



OC News

Halloween Hit And Run Kills 3 OC Girls

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – On Halloween evening, when most youngsters look forward to costumes, candy and fun, real terror struck when three 13-year old girls were killed crossing the street while

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Chino PD Seek Armed Robbery Suspects

STAFF REPORTS

Chino – The Chino Police Department is seeking the community's help in identifying two suspects involved in an armed robbery at Village Liquor, located at 4117 Riverside Dr., on Sun., Oct. 26.

According to the Chino PD, Officers responded to a report at approximately 8:30 a.m. of two armed suspects entering the location and brandishing

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Fallen Pomona Police Officer Remembered

STAFF REPORTS

Pomona – On Wed., Oct. 29, the Pomona Police Department reported the sad news that SWAT Officer, Shaun Richard Diamond, 45, had died.

On Tues., Oct. 28, in the early morning hours, Pomona Police SWAT Officers, including Diamond, were assisting in the service of a search warrant in San Gabriel. Diamond was shot during this operation, and was transported in critical con-

dition to Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. He was surrounded by his family and members of the department when he succumbed to his injuries the following day.

At the direction of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, 36-year old David Martinez – a resident of San Gabriel – was initially booked by the Montebello Police Department for Attempted Murder on a Peace Officer. With the death of Officer Diamond, Mar-

tinez' charges will be upgraded. He is currently being held in lieu of \$4 million bail. Suspect Martinez' criminal history includes assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence.

Officer Diamond was a 16-year veteran in law enforcement, serving with the LAPD and the Montebello PD prior to joining the Pomona Police Department in 2006. He had been a member

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SWAT Officer, Shaun Diamond

SGV Doctor Charged With Drug Dealing

STAFF REPORTS

SGV - A San Gabriel Valley doctor has pleaded not guilty to federal drug trafficking charges that allege he illegally distributed drugs that include the powerful and addictive painkiller, oxycodone.

Dr. Daniel Cham, 47, was arraigned on a 31-count indictment on Thurs., Oct. 23, at which time a trial was scheduled

for December 16. Cham was arrested on Oct. 22 at his residence in Covina. At the arraignment, bond was set at \$140,000, and Cham was ordered to serve home detention while free on bond and was prohibited from practicing medicine.

According to the United States Attorney's Office, the indictment, which was returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 7 and unsealed when the de-

fendant was arrested, charges Cham with drug trafficking, money laundering, fraud and making false statements to federal authorities. The indictment focuses on prescriptions Cham wrote at various locations, including his medical offices in La Puente and Artesia. The drugs involved in the allegedly illegal prescriptions include oxycodone (a powerful narcotic painkiller best known under the brand

name OxyContin), hydrocodone (a narcotic painkiller often sold under the brand names Vicodin and Norco), alprazolam (commonly known by the brand name Xanax), and carisoprodol (as muscle relaxer best known as Soma).

"The problem of pharmaceuticals being diverted to the black

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End Of Reusable Plastics Bags Nearing

BY GLENN FREEMAN

Eastvale - After nearly 30 years of use and debate, the death of the plastic grocery bags found at virtually all markets and retailers is near. At least in California, that is.

In September, Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB270, legislation that bans those single-use plastic bags we've all come to love/hate, making California the first

in the nation to pass a statewide ban. The state joins at least 100 local municipalities – including San Francisco in 2007 and Los Angeles this past summer – in banning the ubiquitous disposable bags.

In addition, as a means of encouraging shoppers to finally accept and embrace reusable

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Holiday Getaway At Comfort Suites

STAFF REPORTS

La Puente – The holidays are on their way, with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. With all the planning, cooking, shopping and cleaning at hand now might be a good time to take a little

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Comfort Suites in La Puente.

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Did You Know?

By K.P. SANDER

Come November 11, every year, we celebrate Veterans Day. This U.S. holiday honors all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This important commemoration was first proclaimed as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, as a tribute to all those who died in World War I. "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations," said Wilson. On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution requesting that then President Calvin Coolidge issue another proclamation to observe the 11th of November with appropriate ceremonies. As even further commitment toward the honor of all veterans, a Congressional act on May 13, 1938 made that day a legal holiday; or as the Act reads, "A day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and



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to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'." Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day in 1945, when World War II veteran, Raymond Weeks, led a delegation to General Dwight Eisenhower with the idea of honoring all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Eisenhower signed the bill into law in 1954, when he was President. Weeks led the first national

celebration in his native Alabama from 1947 until his death in 1985. He received the Presidential Citizenship Medal from President Ronald Reagan in 1982, and was dubbed the "Father of Veterans Day," by Elizabeth Dole, who served as Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison at that time. On Tues., Nov. 11, take the time to thank a Veteran for their service, and your freedom.

