



OC News

Sale Of Press Enterprise Still Pending

STAFF REPORTS

Orange County – Although the purchase of The Press-Enterprise by the Orange County Register was announced in early October, the deal that was expected to take just five days to finalize is still up in the air.

Freedom Communications, owner of The Register, agreed

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IE News

National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness

NEWS RELEASE

Eastvale- The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the national organization creating hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach and advocacy for a cure, applauds community leaders in the City of Eastvale for introducing a proclamation recognizing November

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Walnut Mayor Appeals For Typhoon Relief

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Walnut Mayor, Tony Cartagena, a Filipino-American and long time resident of Walnut, has appealed for disaster relief aid from various organizations, companies and community members in the San Gabriel Valley to benefit the victims of Typhoon Haiyan (named Super Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines). Collaborative efforts have been

established by St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Community Church, the City of Walnut, and Atlas Shippers International.

The Philippine provinces of Leyte, Samar, and the northern part of Cebu in the Visayas region have recently experienced one of the deadliest disasters ever recorded. The storm began

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CH Begins To Interview For New City Manager

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills - Chino Hills City Council members will begin interviewing 13 of the 82 applicants who submitted applications on Monday for the City Manager position. Current city Manager Mike Fleager announced his

retirement in May, with Nov. 30, being his last day in office. Fleager was originally appointed as City Manager in February 2009 and his contract was extended to Nov. 30, 2014 after the Council voted in 2012.

In the interim, City officials have decided to hire Kathleen

Blomo as the Interim City Manager at a cost of \$80,000 while city officials continue the search. Fleager will continue to be paid through January due to his accrual of administrative vacation

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Proposal For Pool At Walnut Ranch Park

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – On Tuesday night, the Walnut Parks and Recreation Commission voted to propose the building of a new aquatic center at Walnut Ranch Park, instead of Three Oaks.

The commission voted 4-0 at their meeting to recommend the proposal to the Walnut City Council for further study. Commissioner Karen Morales was

absent.

The City of Walnut previously designated Three Oaks as the potential site for the new Walnut community pool, but the commission is proposing that instead, the City sells nine acres in the Three Oaks residential development to help pay for the construction of the estimated \$10 million aquatic center at Walnut Ranch Park.

The Community Services Director said the Walnut Ranch site, which is currently owned by the City, would be more ideal for the new aquatic center because the Three Oaks land would probably do better on the market.

Local reports state that the City already has close to \$3 million put

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Suspects In Chino Check N Go Murder Caught

STAFF REPORTS

Chino - On Nov. 15, at approximately 1:24 p.m. two suspects entered the Check n Go located at 12083 Central Avenue in Chino and shot and killed employee Vanessa Martinez, a 24 year old resident of Riverside.

On Nov. 16, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Jorge Esteban Cisneros, a 43- year-old resident of Ontario, was taken into custody without incident

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Jorge Esteban Cisneros



David Mendez

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BUSINESS FEATURE

Facebook Giveaway Winner

STAFF REPORTS

San Gabriel Valley – Congratulations to MELINDA MILINCU for winning a Thanksgiving Gift Basket, valued at \$100, and made by 'Gift Baskets by Rita'! All she had to do was LIKE our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheWeeklyNews) and JOIN our event and she won a free gift basket!

The winner was picked and announced on our Facebook page and will also be published in the Community News and the Eastvale Community News.

Gift Baskets by Rita has been in business for over ten years because of the quality ingredients used in each basket. Some contain fine chocolates, gourmet crackers and meats, name

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BUSINESS FEATURE

The Whole Enchilada Caters To Your Holiday Needs

By SARAH ARMIJO

Diamond Bar – With the holidays coming quickly, we all will be busy with holiday parties, family gatherings, and holiday shopping. But The Whole Enchilada in Diamond Bar has

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When Are We No Longer Parents?

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

It was only a 45-minute drive, but I arrived at the site. It took me another 10 minutes to find his "section," but we were soon in the vicinity of where his life was laid to rest. As I paced each headstone, I had an eerie vision of him lying beneath the surface, watching me pace the yard, while his spirit yearned for me. Almost as though he was screaming, "I'm over here," in a silent spirit.

I walked up to his plaque and I stared at the etching in the stone. I reluctantly read the words, "Cipriano Armijo, beloved man of God." And after kneeling down on the soft, damp, green grass, I relaxed my body over the 8 by 4 foot section of landscape that was the last home to daddy's body. I traced each word on the plaque with my hand, etching each letter of his name with my fingers.

