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**OC** News

## Soccer Camp Encourages Youth

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – The Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA) recently hosted its 12th Annual Spring Youth Soccer Camp (SYSC) for selected students from Russell Elementary School in Santa Ana.

SYSC is an ongoing community gang prevention effort

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**IE News** 

## Human Remains Found

STAFF REPORTS

**Big Bear City** – Back on Fri., Mar. 27, a hiker reported finding what he believed to be human remains in the forested area north of Myrtle Avenue and North Shore Drive in Big Bear City.

According to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Deputies and Detectives from the Big Bear station responded to the area and confirmed that the remains were human. A Homicide Detail was requested and an inves-

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## Courts Deny Walnut's Mt. SAC Filing

BY CLAIRE LEWIS

**Walnut** – On April 1, the Los Angeles County Superior Court issued a denial of the City of Walnut's application for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunc-

tion against Mt. San Antonio Community College, and their construction of a forthcoming parking structure.

According to Jill Dolan, MPA, Director of Public Affairs for Mt. SAC, not only was the temporary restraining order

denied, but the Court also ruled that the City has not shown that it is likely to prevail on the merits concerning the zoning issues, and, as such, did not set a hearing for

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## #1 Killer Of Teens Is 100% Preventable



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What do you consider lethal?

STAFF REPORTS

**Southern California** – During California Teen Safe Driving Week, held April 1 – 7, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), California Office of

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## 1981 Pomona Cold Case Murder Arrest

DNA evidence was confirmed and linked to Idaho resident

STAFF REPORTS

**Pomona** – On July 2, 1981, a 6-year old male juvenile left his house on his bike to go to a fireworks stand in the city of Anaheim. The child was last seen on his bike near the fireworks stand, which was located near Imperial and Santa

see Cold Case page 5

## Walnut Council Recap

By Raymond Mendoza

**Walnut**-Wed., Apr. 8 marked the Walnut City Council's first meeting of the month; a regular session with a short agenda of items, including the recognition of OneLegacy (during Donor Awareness Month) and their life-saving work.

Mayor Pro Tem, Eric Ching, was absent from the meeting

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#### **Our Featured Businesses**

## Farm Fresh Eggs At Voortman's Ranch

You will immediately notice a difference in your cooking and baking

By K.P. SANDER

**Ontario** – Voortman's Egg Ranch has been in the business of providing farm fresh eggs to friends and visitors to the

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The Voortman Family circa 1956. Voortman's Egg Ranch is located at 13960 Grove Avenue in Ontario. You can reach them at (909) 465-1319. They are open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## The Law Offices Of Dominic Chacon

BY CLAIRE LEWIS

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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## Know?

BY K.P. SANDER

Thomas Jefferson was a remarkable fellow, and one who surely made an indelible impression on the fate and future of our great nation.

Born on Apr. 13, 1743 in Shadwell, Virginia, Jefferson was not only the third President of the United States, the initial author of the Declaration of Independence, but was also a member of Congress, and the first U.S. Secretary of State – serving under President George Washington. Other notable appointments included Governor of Virginia, organizer of the Democratic-Republican Party (with close friend James Madison), and Vice President under the administration of John Adams.

The Declaration of Independence is considered one of Jefferson's most significant achievements. The preamble - "All men are created equal" - has been considered one of the best-known sentences in the English language, and is an enduring statement on human rights, containing "the most potent and consequential words in American history." Abraham Lincoln based his entire philosophy on it, and it has become the passage representing a moral standard for generations the world over.

According to Wikipedia, Jefferson coordinated the acquisition of the vast Louisiana Territory from France in 1803, and in 1804, sent explorers Lewis and Clark out on their first expedi-

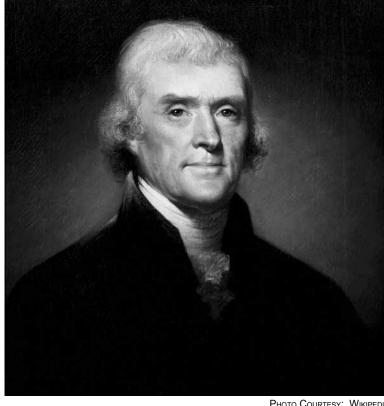


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tion to the new west. Under his presidency, Jefferson doubled the size of the United States.

