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IE News

11 Gang Members Arrested

Multiple agency investigation results in the arrest of known "Noe Luv Gangster Crips" members

STAFF REPORTS

San Bernardino County – For the past four months, Investigators with the San Ber-

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OC News

OC Streetcar Project Takes The Next Step

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – The OC Streetcar project marked its latest milestone this week as the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors agreed to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the city of Santa Ana, outlining the roles and responsibilities asso-

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Pomona College campus in Claremont, CA

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Pomona College Is The Best

BY CLAIRE LEWIS

Claremont – Harvard, Yale, Princeton...all great schools with excellent reputations, right? Absolutely, but apparently they are not the best, at

least according to Forbes magazine. The well known and respected publication released their "America's Top Colleges 2015" listing on Wed., July 29, placing Pomona College as No. 1 in the United States.

The private liberal arts college located in Claremont – who was Forbes-ranked No. 8 in 2014, and No. 2 in 2013 – is an exclusively undergrad-

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Father Sentenced For Son's Murder

STAFF REPORTS

Baldwin Park – A 34-year old man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after being convicted of murdering his 20-month old son.

According to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, jurors deliberated on Tues., July 21 for about an hour before finding David Paz Vasquez guilty of one count each of second-degree murder

and assault on a child causing death. He was immediately sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Bruce Marrs.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Scott, who prosecuted the case, said Vasquez was watching his son, Joshua, on June 12, 2013 at the family's Baldwin Park home.

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David Paz Vasquez

3 Arrested For CH Robberies

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills – On Sat., July 25, at about 9:53 p.m., two robberies occurred in the city of Chino Hills. The victims are not associated with one another and were walking on the sidewalk in the area of Chino Avenue and Peyton Drive when the crimes occurred.

In both robberies, the suspects drove up to the victims, pointed a silver colored semi-automatic handgun at

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Walnut Council Recap

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut – The Walnut City Council met on Wed., July 22, with recently appointed Mayor, Bob Pacheco, fitting into his old position and taking on a long agenda for the last meeting of the month.

To start, Pacheco and the other Council members met with Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Department Captain Jeff Scroggin, proclaiming Aug. 4 as National Night Out - a day for residents to get out and meet their local law en-

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From House To Home At Kitchen & Flooring Center

BY K.P. SANDER

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STAFF REPORTS

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Chacon graduated from Southwest

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Back-To-School Tips

Help Keep Kids Healthy and Safe

By STATEPOINT

Back-to-school prep means more than a trip to the office supply store. Help kids stay strong, healthy and safe this school year by putting wellness front and center.

“Thinking about back-to-school now can help parents keep kids on track for a healthy summer and start to school,” says Dr. Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

With that in mind, Hassink recommends taking the following steps:

Ease into the School Schedule: Ease the back-to-school transition by keeping bedtime and meals scheduled during the summer and adjusting timing as school approaches. If your child has been going to bed later than usual, begin adjusting his or her bedtime earlier toward the end of summer. Depending on age, children and teens need between 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep nightly.

For young children, arranging to see their new classroom and meet their new teacher before school starts can calm first day jitters. Go over the school schedule with your child, including how she will get to school and what the plans are for after school time.

Schedule a Pediatric Visit: The back-to-school season is a good time for scheduling a pediatric exam. Create a list of items you want to discuss with your child’s pediatrician. This list should include ensuring your child is up-to-date on vaccinations, a crucial part of preventive care.

It’s a good idea to build a medical home with a pediatrician by sticking with one doctor or medical practice throughout childhood and adolescence. The doctor will be better informed of your child’s medical history and aware of any

emerging problems.

Beyond medical testing, pediatricians are well-equipped to counsel patients and parents on emotional and social issues, as well as issues that often crop up during adolescence, such as smoking, drugs, drinking, sexual activity and depression.

“Parents can ask a pediatrician about anything related to the care of their child or teen, medical or not,” says Hassink. “The visit can be a good way to bring up these issues.”

Consider Sports: Sports can foster confidence, cooperation and healthy habits, and the start of the school year brings many opportunities to join various programs.

