



OC News

Man Pleads Guilty To Swindling

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – An Orange County man plead guilty to defrauding dozens of doctors and others of more than \$2 million in separate schemes that promised large returns on investments in the medical and dental fields.

David Rose, 57, of Coto de Caza, appeared in U.S. District Court on Mon., July 21, to face charges of one count of wire fraud and one

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IE News

School Custodian Pleads Guilty To Child Pornography

STAFF REPORTS

Riverside – A school custodian who sexually abused a child over a period of several years and shared visual images of the molestations online plead guilty on Mon., July 21, to federal child pornography charges.

According to the United States Attorney's Office, Mat-

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Tragarz Vows “Honesty And Integrity”

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - During the July 9 city council meeting, titles were exchanged and Mayor Pro Tem, Nancy Tragarz, was officially sworn in as mayor for the City of Walnut- promising to uphold the community's values and pledging to serve to the best of her abilities.

Tragarz, who served as mayor of Walnut once before

from 2011 to 2012, said she's looking forward to leading the council with a strong sense of leadership, finance, accounting and legal skills to help push along the city's prominence.

“My goal is to create unity and teamwork on the council and in the entire community,” Tragarz said. “The policy I will

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PHOTO COURTESY: RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut's New Mayor, Nancy Tragarz.

Chino Hills Basketball Standout Dies

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills – A gentle giant has fallen, as high school senior, Nnamdi Okongwu, was taken off life support and passed away on Fri., July 18.

After a skateboarding fall

earlier last week that caused a serious head injury, Okongwu was airlifted on Tuesday to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton. According to reports, the injury resulted in a coma, and he was placed on life support until his family

made the devastating decision to remove him.

The 6'8", Class of 2015 senior was instrumental in helping to lead the Chino Hills High

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Walnut Council Corner



PHOTO COURTESY: RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut Council presents Captain Jeff Scroggin with an appreciation proclamation; (L-R) council members Tony Cartagena and Mary Su; Captain Scroggin; Mayor Nancy Tragarz; council member Bob Pacheco; and Mayor Pro Team Eric Ching.

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - Walnut's City Council met for its final meeting of the month on July 23, which stood as a joint meeting for the City Council and the Housing Authority.

Newly appointed Mayor, Nancy

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Madrona Project Lawsuit

BY K. P. SANDER

Chino Hills – The Madrona Project, a proposed residential hillside development under the City of Brea's jurisdiction, is the subject of much controversy with a lawsuit brewing in its core.

The 367 acres situated in the hills north of Carbon Canyon Road, moving eastward to the San Bernardino/Orange County line is expected to incur development of 162 homes in an area wrought with environmental and safety issues. In fact, the group

that founded the Chino Hills State Park – Hills For Everyone – has filed suit against the City of Brea claiming violation of state planning and zoning laws, city codes, and an inadequate environmen-

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sun July 27

Sunny
High 97°
Low 68°



Mon July 28

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Low 68°



Tue July 29

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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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The Mexican Fisherman

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

I am convinced that deep inside our hearts we all possess the ability to be successful. I rely on a simple formula: Confidence + Desire = Ability. I believe that when we have confidence, and then add our desire, we find the path to ability. And I believe that each and every one of us can accomplish whatever we want, just as long as we have desire. But it has to come deep from within.

What I've also learned is that not everyone shares the same definition of success that I do, and I've learned that what's important to me is not necessarily important to others.

As a motivator, I want everyone in the world to apply themselves and work hard to be on top. I want to encourage everyone to do their best and step up to their inner ability. But I've come to the realization that sometimes we have to really look clearly at the big picture, because sometimes our goals are the same. It all depends on how you look at it.

This brings me to a story I'd like to share, a story called, The Mexican Fisherman:

An American investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village, when a small boat with just one fisherman docked.

Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The

American complimented the fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them. The fisherman replied, "Only a little while."

The American then asked, "Why didn't you stay out longer and catch more fish?"

The fisherman said, "With this I have more than enough to support my family's needs."

The American then asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

To which the fisherman replied, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a siesta with my wife, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play guitar with my amigos. I have a full and busy life."

