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### Youth Takes Unique Approach to Leadership

**4-H proven to empower area youth through life skill development**

BY DOUG GAEHLE

**Corona** - It's no secret that today's youth feel pressure. Pressure to excel in school, to go to

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### LASD Honor Fallen

**L.A. Deputies Bicycle to Washington D.C. in 2016 Police Unity Tour to Honor Fallen Officers**

LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

**Los Angeles** - On May 12, 2016, 2,300 law enforcement personnel from across the nation will participate in the Police Unity Tour, a bicycle tour to raise awareness for fallen peace officers and raise funds for the National Law En-

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SB 819 would make California the 30th state to ban or restrict the sale of this dangerous product - Palcohol.

## Powdered Alcohol Ban Passes Test

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SENATOR BOB HUFF'S OFFICE

**Sacramento** - Legislation that would ban powdered alcohol, or "Palcohol," in California

easily passed its first fiscal test earlier this month, receiving unanimous support from the Senate Appropriations Committee. SB 819 would make California the 30th state to ban

or restrict the sale of this dangerous product. Given that this is Distracted Driving Awareness Month in California, this bill

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## Inclusive Park Playground Dedication



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BY PRISCILLA PEREZ

**West Covina** - The City of West Covina held a dedication ceremony for its first inclusive playground on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. The event took place at Cameron Park located at 1305 East Cameron Avenue. This playground was made possible through the Healthy Play Action Grant from the California Park and Recre-

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## 11 Arrested In Pomona For Prostitution

STAFF REPORTS

**Pomona** - The Pomona Police Department arrested nine individuals for 653.22 PC, Loitering With Intent to Commit Prostitution and two individuals for 647(b) PC, Solicits or Agrees to Engage in any act of Prostitution.

On April 23, members from the Pomona Police Department conducted directed enforcement along the East and West Holt Corridor. This area is known for prostitution related activity. Using officers in an undercover and uniform capacity,

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## Hacienda Heights Couple Plead Guilty

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**Hacienda Heights** - A Hacienda Heights couple pleaded guilty today to federal fraud charges related to their participating in a scheme that generated millions of dollars by soliciting investments in a company that purportedly offered children's educational courses - but in reality was a pyramid scheme designed to generate

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## Did You Know?

### Ways to stay sane caring for an elderly relative

BY JOHN SHORE, MADDAD

One of the most emotionally complex and difficult things a person can experience is taking care of an elderly parent. I recently spent time tending to my aging, widowed father, and thought I'd pass along these 8 points, each of which I found to be significantly helpful during this phase of my own life.

- **Accept that things have changed** - When a parent starts in any way depending upon their child, the world has turned upside down. Be prepared for that radically new paradigm. Old roles may not apply; old methodologies may not apply; old emotions may not apply. Be prepared to work from - and write- a whole new script.

- **Take it slowly**- Taking care of an elderly parent is generally a marathon, not a sprint. Don't rush it. You and they both are in uncharted territory. Let the process reveal itself to you; to the degree that you can, let whatever happens unfold organically. As much as you lead what's happening, follow it.

- **Expect nothing emotionally**- At the end phase of your life, your parent might open up to you emotionally and spiritually; they might express for you the love that, for whatever reason, they haven't before. But they also might not do that; your parent might even more tenaciously cling to their crazy. If as you care for your aging parent you bond with them in a new and deeper way, of course that's fantastic. But if you're expecting or even hoping for that to happen when you go into caring for them, you will wade into dangerous waters. Better to have no expectations and be surprised, than to have your hopes dashed.

- **Expect their anger**- When you start taking care of your parent, they lose the one thing they've always had in relationship to you: authority. That's not going to be easy for them to give up. Expect them, in one way or another, to lash out about that loss.

- **Give them their autonomy**- Insofar as you can, offer your parent options instead of orders. It's important for them

to continue to feel as if they, and not you, are running their lives. Let them decide everything they can about their own care and situation.

- **Ask their advice**- A great way to show your parent love and respect — and, especially, to affirm for them that they are still of true value to you — is to sincerely ask them for advice about something going on in your life.

- **Separate their emotional dysfunction from their cognitive dysfunction**- Insofar as you can, through your conversations and interactions with your parent, learn to distinguish between their emotional and cognitive dysfunction. The patterns of your parent's emotional dysfunctions will probably be familiar to you; those, you'll know how to deal with. But their cognitive dysfunction will probably be new to you. Track it; react to it gingerly; discuss it with your parent's health care providers. Mostly, just be aware that it's new, and so demands a new kind of response.

