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Bad Report For Company

BY EMILY LUNDBERG

Anaheim Hills - Anaheim Hills-based pharmaceutical company, Questcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc., appears

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New SB Mayor

BY TIANA GOEGEBUER

San Bernardino - San Bernardino's new mayor, Carey Davis, was sworn into office on March 3. The inauguration ceremony was held inside the City's council chambers, with a large crowd to bear witness.

Davis, 61, was born and raised in San Bernardino. He has been married for

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SPRING FORWARD

Set your clocks ahead at 2 a.m. on

March 9, 2014

Residents Concerned With Crime

BY SARAH ARMIJO

Walnut - During the public comment section at last week's Walnut City Council meeting, a large community outcry for increased police protection was asked by Walnut citizens.

Specifically, many members of the Three Oaks area in Walnut spoke about the recent crime in their community and the increased pedestrians lingering in front and behind their homes.

Residents from Three Oaks brought 300 petition signatures,

asking the Walnut City Council to help keep criminals out of the City of Walnut.

The first resident representing the Three Oaks community was concerned with the recent armed robbery that occurred to one of his neighbors a few weeks ago. Other residents repeated this concern, claiming that crime has risen in their community.

Some also stated they have attended Neighborhood Watch

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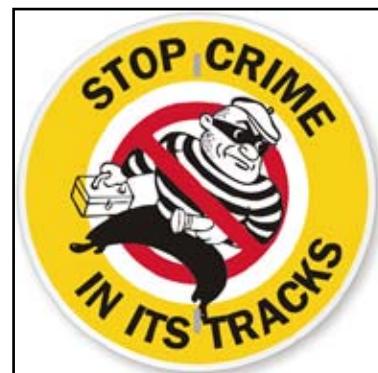


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Walnut residents asked the Walnut Council to help stop crime in the City of Walnut.

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

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Low 50°


Sun Mar 9

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Low 52°


Mon Mar 10

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Thu Mar 13

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Low 52°


Fri Mar 14

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Low 54°


Walnut Council Corner: Farewell General

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - The Walnut City Council meeting held its final regular meeting for February, which bid farewell to the outgoing Philippine Consulate General.

DB Council Corner: New Position Created

BY ARIEL CARMONA JR.

Diamond Bar - At their March 4 meeting, the Diamond Bar council heard a presentation from students and parents at Diamond Bar High School pertaining to efforts on the part of the school to raise \$10,000 for computers, laptops and Audio Visual equipment needed for students to comply with the state's

The City Council's first action of the evening was to honor Maria Hel Barber de la Vega, the outgoing Philippine Consulate General of Los Angeles, and welcome Imelda Panalong, the Deputy Consul General of Los

Angeles.

The Philippine Consulate General of Los Angeles strives to protect Filipino nationals as well

because of all the budget cuts, Diamond Bar High School is not able to pay for all this stuff. We are trying to help fundraise money for that; we wanted to reach a goal of \$2,000 with the help of you guys fundraising."

The South Asian Parent As-

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Chino Hills Happenings

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills - The Chino Hills Community Foundation's 4th Annual Spring Home Tour returns this year on Sunday, April 6, with an impressive lineup of custom-built homes that highlight the diverse community of Chino Hills.

Tours will take place from

1:00 to 4:00 p.m., with a wine reception to follow from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center. Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes the reception. Reception-only tickets are available for \$30. Proceeds from the event will contribute to the Foundation's efforts to raise funds for art programs and youth and senior recreation scholar-

ships.

The tour will feature three grand custom properties, located in different parts of the City. The tours are self-guided, and numerous docents will be on-hand to share information about the

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BUSINESS FEATURE

Customers A Priority At The Family Limousine Service

STAFF REPORTS

San Gabriel Valley - With ten years of experience in the limousine field, Luis Calderon knows a thing or two about customer service. "Customers are



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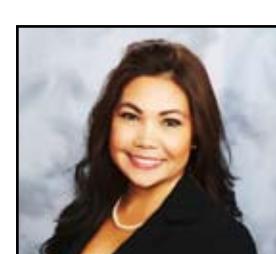
Family Tradition Means Insurance Expertise

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

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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OUR LIFE

The Carpenter

BY MICHAEL ARMJO

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor, who was sorry to see his good worker go, asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time, it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we've built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back.