The American scoffed, "I'm a Harvard MBA and I could help you. You should spend more time fishing; and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats. Eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman, you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing, and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then Los Angeles, and eventually New York where you will run your ever-expanding enterprise."

"But what then?" asked the fisherman. The American laughed and said, "That's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich. You would make millions."

"Millions? Then what?" the fisherman asked.

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in

the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."

This story reminds me that when you're searching for success in life, you need to determine what success means. Just as the fisherman believed in his simple life, we need to look at the simplicity of what we really want. At times, we may find we don't need to look too far for success because sometimes we're already successful. Some of us, deep inside, are simple, happy, already successful Mexican Fishermen.

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Chino Hills Businesses Invited To Business Expo At Fair

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills – Companies in Chino Hills will have an opportunity to showcase their businesses and offer pre-packaged items for sale or sampling on Fri., Sept. 19, at Chino Hills Day at the Los Angeles County Fair.

The Business Expo will be located in a high-visibility location near the Millard Sheets Center for the Arts. Participation in the Business Expo will be coordinated by the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce. Applications will be available starting on Thurs., July 31, and can be downloaded from the City's website at www.chino-hills.org/BusinessExpo, or picked at the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce

Office, located at 13150 Seventh Street, in Chino. The Chamber is open Monday through

Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Chamber will begin accepting completed applications starting on Mon., Aug. 4., and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to L.A. County Fair approval) until all booths have been assigned. Requests to share a booth are encouraged. Only one of any type of business will be allowed due to the limited number of spaces.

Businesses must have their primary business address in the City of Chino Hills and must have a current City of Chino Hills business license. Chamber membership is not required. Prepackaged items for sale and items to be sampled must be approved by the Fair.

A seller's permit is required and Health Department guidelines must be followed. Selected businesses will be asked to make

a suggested donation of \$100 which will be donated to The Learning Centers at Fairplex. Expo participants will receive up to four admission tickets, up to two parking passes, and exposure to Fair visitors during the Expo hours from 3 to 7 p.m. The booths include a 10' x 10' canopy, one 8- foot table, two chairs, a small hanging sign with the company name, a table cloth, and table skirt.

Set up for the Business Expo begins at 2:00 p.m. Participants may not drive onto the fairgrounds. Fair personnel will assist with booth set up and tear down. Hand carts or flatbeds will be available.

Some categories of products and services have exclusive marketing rights at the L.A. County Fair and items that compete in those categories may not be

displayed nor sold during Chino Hills Day at the Fair. A complete list of categories for which exclusive marketing rights have been granted is noted on the application form. The Chino Hills Business Expo may not feature the following categories: beverages, cookware, pay TV services, grocery stores, magnetic therapeutic jewelry, mattresses / high end sheets, online deal-of- the-day companies, timeshares, cell phone companies, and vehicles (including products bearing the name of major auto manufacturers). Additional rules may apply; see the application for complete details.

For additional information regarding participation in the Chino Hills Day at the Fair Business Expo, please call the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce at (909) 627-6177.

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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 Leron 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 p.m.

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

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

- 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 Series

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 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 (buses 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 summer-fun 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, can get an inside look at all the functions of their local law enforcement agency. Participants will get hands-on experience with SWAT, Patrol, Criminal Investigations, K-9, CSI, Narcotics, Traffic and much more!

Contact: Olivia Le Van, (909) 334-3087, or olevan@chinopd.org for applications.

Irwindale Poker Tournament

When: Aug. 22 through Oct. 3; Tournament on Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Participating restaurants and The Pub at Miller-Cors.

Details: 6th Annual World of Food Poker Tournament, an innovative program designed to provide a fun way for poker players to earn bonus chips while driving business to local participating restaurants. Registered players

are encouraged to visit participating restaurants from Aug. 22 through Oct. 3 collecting chips for purchases. A Texas Hold-Em' elimination tournament will be held on Fri., Oct. 3.

Contact: Detailed information is available on the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce website at www.irwindalechamber.org. Register no later than Aug. 7 to ensure full access to all materials.

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.

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 Tuesday of every month.

