



OC News

Hit-and-Run Driver Sought

STAFF REPORTS

Huntington Beach - A 17-year-old boy was seriously injured in a hit-and-run in Huntington Beach. His family is pleading with the public for help in finding the driver who fled the scene.

According to authorities, a vehicle hit Stephen Cureton while he was skateboarding

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IE News

Elderly Scam

ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ontario - The Ontario Police Department is warning its residents, in particular its elderly residents, about a scam that has surfaced recently. A total of six arrests have been made during this investigation, along with the recovery of thousands of dollars provided by at least four elderly victims, who reside in two different states.

Detectives have investigated several cases in which

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Walnut Abductee Escapes Kidnapper

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut - The T.J. Maxx parking lot at Grand Avenue and Valley Boulevard beheld a frightening scene as a Walnut woman was kidnapped in a carjacking on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6.

The Walnut resident in her late 30s was confronted by a strange man as she was getting into her car at around 2 p.m. L.A. County

Sheriff's deputies report that the man prevented her from closing her door at gunpoint, and forced himself into her car.

The suspect made the woman drive around for over an hour, and headed into south Los Angeles. At that point she noticed a police car, stopped her vehicle, and bravely ran toward safety.

The Los Angeles Police were able to confront the suspect

without incident and seized the BB gun (which looked like a Beretta 9mm handgun) used in the kidnapping. He was subsequently turned over to Sheriff's deputies.

Witnesses in the T.J. Maxx parking lot reported the incident,

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Patch.com Suffers Massive Layoffs

BY GLENN FREEMAN

Walnut/Diamond Bar - Just two weeks after an abrupt announcement in mid-January that AOL was partnering with Hale Global to run its troubled Patch.com network of hyper-local community news sites, the joint venture laid off hundreds of staff members. With media

reports saying upwards of 80 to 90 percent of the staff was let go, the move has severely impacted each of the 900 local sites.

According to news reports, staff members were notified of their termination via a conference call, wherein Patch's Chief Operating Officer, Leigh Zarelli Lewis, relayed information on the restructuring.

"Patch is being restructured in connection with the creation of the joint venture with Hale Global," Lewis said, according to an excerpt of the call printed on Jim Romanesko's media blog. "Hale Global has decided which Patch employees will receive an

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Walnut Council Corner: Conserve Water

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA



PHOTO BY: RAYMOND MENDOZA

The Walnut City Council discussed a variety of items at their recent meeting, including the possibility of a crime tip reward program.

Walnut - The Walnut City Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12, with major concerns from the Walnut Valley Water District for water conservation in the City.

Walnut Valley Water District Manager of Administration, Jose Martinez, gave a presentation

urging residents to reduce water usage after a state of water emergency was declared this month.

"We encourage all citizens to reduce water use and to save every drop that they can," Allen Wu, director of the Walnut Valley

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Chino Resident Among Six Killed in Wrong Way Crash

STAFF REPORTS

Chino - Kristin Melissa Young, 21, of Chino, lost her life in the unfortunate events that unraveled at approximately 4:40 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9. A heartbreaking collision left six people dead,

including a family of four. Young was a passenger in a 2013 Chevrolet Camaro being driven by her friend, who was allegedly drunk at the time, when they crashed

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PHOTO COURTESY: GOOGLE IMAGES
These are the remnants of vehicles in Sunday's deadly crash.

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sat Feb 15

Partly Cloudy
High 83°
Low 53°



Sun Feb 16

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High 77°
Low 47°



Mon Feb 17

Partly Cloudy
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Low 48°



Tue Feb 18

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High 69°
Low 48°



Wed Feb 19

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High 70°
Low 46°



Thu Feb 20

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Low 39°



Fri Feb 21

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Low 42°



BUSINESS FEATURE

Give the Gift of Relaxation with Massage Envy

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - The month of February is the month of love and it's not too late to get your special someone the perfect gift that everyone de-

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Massage Envy is located at 1195 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. Suite B, Diamond Bar CA 91765. You can reach them at (909) 612-9700 or see their ad on page 12.

BUSINESS FEATURE

Enjoy A Romantic Getaway At Comfort Suites

STAFF REPORTS

La Puente - With all the busyness of this world, you and your loved one deserve a stress-free romantic getaway in honor of Valentine's Day. And

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Comfort Suites is located at 753 Glendora Avenue in La Puente and can be reached at (626) 330-0030. Check out their ad on page 7.

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Remembering To See The Beauty

By SARAH ARMIJO

Last year, I went on a Missions Trip to Haiti with a team of about 12 people. This was the first time I had ever been out of the country and had ever been on a Missions Trip, and I decided to make it count by going to a 3rd World Country.

