



OC News

Program
Receives
Award

By EMILY LUNDBERG

Orange County - On March 1, the CalStateTEACH program will be receiving the 2014 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Best Practice Award for the Innovative Use of Technology at AACTE's 66th annual meeting in Indianapolis.

The CalStateTEACH

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Public Art
Project

STAFF REPORTS

Ontario - The City of Ontario issued a Request for Proposal on Jan. 15, to solicit mural designs for the new Ontario Town Square. Artists can submit designs in various forms of media, such as drawing, painting, or photography. The artist whose design is selected will be paid a flat fee of \$5,000 for their services, and will have their work featured onto the back wall of the band shell that is

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Tang A No Show At Candidates' Forum



PHOTO BY: RAYMOND MENDOZA
Walnut City Council candidates Bob Pacheco and Mary Su participated in a candidates' forum this week, but third candidate, Betty Tang, did not show up.

By RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - In preparation for Walnut's general municipal elec-

tion on April 8, City Council members Bob Pacheco and Mary Su participated in a candidates' forum on Feb. 24 at the Walnut Senior Center that was organized by the League of Women Voters of East San Gabriel Valley for the purpose of helping Walnut voters ask questions of their City Council candidates.

Betty Tang, the third Council candidate invited by the League to participate in the candidates' forum, did not show up for the candidates forum, did not send a representative in her place,

and did not present written comments for the audience. When the Weekly News Editor in Chief, Michael Armijo, left a message for Tang at her campaign office requesting an explanation for her failure to attend the candidate's forum, Tang failed to return the call. He then left a public message on her website, but there was no response as of press time. Tang's campaign manager, Samuel Lee, claimed that Tang

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Nogales Street To Close For Two Years

STAFF REPORTS

City of Industry - Be prepared to start using alternate routes now that a portion of Nogales Street will be closed for up to two years due to the Nogales Street Grade Sepa-

ration Project in the City of Industry and unincorporated community of Rowland Heights.

The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) will close Nogales Street from San Jose Avenue to Gale Av-

enue/Walnut Drive North in order to construct a six-lane roadway underpass and double-track railway bridge, according to a news

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Death Of Boy May Be Linked To Chino Wholesaler

By GLENN FREEMAN

Chino - The death of a 10-year-old San Diego boy, who died from a bacterial infection, has been linked to a pet rat purchased at a Petco, whose supplier is said to be a wholesaler based in Chino. The family of the boy has filed a lawsuit against Petco, saying they hope to bring awareness to the potential risks.

According to the lawsuit filed Monday against Petco, Aidan Pankey died in June 2013 after contracting what San Diego Coroner officials determined in December as being a streptobacillus moniliformis infection, commonly known as Rat-Bite Fever. The infection can come from

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PHOTO COURTESY: GLENN FREEMAN
View of Barney's Pet Products, located in a Chino distribution center.

Edison Tower Removal Continues In Chino

By JENNIFER MADRIGAL

Chino Hills - Many Chino and Chino Hills residents have cause to celebrate as they see construction signs around the area, where Southern California Edison are continuing the dismantling of lattice towers and poles that were built as part of the Tehachapi Renewable

Transmission Project.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reversed its decision in July and Edison was ordered to remove the 200 foot towers and re-route the 3.5 mile project underground throughout the city. According

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PHOTO BY: MICHAEL ARMIGO
This sign is displayed as Edison is continuing to remove towers.

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Chino Hills
Weather

Sat Mar 1

Rainy
High 61°
Low 48°



Sun Mar 2

Cloudy
High 63°
Low 48°



Mon Mar 3

Partly Cloudy
High 69°
Low 49°



Tue Mar 4

Partly Cloudy
High 72°
Low 50°



Wed Mar 5

Cloudy
High 79°
Low 53°



Thu Mar 6

Cloudy
High 75°
Low 53°



Fri Mar 7

Partly Cloudy
High 76°
Low 53°



BUSINESS FEATURE

Mandarin Taste Serves Authentic Cuisine

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - When searching for an excellent dining experience, look no further than Mandarin Taste. Mandarin Taste is an authentic restaurant

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See Mandarin Taste's ad on page 5 for coupons and specials. For more information, please call (909) 861-1819 or just stop by their location at 23391 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar.

BUSINESS FEATURE

Family Tradition Means Insurance Expertise

By MICHAEL ARMIGO

Chino Hills - Most little girls say they want to be a doctor, lawyer, school teacher or a princess while growing up, but Grace Buencamino wanted to be like her daddy, an insurance producer.