SGV doctor charged with drug dealing

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market continues to grow, which feeds drug addiction and leads to additional criminal acts by addicts," said Acting United States Attorney Stephanie Yonekura. "Unscrupulous doctors who prescribe controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose are simply fueling a black market of narcotics. These doctors are the same as street dealers who face lengthy sentences in federal prison." In May 2014, investigators executed federal search warrants at 13 locations, including Cham's residence and medical offices. According to the affidavit in support of the search warrants, which was unsealed at Cham's arraignment, the doctor often saw patients between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and he post-dated prescriptions to make them appear to have been written on weekdays. In the year that ended in March 2014, Cham issued more than 5,500 prescriptions for controlled substances – primarily for oxycodone, hydrocodone, alprazolam and carisoprodol – and he issued more than 42,000 such prescriptions since July 2010, according to the affidavit. The affidavit also discussed how an undercover officer made three visits to Cham's La Puente office earlier this year, and how Cham wrote prescriptions for controlled substances in exchange for \$200 or \$300 in cash or money orders. As discussed in the affidavit, Cham issued a prescription for oxycodone even though the undercover operative said he "had been high and

drunk while receiving controlled substance prescriptions" previously from Cham. On another occasion, Cham prescribed oxycodone even though the undercover law enforcement officer presented, in lieu of photo identification, a written notice that his license had been suspended for driving under the influence. "Daniel Cham's arrest sends a clear message to doctors who violate their sworn public duty by selling prescriptions for highly addictive opioids – the DEA will shut down your operation and put you behind bars," said Anthony D. Williams, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA's Los Angeles Field Division. "Along with our law enforcement partners,

we continue to aggressively target medical professionals who act as drug traffickers cloaked in a white lab coat." An investigation by IRS - Criminal Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Financial Investigation Group showed that Cham used at least four bank accounts to launder the proceeds of his illegal prescriptions. The indictment charges Cham with concealing proceeds derived from the undercover visits by depositing them into an account held in the name of a separate business. If convicted of the 31 counts in the indictment, Cham would face a statutory maximum sentence of 339 years in federal prison.

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Fallen Pomona Police officer remembered

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of Pomona's SWAT Team since 2008, and proudly served the City in dozens of SWAT operations.

Diamond worked with the Downtown District Enforcement Team, providing service exclusively to the businesses and residents of Pomona's downtown area. He was also a Field Training Officer, responsible for training new recruits from the academy. Diamond greatly

contributed to many of the Department's community outreach efforts, including K9 demonstrations, Special Olympics events, and SWAT demonstrations for local school children.

The Pomona Police Department states that they sincerely appreciate the outpouring of support from surrounding law enforcement, fire agencies, and the communities.

The Pomona Police Officers' Association will be accepting donations on behalf of Officer Diamond's family. Donations may be sent to them at 174 W.

McKinley Avenue, Pomona, 91767. Please include Officer Shaun Diamond's name on any donations or correspondence.

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

Chino PD seek armed robbery suspects

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handguns at the clerk. The suspects then fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of items.

The suspects were last seen driving eastbound on Riverside Dr. in a 2001-2005 grey Toyota sedan.

The first suspect is described as a white male adult, 20-25 years old, 5'3"-5'5" tall, 230 pounds, with brown hair, last seen wearing a blue sweater with white patches and blue jeans.

The second suspect is described as a white male adult, 20-25 years old, 5'5"-5'7" tall, 160 pounds, with blonde hair,



Security footage of suspects.

last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and sandals.

This investigation is ongoing,

and anyone with information is asked to contact the Chino Police Department at (909) 628-1234.

Halloween hit and run kills 3 OC girls

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trick-or-treating.

On Fri., Oct. 31, at about 6:45 p.m. in the 1400 block of E. Fairhaven Avenue, twins Lexi and Lexandra Perez, and their friend, Andrea Gonzales, were walking in a crosswalk when a Honda CRV struck and killed them, and fled the scene.

Captain Anthony Bertagna of the Santa Ana Police Department stated, "Witnesses say the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. I didn't see any skid marks, so

it doesn't appear they slowed down whatsoever. They left these three young women laying in the street, and left without calling, without stopping, without rendering aid. It's hard to even fathom doing that."

It is reported that a witness followed the Honda to a strip mall not far from the crime scene and watched a male driver and passengers once again flee the scene.

On Sun., Nov. 2 the Santa Ana Police Department issued a news release stating that multiple arrests had been made in connection to these hit and run deaths. Allegedly at fault, is Jaquinn Ramone

Bell, 31, who was found at a Motel 6 in the City of Stanton. Bell – who reportedly has a criminal history dating back to 2009 – was charged with vehicular manslaughter, driving on a suspended license, and fleeing the scene of a crime. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Dec. 16, and faces a maximum sentence of 17 years if convicted.

It is reported that Bell had two children with him when he struck the girls in the crosswalk, and then abandoned his vehicle. Other members of Bell's family were also arrested and then released on Nov. 2.