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

Details: Books and education videos will be offered at special discounts for teachers at all levels. Teachers can sign up at either Basically BOOKS locations or email BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com to join these special teacher appreciation afternoons.

Free Acupuncture for Veterans, Active Military, First Responders

When: Every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Where: 12598 Central Avenue, Unit 113, Chino, CA 91710.

Cost: Free

Contact: (909) 590-4183 or www.healingcirclecommunityacupuncture.com

Jack Newe's Farmers Market sponsored by SGV Regional Chamber of Commerce

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

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

Cost: Free Admission/Parking

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Did You Know?

By K. P. SANDER

45 years ago on July 21, 1969, spaceflight Apollo 11 landed on the Moon, with American astronauts Neil Armstrong, and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, being the first humans to ever step foot on the lunar surface. They spent 21 hours on the Moon, and about two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. The third member of the mission, Michael Collins, piloted the command spacecraft in lunar orbit, waiting for his fellow astronauts to return for the trip back to earth.

According to Wikipedia, the mission was launched on July 16 from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The spacecraft had three components: the Com-

mand Module (CM), with a cabin for the astronauts (the only part coming back to earth); the Service Module, providing support to the CM with propulsion, electrical power, oxygen and water; and the Lunar Module, for the actual landing in the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon.

Armstrong became the very first to step onto the lunar surface on July 21 at approximately 02:56 UTC (Coordinated Universal Time, the primary time standard by which the world regulates clocks and time). His famous words were transmitted via live television broadcast back to earth for all to hear, "That's one small step for [a] man; one giant leap for mankind." He described the surface as very fine-grained

dust, almost like powder. When Aldrin joined him, he described the view as "magnificent desolation." Armstrong and Aldrin collected 47.5 pounds of lunar materials to bring back to earth for study.

The astronauts planted a U.S. flag on the surface, and received the most historic (and farthest) phone call from then-President, Richard Nixon. The astronauts left behind scientific instruments, an Apollo 1 mission patch, a plaque with two drawings of Earth and an inscription that read, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind;" the plaque also had the signatures of all the astronauts and President

Nixon. They also left behind a memorial bag containing a gold replica of an olive branch symbolizing peace, and a silicon message disk containing goodwill statements by U.S. Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon, as well as the leaders from 73 countries around the world.

In the television broadcast from July 23, the night before splash-down, Aldrin said, "When personally reflecting on the events of the past several days, a verse from Psalms comes to mind. 'When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the Moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man that Thou art mindful of him?' What those men experienced was beyond profound.

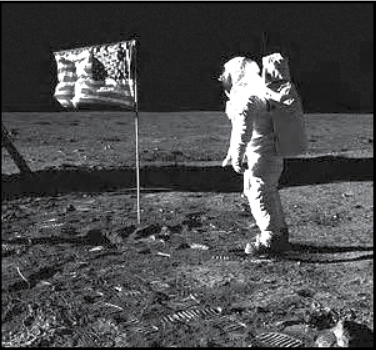
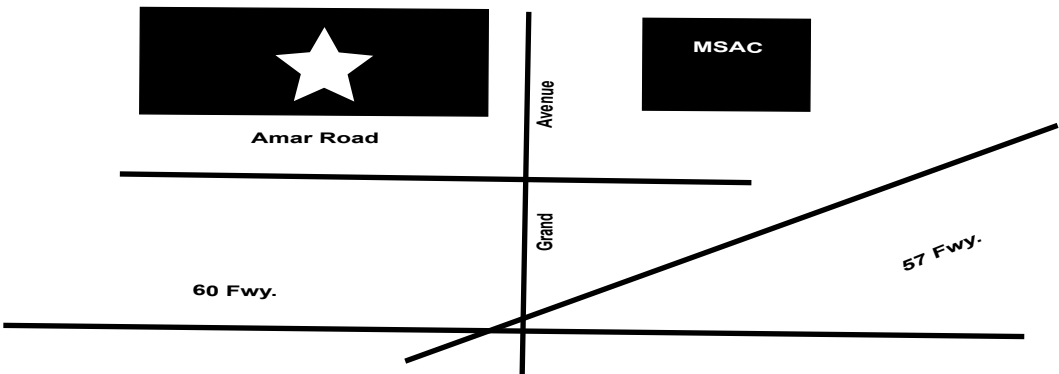


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Neil Armstrong next to the American Flag on the lunar surface.