Hydration, nutrition and proper conditioning are important for any sport, especially those with intense training in warm weather. Schedule a sports physical with your pediatrician to discuss your child’s overall health and how to prevent injuries.

Talk Safety: If your child will be walking to school, travel the route with him to assess its safety. Find out about traffic patterns and crossing guards. Teach your child safety rules like looking both ways. If possible, have your child commute with an older sibling or neighbor. If your child will be riding a bike or skateboard, be sure he wears a helmet. Review basic rules for safer riding. Bus riders should also be mindful of safety rules, like remaining in one’s seat and listening to the driver.

As a parent, you can take steps to help ensure your children are prepared for a happy, healthy school year. More back-to-school tips can be found at www.healthychildren.org.



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Babe Ruth

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Did You Know?

This Day In History

By CLAIRE LEWIS

Is your birthday or anniversary on August 1? If so, many interesting things took place on this particular day throughout history. According to onthisday.com, the following events happened on this summer day:

30 BC - Octavian (later known as Augustus) enters Alexandria, Egypt, bringing it under the control of the Roman Republic.

30 BC - Mark Antony, Roman Politician and General, commits suicide after he is defeated by Octavian at the Battle of Actium at 53

1137 - Louis VI, King of France, dies

1177 - Peace Treaty of Venice: Emperor Frederik I & Pope Alexander III

1498 - Christopher Columbus lands on “Isla Santa” (Venezuela)

1714 - Anne Stuart, Queen of England, dies at about 49

1714 - Monarch Georg Ludwig becomes King George I of England

1770 - William Clark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition was born

1774 - Joseph Priestley, English theologian, chemist and author discovers oxygen

1779 - Francis Scott Key, American lawyer, poet and composer of the lyrics to the “Star-Spangled Banner” was born

1780 - Sweden declares neutrality

1819 - Herman Melville, author of Moby Dick, was born in New York (d. 1891)

1831 - London Bridge opens to traffic.

1834 - Slavery abolished throughout the British Empire - Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect

1843 - Robert Todd Lincoln, Captain of the Union Volunteers and son of President Abraham Lincoln was born (d. 1926)

1876 - Colorado becomes 38th state of the Union

1890 - George II, King of Greece, was born

1903 - Calamity Jane [Martha Jane Canary], American frontierswoman, dies at 51

1914 - Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany declares war on his nephew, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia (WWI)

1918 - Pittsburgh Pirates beat Boston Braves, 2-0, in 21 innings

1928 - Babe Ruth hits his 42nd Home Run

1976 - Actress Elizabeth Taylor divorces actor Richard Burton (her sixth, their second divorce together)

1986 - Tennis ace John McEnroe marries actress Tatum O’Neal

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chino Family Market Night
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Where: City Hall lawn; 13220 Central Ave., Chino
Details: Entertainment, activities and food, appropriate for all ages
Contact: (909) 334-3258 for more information (including vendor set up)

Summer Smiles - Summer Day Camp 2015
When: Now through Aug. 19, Mon. – Fri., 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, 23300 Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar
Contact: Call Director, John Battaglia, (909) 861-2740, ext. 4

Free Summer Lunch Program
When: Now through Aug. 21; Mon. – Fri., 12 to 1 p.m. (subject to change on Tues/Thurs).
Where: Community Building Park, 5443 B St., Chino; and Monte Vista Park, 13196 Monte Vista Ave., Chino
Details: Children 18 and younger are welcome to enjoy a free, nutritious lunch with fun activities this summer. The City of Chino is providing this in collaboration with the USDA and the California Department of Education.

Free Summer Movie Nights
When: Fri., Aug. 7: “Planes - Fire & Rescue;” 6:30 p.m.
Where: Evangelical Free Church of Diamond Bar, 3255 S. Diamond Bar Blvd.
Details: Enjoy a great evening with free pizza, popcorn, juice and candy - perfect for the whole family.
Contact: For more information, call (909) 594-7604.

First Friday Food Trucks
When: 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.

Dollars For Scholars Benefit Concert
When: Sat., Aug. 8; 8 to 9 p.m.
Where: Ontario Convention Center; 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764
Details: “Always ABBA” Live! Presented by the Esperanza Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships toward higher learning for students around the Inland Empire.
Tickets: \$35 at occobxoffice.com.
Contact: For more information, visit www.esperanza.dollarsfor-scholars.org.