You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone has said. Your attitudes and the choices you make today, build the "house" you live in tomorrow. Build wisely!

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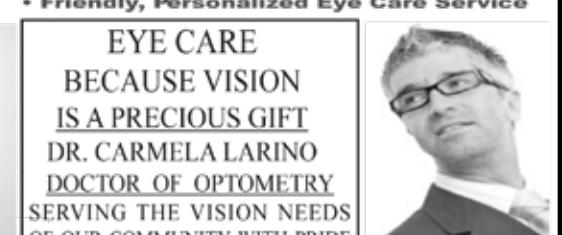
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Community Events

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UPCOMING EVENTS: 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.

Annual Curriculum Fair

When: March 13 at 6 p.m.

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran School gym, located at 23300 Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar

Details: Art pieces, writing samples, and science projects from Mt. Calvary's students, Kindergarten through 8th grade. A live egg drop done by the 4th grade class will follow at 6:30 p.m. Each 4th grade student will drop two egg drop devices from the second story building to land on the ground and see if the raw egg broke or not. The community is invited to come see the hard work Mt. Calvary has done!

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

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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

City of Walnut Family Health and Fitness Fair

When: Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Details: Information booths, FREE screenings, lectures ev-

ery 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.

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:

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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.

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Contact: (909) 869-0701

New Date for Walnut Health/Fitness Fair

CITY OF WALNUT

Walnut – With last weekend's heavy rainstorms, the Family Health and Fitness Fair originally scheduled for Saturday, March 1, has been officially rescheduled for Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Walnut Senior Center.

Most vendors have confirmed their attendance at the new event date, including sponsors Kaiser Permanente and Pomona Valley Medical Center. Attendees will still be able to take advantage of free health screenings, including blood pressure, and bone density; talk to vendors; collect plenty of freebees; and listen to lectures given by health professionals.

"We wanted to provide a successful event, and with the rain

forecast last weekend, it would have been difficult for families and seniors to attend," Council Member Bob Pacheco said. "Also, we didn't want the community driving in unsafe conditions during the wet weather."

The day-long event will provide fun for the whole family as well as opportunities to get informed on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Walnut Senior Center is located at 21215 La Puente Road, in Walnut. For additional information, please call the Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200. For information about the City of Walnut, please visit the website at www.ci.walnut.ca.us.



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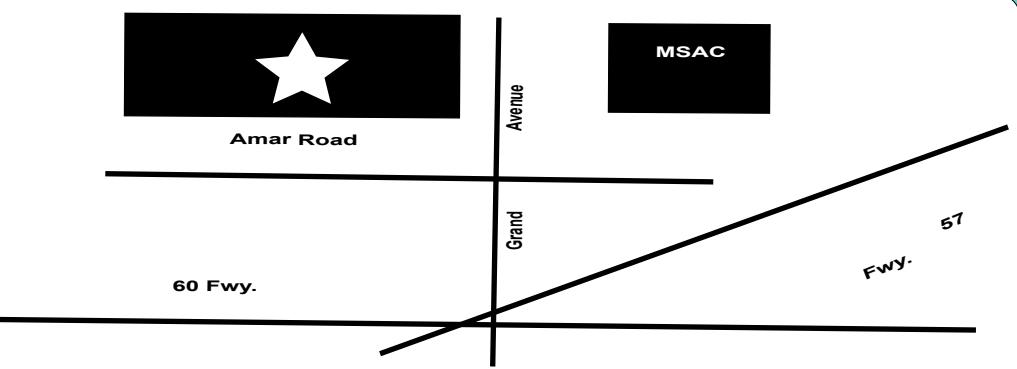
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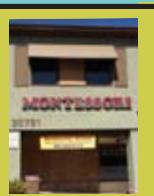
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Walnut Valley Schools Shine At 2014 Science Olympiad

By KELLI GILE

Walnut - Five schools and over 100 students from the Walnut Valley Unified School District distinguished themselves during the 28th Los Angeles County Science Olympiad Competition held Feb. 22 at Occidental College.

The competition was fierce with over 135 elementary and secondary schools ready to show their scientific prowess. A total of 140 schools were represented in the competition, which is the largest region in the nation. Several thousand students, teachers, and parents attended the all-day event.

