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OC News

Arrest In OC Transgender Homicide

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – On Wed., Jan. 28, at approximately 10 p.m., the Orange County Coroner's Office notified the Santa Ana Police Department of a suspicious death that occurred on Thurs., Jan. 22. The decedent was a 40-year old transgender woman who died of silicone

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IE News

Corona Bank Robbery Ends In Fatality

STAFF REPORTS

Corona – On Wed., Feb. 4, the Pacific Premier Bank, located at 102 E. Sixth Street, was involved in a robbery with a man, who reportedly forced employees at gunpoint into the vault where he proceeded to rob the bank and its employees of a large sum of cash. The man threatened to kill the employees if they called the

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PHOTO COURTESY: CITY OF DIAMOND BAR

Alfred Bertulfo's beautiful entry of "Diamond Bar Center From Above" won the Grand Prize.

DB "Through My Lens" Winner

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – The 2014 "Through My Lens" photo contest turned up a new batch of winning photos skillfully capturing moments and sceneries of Diamond Bar.

One photo in every division and category was selected as the

front-runner, and another 17 images were chosen for honorable mention distinction, for a total of 22 winning entries.

Top prizes in the youth division went to Mikaela Pham, Lynn Lee and Garrett Masuda; and the winners in the adult division were Chuck Wong, David Moreno, Alfred Bertulfo, Steve Sustayta,

and Tom Zeller.

Honorable mentions were presented to youth entrants Daniel Xu, Garrett Masuda, Mikaela Pham, Kyle Liu, Aish Rane, and Mustafa Arif; and adult entrants

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CH Seeks Healthy Cities Applicants

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills – Residents who are interested in serving on the City of Chino Hills Healthy Steering Cities Committee (Healthy Cities) are invited to complete an application for consideration. The Council voted recently to accept applications so that each member may appoint one resident to serve on Healthy Cities.

Each council member will recommend an individual for appointment, which must be affirmed by the Council. The term of the appointment matches the term of the appointing council

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Walnut Council Recap

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut – Walnut's City Council met for its first regular meeting of the month on Feb. 11. The meeting opened with the commendation of Los Amigos Restaurant, located at 20835 Valley Blvd, as the official Winter 2015 Business of the Quarter recipient.

Mayor Nancy Tragarz was absent from the meeting.

In place of Tragarz delivering the congratulatory speech, Mayor Pro Tem, Eric Ching, spoke to owner Jose Luis Angel and his wife Mayra Angel, commenting

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SGV Toilet Arsonist Caught

STAFF REPORTS

SGV – Suspect, David Lin, 42, a local transient man (formerly of West Covina), was arrested on Tues., Feb. 3 for an unusual arson spree taking its toll on retail establishment restrooms in and around the City of Rowland Heights since December 2014.

Lin, in multiple acts of dangerous bravado, allegedly paid visits

PHOTO COURTESY: L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
David Lin

to local restaurants during business hours and set fires in toilets, using toilet paper, seat covers and other flammable materials as kindling.

In total, seven fires were set in local establishments within approximately two months (three

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Advanced Improvements Provides Comfort For Your Home

STAFF REPORTS

SoCal – Advanced Improvements is an expert in heating and air conditioning, water heating, water filtration, and solar power. For over 20 years, they have been providing eco-friendly, energy saving home and office comfort solutions for Riverside, Orange, San



Advanced Improvements can be reached at (888) 698-8859.

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Treat Your Valentine To The Whole Enchilada

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – Valentine's Day is upon us, and what better way to show your love for your sweetheart than a delicious dinner at The Whole Enchilada!

From delicious platters and entrée meals to taco bars, The Whole Enchilada offers



The Whole Enchilada is located at 1114 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. See their ad on page 12 for coupons and information on their Valentine's Day special.

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Seven Things They Don't Tell You About Marriage

BY SARAH SANCHEZ

I married my best friend this past June, and I believe I've settled into the routine of my new married life. I can look back over the last year and honestly say that no one prepared me and my husband for marriage. Even though we took a pre-marital course and were given advice from family and friends, there are still things that no one told us about.

Now don't get me wrong, I love my husband and I love our marriage. This is not a complaining session, but an informative piece. If I had been given this list before the wedding, I don't think I would have been so shocked with the changes. So pass this along to any engaged or newly married couples you may know, and you'll save them a few surprises.

#7 – Communication And Compromise Are Key: Marriage is about becoming one unit, and this "all for one, one for all" mentality can be a little tough to get used to. You will be making sacrifices throughout your marriage, mainly because it's not just about you anymore; it's all about the "we". You are a team now and you need to constantly be on the same page. But if you communicate and compromise with one another, then both of you can be happy with the decisions that are made.

#6 – You Will Become One; But So Does Your Bank Account: If you and your spouse put all your money into a joint bank account, all of it now belongs to both of you and you have to learn to budget EVERYTHING. This can be tough because budgeting your money makes you realize how much you need to cut down on going out to eat, and how much groceries and gasoline really cost. My suggestion is to print out a budget sheet online, fill it out every month, and – oddly enough – actually follow it by writing down every expense you make every single day. Dave Ramsey has an awesome book and class you can take that will benefit you as well.