Pomona Inner City Homeless Ministry Dinner
When: The 4th Saturday monthly: Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26.
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.

Health & Wellness Showcase
When: Thurs., Sept. 10; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Cooper Auditorium, City of Hope
Details: 2015 Environmental Awards and Health & Wellness Showcase is a dynamic and popular event featuring speakers on important issues of health and wellness in the workplace and at home. Companies in the SGV are encouraged to apply for awards and participate in the showcase.
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Contact: Call the Irwindale Chamber at (626) 960-6606

Quartermania
When: Sat., Sept. 12; noon to 3 p.m.
Where: Heritage Park Center, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Rd., Diamond Bar
Details: Help support academ-

ic scholarships and enjoy Suds, Spuds & Vino! There will be great things to bid on for just quarters, along with a delicious lunch and tasty beverages – all for just \$20 (bring extra cash to exchange for quarters). Lots of fun!
Contact: (909) 525-8828 to RSVP; or send check or money order to Diamond Bar Woman’s Club, PO Box 4035, DB 91765.

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When: Third Tuesday, monthly; 6 p.m.
Where: Aurora Charter Oak Hospital, 1161 E. Covina Blvd., Covina

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 - 9. African migrants
 - 13. Bakery smell, e.g.
 - 14. Type of English course
 - 15. Distinct time period
 - 16. Smaller than an SUV
 - 17. It marches one by one?
 - 18. Memory break
 - 19. *Makes it easy to find thematic messages
 - 21. *Online self
 - 23. Pine juice
 - 24. Freight horse cart
 - 25. *It hunts on social media for terrorists
 - 28. Famous French couturier
 - 30. Forty-niner’s reward
 - 35. Tolkien creatures
 - 37. Neuter
 - 39. Fruit-peeling device
 - 40. Common “pro” follower
 - 41. Father of dialectical idealism
 - 43. Edible root of Pacific islands
 - 44. Soft palate hanger
 - 46. RC, e.g.
 - 47. Good’s counterpart
 - 48. More often than not
 - 50. Franz Schubert’s creation, e.g.
 - 52. Snakelike fish
 - 53. Type of stalk Jack climbed
 - 55. Come into possession
 - 57. *Noun now a verb on Facebook
 - 60. *Content exchange
 - 64. An excuse, especially in eyes of law
 - 65. Bugling ungulate
 - 67. Australian horse
 - 68. MC Hammer’s “2 _____ 2 Quit”
 - 69. Hawaiian dish
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 - 71. Bonny _____

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73. Used for raising
- DOWN**
- 1. * _____ able
 - 2. Acreage
 - 3. Puts one over
 - 4. Wet nurses
 - 5. Found in classifieds
 - 6. Smelting waste
 - 7. *Pinterest action
 - 8. Rose oil
 - 9. Stairway to river in India
 - 10. Wine valley
 - 11. CCCP
 - 12. “Monkey _____, monkey do”
 - 15. Highlight
 - 20. Imitative
 - 22. Dread of some parent drivers
 - 24. European soldier
 - 25. *Discussion site
 - 26. “Good job!” to performers
 - 27. Sudden occurrence of disease

- 29. Crude group?
- 31. Flight destination
- 32. Final resting place
- 33. Bone-chilling
- 34. *Online troublemaker
- 36. Table mineral
- 38. *Crowd-sourced helper
- 42. *An L in LOL
- 45. Even though
- 49. Japanese capital
- 51. Saint Lawrence _____
- 54. Highly skilled
- 56. Crossbeam
- 57. Dog parasite
- 58. Semis
- 59. Avian wader
- 60. SNL bit
- 61. Pelvic bones
- 62. Famed loch
- 63. Small cave
- 64. Tide alternative
- 66. Tennis shot

