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## OC News

### Suspect Buddhist Monk Suicide

STAFF REPORTS

**Santa Ana** – On Sun., Mar. 1, at approximately 11:15 a.m., officers responded to the Tu Nghiem Temple at 5418 W. 4th Street, in reference to a group of approximately 30 people who were at the Temple demanding the return of

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## IE News

### CNUSD Superintendent Lin Awarded

*Michael Lin: A Leader to Learn From*

By CLAIRE LEWIS

**Eastvale** – Education Week's annual "Leaders To Learn From" forum celebrates leadership; the type of leadership that can help positively transform lives by "seizing upon good ideas and executing them well into their school systems." According to Education Week's website, education

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(L to R) Katherine Hermosillo, 1st; Rebecca Wang, 2nd; Alexandra Ornelas, Winner; Cynthia Preciado, 3rd; and Megan Quon, 4th.

### Welcome Miss Diamond Bar 2015!

By RANDI HAUSER

*Congratulations to Alexandra Ornelas, who was crowned as the 51st Miss Diamond Bar!*

**Diamond Bar** – On Sat. Mar. 29, Diamond Bar High School was the host location for the 51st Annual Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship Pageant. 14 beau-

tiful young women, ages 16 and 17, competed for the crown that was being passed down by Miss Diamond Bar 2014, Taylor Ka-

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### Further Development In DB Death



PHOTO COURTESY: DMV

Murder suspect, Un Young Lee

*A San Dimas woman was charged with murder in the recent Diamond Bar death investigation case*

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar** – On Fri., Mar. 27, Un Young Lee, 42, of San Dimas, was charged with the murder of her mother-in-law, which took place sometime

between Mar. 23 and Mar. 25, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.

The L.A. County Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 1200 block of North Diamond Bar Blvd. at approximately 1:05 a.m. on Mar. 25. During exploration into the cause of the fire, arson investigators received information

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### Chino To Welcome Vietnam Memorial Wall

STAFF REPORTS

**Chino** – The Chino American Legion, Chino VFW, and the City of Chino are working together as sponsors to bring the Vietnam Memorial Wall to the City next summer.

According to the Chino American Legion, the Vietnam Memorial Wall will be making a spe-

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### Walnut Council Recap

By RAYMOND MENDOZA

**Walnut** – The Walnut City Council met on Wed., Mar. 25, for a regular meeting, and once again the hot topic of the night pertained to ongoing discussions on how to handle the proposed Mount San Antonio College parking structure.

Council approved the minutes for the Feb. 24 City Council and Planning Commission meetings, and the Mar. 11 Council meeting. All items on the consent calendar were approved, including the resolution of claims and demands in

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## Our Featured Businesses

### The Law Offices Of Dominic Chacon

STAFF REPORTS

**West Covina** – More often than not, people run into some sort of legal problems in their lifetime. Sometimes it's hard to know who to turn to; you need the assurance that you're getting the right advice. The Law Offices of Dominic Chacon are here to help.

Chacon graduated from Southwest

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### The Whole Enchilada!

*Join The Whole Enchilada for Easter Breakfast - Open from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar** – Easter is just around the corner, and celebrations are plentiful with family and friends around this hol-

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# Did You Know?

By K.P. SANDER

There are many depictions of Easter. Some have to do with a large, well-dressed rabbit, who mythically delivers baskets with chocolate versions of himself at some point during the night, a la Santa Clause. Other versions have children searching the great outdoors in a mad dash to find plastic eggs filled with treats. Despite these fun rituals of springtime and fertility, there is a much more important truth behind the meaning of Easter.

Easter is all about the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, three days after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary around 30 AD, according to the New Testament.

The 40 days preceding Easter – the Lenten season – are a reminder of the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness, fasting and praying with the knowledge of what was to come.

In the week immediately prior to his crucifixion, Christ entered the city of Jerusalem, and was welcomed by the people (Palm Sunday). They waved palm branches and declared Hosanna! as He rode in on a donkey. During that week the people's views changed as Pontius Pilate – who initially found no reason to prosecute him – turned him over to the crowds who wanted to kill him because He claimed to be God.

Maundy (or Holy) Thursday, the day before his death, is celebrated in commemoration of the Last Supper, where Christ washed the feet of his disciples, Judas Iscariot's betrayal was revealed, and He reminded the disciples of what was to come. Easter is linked to Passover and the Exodus from Egypt, with Christ becoming the Passover lamb to be sacrificed. At the Last Supper, Christ told