For the first time, two Walnut Valley elementary schools sent teams to the competition. Teams from Quail Summit and Westhoff competed and took home silver medals. Most of these young scientists competed in 4 to 6 thirty minutes events. There is no state contest for the Elementary Division A tournament.

In Division B, Walnut Valley middle schools took three of the top six-team trophies. Of the 39 middle school teams, South Pointe earned 3rd place, Suzanne earned 4th Place, and Chaparral earned 6th Place. Because of their outstanding performances, all five WVUSD middle school and high school teams have been invited to the State Championships on April 5.

These students worked in teams of two to prepare for 23 events in the categories of Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics, Technology, Engineering, and Inquiry. Most students competed in three or four team events. Some teams were focused on topics of anatomy, heredity, entomology, rocks/minerals, forensics, water quality, experimental design, solar system, and meteorology. Other teams pursued engineering and created helicopters, a wheeled vehicle, rotor egg drop machine, a cantilever, and musical instruments.

"The Science Olympiad experience is a culmination of dedication, commitment, sacrifice and passion on the parts of the students, parents and coaches. The Science Olympiad requires not only head work, but heart work," said Susan Warren, Suzanne Middle School coach and science teacher.

"Just as in the recent Winter Olympics, every minute spent in actual competition represents hours spent in preparation and hard work. I am so proud of this group of talented young scientists, who were willing to take risks and pursue advanced studies. I am thankful for everyone who helped make this experience possible for them," she said.

Both Walnut High School and Diamond Bar high school earned trophies in the coveted

top team placements for Division C. Of the 39 high school teams, Walnut High earned 2nd Place and Diamond Bar High earned 4th Place.

Walnut High School received two 1st Place medals, three 2nd Place medals, five 3rd Place medals, two 4th Place medals, one 5th Place medal, and one 6th Place medal. There were 23 events and the Mustang team placed in the top six in 14 of these events.

"We may have had the largest representation there, medaling and receiving the top six place finishes, of any district," said Tony Goossens, who coaches the Mustang team. Goossens describes the events as extremely difficult and beyond what is taught in the classroom.

"Each student has spent countless hours studying for exams in such topics as anatomy and physiology, astronomy, chemistry, diseases, entomology, forensics, genetics, geology, material science, planetary science, problem solving, circuitry, water quality, as well as building gliders, magnetic levitation, boomilever (structure stress designs), scrambler cars, and compound machines," he said.

Special thanks to parents Anne and David Sonner who have spent countless hours to make the Walnut High School Team such a success.



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The Walnut High 2014 Science Olympiad Team.



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South Pointe Middle School Science Olympiad Team celebrates after the contest on Feb. 22.



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The Chaparral Middle School Science Olympiad Team celebrates after the competition.



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Quail Summit team members proudly show their silver medals after the competition.



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The triumphant Suzanne Middle School Science Olympiad team celebrates after placing 4th at the regional competition.

Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous, academic, interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events in which students prepare for during the year. There are approximately 23 challenging and motivational events

that are drawn from the various disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. There is a balance between events requiring knowledge of science facts, concepts processes, skills and science applications.

RUSD Seeks New Superintendent

ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rowland Heights - At this week's regular Rowland Unified School District (RUSD) Board of Education meeting, the Board and Superintendent

shared that Ruben Frutos, District Superintendent, has expressed a preference and recommended that the Board commence a search for a new Superintendent. The Board directed staff to gather information and proposals from quali-

fied search firms. A report back to the Board is expected at the March 25 Study Session.

Frutos continues to serve as the District Superintendent. His current contract remains in effect through June 30, 2014.

It was also reported at the

meeting that the Superintendent proposed a return to the Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services position starting in July. The Board of Education is expected to consider and take action on these matters at the next regular

Board Meeting, scheduled on April 16.

RUSD serves the communities of Rowland Heights, Walnut, La Puente, City of Industry, and West Covina. For more information, visit www.RowlandSchools.org.

Mt. SAC Wins Four Gold Medals at Skills USA

MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

Walnut - Mt. San Antonio College vocational education students won four gold, three silver, and one bronze medal at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition held recently at Los Angeles Trade Technical College, with seven students qualifying to advance to the 47th Annual State Leadership Conference competition, April 24 through 27 at the Town Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego.

