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### **OC News**

## \$50 Million Insurance Fraud

STAFF REPORTS

**Orange** – Three individuals were indicted in an insurance fraud scheme involving more than \$50 million worth of unneeded medical procedures.

The United States Attorney's Office has issued a news release stating that a federal grand jury indicted three Southern California residents on Wed., July 16 for defrauding health insurance programs by submitting bills for more than \$50 million in medically unnecessary

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### **IE News**

## Rapper Purchases Home in Eastvale

By TIANA GOEGEBUER

**Eastvale** - Rapper Kendrick Lamar recently purchased a modest home in the city of Eastvale.

News of Lamar's purchase really began circulating in late May. The online buzz stated that Lamar had gone against the typical rapper stereotype and settled down not in Los Angeles or Beverly Hills, but a former dairy community

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### **New Police Chief For Chino**

STAFF REPORTS

Chino – On Tues., July 15, during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, City Manager, Matt Ballantyne, announced that Captain Karen Comstock will become the new Police Chief upon the retirement of current Police Chief, Miles Pruitt. Chief Pruitt will retire effective Dec. 4, 2014.

"This is an exciting time for Chino," said Ballantyne. "Karen is a homegrown product of this community and the Department. She was raised in Chino, graduated from Don Lugo High School, and her family still has roots here. Karen has been an active part of this community for many years. Her knowledge of the community combined with her experience and training will serve her well as she transitions into her new position as Chief," Ballantyne added.

Captain Comstock began her career with the Department in 1985, when she became a Police Explorer. She worked her way up through the organization and became a Cadet and later a Reserve Officer; she was hired as a Police Officer in 1990. Since that time, she has held a number of positions and has served as a Field Training Officer, Patrol Supervisor, Detective Bureau Supervisor, and was a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team. She has worked as a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Bureau and in the Background Investigation Unit. She filled the

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PHOTO COURTESY: CITY OF CHINO New Police Chief, Karen Comstock.

### Diamond Bar Council Corner

By ARIEL CARMONA, JR.

**Diamond Bar** – During the July 15 meeting, the Diamond Bar City Council addressed a light agenda calendar which included a discussion of the following steps for three of the City's Lighting and Landscape Assessment Districts (LLAD), approval of minutes from a study session regarding updates to the Grand Avenue Beautification Project, and ratification of an expenditure totaling more

than \$1 million in City funds for green building construction, legal consultants and health insurance benefits, among other items.

In a written report made public by City Manager, James DeStefano, he stated the purpose of the July 1 study session was to provide the City Council with more details on the Grand Avenue Beautification Project. According to the report, the concept was first discussed with the Council in April. Since that time, the Public

Works Department team has been designing the project and preparing for construction.

Upon City Council approval, the project will go to Caltrans for review, after which it will move to the design and construction phases. 53 residents attended an open house earlier this year to review the concept plans and give input on what the community

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### Police Arrest Three Robbery Suspects

STAFF REPORTS

**Chino** – On July 10, officers of the Chino Police Department arrested three suspects who are believed to have been involved in an armed robbery that took place in the 12800 block of 16th

At approximately 3:24 a.m., a victim told police he was robbed at gunpoint while walking on 16th street, and that his handgun and

cash had been taken by three armed suspects described as Hispanic males. The suspects were last seen running from the scene into a nearby residential area.

According to a press release from the City of Chino, officers quickly cordoned off the area of Benson Avenue, 18th Street, Tronkeel and Serene Avenues, and evacuated nearby residents. Members of the Chino SWAT

Team arrived on scene and surrounded a house in the 12800 block of 16th Street, which is where the suspects were believed to be hiding.

At approximately 5:52 a.m., officers came into contact with Edgar Campos, 20, of Chino, who was walking in the 12800 block of 18th Street. Officers

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### Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

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### Business Feature

### "Sell Your Casa" With Gil Rivera

By SARAH ARMIJO

**Southern California** – In this day and age, it's important to know all aspects of your business. For Gil Rivera from sellyourcasa.com, he definitely knows every aspect of buying and selling a home. He is a reliable, experienced, and an

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### **BUSINESS FEATURE**

## Music Camp At First Baptist Church Of Walnut Valley

STAFF REPORTS

**Walnut** - First Baptist Church of Walnut Valley (FBCWV) is calling all kids who have completed grades 1 through 6 to come and make new friends and participate

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### Standing In The Light

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

Doug was a simple guy who had worked hard to be "normal." His upbringing wasn't the best, but Doug beat the odds and found life within his spiritual realm. He found God and decided that his true place in life was with Him. He wanted to come out of the darkness and stand strong into the light.