When I knelt, I looked down

upon the freshly cut, softened soil and confessed all the things that have happened since he left this earth. I explained to the ground, and to the bronze piece of metal that bears his name, my life without daddy with hopes his spirit heard my deepest fears and my strongest accomplishments. I told him that I had hoped he was proud of me, as my life had followed strange paths that have given me journeys of learning and routines of pain. Since his departure, life had become interesting and successful, yet painful and confusing.

When I sat at his gravesite, I realized what a misconception the phrase: "I no longer have parents, they died." Because when I knelt at his site I held myself accountable of my actions and perceptions of life, just as when he was alive. I relayed the message; "I know you're there, I know you're watching." As I

crept to my knees, I still had a father and I still had someone to answer to.

I believe that parents are forever. Good or bad, their behavior and their actions stay in our memories. I believe that we never end our influence on our children, we never stop being parents. That's why it's so important that we do a good job each day while we're here on earth; we have no guarantee of how long we're going to be here. When we're gone, when our heart stops and our spirit rises to the world

beyond our hearts and minds, we can only hope that we've loved enough, lived enough, and laughed enough for our children to remember our lives as a benefit to their own, because we do live in their hearts forever.

Someday, when our own children kneel on the soft, moist, green grass that lies our last home to our bodies, we can only hope the tears that fill our children's eyes and hearts are tears of love that yearn for us to forever watch over their joyous lives. This will remind them that we'll never, ever, stop being their parents.

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Community Events And Meetings

STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Operation Christmas Child boxes due at Mt. Calvary Lutheran

When: Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran, 23300 Golden Springs Dr. Diamond Bar

Details: Families, organizations, and businesses can fill shoe box sized boxes with school supplies, toys, clothing, or other personal items to be shipped to locations like the Philippines, Nicaragua, Madagascar, and over 100 locations around the world, as part of Operation Christmas Child. For more information, go to page 6.

Open House and Art Exhibit

When: Nov. 24 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: RE/MAX Realty 100 is 1411 So. Diamond Bar Blvd, Diamond Bar

Details: Diamond Bar RE/MAX Realty 100 and the Walnut Valley Kiwanis Club are hosting an Open House and an Art Show that is open to the public. visit the completely remodeled RE/MAX offices and browse through an exhibit of paintings by local artists. Also, learn about the Kiwanis Club, who has served the communities of Diamond Bar and Walnut for 50 years.

South Point Middle School presents Beauty and the Beast Jr.

When: Dec. 4, 5, 6, and 7 at 7 p.m.

Where: South Pointe Multi-Purpose Room, 20671 Larkstone Drive, Walnut

Details: Tickets are \$8 Adults and \$5 Students.

Contact: Robin Wadsworth at (909) 595-8171

Grand Opening and Ribbon

Cutting Ceremony

When: Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.

Where: Poolside at Diamond Bar High School, 21400 E. Pathfinder Rd., Diamond Bar

Details: Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Denis R. Paul Aquatic Center and Two-Story Math Building at Diamond Bar High School. Open to the Public.

Contact: Kelli Gile, kgile@wvusd.k12.ca.us or (909) 595-1261 ext. 31204

Adopt N' Shop Program

When: Now until Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Northam Elementary, 17800 Renault in La Puente, the selected children and families chosen from across the District will delight in taking photos with Santa, holiday food, fun and opening presents.

Details: Now until December 6, people can adopt a child/family and are provided the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy wish list. The Adopt N' Shop program serves children and families from La Puente, Rowland Heights, West Covina and Walnut who are in need.

Contact: (626) 854-2228 or visit www.RowlandSchools.org

Santa Makes House Calls

When: Dec. 6 through Dec. 24 with visiting hours from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: A 20-minute visit is \$65 and \$90 on Christmas Eve

Details: Special arrangements may be made for visits to neighboring communities, large groups and other dates on a case-by-case basis for an additional fee. Reservations for Santa visits can be made beginning Nov. 25 at 7 am, by calling (909) 598-5605 or in person at the Community Services Office, 21701 Valley Blvd.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Walnut Valley Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale Concert

When: Dec. 18 and 19, 2013

at 7 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio Community College Performing Arts Center

Contact: www.walnutvalley-symphony.org/

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Bookstore Blowout

Where: Twice Sold Tale Bookstore located at the Walnut Library, La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Details: All books and media: any four items for \$1. \$1 minimum purchase.