Rhiannon Britney of West Covina and Kevin Velasquez of Ontario won gold medals in technical drafting and will advance to the state competition. Sukhdev Singh of Chino won a gold medal for technical design and will also advance to state. In the electronics technology competition, Jose Gomez of Azusa won first place and Cesar Bustamante of Anaheim took the silver medal. Both will advance to the state level. In telecommunications cabling, Samuel Arrieta of Monrovia took second place, and Hyun Cha of

Rowland Heights won third place with both advancing to state.

Other competitors for Mt. SAC were Carlos Galdamez of West Covina with a silver medal in technical drafting, Trevor Lauritsen of Pomona with a fifth-place finish in technical drafting, and Rodrigo Del Villar of El Monte with sixth place in the computer maintenance technology competition.

First-place winners at the state competition will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference slated for June 21 through 27 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The SkillsUSA championships are showcases for the best career and technical students in the country. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. More than 5,600 students are expected to compete at this year's national event.

SkillsUSA is a nationally affiliated vocational club representing secondary and post-secondary

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Bad report for company

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to be making a recovery after a damaging report from the stock commentary website, Citron Research, was published last week.

The 24 page report, released on Feb. 27, alleged that Questcor's flagship drug, Acthar, con-

tains little to none of the main active ingredient, Corticotropin. Citron Research accused the company of mislabeling their product and raising a health risk from the lack of potency and other unknown factors associated with the drug, which is prescribed to patients with difficult to treat autoimmune and inflammatory disorders. Prior to

the release of this report, Citron turned over their research findings to the FDA, urging them to investigate.

Shortly after the release of the report, Questcor's chief operating officer, Steve Cartt, responded by telling Bloomberg's First Word that Acthar is still not fully understood and that the drug still meets all FDA man-

dated specifications. The FDA is currently reviewing lab results to see if that is the case.

In a follow up to Cartt's response, Citron published a statement saying they are "astonished" by what Cartt said and questioned both the legality and ethicality of Questcor's lack of concrete knowledge about the drug they are currently selling

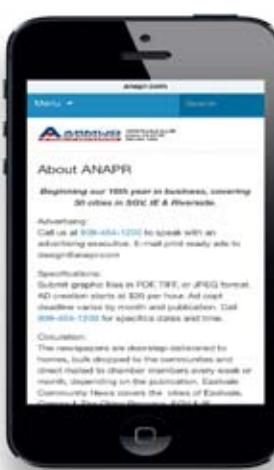
for \$28,000 a vial. To conclude the statement, they warned "cautious investing to all."

Since the release of the report, Questcor's stock (NASDAQ: QCOR) dropped 18.4% between Feb. 26 and Feb. 28, according to Yahoo Finance. In spite of this, some companies, including Mizuho Financials, have made statements in support of Questcor. The stock has since regained some of its momentum and has risen 6.83% since its fall on Feb. 28, although future trends remain uncertain while the company undergoes investigation from the FDA.

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DB Library Teams With Covered California

NEWS RELEASE

Diamond Bar - Covered California has teamed with the Diamond Bar Library for a series of enrollment events to help local consumers obtain quality, affordable health insurance.

"There's no better place than libraries to help consumers protect themselves and their families by enrolling in Covered California health insurance plans," Executive Director, Peter V. Lee, said.

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for no-cost or low-cost Medi-Cal.

Many consumers have been uninsured for years and are relieved and excited at the opportunity to finally get affordable health coverage.

Theus White, 28, of North Hollywood, is an independent con-

tractor for an insurance agency and has been uninsured for about six months. "Not having insurance has been a bit challenging. I do have to do home remedies to make sure I'm not catching any colds or something like that. In the event you are ill, you have to go to a

hospital and get a huge bill!"

Guided by Covered California, more than 26,000 Enrollment Counselors, insurance agents and eligibility workers in counties across the state are available to help consumers enroll.

"We know for the thousands who have successfully enrolled,

there are others out there who we still need to serve better," Lee said. "These events are part of that effort."

The library enrollment events are being held to enroll as many people as possible before March 31, which is the deadline for getting covered.