One day Doug stood in line at a mini-mart when a young woman came in. He immediately noticed her long brown hair, her beautiful eyes, and her slightly crooked smile. She raced in for her purchase, and without noticing, dropped a fifty-dollar bill on the floor.

As he hesitated, Doug remembered his obligation to stand in the light. He remembered that he attends church on Sundays, and needs to do what is right; but he didn't. A little voice in Doug's head whispered, "Pick up the money and put it in your pocket." He picked up the fifty, placed it in his pocket, and turned the negative into a positive by bragging about how "lucky" he was.

Soon after, he reexamined his actions and tried to justify them. He thought to himself, "God wanted me to have this money; he knew how much I needed it." And then the guilt set in. He wasn't comfortable attending church on Sundays, and he began to run from his guilt by not caring anymore. Doug was lost to guilt and temptation.

Several weeks went by and Doug's dishonesty grew. He felt content about his new place because he received things he didn't earn; he took things that he didn't deserve. His 'cheating the system' helped him receive tangible items that he usually couldn't afford. And then one day a friend invited him back to church and Doug was faced with an uncomfortable decision: Do I continue my wicked ways, or do I go back to the light?

If Doug was to give up his newfound lifestyle, he would then have to change what he was taking from others. He would have to exchange his financial riches for spiritual ones. Honesty would once again have to prevail in his life. All the taking, which had grown into a disease, would have to transform into giving. But Doug was afraid of doing what was right.

I believe that honesty doesn't just happen, and to many, it has to be taught. To truly stand strong in the light requires commitment and focus on the bigger picture. And although life has given me unpredictable waves that have created confusion within my own life, I still believe that there is something out there, a higher power, and an incredible universe that shines brighter than imaginable. In those moments when we do the right thing, when we feel inexplicable happiness and peace, we draw from this power and feel the benefit of this light.

I hope for Doug, and the many others who have fallen into the darkness of life, that they can overcome their fears about love, affection, honesty, intimacy, goodness and truth. And is it really easier to live in that fear within the darkness? When we are able to overcome and understand who we really are, where we are going, and what we believe in, these elements of truth help keep us free from sin, pain, and being fearful. At that time we will have no fear, and we will stand strong with our hearts full of that light.



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### Community Events

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**: Free ESL and Citizenship Classes

When: Monday through Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m.; or Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.

Where: 2100 Lerona Avenue, Rowland Heights

Details: Rowland Adult & Community Education is now offering free English as a Second Language and Citizenship courses to adult students this summer due to a grant received from the Majestic Reality Foundation in the City of Industry.

Contact: Call (626) 965-5975, or visit http://race.rowland.k12. ca.us.

#### Mt. Calvary Lutheran Summer Kids' Day Camp

When: Monday, Now through Wednesday, August 20; 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Schools, 23300 Golden Springs Dr., Diamond Bar 91765

Details: A fun, safe, Christian environment for your school age children. Kids' camp is a summer day camp program based on fun, personal and spiritual growth, and the celebration of God's Word through various activities, field trips, and daily devotions. All children ages 5 - 12 are invited to attend. Check out the Mt. Calvary Lutheran website for more information about daily activities, registration, and fees.

#### West Covina Summer Concert Series

When: Thursday evenings, now through August 7; 6 to 9

Where: West Covina Civic Center, 1444 W. Garvey Avenue

Details: Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes and enjoy this summer entertainment:

- Jul 24: Sgt. Pepper
- Jul 31: Cold Duck
- Aug 7: Mariachi Divas

 Aug 16: Food Truck Frenzy and Concert

Contact: Community Services Department, (626) 939-8489.