If someone mentions Haiti, some think of the earthquake that happened in 2010, some think of poverty, some think of diseases and some think of the corrupted government. Even though all of this is true about Haiti, now that I have been there, these aspects are not the first things that come to my mind. When I think of Haiti, I think of the beautiful mountains that surround the villages. I think of the clear blue water of the Caribbean Sea that some of my teammates were fortunate enough to get baptized in. I think of the fields of delicious crops that the Haitians grew themselves in order to survive. I think of the Haitian people in the villages waving at us and saying "Bonswa" (meaning hello in Creole) as you walk through the villages. I think of the smiling children who ran after our car just to get a glimpse of an American, as if we were famous.

When I think of Haiti, I can't help but to think of the beauty of the country, mainly because of how welcoming the people are. We were strangers to these people. They didn't know what we were doing there or what we were even saying, but they welcomed us into their homes, they let us hold their children,

they let us pray with them, they smiled at us as we walked by, and they said hi to us as if we were another Haitian in their everyday lives. Even the Haitians (both children and adults) who could speak a little bit of English would try so hard to just have a simple "Hi, how are you?" or "What's your name?" conversation with us...those small talk conversations we all dread in the United States.

You see, Haiti IS filled with poverty. It is filled with houses that are made of tree branches and tarps. It is filled with people who barely have food, clothes, and water. It is filled with people who shower once a week in a river in the middle of the day. It is filled with people who walk miles just to get a jug of water for their families. It is filled with people who rely on the sun to know what time it is or when it's time to go to sleep, because they don't have electricity. And it is filled with thousands of children who don't have parents or families.

Knowing this, the first thing that probably comes to our minds is: how sad. How sad it is to live in this kind of environment. How sad it must be to have a child run up to you and hold your hand as you are walking through the village, just because they are seeking for affection. How sad that children are running around without clothes or diapers on, because their parents can't afford it. How sad that some of the people survive on a meal of rice once a day. How sad.

But you see, despite all this, I think the real statement is how

sad we are. How sad it is that we have so much in our lives, have so much food, shelter, clothes, family, water... and we take it all for granted. We waste it. And worse, we strive for more.

The Haitians are the complete opposite. They are praising God every second of every day for the little they have. They are appreciating every second of life and every scrap of food they can provide for themselves and for their families. They even appreciate something as simple as a picture we printed out for them, because they had never even seen their own face, let alone have ever had a picture of themselves.

There are so many little things we take advantage of because we tend to forget how fortunate we really are. So my challenge to you is to start noticing the beauty in your lives, and to appreciate everything you have. Start appreciating your family, friends, food, water, electricity, clothes, jobs, and for the amazing country we live in. Because as one of my teammates brought to our attention in Haiti: we didn't earn this lifestyle. Almost all of us didn't work hard to be here in America. We were just born into a fortunate country, while others around the



world were born into poverty. There was no difference or special task we did to be here. But as our team leader said, with that great fortune is a responsibility. We have a responsibility to appreciate every little thing we have, and a responsibility to help the ones that don't have much.

I hope you will take the challenge to start appreciating the wonderful country we are fortunate to live in. I hope you will take the time to tell your loved ones how much you are thankful to have them. I hope you will stop striving for more, and start giving more instead. And I hope you will always remember to see the beauty in everything.

Stabbing Death Off Valley

LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

La Puente - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide detectives are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding a stabbing death that occurred at approximately 2:45 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the 15900 block of Old Valley Boulevard, in La Puente.

Detectives have learned that deputies from the Industry Station responded to the location regarding a "person down" call. When the deputies arrived at the scene, they found a man lying in the parking lot of the location unconscious and bleed-

ing, suffering from multiple stab wounds to the upper torso.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The unknown suspect(s) are outstanding.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), or texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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Community Events

STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

First Annual West Covina Lantern Festival

When: Feb. 15 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Hong Kong Plaza, 935 S. Glendora Ave., West Covina

The City of West Covina is excited to be partnering with Honk Kong Plaza for the City's Inaugural Lantern Festival. On Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. there will be a special lantern lighting ceremony and raffle. The festival will include activities for children, pony rides, music, a petting zoo, a magician, dance performances, raffle prizes, food and exhibitor booths.

Contact: Community Services Department at (626) 939-8430 or visit www.westcovina.org.

2014 Chinese New Year Concert

When: Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio College Clarke Theater, 1100 N. Grand Ave., Walnut

Cost: Free

Details: The String and Bamboo Orchestra in collaboration with the Chinese America Association of Walnut, is hosting a night of classical Chinese music to celebrate the Year of the Horse and honor the Chinese cultural heritage.