The three astronauts landed back home in the Pacific Ocean on July 24. The mission fulfilled the goal proposed in 1961 by the late President John F. Kennedy when he spoke before congress stating, "...Before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth." Mission Accomplished, Mr. President.



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Walnut's Aquatic Park

By **RAYMOND MENDOZA**

Walnut - After numerous promises during the reelection campaign from council members Mary Su and Bob Pacheco, plans for an aquatic center are starting to come together in the earliest stages of development.

In addition to Pacheco and Su, council member Tony Cartagena also expressed support for the construction of an aquatic center and with a high amount of public interest. \$250,000 has been allocated from the 2014/2015 fiscal

budget to go toward schematics, testing, and advanced studies in order to make the aquatic center a reality.

However, even with \$250,000 being set aside by the City during the first month of its new fiscal year, they are approaching the construction with caution. According to Community Services Director Mary Rooney, the City is just now starting to assess many different aspects of the aquatic center's construction. Plans are so new that Rooney mentioned that the location, cost, and specifics are preliminary and

that everything is up for consideration.

"There are various preliminary plans that have to go in place before we can actually design and build anything," Rooney said.

To date, the City has met in closed session to discuss the possible locations for the aquatic center while Rooney mentioned that they have only spent an estimated \$22,500 of the \$250,000 on professionally drawn schematics from Aquatic Design Group.

The total cost of construction for the aquatic center is being considered, however Rooney mentioned that certain council

actions, including the July 23 decision to sell a tract of land near Amar Road, are possible ways to fund the creation of the center.

With funding and nearly all of the aquatics center's plans still under consideration, Rooney wanted to make sure that residents understand that the City is still pushing forward with its plans and that one way or another, the aquatic center will be built.

"We are moving on this," Rooney said.

Rooney said that with the help of a Parks and Recreation subcommittee, plans will continue to unfold as the year goes on.

Claudine Stines, a Walnut resident who has long been a proponent of this project says, "It's hard to imagine what started as a swimming pool for Walnut, has now expanded to the possibility of two pools (a competitive and recreational pool). Who knows? The concept could even include a performing arts amphitheater, a series of nature trails, and family-friendly open parks with additional parking..."

Stines also encourages residents to let their voices be heard by visiting her website at <http://chn.ge/1e1ewyp>, where comments are shared with members of the Walnut City Council.

Man guilty of swindling doctors

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count of mail fraud, according to a news release from the United States Attorney's Office.

According to court documents, during a period of over six years that ran through May 2011, Rose solicited physicians to invest in an Irvine company he called M.D. Venture Partners (MDVP)

and falsely promised lucrative returns on investments in emerging medical technologies.

In a subsequent scheme, Rose used Technology Innovation Partners (TIP) to solicit dentists and orthodontists to invest, claiming funds would be pooled and invested in a company developing ablation technology that would be used to remove

wisdom teeth in children without surgery.

Throughout both schemes, investor funds were misused, with Rose using victims' money for personal expenses. According to a plea agreement filed in court, Rose used investor funds to pay \$7,500-a-month rent for a house in Coto de Caza, college tuition, luxury vehicles,

an \$80,000 Sea Ray boat and shares in the Green Bay Packers. The investigation revealed that no money was invested by either MDVP or TIP.

In the MDVP scheme, Rose caused approximately 32 victims to lose more than \$900,000, according to court documents. In the TIP scheme, 45 victims lost more than \$1.4 million.

Rose was arrested in May 2013 and has remained in custody since that time. He is scheduled to be sentenced November 24, and faces a maximum statutory sentence of 40 years in federal prison.

The case against Rose is the product of an ongoing investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Custodian guilty of child pornography charges

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thew Frazer, 39, of Yucca Valley, plead guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

Frazer, who has been in custody since his arrest earlier this year, is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge, Virginia A. Phillips, on

October 6.

Prior to his arrest on January 31, Frazer was employed as a custodian with the Morongo Unified School District. The victim did not attend the schools where Frazer worked.