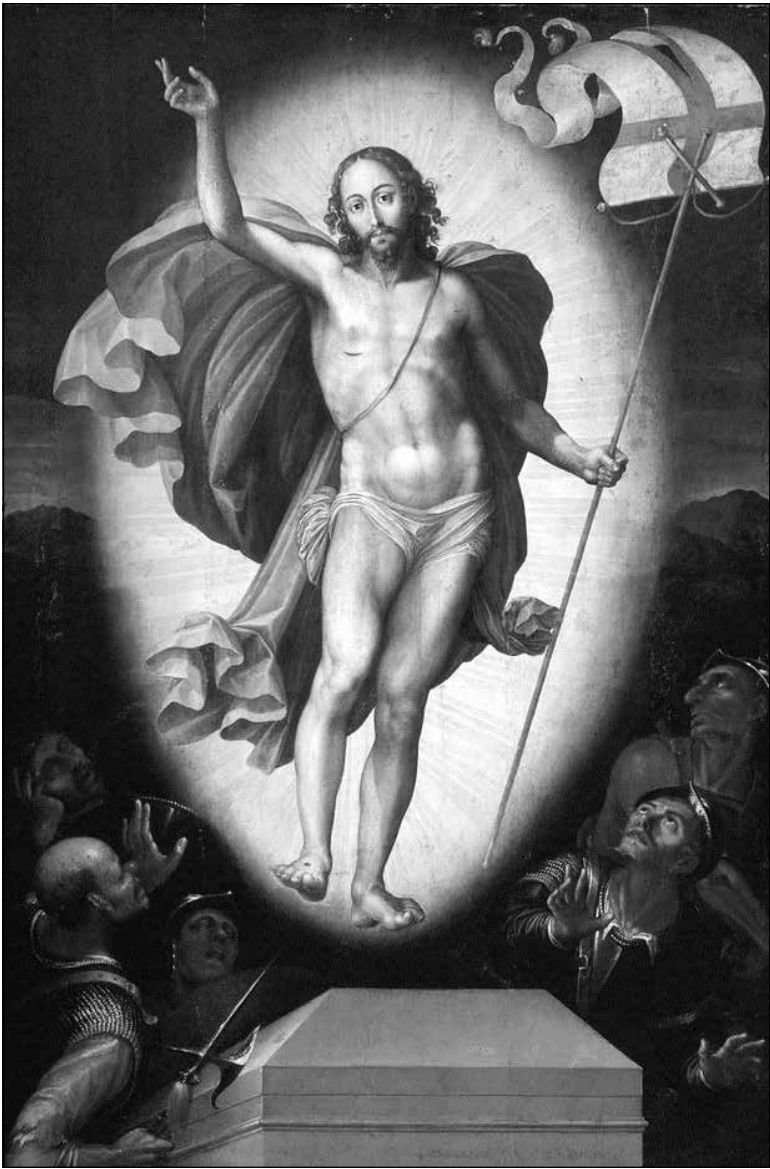


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16th-century depiction of Christ's resurrection, by artist Alonso Lopez de Herrera

his followers that the bread was a reminder of his body, soon to be sacrificed; and the wine symbolized his blood, soon to be shed.

Good Friday, a remembrance of the day Christ was put to death, is a somber occasion, and it broke the hearts of those that loved and followed him. They didn't believe what He had been telling them all along, and they were shocked by His death and His resurrection. Over 500 people gave eyewitness accounts of seeing Jesus after his death.

In the book of Matthew, Chapter 28:5-8, as Mary's mother and Mary Magdalene went to visit Jesus' tomb after his burial, they noticed the

stone had been rolled away from the door, and an angel of the Lord spoke to the women.

"But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.' So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word."

Easter is an event central to Christian beliefs, and in fact, is the very foundation of Christianity.

# The Progression Of Deterioration

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

I sat there for about an hour. In the beginning, it was as though I was an understanding, caring individual who had stepped up to try to take care of the situation - to take care of my mom and her condition. After sometime had passed, the realities began to set in.

Some of my family members are praying and pushing for a miracle. I am trying to be realistic. But deep inside, I, too, am hoping for that one little chance for things to go back to the way they used to be a few months ago. Back when my mom would sit up, look me in the eye, and say, "Mijo, bring me some sushi; they don't have any here."

But, after sitting there listening to the rambling, pointing, incoherent sentences, and the unrealistic requests, I soon realized that normalcy is a place my mom may never visit again.

It's fearful to see someone who raised you, cared for you, and loved you for so many years lose those abilities. It's fearful to come to the realization that life will definitely change, forever.

When a few of my friends passed, they died suddenly and unexpectedly. I've always wished I could have had more time with them at the end. But after watching my mom, I think it was a blessing that they went so quickly. With my mom, I am forced to witness the slow deterioration of a kind, compassionate, and giving individual.

When my niece came to visit, my mom kept reaching out and placing something into her hand, over and over again. When my sister asked what she had been given, my niece replied, "Nothing." My mom is so giving, that she continues the process even when she has nothing left to give.

So now, as I sit here with a heavy heart once again, I am left to wonder what will happen next. This time, I refuse to let the unpredictability of life and death control me. I refuse to give up, because I am blessed (and cursed) to feel love and compassion at such a heightened stage.

I can proclaim that my gifts are my weaknesses, or I can claim my weaknesses as gifts and do my best to remember the bright and shiny moments. I will remember all the great gifts I've received from such a loving individual. And I will try my damndest to smile through the tears and the heartache, and I will forgive - because when someone leaves this world, they leave all that heartache and pain behind. And so will I.

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# Community Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff's Booster Club Annual Golf Classic

**When:** Mon., April 6. Registration will be held between 9:30 am and 11:15 am, with a Shotgun Start at 11:30 am.

**Where:** Western Hills Country Club, 1800 Carbon Canyon Rd., Chino Hills 91709

**Details:** Proceeds benefit the Explorer, Reserve Deputy and Citizen volunteer programs at the Sheriff's Station.

**Contact:** For further information contact Sergeant Mark Saldecke at (909) 595-2264; or Gill Rivera at (909) 967-4525.

### Diamond Bar Birthday & Business Showcase

**When:** Sat., Apr. 11; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where:** Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, Diamond Bar

**Details:** Be part of the DB Birthday Celebration by getting a booth at the Business Showcase. Over 6,000 attendees! Sign up while premium exhibitor space is still available.