Contact: (909) 581-9377 or go to stringandbamboomusic.com

San Gabriel Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

When: Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Los Angeles Co. Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia Ca 91106

Details: This month's speaker is Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and he will speak at 8 p.m. He will be talking about Cattleyas. Guests are welcome

Contact: www.SGVOH.org

iPad Introduction at Diamond Bar Library

When: Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar

Cost: Free

Details: A special hands-on class for the novice iPad user. Learn from expert Jason Galeener, how to connect to Wi-Fi, use built in applications, take pictures, download apps and general tips and tricks for using your iPad more effectively. Please bring your charged-up iPad and a County of Los Angeles Public Library card.

Contact: www.facebook.com/DiamondBarLib or <http://www.colapublib.org/calendar/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=50860>

Walnut Senior Center Just Desserts Baking Contest

When: Thursday, Feb. 27 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, located at 21215 La Puente Rd. in Walnut

Cost: \$2 for seniors and \$3 for all others per dessert

Details: Contest is open to all ages. Contestants will have the opportunity to enter their best dessert to be judged and receive a prize. Registration forms available at Walnut Senior Center.

Contact: Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200

FUTURE EVENTS:

WHS Spring Musical: "Curtains"

When: March 14, 15, 21 at 7 p.m. A matinee performance will be on March 22 at 2 p.m.

Where: WHS Performing Arts Center at 300 N. Pierre Road in Walnut

Tickets: Pre-sale: \$13 adults, \$11 students and seniors. At the door: \$15 adults, \$13 students and seniors. Ticket sales: www.seatyourself.biz/walnutmusical.

Contact: Director Joanne Karr at (909) 594-1333 ext. 34212

Walnut Trip To I LOVE LUCY - Live On Stage

When: Saturday, March 22

Where: Orange County Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$75 per person

Details: Our motor coach will drop you at South Coast Plaza for lunch on your own, and then whisk you to your show at the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Contact: Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200

DB Bridal Show

When: March 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar

Contact: (909) 839-7066 or visiting diamondbarca.gov/brid-alshow

FREE Firefighter Preparatory Seminar

When: Mar. 29 and May 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break

Where: Western University, 309 E. 2nd Street, Pomona

Details: Seminar presented by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. This is a one-day

overview about what to expect from the hiring process. Registration is required to attend. Register online at fire.lacounty.gov, and bring your confirmation form to the seminar. Seating is limited to those who register.

More info: fire.lacounty.gov

21th Annual Diamond Bar Library Wine Soirée

When: Sunday, April 27

Where: Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar

Details: Come, bring your friends and neighbors, and join this festive and exciting afternoon with delicious food from local restaurants, great wine from the Jerry Mead New World International Wine Competition, music, and exciting book, silent and live auctions. Advertisements are also available in our beautiful annual program. A unique souvenir wine glass and program are included with each ticket. All of the proceeds go directly to your local community library.

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Contact: (909) 861-2002

WEEKLY EVENTS:

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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.

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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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When: Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio College Campus, Parking Lot B, 1100 N. Grand Avenue, Walnut CA 91789

Cost: Admission and parking free

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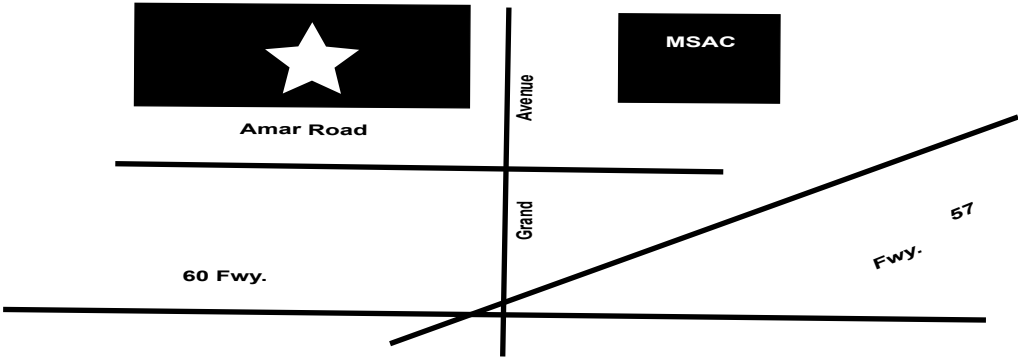
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Your Local School Updates

Walnut Elementary School Rings In Chinese New Year

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - It was a cloudy day, but the warmth of Chinese New Year spread among the supportive parents and families at Walnut Elementary School.

Students enrolled in the Dual Language Immersion Program shared songs and skits in Mandarin Chinese to commemorate this festive celebration during an assembly held in the amphitheater on Friday, Jan. 31.

Over 150 students in kindergarten, first, and second grades demonstrated what they have

been learning from Mandarin literacy teachers, Jeannie Lin, Henry Lin, and Amy Wu.