The investigation into Frazer was initiated last year after the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provided the FBI with a series of pornographic images depicting a young female

being abused by a white male. For several months, investigators attempted to identify the adult male in the images, and the FBI identified Frazier as the suspect earlier this year.

Frazer plead guilty to the two felony charges pursuant to a plea agreement, in which he admits filming sexual explicit images of the young female victim from 2008 through 2012. He admitted to making a video in October

2009, when the victim was just 6 years old, and again in 2010 when she was 7.

As a result of the guilty pleas, Frazer faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years for the distribution charge and a statutory maximum sentence of 30 years in prison as a result of his guilty pleas to both counts. The plea agreement calls for the judge to impose a sentence of at least ten years and up to 23 years, which

will be followed by ten years of supervised release.

This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI. The following agencies provided assistance during the investigation: the Riverside Police Department; the Riverside County Sheriff's Department; the San Bernardino Police Department; the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department; and the San Bernardino County Probation Department.

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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.

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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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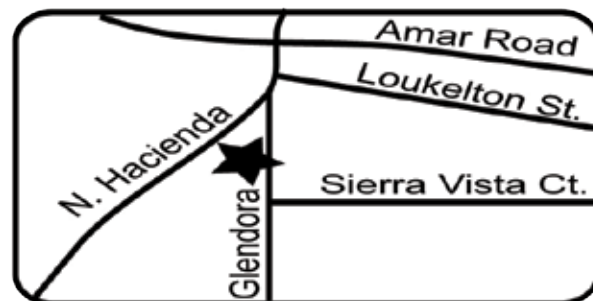
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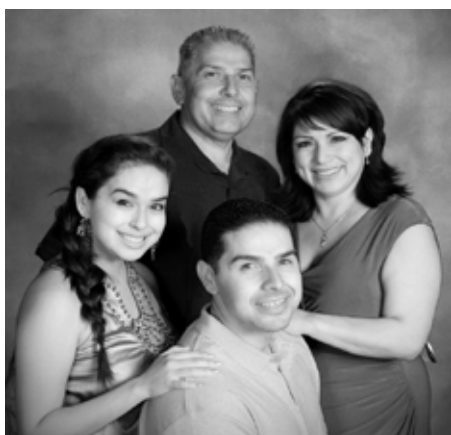
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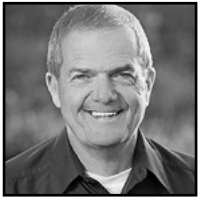
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Planes And Trains

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER

This summer I have been reminded that travel is a lot of work. Our travel plans began several months ago as I searched the web for the best and cheapest plane fares and train schedules.



Buying the tickets is only the beginning. One foreign country that we visited required a visa to enter their country. This involves applying early and spending additional money. You also need to be sure that your passport is up to date.

Before my wife and I left, we also needed to arrange for some friends to take care of our house and dog. Each time we travel we

ask ourselves, why do we have a dog? That is another story.

Packing is also a challenge. Most airlines now have weight limits for both check-in and carry-on luggage. This makes it even more difficult to have space for clothes when you are bringing a lot of gifts for the grandchildren.

Airport check-in and security can also be a challenge. Lines are long and the process is slow. And

when you give them your luggage, you never know if it will be there when you get to your destination.

Train travel can also be challenging. Is it best to travel first class or second class? How do you get four pieces of luggage on and off the train in the short time it stops at your station? Subways can be exciting too.

Travel can certainly be a hassle, especially in foreign countries. But

when you are greeted at the airport or train station by smiling, excited grandchildren, it is well worth all the trouble and expense!

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.

Forgiveness

By NANCY STOOPS

Over my lifetime I have gotten hurt from time to time. Many times I will think one way and somebody else will see things differently. I know I hurt myself when I hang on to the feelings when somebody disappoints me, or I disappoint someone else. I have come to understand that we



are all human and we all make mistakes.

This last year, when I had my near death experience, I changed. I have always appreciated my life, but now more than ever. I don't want to waste time being hurt or angry. I want to learn to deal with things as they hurt me and learn to let go of them. I want to be free of anything that isn't productive for me. I guess coming so very close to death has really changed my perspective and has made me just a healthier being.