"It wasn't

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Where Are You?

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

It felt like a chill. Like a tingling inside my skull. As though I had missed something extremely important. Or something devastating. It was the shrill in her voice that really impacted me.

"Where are you? I've been trying to get a hold of you for over an hour!"

I was a bit confused, a bit nervous about what I was about to hear, but I had to ask the question:

"Why? What happened? What's so important?"

I was pretty shocked to hear the outcome of the question why I was being sought out so drastically.

"I couldn't get a hold of you."

That was it. I felt the shrill, the panic, the worry for 'I couldn't get a hold of you.'

I was left trying to figure out when did it happen? When did we get to a point in our lives that our whereabouts are necessary at all times? Or the flip side, when did those who are close to us become so dependent that they need to know where we are, constantly?

There was a time, not too far in the past, when we had privacy. We had time alone. Time for ourselves. Technology, in this day and age, seems to have

given away that right. Those moments of reflection, moments of inner thought. Those moments of peace, or serenity, gone. We seem to continue to be clouded, distracted, or have the need to be entertained, constantly.

There are times we must shut the computer, the iPad, the phone, the internet, and the TV off. To take a walk, to sit outside. To talk, read, share, to listen. To learn how to communicate without a keyboard or a text message.

As I watched a TV series based in the 60's I couldn't help but notice the calm in people. The "I wonder when she'll get home" attitude. When you were gone, you were, well, gone. And you'd just have to wait until we see one another again.

But our demise for instance isn't just technology's fault, we too are to blame. We are constantly allowing others to rely on us to a point of severe dependency. Our thirst for technology and our constant obsession only shows our loved ones that it's important to obsessively see all, and to know all, every minute of the day. Our behavior has taught them to react in a shrilling tone, in a panicked voice. Until we are pinpointed, marked, labeled, or GPS'd until the question is answered: "Where are you?"

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Community Events

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

City of Walnut Family Health and Fitness Fair

When: Saturday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Road, Walnut

Details: Information booths, FREE screenings, lectures every 30 minutes, Q & A session, Family Fun Walk, family fitness corner, blood drive, live entertainment, and more!

Contact: Gabriela Encinas at the Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200.

Living History Flying Day

When: March 1 at 10 a.m.

Where: 7000 Merrill Ave. #17, Chino CA 91710

Cost: \$11 for general admission, \$4 for 11 years and under, and free for ages 4 and under

Details: Open to the public. Guest speakers, flight demonstrations, membership sponsored raffle flight at 12 p.m. and more.

Contact: (909) 597-3722 or www.planesoffame.org

Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee at Mt. SAC

When: Saturday, March 1 starting at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Design Technology Center at Mt. San Antonio College

Details: 105 school champions will gather to compete in the 7th Annual Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee. The champion will go on to Washington DC to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.

Contact: Visit www.ivrsb.com or call Bette Griffone at (909) 342-3598

CH Spring Horse Show

When: March 2

Where: McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center, 14280 Peyton Drive.

Details: Registration for horses and riders will be taken on the day of the show starting at 8 a.m. Competition will start at 9 a.m. A wide variety of competitions are offered including reigning classes, Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, and more. There is no charge for spectators.

Contact: (909) 548-0868

CH Living With Wildlife Presentation

When: March 5 at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills

Details: A Wildlife Officer from IVHS will provide tips for "Living with Wildlife," take questions from the audience, share ideas on how to make coyotes uncomfortable in neighborhoods, and cover the responsibilities residents have when they enjoy the benefits of living adjacent to open space areas populated with wildlife. Wildlife whistles will also be available for participants.

Contact: (909) 364-2714

Mt. SAC's 16th "Puttin' on the Hits" Scholarship Fund-raiser

When: March 7 at 7:30 p.m. and March 8 at 3 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Where: Mt. SAC Clarke Theater

Cost: \$25 for general admission at the evening performances

and \$15 for the Saturday matinee performance.

Details: Mt. SAC employees, students, and trustees, donning authentic costumes, will impersonate famous celebrities to lip synch their hit tunes.

Contact: Go to <http://tickets.mtsac.edu> or call the Mt. SAC Performing Arts Box Office at (909) 274-2050.

Diamond Bar High Gourmet Food Trucks Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar High School front parking lot, 21400 E. Pathfinder Road in Diamond Bar.

Cost: \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, and children under 5-years-old are admitted free.

Details: The area's most popular trucks will roll up for the event and will donate a percentage of sales to benefit the event. A carwash will support the DBHS Robotics Team and there will also be a special performance from the DBHS Drumline.