### **Diamond Bar Concert/Movie**

When: Wednesday evenings through August 13; 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sycamore Canyon Park, 22930 Golden Springs Drive

Details: Free admission and free parking

- Jul 23: The Answer (Classic Rock); The Great and Powerful
- Jul 30: Box Car 7 (Blues, R&B); Free Birds.
- Aug 06: Cold Ducks (70s Tribute); The Lego Movie.
- Aug 13: Little Lies Band (Fleetwood Mac Tribute); Despicable Me 2

Contact: www.ci.diamond-bar. ca.us

#### 21st Annual Oxnard Salsa **Festival**

When: Saturday, July 26

Where: Oxnard, CA (busses depart from Park-N-Ride, 20983 La Puente Road (at Gartel Drive).

Details: For \$20 per person you can enjoy salsa, food, music and dance. Lunch is on your own at the festival. All ages are welcome.

Contact: For registration and additional information, call Walnut Community Services Department, (909) 598-5605.

#### **Reduced Cost Vaccination** Clinic

When: Tuesday, July 29, 7 to 8 p.m.

Where: Chino Community Building, 5443 B Street, Chino

Details: The Inland Valley Humane Society and SPCA will hold a reduced fee vaccination and licensing clinic for pets. Dogs: Rabies/\$6; DHPP/\$15; Bordetella/\$15. Cats: Rabies/\$10; FVRCP/\$18.

Contact: (909) 706-4601

#### Chino Youth Museum Family-Friendly Programs

When: Now through August

2014

Where: 13191 Sixth Street, Downtown Chino; Tuesday -Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nominal fees.

Details: There are some amazing events taking place this summer, from art projects and entertainment, to edible art creations and Kids Night Out. Enjoy special activities like You & Me Time, Beat the Heat cool activities, and special day Museum Birthday Parties.

Contact: (909) 334-3270 to find out more about the summerfun schedule.

#### Wheel Food Fest

When: August 1, September 5, October 3 (1st Friday of the month); 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Valley Unified School District, 880 S. Lemon Avenue, in Walnut.

Details: The Walnut Valley Educational Foundation is sponsoring a family fun night with a variety of gourmet food trucks. This is a delicious way to support your students, schools and community. There are no entry fees, and there is plenty of free parking. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy! Food trucks may include: The Slummin' Gourmet, Macho Nacho, Rolling Sushi, Cup Cakery, Crepes Bonaparte, White Rabbit, and Dos Chinos. Please leave your pets at home, and do not bring alcohol, outside food or drinks.

#### Chino Relay for Life

When: Sat., Aug. 2, 9 a.m. through Sunday, Aug. 3, 8 a.m.

Where: Ayala Park, 14201 Central Ave, Chino

Details: 24-hour event that helps to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Run, Walk, Sponsor!

Contact: Kristine Travis, at kritravi1978@yahoo.com

#### Youth Citizens Police Academy Class VIII

When: Monday - Thursday, Aug. 11-21; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Chino Police Department, 5450 Walnut Avenue

Details: High school teens, 14-18 years of age, who live or attend school in the City of Chino,

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#### **Hollywood Bowl Fireworks** Finale featuring the Simpsons!

When: Saturday, Sept. 13

Where: Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, CA (busses depart from Park-N-Ride, 20983 La Puente Road (at Gartel Drive).

Details: Journey from the animated Springfield Bowl to the Hollywood Bowl for this unprecedented event as the famous orchestra accompanies your favorite scenes from the Simpsons on the big screen. Seats are located in Section F2, Rows 5, 6, and 7. The fee is \$55 per person, appropriate for all ages.

Contact: For registration and additional information, call Walnut Community Services Department, (909) 598-5605.

#### **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.

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

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

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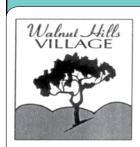
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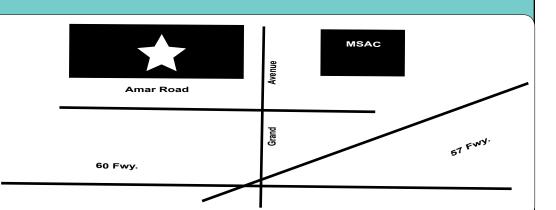
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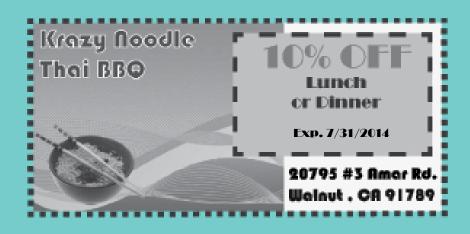












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### \$50 million insurance fraud

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medical procedures performed on insurance beneficiaries who received free or discounted cosmetic surgery.