I find I keep my relationships cleaned up because I have learned how very fragile we are and that we just don't know when our time here will be over. I have learned that it doesn't matter who is right or who is wrong as long as we are lucky enough to surround ourselves with those that love us and those that we love. People seem to believe there is disgrace in admitting you are wrong and just apologizing to another. I am learning it can be a very humbling experience. I don't want to

live my life with any bad feelings between myself and another human being. I know I am going to make more mistakes and will be doing more apologizing. I know I will need to be forgiving and hope others can be forgiving with me as well.

I hope this article will inspire you to forgive or ask for some forgiveness. I hope reading this will help you understand how precious our time is here. I want to spend my time being happy and peaceful, not hurt or angry.

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 have a very close friend who has all but disappeared from my life the past eight months. I have visited and left notes at her office. I have left several messages



on her personal phone. All I ever get is a nice text message saying she's really busy. She even missed my son's birthday party, and I know she loves him a lot. She mailed a gift card to him. This isn't like her. I cannot think of anything I did to upset her. I am very frustrated, and I miss my friend. She is the only person who really understands me. I need her back.

Joan

Dear Joan:

You are very clear about what you need, but you don't seem to be connected to what your friend needs right now. Perhaps she truly is very busy, or maybe she just needs some personal space for reasons she prefers not to share with you. Friends are often available to us, but please keep in mind that they are not "on call" so that you have someone who

"understands you." Make a few nice gestures toward your friend that have no strings attached to see if that gains her interest. If not, respect the fact that your friend is now choosing to spend her time in a different way. It would be a good idea for you to expand your friendship base, as well.

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

Former Mayor Sentenced To Prison

STAFF REPORTS

Los Angeles – The former mayor of the City of Rosemead was sentenced on Mon., July 21, to 21 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to attempted witness tampering and making false statements to FBI agents conducting a corruption investigation.

The United States Attorney's Office stated that Tran plead guilty late last year to the witness tampering and false statement charges. In a plea agreement

filed in United States District Court, Tran acknowledged that he received approximately \$38,000 in payments from a developer in exchange for Tran's promise to help her obtain permits for a project.

The witness tampering resulted from Tran asking the developer to lie to a federal grand jury by denying that he had recently met with Tran or paid Tran any money.

Tran made false statements to the FBI in 2011 when special agents went to his home to

conduct an interview and Tran denied receiving anything but campaign contributions from the developer.

Tran was elected to the Rosemead City Council in 2005 and was mayor of Rosemead from 2007 to 2009.

In addition to the prison term, the judge ordered Tran to pay \$38,000 in restitution, most of which has already been recovered by the FBI.

The case against Tran was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Honesty And Integrity" During Term

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fight for is transparency, honesty, ethics, and doing what is in the best interest of the community as a whole."

In consideration for her background, Tragarz brings a wide variety of expertise to her role as mayor, having graduated from Walnut High School with highest honors in 1981 then obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from USC, magna cum laude, in 1985.

Tragarz then attended Loyola Law School while working as a certified law clerk for the Los Angeles County District Attorney. She passed the bar exam in 1991 and worked for two different law firms in the area

of business litigation, bankruptcy, and contracts. She has also volunteered as a temporary judge in the Los Angeles County Courts since 1998.

In 2002, Tragarz worked part-time for a firm in order to spend more time with her two sons.

She then served as a vice chair for the City's special ethics committee from 2002 to 2003, where she helped draft Walnut's first code of ethics and candidates' campaign manual.

By 2005, Tragarz was then appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission and served as vice chair before being elected to Walnut's City Council in 2008.

Tragarz said her long-time strategy of being honest and

attuned with the needs of Walnut's residents will keep the city moving in the right direction.

While elected officials sometimes have a tendency to oversell themselves with promises and delusions of grandeur, Tragarz remains realistic to her constituents by saying she has no specific agenda and that she would "respond to the needs and desires of the community."

As she starts her second term as mayor of Walnut, Tragarz said the best way to deal with concerns of the public is to be informative and lawful in her decisions, stating that the residents are willing to accept the truth if they are provided with facts.