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

Grand Avenue Beautification Open House

When: Wednesday, March 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Details: City of Diamond Bar is hosting an Open House to share information about a project that will improve the aesthetic character of Grand Avenue through a variety of streetscape elements concentrated near the intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive.

Contact: www.diamondbarca.gov/grand or call (909) 839-7040

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

Cost: Free for brides and \$5 for guests

Details: Brides and grooms-to-be are invited to stop by to scope out caterers, florists, venues, and other wedding-related vendors.

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

FUTURE EVENTS:

Miss Diamond Bar 50th Annual Pageant

When: March 23, at 2 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar High School Theater, 21400 Pathfinder Road, Diamond Bar

Contact: missdiamondbarpageant.org

Walnut Family Science Night

When: Friday, March 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Road, Walnut

Details: Come and explore the exciting world of science that is all around us. This event will feature learning stations, hands-on experiments, entertainment, contests and prizes.

Cost: The fee is \$10 per family if you purchase your tickets prior to the day of the event and \$15 at the door.

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

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

Diamond Bar Birthday Celebration

When: Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, Diamond Bar

Contact: (909) 839-7000

21th Annual Diamond Bar Library Wine Soirée

When: Sunday, April 27

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

Details: An afternoon of delicious food from local restaurants, great wine from the Jerry Mead New World International Wine Competition, music, and exciting book, silent and live auctions. A unique souvenir wine glass and program are included with each ticket. All of the proceeds go directly to your local community library.

Cost: Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door.

Contact: (909) 861-2002

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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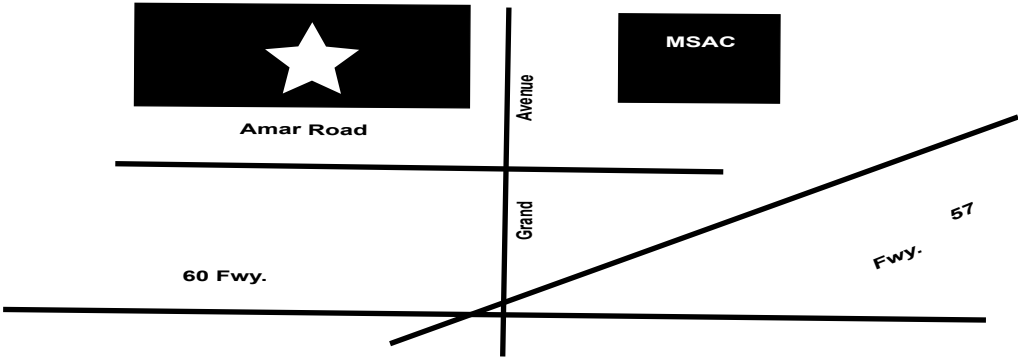
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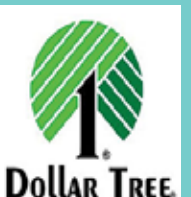
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Your Local School Updates

Walnut Valley Schools Applauded For Student Achievement

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - Ten Walnut Valley Schools have recently been named 2013 Honor Roll Schools by the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE).

Castle Rock, Collegewood, Evergreen, Westhoff, Maple Hill, Quail Summit, and Vejar Elementary Schools; Chaparral and South Pointe Middle Schools; and Walnut High School have been designated as Scholar Schools.

The announcement was made on Wednesday, Feb. 26 after an extensive analysis of student data for every public school in the state.

Once again, Walnut Valley Schools stood well above the rest in getting students to

grade-level proficiency and beyond. Every Honor Roll School will even receive a free banner to display on their campus.

Each 2013 WVUSD Honor Roll School has been named to the roster in past years. It is a testament to their ongoing

focus on students and their success.

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Board Recognizes South Pointe Star Student And Partner in Education

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar - The Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees honored a Super Star Student and Community Partner from South Pointe Middle School during the February 19 meeting.

Dr. Neil Vedecha was awarded with the Partner in Education Award. He is a WVUSD graduate and an orthodontist in the Claremont area. Vedecha stepped forward to transform a shy, withdrawn student with a serious dental problem to a confident, successful young man who is not afraid to smile.

"Dr. Vedecha very generously made sure this student's dental issues were addressed - and as a result a life was changed," Principal Susan Arzola said.