Contact: (909) 595-0757 or email the.walnut.library@mac.com

Resources for the Classroom Days at Basically BOOKS

When: second Tuesdays of every month.

Where: Basically BOOKS locations: at 23447 Golden Springs Road, Diamond Bar and at the Diamond Bar Library: 21800 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

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WALNUT MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Parks & Recreation Commission

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Senior Commission Meeting

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

When: 2nd Monday of each month at 5 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789.

DIAMOND BAR MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of

every month at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Temporary relocation in the City Hall Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar City Hall, Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765

Diamond Bar Lions Club Breakfast Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Golf Course: 22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Contact info: (909) 861-0142.

Toastmaster Club Meeting

When: Every Monday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Where: Caltrans – Office of Bridge Design South 2, Conference Room: 21073 Pathfinder Road Suite 200, Diamond Bar CA 91765

Contact info: (714) 421-3701.

CHINO HILLS MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Contact info: (909) 364-2620

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Public Works Commission

When: 1st Wednesdays of the month at

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Parks and Recreation Commission

When: 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709.

Grow House Found In Rowland Heights

STAFF REPORTS

Rowland Heights – During a burglary investigation, a Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's deputy

discovered a Marijuana Grow House on Friday, November 1.

Around 4 p.m., a deputy witnessed a man acting suspicious near a home in the 1500 block of

Greencastle Avenue. The suspect was thought to be a burglar and was detained. When the man tried to distance himself from the residence, further in-

vestigation revealed a marijuana grow house with 150 plants.

The suspect, Raul Villa, 23, was arrested and booked into the Walnut/Diamond Bar station

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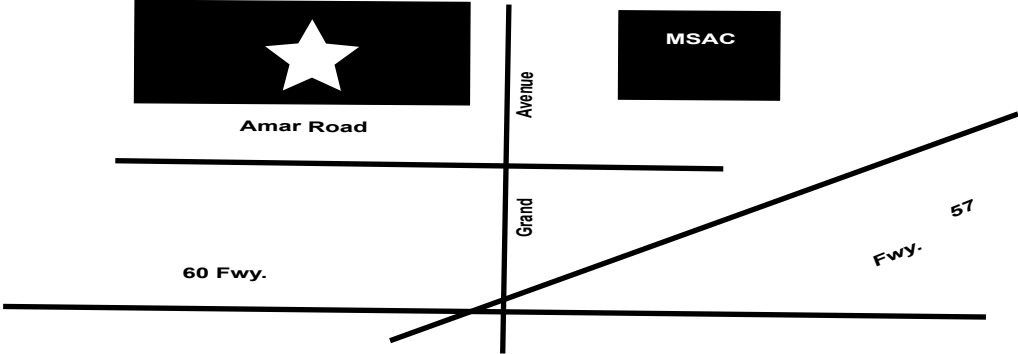
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Pomona Gang Member Pleads Guilty

NEWS RELEASE

Pomona – A Pomona man pleaded guilty this week to a federal drug trafficking charge for possessing more than one-half pound of methamphetamine that he was planning to distribute.

Raymond Anthony Montanez, 24, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to dis-

tribute methamphetamine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Montanez pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez, who is scheduled to sentence the defendant on February 10. As part of the plea agreement that led to this morning's guilty pleas, prosecutors and Montanez agree that he will be sentenced

to at least ten years in federal prison and up to 17½ years in custody. The actual sentence will be determined by Judge Gutierrez next year.

Authorities recovered 243.7 grams of methamphetamine from Montanez's residence on July 29, 2012 after he had shot himself in the leg and was brought to the hospital for treatment. Pomona Police Of-

ficers investigating the incident responded to his residence, recovered the weapon that Montanez used to shoot himself, found two other firearms, and discovered the narcotics.

The firearms charge relates to Montanez's possession of a firearm on July 4, 2012. He was prohibited from possessing any guns because of his previous felony conviction of carrying a loaded handgun in 2008.

The case against Montanez

is the result of an investigation by the San Gabriel Valley Safe Streets Gang Task Force, which is made up of agents and officers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Pomona Police Department; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Beware Of Phone Scams

LA COUNTY SHERIFF

LA County - The California State Sheriffs' Association

Foundation (CSSAF) has recently been advised that citizens have received suspicious phone calls that appear to be

coming from their number (916) 375-8000.