#5 – Men And Women Are Wired Differently: This particular point actually became quite clear to us after reading a daily devotional called, "The Love and Respect Experience," by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. We learned that men and women are very different in almost every aspect: emotionally, physically, sexually, etc. As expressed in the book, a way to look at it is



PHOTO COURTESY: SARAH SANCHEZ

that women wear pink glasses and hearing aids, and men wear blue glasses and hearing aids. When you are in a disagreement, men occasionally need to put on the pink glasses and hearing aids, and women occasionally have to put on the blue glasses and hearing aids, in order to understand how the other is feeling. Sometimes it's just about perspective.

#4 – When You Say 'I Do', You Marry The Family Too: When you get married, it's a package deal, meaning the in-laws come along with the spouse. Therefore, it's better to put your differences aside and try to be civil with one another. A trick my husband and I use is that we confront our own families, and not our in-laws. For example, if the problem is with my side of the family, then I will be the one to confront the family member. But if the problem is with my husband's side of the family, then he will be the one to confront the family member. That way, the relationships with our in-laws aren't jeopardized with the confrontation. The bottom line is to try to find a way to keep the peace and don't let the little things bother you. Also, remember that every family is different, so the way your in-laws act may be very different than the way you grew up. It's not wrong, just different; keep that in mind.

#3 – Pick Your Battles: There is a difference between a disagreement and a fight. From my experience, disagreements are more about bickering, while fights are the escalated form of a disagreement that usually includes some form of yelling at each other; perhaps a slammed door or two. My advice is to pick your battles, otherwise you'll fight about the most ridiculous things. Our first fight as a married couple was about boxes. No underlying issues. Just boxes. Everybody is entitled to their opinion, and there will be conflicts in your marriage; so aim for disagreements, not fights.

#2 – Learn to Embrace Your Spouse's Differences: You have to remember that you are two very different people who grew up in very different homes. There are certain habits, flaws, and pet peeves your spouse will have that may be very different from what you are used to. As long as their habits aren't hurting anyone, life will be much easier for you if you learn to accept your spouse's differences instead of trying to change them. You know how hard it is to change your own behavior, even when you want to. The pressure increases significantly when someone else wants you to change a behavior that you'd rather not. Refer to #3.

#1 – Your Spouse Is Not – And Will Never Be – The Same Person You Married: This is the number one thing that they don't tell you about marriage. It sounds bad, but it doesn't have to be. One of the most common reasons people get divorced is because their spouse is "not the same person they married". Every relationship has phases. For example, you start with the person you date (on best behavior); then comes the person you're engaged to (you still know the person, but the façade starts to crack a bit); and finally, you end up with the person you marry (where, oh where, is my fiancé?). So if you go into the marriage knowing there will be changes, your expectations will be better balanced. I've only been married to my husband for eight months, and I can honestly say we both have already changed since the day we got married. I learn new things about him every day, even with dating him for four years prior. He has new dreams, new goals, and new personality traits I've never seen before. He's noticed the same in me, too, and that's okay, because we married each other for who we were to become, not the people we were at that moment. You can be very different, and still grow together, which is the goal anyway.

Marriage is an amazing experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Yes, by the list above, it is tough and there is a lot of learning you have to do. But once you get it down, it's so wonderful to have someone who cares for you, who loves you, who supports you, and is there by your side through all of life's adventures. For better or worse... "The best is yet to be, come marry me."

Did You Know?

By K.P. SANDER

Ah, l'amour! It's the stuff that makes the world go 'round, vous ne trouvez pas? St. Valentine might have a thing or two to say about that.

This Sat., Feb. 14, millions of people around the world will celebrate Valentine's Day with their sweetheart by way of candy, flowers, cards, dinner out – or with extravagant gifts of jewelry and marriage proposals. Elementary school children still pass out cards to their classrooms, making little girls think of a secret admirer (and little boys think, "Ew!").

More factually speaking, it all began as a church celebration centered on early Christian saints named Valentinus, and was often associated with martyrdom. Wikipedia states an account of Saint Valentine of Rome, who was imprisoned by Roman Emperor, Claudius II, for Christianity. This particular St. Valentine healed Julia, the blind daughter of his jailer – according to legend – and in a farewell letter sent to her before his execution, he signed, "Your Valentine." The jailer, Asterius, and his household of 44 family members and servants came to believe in Jesus because of this miracle and were baptized.

Before the greeting card industry embellished it to what it is today, St. Valentine's Day was first linked to romantic love in 18th century England, when courtly love flourished. Lovers often expressed their love through the presentation of flowers, sweets and special cards called, valentines – traditions that are common today.

However you spend your Valentine's Day, remember to tell someone that you love them, in remembrance of St. Valentine, who lost his life for the love of Jesus.



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Antique Valentine's Day Card

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Community Events

STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:**San Gabriel's First Lunar New Year Festival**

When: Sun., Feb. 15; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: San Gabriel Mission District, 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel 91776

Details: This free community event will have food, music, dancing, merchants, a beer/wine garden, and much more.

Contact: www.sglunarnewyear.org

Financial Literacy Course

When: Mon., Feb. 16, 1 to 5 p.m.

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

Details: The Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) is offering a financial literacy course, "Invest in Yourself." The class will provide information to help participants learn how to understand their cash flow and improve how they handle their finances. The course is free.

Contact: Luz Segovia, (909) 984-2254, x. 118.

Kids' Night Out

When: Feb. 21; Mar. 21; Apr. 18; May 16; Jun. 20; Jul. 18; 6 to 9 p.m.