**Contact:** [www.diamondbarca.gov/bday](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/bday)

### Free Tax Return Services

**When:** Apr. 11 – 8 a.m. to Noon  
**Where:** Ganesha High School, 1151 Fairplex Drive, Room 12, Pomona

**Details:** IRS-certified volunteer students who have been officially trained and tested in current tax law will offer free tax return preparation services

to community members during eight Saturday sessions. No appointment is necessary; the service is available to those whose annual income is \$53,000 or less.

**Contact:** Jackie Jones, (909) 397-4400, ext. 30012.

### Kids' Night Out

**When:** 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, games, dinner – all with a caring staff. Ages 4 to 10. \$12 members/\$15 general. Pre-registration is required.

**Contact:** (909) 334-3270 during normal operating hours, Wed. – Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or visit [www.chinoyouthmuseum.com](http://www.chinoyouthmuseum.com).

### 11th Annual Intergenerational Art Show

**When:** Apr. 20 – 24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

**Details:** Group exhibition featuring mix mediums including oil, watercolor, photography, writings, jewelry and more. This event is free, open to the public, and artist submissions are currently being accepted.

**Contact:** Walnut Senior Center, (909) 598-6200

### Pomona Inner City Homeless Ministry Dinner

**When:** The 4th Saturday

monthly: April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, etc.

**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:** 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.

### Peddler's Market

**When:** Sat., May 2, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

**Details:** All residents are encouraged to clean out their cupboards, closets, garages and become a vendor. 18x18' booths are just \$35 (\$45 including table/2 chairs)

**Contact:** Walnut Senior Center, (909) 598-6200

### Chino Corporate Challenge

**When:** May 2 - 15  
**Where:** City of Chino

**Details:** Commit your company and yourself to a healthier lifestyle by joining the two week event where company teams can compete with other local businesses in a variety of games, including Kickball, Bunco, Softball.

**Contact:** Carolyn Owens, Community Center, (909) 334-3258; email [communityservices@cityofchino.org](mailto:communityservices@cityofchino.org); or visit the website at [www.chinocorporatechallenge.com](http://www.chinocorporatechallenge.com)

### Irwindale 35th Annual Golf Tournament

**When:** Thurs., May 7; 10 a.m. Registration; 11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start; 5:30 p.m. Catered

### Reception Dinner

**Where:** Sierra La Verne Country Club

**Details:** The tournament is open to every level of golfer and offers an invigorating day of business networking, socializing and sporting fun. Registration is limited to 144 players and sells out every year.

**Contact:** Call the Chamber office at (626) 960-6606, or visit [www.irwindalechamber.org](http://www.irwindalechamber.org)

## REGULAR EVENTS:

### Alcohol and Addiction Intervention Information

**When:** Third Tuesday, monthly; 6 p.m.

**Where:** Aurora Charter Oak Hospital, 1161 E. Covina Blvd., Covina

**Details:** Free information sessions about the intervention process, a powerful tool to combat alcoholism and addiction. Attendees can expect to learn what the intervention process consists of, when an intervention is appropriate, and what local resources are available. Space is limited and reservations are recommended.  
**Contact:** Call (626) 859-5269, or visit [www.charteroakhospital.com](http://www.charteroakhospital.com).

### 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](http://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  
**Features:** Seasonal organic produce, breads and cakes, olive oils, cheese and spreads, a variety of nursery plants, hand-crafted items and jewelry, fresh-popped Kettle Corn and grilled food plates.

**Contact:** (909) 869-0701

# Happy Easter from The Whole Enchilada!

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iday. This year, why not bring the celebration to The Whole Enchilada, beginning with breakfast at 9 a.m.

From delicious platters and entrée meals to taco bars, The Whole Enchilada offers 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 to have an Easter celebration at home? 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 an Easter fiesta, business meeting or catered Grand Opening, a fundraiser or birthday party, or even just a wonderful excuse not to cook, 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 Easter treat after your meal, try The Whole Enchilada's Mexican Kaluha Flan, Rio Grande Mud Pie, or popular Deep Fried Ice Cream. Much better than a chocolate rabbit, and muy delicioso!

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 an Easter basket! And be sure to ask The Whole Enchilada about the Combo Punch Card, Enchilada Bucks, and 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 Easter, visit the Whole Enchilada soon!

The Whole Enchilada is open on Easter Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are 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](http://www.wholeenchilada.com). See their ad on the back page of this publication.