Personally, Jefferson was a polymath, with expertise in a myriad of subjects including science, law, art and politics. He was proficient in architecture, and designed his beautiful home, Monticello, in Virginia. He was a skilled writer, and also conversant in French, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Latin. Jefferson was so interested in linguistics that it led him to found the University of Virginia.

Jefferson married the widow, Martha Skelton, in 1771. They were third cousins, and reportedly had a very happy marriage, based on a mutual love of music and a wide variety of personal accomplishments. They had six children in their ten year union, but only two -

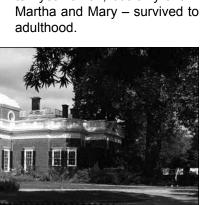


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Martha suffered from diabetes and just months after the birth of her last child, succumbed to illness in 1782. Jefferson was said to be completely distraught and mourned her greatly. He never remarried.

Interestingly enough, Jefferson openly opposed slavery throughout his life although he owned hundreds of slaves and freed just a few. There is evidence that after Jefferson's wife passed away - perhaps for companionship - he had a long-term relationship with Sally Hemings, one of his slaves, and was said to have fathered her children.

Jefferson took the oath of Presidential office on Mar. 4, 1801, and served two terms; he is considered one of the greatest presidents of our time.

On July 3, 1826, extremely ill from toxemia and pneumonia, Jefferson called his family and friends to his bedside and said, "I have done for my country, and for all mankind, all that I could do, and I now resign my soul, without fear, to my God, - my daughter to my country." He was 83.

After falling asleep, he woke later that night and asked his doctor, "Is it the fourth yet?" Jefferson held out until 12:50 p.m. on the Fourth of July – the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. He is buried at Monticello.

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## Feeling Safe Above The Tavern

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

My grief counseling session in the office above a little tavern has concluded for the day, and once again, I am moved.

I love to talk to people and share life experiences; it's like reaching for the light. Bright and vivid rays project from others as they share love and friendship, and I enjoy hearing other perspectives on life.

Recently someone shared with me that they felt safe when they spend time with me. I was happy that I could make someone feel that way in a platonic relationship. When you're dating and feel safe, it's usually love that provides protective feelings. But if you subtract the love and can still make someone feel safe, to me, that means you are generally a good person. I feel like I am, and have held onto that concept and carried it around for a while.

While in therapy, we talked about the verbal and physical abuse my siblings and I suffered as children. And then that concept of safety slipped into the conversation.

"Michael, when was the last time you felt safe?" my therapist asked.

I sat there silent. My mind spun around with images of the different stages of my life. I saw flashes of particular times and places as they ripped past my eyes.

I realized that I couldn't remember the last time I felt safe. I didn't even know how to describe what it felt like to feel safe. It was just a concept that was too far away for me to understand.

I believe these feelings have come up mainly because my mom is ill and may never recover. And generally, moms have the ability to make a child feel safe. Now that my mom may be leaving us, that feeling of safety she brings has already begun to depart. She is here physically, but mentally and emotionally her dementia is starting to rob us all of her presence and the safety it brings.

So another obstacle comes into my life. Another hurdle to leap, another bullet to dodge. Another situation that requires me to overcome while trying to continue to "keep moving forward."

I'm sitting outside the tavern, admiring the serenity of the tall trees. I am enjoying the moment, and for now, I will try to embrace the place that I am in; serene and quite, like the trees. Right now I am at peace. There is no turmoil, no expectations of me. As I close my eyes and shut out the rest of the world, right here in this moment...I am safe.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **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.

### 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 Cen-

#### Pomona Inner City Homeless Ministry Dinner

ter, (909) 598-6200

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 economical-

ly 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.

### Diamond Bar's 22nd Annual Wine Soiree

When: Sun., Apr. 26
Where: Diamond Bar Center;
1600 Grand Ave.

Details: Wine tastings, delicious foods, benefit auction and more! All proceeds benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Tickets: \$60 advance; \$65 at the door. Contact: Tickets available at the DB Library and Basically Books, 21800 Copley Drive; and online at dblibraryfriends. org. Call (909) 861-2002. 21 and over only.

#### **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 en-

couraged 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 complete 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; or visit the website at www.chinocorporatechallenge.com

### Irwindale 35th Annual Golf Tournament

When: Thurs., May 7; 10 a.m. Registration; 11:30 a.m. Shot-gun 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

#### **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.

#### Free Acupuncture for Veterans, Active Military, First Responders

When: Every Tuesday at 5 p.m. Where: 12598 Central Avenue, Unit 113, Chino, CA 91710. Cost: Free

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

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

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

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

Cost: Free Admission/Parking 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

# Walnut council recap

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due to vacation.