Where: Chino Youth Museum, 13191 6th St., Chino

Details: Participants enjoy a fun Saturday evening at the Museum while parents enjoy a nice evening out. Art projects,

Contact: www.SGVOH.org

Pomona Inner City Homeless Ministry Dinner

STAFF REPORTS

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When: The 4th Saturday monthly: Feb., 28, Mar. 28

Where: First Baptist Church of Pomona, 601 N. Garey Ave., Pomona

Details: Come help serve the homeless and economically disadvantaged at monthly dinners. Volunteers meet in E202 (2nd Floor) at 12 noon for prayer/devotion, followed by orientation, clothing and hygiene kit distribution, and instruction for serving dinner to the homeless. Ministry ends by 4:30 p.m.

First Friday Food Trucks

When: Mar. 6; May 1; June 5; July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 11; Oct. 2; Nov. 6; Dec. 4

Where: WVUSD, Parking Lot, 880 S. Lemon Ave., Walnut

Details: Enjoy gourmet food, great weather and good friends while supporting education! Truck line-up: The Slummin' Gourmet; Piaggio; Me So Hungry; Street Food; Bakery Truck.

Chino DairyAire 5K & Fun Run

When: Sat., Mar. 7

Where: Ruben S. Ayala Park, 5575 Edison Ave., Chino

Details: This community event helps raise funds for the Chino Youth Museum. Register before March 1: 5K \$30/Fun Run \$10; register on or after March 2: 5K \$35/Fun Run \$15. Pre-register today at www.dairyaire5k.race-wire.com. USATF Certified 5K Course.

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For more information on fire safety and smoke alarms, please visit www.chinovalleyfire.org.

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CH seeks healthy cities applicants

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member.

Healthy Cities was formed in 1994 and revamped in 2014. The Committee was established to assist in assessing community needs, defining health priorities, and developing programs to enhance the quality of life within the community. Meetings are held quarterly, on Mondays at 6 p.m., to evaluate and recommend programs that meet the Committee's goals through the use of a variety of service providers.

Programs operating under the Healthy Cities umbrella are as varied as enrichment programs for all ages, fitness and hiking programs, opportunities for youth

involvement, health and wellness seminars, and more. A complete list is noted on the application.

The Healthy Cities Committee will be comprised of 25 people including City Commissioners; students at the high school and college level; and representatives from Chino Valley Unified School District, Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, Chino Hills Police Department, County of San Bernardino, Chino Valley YMCA, Chino Valley Fire District, five residents appointed by the Committee, and five residents appointed by the City Council.

Completed applications must

be returned to the City Clerk's

Office on the second floor of City

Hall, 14000 City Center Drive, by

4 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 6. Council

members will review applica-

tions and schedule interviews. Selections are expected to be announced at the March 24 or April 14 City Council meeting.

The next Healthy Cities Committee meeting is on Mon., May 11, at 6 p.m.

Applications are available online at www.chinohills.org/HealthyCitiesApplication and at Chino Hills City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills 91709, on the second floor in the City Clerk's lobby.

Completed applications can also be mailed to the address above. To request a faxed application, please call (909) 364-2620 or send an e-mail to [www.cityclerk@chinohills.org](mailto:cityclerk@chinohills.org).

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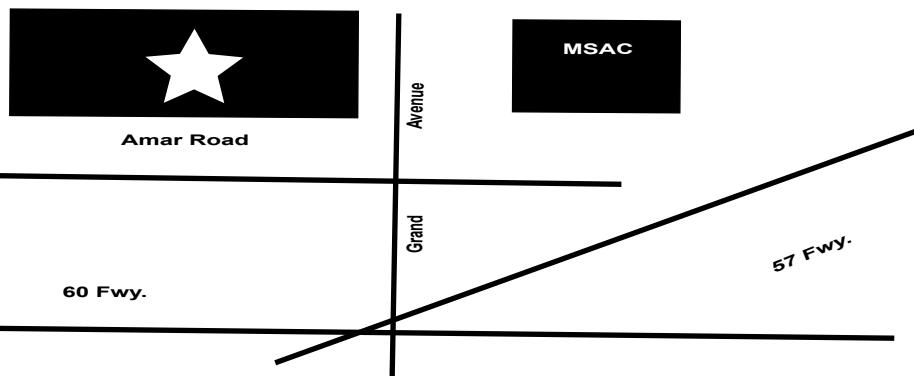
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Friends Recognizes Outstanding Volunteers

Diamond Bar Friends of the Library shows it's appreciation.

By KATHLEEN M. NEWE

Diamond Bar – The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library is fortunate to have many excellent volunteers who work year-round to make the Diamond Bar Library the great and welcoming place it is for the community. Each year we recognize a few of these dedicated individuals at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Gathering at Heritage Park on Sat., Jan. 24, over 100 people honored several of these great



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(L to R) Councilmember Jimmy Lin, Loretta Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Lyons, Mayor Steve Tye, County Librarian Margaret Todd, Kathleen Newe, Rick Rogers, Tony Torg, Lauren Pong, Angie Valenzuela, and Ruth Low.

volunteers. Diamond Bar City Council members along with representatives from Supervisor

Don Knabe's office and Congressman Ed Royce's office joined County Librarian Margaret Todd,

DB "Through My Lens" winner

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Amanda Pechy, Jet Long, Chuck Wong, Diana Dieu, Teresa Wang, Long Pham, Bruce Davis, William Anderson, and Robert Burns.

Alfred Bertulfo's beautiful entry of "Diamond Bar Center From Above," won the Grand Prize.

All winners were congratulated

at the Jan. 20 City Council meeting. Each winner took home a special certificate and a cash prize, courtesy of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation.