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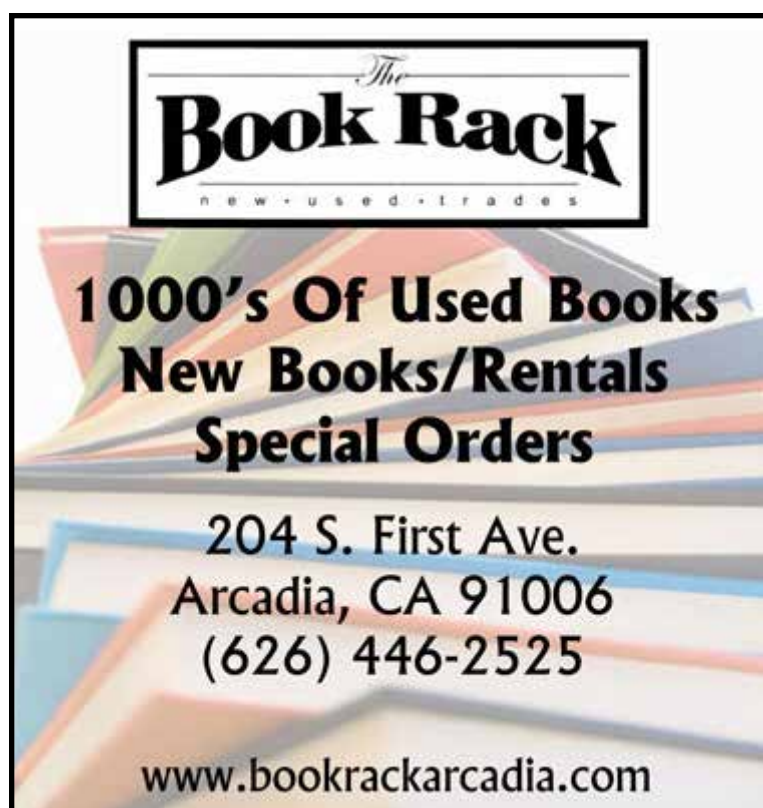
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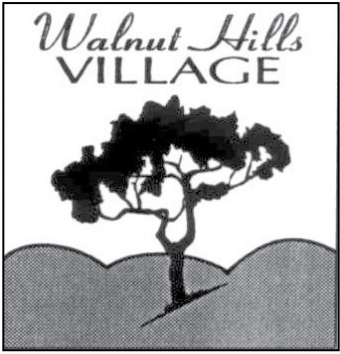
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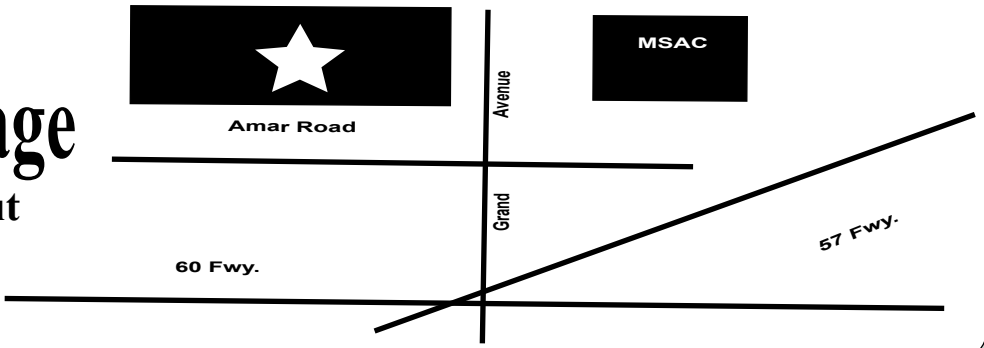
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## West Covina Council Seeks New Member

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**West Covina** – The West Covina City Council will be accepting applications to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Councilman Steve Herfert. The appointee will fill Herfert's unexpired term through Nov. 3, 2015.

Any West Covina resident may submit an application. Applicants must be 18 years of age and a registered voter at the time of appointment. All applications must include signature, address, and contact information for the individual.

Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office or on the City's website at [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org). Applications must be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than Mon., Apr. 20, at 5:30 p.m. The City Clerk's Office is located at 1444 W. Garvey Avenue, Room 317.

The City Council will consider all applications and select an appointee at the Apr. 21 Council meeting.

by Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) to improve relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Huff's proposed legislation, SB 175, would require each law enforcement department or agency that chooses to require officers to wear body-worn cameras (BWCs), to develop a policy relating to the use of the cameras.

"I have learned throughout my political career that building a consensus that all parties can agree upon is the best way to accomplish positive change in society," said Senator Huff. "I'm very grateful for CPCA's support for SB 175 and look forward to working with other representatives and agencies while attempting to address each and every concern."

Senator Huff moved to introduce the legislation after hearing feedback from constituents in the 29th Senate District and meeting with community groups and newspaper editorial boards throughout California. Senator Huff believes the issue is important to all Californians, especially members of minority communities who also seek to improve relationships with law enforcement.



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"This is an issue that came up during a recent shop talk that I hosted at an African-American owned barbershop in Sacramento," said Senator Huff. "It's also an issue that is important to the editorial board at Our Weekly, the largest newspaper serving black communities in Southern California."

Senator Huff's legislation builds upon recent positive experiences involving cameras worn by law enforcement officers while they are on duty. According to the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) 2014, law enforcement agencies that require officers to use BWCs report that the technology definitely improves community relationships by improving the performance of officers as well

as the conduct of the community members who are recorded.

BWC technology helps solve crimes, is useful in recording important witness testimony and lowers the number of citizen complaints. When officers or the public break the law, the body-worn cameras create a public record.