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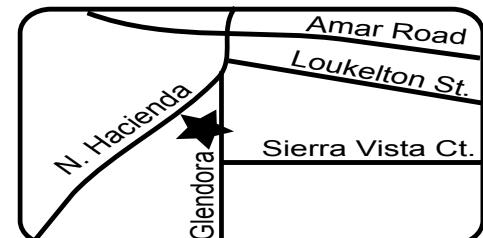
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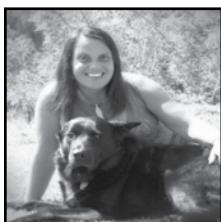
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Designing Your Own Life

By NANCY STOOPS

Why do you let everybody run your life? Why do you feel you have no choices and that life can't ever get better? What is it that seems to keep you stuck? How many times have you asked yourself these questions? Let's see if we can provide some



answers.

I think we let others run our lives because we feel we don't know how to. Out of fear, we allow others to run things for us. In terms of feeling, we have no choices. I think it's just a bad habit of limiting our expectations and not having faith in ourselves.

I believe we stay stuck because we get comfortable even if we are miserable. It also takes a lot of energy to change

and many times we don't want to put forth that kind of energy. The alternative is to do nothing and to just stay stuck. We ask ourselves the same questions over and over, and at the time, we tell ourselves that this time we will finally change. I believe people mean it at the time they say it, but then they get lazy when it comes to actually doing the work involved to get to where they want to.

Please stop assigning blame to everybody and everything, except yourself, for why you

don't have the life you want. We all have things that get in the way of our journeys, but it's also up to us to overcome that adversity that literally stops us dead in our tracks. I get so tired of people telling me they can't when I know they can if they would try harder and fight for the life they want. People are always putting off having the life they want by telling themselves that once they get through this or that, life will improve and be what they want it to be. The truth is that all they are really putting

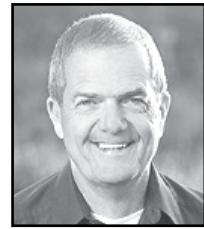
off is life.

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Small Things, Big Problems

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER

I know that we are all thankful for the recent rain. And it really did rain! I haven't heard the total amount yet, but it was certainly several inches of rain in my neighborhood and probably a lot more in the foothills.



During some of the heaviest rain, I noticed that my backyard was filling up with water. I realized that the drain pipes in my yard were not working properly. So, I rolled up my jeans, took off my shoes, and waded into the cold standing water. When I located the drain pipe, I discovered it was covered with leaves. The leaves were blocking the drain and causing the water to back up into the yard.

The drain pipe had a plastic

cover with small slots in it. I'm sure the cover prevents animals and large objects from getting into the pipe and blocking it completely. But I was surprised that a few small leaves could stop up the drain and prevent the water from draining out to the street. It was a helpful reminder that small things can cause big problems. We know that small termites can devastate a large home. We know that a small pebble in your shoe can cause

a lot of discomfort.

The same is true in personal relationships. Small issues in a marriage that go unresolved can lead to big problems. One white lie can lead to a habit of dishonesty.

I wonder... are there any small things in your life that need attention? Are there things that you have allowed to go unaddressed and overlooked that could lead to bigger problems in the future?

Let me encourage you to

take a look at your life and your heart. Ask God to reveal to you some little things that need your attention. Don't let these little things become a big problem in your life.

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Straight Talk With Danice

Dear Danice Akiyoshi, ND:

My sorority sisters and I plan to take a cruise to Mexico this summer. There are eight of us going, so we drew names to decide how the



rooms would be shared. I am nervous because I drew the girl who has OCD, and she has to have everything perfect all the time. I'm a spontaneous person and never plan a thing. Do you think it would be wrong of me to see if any of the other girls might be willing to switch roommates with me? We are the worst match.

Gabriella

Your roommate is bound to discover your feelings if you approach the other people in your group. Names were drawn; all is fair, so accept the outcome and get off to a good start. Partnering with this person only applies to your stateroom right? Where you sleep and shower should not have a significant bearing on how much fun you experience with your sorority

sisters on this cruise. I am old enough to know that things often happen for a reason. You may find yourself forming a magnificent friendship with your roommate. Maybe you even have something important to teach each other. Carry on and concentrate on having a good time.