A panel of judges selected the winners from each division based on composition, creativity, originality and visual appeal, and how well the photographs illustrated the theme.

Co-sponsored by the City and the Diamond Bar Community Foundation, the Through My Lens contest is now entering its eighth year, and will reopen for entries this April. More information about the contest as well as the list of the winners and their entries can be viewed online at www.diamondbarca.gov/throughmylens.

Advanced Improvements provides comfort

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Bernardino, San Diego and Los Angeles counties.

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cooling coils. Their current heating special will allow you to get \$1,500 off in factory rebates for qualifying systems. Also, ask about their \$75 special for a winter tune-up for your current system.

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Advanced Improvements stands behind their products and services and is committed to excellence. They are also committed to the community. Owners Jason and Athena Hayes have lived in Eastvale for over seven years, and as homeowners, they love to see Eastvale flourish. Advanced Improvements has been the platinum sponsor for the Eastvale Community Foundation's Annual Golf Tournaments, and they will continue to invest in the City and support its growth. Make sure to ask about their \$500 discount coupon for Eastvale residents only.

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Outgoing President, Ruth Low, and incoming President, Chris Ko, presented the "Outstanding Friend" award to Congressman Ed Royce and recognized him for his commitment to literacy and libraries. Congressman Royce was instrumental in bringing David S. Mao, the Law Librarian of Congress, for Read Together Diamond Bar in October 2014. They also presented the "President's Award" to Nancy Lyons, Rick Rogers and Tony Torg as the "Three Amigos" for their huge commitment as co-chairs of the annual Wine Soirée for many years. The

22nd Annual Wine Soirée will be held on Sun., April 26.

Loretta Nelson was awarded the "Bookstore Volunteer of the Year" for her dedication to Basically BOOKS; Shery Fan, CPA, received the "Business Volunteer of the Year" award for her professional expertise to the Friends; and Kathleen Newe received the "Volunteer of the Year" award for her many years of service to the Friends. All of these awardees - along with so many of our volunteers - have made positive and significant contributions to the Diamond Bar Library and literacy in our community. Thank you all!

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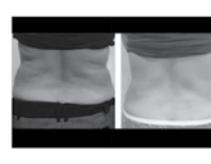
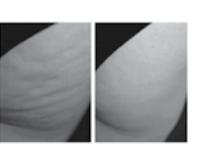
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Construction Alerts in DB

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - There are two major utility upgrade projects in progress, aimed at improving service delivery reliability. The projects – which began on Jan. 28 – include the installation of new SCE electrical circuits, and replacement of a deteriorated vault; and the replacement of a Gas Company 3" gas main with a 4" line to accommodate the South Coast Air Quality Management District's operations.

Construction will be carried out in phases, with various road closures and cautionary detours. Please note the following traffic concerns, and make time allowances or avoid these areas altogether, if possible, during construction times.

- The eastbound right-turn lane along Grand Ave. will be closed for approximately three weeks beginning Feb. 17.

- The #2 eastbound through lane along Grand Ave. will be intermittently closed on weeknights from 8 pm to 5 a.m., and fully closed on weekends from Feb. 17 to Mar. 2.

- One through lane along Golden Springs Dr. will be closed from Copley Dr. to Grand Ave. for one week beginning mid-February.

- One through lane along Golden Springs Dr., as well as two right-turn lanes near Grand Ave. will be closed for two weeks beginning late February.

Both projects are scheduled to be completed on or before March 2.

Corona bank robbery ends in fatality

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Police.

According to the Corona Police Department, Officers responded to the bank at approximately 4:07 p.m., to find the suspect had fled after an alleged carjacking. Through the use of a tracking device bank employees were able to place with the money, Officers were quickly able to locate the suspect vehicle and a chase ensued.

As the Officers attempted a high risk enforcement stop, the vehicle briefly stopped near San Antonio and Bickmore avenues in Chino. The female driver – later identified as Patricia Cheree

Smith, 26, of Hemet – exited the vehicle and was contacted by Police. The suspect fled the area in the vehicle with Officers in pursuit.

Smith initially told Officers she had been the victim of a car-jacking, and the unknown suspect had a gun. Corona Police Detectives conducted a follow-up interview with Smith and determined that she was involved in the robbery. Smith was arrested for robbery and additional criminal charges are pending.

The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle crashed off the 71 Expressway. As the suspect exited the vehicle, he was struck multiple times by Police gunfire and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The suspect was



PHOTO COURTESY: CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Johnson (R) inside the Corona bank during the robbery.



PHOTO COURTESY: CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

L - Deceased bank robbery suspect, Paul Alfred Eugene Johnson; R - Patricia Cheree Smith, the driver and accomplice, who lied about being carjacked

identified as Paul Alfred Eugene Johnson, 59, of Hemet. Further investigation revealed a large sum of cash, an unknown type handgun, and additional evidence linking Johnson and the vehicle to the bank robbery in Corona.

Corona Police Detectives conducted a follow-up investigation related to the Pacific Premier Bank robbery. Based on the information gathered, detectives obtained a search warrant for a residence located in the 26000 block of Cortrite Ave. in the City of Hemet.

On Fri., Feb. 6, Officers from the Corona Police Department's Special Response Team served the search warrant seeking additional evidence to support their

investigation, additional suspects and other similar bank robberies throughout Southern California.