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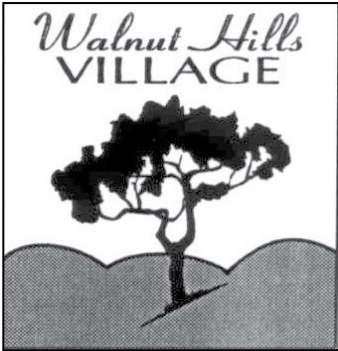
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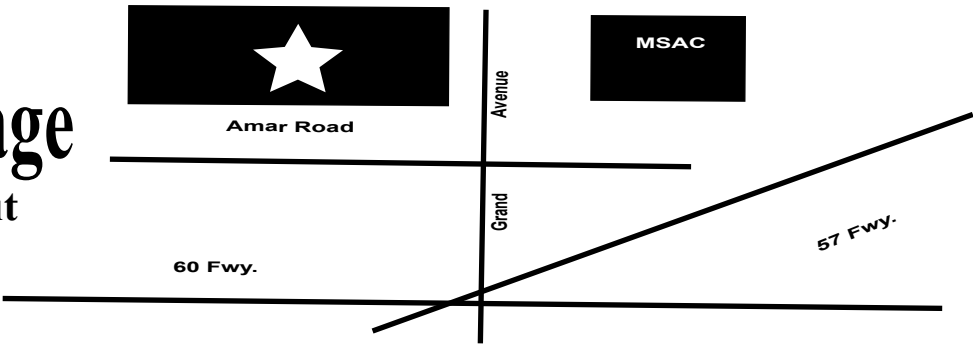
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Weed Abatement

A Year-Round Commitment to Safety

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Chino Valley – Keeping your home and property clear of brush and rubbish is a year-long commitment to fire safety.

According to the Chino Valley First District, inspections for proper clearance of tumbleweeds and other combustible materials will begin on Aug. 25. Courtesy reminder cards were mailed at the end of July to Chino and Chino Hills residents with a previous history of overgrown vegetation on their property.

Tumbleweeds, combustible vegetation and rubbish must be cleared by Aug. 25. If a hazard exists on or after that time, property owners will be charged a \$130 non-compliance fee – and owners are still responsible for clearing their property.

Properties that are not cleared by the re-inspection date of Oct. 14 will be cleared by a contractor hired by the Fire District. In addition to the cost to clear the hazard, an additional \$200 administration fee will be billed per parcel. This applies to all parcels, including adjoining parcels. The legal owner of record at the time the property is cited is responsible for all fees and charges.

Fire District officials will focus on the removal of tumbleweeds during this inspection period because of the fire hazard they pose. Tumbleweeds are a high fire danger due to their propensity to break loose once dry and be carried by the wind to areas where they can accumulate along flammable vegetation, wood fences, homes and other combustible materials.

Property owners are required to maintain their properties clear of tumbleweeds, combustible vegetation and rubbish year round. Below are some helpful tips for clearing vegetation in a safe and effective manner.

- Use trimming, mowing and power equipment before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. (it is cooler at that time with more moisture in the air, making fires harder to start).

- Never use a lawn mower in dry vegetation. Use a weed trimmer to cut down dry weeds and grass.

- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 immediately in case of a fire. Never put yourself in harm's way to extinguish an advancing fire.

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Walnut council recap

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forcement officers and combat drug use and crime. Pacheco thanked Scroggin for the safety that the Sheriff's Department provides to the City, and that it's up to all Walnut residents to keep the City safe.

After the proclamation, Pacheco gave a speech about his hope for the City Council to work together in order to maintain the City's reputation as one of the best in the country.

"We might not always agree, but if we disagree, we should do so in a civilized manner," Pacheco said.

He spoke about getting a citizen committee together to talk about the way the Council has conducted themselves in recent months, as well as pledging to continue to serve with the citizens' best interest in mind during his term as Mayor.

There were alternative viewpoints from some residents attending the meeting.

The Council then moved to approve the July 8 City Council meeting minutes and all items on the Consent Calendar, including a resolution for claims and demands in the amount of \$1,298,381.17; a resolution designating Mayor Pro Tem Mary Su as the official voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual

Conference; an amendment to the agreement for WRA Environmental Consultants; an amendment to the agreement for Leibold, McClendon & Mann; the award of bid for the Suzanne Park Parking Lot Project; an alcoholic beverage license application for 7-Eleven store #27324; the Mayor's agency representatives; and the rescheduling/cancellation of City/WHA Council meetings for November and December holidays.