The audience was amazed at the level of language and cultural proficiency among the students, especially the second graders, many of whom have been part of the program since pre-kindergarten. They presented a multi-layered skit, complete with partner dancing, and brooms to sweep out the old and bring in the new. The kindergarteners were captivating in their bright red costumes, and the first graders charmed

everyone with their expressive faces.

In Walnut Elementary's Dual Language Immersion classes, heritage and non-heritage speakers learn together as they are instructed in Mandarin for 50 percent of the day and in English the other 50 percent. English teachers Carol Cheng, Krystin Wong, and Connie Shiroishi collaborate with their Mandarin partners to assure that Common Core State Standards are covered in addition to reading, writing, speaking, and listening in both English and Mandarin.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
Walnut Elementary students performed songs and skits during a Chinese New Year celebration.

"I am so glad that the entire school was able to see their fellow students during the dress rehearsal held on Thursday," com-



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
A dragon leads the parade during the finale of the Chinese New Year celebration.

mented Principal Janet Green. "Everyone was excited to see the dragon lead the parade and the amazing grand finale!"

New Assistant Superintendent Of Human Resources Appointed



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
WVUSD has announced that Dr. Michelle Harold has been named the new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees approved Dr. Michelle Harold as the new Assistant

Superintendent of Human Resources during the Jan. 15 meeting.

Harold is a veteran educator, bringing 29 years of experience to her new post. She has a strong background and many diverse experiences in the field of education.

"She possesses leadership qualities, technical knowledge of the position, and proven ability to perform effectively in this administrative role," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor. "I look forward to working with Dr. Harold. She will make a great addition to Walnut Valley," he

added. She officially started this position on February 3, 2014.

Since 2009, Harold served as Director of Human Resources in the Chino Valley Unified School District. She was responsible for all areas of the division including both certificated and classified bargaining groups of the 30,000-student district.

Prior to that, Harold worked as an elementary school principal, assistant principal, and project administrator. She has the unique distinction of having served as a teacher at the high school, middle school, and elementary school levels, high-

lighted by her work as a Reading Specialist, and being named Los Angeles County Bilingual Teacher of the Year.

Harold received her Doctorate of Education from the University of La Verne, and has participated in extensive training in the most critical areas in Human Resources. Prior to her service in public education, she served as a Teacher Trainer for the United States Peace Corps in Kathmandu, Nepal.

"I am really thrilled to be joining Walnut Valley Unified. The district has an amazing reputation across Southern California,

and as I'm quickly learning, there are many good reasons for it. I've been so impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the students, teachers, and parents I've met so far. I am excited about joining this incredible leadership team. I am so grateful for the opportunity and look forward to contributing to the continued excellence and success of this great district," Harold said.

Dr. Harold will succeed Dr. Kathy Granger, who accepted a position as superintendent of the Mountain Empire Unified School District in November 2013.

WVUSD to Host Parent and Community Meetings

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - Walnut Valley Unified School District will host three parent meetings in late February to discuss the new Common Core State Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Kindergarten through 12th Grade families and community members are invited to attend.

"We want to really get the word out to our parents and community about the shifts taking place and how we're prepar-

ing our students, and answer any questions they may have," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor.

The District-wide meetings will be held at Walnut and Diamond Bar High Schools and the District Office. The same presentation will be offered at each meeting.

- Tuesday, Feb. 25: Walnut High School Performing Arts Center - Presentations in Mandarin, Korean, Spanish, and English.
- Wednesday, Feb. 26:

Diamond Bar High School Theater - Presentation in English.

- Thursday, Feb. 27: WVUSD District Office Board Room - Presentation in English.

In addition, all WVUSD schools will continue to provide information on these new standards and assessments. Schools across the nation have been transitioning to new standards in language arts and math. The Common Core standards focus on teaching students not only foundational skills, but how

to think critically to be better prepared to succeed in college and the workplace.

To better align with 21st Century skills, nearly all future state testing, beginning this spring, will be computer based. These new tests are called the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC). The pilot SBACs will be adminis-

tered this spring in Walnut Valley Schools. All public schools in California will have the opportunity to pilot the computer-based assessments before the official SBAC assessments begin in 2014-2015.