- **Pray or meditate**- Life doesn't offer a lot more emotionally salient or complex than caring for an aging parent. Accordingly, then, open yourself up to God, whatever that might mean to you. Be sure to get down on your knees regularly, or sit comfortably in a quiet place; close your eyes; breathe deeply and slowly; and wait to come over you the peace that surpasses understanding. What you're undergoing with your parent right now is bigger than you, your parent, or anyone else involved. Do not fail to avail yourself of the great and mighty source from whose perspective it has all, already, been resolved. ■

## Modest Is Hottest

BY SARAH SANCHEZ



From shirts that show mid-ribs to bikini bottoms that only cover half of your bum — has anyone noticed the change in fashion trends? It seems like what's "in," is to show more skin.

It's hard to talk to teens and young adults about going against the trend, but local youth pastor, Chris Kirish, at IgniteVPC, gave it a shot with a modesty-themed sermon last year.

Pastor Kirish talked about how bikinis were invited by French designer, Louis Reard, in 1946. Bathing suits at that time were more modest, only showing a small section of the midriff. In fact, when the bikini was introduced, it was so scandalous that Reard couldn't find a model to wear it. He resorted to having an Exotic dancer being the first woman to ever wear a bikini in public.

Kirish went on to educate the students about a study that was done to determine what men thought of when they saw a woman in a bikini. Men in the study were hooked up to a machine and given a variety of pictures. When they saw women in bikinis or sexually-related clothing, the region of the brain associated with *tool use* lit up. Therefore, the conclusion of the study indicated that when women wear bikinis or sexually-related clothing, men



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see them as objects, not a person they can socialize with.

As a woman, I personally thought this study was eye opening on how important it is to dress modestly. Our youth looks up to us, whether we want them to or not. So if we're wearing a bathing suit that looks like it could be underwear (or smaller than underwear), then our youth will do the same, thinking that it's okay.

Getting a bad tan line in a modest bathing suit is the rising issue when this topic is discussed with women. But really, what's more important: getting a good tan line (that you probably will be the only one seeing), or setting a good example to the youth in your life? Considering there are so many cute bathing suits and clothing that cover up, I believe that we can set a good example and still look fabulous doing so.

Many believe this is a controversial issue, but personally, I believe that "Modest IS Hot-test". Does your wardrobe show where you stand? ■

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# History 101

## George Washington Gives First Presidential Inaugural Address

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On April 30, 1789, George Washington is sworn in as the first American president and delivers the first inaugural speech at Federal Hall in New York City. Elements of the ceremony set tradition; presidential inaugurations have deviated little in the two centuries since Washington's inauguration.

In front of 10,000 spectators, Washington appeared in a plain brown broadcloth suit holding a ceremonial army sword. At 6'3, Washington presented an impressive and solemn figure as he took the oath of office standing on the second balcony of Federal Hall. With Vice President John Adams standing beside him, Washington repeated the words prompted by Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, kissed the bible and then went to the Senate chamber to deliver his inaugural address.



George Washington give his 1789 Inaugural Address at the Old City Hall in New York.

Observers noted that Washington appeared as if he would have preferred facing cannon and musket fire to taking the political helm of the country. He fidgeted, with his hand in one pocket, and spoke in a low, sometimes inaudible voice while he reiterated the mixed emotions of anxiety and honor he felt in assuming the role of president. For the most part, his address consisted of generalities, but he directly addressed the need for a strong Constitution and Bill of Rights and frequently emphasized the public good. He told the House of Represen-

tatives that he declined to be paid beyond such actual expenditures as the public good may be thought to require. In deference to the power of Congress, Washington promised to give way to my entire confidence in your discernment and pursuit of the public good.

After delivering his address, Washington walked up Broadway with a group of legislators and local political leaders to pray at St. Paul's Chapel. Later, he made the humble and astute observation that his presidency, and the nation itself, was an experiment. ■

# Powdered alcohol ban passes test

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takes on even more importance.

Powdered alcohol is a freeze dried version of alcohol which comes in a small pouch and is the equivalent of a shot of alcohol. The crystallized formula becomes a cocktail once mixed with water. Although the product isn't sold in stores yet, labeling was approved by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau in 2014.