"I think it's important, however, that law enforcement be given a strong voice into how these BWC requirements are drafted and implemented," warned Senator Huff. "That's exactly what my legislation seeks to accomplish. If a department chooses to have officers wear cameras, then they should also develop a policy as to how the cameras will be used."

CPCA's letter of support for SB 175 states the following: "We concur that agencies that elect to utilize body worn cameras should have an inclusive and vetted policy in place prior to the implementation of the agency's body worn camera program."

*Senator Huff serves as the Senate Republican Leader and represents the 29th Senate District covering portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Follow Senator Huff on Twitter at @bobhuff99.*

# Law Offices of Dominic Chacon

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University School of Law in 2003, and has been practicing ever since. When he decided to start his own law firm, Chacon opted not to specialize in any one particular area of law.

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Chacon wants to provide assistance with all facets of the law, from business legalities to divorce and everything in between; he didn't want to limit his ability to help someone.

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# Further Development In DB Death

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that the resident at the location – Young Ja Lee, 77 - was possibly killed by another female, who may also have started the fire. This person of interest was said to be driving to the

Tustin area with the victim in her vehicle.

According to the prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Michelle Dodd of the Elder Abuse Section, Un Young Lee was located by Tustin Police personnel at around 7 a.m. on Mar. 25, with the remains of

her mother-in-law inside her minivan.

Lee is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail. Her arraignment has been set in Pomona Superior Court on Apr. 24; if convicted, she faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

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# Welcome Miss Diamond Bar 2015!



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Miss DB 2015, Alexandra Ornelas

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linowski, in hopes of becoming the new representative of the City.

In attendance were family, friends, community members and Pageant supporters. Some notable attendees included Council members Carol Herrera, Jimmy Lin, Jack Tanaka and his wife Wanda; and Mayor Pro-Tem, Nancy Lyons, SGV Chamber of Commerce President, John Hsu, and WVUSD Board member, Tony Tornig. U.S. Congressman, Ed Royce, also made an appearance for this special day.

Mike Shay, Vice President of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, was the co-Master of Ceremonies, along with Miss Diamond Bar 2012, Alexandra Miller. Pageant judges were an interesting mix, ranging from a former Miss Diamond Bar winner to an accomplished racecar driver. According to the event program, "The individuals selected for this honor represent community and business lead-

ers who know what it takes to make a successful title holder."

The contestants opened the show with a group dance to Taylor Swift's popular, "Shake It Off," and judging commenced immediately thereafter.

The ladies came out individually and were asked to select a question card for the on-stage interview. Each participant read their card aloud and answered questions such as, "What is your greatest accomplishment in life?" "If you could have three people over for dinner, who would they be?" and, "Who is your most inspirational teacher?"

The swimsuit competition was the next round, and the ladies were judged on their fitness and poise. Contestants wore their most appropriate one-piece, wrap skirts and heels as they paraded across the stage while MCs Shay and Miller read their biographies. It was at this time that supporters realized it takes more than just good looks to become Miss Diamond Bar. Many of the contestants are taking AP courses at their high school and are involved in many extra curricular activities including tutoring, volunteering at animal shelters, participating in school bands, and working with children.

The last round before the top five finalists were selected was the infamous walk in the evening gown; contestants were judged on quality, style and presence. A handsome gentleman escorted each young lady to center stage, where sequins, sparkles, bows and tulle were perfectly placed and shining in the bright stage lights. Always a crowd favorite, the evening

gown competition shows off each participant as a beautiful princess, as well as an accomplished young woman.

After the presentation of a few pageant awards, the time had come to name the top five contestants: Katherine Hermosillo, Alexandra Ornelas, Cynthia Preciado, Megan Quon, and Rebecca Wang. The crowd cheered for their favorites, but the event was not over. These final five ladies had one last opportunity to impress the judges for the crown of Miss Diamond Bar 2015.

The contestants were sent off stage and returned one-by-one to answer the final question: "What qualities do women possess that make them great leaders?" Answers included characteristics such as independence, being a good listener, and confidence – all appropriate qualities for Miss Diamond Bar.

Finally, the time had come to select a winner, and contestants were named off as 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st Runner-Up – with the crown going to Alexandra Ornelas. Each participant received a variety of gifts and scholarships, according to their placement in the pageant.

Miss Diamond Bar 2015 - Alexandra Ornelas – is a 16-year old junior at Diamond Bar High School. She enjoys singing in the school's Advanced Chamber Choir and being a cheerleader. She was recently voted "Most Spirited" by her cheer coaches. Ornelas hopes to one day become a veterinarian, as she loves animals and has a strong work ethic.

Congratulations, Alexandra! Enjoy your reign as the new Miss Diamond Bar for 2015.