Ambassador Daniel Luevanos accepted the award from the
City on behalf of the OneLegacy organization, which aims to
increase organ, tissue, marrow
and blood donors throughout the
nation. Mayor Nancy Tragarz
handed out the award to Luevanos, stating that OneLegacy was
an important organization that
has the potential to save hundreds of thousands of lives.

"More than 123,000 individuals nationwide, and more 21,000 in California, are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list," Tragarz said. "Every 90 minutes, one person dies while waiting due the shortage of donated organs ... whereas millions of lives are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissue, marrow and blood. The spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical conditions."

The rest of the City Council members thanked Luevanos and also wished OneLegacy continued luck with the number of donors it gathers each year.

Following the presentation, the Council members approved the March 25 meeting minutes and approved the items on the consent calendar, including a resolution for the claims and demands in the amount of \$469,720.68; the approval of plans and authorization to receive bids for Areas 1 and 2 for a resurfacing project; and a request to reject all bids currently received for a new city-wide telephone system, and authorization for staff to again proceed with formal bids for said system.

After Council announcements, the Walnut City Council officially adjourned with plans to meet on April 22, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at 21201 La Puente Road.







## La Puente Clothing Factory Manager Indicted

STAFF REPORTS

Los Angeles – On Tues., Apr. 7, a federal grand jury indicted the general manager of a La Puente garment factory on charges of offering to pay bribes to an investigator with the United States Department of Labor in exchange for the investigator closing an investigation into wage violations.

Howard Quoc Trinh, 41, of Arcadia, the manager of Seven-Bros Enterprises, is accused in the indictment of the bribery of a public official.

The indictment charges Trinh with offering to pay \$10,000 in bribes to a Department of Labor Wage and Hour investigator. The indictment also alleges that Trinh offered the bribe last month to secure the release

of a hold known as a "Hot Goods" objection that had been placed on a shipment by the investigator.

As part of the bribery scheme, Trinh actually paid the investigator \$3,000, according to a criminal complaint previously filed in this case.

According to the affidavit in support of that complaint. the investigator was investigating Seven-Bros for violating the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), which sets standards for minimum wage and overtime pay. The Labor Department Wage and Hour investigator led a team that conducted an unannounced visit to Seven-Bros on Mar. 10. The investigation into wage violations covered a period from May 2012 through Mar. 10, 2015, and found that Seven-Bros owed

approximately \$100,000 to compensate employees for FLSA violations over that period. According to the affidavit, the investigator returned to Seven-Bros on Mar. 18, at which time Trinh said he did not owe his employees any back wages and that he wanted to "take care" of the investigator.

In response to Trinh's statements, the Labor Department's Office of Investigator General (OIG) initiated an investigation and outfitted the investigator with recording equipment. On the evening of Mar. 18, during a recorded meeting, Trinh allegedly offered the investigator \$10,000 to close out the investigation without finding any violations and to lift the Hot Goods objection.

The next day, during an-

other recorded meeting, Trinh gave the investigator an initial payment of \$3,000 in a manila envelope, according to the affidavit.

The criminal complaint was filed on Mar. 20, and Trinh was arrested by OIG special agents. At his initial court appearance, Trinh was ordered released on a \$200,000 bond and was ordered to appear for an arraignment on Apr. 17.

If he is convicted of the bribery count in the indictment, Trinh would face a statutory maximum sentence of 15 years in federal prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Investigator General, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations.

## Courts deny Walnut's filing against Mt. SAC

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a preliminary injunction on the matter.

"The Court ruled that 'the City acknowledges that its involvement with the project is limited to review of improvements to the sidewalks, curb cuts, and other street improvements," said Dolan.

As recently as the Walnut City Council meeting on Mar. 25, some residents of the Timberline neighborhood urged City officials to move toward litigation against Mt. SAC, citing that the imminent parking structure would "increase traffic congestion, noise pollution, air pollution and ruin the backyard views of many of the nearby houses." These are the same issues that have come to the forefront of Council meetings for some time.