The student started making friends with his peers. He joined student groups and began getting recognized for his special gifts and talents. "Because of Dr. Vedecha's generosity, the student's social confidence was lifted and his social interactions became a source of joy for him," Arzola added. As a result of this correction of this dental issue, he became more involved in school activities both at South Pointe and he has now

moved on successfully to high school. "Thank you is simply not enough Dr. Vedecha. You not only changed a life, you saved a life," she said.

Eighth grader Angel Mendoza was honored as a Super Star Student at the meeting. "In the midst of Panther Country, we have remarkable students who have persevered and accomplished great things on a personal level," Arzola said.

Angel's family suffered a great loss during elementary school. When Angel entered South Pointe, it was a new beginning for him. "Angel chose to seize the moment. And with a new outlook



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Principal Susan Arzola and Board President Cindy Ruiz stand with Super Star Student, Angel Mendoza.



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Principal Susan Arzola and Board President Cindy Ruiz stand with Partner In Education award winner, Dr. Neil Vedecha.

and attitude, he began advocating for himself, asking questions when he didn't understand and showing pride in his appearance and attendance," Arzola

said. And through hard work and determination, he has earned a 2.6 GPA. "He didn't give up and we are very proud to call him a Panther," she added.

Suzanne Hosts Blue and White Tea

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - The 8th Grade class at Suzanne Middle School continued a three-decade tradition on Feb. 21 when over 500 students attended the Blue and White Tea, held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Well-dressed couples arrived arm in arm during five tea services. Guests dined on cucumber and ham tea sandwiches, fruit, cheese, vegetables and a variety of desserts. "We actually came up with a new menu this year," explained Health and

P.E. Teacher, Marla Rickard. Language Arts Teacher, Ronnie Hee, contributes delicious homemade scones each year.

This formal event doesn't happen without a lot of helping hands. About 20 parent volunteers, working in shifts, prepped the food in the school kitchen on Thursday. They came in early Friday morning to begin plating the food. During the tea they were busy re-filling buffet table serving trays and washing dishes between services.

"They're working hard and really help make this event possible," said Principal Les

Ojeda.

Eight teachers stayed after school on Thursday to decorate the multipurpose room with blue and white centerpieces, garlands, paper lanterns and twinkling lights. There were also conversation starters and dessert mints placed at each table.

The Challenger 8th Grade Orchestra performed during the tea and 7th grade volunteer hostesses served punch, tea and decaffeinated coffee.

"It's truly a school-wide event where everyone pulls together," Rickard said.

"I'm just beyond thrilled, it's

a great day. Our 8th Graders truly look forward to this day, said Charlotte Jensen, an 8th Grade Social Studies teacher. "The Blue and White Tea is a tradition that I'm so thankful that we are allowed to continue. I think our kids like the whole idea of dressing up and doing something special," Jensen said.

Students were prepped for the occasion with etiquette lessons held during their P.E. classes.

"It gets them ready for when



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Suzanne 8th Graders attended the Blue and White Tea on Feb. 21.

they start going to formals and fancier restaurants in high school. This event is their test," Jensen added.

Diamond Bar High to Host Gourmet Food Trucks March 9

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar - Diamond Bar High School will host six top gourmet food trucks in a fundraising festival on Sunday, Mar. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the front parking lot located at 21400 E. Pathfinder Road, in Diamond Bar.

The area's most popular trucks scheduled to roll up for the event include Cousins Maine Lobster, The Slummin' Gourmet, Waffles de Liege, Piaggio, Jogasaki, and A Rockin' Ice. The trucks will donate a percentage of sales to benefit the event.

A carwash supporting the DBHS Robotics Team will also

be part of the fun, with a special performance from the DBHS DrumLine.

The admission donation for this

Food Truck event is just \$2 for Adults, \$1 for Students, and children under 5-years are admitted free. No outside food or beverage,

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Restrictions apply on these holidays: Valentine's Day Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day & 4th Of July

Program receives award

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program was chosen out of 800 member institutions of the AACTE to receive the award. A press release from the AACTE noted that the "CalStateTEACH program exhibits sustainable impact, system-wide change during a time of state budget

cuts, a strong research basis, a social justice agenda to make learning accessible to all, robust integration of technology and low-cost sustainability," among its reasons for choosing CSU's CalStateTEACH program. This is the latest recognition that the CSU teaching program has received for its outstanding integration of technology in its

curriculum. During the 2012-2013 school year, the program was named an Apple Distinguished program for its innovative iPad use and in August 2013, and CSU Fullerton was the first recipient of Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District's "You Are the Advantage" award when CSUF's education department donated 137 iPads, three

MacBooks, and three mobile carts to Rio Vista Elementary in Anaheim. The donation was to support Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District's iSTEM pilot program, which places a greater focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in classrooms. Through the program ,teaching staff at Rio Vista

have received training from CSU Fullerton to learn how to use the iPads as a classroom tool. If the program is deemed successful, more iPads and other Apple products will be distributed in coming years. Meanwhile, the CSU teaching program continues to make improvements and modernize its program after suffering a 58.5% decrease in teacher graduates between the 2003-2004 and 2011-2012 school years. Whether or not these recognitions result in a greater number of teaching applicants, however remains to be seen.