"The Appropriations Committee concluded that my legislation does not present any significant state cost to taxpayers and I'm happy with that determination," said Senator Huff. "This product must not be allowed to reach store shelves. It presents an array of potential health problems as it can be snorted, added to energy drinks, added to fruit and slipped to unknowing recipients, or even added to beverages already containing alcohol in an attempt to create a dangerously potent concoction," said Senator Huff.

According to a national advocacy group Alcohol Justice, California is the largest alcohol market in the U.S. and suffers the most alcohol-related harm. A 2013 study from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found that the societal costs for binge drinking are higher in California than in any other state: \$32 billion for one year of excessive alcoholic consumption. Problems caused by binge drinking include lost work productivity, poor health, crime, automobile accidents, property damage and death.

SB 819 has earned the support of numerous organizations, including Alcohol Justice, California Alcohol Policy Alliance, California Council on Alcohol Problems, California District Attorneys Association, California Friday Night Live Partnership, California State Sheriffs' Association, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance.

The California College and University Police Chiefs Association (CCUPCA), which deals with many alcohol related problems on college campuses, recently weighed in with the following warning:

"Our organization is responsible for the protection of over three million students and employees at the campuses those students attend," the CCUPCA stated in a letter to Huff's office. "We are already on the front lines of criminal behavior rooted in overconsumption of alcohol and the injection of so-called Palcohol into the campus equation will only exacerbate existing problems."

"I'm personally pleased that this issue has achieved such widespread bipartisan support, including the co-authorship of Senate President pro-Tem Kevin de León," said Senator Huff. "I continue to work closely with Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks) on a companion measure that has been introduced in the Assembly, AB 1554. Assemblymember Irwin is also a principal coauthor of my bill," added Huff. ■

# 11 arrested for prostitution

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they were able to arrest the following individuals.

**653.22 PC:**

Female, Aun Sot, 42 Long Beach Resident

Male, Theodore Williams, 61 Montclair Resident

Male, Hector Guevara Becerril, 26 Chino Resident

Female, Laverne Grisby, 33 Grand Terrace Resident

Female, Amaya Felix, 19 Po-

mona Resident

Female, Ziporah Jenkins, 44 Rancho Cucamonga Resident

Female, Ebony Lewis, 29 Pomona Resident

Female, Bilisha Nettles, 18 Los Angeles Resident

Female, Christina Willis, 31 Pomona Resident

**647(b) PC:**

Male, Raul Vasquez, 58 Azusa Resident

Female, Lawana Roberson, 21 San Bernardino Resident

The Pomona Police Depart-

ment takes a proactive approach in improving the quality of life issues by deterring prostitution and human trafficking in the City of Pomona. Similar operations are scheduled to take place in the near future.

Anyone with information regarding the listed incidents, or similar type incidents, are encouraged to contact the Pomona Police Department at (909) 620-2085. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you can call "Crime Stoppers" at 1-(800)-222-TIPS (8477).

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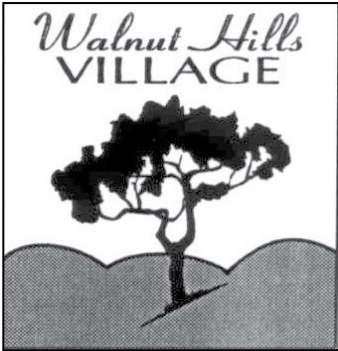
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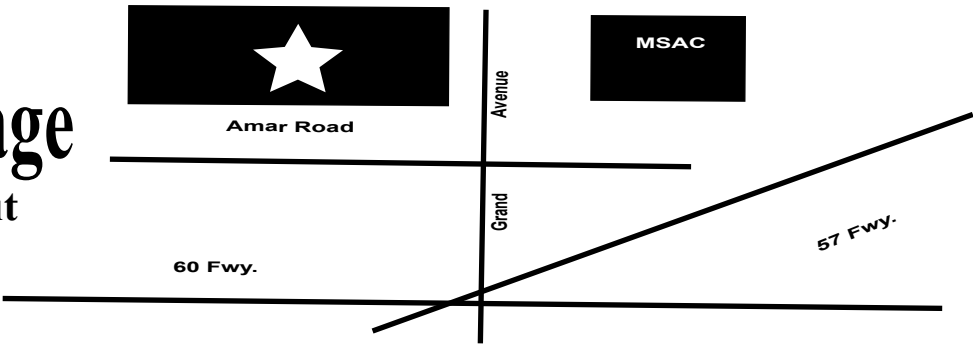
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# An Old Friend