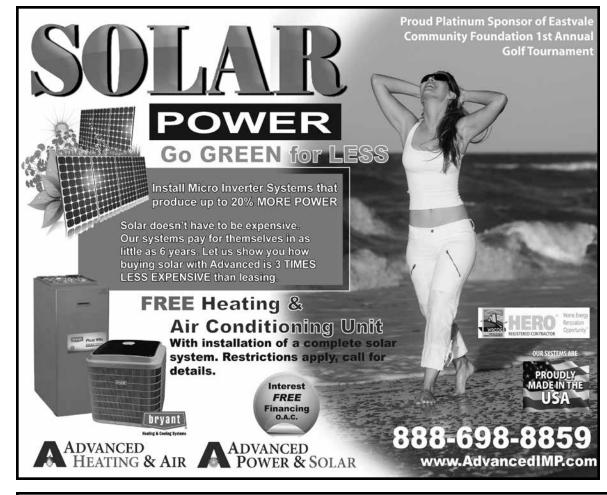
Representatives from Mt. SAC have said that during the planning stages of this project, they have worked with the City of Walnut. Mt. SAC met with the City planning and engineering staffs, and in 2007 presented a plan for the structure to the college's Board of Trustees. The college also submitted environmental impact reports to the City, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act as early as 2002 - with updates in 2005, 2008 and 2012. The California Division of the State Architect's office made the final decision to approve the parking structure.

Despite working with City, Walnut's City Attorney, Michael Montgomery, made it very clear to residents attending the Mar. 11 Council meeting, that the City would likely start litigation against Mt. SAC to halt the parking structure to appease the Timberline residents. Montgomery said the college's officials exhibited "absolutely arrogance" by refusing to read two separate letters about amending the location of the structure,

In a recent statement, Dr. William Scroggins, President and CEO of Mt. SAC, said, "The court ruling validates that Mt. San Antonio College's parking structure project has been appropriately designed. The structure is a necessity for the students and the broader community we serve."

And with that, 1650 additional parking spaces – 13 years in the making - will ultimately benefit the students who spend copious amounts of time driving around the campus trying to find a spot to park.

The parking structure is expected to be completed by Jan. 2017.







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## They Call Me Coach

BY MIKE GREEN

There are few job titles in this world that are absolute. Doctor, Chef and Nurse are a few that come to mind. With the exception of Doctor, you rarely hear someone say, "Hello, Nurse," in passing on the street.

To me, my job title of "Coach" is by far the best! Being called Coach by players, friends, parents and peers is quite an honor. I feel pride every time I hear it. However, anyone can be called Coach regardless of experience, knowledge or education.

The great thing about being called Coach, is once you're a Coach, you're always a Coach. You could have coached a single season and those players will always remember you as Coach.

There are good coaches and bad coaches. The type of coach you're remembered as is entirely in your control. To be a coach that is respected you must provide respect. If you're enjoying yourself, your players will also. The rewards of being a brief part of a young life are simply invaluable.

Being a Coach is a privilege, and the memories you gain will last a lifetime. If you have spare time and your child is participating in an activity that requires a coach, take a chance and join in. You never know...it just may transform your life!

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

## Senate Republicans Welcome Emergency Drought Regulations

Huff cautions against "Manipulating the Crisis"

STAFF REPORTS

**Sacramento** – Following Governor Brown's recent declaration of a drought emergency in California, Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) issued the following statement:

"California's lack of rainfall, coupled with the inability over the last several decades to expand our desperately needed water storage capabilities, has led us to this moment in history. Senate Republicans agree that we all must do our part to reduce water consumption in California.

"That said, we urge the governor and legislative Demo-



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crats to work with us in the bipartisan spirit promised at our recent press conference. This crisis should not be manipulated to impose new emergency powers that would violate the personal and constitutional rights of California families. Let's make sure we're doing all we can to conserve our water so that we have what's necessary for our families, our farms and our environment.

"Republicans have been fighting for more water storage for years so that we could capture rain during the wet seasons in order to offset the dry summer months. The Proposition 1 water bond passed by voters last year included \$2.7 billion for water storage. The Legislature must clear the way to ensure those funds are ready when it's time to break ground on two new reservoirs that will help provide a reliable water source to all of California for future generations.'

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

"It's a general law practice. We wanted to appeal to a broad range of people," said Chacon. "We wanted to be a one-stop shop."

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Chacon feels that the diligence, energy and responsiveness of his office are not only their best assets, but they are essential to his company and the relationships with his cli-

"When you walk out of our office, you are definitely informed about your situation, or the direction your suit will go," Chacon said. "We can't predict everything, of course, but we use the words 'I don't know' effectively. And what we don't know, we find out."