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Identity Theft Crew Arrested

STAFF REPORTS

SGV – Over 20 people in cities across Southern California – including Arcadia, Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, El Monte, La Puente, Ontario, San Dimas, West Covina, and Whittier - have been the victims of the Identity Theft Crew.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lomita Station, released a statement that on Thurs., July 17, suspects attached to this crime have been arrested. Arnulfo Rodarte, a resident of San Pedro, and Sylvester Curameng, a resident of Torrance, are in custody for crimes

involving burglary, identity theft, and possession of personal profiles belonging to other individuals. Another suspect, Andrea Serrao, of San Pedro, was also arrested for embezzlement.

On July 6, Rodarte and Curameng used a victim's stolen credit card to make purchases at a San Pedro Target store, and were captured on video during the crime. Detectives viewing the video footage recognized Rodarte from a previous arrest and immediately obtained a search warrant. During the search they were able to identify Curameng, Rodarte's crime partner, as well as a

notebook and mail with information belonging to more than 20 victims.

The search also revealed that Serrao had rented a 2013 Mercedes Benz C250 from Enterprise Rental Car, and never returned it. It is believed that Serrao rented the car for the suspects to commit their crimes.

Rodarte and Curameng are being held at the Inmate Reception Center on bail in lieu of \$20,000; and Serrao is being held at the Century Regional Detention Facility on bail in lieu of \$25,000. All three suspects were due to be arraigned in court on July 21 in Torrance.

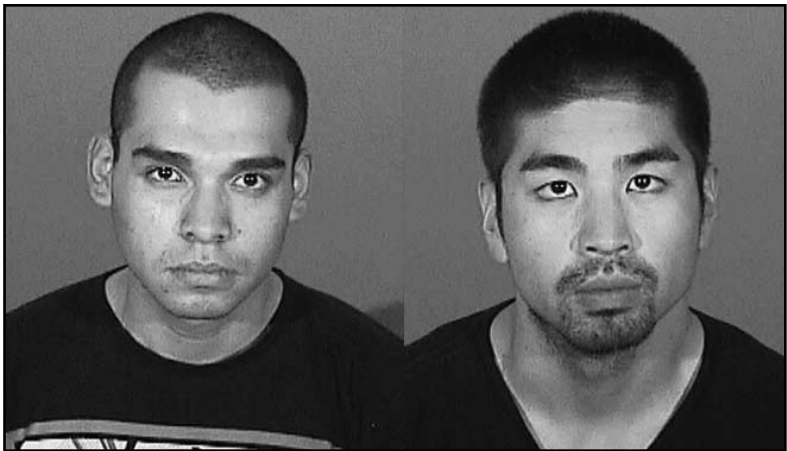


PHOTO COURTESY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Arnulfo Rodarte, left, and Sylvester Curameng.

Madrona project lawsuit

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tal report failing to reveal the project's true impacts.

According to stopmadrona.org, at issue are a multitude of considerations that cannot be mitigated, including repeated wildfires to the area, unsafe geology, dangerous traffic levels, reduced air quality, loss of important habitats, and reduced public safety.

The Madrona Project was first proposed in 1999, and the Brea City Council voted to approve it on June 3 with a 4-1 vote. Notes from an earlier Brea City Council meeting share that the Mayor said he saw three ways that the Council could possibly vote: 1) deny the project; 2) approve the project as is; or 3) approve the project with conditions of approval. The City stands by their approval (with alleged conditions) and the environmental reporting

conducted this far.

Many Chino Hills residents are reportedly helping to raise funds for the lawsuit, and have been actively protesting the project from the beginning. The acreage has already burned four times in the last 30 years, and the homes will remain completely surrounded by wild land making the future tenants extremely vulnerable. This, along with the massive amounts of water required to develop the area and sustain future residents in the midst of an historic drought are cause for concern.

The land is also home to an abundance of wildlife in a corridor that has allowed many rare or endangered species to thrive in their own community. By breaking up the continuity of the habitat, many animals could become extinct or have their numbers reduced significantly, not to mention the toll on native plants and all that the biodiversity of the



PHOTO COURTESY: HILLS FOR EVERYONE
View of the Madrona Project in the city of Brea in Orange County on the border with San Bernardino County.

area provides.