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City Of Diamond Bar

Diamond Bar - The Diamond Bar Historical Society was founded in 1991 with the goal of preserving artifacts and memorabilia from the history of Diamond Bar. The Historical Society is partnering with the City of Diamond Bar History Project to keep the history of Diamond Bar alive, especially

since the City will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in April 2014. Do you have photographs of school or sports events? Have you saved interesting newspaper articles? Do you have mementos of Grubstake Gulch, the Ranch Festival? We are organizing all of these items and more, preserving for the future. Please consider donating them to the City of

Diamond Bar Historical Archives. What can you add to the City of Diamond Bar timeline? We can keep your originals or scan them and return the originals to you. Call Marsha Roa, City of Diamond Bar, at (909) 839-7055 for more information. This April, Diamond Bar will celebrate its 25th Anniversary as an incorporated City. Here are some Dateline Diamond Bar facts

from various publications before incorporation: From *Progress Bulletin*, Friday Evening, Jan. 15, 1960: **FIRST DIAMOND BAR HOMES READY** Grand Opening set this weekend. The beauty of the Puente Hills, the quietness of "country living," the feeling of expectation that accompanies the promise of a new city.

From *Progress Bulletin*, January 1963: Coley Family becomes 1,000th resident of Diamond Bar. They are a family of six and if counted youngest to eldest, son Stephen, 3 1/2 years, is citizen number 1,000. From *The Highlander*, Aug. 28, 1974: At the Diamond Bar pumping station, we were greeted by Carl Peterson, who pointed out that water was our best bargain in any language. "For an average of \$135 a year, you now have unlimited water."

From *Diamond Bar News* on June 17, 1976: **GASOLINE PRICES RISE IN VALLEY** In the Valley, the average price for regular grades of gasoline is 59.65 cents a gallon for full service and 55.8 cents for self-service. From *Walnut Valley Today* on Jan. 14, 1977: **HORSEMEN FOLLOW BAYING HOUNDS IN DIAMOND BAR** Encircled by 24 excited fox hounds, a coyote weighed its chances and wedged itself between two large boulders. In the distant background was heard the growling vibration of horses' hoofs, closing in on the chase. This was part of the action from an English fox hunt modified to fit the Diamond Bar terrain where coyotes are chased instead of foxes.



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Walnut council corner: conserve water

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Water District director, said.

Martinez and Wu were also joined by Walnut Valley Water District Director of Administrative Services, Sandra Olson, and Director for the Board of Directors, Scarlett Kwong, who each took turns answering questions from City Council members. Martinez mentioned that the Walnut Valley Water District offers rebates for water efficient toilets, washing machines, and rain barrels for collecting rain water. He asked interested residents to visit the water district's website at wvwd.com for more information.

After the presentation, City Council members approved the minutes for the Jan. 22 City Council meeting and adopted Resolution No. 14-04 for amending the housing element of the

Abductee

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and deputies first responded to that location. They are still looking for additional witnesses and other possible crimes committed by the suspect, reported only as a parolee from San Gabriel Valley in his 30s. The suspect has not given any indication to his motives for committing this crime.

City of Walnut General Plan.

City Council members then approved all items on the consent calendar, which included: resolution for claims and demands in the amount of \$783,377.47; Resolution No. 14-06 for changes in position classifications; authorization for the City Manager to enter into contract with the Planning Center Consul-

tants to prepare environmental and technical analyses for the She Homes Mixed-Use Project on Valley Boulevard; mid-year request for additional appropriation of funds; and plans and authorization to receive formal bids for the Amar Road Street Rehabilitation Project.

City Council members then discussed the possibility of adopt-

ing a crime tip reward program to reward citizens for providing information leading to arrests. Council Member Nancy Tragarz argued that citizens should be willing to provide information to police without the possibility of money. The Council then agreed to look into the program further at a later meeting and would not vote on approval of the item.

The City Council then approved both items on the succes-

sor agency consent calendar, for Resolution No. 14-07 for approving the administration budget for July through December 2014, and Resolution No. 14-08 for approving ROPS for July through December 2014.

After council member announcements, the Walnut City Council returned to closed session and scheduled its next regular meeting for Wednesday, Feb. 26.



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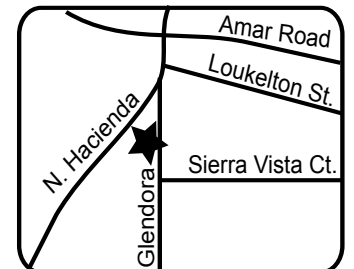
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In 2004, while representing Walnut in the State Assembly, Bob was a principal co-author and creator of Megan's Law (AB 488) requiring internet posting of the names of sex offenders and their location so citizens would be safe. Bob is recognized by the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department for outstanding achievement in working with law enforcement to keep neighborhoods safe.

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For his work in providing safety to citizens Bob is endorsed by Law Enforcement Officials, Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, Orange County; Larry Waldie, Assistant Sheriff, Los Angeles County; Walt Allen, Mayor of Covina, Assistant Secretary, Office of Correctional Safety (ret) and Drug Enforcement Officer (ret).