This particular incident is a large, multi-jurisdictional investigation. The Corona Police Department is handling the bank robbery and vehicle pursuit, while the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the officer-involved shooting in their jurisdiction. All officers are currently on paid administrative leave, per Department policy.

The Corona Police Department is seeking public assistance and is asking anyone having information related to the bank robbery to please call Senior Detective Dan Bloomfield at (951) 817-5767.

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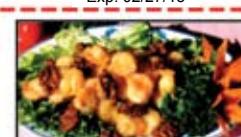
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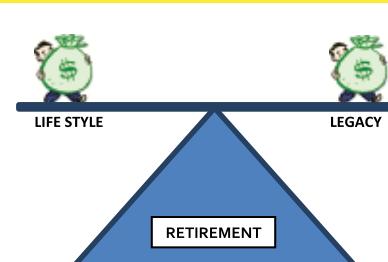
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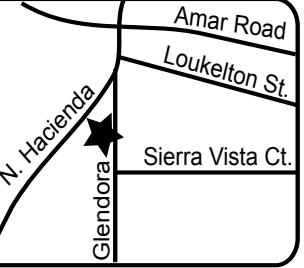
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SGV Hikers Rescued

STAFF REPORTS

San Gabriel - Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Teams were activated to look for eight missing UCLA students who had become lost and hypothermic in the snow. The students are members of the UCLA Hiking Club. Five members of the group were able to navigate their way out of the forest, while the remaining eight were lost.

The search area was near Throop Peak at an 8,200 foot elevation. The conditions were snowy and icy, with some drifts causing the rescuers to plunge thigh-deep into the snow.

Rescue teams from San Di-

mas, Crescenta Valley, and the Palmdale Sheriff's Stations responded to the 911 call. The hikers were located at 12:30 a.m. on Sun., Feb. 8, by the Montrose Search and Rescue Team from the Crescenta Valley Station.

It took rescuers six hours to hike the students out of the area due to the treacherous conditions. To prevent the students from falling, the rescue team placed harnesses and ropes on them to safely lower them down icy slopes.

The students were elated to see the rescue team, some being mildly hypothermic. None of the students required medical attention, and they were taken back to their cars – safe and sound.



PHOTO COURTESY: LASD

Relieved hikers pose with Rescuers in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Walnut Council Recap

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on the family owned business and how Angel's work ethic should stand as an inspiration for the residents of Walnut.

"This is a role model we need to look up to," Ching said. "Many people like his food, (Angel) is good to kids; he gives a lot of

opportunities for kids to work in his shop...that's why he is chosen (as the Business of the Quarter)."

Ching also commented that he loved the restaurant's ceviche and that he wished the restaurant luck as it continues to do business.

Following the award ceremony, the Council approved the only item on its public hearings sched-

ule, which was Ordinance No. 15-02 to establish Article XXIV for historical preservation of the Walnut Municipal Code.

After that, the Council approved all the items on its consent calendar, including a resolution of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$869,983.61; a joint resolution approving and accepting a negotiated exchange of property tax revenue resulting

from annexation of the territory to the Walnut Valley Water District; a resolution regarding the payment of salaries, sick leave, vacations, leave of absences and other regulations by revising authorized positions/salary Schedule A; and an additional appropriation request for Leibold, McClendon & Mann to provide special legal services in connection with the proposed disposition of Lot 269 in Three Oaks.

Finally, the Council moved onto the successor agency consent calendar, approving both items for the adoption of Resolution No.15-02, approving the ROPS for July through December 2015; and adoption of Resolution No.15-13, approving the administrative budget for July through December 2015.

After Council announcements, the members then adjourned into closed session to discuss negotiations of real property pursuant to Government Code 54956.8.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., in the Council chambers at 21201 La Puente Road.



PHOTO COURTESY: RAYMOND MENDOZA

Members of the Walnut City Council congratulate Jose Luis Angel and his wife Mayra Angel, for having their business - Los Amigos Restaurant – named as the Winter 2015 Business of the Quarter. Los Amigos Restaurant is located at 20835 Valley Blvd. and is known for its friendly customer service and well-liked Mexican food.

Treat your valentine to The Whole Enchilada

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fresh, authentic Mexican recipes their resident chef brought from their homeland. They guarantee you will enjoy your dining experience.

"All our food is made fresh daily," says Lil Palmer of The Whole Enchilada. The restaurant has been in business for over 30 years, offering a variety of Mexican dishes ranging from enchiladas and burritos to carne asada and fajitas.

Planning a Valentine's Day par-

ty? The Whole Enchilada can help cater your event with handmade tamales – which are available year round. This traditional holiday dish is sold by the dozen and is available in pork, beef, chicken, green chili and cheese. Other menu items, such as the taquito or street taco platters, are available for catering as well.

Whether it's a Valentine's fiesta, business meetings or parties, promotions, fundraisers, birthdays, or just an evening out, The Whole Enchilada will dazzle you with their excellent customer service and delicious food. They look forward to

helping you celebrate the special moments in your life.

If you are looking for a sweet Valentine's treat after your meal, try The Whole Enchilada's Mexican Kaluha Flan, Rio Grande Mud Pie, or popular Deep Fried Ice Cream. Valentine's Day never tasted so delicious!

The celebration doesn't stop with just one visit. The Whole Enchilada has gift cards available for purchase in person or online. It's the perfect gift for your Valentine, or anyone you are gift-shopping for; it's always the perfect color and size. And be sure to ask The

Whole Enchilada about the Combo Punch Card, Enchilada Bucks, and their Kids Club. With a wide variety of reasons to visit, it's obvious that The Whole Enchilada wants to become your favorite restaurant.