If you receive any suspicious calls DO NOT give out any per-

sonal information, such as social security number, bank account numbers, etc., and report these calls to your local law enforcement agency immediately.

"Please be advised that the California State Sheriffs' Association Foundation does not solicit by phone," said CSSA President, Sheriff Greg Ahern.

National pancreatic cancer awareness month

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as National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and drawing attention to the urgent need for research funding for early detection tools and effective treatment options for patients.

"The Orange County Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network would like to thank the leaders in the City of Eastvale for recognizing November as National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month," stated Jennifer Luna, Advocacy Coordinator.

Jennifer Luna's story begins in 2007 when after years of trying, Paul and Jennifer Luna got the news that they were expecting. That news was quickly over-

shadowed when in March 2007 at 37 years old, Paul Luna was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Paul fought a courageous 8-month battle and passed away on November 29, 2007. Jennifer was then a widow with a 3-month-old baby. Trent Luna is now six years old and he has traveled twice to Washington D.C. with Jennifer to participate in the organization's annual Advocacy Day. A boy beyond his years, he bravely shares his story with members of Congress. He's one



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Eastvale Council Member Kelly Howell, Council Member Jeff DeGrandpre, Mayor Pro Tem Adam Rush, Council Member Ric Welch, Mayor Ike Bootsma and 6-year-old, Trent Luna.

of the Orange County Affiliate's youngest volunteers and will hopefully continue to share his daddy's story for years to come.

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Your Local School Updates

Give To Local Children And Families With Adopt N' Shop Program

RUSD

Rowland Heights – Hundreds of elves are at work – that is, employees, school staff and community members – to make the holiday season a little brighter for the most needy children in the Rowland Unified School District.

The District's Family Resource Center, which helps families who live in poverty with needed services so their children can be more successful in school, organizes the Adopt N' Shop Holiday

program each year. Now until December 6, people can adopt a child/family and are provided the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy wish list. The Adopt N' Shop program serves children and families from La Puente, Rowland Heights, West Covina and Walnut. On Saturday, December 14, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Northam Elementary in La Puente, the selected children and families chosen from across

the District will delight in taking photos with Santa, holiday food, fun and opening presents.

If a community group, individual or business would like to adopt a child/family, please contact Monica Olmos or Kathy Rodriguez at the Family Resource Center at (626) 854-2228 or download the form at and return it by fax to (626) 854-2229.

"Last year there were 219 children and 75 families that benefitted from this special program,"

said Jennifer Kottke, Coordinator of the Family Resource Center. "We truly appreciate all of the support and donations that the community provides to help our local families."

The Family Resource Center offers a variety of no-cost, low-cost programs and services to children, youth and families who reside in the communities serviced by the Rowland Unified School District (Rowland Heights, La Puente, Walnut, West Covina and

Industry.) The Family Resource Center is located at Northam Elementary School, 17800 Renault Street in La Puente and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Center provides health-related information, referrals, health-insurance and local resources in a variety of basic need areas. A Children's Dental and Health Clinic is also on-site. For more information, call (626) 854-2228 or visit www.RowlandSchools.org

Diamond Bar High To Celebrate Aquatic Center Opening

WVUSD

Diamond Bar - Thanks to the support of our community, Diamond Bar High School will soon celebrate the completion of the Denis R. Paul Aquatic Center and 20-classroom math building.

We proudly invite the community to join us for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Diamond Bar High School poolside, 21400 E. Pathfinder Road, Diamond Bar.

Walnut Valley Unified School District's modernization and construction projects are made possible through voter approval of Bond Measures S and Y, passed in November 2007.

The Walnut Valley Unified School District's Board of Trustees awarded the contract for the Aquatic Center to Novus Construction at the October 19, 2011 meeting. Novus Construction's winning bid for the Aquatic Center was \$10,748,000.

Facts about the project:

- Designed by Aquatic Design

Group, one of the premiere pool companies who have designed pools for high schools, colleges, universities, communities and resorts throughout the United States, Europe and the United Emirates.

- Architect: Henry Woo Architects, Inc.

- Aquatic Complex and 2-Story Classroom Building information:

- o 12-lane Pool
- o Locker room with men's and women's restrooms
- o 2 fitness classrooms
- o Public restrooms

- o Coach's room
- o Pool storage building
- o Pool equipment building
- o Team room
- o Stadium seating with shade structure

- o 2-story building with 20 Classrooms

Four of the five phases were previously completed in preparation for the beginning of construction. These phases included:

- above ground electrical
- underground utilities
- site preparation
- accessible ramp

- underground gas service

Phase 5 – the construction of the Pool and 2-Story Classroom Building.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on January 18, 2011 before construction began on the 730-day project.