The indictment outlines a scheme in which marketers or cappers lured patients to a surgery center in Orange known at various times as Empire Surgical Center, Vista Surgical Center and Princess Cosmetic Surgery. The marketers told patients that they could use their union

or PPO health insurance plans to pay for cosmetic surgeries, which are generally not covered by insurance.

When patients came to the surgery center for a consultation, they were told that they could receive free or discounted cosmetic surgeries if they underwent multiple, medically unnecessary procedures that would be billed to their union or PPO health care benefit program, the indictment alleges. The unnecessary procedures typically performed on the "patients" were endos-

copies, colonoscopies and cystoscopies. Once the health care benefit program paid the claims, the patients were given free or discounted cosmetic surgeries, including "tummy tucks," breast augmentations, rhinoplasties and liposuction. Further, according to the indictment, tummy tucks were billed as hernia repair surgeries, and rhinoplasties were billed as deviated septum repair surgeries.

Vi Nguyen, 31, of Placentia, a consultant at the surgery center, is charged with ten counts of

mail fraud; Theresa Fisher, 44, of Tustin, another consultant at the surgery center, is charged with five counts of mail fraud; and Lindsay Hardgraves, 30, of San Pedro, a marketer, is charged with two counts of mail fraud.

"As a result of the fraudulent scheme, defendants Nguyen, Fisher and Hardgraves caused losses to union and PPO health care benefit programs of more than \$50 million in claims for functional procedures that were not medically necessary and in

some cases not provided," the indictment alleges.

The three defendants were arrested on July 1 pursuant to a still-under-seal criminal complaint. They made their initial court appearances on the same day, and all three were released on bond. The three defendants have been ordered to appear for arraignment on July 28.

If convicted, the defendants each face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison for each mail fraud count.

### Rapper Purchases Home in Eastvale

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that had only just become a city four years prior. The fast-growing city of Eastvale is home to about 59,000 residents. Crime rates are low, and the houses are cheaper than neighboring coastal areas in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

The home Lamar purchased is said to have been built in 2006. The two-story residence is on an un-gated street, and

is a short walk from the local shopping center. The home is 3,529 square feet, and includes three bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, a pool, and is said to have been purchased for \$523,500. In comparison to what many suc-

cessful rappers spend, Lamar paid a very modest price for his new home in Eastvale. Rapper Drake reportedly paid \$9 million for his Southern California mansion; Tyga spent \$6.5 million for his residence; and Dr. Dre recently dished out a whopping \$40 million on an estate in

Brentwood.

A few Eastvale residents have recently tweeted that they have spotted the star cruising around town in a sports car and visiting the city's Picnic in the Park summer carnival. However, Lamar says that he plans on remaining in his current home in L.A.

### 'Sell your casa' quickly with Gil Rivera

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affordable Realtor, Broker, and Certified Appraiser.

Rivera sells houses, condos, and 2-4 unit investment properties in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. He also does real estate appraisals for banks, estates, trusts, divorces, attorneys, refinances, home purchases, and upon death of a homeowner for tax purposes. Rivera also has assistants that work with him who are fluent in Spanish and Chinese, which helps him to reach people of different dialects all over Southern California.

Rivera is in his 20th year of business and has SOLD homes in 26 different cities in Southern California, so his coverage area is expansive. Rivera said, "I can do this because I appraise homes in so many different cities and have the knowledge and expertise associated with your marketplace. Give me an opportunity and you will surely be happy you did!" In Feb. 2013, Rivera listed a home in Monterey Park worth \$470,000. Rivera received 53 offers in seven days and SOLD it for \$515,000!

Rivera's philosophy is to "treat my clients the way I want to be treated." In fact, Rivera said that he became a Realtor because he did not like the way his Realtor treated him when he was buying his home. Rivera shows respect for his clients at all times. He listens to what they say, so that he can better serve them.