Don't deny your taste buds this Valentine's Day, visit the Whole Enchilada soon!

The Whole Enchilada is located at 1114 S. Diamond Bar Blvd., (at Grand Avenue, in Diamond Bar). You can reach them at (909) 861-5340, and visit their website at www.wholeenchilada.com. See their ad on the back page of this publication.

SGV Toilet Arsonist Caught

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within one day), including L&L Hawaiian Barbecue in Walnut; Rolling Wok, McDonald's, Del Taco, Ten Ren's Tea Time, and Office Depot in Rowland Heights;

and Guppy House in Hacienda Heights

According to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, surveillance photos, witness accounts and other information led detectives to Lin, who was spotted by a patrol on the afternoon of Feb. 3. Although no injuries

were reported from the fires, thousands of dollars in property damage occurred from Lin's alleged arson binge.

Lin was arrested on suspicion of arson, felony evading of police and drug possession. Lin – who is reportedly living out of his car – was arraigned on

Thurs., Feb 5, and is being held on \$250,000 bail pending a Feb. 19 hearing.

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Arson/Explosives Detail at (323) 881-7500.

Arrest In OC Transgender Homicide

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PHOTO COURTESY: SANTA ANA PD

Liborio De La Luz Ramos, 44, arrested for Voluntary Manslaughter

embolism syndrome related to a silicone injection to the buttocks for cosmetic reasons.

Homicide Detectives initiated a death investigation which revealed that the victim – Felipe De La Riva (who also went by the name of Katya) – went to a "silicone party" in the area sometime in late Dec. 2014. On Jan. 1, De La Riva admitted herself into Kaiser Hospital due to a respiratory problem. Silicone embolism syndrome symptoms include fever, chest pain, coughing up blood and altered consciousness.

On Jan. 21, at 7:06 p.m., De La Riva died of an embolism related to the silicone injection. Because the injection was received in a non-medical facility – possibly a hotel room - Kaiser contacted the coroner's office.

On Thurs., Feb. 5, Santa Ana Police Homicide Detectives arrested Liborio De La Luz Ramos, 44, of Santa Ana, in connection with the death of De La Riva. Ramos faces one felony count of voluntary manslaughter and two felony counts of the unauthorized practice of medicine, and is being held on \$500,000 bail. Detectives believe there may be additional victims who received injections from the suspect.

Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact Santa Ana Police Detectives at (714) 245-8390.

Run Forrest Run

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER



I don't remember the words to a lot of songs. The tunes may be familiar, but I don't remember all of the lyrics. But, I do tend to remember words and phrases from movies. Many of these memorable phrases are often quoted in other movies in the entertainment world.

For example, in one of the Indiana Jones movies when someone asked Indy what he was going to do next, he replied, "I don't know. I'm making it up as I go." And, when he was being questioned by some FBI agents about what the Ark of the Covenant was, Indy asked them, "Didn't any of you ever go to Sunday School?"

In the movie, Apollo Thirteen, when the spacecraft is damaged by an explosion, one of the astronauts speaks the famous words, "Houston, we have a problem." In the movie, Forrest Gump, you hear the famous phrase

repeated several times, "Run, Forrest, run!"

I know that millions of people watched the Super Bowl recently. It was an exciting football game as each team made some mistakes and each team made some amazing plays. But, in case you may be one of the few people in our country who did not watch the game, let me explain how it ended.

The Seattle Seahawks drove the football deep into the New England Patriot's end of the field. The Seahawks were trailing, but a touchdown would put them ahead and assure them of another Super Bowl title.

With the ball on the one-yard line and only 30 seconds on the clock, Seattle did the unthinkable. Instead of running the football into the end zone, they surprised everyone by throwing a short pass.

If the pass was caught, Seattle would likely score and win the game. But, the pass was intercepted by New England and Seattle lost the game. Everyone was stunned. Everyone thought Seattle would run the ball into the end zone and win the game.

Instead, Seattle lost and New England won. It was one of the most unexpected endings in Super Bowl history.

Later, as I reflected on the unexpected outcome, I remembered the famous phrase from the movie, Forrest Gump, "Run, Forrest, run!"

I don't know if the Seattle coach watches many old movies, but he might want to watch Forrest Gump again. If Seattle had only run the ball, they would probably be the Super Bowl champions. Instead, they elected to pass the ball, which was intercepted, and New England is the 2015 Super Bowl champion!

Someone may want to send a copy of the movie, Forrest Gump, to the Seattle coach and remind him that next time his team is on the goal line, they should, "Run, Forrest, run!"

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.

Calling For Responsible Pet Owners

By NANCY STOOPS



It is on behalf of dogs everywhere that I write this article. Being the proud owner of Midnight - the black lab/black shepherd mix shown with me in my photograph - is truly a joy and honor. Midnight is almost 8-years old and very healthy. Midnight and I take lots of long walks in our neighborhood and he has many buddies along the way. Some of his buddies are very well cared for and live safe lives. Some of his buddies aren't so lucky and are let out to walk themselves.

I can't believe how many wonderful dogs I have seen without tags that are let out to walk themselves. I can't believe how many dogs end up hit by cars and die because they are illegally let

out. Legally, dogs are supposed to be licensed, vaccinated and leashed when they are out off their property. They should be walked by humans that can help guide them on what is safe and what is not when they are outside of their house or yard.