Whatever legal situation you might find yourself in, put your mind at ease and contact the Law Offices of Dominic Chacon. They are located at 2341 S. Azusa Avenue, West Covina, CA 91792, and can be reached at (626) 839-8852, via email at Idominicchacon@yahoo.com, or visit www.ldominicchaconlaw.com. Open 24 hours, call now for a free consultation. And see their ad on page 9 of this publication.

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## 1981 Pomona cold case murder arrest

#### **Cold Case from page 1**

Ana Canyon Road, at approximately 5:30 p.m. At approximately 7:20 p.m., the boy's parents found his bike abandoned in an alley near the fireworks stand.

On July 3, 1981, two construction workers found the child's lifeless body near 34 Edgebrook Dr. in the city of Pomona. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office determined the child died of asphyxia as a consequence of

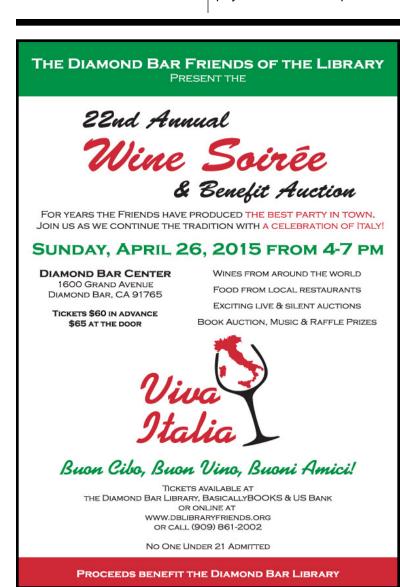
strangulation. DNA evidence was confirmed and linked to Idaho resident, Kenneth Rasmuson.

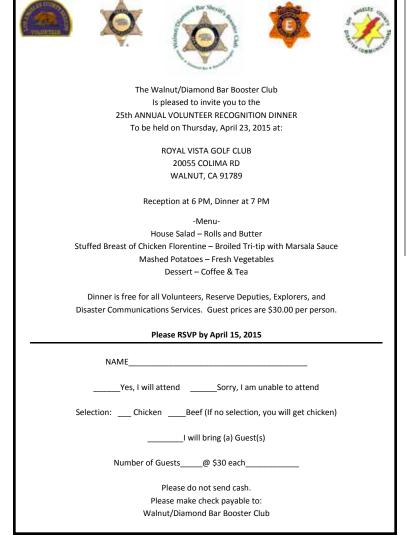
On Mar. 27, Pomona Police Department Cold Case Homicide Detectives traveled to Sandpoint Idaho to assist in the arrest Kenneth Rasmuson for the 1981 murder. Members of the Sandpoint Point Police Department, FBI, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab, Bonner County District Attorney's Office and the Anaheim Police Department also assisted with the

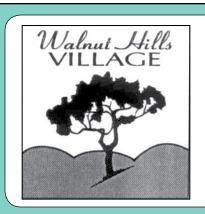
investigation and subsequent arrest of Kenneth Rasmuson.

Rasmuson is currently in custody at the Bonner County Jail in Sandpoint, and will be extradited back to Pomona where he will face murder charges for the boy's murder.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Pomona Police Department at (909) 620-2085. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

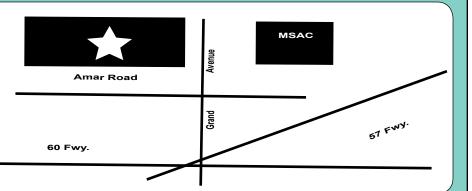






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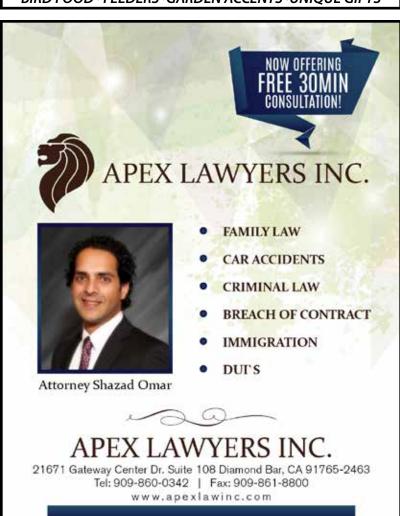












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## #1 killer of teens is 100% preventable

#### Teens from page 1

Traffic Safety, and Impact Teen Drivers continued to emphasize the most deadly impact to teen drivers - reckless and distracted driving. Moreover, teens learned that their number one killer is 100 percent preventable, if drivers and passengers make good decisions.