Rivera also does not push his Buyers into a sale. Rivera said, "I always tell Buyers: 'You will know right away when we walk into the house that's meant for you.' Whether it takes a week or months, my Buyers will always be satisfied with their purchase and never pressured into it."

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Rivera's current promotion is "We will SELL your house in six weeks at highest value! We only request a listing period of six weeks, while most other Realtors ask for six month listings." Rivera says that "Buyers need to know that they do not need to pay their Realtor any fees for representing them on a purchase. The Buyer's agent is paid by the Seller, not the Buyer.

Rivera absolutely loves what he does. He loves selling homes to Buyers because he helps fulfill their dreams of home ownership. His favorite part of selling homes to is transferring the keys to excited Buyers. Rivera loves selling homes for Sellers because he enjoys the uniqueness that each property offers and selling the positive attributes of the home. Rivera says, "Many agents spend

their time showing houses....I SELL them!"

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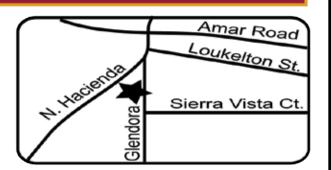
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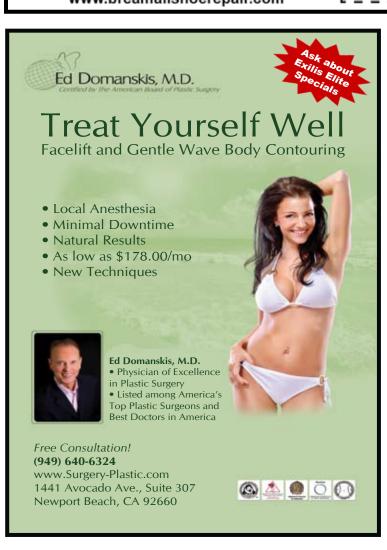
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The Church's sense of family and passion carry over into their different avenues of ministry, including performing arts. "Our purpose is to use the avenue of music and drama as a ministry that will introduce people to Jesus, generate a closer spiritual walk with Him and encourage fellowship and service with other Believers," says the Director of Performing Arts and King's Kids, Yvonne Read.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m., with a 9:15 a.m. Bible Study group available for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend. According to Read, "We are a caring family and are always excited as we lovingly welcome new members to help serve and worship with us. You will feel right at home and cherished."

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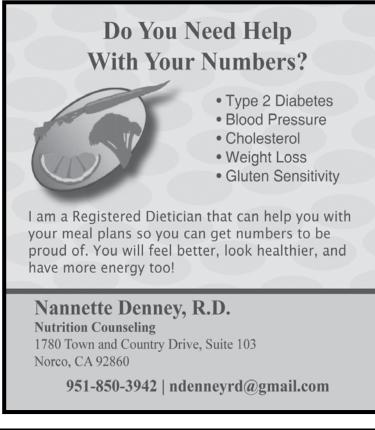
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### From Russia With Love

BY PASTOR MARK HOPPER

My wife and I were in western Russia recently with a team from our church. We have maintained a partnership



with a Russian church for almost 20 years.

Our primary activity on this trip was to teach English to students and young adults. Students in almost every country in the world love to learn and improve their skills in another language. This is true in Russia as well.

Several translators helped us communicate with our Russian hosts and with the students who attended the English camp. We were impressed by the ability of many students to understand and speak English. They were excited to get to practice their speaking skills with us. Many have studied English in school, but very few have had the opportunity to practice speaking with Americans and other English speakers.

Each day was filled with classroom instruction and individual interaction. There was also time for other activities and recreation. Many of the students were connected with our host church. But, others were non-church guests and friends. We enjoyed opportunities to help them with their English skills and to talk about their personal faith in God, too.

I know there are political tensions between our nations, but we found the Russian people we met to be warm and gracious. We were thankful for the opportunity to reconnect with these delightful people.

Pastor Mark Hopper is from the Evangelical Free Church of Diamond Bar, 3255 South Diamond Bar Ave. Sunday services are 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. For more information, call (909) 594-7604 or visit www. efreedb.org.