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER



We got a phone call today that a dear friend had died. It was not unexpected; Margaret was over 90 years old. But this wonderful woman and her husband made a lasting impact on our family. We met Ray and Margaret while I was the pastor of a small church in Tucson, Arizona, in the 1980's. They were "snow birds" who came to Tucson each year to get away from the long, cold winters in Minnesota. They were hard working farmers with grown children and several grandchildren. They were able to soak up some sunshine in Arizona during the winter months. Later, they bought a home in Tucson and became full-time residents. Ray and Margaret quietly helped others. They had servant hearts. When my wife and I needed to get away for a few days, they would stay with our kids in our house. Not only did they feed and care for our kids, but they would clean our house too! Our children still remember the "clean plate club" when

Ray and Margaret came to stay with them. If our kids ate all the food on their plates, they were rewarded by Ray and Margaret with a visit to Dairy Queen and a Peanut Buster Sundae! When our young family was growing and we needed a room addition, Ray and Margaret loaned us the money to finish the job. Although we did repay that loan over several years, they insisted on providing the floor covering so that our young kids would not be walking or crawling on a cement floor! One summer we drove across the country and visited their farm in northern Minnesota. We were thrilled to see their family farm, their home and their garden. It sure looked different than the Arizona desert where our family lived. Ray and Margaret had a firm, unshakable faith in Jesus Christ. In his later years, Ray used to say goodbye like this, "If I don't see you again, I'll see you in heaven." They were generous and faithful members of our church. I will never forget the time when our church was beginning a new building project. We were committed to pay cash for each phase of construction. At one point, the lumber was scheduled to be delivered on a Mon-

day but we didn't have all the funds to pay at delivery. The church leaders met after the Sunday evening service to pray and discuss what we should do. During that meeting, there was a knock at the door. A man handed a check to our chairman to cover the remaining amount that was due the next day. That check came from Ray and Margaret! I have never forgotten that moment. It was a wonderful reminder of how God provides through faithful people like this remarkable couple. I wonder if there have been some people like Ray and Margaret who have impacted your family and your life. They were like an extra set of grandparents to our kids. When was the last time you expressed your thanks to someone who impacted your life as a child, teen, young adult or young couple? Don't wait until it is too late. Write a note, send a card or make a call this week and tell them again how much you appreciate how God used them to enrich your life. *Pastor Mark Hopper is from the Evangelical Free Church of Diamond Bar, 3255 South Diamond Bar Blvd. 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).* ■

# Straight Talk With Danice

**How do I stay neutral in my parents' divorce? - A Letter from Jena**

By DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.



**Q:** I am twenty five years old. My parents are in the middle of a divorce. I notice that both of them are bending over backward to do nice things for me and buy me gifts so they can get me to be on their side. This makes me

mad. I want to be close to both of my parents without having to choose sides. Do you think this is possible? **A:** Yes, I do think it's possible to stay neutral with your parents. Let them know that you are not open to hearing unsolicited negative comments from either of them. In order to do this successfully, you will have to stay out of their business. If they try to draw you in, gently remind each of them of your desire to love and respect them both as they work through this crisis in their lives. You are not obligated in any way to wedge yourself in the middle of their marital issues. Spend time

with them individually and try to enjoy their company. If they remain miserable, suggest that they seek some counseling or coaching individually in order to keep a healthy relationship with you. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask for it. Good Luck. *Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Services. She offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. To send a question to Danice, email her at [straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com](mailto:straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candidcoachingservices.com](http://www.candidcoachingservices.com).* ■