"People are starting to understand that everyday behaviors, such as texting, eating, applying make-up, or reaching for something, can be lethal when done behind the wheel," said Dr. Kelly Browning, Executive Director of Impact Teen Drivers. "In a recent study, over 98 percent of people reported

that texting behind the wheel is dangerous, but 75 percent still report doing it. The propensity for people to rationalize distracted driving behavior - the 'not me' mentality - is a big part of the problem."

"One of the most difficult tasks for any officer is notifying parents that their teenager was killed in a traffic collision, and it is even worse when the crash was totally preventable," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. "Young drivers may not realize the magnitude of the aftermath of a fatal collision, and the emotional toll it takes. It is up to all of us – family, friends, experienced drivers – to set the right example, avoid distractions behind the wheel, and fo-

cus on our own driving."

Impact Teen Drivers uses a multifaceted approach to educate teens and communities about the dangers of reckless and distracted driving. Through the "What Do You Consider Lethal?" program, teens are engaged and empowered to make good decisions behind the wheel and spread the safe driving message to their peers. In Parent-Teen Workshops, parents are taught that they are the primary influencer of their teen's driving attitudes and behaviors, and that "Do as I say, not as I do" doesn't work.

During California Teen Safe Driving Week, law enforcement agencies emphasized the need for a strong combination of education and enforcement to change driving attitudes and behaviors. They also stressed that distracted driving injuries and fatalities are 100 percent preventable.

"We need to make distracted driving socially unacceptable, like driving under the influence of alcohol," said Rhonda Craft, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "By combining education and enforcement to prevent distracted driving, we will make the roads safer for everyone."

California Teen Safe Driving Week marked the beginning of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

For more information, visit ImpactTeenDrivers.org.

# Farm fresh eggs at Voortman's Ranch

#### Eggs from page 1

local area for over 60 years. Originally from Bellflower, the Voortman family – who has always been in the egg ranching business – moved their operation to Ontario in 1951.

Voortman's has a small-town farm ambiance, with the latest in technology. Their happy chickens are enjoying their newly remodeled home; and their egg-processing machine can handle about 36,000 eggs per hour at its peak. If the average bird lays one egg about every 26 hours, that equals a lot of chickens at the Voortman ranch!

Did you know that you can tell how fresh an egg is by how high the yolk stands up in the frying pan after you crack it? Voortman's will have your over-easies standing tall. Their fresh eggs are the highest in quality, with dark, nutrient-dense yolks. You will immediately notice a difference in your cooking and baking.

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## Human remains found

#### IE from page 1

tigation was immediately launched.
On Tues., Apr. 7, the Coroner's
Office released a positive identification on the remains as Brian
McCamish, 60, a resident of Big
Bear who was reported missing
on Sept. 23, 2014. At this time,
the cause and manner of McCamish's death is undetermined.

Anyone having information regarding this matter is requested to contact the Detective Bureau of the Big Bear Sheriff's Station at (909) 866-0100; or Sgt. John Gaffney of the Sheriff's Homicide Detail at (909) 387-3589. Information can also be reported anonymously by calling WE-TIP at (800) 78-CRIME or online at www.wetip.com.

## Soccer camp encourages youth

#### OC from page 1

organized through the Orange County Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP) that encourages youth to avoid the eminent dangers of gang life, and get involved in healthy team-building extra-curricular programs.

The three day spring break soccer clinic kicked off on Apr. 6, and concluded on Wed., Apr. 8. The program was held at Russell Elementary School.

During the camp, approximately 44 students between the ages of 9 and 11 spent the mornings taking part in a fitness agility course and learning soccer techniques from volunteer coaches to improve their athletic skills, health, and self-esteem. Students also partici-



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pated in afternoon educational workshops where they had an opportunity to learn about law enforcement and positive decision-making from a deputy district attorney, police officers, educators, and Chapman University students. The educational workshops focused on building character and defining career goals.

OCDA Bureau of Investigation Chief, Craig Hunter, awarded partic ipating students with a Certificate of Achievement that recognized their physical accomplishment and encouraged them to refrain from gang activity in the future by succeeding in school and making positive lifestyle choices.