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Words Are Powerful

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER

We probably underestimate the power of the spoken word. After all, we speak thousands of words every day. There are many examples in history of the power of the spoken word. Adolph Hitler used powerful speeches to move Germany into war. His speeches were transmitted over radio so that every household heard his



words.

Winston Churchill also rallied his nation with speeches that were broadcast over the radio to the people of England. His powerful words rallied the British people to endure and eventually win the Second World War.

At our church, we are continuing to study the Old Testament book of Ezra in our worship services on Sunday mornings. Ezra records the effort of the Jewish people to rebuild their Temple in Jerusalem in the 400s, BC. The rebuilding of the Temple gets off to a good start, but eventually the

construction is stopped and the building is left incomplete for 15 years. Then, in Ezra, Chapter 5, God sent two prophets (Haggai and Zechariah) to challenge the people to renew their efforts and finish the project. Their words were powerful enough to get the people back to work and finish the job.

I've often wondered, what did those two prophets say to motivate the people to get back to work and complete the reconstruction of the Temple? You can actually find out for yourself because their words are recorded in two little books that bear their

names near the end of the Old Testament.

You and I will probably will not have the opportunity to speak to our nation, but each of us do have opportunities to speak to the people we live with and work with every day. I hope that you will remember that your spoken words are powerful. You can encourage or discourage someone with just a few spoken words.

There is a verse in the New Testament that says, "Don't let any unkind words come out of your mouth, but only words that are good and that encourage others..." (Ephesians 4:29).

Let me challenge you to watch your words this week. Don't criticize and complain. Be thankful and helpful. Use words that build others up. Don't use words that tear others down.

Remember, your words are more powerful than you realize.

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Straight Talk With Danice

Dear Danice:

I have been married for a year. My wife and I are having a serious disagreement about how we handle food and grocery shopping. She prefers to shop at the big warehouse markets so she can save money. The problem with this thinking is that she has to buy extra large sizes of everything and she serves the same meal for a week (there are only two of



us). I earn a substantial salary so it is not necessary for her to be a frugal shopper. She said that this is the way her mom did it, and I said that my mom made a fresh meal every night. If anything was left over from dinner it was used for lunches or snacking. We were raised so differently. This is such a problem for me that I have started eating fast food on my way home from work just so I can have some variety. When I get home, I choke down a little of her four or five day old chicken and wilted salad. When she sees me dump most of it in the trash she gets mad and says I'm wasting food and money. I have had to buy new clothes too,

due to the amount of fast food I'm eating. For all I care, we could eat out every single night and it would not put a dent in our budget. I hate to fight because my wife is off work right now with a disability, but this is affecting my health. Any suggestions?

Pete

Dear Pete:

Differences in upbringing can have a serious impact on a new marriage. I agree that you should not dread the way you nourish your body, nor should you have to sneak around eating fast food and growing out of your clothes. If you and your wife cannot get on the same page, I suggest that you take a firm stand and have your

own meals handled in a way that is comfortable and healthy for you. I wonder if your wife has a desire to be frugal because she is not working right now. Before you do anything drastic, have a heart to heart talk and express how badly you're feeling about the dinner situation. Admit your deception with the fast food and state that you will not allow yourself to continue down that path. If your finances are in great shape, you should not have to live this way. Food is a serious and often personal issue. Take immediate steps to get things turned around. One person's needs and choices should not destroy the basic happiness and health of another. Make it clear to your wife that you

will not interfere with the way she chooses to eat, but at the same time you will be choosing what's best for you where your meals are concerned. Call my office if you and your wife need further assistance.

Danice Akiyoshi, ND

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She 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@candidcoaching-services.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoaching-services.com.

Facing Grief Head On

By NANCY STOOPS

I know from lots of personal experience the loss of a loved one is devastating. I know it can dump a person into a very severe depression. It can make us feel like we just can't go on and that life isn't worth living without that loved one. I have literally helped thousands of people heal from the death of a loved one. I know it's important to understand we all must leave this world when it is our time. Death has not logic or fairness; it just is, and is the hardest part of living. I also know that we



heal when we find a way to live that honors ourselves and our loved ones still here and our loved ones that have passed away.

The worst thing we can do is feel guilty because we are still alive when a very special loved one has passed away. No matter what we do, say, or feel, nothing can bring that loved one back to us. All we can do is live our lives fully, live our lives for ourselves and for all of our loved ones that have passed away.

The truth is that our loved ones don't want to die and make us feel such unbearable pain because they are no longer here. So it's very important to fully appreciate the life of a loved one when they are alive and with us. One of the tricks of

a very successful life is to take nothing for granted, especially those closest to us.