# Feel Very Proud

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



I have one child named Bryan. Bryan, or should I say Dr. Stoops, will be 38 years old in July. This past week, Bryan became an Assistant Principal at the high school he was working at. He had been at another high school where no matter how great his work and qualifications were his boss just never gave him the promotion he was so very deserving of. For at least five years he would get his hopes up and then he would be let down. As his mother, it was heart-breaking to see him go through

this. He finally moved to another school where he was a Dean for barely a year and now they have promoted him to an Assistant Principal. I am very proud of how hard he has worked on getting a Doctorate Degree and an Administrative Credential. I am equally proud of his tenacity and how he never gave up on his dreams. As defeated as he was made to feel, he never quit. Most parents love their children and I love mine, but I also like who he is. I have so much respect for this incredible man and his amazing spirit. I feel better about this world knowing Bryan is in it. I love seeing how confident he has become. He has accomplished all of this while raising two children and running

his Martial Arts school. So this week I celebrate Bryan and tenacity. Very rarely do I use this column to brag but this week I need to shout it out to the world how very proud I am to be this man's mother. I also want to remind all of you parents to have faith in your children and to continue to support them however you can. So my hats off to Bryan and all of you that keep having the tenacity to make your dreams come true! *This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy is now accepting new clients. She also works as a motivational speaker. Nancy runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups*

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# LASD honor fallen

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forcement Officer's Memorial in Washington D.C. Additional sheriff and police officials will join the tour to provide support for riders, making this one of the largest law enforcement events in the United States. This year's ride is especially memorable, as it will mark the event's twentieth anniversary.

The Police Unity Tour is the largest donor to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. Last year's event raised over \$1.9 million, which was donated to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund. Since 1997, donations total nearly \$18 million.

Funds received through donations go toward careful and respectful maintenance of the Memorial, which contains the names of over 20,000 fallen heroes. It receives year-round care including re-engraving, coating and sealing of the names, as well as the cleaning of the walls and other memorial improvements.

The Police Unity Tour's motto, which is simply stated, "We Ride For Those Who Died," is just that: Law enforcement personnel joining together to complete a bicycle tour, raising awareness for their professional brothers and sisters who died in the line of duty, and raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial



Sheriff's participate in the Police Unity Tour PHOTO COURTESY: FACEBOOK

and Museum. It was organized in 1997, by Officer Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department, New Jersey, and began with 18 riders on a four-day, fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, New Jersey, to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. That event raised \$18,000.

The Police Unity Tour – Southern California Chapter VII will have over 400 riders and supporters participating in the event. On May 8, 2016, the group will fly with their equipment to Somerset, New Jersey, where they will begin the three-day, 280-mile journey through Philadelphia, Delaware and Maryland, and complete their circuit in Washington D.C. They will join other law enforcement officers from other Police Unity Tour Chapters across the United States as they ride into Washington D.C. to kick-off National Police Week.

Sheriff Jim McDonnell said, "2016 marks the twentieth anniversary of the Police Unity Tour, and the Department is proud to have assembled its largest group of participants for this noble cause to date. Each mem-

ber has invested hours of training to prepare for the challenging ride, and raised a commendable amount of donations to maintain our nation's memorial for fallen law enforcement officers. Their efforts have raised the public's awareness and appreciation for all law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe."

The Police Unity Tour – Southern California Chapter VII group includes many dedicated personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

If you would like to sponsor a rider or contribute to the Police Unity Tour - Southern California Chapter VII, click [www.socalput.com](http://www.socalput.com) or send your donation to:

All donations to the Police Unity Tour are tax deductible (Tax ID# 22-3530541).

For information about the Police Unity Tour please contact Media Relations Coordinator, Karin Storm, at [storm@socalput.com](mailto:storm@socalput.com) or Chapter President Gil Curtis at [curtis@socalput.com](mailto:curtis@socalput.com).

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# Traditional Chinese cuisine at Mandarin Taste

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"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 tacos and burritos to carne asada and fajitas.

The Whole Enchilada's food is only one reason to celebrate at their restaurant. They also pride themselves on excellent customer service due to their family friendly servers being attentive, courteous, and knowledgeable.

If you're planning a celebration, parties can be planned easily at a home or business with The Whole Enchilada's catering service. Book now and you can reserve a portion of the restaurant to celebrate with good food, family, and friends.

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you celebrate special moments, raise money for your team or organization, and provide a wonderful experience for your children. They love working with the community to help with fundraisers, and special events for churches, sports, schools, clubs, and more. Birthday parties are always fun at The Whole Enchilada, as well. No matter how old you are, the staff will provide you with a total birthday experience including singing, a special picture to take home, free birthday hat and dessert, and best of all, five "Enchilada Bucks" to use the next time you visit.

Better yet, The Whole Enchilada's "Kids Club" includes four

mailings per year entitling your children to a free meal when accompanied by an adult, as well as a birthday invitation for a free meal and dessert.