### Having Fun In The Summer

BY NANCY STOOPS

Summer is a wonderful time to do so many fun things. I really enjoy being outside and all



the activities that go with it being warmer. I love outdoor concerts and I find the venues offer opportunities to go see many of my favorite artists. I love listening to my favorite music while being

able to enjoy a beautiful evening sky. If you are a little short on cash many of the cities offer free concerts in the park. It is a great opportunity to pack up a picnic dinner and go enjoy an evening in the park.

As the sun starts to go down and it cools down a bit, a walk in the evening can be a great way to help stay healthy during the summer. As you walk, I hope you will take some time to enjoy the magnificent sunsets that we have been having this summer.

Summer is also a great time to invite family and friends over for a cookout or maybe take everybody down to the beach and cook there. You could rent a kayak, take a harbor or a dinner cruise, go to Catalina for the day, or build sand castles. These are just a few of the activities the beach offers for all ages. You could find a dog beach and spend the day down at the beach with your most loyal and best friend.

There are still many days of summer left if you should want to take a family vacation. It could be a simple as camping down at the beach or as elaborate as going out of the country. Remember how quickly your children are growing up and try to take advantage of the fact that they are on summer break. Try to spend some quality time with them this summer. Turn off the electronics and make a pitcher of lemonade and spend some time as a family outside enjoying each other and this wonderful season called summer.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops, M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups for teens. For more information about any of these services, feel free to page her at (626) 935-3818. You may also email her at stoopsshecter@earthlink.net. Nancy's book, "Live, Heal and Grow" is available for purchase at www.RoseDogBookstore.com or Amazon.com.

### Straight Talk With Danice

BY DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.

Dear Dr. Akiyoshi:

I know I am getting older (71), but I'm annoyed with the way my daughter-in-law has started criticizing every move



I make. It's getting to the point that I don't even want to be around her anymore, and I used to love her company. Here are a few examples:

"Mom, do you notice that you don't park as well as you used to? Your gravy isn't as good as it used to be. You should stay out of the sun; those dark spots on your face are getting bigger. You already told me that; maybe you should see a doctor. Why do you need a new car? You hardly ever go anywhere. Have you considered changing your hair? Would you let me pick the new style? You've been wearing it this way for too long, it's outdated. You spoil your dog. You over cook your vegetables. Your skin looks so dry, you need a different moisturizer."

The list goes on and on. I love my daughter-in-law, but I need a break from her. I mentioned it to my son, but he says I should ignore her comments. I don't think I can do that. and I feel self-conscious and rattled every time I'm around her. Getting old is hard enough. I don't need a constant reminder. I am totally self sufficient, and I don't need her assistance in any way. I need advice.

Mary in Diamond Bar

Dear Mary:

I am sorry you are going through this. My response to anyone who takes steps to ruin my experience would be this:

"I've made peace with the fact that I am on the second half of my life. I don't casually throw my days away like I did when I was twenty or thirty. I've decided not to spend my time feeling negative emotions. I've also decided I won't share my time with people who diminish me in any way. At this stage of my life, I'm interested in interacting with people who enhance my days. I think it's time for us to discontinue our visits. However, I do wish you well."

If your daughter in law wishes to spend time with you, she will adjust her behavior. If she offers a sincere apology, accept it. As a courtesy, you might want to let your son know of your plans.

Good Luck, Danice Akiyoshi, N.D.

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

### New police chief for Chino

Diamond Bar council corner

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role of Deputy Chief for three months, while Chief Pruitt served as the Acting City Manager in 2012. Comstock was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2009.

"Chino is an amazing community and I feel blessed to have grown up here and to have served the residents and members of the business community for so many years," said Comstock. "The men and women of the Chino Police Department are amongst the best and brightest in law enforcement today; I am honored and look forward to serving the community in my new capacity as Chief," she

Captain Comstock holds a

Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management, both from the University of Phoenix. She is also a graduate of the Supervisory Leadership Institute. Comstock will be the 17th Chief to lead the Chino Police Department and the first female to proudly serve in this capacity.





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decorative traffic signal poles, the diamond shape representative of the City, and interlocking pavers in parkways and medians.

The Public Works Department staff reported that all improvements presented during the study session totaled about \$1.5 million with available resources at \$1.7 million. There is no general fund money committed to the project according to Public Works Director, David Liu. Staff estimated the project to begin in October after

all the design plans and specs are sent to Caltrans for their review, which could take up to three months to complete.