Come See Your Bond Money At Work!

Thanks to the support of our community, construction and modernization projects of WVUSD school facilities are laying out the framework for 21st learning!

Local Church and School Becomes Area Collection Center

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and School is the 2013 authorized relay center collection location for the annual Operation Christmas Child. The Christmas event is sponsored by the Samaritan's Purse organization with the goal to deliver Christmas gift boxes filled with supplies, toys, books and hygiene items to children around the world.

Families, organizations, and businesses fill shoe box sized boxes with school supplies, toys, clothing, or other personal items. The boxes are then collected and taken to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and School for coordinated

delivery to the Operation Christmas Child collection in Arcadia, CA. Then, the boxes will be delivered to the shipping station in Ontario for final loading and shipping to locations like the Philippines, Nicaragua, Madagascar, and over 100 locations around the world.

Mrs. Ann Lovell, Mt. Calvary coordinator for the project, is a regular volunteer for this project. Her previous experience includes work at the Orange County distribution center for mixing and shipping of the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Mt. Calvary is the authorized relay collection location for Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights. Churches,

businesses, other organizations, and personal donations coordinate collection at their locations and then deliver their box to Mt. Calvary for coordinated collection. The goal is to surpass 100 million total boxes delivered since 1993.

Mt. Calvary currently has 771 boxes awaiting the official collection dates of November 18-25, 2013. Staff will be available at Mt. Calvary each day this week from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to receive boxes from other organizations. Friday and Saturday will have extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday will have the hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Organizations

are encouraged to deliver to Mt. Calvary during these times.

Mt. Calvary will insure coordinated delivery of all boxes to the Arcadia center by November 25, 2013. Donations have already been received from: Chik-Fil-A, Rowland Heights churches, Calvary Chapel, and Walnut schools in Diamond Bar.

People who donate may follow their box around the world by registering with samaritanpurse.org/occ. Anyone who wants additional information on the project may go to the website samaritanpurse.org. For questions about donating, use the website or contact Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and School.



PHOTO COURTESY: BRAD ANDERSON
Ann Lovell, Project Coordinator, wearing a "Operation Christmas Child" box.

WCUSD Increase Safety and Efficiency of School Bus

STAFF REPORTS

West Covina - West Covina Unified School District has recently taken a big step to increase the safety and efficiency of their school bus operations by leveraging the latest in advanced GPS tracking and fleet monitoring technology. Under the leadership of Dee Lew, the Supervisor of Transportation Services, WCUSD has successfully implemented the WaveControls (www.wavecontrols.com) GPS monitoring system on existing school buses of the school district.

"As a new incoming Supervisor here at the West Covina Unified School District, I wanted to make an value impact on my bus drivers. It was important that I demonstrated to them that I had tools and resources available

to me to be able to monitor the fleet," said Lew.

These upgrades will allow WCUSD to track where each school bus is located at in real time, to know what direction they are going and how fast they are moving. This information can even be overlaid onto real time traffic maps which would allow the school district to more accurately estimate arrival times and make dispatching changes if needed. WCUSD is now able to route drivers from point A to point B more efficiently based on up-to-the-minute traffic conditions. This helps the WCUSD fleet avoid congested roads, spend less time in traffic, and save money both in time and gas.

"The WaveControls GPS Tracking and Fleet Management software tracks our fleets driving history, recording the number

of routes and time efficiency of routes, drivers, and vehicles. The WaveControls online cloud based software has provided me valuable details and has made it more efficient to determine if it takes three right turns rather than wait for a left turn signal ... the WaveControls GPS Tracking and Fleet Management software has provided that information and much more," said Lew.

Furthermore, the WaveControls system will also keep track of historical route maps that any of the buses took at any given day. By keeping a minute by minute log of critical information such as speed, stop times and direction of travel, WCUSD is able to optimize routes in order to improve efficiency and lower fuel expenses. This is key for a public school district that is fighting cost-cutting measures and

budget constraints.