The Whole Enchilada has gift cards available for purchase in person or online at [www.wholeenchilada.com](http://www.wholeenchilada.com). And remember to ask your server for a Combo Punch Card on your next visit, which provides a free combo dinner when you purchase any nine of their combination dinners.

The Whole Enchilada is located at 1114 S. Diamond Bar Blvd, (at Grand Ave.), in Diamond Bar. You can reach them at (909) 861-5340, and visit their website at [www.wholeenchilada.com](http://www.wholeenchilada.com).

# Advanced Improvements provides comfort for your home

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Advanced Improvements' mission is to build top quality home and office improvement projects on time, with exemplary customer service, and within your budget. Right now, Advanced Improvements is offering specials and discounts on a variety of their products.

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# Local Company Looks To Help Others In Need

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According to The Knot, which is the #1 wedding site in the nation, the average cost of a wedding is **\$33,118**, with nearly **\$5500** of that money going towards creative services such as providing a DJ, photographer, and videographer. The average cost to throw an event in California with the same services ranges from \$5,000 to \$40,000!

With high costs and high demand for these services, a local company began thinking of ways in which they could leverage those services provided while giving back to local and global communities around us that are in need!

The Remedy Collective plans to use creative services in DJ'ing, photography, and videography in order to provide excellent service and an opportunity to help change

people's lives in the process.

For every event they provide services for, they are going to have an opportunity to provide remedy (cure, help, aid) and provide impact to a local or global outreach.

For **global impact** they are going to provide rent for families serving in unreached, uncharted villages overseas for an **entire month**.

For **local impact**, they are going to **provide food** for people that live in lower social-economic areas, or who are homeless and living on the streets and or shelters!

The Remedy Collective's mission is "Healing Culture with Creativity" and their hope is that through their creative gifts, they can provide ways to give back and love on today's culture. "Every good and perfect gift comes from above, and we just want to

use our gifts to point to Jesus. So we invite you to join us as we seek to provide a remedy to this world!"

Be a part of the Remedy Collective's cause by supporting their campaign, which will help them purchase the resources and equipment they need for several upcoming events in the near future. This will also finalize their insurance and web development. Check out their video on their GoFundMe account at: <https://www.gofundme.com/4dzpjft8>

**All donations are greatly appreciated. But if you provide a \$50 donation, you will receive a Remedy Logo Sticker. If you provide a \$100 donation, you will receive a limited Remedy Collective T-shirt. And for a \$500 donation, you will receive DJ/emcee services for 5 hours! ■**

# A unique approach to leadership

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college, to get a job, etc. How they overcome those pressures is a true testament to their character. Take Corona native Aidan Longridge for example.

Aidan, 17, credits his enrollment in 4-H, the nation's largest youth organization, to helping him overcome adversity and build confidence along the way. The life skills taught through 4-H helped Aidan learn to work with others, overcome challenges and complete jobs once he started them.

Aidan took advantage of the breadth of programs 4-H offers, from science and agriculture to business and creative arts.

"I enrolled in 4-H after my mom received a recommendation to join from a family friend," said Aidan, a member of the Alvord Aggies 4-H club. "I've always had a passion for speaking in front of people and through my years in 4-H I've had many opportunities to get involved in projects that have made me more confident in myself and my abilities as a speaker."

Aidan started in 4-H when he was 5 years old, and since then has participated in the communications project.

Today, Aidan is involved in communication, chess, drama and leadership projects as well



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*Aidan Longridge thanks 4-H for nurturing his passion for public speaking through the many leadership projects offered there.*

as part of a national home school speech and debate league.

"Joining a speech and debate league was a direct result of the confidence and experience I gained through my 4-H projects," said Aidan.

America needs more true leaders focused on today's challenges, as well as the issues of tomorrow. A recent survey by National 4-H Council found that 71 percent of today's youth view leadership as something they can practice improve over time. But those same youth need supportive adults to help them along the way.

4-H brings a community together to grow true leaders in today's youth – helping build confidence, teamwork, curiosity and

resilience.

"My advisor Heather Bean has been a positive impact on my 4-H experience," said Aidan. "In addition to valuable life skills, 4-H teaches you about building character, problem solving, fostering friendships and to keep challenging yourself."

Any child can grow with 4-H, an organization that has something for every interest. But 4-H is always looking for adult volunteers and funding to help expand their reach and empower young people through doing. To find out more about helping 4-H in your area, contact your local extension office or visit [4H.org](http://4H.org). Or, visit [www.ca4hfoundation.org](http://www.ca4hfoundation.org) to make a donation to the California 4-H Foundation.