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# Vietnam memorial to visit Chino

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cial visit in Chino from June 30 through July 5, 2016. The City is expecting more than a half million visitors during that week. There is widespread and growing support from many politicians, veteran organizations and non-profit groups that are asking to help with this effort. Other cities, including La Verne and San Dimas, have also agreed to join this growing group. The campaign is called, "Bringing Our Brothers Home." The Chino American Legion is a 501(c)3 organization, and all donors will receive a tax deduction and be listed on their website. Donors will receive a letter from the Committee, and



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a Vietnam War Memorial gift. Businesses and individuals who donate more than \$100 will be listed on all promotional materials and Internet platforms. Those who donate more than \$250 will be listed on all promotional materials, Internet platforms, and will receive a small ad in their printed materials. Businesses who donate \$1,000 or more will be listed on promotional materials, and they will be included on a banner that is taken to all events leading up to and including the week of the event. On June 30, 2016, the Wall will be leaving Antelope Valley

and traveling the 95 miles to Chino. Thousands of veterans on motorcycles nationwide, and hundreds of local veteran classic car owners will be escorting the Wall to Chino. The procession will end at Ayala Park in Chino. The Vietnam Memorial Wall is a tribute to our Vietnam War veterans, and is a replica of the Wall in Washington, D.C. When the Wall visits Chino, it will be a time to mourn, remember, celebrate and forgive. There are 54 names on the Wall from Chino and surrounding cities. Veterans are needed as volunteers to guard the Vietnam

Memorial Wall from June 30 to July 5, 2016. Meetings are held at the Chino Community Center every other Tuesday at 5 p.m. To start the process, we need to raise initial funding for printing, advertising, promotion and the many, many expenses that will be incurred to make this major event an unprecedented success. We need your help! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chairperson, Ed Denzin, at (909) 973-3350. For information regarding promotions or fundraising, contact Dr. Gary Lawson at (800) 771-3325.

# Suspect buddhist monk suicide

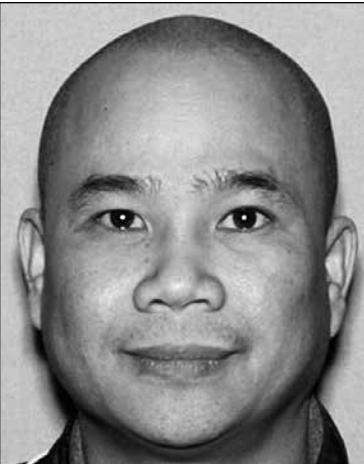


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Dao Nguyen

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money from the head monk, Dao Nguyen, 44. The members of the group alleged that Nguyen had defrauded them of thousands of dollars after he collected monies for a congregational trip to Vietnam that never occurred. Detectives have identified 34 victims of the fraud. Each victim gave Nguyen between \$1,100 and \$7,700 as payment for airline tickets and travel expenses related to a trip to Vietnam

which would have departed on Mar. 2. Detectives estimate the total loss to be about \$97,000. The group had planned to tour Buddhist Temples throughout the country. On Feb. 28, a suspicious fire broke out in Nguyen's bedroom at the Temple. The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) responded to the fire, but it had been extinguished by another resident of the Temple prior to their arrival. OCFA investigators consider the fire suspicious, but have not concluded their investigation. Nguyen claimed that the tickets and passport documents for the trip were destroyed in the fire. Subsequent investigation revealed that no tickets were ever purchased. Nguyen claimed that he had paid an unidentified suspect in Vietnam to handle the group's logistics (lodging, transportation, meals) once they arrived in the country. An additional suspect in the United States was to handle the purchase of the airline tickets. This person allegedly delivered the tickets on

Feb. 28, just hours before the fire broke out. When the airline was contacted, it was determined no tickets had been sold in the names of the victims. Nguyen alleged that the tickets were counterfeit and that the money was stolen by this unidentified person who has not yet been located. On Fri., Mar. 27, at approximately 9:15 a.m., Police Officers responded to the Temple and discovered that Nguyen had died from an apparent suicide. The investigation into the fraud continues. Nguyen is a "person of interest" in the theft of the money, but detectives have not discounted the possibility that additional persons might be involved. Detectives hope that a pending review of bank, email, and telephone records, as well as additional interviews with potential witnesses and victims, will identify the perpetrator(s). Anyone who has additional information is asked to contact Cpl. Shannon Rackley at (714) 245-8431.

# Walnut council recap

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the amount of \$968,349.82; a contractual agreement for auditing services; an alcoholic beverage license application for Circle K; and the final acceptance for the street light improvements on Grand Avenue and Arcadia Way. Mayor Nancy Tragarz questioned part of the claims and demands resolution, saying that \$310.20 was used to pay for City Attorney Michael Montgomery's travel expenses to attend the Annual Spring Conference in Monterey, and was not a viable expense since he is considered an independent contractor. Tragarz said the only expenses that his contract allows for are, "extraordinary photocopies, parking fees at court houses, filing fees, messenger fees, jury fees, expert fees and a phone." Despite her claims, the item was still passed. The Council then approved the only item on its successor agency consent calendar, for claims and demands in the amount of \$1,250. Council then started its only discussion item; the possibility of a Mt. SAC College Development Task Force. This was an idea that came about during recent weeks of public outcry for stronger City involvement to monitor the community college's parking structure and other future projects. After a long discussion with public feedback, the City approved a motion to start a screening process in order to select ten Walnut residents to occupy the subcommittee. During Public Comments, some residents attending from the Timberline neighborhood asked City officials to move toward litigation against the college, citing that the parking structure would increase traffic congestion, noise pollution, air pollution and ruin the backyard views of many of the nearby houses. The Council then adjourned to closed session in order to discuss possible litigation against the Mt. SAC parking structure, with plans to meet again on Apr. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers at 21201 La Puente Road.