"With the price of oil currently on the rise, finding ways to increase efficiency and save fuel is of paramount importance us. Even with a small fleets any savings is quickly realized. The historical minute-by-minute tracking capabilities of WaveControls GPS tracking chronology helps the district stay ahead by recording and analyzing details quickly and efficiently. Better management of the fleet can result in saved time, saved fuel, and saved money," said Lew.

Some of the buses are even equipped with WaveControls's advanced continuous vehicle diagnostic monitoring system which will allow WCUSD to identify potential problems with the vehicles before the vehicle breaks down on the road. Fuel levels, miles per gallon and other

information are also continuously monitored. It will even allow the school district to identify dangerous driving patterns such as harsh accelerations and hard braking.

With this new upgrade, WCUSD has managed to increase the safety of the children onboard the school buses, but also at the same time increase the efficiency of the school bus operations and thereby saving money! For more information, please contact Heinrich Dy of WaveControls at (866) 282-3828, (626) 888-1830 or www.wavecontrols.com.

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Sale of Press Enterprise still pending

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to purchase the Inland Empire's Press-Enterprise for \$27.25 million. The original closing date was set for October 15, but the deadline was pushed to November 15. That date has come and gone and the delays could bring about a lawsuit.

Although A.H. Belo, owner of The Press-Enterprise since 1977, is still open to continuing with the negotiations currently on the table, they are not against pursuing legal action to enforce

the agreement. In a News Release on November 18 from its Dallas headquarters, Belo announced that the sale had not yet closed and that they were pursuing multiple options to promptly consummate the disposition. Moving forward with Freedom, taking legal action against them, and exploring transactions with other interested parties were listed as options.

Along with the November 15 deadline change, Freedom agreed to pay an additional \$1 million nonrefundable deposit, and show financial solvency. But

that may be one of the causes for the delays.

The Register's circulation has declined since Freedom's acquisition last year, and the purchase of The Press-Enterprise may be an effort to boost sales with an investment in future growth. Although they doubled their reporting and editorial staff and launched the Long Beach Register, they also stopped their 401K employee matching program in January, reportedly due to a poor financial performance. Freedom is also in the midst of a \$17.5 million lawsuit, filed in Delaware on



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The Press-Enterprise in Riverside, CA

October 25, from investment firm Angelo Gordon Management, one of the selling shareholders having owned a stake in Freedom after it came out of bankruptcy protection in 2010.

Whatever the reasons for the delays, both parties are hoping to move forward with a positive outcome. The Pulitzer Prize-winning Press Enterprise deserves a good future.

Walnut Mayor appeals for typhoon relief

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on November 3, and intensified through the Pacific making land-fall on November 7 in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, with winds of 196 mph. Millions of people have been affected by Haiyan, and up to 10,000 may have been killed. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Coun-

cil (NDRRMC) reported that as of November 16, "12,487 people were injured, and 1,179 are still missing. A total of 1,962,898 families were affected in 44 provinces, 536 municipalities and 55 cities." Major Reynaldo Balido, spokesman for NDRRMC said, "Thousands may have been swept out to sea as storm surges hit ground zero in Samar and Leyte."

A memorial mass was held on November 16 at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Community for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, including five family members of parishioner, Blas Taon, lost in the storm.

Although the storm dissipated on November 11, the Philippines are left devastated. Mayor Cartagena said that items most needed for the victims are tow-

els, light blankets, water, canned goods, and toiletries. Monetary donations are also welcome for the purchase of these items.

If you would like to help, items can be dropped off at Walnut City Hall, 21201 La Puente Road, Mondays through Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic

Community (for Haiyan Relief Operations). All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Fabiola Huerta, City of Walnut, (909) 595-7543; Gilbert Adajar, Packing and Sorting/SLR Basketball League, (909) 261-1953; Rea Guilas, Atlas Shippers International, (626) 965-9200; and for general information, Honchee Natividad, (909) 576-4991.