Stopmadrona.org says that the Brea council was forced into a legal settlement requiring them to process the project under rules that are 27 years old, but the opted for one-time economic ben-

efits over the safety of its existing and future residents. Former Brea mayor, Beverly Perry, has reportedly said that it [the project] is poor planning and goes against Brea's long-held values and standards for planning.

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Basketball player dies

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School Huskies to one of their best seasons ever this past year. With a Sierra League championship and a place in the CIF Southern Section Open Championship game, Okongwu – who played center

position - was looking at a very prominent position on the team next year.

A scouting report from ESPN Recruiting Nation Basketball stated that, "Okongwu can dominate [at both] due to his size, length and strength. He has a big frame with long arms and soft hands. He snatches

rebounds in traffic and can throw down some ferocious dunks in traffic. He has a fairly solid drop-step move as well."

Though Okongwu – a Nigerian native - reportedly had received a scholarship offer from Loyola Marymount, other PAC-12 schools were showing interest as well. Colleges

and the Chino Hills Huskies will have to carry on without the 17-year old hopeful.

Chino Hills High School will be holding a candlelight vigil for Okongwu on Tues., July 29, 7:30 p.m., at the football stadium. A memorial fund has also been set up at www.gofundme.com/4unnamdi.



PHOTO COURTESY: ESPN RECRUITING NATION BASKETBALL
Nnamdi Okongwu, 17.

Council corner

COUNCIL from page 1

Tragarz, called the meeting to order and welcomed Pastor Paul Tan from City Blessing Church of Walnut to deliver the invocation. Tragarz then gave a declaration that the City of Walnut would recognize Aug. 5, 2014 as National Night Out, an event open to Walnut residents for an evening of family fun at Creekside Park which includes a movie screening and a concert.

Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff's Department Captain, Jeff Scroggin, was invited to accept a proclamation in front of residents, while he was given praise by council members for the department's hard work in lowering crime rates and providing safety to residents.

The council members then spoke about the opportunity that National Night Out provides, citing it as a chance for families to enjoy themselves and celebrate the safety of the City and bringing the community together.

"National Night Out is an effort for all of us to get together, come out and know members of your community," Scroggin said.

The meeting then switched gears to a more intense topic, with members of the Timberline Community flooding the public comment section with nine residents declaring their distaste for the amount of growth that Mount San Antonio College has undergone and the level of congestion that student parking has caused. Residents called the increase in traffic and pollution a "crisis" and several residents called for

immediate action - regardless of the power that city council has on Mount San Antonio College affairs.

Council member Tony Cartagena said it would be wise for the council to further discuss what can be done in appeasing the residents of the Timberline Community, vowing to bring the item back for discussion at a later time.

After the public comment section was closed, the council members moved to approve the minutes for the City Council/Finance Authority/Housing Authority meeting on June 25, and the July 9 council meeting, before moving on to a public hearing item concerning renewal of the Animal Care and Control Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles.

A staff report outlined that the renewed contract would last for five years ending June 30, 2019, and adopts a resolution to include fees for dog and cat licensing and modifying the age requirement for senior citizens. City council members then opted to unanimously approve the renewed contract.

Council members then moved on to approve the items on the consent calendar, including Resolution No. 14-34 for claims and demands in the amount of \$817,099.51; Resolution No. 14-35 for an intent to abandon property acquired for park purposes, the Mayor's agency representatives; Resolution No. 14-36 designating Mary Su as the official voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference; a one year contract renewal with option to

extend for two additional years with RPW, Inc. for trail and right of way maintenance services; the appropriation of grant funds for the Amar Road Rehabilitation Project totaling \$998,000; and the approval for sports groups requests for bi-annual field use for Fall 2014.

After council members gave their reports on meetings, comments and updates for residents, the housing authority started its business, approving its only consent calendar item allowing claims and demands in the amount of \$27,695.90.

The council members then adjourned to closed session with plans to meet for the next City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 13, in the City Council Chambers at 21201 La Puente Road.



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