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Open House Regarding Grand Avenue Beautification

CITY OF DIAMOND BAR

Diamond Bar – The City of Diamond Bar is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 19, to share information about a project that will improve the aesthetic character of Grand Avenue through a variety of streetscape elements concentrated near the intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive.

The Open House will be held at Diamond Bar City Hall, Windmill Community Room, 21810 Copley Drive, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents and businesses are encouraged to drop by between these hours to weigh in on the various design concepts proposed for beautifying Grand Avenue. Translation services will be available during the open

house in Chinese and Korean.

Along with a sneak peek at the proposed conceptual streetscape renderings, attendees will obtain information about project milestones and potential traffic impacts once construction gets underway later this year.

The greater part of the funding

for the Grand Avenue Beautification Project comes from a Federal Grant secured by the City under the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill for the restricted purpose of improving public rights of way along Grand Avenue. The intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive

were selected for beautification because they serve as primary gateways to the City.

Concurrent with this beautification effort, the City is working on developing Citywide Streetscape Design Guidelines aimed at providing a unified, cohesive look through consistent, visu-

ally-appealing streetscape and pedestrian features in the public rights of way.

For more information on the project, streetscape guidelines, or the March 19 Open House event, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/grand, or call (909) 839-7040.



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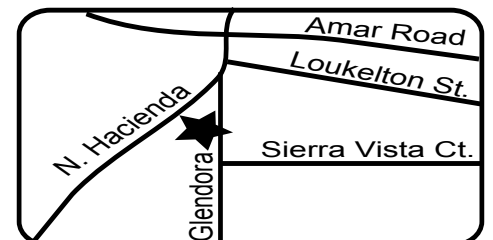
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Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. AKIYOSHI:

I am an esthetician. Every year I give my three best girlfriends a facial for their birthday gift. They each book their appointment for the week of their birthday like clockwork. If our schedules permit, I also take them out for lunch or din-



ner afterward to continue the celebration. For the last three years, one of my friends has ignored my birthday completely. If it was a financial hardship I wouldn't give it a second thought, but it's not that for sure. I am not a materialistic person, so it's not about a physical gift. I would be sincerely happy with a card or a phone call. I am even mad at myself for having these thoughts. This friend means the world to me; I just don't understand why the birthday wishes don't go both ways. I have never

mentioned this to anyone. I am just wondering what this means, if anything.

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

If your friend books an appointment with you for her birthday facial like clockwork, she probably looks very forward to your services. I must say that I am at a loss about why she does not make it a point to remember your birthday. This is a new year, so when your friend calls to book her annual birthday facial, let her know that you've decided to discontinue that routine. Wish her

a wonderful year and suggest getting together for a visit. I say this, because giving a facial is a lot of work, and in your case, a labor of love. If you are feeling taken for granted in any way, then this is not the appropriate gift to be giving. If your friend is showing you that she is not really into gift 'giving,' then she should not really be into gift 'receiving'. Keeping it simple will help you return to enjoying your friend without this weirdness between you. If she brings it up, you can honestly say that it was obvious to you that she was uncomfort-

able with gift exchanges.

I wish you a Happy Birthday, in advance.

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.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoaching.com.

Your Presence Is Valued In Our World

BY NANCY STOOPS

I bet you don't think you matter or make a difference. I'm here to say you're wrong. Every interaction we have with each other matters. Every time we smile or share a greeting we make a difference. Those very interactions can literally change the way another feels about their



day. We still have the power to make the world a better place and to make somebody feel good. I'm always given hope during those brief but powerful interactions with others. An exchange of a smile can literally fill me with warmth and a wonderful glow inside. Just for that brief second there was a very nice exchange of good energy between two humans.

Take a minute or two out of your day to say hello, smile, hold a door open, help somebody cross a street or perform any

act of human kindness. These acts really go a long way and can help you understand that you matter. I value these acts and the people that have the social graces to perform them. Please understand how much power you have each day to help make this world a better place. I hear heartwarming stories about people doing good deeds and I think about how much I value these people and their presence in our world.