So when you lose a loved one, grieve, but don't give up on your life. Remember, we are all only here for such a short time. So live well and love well, and I promise you'll have no regrets. Don't waste your life because we only get one time to do it all. Tell people you love them, be affectionate and when they pass away carry them in your heart forever.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups for teens. For more information about any of these services feel free to contact her

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new book, *Live Heal and Grow*, at www.RoseDogBookstore.com or at Amazon.com.

DB Library Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

DB LIBRARY FRIENDS

Diamond Bar - The 14th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held at Diamond Palace Restaurant on Jan. 10. This was an opportunity for the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library to thank all of the Basically BOOKS fifty-plus volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Diamond Bar Library.

Basically BOOKS raised over \$40,000 to support the local community library in 2013. There are two locations, one inside the Diamond Bar Library at 21800 Copley Drive, and the other at 21447 Golden Springs Drive, both in Diamond Bar. Please stop by and thank these dedicated volunteers in person and pick up some great

values.

The dinner was also the perfect time for the Friends to thank outstanding people dedicated to the Diamond Bar Library. President Ruth Low announced the Jack and Kathleen Newe Volunteer of the Year Award as Mary and Jim Hackett. Mary and Jim have dedicated themselves over the past nine years to making Basically BOOKS such a successful non-profit bookstore. Kathleen Newe presented them with the plaque and praised their outstanding dedication. Peggy Murphy, who is taking over as the manager of Basically BOOKS as Mary retires, also received the Volunteer of the Year award.

Past President Rick Rogers announced the winner of the



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Council Members, Volunteers of the Year, Business of the Year, and Friends of the Diamond Bar Library President gather for the Appreciation Dinner.

Jack and Eileen Tillery Business of the Year Award as George and Emma Yu, of Printing Dynamics has been the printer for the Friends and the Wine Soirée for over 20 years, and has been invaluable in its success. George has always been ready to advise and produce high-quality printing for the Friends.

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Beware of the elderly scam

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elderly victims were contacted via telephone by a suspect pretending to be the victim's grandson. The caller (suspect) has personal information about the victim to include the victim's location of residence, birth date and full identifying information about the grandchild they are impersonating.

In an incident that occurred on Jan. 30, the suspect, claiming to be the victim's grandchild, telephoned the victim to say he had been arrested and was being held in a California jail. The suspect frantically pleads with the victim to send a large amount of money (in cash) to a residence in Ontario, California.

The victim (a 92-year-old Ama-

riilo, Texas resident) spoke with a second subject who claimed to be, but is actually impersonating, a law enforcement officer. That suspect directs the victim to deliver a large amount of money to a specific location in the City of Ontario, California. The victim, sensing something was wrong with the request, alerted local law enforcement and sent an empty package to the requested drop point in Ontario.

Ontario Police Detectives were made aware of the pending money pick up and during their investigation contacted a male and female who were discovered waiting where the money was to be delivered. The suspects were arrested after being found in possession of the package sent from Amarillo, Texas.

During further investigation,

Detectives discovered three other victims who were scammed in a similar manner. One elderly victim sent a number of packages totaling \$210,000 in cash from her Nebraska home to several destinations in the Inland Empire area (California). Unfortunately, only a small portion of that money was intercepted, causing that victim to suffer a substantial loss.

Two other elderly victims (for a total of four victims), who also reside in Texas and Nebraska, were scammed in a similar manner as well. These victims sent nearly \$15,000 in cash to various locations in the Inland Empire area (California). Luckily, this money was intercepted and returned to the victims.

The two subjects arrested in Ontario have been identified as Desiree Marie Delgado, 19, of

Fontana, and James Michael Colangelo, 19, of Fontana.

During further investigation, searches were conducted in the cities of Bloomington, Fontana and Rialto. This follow-up resulted in four additional arrests, along with the recovery of further evidence linking all six arrestees to the scam.

The additional arrestees are identified as Jose Fernando Garcia, 45, of Bloomington, Juan Martinez Lopez, 41, of Rialto, Walter Alexander Ayala, 29, of Fontana, and Mikaela Marie Bosch, 19, of Fontana.

All arrestees were booked into the West Valley Detention Center (Rancho Cucamonga) for various charges to include grand theft, identity theft, theft from an elder, elder abuse and conspiracy. Colangelo and Bosch were ad-

ditionally charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Ontario Police warn residents to be cautious of anyone who calls and asks for money in such an unusual manner. Regardless of who the caller claims to be, it is best to contact someone of authority to independently confirm the caller's identity. Police also recommend contacting a family member of the alleged caller (grandchild) in an attempt to confirm the grandchild's location.

Ontario Police Detectives are concerned there may be other victims of this scam. Anyone who has been contacted in a similar manner or feels they have been victimized by this scam is asked to contact Ontario Police Detective Craig Pfefferle at (909) 395-2754.