Danice Akiyoshi, ND
Danice Akiyoshi is a Natu-

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

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New San Bernardino Mayor sworn in

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40 years, and is a local church leader. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Davis is a longtime

corporate controller at Hehr International, but is still fairly new to the political world. His review of San Bernardino's financial statements before San Bernardino was forced to file for bankruptcy is what sparked his personal interest in the City's

politics. Carey Davis's goal as mayor is to restore San Bernardino to a "prosperous and industrious community." His plan to achieve said goal consists of three main steps. The first step will be to fix the City's budget and finances.

Next, he plans to work with the local businesses and the Board of Education to discuss the best way to educate and train a skilled workforce. Finally, he plans to keep the citizens up to date, informed, and involved in the City's projects, as well as the

progress being made. Davis' vision for San Bernardino includes a place where the council and the people work together for the betterment of the community, and join forces to help the City regain the financial stability it once knew.

Chino Hills happenings

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homes.

"Guests are going to get a big kick out of our homes this year," said Vice Mayor Cynthia Moran, chair of the Foundation. "From the best man cave you'll ever see, to a villa, to a modern marvel, the homes really delight and deliver a fun experience."

A wine reception with light appetizers will cap off the day where guests have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets and enjoy live music by Give Up The Junk,

a Chino Hills youth band.

Event sponsors include: Keller Williams; Century 21 Beachside; Windermere Realtors; Advantage Realtors; Steve and Stephanie Eli; Loren Lillestrand; and Sylvia Nash. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

Founded in 2008, the Chino Hills Community Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the City through local philanthropy that benefits all citizens. Most recently, the foundation donated \$300,000 to furnish the Community Center and gave more than \$23,000

in scholarships to low-income children and teens participating in City recreation programs.

Home tour tickets are available through the City website at www.chinohills.org/HomeTour. Tickets may also be purchased in the Recreation Division at City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive. For additional event information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.chinohillsfoundation.org or e-mail the Foundation at CHCfoundation@chinohills.org.

The City of Chino Hills 14th Annual Water Conservation Design-a-Sign Contest will be

beginning soon. This contest is for students in grades K through 12 who are residents of Chino Hills or who attend Chino Hills schools. Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade will have an opportunity to win the Grand Prize – an Xbox 360 with Kinect (250 GB); and, the Grand Prize for students from 7th to 12th grades is an Apple iPad Mini (16 GB). Classrooms that have 100% participation will be entered into a raffle to win a pizza party for their class.

The contest rules and applications are available on the City's

website at www.chinohills.org/DesignASign. This year's theme is "Catch Those Drops, Don't Let Them Get Away." Entries must be submitted by Friday, March 14th at 4:00 p.m. to the main receptionist at City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive. Late entries will not be accepted. Winning posters will be made into permanent water conservation street signs and will be on display on streetlight poles in Chino Hills. For more information on the Design-a-Sign Contest, please call the Neighborhood Services Division at (909) 364-2804.

Walnut residents concerned with crime

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meetings with Deputy Daley, where they learned to report suspicious activity to the Walnut Sheriff's Department. They were told Police would respond very quickly. A newer citizen of Walnut said that when he reported suspicious activity, the Police came in less than five minutes as promised. He said that this made him feel that City of Walnut is in fact, a very safe city. However, other residents explained that they did not get the same five-minute response time when they called the Police. They claimed that neighborhood watches can do very little when the Police are unable to arrive on time or at all.

Another concern a large number of the residents had was about the teenagers walking around the trails and neighborhood late at night. The residents said that from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., they have experienced teenagers drinking alcohol, smoking weed, playing loud music, damaging cars and houses, littering trash and food in front of their houses, and parking their cars in or near their driveways. One resident said that she even found teenagers in her backyard, which is near the hiking trail off Walnut Vista Way.

The residents of Three Oaks gave a few solutions to these issues, including adding a gate surrounding the area, adding security cameras in the neighborhood, or adding more patrol in the area.

After the citizens spoke, Walnut Mayor Antonio "Tony" Cartagena said that the council recently went to a conference in Sacramento, where they discussed how to improve AB 109, a bill allowing many low-risk prison inmates to be shifted from the state to the counties. Cartagena implied that crimes have increased since this bill was passed.

"It is not only Walnut that is experiencing the problems of

burglary and the rising problem of crimes," said Cartagena. "It is also in the neighboring cities of San Gabriel Valley... and all over California."

"One of the ways that we can reduce these property crimes and burglaries is to be involved in the neighborhood watch program," said Cartagena.

