a year. There are 5,600 vehicles in the county's fleet. Of those vehicles, about 1,500 belong to the Sheriff's Department and 700 are in County Fire. County vehicles drive more than 28 million miles a year.

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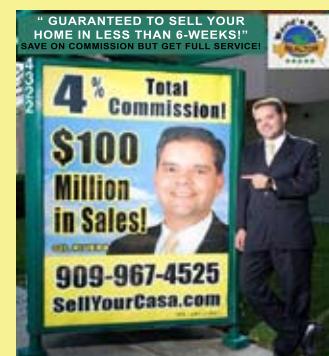
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