In other actions, the Council approved the recommendations from its Lighting and Landscape Assessment District subcommittee and consultants from SCI (experts in the field of assessment engineering and levy administration related to LLAD) to discuss options to reduce ongoing general fund subsidies to the districts. The districts primarily maintain public rightsof-way, medians and parkways throughout the City, consisting of mini parks, slopes and open space areas totaling 60.45 acres,

marily in the southwestern side of the city including the Ronald Reagan Park neighborhoods and Brea Canyon cut-off, among other areas, respectively. Council members lauded City

and small turf areas located pri-

staff and members of the Parks and Recreations Department for their work on the City's 4th of July Celebration, which included 25 minutes of fireworks to commemorate the Diamond Bar's 25th Anniversary.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Diamond Bar City Council takes place on Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m., at the AQMD/Government Center Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive.



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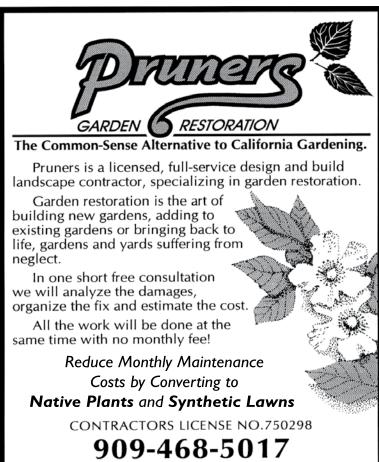
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### Mt. SAC VP Honored With State Diversity Award

BY MIKE TAYLOR

**Walnut** - Mt. San Antonio College Student Services Vice President, Dr. Audrey Yamagata-Noji, was honored recently with the Dr. John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award in Sacramento.

Yamagata-Noji was named for the award for establishing numerous programs that provide mentorship and tutoring services for underrepresented students. She has been a champion of diversity and equity programs at Mt. SAC that support student success, including the college's Bridge Program for first-time college students, the Arise Program for Asian and Pacific Islander students, and the Aspire Program for African-American students. The award was es-

tablished to honor community college staff, districts, colleges and programs that have made the greatest contribution toward diversity and equity at community colleges.

"Dr. John W. Rice wanted all community college students to be treated equally, fairly, and with respect. All he wanted was for everyone to have an equal chance at an education, and the winners of the award today want the same thing," said California Community Colleges Board of Governors President and Mt. SAC Trustee, Dr. Manuel Baca.

The award is named after the former California Community Colleges Board of Governors member and the father of former U.S. Secretary of State, Condo-

leezza Rice.

"For my father, being a part of the community college system was not just a profession, but it was a passion and indeed a mission and a calling," said former the U.S. Secretary of State, who delivered the keynote address at the 14th annual awards ceremony. "He recognized that education is not a right, it's a privilege and that someone stood up for him and that he must stand up for others."

Yamagata-Noji has served as Student Services Vice President at Mt. SAC since 1996. A resident of Santa Ana, she has also served on the Santa Ana Unified School District Board of Education for over 30 years and is currently serving as Board President.



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(L-R) California Community College Chancellor Brice Harris, Mt. SAC Student Services Vice President Audrey Yamagata-Noji, former Mt. SAC student and now Governor's Fellow with the California Department of Finance Rene Kouassi, past Mt. SAC Associated Students President May Ochoa, and former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

### Former Quail Summit Students Get Engaged At School

PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Michael Siacunco and Sarah Lin were engaged on July 11 at the exact place they met 17 years ago – the Quail Summit Elementary School amphitheater.

BY KELLI GILE

**Diamond Bar** - Michael Siacunco and Sarah Lin were engaged on July 11 at the exact place they met 17 years ago – the amphitheater at Quail Summit Elementary School.

Their story began on the second day of school in the 4th Grade.

"She chased me because she liked me," he recalled.

"I liked him," Lin acknowledged.

Siacunco even got in trouble for running on the playground that day, but he didn't hold it against her. They became friends, dated during middle school, and then reconnected during college.

"Then we became best friends," Lin said. Siacunco is currently serving in the US Air Force stationed in Denver, Colorado and Lin is

a nurse at UCLA Medical Center.

Two years ago she wrote him letters during the eightweek basic training.