A dog is a huge responsibility and an enormous joy. Caring for a dog properly involves feeding them healthy food, cleaning them, vet visits, walks, licensing them, cleaning up after them, and always providing clean drinking water and shelter...and lots of love, affection and attention.

It's not okay to have a dog - or any animal - that is neglected. There have been many new laws passed to help protect animals, and people lose their pets every day because of neglect.

So I ask you to think about all of this before you get an animal. I beg you to stop allowing your dogs to walk themselves. I ask

you to understand how helpless they are and how much they count on us to care properly for them. Please take the time to be a responsible and loving pet owner!

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has a private practice in Diamond Bar and is currently accepting new clients; she is also a motivational speaker who can inspire your employees or group members. Nancy runs free family support groups, including a group on loss for seniors, and groups on how to manage anger. For more information about any of these services feel free to contact her at (909) 229-0727, or via email at nancyjstoops@verizon.net. Nancy's books, "Midnight the Therapy Dog," and "Live, Heal and Grow," are available at Amazon.com.

Straight Talk With Danice

By DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.



Dear Dr. Akiyoshi:
I am in my early 20s. I have worked as a secretary for my uncle's company since I graduated high school. I have finally saved enough money for the down payment to buy a new car. When I was applying for the financing, I discovered that my uncle used my social security number and credit to buy himself a car. When I confronted him, he admitted that he didn't have enough available credit to buy his car. He said I would have no problem getting financing because he would co sign for

me. He also asked me not to tell my dad (his brother) about what he did. Now I don't trust my uncle, but I don't want to lose my job. Please help me know what to do.

-Theresa

Dear Theresa:

I'm just going to come right out and say it. Your uncle is a criminal and a rotten relative. What he did is illegal and you could easily press charges against him. He has no right to "borrow" your social security number, along with your financial identity to buy himself a car. At your young age, I'm doubtful that you have the developmental skills to know how to deal with a person like this. He has no regard for your well-being and you should definitely tell your dad what has happened. I think

you're going to need someone with experience to help you correct this situation. Start looking for a new job immediately. Do not rest until his fraudulent charges are cleared from your credit. This is so important for your future. 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.

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Suzanne Students Meet Local American Idol Contestant

By KELLI GILE

Walnut—A group of enthusiastic Suzanne Middle School students met up with singing sensation, Adanna Duru, at the Teen Center on Feb. 3. The 2014 Walnut High graduate is competing against 220 other contestants on Season 14 of “American Idol.”

Duru shared favorite memories from her years as a Suzanne student.

“I loved middle school!” she said reminiscing about favorite teachers and classes.

One standout season was playing an Umpa-Lumpa in the cast of “Willie Wonka” in the 7th Grade.

“I thought that was funny since I’m 5’8”!” Duru exclaimed.

The 18-year old Diamond Bar resident advanced to Hollywood Week after her successful audition in San Francisco. Duru adeptly belted out Lady Gaga’s “You and I” before the trio of judges. She

recalled when Jennifer Lopez commented that she “had the total package.”

“I told myself ‘I need to remember this!’” Duru gushed.

The following day, Duru received a Tweet from Lady Gaga that said, “Congratulations, you killed it!”

The teen believes she has grown as a performer since appearing on “The Voice” as a sophomore.

“Since then I’ve learned so much. I have so much fun on stage!” said Duru, who shared her strategy for the singing competition after receiving famous “Idol” golden ticket to Hollywood.

“I’m so grateful and happy. For me, it’s about staying focused, being in the moment, and doing my very best.”

Duru was eager to answer questions and sing for the 40 tweens.

“How does it feel to be famous?” asked 6th Grader Eddie Banda.

“I feel the same, but sometimes I get recognized now,” Duru replied.

The young fans cheered when she offered up Ed Sheeran’s “Give Me Love.” After the meet and greet, Duru happily took pictures and signed autographs.

“It’s cool she went to my school,” said Aaron Rubio, 7th Grade. “She’s pursuing her dream as a singer. My dream is to be in the MLB.”

“It was great seeing her today,” said 6th Grader Sharon Suarez who watched the audition on YouTube.

“She’s beautiful and awesome,” added Elijah Christian, age 11.

“I want her to go to the top and make her own album,” said 7th Grader Jocelyn Cole.

“I’d go see her in concert!” Rubio exclaimed.

Duru gave the middle-schoolers some advice about reaching for their dreams.

“A lot of people will tell you that your dream is stupid. I’ve been told that so many times,” Duru explained. “Honestly, you’re capable of everything you believe you’re



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Walnut High 2014 alumna, Adanna Duru, recently spent time with Suzanne Middle School students at the Walnut Teen Center.

capable of if you really believe that you can do something and you have the discipline to know that when you fail it’s not the end. When you fail, you learn from your mistakes and keep changing and growing. It’s all about believing in yourself!”

Why does the teen want to be the next American Idol?

“Because there’s nothing else on Earth that I want to do besides making music; I feel like it’s my calling, it’s what I’m best at,” Duru said.

PUSD Discusses Shift In Elections

By JULIETTE FUNES

Pomona—The Pomona Unified School District Board of Education discussed a potential shift from at-large to trustee-area elections during a special meeting on Jan. 28.

In recent years, many school districts have moved to trustee-area elections in response to federal, state and voter rights laws designed to ensure underrepresented groups have equal opportunities and access to voting and representation.