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# Eyewitness News

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER

Some friends of mine recently returned from a trip to Israel. They were on a tour that included many of the places mentioned in the Bible. They saw the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized; the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus' disciples fished; and the Mediterranean Sea, where the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome. They also saw cities and towns like Bethlehem, where Jesus was born; Nazareth, where Jesus grew up; and Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified. Although archeologists may not be able to identify some of the specific sites mentioned in the Bible, they can confirm that many of the cities and places mentioned in the Bible still exist today.



My friends shared that one of their favorite places to visit was the garden tomb where Jesus may have been buried after his

crucifixion by the Roman authorities. This beautiful garden is located just outside the walls of the old city of Jerusalem.

Historians and archeologists cannot say this is definitely the location where Jesus was buried, but it certainly could be. The garden and the tomb are located close together. There is a hill that looks like the one described in the Bible. It could be the location referred to in the various Bible accounts.

Many people don't understand why the burial place of Jesus is so important. There are cemeteries in countries all over the world where loved ones and friends are buried. Why is the place where Jesus was buried any different?

The Bible says that Jesus rose from the dead three days after he was executed on the Cross. This makes his death different from any other in history. The Bible says that many people saw him alive. Eyewitnesses claimed that they saw him, talked with him, and actually touched him.

The Bible makes it very clear that Jesus' death on the Cross and his physical resurrection are the foundations of the Christian faith. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith is worthless and we are misleading others. If Jesus did rise from the dead, then our faith is true and we have hope for the future and purpose in this life, (1 Corinthians 15:1-20).

Let me encourage you to read it for yourself. Dust off your Bible and read one of the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew, Chapters 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24; and John 19-20. Each of them provides the names of individuals who claim to have seen Jesus alive after his death on the Cross. Each of these passages provides specific eyewitness details about Jesus death, burial and resurrection.

On Easter Sunday, I hope you will attend a church near you. Easter is the day that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Easter reminds us that we do not remember a fallen hero, but a living savior. Easter

reminds us that the tomb is empty. Jesus is alive!

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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](http://www.efreedb.org).

# Anxiety And Our Youth

By NANCY STOOPS

I have been a psychotherapist for 15 years, and have worked with people of all ages with various issues.

I'm constantly amazed when I have a child or teen brought to me for anxiety issues. We seem to have created a generation that feels very inadequate and struggles with growing up and being successful. The issues this generation worries about are things my generation didn't have to deal with.



Our colleges are impacted and hard to get into. Now kindergartners have homework and are expected to read and know many more things. Video games and television are replacing playing outdoors in the fresh air and getting much needed exercise. This outdoor playing is such a

great way to reduce or eliminate stress. Social Media, unfortunately, has made this generation very lazy, and childhood obesity and diabetes are on the rise.

As parents and community leaders, we have a social responsibility to help this generation find a healthy balance in their lives in every area. We need to support and encourage our youth. We need to provide the necessary tools to help them strive to become their best. We need to have faith in our youth, as so many of them are diamonds in the rough. We need to give them the guidance and tools to help them shine and reach their full potential.

We need to teach teens that problems can be worked through, and that drinking and drugs are not a solution. We need to teach them how to meditate - not medicate - to quiet their busy minds. We need to teach them how to relax by finding balance, getting organized, prioritizing and effec-

tively managing their time - and communicate what's working and what's not working in their lives. Please don't assume they are all pot-smoking, video game playing, lazy, worthless human beings. They are just scared, and need some help finding their way!

*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](mailto: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 recently betrayed my dear friend. I spoke ill of her to some of our other mutual friends and I am mad at myself. I was frustrated and suffering a weak moment when we were all out having drinks at Happy Hour. I believe one of the women who heard me is bound to tell my friend about my remarks. I am a terrible liar, and I feel so guilty. I don't think I can deny it if



she finds out. What should I do? I am losing sleep.

-Avis P.

Dear Avis:

The fact that you feel so badly about making a disparaging remark about your friend tells me a lot about your character. If I'm right about that, I think your dear friend is pretty familiar with your decent character, too. Please meet with her right away, hopefully before she hears it from one of the others. Explain that you were frustrated and having that weak moment and that you just feel horrible about the unbecoming comments you made. Ask her to forgive your poor judgment.

Look her right in the eye and promise that it will never happen again as you apologize. Make sure you keep that agreement. 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](mailto:straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candid-coachingservices.com](http://www.candid-coachingservices.com).*

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# Mt. SAC Planetarium Showings

By Mike Taylor

**Walnut** – The Mt. San Antonio College Randall Planetarium continues its full season of programs on the stars and planets with evening and matinee showings for adults and children throughout April.

**Secret of the Cardboard Rocket**, a special program for children, will be presented on Fri., Apr. 3, and Sat., Apr. 25, at 4:30 p.m. In this program, two children are on the adventure of a lifetime when they build a rocket out of cardboard and go on an exciting journey through the solar system using nothing but an astronomy book, their own imaginations, and the magic of the cardboard rocket.

**Star Tales**, a show on the stars, constellations, and planets, will run Fri., Apr. 3, at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Learn the stories behind the heavenly bodies and

find out how to view them from your own backyard.

**One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure**, a special program for preschoolers, will be presented on Sat., Apr. 4, and Fri., Apr., at 4:30 p.m. In this program, Sesame Street's Big Bird, Elmo and their friend from China, Hu Hu Zhu, take viewers on a journey of discovery to learn about the Big Dipper, the North Star, the sun, and the moon.