The Council also approved a resolution of the City of Walnut as Successor Agency, allowing certain claims and demands in the amount of \$125,000.

For the discussion/action items, the Mt. San Antonio College Development Task Force decided to revise their City-wide notification mailer for August, and to meet in closed session to discuss the Notice of Nuisance Abatement hearing (a rear property block wall located at 20638 Loyaltown Drive).

After the Council's final discussion item, the meeting was adjourned with plans to meet on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 21201 La Puente Road.

For more information on this City Council Recap, visit <http://www.ci.walnut.ca.us/general.asp?id=372>.

11 gang members arrested

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San Bernardino County Sheriff's Gang Intelligence Team/FBI Gang Task Force have been investigating the illicit activities of a criminal street gang known to Inland Empire Law Enforcement Authorities as the "Noe Luv Gangster Crips."

According to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, for the past several years, members and associates of this particular gang have been known for their violent nature toward members from other criminal street gangs; more specifically, gangs from the Inland Empire. Based on several gang related shootings that have occurred at various locations throughout the County - some in which innocent citizens have also been victimized - Investigators conducted surveillance operations to gather evidence to establish the gang's criminal conduct.

On Thurs., July 23, Investigators, Deputies and Officers from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino Police Department, San Bernardino County Probation Department, California Highway Patrol, Rialto Police Department and FBI, served ten search warrants at various locations throughout

San Bernardino County. As a result of the investigation, 22 firearms were located and seized, as well as six ounces of cocaine.

Several alleged members and associates of the Noe Luv gang – including Rahshun Turner, 30, Fox Burroughs, 30, Mark Tibbs, 33, all of Rialto; Dewitt Johnson, 55, of Fontana; and Thomonte Rander, 29, Markyse Tuggle, 23, Liza Flores, 27, David Blakely, 30, Lancaster Alexander, 21, Sharhonda Jackson, 24, and Sobriety Jackson, 20, all of San Bernardino, were also taken into custody for various criminal charges including: criminal street gang conspiracy, attempted kidnapping, assault, human trafficking/pimping, prostitution, and additional weapons and narcotics violations.

This investigation served to represent the cooperation of law enforcement authorities within San Bernardino County and their commitment to the relentless pursuit of those who engage in criminal street gang activities. In addition, through allied cooperation, authorities will continue to strive toward keeping the County's citizen's safe from criminal street gang activity through aggressive anti-gang enforcement and the application of current anti-gang legislation.



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3 arrested for CH robberies

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them and demanded their property. In fear for their safety, the victims complied and handed their property over to the suspects. As the suspects fled, one of the victims was able to obtain a license plate number.

Deputies from the Chino Hills Police Department responded and initiated the investigation. With the information provided by the victims, Deputies were able to positively identify one of the suspects – a 17-year old juvenile from Beaumont - and obtained arrest and search warrants. The information on this suspect and his vehicle was provided to law enforcement agencies throughout Southern California.

On Sun., July 26, 2015, at about 4:50 p.m., Huntington Beach Police Officers found the suspect vehicle, which was occupied by five subjects. Officers initiated a traffic stop and detained all of the occupants.

Investigators from the Chino Hills Police Department were notified of the stop and drove to Huntington Beach. Through investigation, three of the five subjects were identified as the suspects in the Chino Hills robberies and an additional robbery in Rancho Cucamonga.

During a search of the vehicle, investigators located evidence linking the passengers to the crime. Deputies also recovered property that belonged to one of the victims from Chino Hills.

Heather Chambers, 18, of San Bernardino was arrested and booked into the West Valley Detention Center. The 17-year old juvenile from Beaumont and a 16-year old juvenile from Rialto were booked into San Bernardino County Juvenile Hall for Robbery and Conspiracy.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact the Chino Hills Police Department. Those who want to report information anonymously can call WeTip at 1-800-78-CRIME.

OC Streetcar Project takes next step



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ciated with the development, implementation, operations and maintenance of the project.