This event was sponsored by the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping instill a sense of hope, opportunity, and accomplishment in our community's youth.

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## The Jedi Master

By Pastor Mark Hopper



We had a lot of winter visitors at the church I used to lead in Tucson, Arizona.

We called them "Snow Birds." These visitors were mostly retired people who came south to escape the cold winter weather in Michigan and Minnesota.

One of these couples was Doug and Jeri Blom. They were from Flint, Michigan. Doug had retired after a long career in management with General Motors Corporation. He helped build cars in peace time and army tanks during World War II.

When I first met Doug, I did not realize that he was a gifted and successful golfer. He did not look like your typical tall, thin golfer. He was short and stout. He did not hit the ball a mile, but his golf stroke was steady and solid.

Recently, I found an article on the Internet that included some

classic was when Glenda, the

Good Witch, told Dorothy that

she always had the power with-

in her. She also told her that

she needed to believe in her

power if she was to make her

theory is correct for all of us.

What if I was to tell you I think

Glenda was not only right, but

really on to something? What

if you had the power to change

yourself and your life? What if

you could actually obtain the life

Dorothy was able to just click

Now please understand that

you want and deserve?

So let's assume that Glenda's

way home.

By Nancy Stoops

remarkable information about my friend, Doug Blom. The article reported that a man had won the Flint Michigan Invitational for a third time. The article mentioned that only three other amateur golfers had won that city's golf title three times.

But the article added a more astounding statistic. It reported that Doug Blom was the only golfer to win the Flint title more than three times. He hadn't won five or ten or even 15 titles. Doug Blom won the city title 19 times! Unbelievable!

I did not know Doug in his prime. He was in his 70s when he and his wife came to our church in Tucson. Little did I know that Doug had such a remarkable legacy as an amateur golfer. I learned more about him as Doug's wife showed me several scrap books filled with newspaper clippings of his golf

The article that I found recently said that Doug had played with some of the greatest names in golf, like Sam

her heels together three times

to get her wish, and it will be

a little bit harder for you. Your

magic will begin with a newly

found faith in yourself and your

capabilities, just like Dorothy. I

have found that dreams come

true when people begin to be-

are never too old to change

and to grow into somebody that

you will be proud to be. It may

take forgiving yourself, letting

go of all the reasons to fail, and

looking very deep within for the

courage to change. I personal-

ly believe that a life full of regret

that inner strength and confi-

dence. Take a look at all you

have already survived and stop

doubting your abilities, intelli-

gence and tenacity. Each and

every day, put one foot in front

of the other and soon you will be

So look deep within and find

is much more frightening.

Please keep in mind that you

lieve in themselves.

The Great And Powerful You

I grew up

in love with

the movie,

"The Wiz-

ard of Oz."

My favorite

part of the

Sneed and Byron Nelson. He had also competed in the U.S. Open as an amateur golfer.

When my son was in 5th Grade, Doug took the time to teach him how to golf. He was so patient and always encouraging. I managed to learn a few things, too. When I had a problem with my golf game, I would ask Doug for help. He was like the Jedi Master.

There is a verse in the Bible where the Apostle Paul encourages his young disciple, Timothy, to teach others the things he had learned from Paul (2 Timothy 2:2) Doug certainly fulfilled this principle when it came to golf. He loved teaching others how to enjoy the game as he did.

You may not be a successful golfer, but I am certain you have skills and experiences that you could share with others. You may not think of yourself as a Jedi Master, but I believe you can make a difference in the life of others as you share what you love with them.

Let me encourage you to look

exactly where you want to be. Just for a moment, close your

eyes and think about how great

that would feel. I believe in you

Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T.

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around and see if there is a child or teen that would benefit from the skills and knowledge you have gained in your life. They will enjoy it, and you will too.

Pastor Mark Hopper is from

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BY DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.



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-Ernie E.