Every time somebody thanks me for my work, their kind words

seem to wrap around me and hug me and fill me up with such appreciation for my life and my work. I so value the presence of the people in my practice and in my groups. My group members are so supportive of each other and make a huge difference for each other. I walk through my neighborhood and Midnight and I have many very brief but meaningful interactions and I am reminded of how valuable humans can be if they want to.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nan-

cy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has a private practice in Diamond Bar and is currently accepting new clients. She is also a motivational speaker who can inspire your employees or group members. Nancy conducts free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups on how to manage anger. For more information about any of these services, feel free to contact her at (909) 229-0727. You may also e-mail Nancy at stoopsshecter@earthlink.net.

Teachers Are Special

BY PASTOR MARK HOPPER

I often say that no one works harder than mothers with little kids. They are on duty 24 hours a day with few moments of rest or peace. There is an old saying, "A mother's work is never done, from dawn to the setting sun". There is a lot of truth in that.

You could also say that about school teachers. Their work is also



never done. They are on stage in front of a classroom all day and work far into the night grading papers and preparing lessons. My wife taught Middle School students for many years, and I know firsthand how hard she worked at home and in the classroom.

I have suggested in previous articles that you look for ways to express your thanks to your children's teachers. You may be doing this on a regular basis. But let me share another way you can express your appreciation for your kid's teachers. Bring them to the "Teacher Appreciation Dinner" at

our church on Tuesday, March 4.

We have been doing this event at our church for many years. Students can invite their teacher and parents to come and enjoy a nice evening. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and is followed by a short program. In addition, each teacher receives a small gift from their student.

Teachers really enjoy this event. Every year, I hear several of our guests express how much they appreciate this dinner. Many have said they have never been to an event like it before. They love it!

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to express your thanks to your children's teacher, why not invite them to our "Teacher Appreciation Dinner"?

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STAFF REPORTS

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Ontario Town Square public art project

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and Art in Ontario. Prospective artists must also provide a statement describing their approach to their design that is no more than one page in length, a list of references from both past and current clients within the last five years, and five to ten images of the artist's previous work. Proposals must be submitted online by Mar.

7 at 4 p.m., using the online Bid Portal on the City Website.

Submitted proposals will be judged on the quality and creativity of each artist's previous work, and their recommendations or references. The designs submitted must be able to convey the character and identity of the City of Ontario, and demonstrate an

obvious aesthetic quality. Finally, the designs will be judged on the reproducible quality of the artwork at the full scale of 6' x 24', as the winning design will have to be enlarged and printed onto 8 inch tiles before being installed in the Town Square. The final proposal will be selected on March 14.

For more information on the

Ontario Town Square's Public Art Project, contact the Ontario Purchasing Department at (909) 395-2012.

The City of Ontario has another public art project planned for later this year. The theme is said to be related to conservation and recycling, and will involve the creation and installation of a sculpture.

Edison tower removal continues in Chino Valley

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to Edison Project Manager, Jennifer Wolfe, once all the towers are down, they will be disassembled, bundled, stored and

reused, while the tubular towers will be shipped to Edison's salvage yard to be recycled.

The undergrounding of the power lines will start at an Edison easement located at Pipeline Avenue and the 71

freeway, and will continue west through the residential areas of the city. Each tower takes about two days to remove, and about three days to remove the foundation located almost 60 feet below ground. There

have been some delays due to high winds, but completion is expected to take approximately three months.

The Public Utilities Commission has authorized \$224 million for the whole under-

grounding project, with \$4 million of that amount used for the demolition of the towers. However, Edison predicts that the total cost will exceed \$300 million, due to the cost of voltage control equipment.

Tang no show at candidates' forum

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"had another appointment that evening", but refused to say what that appointment was.

During the candidates' forum, Pacheco said in his opening statement that his main focus for his next possible term would be to increase tax revenue to the city, bring in more businesses, and adding an additional volunteer sheriff to the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff Station.

During the event, Pacheco said he plans on creating a city swimming pool and an amphitheater for outdoor arts performances that would make Walnut a destination for performing arts.

Su, who served as Walnut's Mayor in 2009 and 2012-2013, said her priorities were preserving Walnut's rural atmosphere, maintaining the city's low crime rate, and retaining and attracting high-quality businesses.

One of the first questions of the evening concerned filling vacant storefronts in the City, notably the former Albertsons building at the corner of Nogales Street and Amar Road. Both candidates

said they were already taking steps to fill the vacancy.