The OC Streetcar is planned for travel through the cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove, and intended to provide easy connections for people traveling from trains and buses to

hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.

“This agreement is another big step toward the realization of Orange County’s first modern streetcar,” said Santa Ana Mayor and OCTA Director, Miguel Pulido. “The streetcar will improve the way people move through the heart of our county and provide needed transportation alternatives for a modern work environment.”

Up to seven streetcars are planned to run along the route, stopping at 12 stations. By 2035, the streetcar is expected to carry more than 6,000 riders a day. Initial estimates put the project cost at \$250 million, with OCTA pursuing local, state and federal funding.

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Father sentenced for son's murder

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After the toddler's mother left for work, she received a call from a hospital saying the child had died.

Vasquez told investigators that he placed the child on a bed and told him not to move, the prosecutor added. The toddler fell onto the floor and

Vasquez became upset and struck his son on the head and abdomen and then took him to the hospital. He was arrested that evening.

Injuries to the toddler included a smashed skull, broken ribs and internal bleeding in the abdomen.

During the trial, evidence was presented that when the child was five months old, he

suffered a broken leg after Vasquez yanked him from the mother. After that incident, the toddler was placed in foster care for about a month, and then went to live at his grandmother's house for six months. He was then returned to his parents.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Law Offices of Dominic Chacon

Law from page 1

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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Hurricane Katrina

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER



This month marks the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina that devastated large areas of New Orleans ten years ago. Katrina was a “super storm,” with powerful winds and a huge tidal surge that overwhelmed the pumping stations and tore holes in the levy system. The destruction and death caught everyone by surprise. Almost 1,500 people lost their lives and hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed. Many churches and non-profit organizations have been involved in rebuilding these communities that were under 15 to 20 feet of water. Over the past few years, our church has joined this na-

tion-wide effort. Last month I was able to go for the first time to see the destruction and help with the rebuilding. When we arrived in New Orleans, I was impressed by how green everything is. Beautiful trees line the City streets and green lawns stood in stark contrast to our draught-stricken landscape in Southern California. There is no water shortage in Louisiana. I suggested that everyone on our team fill up as many bottles as possible so we could bring some water back home, but I don’t think airlines will allow you to bring water through the security check points anymore. I was also overwhelmed by the humidity. In Southern California, our weather is pretty dry and humidity is low. But in New Orleans, it is very humid. We were drenched with sweat all day long as we worked on dif-

ferent rebuilding projects. My favorite spot in New Orleans was the local CVS Pharmacy, because they had their air conditioning running full blast. When I walked into their store, it felt like I entered a freezer. It was great! I was very impressed with how friendly people were in New Orleans. We were often greeted with smiles and kind words as we worked in neighborhoods where people have returned after the hurricane. I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside many others who are helping to rebuild neighborhoods in New Orleans. I’ll share more in my next article. *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.*

Apathy Is Deadly

By NANCY STOOPS, M.A., M.F.T.



I believe apathy is the root cause for many of the problems in our world today. What has happened to us and when did so many of us stop caring? I know our world is hard and sometimes can feel like a very lonely place. I also know that I come across many people that still believe in themselves, others and in our world. I hate when I hear people just give up. I hate when people just stop caring and seem to exist in a full-time pity party. Life throws us many things that get in our way, but if we give up then we have wasted our lives. I think we use apathy as a defense mechanism to stop

feeling our pain. I guess it’s easier to not care, than to feel pain. I guess it makes it easier to hide from ourselves by acting like we just don’t care. Eventually, if we are apathetic enough and for a long period of time, the people trying to help us might even start to leave us alone. We may think this is what we really want, but I don’t think anybody truly wants that. I look at apathy as being emotionally shut off, or wanting to show the world that you are. We are here to live our lives to the fullest. We are supposed to care and, yes, sometimes we can get hurt - but turning off emotionally helps nobody. I hear a lot of people tell me they don’t care because there’s nothing they can do to make our world better. I disagree, because as long as we still care then we will work hard to be

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

Straight Talk With Danice

A Letter From Ali

By DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.