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Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DANICE AKIYOSHI ND,

Our son is getting married soon. We don't see his fiancé very often and have not had a chance to get to know her very well. Our visits are always nice, but we've never been able to get close to her or have an in depth conversation. Last week I received a voice mail from a family friend asking me if she could ride with me to my future daughter in law's bridal shower. I was shocked, because I had no idea about the shower. I was not invited. In order to hide my shock and embarrassment, I responded to her with an e mail saying 'I was sorry that I couldn't give her a ride, but I was not able to attend.' Her response was, 'I



really should change my plans because this was a big event for my future daughter in law.' I could not bring myself to admit to my friend that I wasn't invited. When I asked my son about it he hung his head and said he had hoped his fiancé would change her mind. He said my conversations bored her and that she only wanted to talk about things that appealed to her. He said when I previously sent my new born grandson's baby picture to her phone it irritated her. My mouth was hanging open at that comment. I was just trying to be nice and include her in family happenings. I told him it's hard to learn what topics appeal to a person when they won't carry on a decent conversation so you can get to know them. He admitted he defends me to her, but he wishes I would try harder. I am at a loss about what to do next. I have left two messages for her, hoping to talk things out and bet-

ter understand her feelings, but she has ignored them. It's been three weeks and I don't know what to do. My son said that I'm on my own, and that he can't help me with her. I feel lost, the wedding is only a few weeks away. I have no idea what to do next if she won't speak with me.

Thank you,
Mary

Dear Mary,

I know there are two sides to every story, but I wonder why this woman would treat you this way, especially when you seem completely unaware of her ill feelings toward you. This is very confusing and non productive behavior. In my opinion, it looks like your son is about to marry a very 'unusual' person, and he's not looking like a great guy in my eyes either. I don't care if you talked about your health ailments, your new lemon tree, or your new grandchild for an hour or two, you are about to be this woman's mother in law and you should be

offered basic respect. You could be the most boring woman on the planet and you should still be included in important family events. You stated that you don't see her that often, so how could any of this be a major problem for her? For her to leave you off the bridal shower guest list, while at the same time inviting people who would feel comfortable asking you for a ride, is mind boggling to me. Contacting her to resolve the matter and leaving two messages shows class on your part. Since she has ignored you, I feel your obligations have been met. Get back to enjoying your own life now and do not allow this 'unusual' woman to cause you any further unhappiness. Nothing about her behavior reveals an interest in improving the situation, so move on. Your son is in for a rough ride, and he also has a lot to learn. Step back and allow that to happen. Good Luck, Mary. I am still shaking my head over this one...

Dearest Readers: Always be-

ware of any person who attempts to isolate you from your family and loved ones. Other forms of abuse are usually right around the corner. See the signs in the early stages and save yourself a lot of future misery.

Warmest Regards,

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 straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoachingservices.com.

Embracing The Season

BY NANCY STOOPS

Lights are being hung everywhere. People have a twinkle of joy in their eyes. The air is crisp and clean and I feel filled with excitement, as I prepare to celebrate the holidays



with my loved ones.

Ever since I was a very little girl I have really enjoyed this time of year. I love the idea of celebrating life and for me; this season gives me one more reason to do just that. I enjoy shopping for gifts and taking some long lunches along the way with the people I love. I enjoy the special flavored coffees this time of year. I love seeing the stores all decorated and people

just seem to be a little kinder to each other as well.

I walked out of my house this morning and thought about how lucky I am to have such wonderful people to celebrate with. I look forward to the dinners, the gift giving, going away on an adventure but mostly just being with all the people I love. I will have an opportunity to take some time off and to really embrace the season. I love baking cookies with

my son, shopping with my loved ones, having lots of time with my best friend, going out to breakfast with my husband, spending quality time with mom and just having time to laugh together with all the people I love.

For me, the season is a wonderful opportunity to show how much I love the people that mean the most to me in this world. I hope you will do the same. I wish you peace and joy as you celebrate this wonderful time. I hope you will embrace the season and your loved ones and remember what this time of year is really about.

This article was written by

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Our Amazing Eyes

BY MARK HOPPER

I have been walking around wearing a large pair of sun glasses for the past few days. I have received a number of comments - some were not very complementary!



It is true that they were too large and looked funny. But, the sun glasses were for a purpose.

I recently had surgery for a cataract in one eye. The sun glasses were provided by the surgeon to protect my eye from bright lights.

Several people who have had the same surgery in the past warned me that my eye would be much more sensitive to light.

Even the computer screen seems brighter and I can feel it irritate my eye a little. I have been assured that my vision will return to normal, but it will take time.

There are several accounts in the Bible where people were blinded by a bright light. One example is in Acts chapter 9:1-9. A man named Saul was persecuting followers of Jesus. When he was traveling to Damascus, a bright light from heaven flashed around him and he was blinded temporarily.

The men traveling with him had to lead him by the hand into the city. Several days later God restored his sight and from then

on Saul's life would never be the same (10-18)!

I am thankful that my surgery was successful and that my vision has improved. I can see leaves on trees and blades of grass again.