Su said she had tried to bring a Trader Joe's Market to Walnut while she was Mayor because she enjoys its products. However, Trader Joe's informed her at that time that the population of Walnut was not considered to be large enough to fulfill the requirements of the supermarket chain.

Su said she has been actively working with the property manager of the former Albertsons store to attract a suitable business to fill the vacancy.

Pacheco mentioned his recommendations to bring a 99 Ranch Market, Walmart or Northgate Market to the former Albertsons lot. "(City Council members) have to be proactive in how we go out to look for these markets," Pacheco said. "So I've actually taken it upon myself to make special calls (to businesses) to welcome them to the city. I spoke to the owners and representatives of 99 Ranch Market ... and they're a good market."

When asked about their views on the city's budget, Pacheco said that Walnut has maintained

a balanced City budget by adopting a cautious spending plan that stayed away from high cost and high risk projects. He also said that he would push for more property development since property taxes were essential to maintaining the city's revenue growth and ability to pay for the City's outstanding public services.

Su said that eliminating some city jobs, such as Assistant City Manager, had allowed the City to have a financial surplus for the past two years, and she estimated that Walnut might have as much as a \$600,000 surplus at the end of the current fiscal year.

While most attendees of the forum appeared to be satisfied with Su's and Pacheco's answers, several Walnut residents were left questioning Tang's chances of being elected to the Council when she ignored such an important chance to talk to Walnut citizens about her plans for the City.

"To be honest, I was very disappointed that Betty Tang did not come," Walnut resident Karen Breitkreutz said. "Because she's

the one candidate that we're not familiar with and because she's never been on the City Council."

Breitkreutz also said that she had thought she might vote for Tang, but after Tang's failure to appear at the candidate's forum, she was more likely to re-elect Su and Pacheco.

Joe Hahn, Walnut resident and former City Mayor, also

said that he had been looking forward to learning more about Tang at the forum, since he was uncertain about her views on the issues Walnut is facing, but he was also disappointed that Tang did not choose to show up.

Walnut residents will have the opportunity to vote for the two available City Council positions on Tuesday, April 8.

Nogales street to close for two years

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release sent out by Assemblyman Curt Hagman. Upon completion, traffic congestion, potential collisions with trains and noise from train horns will be eliminated.

Nogales Street is scheduled to be closed for construction on or after Saturday, March 22 for up to 24 months. Most construction work will take place on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Local businesses will remain open during construction and access to businesses near construction will be maintained. A detour route with temporary rail crossing at Charlie Road Detour will be opened to allow local north-south traffic to reconnect with Nogales Street. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to use Fullerton Road and Fairway Drive as major north-south detour routes. Noise, dust and vibration will be monitored for compliance within applicable limits, according to Hagman.

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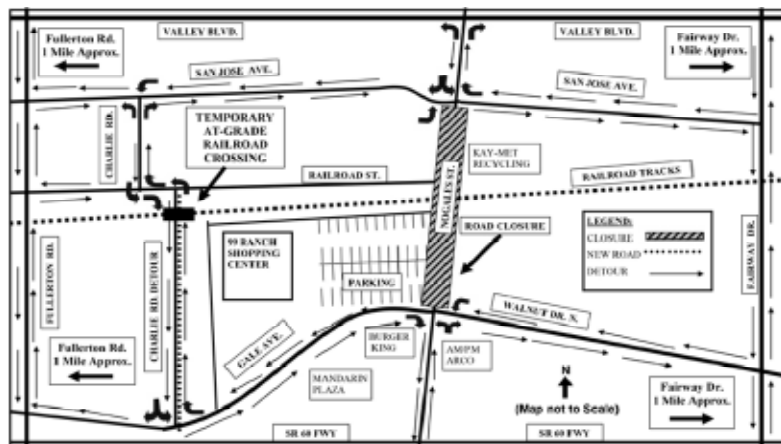


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Family tradition means insurance expertise

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that I was exposed to someone who just pushed paper or punched a clock, my father helped people with important needs and helped business owners stay protected during tough times," said Grace, who watched her father do such things for over 30 years.

"Insurance runs in our family. I grew up learning the industry and spent all of my high school summers working with him," she said. "It was a great time in my life. As I grew, I learned to help others, to be knowledgeable in an effort to help those in need."

She's not just filled with summers of insurance experience; Grace has over ten years of Human Resources experience and ten years of Property Management experience. She's also worked with employers on strategies to minimize on-the-job injuries. This has given her firsthand knowledge of the importance of proper workers compensation

and harassment/wrongful termination (EPLI) coverage.