He said that cities such as Brea, Glendora, La Mirada, and Placentia have populations of about 40,000 to 50,000 people, but only have 10 to 15 neighborhood watch groups. In addition, Chino has a population of 80,164 people and has 25 neighborhood watch groups. But Walnut, with a population of 30,011 people, has 80 neighborhood watch groups, and the city is still looking to increase the number of neighbor-

hood watch groups.

Captain Jeffrey Scroggin of the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Department said that they now has a fleet of seven volunteer patrol vehicles that can patrol the City of Walnut. In addition, he said they have done an increase in patrol since September, where they put six extra deputies in the City of Walnut every day during the time where crime has spiked towards the end of last year. Captain Scroggin said that the entire Walnut Diamond Bar station is working day shifts to combat residential burglaries during the day. He said so far, they are down substantially this year.

As of Feb. 27, Captain Scroggin said that the crime for the City of Walnut is down 45%. In the area of Three Oaks com-

munity, he said they only had two reported crimes this year, which included a burglary of a residence and a home invasion robbery.

As far as response times, Captain Scroggin said the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Department strives to respond as quickly as they can. However, he said that the nature of call volume and the severity of the crime do play a part in priority of Police response.

In addition, Scroggin said that he and the department will look into "nuisance" type crimes, including public drinking and loitering in residential areas.

"I'm sure the city will work with me to provide any resources that we might need. We are very supported by city staff and very supported by the council."

Scroggin did want to make sure that citizens knew that even if don't see a black and white car presence, it doesn't mean that police aren't patrolling the neighborhood. He said he and his partner have driven around the city in an unmarked car several times to make sure the city is safe.

"Safety is our priority," he said.

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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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manage their risks by providing comprehensive business packages, general and professional liability, property coverage, workers compensation, bonds, E&O, D&O, EPLI and commercial auto coverage.

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DB Council Corner: new position created

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society of Diamond Bar High School, a parent based nonprofit organization under the Diamond Bar High School Magnificent 7 parent group, presented information about their upcoming fundraising event to the council. The fundraiser will include an evening of food, music and cultural event scheduled for March 21 at 7 p.m. at Diamond Palace Cuisine of India located at 1241 Grand Ave.

"Our mission is to enhance the sense of community and belonging of the students at DBHS by celebrating the Indian and sub-continent cultures through education and arts, promoting parent and community involvement...and fostering the spirit of the school's multicultural community," said Co-Presidents Archana Verma and Lubna Akbany in a written statement presented to the council.

Sponsorships to the event include a platinum sponsor at \$2,000, a gold sponsorship at \$1,000, a Silver sponsorship at \$500 and a Bronze at \$250.

In other actions, the council voted 5-0 to pass their consent

calendar, which included a ratification of a check register dated Feb. 13 through Feb. 26 totaling \$931,877; approved the Treasurers statement for the month of January and approved a contract amendment for the consulting services for the Willow Heights project's final environmental impact report for a not-to-exceed cost of \$30,210; and acceptance of work performed by a contractor for construction of improvements to the Diamond Bar Center.

The council members also thanked retiring commissioners in various city departments including traffic and transportation, parks and recreations, and the planning commission. A presentation to honor outgoing commissioners included Liana Pincher and Peter Pirritano who worked under Traffic and transportation, and Dave Roberto and Ash Dhingra for Parks and Recreation and planning respectively.

City Manager James De Stefano praised staff for their actions during the rainstorm which pelted the area. "I want to specifically thank the Public Works Department, they were the most active during the course of the few days ensuring

that a variety of city staff resources were properly deployed and that the assets that we have were in position to respond to the storm. There were a variety of city staff members that worked very hard, particularly on Friday."

During his report to the council, DeStefano also spoke about a new position approved by the council at their previous meeting. "I have promoted Ryan McClean to the position of Deputy City Manager," said DeStefano, "Ryan has been a member of this city staff for many years, has served in the City Manager's office in a variety of positions. Ryan is an outstanding contributor to our organization and it's a great pleasure to have promoted to the new position of Deputy City Manager."

Councilmember Ling-Ling Chang said, "I wanted to congratulate our new Deputy City Manager Ryan. You've been doing a great job; thank you for all the great work you do and congratulations on the new position."

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the AQMD/Government Center Auditorium at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

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