Dear Ernie:

You are concerned about your childhood friend enough to give him odd jobs to help him stay afloat. This shows me that your heart is in the right place and puts you in the perfect position to approach your friend's sister. Sometimes when a family has a member that has extra needs, they go into denial. Or perhaps they are used to his limitations, so they no longer have the ability to see how odd he may be appearing to the public at large. If he is 38 and still lives with his mother, something's up. This subject is probably too big for you to take on, but yes, please do notify his family of your concerns. People who have severely poor social skills are often in danger of being bullied or harmed in a variety of ways. Make that call. 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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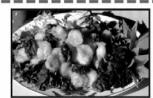
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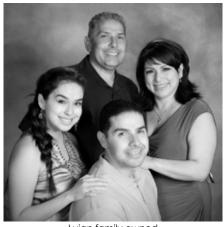
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## PUSD Launches High-Tech Science Lab

\$100,000 Todd Family donation also funds scholarships and atrium

By Juliette Funes

**Pomona** – Two Pomona Unified schools have funded a memorial scholarship and constructed high-tech science labs for elementary and high school students – including space for a robotics program – thanks to a \$100,000 grant aimed at strengthening science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs.

La Verne Science and Technology Charter School and Palomares Academy of Health Sciences each received a \$50,000 endowment from the Todd Family Foundation to establish science and technology facilities and programs. The donations were made in memory of Dr. Shane Todd, a scientist and Pomona Unified alumnus, who died in 2012.

"These new science facilities are generating sparks of creativity in young minds," Pomona Unified School District Board of Education President, Andrew Wong, said. "Thanks to the Todd family's generosity, we are rein-



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La Verne Science and Technology students learn to conduct science experiments from students from Palomares Academy of Health Sciences in the school's new science lab.

forcing our commitment to educate students in cutting-edge and in-demand fields."

La Verne Science and Technology, a charter school focused on STEM programs, used the funding to build a modern science lab, which is open after school for its robotics programs. The school will continue to expand the use of this new science lab. Plans are in the works to establish a computer coding program.

The facility, dedicated as the "Dr. Shane Todd Science Lab," is a teacher- and student-friendly space that features digital microscopes, computers for research, a teacher demonstration area, student work stations that foster collaboration and the latest in interactive science notebooks.

"These leading-edge learning

tools are inspiring our students to explore science in ways that weren't possible before," La Verne Science and Technology Principal Dolores Lobaina said. "Through a plethora of new, hands-on activities, our students are learning how to tackle the hard questions."

Palomares Academy of Health Sciences divided its share of the donation among several science-based projects, including a robotics program in its new Dr. Shane Todd Science Center and an outdoor atrium that encourages students to explore earth sciences.

In honor of Todd - described as a Renaissance Man - Palomares also established a scholarship program in which students submitted designs for a Renaissance Man mural. A reveal of the mural and the first, second and third place winners of the scholarship will be named in May.

"The spirit and inspiration that Dr. Todd has brought to the Palomares Academy is part of his legacy," Palomares Principal, Camille Ramos-Beal, said. "We are grateful to the Todd family for recognizing Palomares Academy as a beneficiary."

Superintendent Richard Martinez reinforced the critical role STEM courses serve to equip students for the quickly evolving job market.

"Preparing our students for careers in STEM is a top priority for our District," Martinez said. "This donation opens up a world of possibilities for discovery and innovation and is preparing our students to become the next generation of leaders."

## PUSD Stabbing

STAFF REPORTS

**Pomona** - On Tues., Mar. 24, at approximately 12:25 p.m., Pomona Police Officers responded to the Pomona Unified School District Office regarding a stabbing.

The victim, Amy Blevins, 39, of Pomona, was walking to her vehicle when she met up with the suspect, and exchanged pleasantries. According to the Pomona Police Department, the suspect then stabbed Blevins and fled the scene. Offers were unable to locate him at that time.

Blevins was transported to a local hospital for the treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Subsequently, the suspect – Jonathan Serrano, 22, of Pomona, was located and arrested. At his arraignment on Thurs. Apr. 2, Serrano pled guilty for assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to two years in State prison.

## Mt. SAC RN Program Ranks 10th Statewide

By MIKE TAYLOR

**Walnut** - Mt. San Antonio College's Nursing Program was recently ranked 10th among all California community college nursing programs in a survey of the best nursing schools in the Western United States by NurseJournal.org.

With an overall score of 85.63, Mt. SAC also ranked 13th among all western U. S. community college programs. The rankings were based on program quality, affordability, flexible class schedules, student satisfaction, and value.

A total of 442 universities, two-year colleges, and vocational nursing programs were ranked in the survey.

Mt. SAC's Nursing Program serves 240 students, and its students achieved a 91% pass rate on the state board nursing exam in 2014. Associate degree and certificate programs are offered.

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