"I encouraged him and tried to keep him positive," she said.

"I knew I was headed somewhere that I wanted to be."

special letters.

They became a couple about

Siacunco said. He still has the

a year ago.
"We were both finding our faith and we just took a leap of faith,"

he said.

"He's the best," Lin said.

Siacunco arranged the sur-

prise proposal during leave in his hometown.

"We always talk about how this is where we met, "he said.

He incorporated all their favorite places into the occasion – Quail Summit Elementary, Chaparral Middle School, and Diamond Bar High, St. Denis Church, and the Diamond Bar Center. A girlfriend drove Lin to each location where other friends holding a poster with a special memory and a gift greeted her.

"Every stop had a little blurb about what we were going through during that time in our lives." Siacunco said.

"The best thing was that I had no idea!" Lin exclaimed. But after a few stops, she got

the picture.

"By the time we were at Quail

Summit I already knew."

The campus was decorated

The campus was decorated with lights and rose petals. About 30 family members and friends

gathered in the amphitheater while video played photos and tributes.

"I was watching the projector and he came down the aisle singing, "As Beautiful As You," by All 4 One. Then he got down on one knee and asked her to marry him.

"Ever since we were younger I

I proposed I got those same butterflies that I would get when I was in 6th Grade," he said. "I was in tears. I just nodded, I

would always get butterflies. When

couldn't even talk." Lin said.
All the families and friends

All the families and friends cheered.

"He's known me for 17 years, there's no doubt. He's the one," she said.

"She was my first girlfriend when we were nine, my first dance when we were ten, and my first kiss. And here we are 17 years later at the place where we met and she's now my fiancée," he said.

### RUSD And Teachers' Association Reach Tentative Agreement

STAFF REPORTS

Rowland Heights - The Rowland Unified School District Board of Education announced on Thurs., July 10 that a comprehensive three year (2013-2016) Tentative Agreement was reached on Tuesday evening, July 8, by RUSD and the Association of Rowland Educators (ARE) negotiation teams after meeting with the state-appointed mediator for a fourth session. As a result, there will be no formal negotiations during the 2014-2015 school year, and only limited negotiations during the 2015-2016 school year.

RUSD Board President, Heidi L. Gallegos, observed, "The tentative agreement reached clearly recognizes the dedicated work of our Rowland teachers while leaving the District in a solid financial position for the future. I would like to acknowledge the hard work done on both sides of the aisle by our bargaining teams."

Highlights of the Tentative Agreement include a multi-year agreement; salary increase of 4% retroactive to July 1, 2013; salary increase of 4%, effective July 1, 2014; District's maximum contribution to employee health and welfare benefits increased to \$11,000, effective Jan. 1, 2015; \$1,500 cash-in-lieu payment for eligible employees who elect to opt out of District health and welfare benefits coverage; late start to continue at high schools for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 schools years; and reduced counselor ratios.

ARE President, Shay Lohman, stated, "The Association is pleased that after a very long struggle a fair agreement has

been reached and can be sent to membership for a vote. We are very grateful for the leadership provided recently by interim superintendent, Dr. John Roach, and we are excited about the possibilities that lay ahead for RUSD."

The Tentative Agreement will be presented to ARE members for ratification within the next two to three weeks. After ratification, the agreement will be presented to the District's Governing Board at its Aug. 12 meeting. As part of the District's review process, the economic provisions of the Tentative Agreement will also be shared with the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Each team vowed to work diligently to implement the terms of the agreement once it is approved by all parties.

"I am thrilled that the teams

reached an agreement [yester-day]," said interim superintendent Roach. "The school year will

begin with all employees focused on meeting the needs of our students."



### Three suspects arrested

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detained him for questioning and later arrested him for his alleged involvement in the robbery. At 12:04 p.m., SWAT officers removed the second suspect, Rigoberto Garcia, Jr., 24, of Chino, from the home on 16th Street.

Through the investigative process, officers arrested a third suspect – Carlos Meza, 21, of Chino - at around 12:58 p.m. Meza was arrested near the intersection of

Benson and Tronkeel Avenues.

All three suspects were booked at the West Valley Detention Center on robbery with gang enhancements. Details are still

emerging and the investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Chino Police Department at (909) 628-1234.



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