Knowledge in the property management field has helped her address the concerns of risks and exposures that business and property owners can have. Her California Department of Insurance Resident Insurance Producer License for Property and Casualty allows Grace to legally and thoroughly provide expertise and experience.

"Every business is unique and policies should not be 'One Size Fits All'. I believe a company needs to be evaluated and exposures assessed before presenting the best possible, most cost-effective solution for your business," Grace said. She prides herself on knowing which policy covers you for your specific needs, as some agents aren't sure and you end up with coverage that's costly and unnecessary.

But her main goal is to assist others in need. "I enjoy helping others. Insurance allows me to do this. I work with business owners to manage their risks

and exposures, giving them the peace of mind that their business is protected."

Grace's "off-field" activities prove her commitment to service above self. "I am here to serve the community. I am a member of Christian Business Partners, have volunteered at several schools in the Chino Valley Unified School District, volunteer with the Chino Hills Community Foundation, and a Woman's Care Center in Chino."

Besides helping those in need and continuing her father's legacy in a "Service First" industry by offering affordable coverage, even free evaluations, Grace says, "Our agency offers complementary policy evaluations. We have established relationships with some of the nation's largest and finest carriers as preferred agents." Preferred Agents have benefited their clients with specialized programs and competitive pricing. "Please feel free to contact me directly at (909) 973-8233 if you would like an evaluation of your current coverage and

premium," she adds.

Although the company was established in 1941 and is now located in Orange County, Grace has worked in the Inland Empire and San Gabriel Valley for years. "I am your local agent and I've lived in Chino Hills since 1997. Clients can always expect personalized, professional service from me and everyone at our agency."

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Death may be linked to Chino wholesaler

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exposure to an infected rat, and not necessarily from a bite.

The family says their son's death came about two weeks after his grandmother bought him the pet rat from a Petco location in San Diego. A Petco employee said their rats are supplied by Barney's Pet Products, an animal wholesaler based in Chino, according to a report by 10 News.

Officials with Barney's did not return a phone call and could not be reached for comment. According to the company's website, the company has been a wholesaler and breeder of pets and birds for over 25 years, and is one of the largest suppliers in the United States. The website highlights the company's "strict enforcement" of its Best Care policy of "pre-screening, daily requirements, and safe transportation procedures" that "keeps the animals healthy and safe."

Pankey family attorney, John Gomez, told The Associated Press that his firm filed the lawsuit on Feb. 24 in San Diego County, seeking an unspecified amount for the suffering endured by the Pankey family.

"He was a bright, energetic, friendly, happy kid who actually had a prior rat, who was a female, and he had this idea in his young head of having his female rat get married," Gomez told The Associated Press.

According to news reports, Gomez says the boy's family is suing Petco for "strict liability and negligence and will be seeking compensatory and punitive damages ... it's a means to ensure this doesn't happen again," referring to the lawsuit. "Apparently there was some breakdown in procedures. They want tighter controls."

The family has said the rat was purchased as a mate for a pet rat Aidan already had. It was deemed as a "summer science project," the family told ABC News.

In a statement released by Petco, the company expressed its condolences. "We're saddened by the Pankey family's tragic loss," the statement said. "We follow what we believe are the industry's strongest standards for companion animal health and welfare ... We require our live animal suppliers to meet or exceed USDA requirements for the care and treatment of animals ... We leave specific

testing protocols to be determined by our vendors unless we identify a reason for concern."

On their website, Petco makes available "care sheets" with information and precautions on how to prevent spread of infections, including Rat-Bite Fever. The company warns that all rats are potential carriers and that people with weakened immune systems, children under the age of five, and pregnant women "should avoid contact with rodents" and consider not having them as pets.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Rat-Bite Fever can be contracted from bites or scratches from infected rodents, such as rats, mice and gerbils. Transmission can also occur by handling an animal with the disease or by consuming food or drink contaminated with the bacteria. The agency recommends those who handle rodents wear gloves, wash their hands thoroughly, and avoid touching their mouths with their hands after contact. The CDC website says antibiotics, such as penicillin, are highly effective at treating Rat-Bite Fever, saying it is rarely fatal and not spread from person to person.



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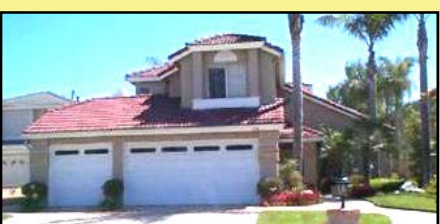
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