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End of reusable plastics bags nearing

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bags sold by retailers, the legislation also requires stores to add a 10 cent surcharge per paper bag for those requiring their use. And if you think the stores will not comply, you may want to think again. The legislation also includes fines of up to \$5,000 for non-compliance by stores, in regard to the bag ban as well as the required surcharge.

Kevin Smith, store manager for the Albertson's grocery retailer located at Schleisman Road and Archibald Avenue, says they have yet to receive any corporate directives, although some of their stores in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles already have sanctions in place. Smith says they have had reusable bags right at the checkout stands for some time, ranging in price from 99 cents to \$2.49.

"There will be a little bit of resistance and some customers will have a difficult time, but we will try and accommodate those as best we can. After a while this will just be a way of life," says

Smith regarding the transition. The ban takes effect on July 1, 2015 for all large retailers, stores, pharmacies, and food outlets. Smaller convenience and liquor stores, as well as smaller food retailers will be given until July 2016 to adhere to the new law. However, you may need that reusable bag sooner than you think as retailers deplete their stocks of plastics heading into the respective ban dates. On the other hand, the new law does not affect disposable plastic bags for produce, meat, bread, bulk food and other loose or perishable items, which will still be allowed (good news for those fearing cross-contamination of their meat juices with their fresh fruits).

The ban is a key win for environmentalists, who have been working for years to ban the mostly non-biodegradable bags they say have overrun recyclers and landfills. They also contend the bags pile up along beaches and wind-blown roadsides, and have caused harm to fish and wildlife by polluting rivers, lakes, and streams.

They also say that in a matter of time, folks will adjust, just as they previously did switching from paper to plastic.

"I think this is the beginning of the end of the plastic grocery bag and 10 years from now we're going to forget that they ever existed," Mark Murray, Executive Director of Californians Against Waste, told media outlets.

Plastics industry representatives, however, say today's bags are more environmentally friendly and warn that the ban will cost widespread job losses. They also say the \$2 million fund that's part of the legislation meant to help re-tool bag manufacturers into making reusable bags is a "drop in the bucket" that would offer little relief, Catherine Browne of bag manufacturer, Crown Poly, told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Even so, the recent legislation was backed by organizations representing retailers and grocery stores on account of the patchwork bans across the state – and which, again, reached the state's most-populous city (Los Angeles) this past summer

– were causing logistical and financial burdens for some.

"From the start our industry's only goal has been attaining statewide consistency," Ronald K. Fong, President and CEO of the California Grocers Association told the San Diego Union-Tribune. "Our multi-store operators are seeking one compliance standard while our single-store operators seek an even playing field. SB270 gives us the best chance at achieving a level of consistency."

Critics have also said the 10 cent surcharge may have been used by the state to entice retailers.

"You have to follow the money," Assemblyman Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), said during debate on the Assembly floor, according to the Sacramento Bee. "What I see this becoming is another funding source for the grocery store industry. It's just another way of taking a shot at the little guy."

Late amendments to the bill specified that stores must spend revenue from the fee on implementing the law. However, many

opponents remain unsatisfied. "We're not happy that consumers are going to have to pay for a product that they previously got for free - and that the stores will make profit on - and that it's going to negatively affect manufacturers," Browne of Crown Poly stated.

Others also contend the surcharge is nothing short of creating "behavior modification," which, depending upon which side of the argument you stand could be seen as good or bad. Regardless, your behavior, indeed, is likely to be modified into carrying your own set of reusable bags.

So like it or not, now's the time to start shopping around to find the perfect set of reusable bags that fit your "shop and carry" needs.

One associate that works at the Target located on Hamner Avenue and 2nd Street said, "It's easy to get on the band-wagon. Our reusable bags are only 99 cents and we keep them at the checkout stands. Just grab a few and throw them in your car and you'll be set."

Holiday getaway at Comfort Suites

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It's holiday tamale time at The Whole Enchilada

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STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – On Sat., Oct. 25, the City of Diamond Bar continued the celebration for their 25th Anniversary with a ceremonial Time Capsule dedication at City Hall.

Mayor Carole Herrera, Councilman Jack Tanaka, and Congressman Ed Royce were all in attendance at the dedication, along with Miss Diamond Bar, Taylor Kalinowski, and her court of princesses.

An assortment of documents,

memorabilia and other items of historical significance were compiled for the capsule, including a plaque from Congressman Royce, a letter and book from Assemblyman Curt Hagman, a congratulatory letter from Senator Bob Huff, and a

commemorative program, wine bottle and glass from the 2014 Wine Soiree from the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library.

The Time Capsule will be housed inside one of the walls on the first level of the City Hall building, with the intent of

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For more information on the Time Capsule or the City of Diamond Bar, contact info@diamondbarca.gov, or call (909) 839-7055.

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