**Deep Space: Binocular Astronomy**, a program on using binoculars to explore the night sky, will be held on Sat., Apr. 4, at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of an astronomer, examine star clusters, distant galaxies, and beautiful nebulae all with the use of binoculars. Binoculars will be provided.

**Rockin' Under the Stars**, a special music video program designed by Mt. SAC students, will be shown Fri., Apr. 24, at 6 and

7:30 p.m. Experience astronomy with a beat as this program fuses astronomical phenomena with music.

**Stars of the Pharaohs**, a program on the stars and astronomy of ancient Egypt, will be shown Sat., Apr. 25, at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Travel to ancient Egypt and explore the stars and various astronomical phenomena during the time of the pharaohs. This program looks at how the ancient Egyptians used science to tell time, to formulate a workable calendar, and to align huge buildings.

Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$4 for students, seniors, and children 6-13, and \$1 for children 5 and under.

For tickets, call the Mt. SAC Performing Arts Box Office at (909) 468-4050. Tickets are also available online at <https://tickets.mtsac.edu> and at the door before each program.

# CNUSD Superintendent Lin awarded

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leaders across the country are using innovative strategies to improve curriculum and instruction, address management challenges, stretch resources, engage parents and communities, utilize new technologies effectively, and create optimal learning environments that prepare all students for success beyond their K-12 years.

This seems like quite the undertaking, but by sharing challenges and successes, educators in the nation's 14,000 districts can extract what's working, and enrich their own districts with the benefits and best practices of that leadership.

Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD) is benefiting from one such leader: Michael H. Lin, Ed.D. Lin was one of 16 Superintendents in the country honored for their leadership and innovative contributions to education.

Lin came to CNUSD in 2008, and then became Superintendent in 2012. He has helped to make leadership development

a critical aspect of the District, enhancing its teaching force and ultimately benefiting the more than 53,000 students who attend its schools.

The 2015 Leaders To Learn From were honored at a live event, held on Mar. 18, in Washington, D.C. Deborah S. Delisle, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, and Michael Fullan, Adviser to the Premier and Minister of Education were the Keynote speakers. More than 150 of the most influential leaders from the U.S. Department of Education attended the event, as well.

"These leaders have found great opportunities to innovate and achieve ambitious goals, despite changing policy and budget environments and ever-increasing demands for better performance from teachers and students," said Lesli Maxwell, Assistant Managing Editor at Education Week and the Executive Project Editor for Leaders To Learn From. "Leaders To Learn From shines a light on these leaders who are not always recognized for the highly important work they do, and draws out key lessons that their peers in other school districts can learn from."

In an interview with Education Week Leaders To Learn From, Lin stated, "When I leave here, I want to be sure that whatever good work has taken place is not personality-driven. I don't want people to say, 'He did this and this and that.' I want people to say that Michael and his staff have put systems in place so that the work can continue."

To learn more about Education Week, and watch videos of the 2015 event, visit <http://leaders.edweek.org>.



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CNUSD Superintendent, Dr. Michael Lin

# Allison Opens Carson Reading Room

By Juliette Funes

**Pomona** – Allison Elementary hosted a festive ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of its Ben Carson Reading Room, a cozy area connected to the school's library that features more than 1,200 non-fiction books, new furniture and a mural that aims to inspire children to "THINK BIG."

During the Mar. 25 celebration, Allison students packed the reading room to observe the new space, themed, "Read to Explore," and see the hundreds of new books available to them thanks to the Carson Scholars Fund, a non-profit founded by noted neurosurgeon, Benjamin S. Carson.

"Reading is the foundation of success and it is exciting to

provide a literacy-enriched environment for our children to develop their reading and comprehension skills and be inspired to dream big," said Pomona Unified School District Board of Education Vice President, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin. "I want to thank the donors for their generosity and Dr. Carson for his support of literacy in our schools."

The Ben Carson Reading Project is an initiative of the Carson Scholars Fund that has created more than 120 school reading rooms across the country. This is the first of its kind in Pomona Unified. The room will be dedicated to the memory of Dean T. Wickstrom, whose family provided \$10,000 to the organization for the project.

"The 21st century learner must

become knowledgeable about the events, people and places around them, as well as dream up possibilities for the world and future they will live in," Principal Elizabeth Valenzuela said. "We are looking forward to Allison students having an opportunity to experience these topics in their own reading sanctuary."

So far this school year, Allison students have read 15,833 books, with 3rd Graders learning 2,500 new vocabulary words, 4th Graders accomplishing 52 minutes of reading every night, and 6th Graders reading nearly eight million words between Jan. 5 and Mar. 13 alone.

To promote further reading, all of the books purchased are part of the District's Accelerated Reader program, which ensures that students are growing their reading, vocabulary and literary skills.

"At schools across Pomona Unified, we have expanded our libraries and reading spaces to encourage students to develop a love of reading, be creative and recognize the importance of everyday reading for pleasure," said PUSD Superintendent, Richard Martinez. "The Ben Carson Reading Room is conducive to accomplishing our goals of making reading part of their lifelong experience."



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Allison Elementary School celebrated the grand opening of its Ben Carson Reading Room on March 25.

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