It has been a helpful reminder for me about how I take for granted things like my sight and hearing. I have a new appreciation for being

able to see more clearly.

As you go through each day, I hope you will give thanks to God and marvel at the miracle of sight. Our eyes are truly amazing!

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Diamond Bar Lions Club Events



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Diamond Bar Leos painted huge posters and stood at a booth recruiting members for the Leos Club during Club Rush Week at DB High School. Their efforts were a success with the gym packed at their first meeting.



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Signs made for Rush Week.



PHOTO COURTESY: DIAMOND BAR LIONS CLUB

Diamond Bar Lions at the L.A. County Fair after they walked in the parade.



PHOTO COURTESY: DIAMOND BAR LIONS CLUB

The Diamond Bar Lions Club supported the military at this event last month.

Suspects in Chino Check N Go murder caught

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after the Chino Police Department SWAT Team served a search warrant in the 900 block of Phillips Avenue in Ontario. Jorge Cisneros has been identified as the shooter during the

commission of this crime.

Chino Detectives subsequently located the second suspect, identified as David Mendez, a 29 year old Pomona resident, and took him into custody in the 400 block of County Road in Pomona.

Both suspects have been

booked at the West Valley Detention Center for investigation of robbery and murder. The Chino Police Department would like to express their sincere appreciation to the public and the media for their assistance in bringing these two suspects to justice.

CH begins to interview for New City Manager

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time making his official last day Jan. 31, 2014.

According to the City website, the City Manager must be able to plan, direct, manage, and oversee the activities and operations of the City of Chino Hills including the

departments of Community Development, Community Services, Finance, and Public Facilities and Operations, and the office of the City Clerk and City Manager; to coordinate assigned activities with outside agencies; and to provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the Mayor and City Council. The

city Manager also is in charge of overseeing a \$37.8 million dollar budget, 156 full time employees and 76,000 residents. City Council members are hopeful that a qualified applicant will be found among the pool of qualified applicants. If a qualified person is not found, the search will continue until the perfect person can be found.

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Proposal for pool at Walnut Ranch Park

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away for the project received as part of the development agreement with Standard Pacific for Three Oaks. But, the Community Services Director also said that selling the Three Oaks property would add the money that is needed to build the aquatic center and get the City close to funding the bulk of it.

The Walnut Ranch Park is located off Amar Rd., west of where the soccer fields are and the land continues out west. More

than 400 acres of natural open space where the Schabarum trail runs through is being acquired by the City, as part of Three Oaks mitigation area. The commission said that this will allow the ranch to become "a beautiful entry way" into a larger park.

The commission also said that the added space will allow more room for parking and since the site is an existing park, no additional environment impact study would be needed.

The City of Walnut currently uses the Walnut High School pool for the Walnut's Aquatic Program,

which was established in 2003. The Walnut Unified School District allows public use during the summer, offering a multitude of courses for swimmers of all ages and abilities; but priority belongs to the high school's aquatic team. Nearby Mt. San Antonio College also allows public use of their pool with organized programming, but Walnut itself doesn't have an aquatics center to serve its nearly 30,000 residents.

One individual in particular felt that the Walnut High School's nearly 40-year old pool does not meet the needs of the community.

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Claudine Stines, who has lived in the city since 1973, seemed intent on formulizing a plan that would help the city approve the project.

Stines reported that back in 2007, the Park and Recreations Commission formulated a proposal to the Walnut City Council regarding the development of an Aquatics Park and Building Complex in the Three Oaks housing development. Due to the economy at that time, the \$10 million budget item lay dormant. Six years later, the topic of a new aquatic center in Walnut

resurfaced.

Stines spent the last several months gathering information on the benefits of an aquatic center, hosted a Community Awareness booth at the Walnut Family Festival on Oct. 12, and gained 115 signatures on a petition asking the City Council to build a new aquatic center in Walnut. The petition was a success due to the City of Walnut Parks and Recreation Department placing the topic on their Nov. 19 agenda and the commission developing a proposal to address the Walnut City Council.



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The Whole Enchilada's food is only one reason to celebrate the upcoming holidays at their restaurant. They also pride on their excellent customer service due to their family friendly servers being attentive, courteous, and knowledgeable and able

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But The Whole Enchilada is much more than a place to eat. The staff is there to help you celebrate special moments, raise money for your team or organization, and provide a wonderful ex-

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