# Inclusive park playground dedication

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ation Society (CPRS) and Playcore.

The new pirate-themed playground will include wheelchair ramps and an adaptive glider serving physical, social, and cognitive needs of children in

our community. This will be the first inclusive playground in the City of West Covina creating fun for kids of all abilities.

"Cameron Park was in need of a new playground and I am thrilled that West Covina now has an inclusive playground to serve its residents," said City of West

Covina Mayor James Toma. "The City strives for full inclusion in its programming and this playground is a positive step in getting us there."

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# Not So Fast, Not So Furious

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From Greased Lighting to Eleanor, street racing has been woven into the fabric of Southern California both in real life and the movies. What is the allure of street racing?

Those involved have said it's an adrenaline rush similar to being on a roller coaster. The only difference is you are safely strapped into a roller coaster that has a beginning and an end. When you mix thousands of pounds of a vehicle with speed, it only takes a second for tragedy to occur. What is the draw for young people to street race even though many admit to the dangers and consequences? For many young people, it's the sense of belonging to a select group, for some it's a way to find some semblance of an identity they long for, and for others it's the thrill of doing something that's on the verge of recklessness.

Street racing is always illegal and extremely dangerous to both participants and onlookers. The California Highway Patrol actively investigates street racing and takes enforcement action whenever possible. The CHP has partnered with several allied agencies to combat the issue of illegal street racing. This partnership has led to arrests, vehicle impounds and citations.

Here are just a few hazards associated with street racing:

- Some people think a vehicle is a toy and when used in this manner it becomes a deadly weapon.
- Street racers often don't wear safety belts and sometimes have been drinking or using illegal drugs.
- Racing should only be done on a dedicated track, not on public

roads where accidents can occur. If you engage in street racing, remember these possible consequences:

- Jail or prison time
- Injury resulting in death
- Injury to yourself or others
- Damage to property

The community's concern makes a big difference. Anyone who hears about a street race, planned or already taking place should advise the CHP promptly. We'll take it from there.

The CHP wants to remind you - don't live your life a quarter mile at a time, you might not ever get a chance to cross the finish line. For more information, visit [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov). ■

# Hacienda Heights couple plead guilty to federal fraud charges

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revenue by adding new investors.

Cheong Wha "Heywood" Chang, 48, and Chang's wife, Toni Chen, 47, each pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud and admitted that they made materially false representations and omissions in order to induce people to invest in a series of Hong Kong-based companies collectively known as CKB. With other names that included WIN168 Biz Solutions, Ltd.; CKB168 Ltd.; and Cyber Kids Best Education Limited, these companies claimed to generate substantial profits from the sale of web-based children's educational courses. The scheme operated from at least September 2012 through at least the beginning of 2014.

Chang and Chen each admitted that made false statements to investors, including: CKB was a successful and profitable business; with each investment of \$1,380, an investor would

receive "Profit Reward Points" (PRPTs) that were worth \$750 and could be exchanged for money; PRPTs would increase in value as a passive investment, even if investors did not actively recruit new investors to CKB or sell CKB courses; and PRPTs were analogous to, or could be converted into, pre-IPO or future shares of CKB that would increase greatly in value when CKB went public. These statements to investors were false.

Authorities have yet to accurately determine the amount of losses suffered by victims in this CKB scheme, but in their plea agreements Chang and Chen admit they received approximately \$2 million as a result of the fraud scheme.

"These defendants defrauded investors out of millions of dollars, and then they attempted to obstruct justice when the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a lawsuit," said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. "The fraudulent conduct in this case has

harmful many people, both in the United States and abroad."

Chang and Cheng will face up to 20 years in federal prison when they are sentenced by United States District Judge Dale S. Fischer on February 6, 2017.

Three other defendants who are charged in an indictment that was filed last summer - Wen Chen "Wendy" Lee, Daliang "David" Guo, and Chih Hsuan "Kiki" Lin - are scheduled to go on trial before Judge Fischer in November. These three defendants are each charged with one count of conspiracy and 13 counts of wire fraud. The indictment alleges that the defendants collected approximately \$30 million from CKB investors.