Patch.com suffers massive layoffs

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offer of employment to move forward in accordance with their vision for Patch and which will not. Unfortunately, your role has been eliminated and you will no longer have a role at Patch and today will be your last day of employment with the company...Thank you, again, and best of luck."

Locally, there are Patch sites for the communities of Diamond Bar-

Walnut, Baldwin Park, Monrovia, Glendora, Claremont-La Verne, and Redlands-Loma Linda. A Jan. 30 posting on the Diamond Bar-Walnut site by Editor, Melanie Johnson, says the local staff was among those let go.

"Hi, Diamond Bar-Walnut Patchers! I am posting to let you know that Patch was recently purchased by a company who has decided to do some restructuring. As a result, the local editor positions have been

eliminated, including mine," Johnson posted.

The website is still being updated, but not as frequently and the content appears to be more broad and regional in nature. Former staffers say the sites are being updated from afar, with a small staff now covering all Patch sites within California (which had the most sites within the Patch network, by far). What the future holds is still unclear, but more user-generated content has

been mentioned by some.

In the Jan. 15 press release announcing the partnership, AOL and Hale Global said they are "Committed to re-launching Patch as an efficient platform that allows citizens and businesses to create and share locally-themed news and content – not just with those in their own communities, but to the wider world."

Patch began in 2007 with the help of AOL CEO Tim Armstrong, who eventually encouraged AOL

to buy the collection of hyper-local news sites in 2009. Armstrong expressed confidence in Hale Global's ability to turn the sites around, despite Patch's financial problems.

"Hale Global has a strong track record of operational excellence and platform experience, and we are looking forward to working closely with them on Patch," Armstrong said in the press release. AOL plans to maintain a minority stake in Patch.

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COMFORT from page 1

now with Comfort Suites' special "Romance Package" (coupon on page 7), you can get this romantic getaway for less. The coupon is good for a suite for one night, a bottle of champagne, and a beautiful rose - all for only \$110!

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Hit-and-run driver sought

DRIVER from page 1

on Yorktown Avenue, just east of Beach Boulevard, at about 8:30 p.m., Monday. Cureton was riding his skateboard in the bike lane and when he stopped to open a soda can, the vehicle hit him and sent him about 40 feet into the air.

Police have very little information and few leads in their search for the driver. The only information that has been released is that the suspect was driving a dark-colored sedan. The suspect fled the scene immediately after striking the teen.

A friend of the teen, who was with him, was able to get help immediately. Cureton was rushed to UCI Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries.

Cureton suffered a broken skull, four broken vertebrae, a lacerated spleen, a broken kneecap and a torn ACL. Although he is expected to survive, his recovery

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Massage Envy has two holiday packages available when you mention The Weekly News. Check out their newest \$99 Spa Package, which includes a 1-hour massage, 1-hour facial session and a free gift. This special package is valued at \$220! You can also take advantage of the

"Buy 3 and Get 1 Free" deal. For more information about these specials, check out their ad on page 7.

Massage Envy is located at 1195 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. Suite B, Diamond Bar, CA 91765; on the corner of Diamond Bar Blvd. and Grand Ave., right next to Starbucks. They are open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. You may also contact them at (909) 612-9700 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Chino resident among six killed

CHINO from page 1

head-on into a red 1998 Ford Explorer. The crash also killed the driver's sister.

According to authorities, Olivia Carolee Culbreath, 21, of Fontana, was driving the wrong way on the westbound 60 Freeway near Diamond Bar Boulevard, speeding at approximately 100 miles per hour, when her Camaro struck the Explorer, which in turn struck another vehicle (a passenger in this vehicle sustained minor injuries).

Culbreath suffered a ruptured bladder and broken femur in the crash. A CHP news release states that she was arrested Sunday on suspicion of felony driving under the influence of alcohol causing bodily injury or death, and felony manslaughter. Culbreath was hospitalized at USC Medical Center and could ultimately spend the rest of her life in jail.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's office has identified the deceased as Maya Louise Culbreath, 24, a Rialto resident and also the driver's sister; Kristin Me-

lissa Young, 21, from Chino; and the family riding in the Ford Explorer, Gregorio Mejia-Martinez, 47; his wife, Leticia Ibarra, 42; his daughter, Jessica Jasmine Mejia, 20; and Jessica's grandmother, Ester Delgado, all from Huntington Park.

According to DMV records, Culbreath had just had restrictions lifted from her license last week from a DUI conviction in San Bernardino juvenile court back in 2010. She is reportedly survived by her infant son, born in late January.



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Maya Culbreath, Kristin Young, Jessica Mejia and Gregorio Mejia-Martinez were among those killed on the 60 Freeway on Feb. 9, 2014.

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