The meeting provided board members with an overview of the voting history in Pomona Unified and served as a forum for community members to provide feedback on the topic. Community-wide forums on the potential shift will follow to ensure all voices are heard.

“When you view Pomona Unified’s election history, our community has consistently selected board members that reflect the makeup, values and priorities of our com-

munity,” said PUSD Superintendent Richard Martinez. “However, we are presenting our board members with this information for consideration as we evaluate the legal trends and possible ramifications in sustaining at-large elections.”

With at-large elections, registered voters are able to vote for any board member candidate on the ballot regardless of where in the PUSD District boundaries they reside. Trustee-area voting requires voters to cast a ballot for only the board member residing in their voter district, which is typically based on geography.

PUSD’s voting track record is strong, but in some districts groups are using the courts to raise issues, leaving school districts vulnerable to lawsuits, litigation fees and special elections, according to District Legal Counsel, Kasey Haws.

“Litigation regarding the California Voting Rights Act is sweeping municipalities and school districts across the state,” Haws stated.

“To avoid this costly process, stay ahead of any potential court action and preserve the District’s ability to determine the outcome, we are taking the prudent step to discuss what viable options are available.”

At-large voting requires every board member to campaign to and be responsive to all constituents in the school district, with an opportunity to run for a board seat every two years. Board members consider the district as a whole.

In trustee-area elections, it is less expensive to run for office, campaigning is less intensive because candidates have a smaller voter base, and board members typically focus more specifically on the needs of schools and neighborhoods in their specific district. Candidates would be eligible to run once every four years.

Trustee-area elections provide for more diversity on a board. However, the PUSD community has traditionally voted in a diverse board of representatives.

The District has two options.

Option 1: The District can oppose trustee areas through a resolution, which would result in holding a series of public hearings and presenting supporting evidence against the move to a county committee. The committee would have the option of setting the matter for a public vote, hiring its own demographer to draw boundaries and requiring a special election in early 2016.

Option 2: Board members could pass a resolution agreeing to move to trustee-area voting and seek a waiver of an election from the California Department of Education. The District would then hire a demographer to draw several possible trustee maps for public discussion, hold multiple hearings, vote for a final map and present the plan to the committee for final approval. A likely result is that two areas would be up for vote in 2015 and three in 2017.

“At this point, we are just dis-

cussing this issue and weighing our options,” said Board President Andrew Wong. “Our goal was to hear what the public had to say on this issue and take a hard look at what will be in the best interests of Pomona Unified and our community.”

The board was expected to come to a decision during the board meeting on Tues., Feb. 11.

To Win... Make It Fun!

By MIKE GREEN

As a youth coach, you may feel like your goal is to have a winning season. The fact is a winning season is a by-product of a good process, based upon having fun.

The key feature in a winning season for a youth coach is that your players MUST enjoy themselves. If the coach makes the experience a positive one, the players will want to put the extra effort into the process.

I’m not saying all you do is mess around and not provide discipline, structure or accountability to your team. Those attributes are present within every winning team.

Children need those responsibilities to learn and grow, and if you can create an enjoyable environment they will work very hard without even knowing it.

The best coaches are the ones who create a passion for the sport they are coaching, regardless of the win-loss record. The only way to do this is to respect and treat every player as a valuable member of the team while making the experience a fun and positive one.

When your players say, “Practice is over already?” you’ll know you’ve done a great job as a coach.

Mike Green is a coach for The Sports Family Club, a website dedicated to enriching the lives of children through sports and activities.

Marshall Celebrates 60th Anniversary

By JULIETTE FUNES

Pomona—Marshall Middle School is kicking off its 60th anniversary celebration in style, thanks in large part to Walmart, which awarded the Pomona Unified school \$1,500 in school grants. The funds will be used to help refurbish Marshall’s cafeteria and buy new e-readers for the school library.

“It is wonderful to see such leadership and collaboration between our schools and local business partners to improve the learning environments of our students,” said Pomona Unified Board President Andrew Wong. “We believe that strong bonds and engagement between students, parents, educators and local businesses make us a stronger, more accountable school district.”

Named after the nation’s longest-serving Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Marshall, the school opened its doors in 1955 as a Grade 7 to 9 junior high. Now a 6th



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Marshall Middle School Principal, Juan Ortiz, is presented with a \$1,000 school grant from the Pomona Walmart, which provided an additional \$500 in other school grants to the school for its 60th anniversary celebration.

through 8th Grade school, Marshall (located at 1921 Arroyo Ave.) will celebrate its longevity and success during a ceremony tentatively scheduled for April.

“As part of our 60th anniversary, we plan to update and upgrade some items on campus so that over the next six decades, Marshall stu-

dents can continue to feel a sense of pride in their school,” Principal Juan Ortiz said. “On behalf of Marshall Middle School, I want to thank our brand new Walmart store in Pomona for its generosity and helping us build on our sense of community.”

The celebration will focus on the complete refurbishing of the school

cafeteria and its centerpiece – a new mural depicting three different color representations of the school mascot, the Marshall Mustang.

“This mural has welcomed students into our cafeteria for the last 30 years and we are ready to create a modern mural that our children can enjoy,” Ortiz said.

The Walmart grants will partially fund the new mural, as well as assist in the purchase of three e-readers for the school library to better help students in the transition to new digital learning technologies.

“It is our continuing mission to provide our students with the most modern learning facilities available,” PUSD Superintendent Richard Martinez said. “We are grateful to Walmart for its commitment to our schools. Every child deserves an opportunity to excel.”

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