Q: My husband was not invited to walk his daughter down the aisle at her wedding. She chose a close family friend instead. My husband and his ex-wife had a horrible relationship, which made it impossible for him to have a decent relation-

ship with his daughter. He is very down on himself and feeling depressed. I don’t know how to help him. Any suggestions would be appreciated. A: Maybe your husband’s ex-wife was able to influence his daughter when she was a child, but most women who are getting married are adults. Certainly he had access to his young adult daughter without the influence of her mother. In my experience, no one can keep a good parent away from their child (especially an adult child). If the bride is not interested in a relationship with her father, he should do his best to

find out why. Everyone is an adult now. Try for a fresh start when they return from their honeymoon. Do not add any additional stress to their lives before the wedding. *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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San Gabriel Job Fair

STAFF REPORTS

SGV – California’s unemployment rate has continued to fall, dipping to 6.3 percent in June after sitting at 6.4 percent in May. The state added nearly 23,000 new jobs during the month, indicating California employers are still actively adding to their workforce.

With more than 1.9 million new jobs since February 2010, California continues to top all other states for job growth. Companies are hiring, and job fairs are playing a key role in connecting those looking for work with employers.

Mission Valley Church in San Gabriel will open its doors to job seekers and those who are contemplating career changes when it hosts the free San Gabriel Valley Job, Resource and College Fair on Wed., Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at 1201 S. San Gabriel Blvd. in San Gabriel.

“We believe that Mission Valley Free Methodist Church exists to be a loving community that invites and challenges people to move closer to Christ,” said Senior Pastor Dave Fukuyama. “Being a loving community means we extend God’s love and hope to our neighbors who live in our city. Fifty four percent of the residents who live in San Gabriel have immigrated to the United States seeking



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employment in order to provide a brighter future for themselves and their families. We are hosting this job fair to let people know that God cares about their desire to find employment and so do we.”

More than 40 employers, including many of the region’s leading companies, government organizations, staffing agencies, nonprofit organizations and other businesses, are expected to be in attendance recruiting employees to fill open positions ranging from entry-level jobs for high school and college graduates to positions for experienced professionals and military veterans.

Job-seekers will have the opportunity to meet and interview for a variety of positions – all in one day – including jobs in accounting, administration, clerical, customer service, education, financial services, health care, nursing, law enforcement, management, manufacturing, non-profit, sales, transportation and more. A host of employment resources and higher ed-

ucation institutions will also be on hand to discuss additional opportunities.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet, network and interview with representatives with all participating organizations. To register, visit www.missionvalleyfmc.org/#/job-fair, call (626) 285-6788 or email office@mvfmc.org.

A separate, free pre-fair resume writing and interviewing workshop on Wed., Aug. 12, is also available for job seekers wanting to take better control of their future employment prospects. The workshop will help participants update their resumes, search for positions online, dress for success and prepare in advance to handle common interview questions.

Presented by DeVry University, the workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Mission Valley Church. Only those attending the workshop will be given a priority “fast pass” for prompt entry into the Aug. 19 job fair. To register, visit www.missionvalleyfmc.org/#/job-fair.

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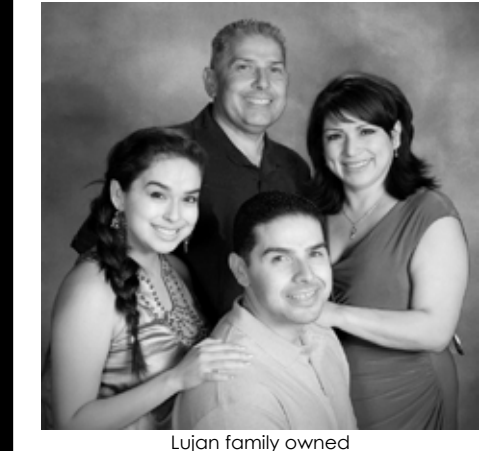
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Santos Sworn In As Mt. SAC Student Trustee



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New Mt. SAC Student Trustee, Elizabeth Santos

By MIKE TAYLOR

Walnut – Mt. San Antonio College student, Elizabeth Santos, was sworn in as the new student trustee for the 2015-16 academic year during the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees' July meeting.