*An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.*

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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# BPUSD Schools Earn Gold Ribbons

**Campuses promote college attendance, literacy, biliteracy, collaborative teaching and parent engagement**

BY WILLIAM DIEPENBROCK

**Baldwin Park** – Eight Baldwin Park Unified schools were named California Gold Ribbon Schools on Wednesday for boosting student achievement through programs that promote college, literacy, English/Spanish biliteracy, collaborative teaching and parent engagement.

Baldwin Park Unified's Central, Charles Bursch, Elwin, Ernest R. Geddes, Foster, Kenmore, Pleasant View and Tracy elementary schools were each recognized.

"Our Gold Ribbon awards are clear and resounding validation of the strength of Baldwin Park Unified's academic program," Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "A hallmark of all these programs is how they grew from the commitment of our teachers and campus leaders to craft new approaches to meet the needs of all of our students."

The Gold Ribbon is California's highest academic award,

created in 2015 as a substitute to the Distinguished School Program to celebrate schools for model programs during roll-out of the new California Standards. The program started last year with middle and high schools. This year, it recognized 758 elementary schools.

Schools applied for the Gold Ribbon program in November 2015. Applications were reviewed in January and site visits conducted through March. Regional award ceremonies will be held in May.

**Baldwin Park Unified Winning Programs:**

**Central Elementary:** The school created a STEM Exploratory Laboratory credited with boosting state science scores and student engagement.

**Charles Bursch Elementary:** No Excuses University and Teach Like a Champion programs are raising academic expectations for students and pushing innovation for teachers. They have raised performance for all student groups on the state's previous assessments and its new Common Core-aligned tests.

**Elwin Elementary:** The school's Heartfelt Parent Engagement Program has increased parent participation in school programs, which in turn has driven improvements

in student engagement and achievement.

**Ernest R. Geddes Elementary:** An emphasis on collaborative teaching has led to early implementation of an instructional intervention program and national recognition for closing the achievement gap.

**Foster Elementary:** A dual-language immersion program not only creates a path to biliteracy, but also has helped boost student performance on state assessments.

**Kenmore Elementary:** A literacy integration program incorporates reading and writing standards across all content areas. Literacy tools have boosted school test scores and sped transition of English learners to fluent English speakers.

**Pleasant View Elementary:** A No Excuses University program creates collaboration among teachers, parents and students to boost academic expectations. Performance has surged on assessments, putting the school at the forefront of the District.

**Tracy Elementary:** The school's dual-language immersion program is so popular that students transfer to the district to enroll. Participants test at par or outperform their peers, regardless of demographic challenges.

# DUI Accident Staged

**"Every 15 Minutes" Program Held At Rowland High School on April 21 & 22**

STAFF REPORTS

Rowland Heights – Days before their Prom, juniors and seniors at Rowland High School received a jolt as they experienced a 911 call over their classroom speakers, then walked outside to view a fatal drunk-driving traffic accident outside their school. Students watched in real time a simulation of a fatal traffic accident that involves their fellow students who drove under the influence of alcohol and the events that follow. They watched as police officers, fire, ambulance and emergency units and yes, even the morgue, respond. An assembly was also held with a "mock" memorial and speaker by M.A.D.D. (*Mothers Against Drunk Drivers*).

**On Thursday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m.,** a simulation of the drunk driving accident took place while 1,100 juniors and seniors watch. Accident took place outside of the school at the corner of Killian and Otterbein Avenue.

**On Friday, April 22, at 11 a.m.,** and assembly took place where students watched video of the accident and the events

that followed, including students arrested and booked, while the injured were taken to Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Baldwin Park. Interviews of students and families were also conducted. The assembly ended with a "casket", family speakers and presentation.

The "Every 15 Minutes" program is a massive coordination of resources and it is one of the most impactful programs brought to the Rowland Unified School District, coordinated by its own School Police Department under the direction of Chief of Police, Don Fernald. Rowland Unified would like to thank the team of many local agencies, businesses and individuals that came together to make this event happen, including: Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff Station, Santa Fe Springs Office of the California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Fire Department Stations 145 and 118, Olive Garden Restaurant, Royal Coaches Towing, AMR Ambulance Service, Kaiser Permanente Hospital - Baldwin Park, Quality Inn & Suites - Walnut, Custer Christensen Mortuary, Speed Zone, the Rowland Unified School District Board, Administration, RUSD School Police Department, Rowland School District Transportation, Rowland High School staff and community.

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