As student trustee, Santos, 18, will present the student perspective on policy issues before Mt. SAC's governing board. She will have only an advisory vote, which does not count toward the passage or failure of a motion. The advisory vote helps the board know how the student trustee stands on issues and strengthens the student role in the college's shared governance process.

Santos, a resident of Rowland Heights, is a political science major. She has served as a co-chair for the Mt. SAC chapter of MeCha. In the community, she serves as a volunteer with the Rowland Unified School District and for her church, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Los Angeles. After she graduates from Mt. SAC, she plans to transfer to UCLA as a political science major.



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More than 60 college-hopeful high school students, including 21 from the Pomona Unified School District, participated in the 10th Annual REACH Business Summer Camp, hosted June 8-28 by the University of La Verne.

Pomona Students Sample College Life

Nearly 100 percent of students who attend the program go on to pursue a college degree

By JULIETTE FUNES

Pomona – 21 Pomona Unified School District students spent three weeks getting a glimpse of college life during the University of La Verne's annual REACH Summer Business Camp, where they experienced a stimulating and enriching academic environment as they explored the world of business.

As a way to help students "Reach" their potential, the camp - which is celebrating its 10th anniversary - provides high school juniors from underserved communities with an introduction to the business field. Nearly 100 percent of students who attend the program go on to pursue a college degree.

"Working with the REACH program is just one of the ways Pomona Unified encourages students to pursue higher education," Board President Andrew Wong said. "They learn that attending a university or college is attainable and feasible for them, and by getting an

idea of what the academic standards are like, they are able to better prepare themselves for college."

The University of La Verne's College of Business and Public Management hosted the annual camp.

June 8-28 for more than 60 college-hopeful students who took classes in accounting and finance, business ethics, economics, management and organization, marketing and website development.

Students also received valuable insight from local business owners who explained the key role leadership plays in entrepreneurship. They were also challenged to come up with their own ideas for a business and complete a thorough business plan.

"It was an amazing opportunity and unforgettable time for all of the students who gained confidence knowing that they can attend college," said Monique Cardenas, a business teacher at Garey and Village Academy high schools, who assisted La Verne professors with lesson plans and helped students with their research projects.

"Students gained a unique understanding of the role of business in the economy and

the importance of obtaining a post-secondary education," Cardenas said. "It was exciting to see the sparkle in their eyes."

The camp is held at no cost to students, who live in campus dorms, eat in dining halls and sit in on classroom lectures for the duration of the program. Those who complete the camp earn five elective credits through the Pomona Unified Regional Occupation Program and one unit from the University of La Verne.

"Our students have taken a significant step toward their college degrees and now have a better understanding of the business field thanks to the REACH Summer Business Camp," Superintendent Richard Martinez said. "I want to thank the University of La Verne and our other community partners for encouraging our students to explore their career aspirations and giving them the hands-on opportunity to do so."



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Pomona College is best

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uate four-year institution with approximately 1,600 students each semester, according to their website. The School is part of the Claremont Colleges, a conglomerate of five undergraduate and two graduate institutions in the San Gabriel Valley.

Pomona College was founded in 1887, and the innovators that designed this beautiful school envisioned "a college of the New England type with small classes, close relationships between students and faculty, and a green jewel of a campus," their website continues. And from that beginning, Pomona has grown to be one of the nation's premier liberal arts colleges, well known for not only the original vision, but also a challenging curriculum, quality academic programs, and a wide variety of personal growth and intellectual development opportunities for students.

Pomona College refers to its students as "Architects of Education." With an average class size of 15 and large-scale resources, students are easily able to cultivate a great enthusiasm for learning by collaborating with professors, who are also top scholars in their fields. Notable Pomona College alumni include Roy E. Disney, Kris Kristofferson, Richard Chamberlain, and Joel McCrea.

For the 2015 listing, Forbes ranked Williams College No. 2, followed by Stanford, Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Swarthmore, Brown, Amherst and M.I.T., respectively, completing the Top 10 in the country. The rankings are a result of Forbes "return-on-invest" scale, which gives specific points for high graduation rates, career success, low debt, and student satisfaction.

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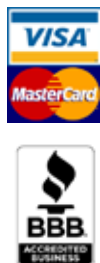
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