

IE News

Inmate Missing From SB Camp

STAFF REPORTS

Crestline - An inmate walked away from a state conservation camp on Tuesday, May 31.

The inmate identified as Chad Ellebracht, 40, was reported missing at around 7:30 a.m. from the Pilot Rock Conservation Camp #15 in the San Bernardino County, officials stated. Dormitory build-

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Pomona

Prostitution/ Human Trafficking Arrests

STAFF REPORTS

Pomona - The Pomona Police Department joined with the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force (LAHTTF) to arrest 30 suspects for prostitution and human trafficking.

On May 25, a large scale operation was conducted in

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BPUSD's Rubio Accused of Violating Board Policies, Recall Suggested

BY D. RADILLO

Baldwin Park - During a February school board meeting, Baldwin Park Unified School District (BPUSD) board member, Blanca Rubio, was accused by a 33-year employee of violating school board policies and a laundry list of wrongdoings, which include: her husband was given a job and promotion; for allegedly covering up his arrest for being under the influence and possession of a narcotic; replacing the district's law firm with another who had given her campaign donations, and for soliciting donations to current school board vendors for her Assembly seat campaign, according to a youtube video of the board meeting: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCrzY5YwMeQ&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>)

Mike Orona, who served as an employee for the BPUSD for



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Blanca Rubio, a Baldwin Park Unified School District board member, was recently accused of violating board policies at a BPUSD board meeting.

over 33 years, accused Rubio of violating school board policies and questioned her "personal ethics" when she allegedly solicited campaign funds for her Assembly election, which is this Tuesday, June 7, 2016. The solicitation was to a current BPUSD school vendor. "I was contacted by some contractors who

perform services for the Baldwin Park School District. Blanca Rubio personally solicited them for money. Board policy strictly prohibits them from this type of activity. So again, you talk about unethical practices and conflict of interest," Orona added at the meeting.

"I am personally questioning her ethics and personal judgment regarding her husband John Lopez," Orona stated at the board meeting. He was referring to the rehiring of Lopez while Rubio was a school board member.

Orona goes on to accuse Rubio of violating educational code 1090. "This action may be punishable as a crime," Orona added. **GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 1090** 1090.(a) Members of the Legislature, state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees

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Sheriff Station's New Exchange Zone



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STAFF REPORTS

Walnut/Diamond Bar - Buying and selling online has become a new trend within social media sites, internet sites, and new apps that have been created. However, reports of thefts have raised an issue with Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Department. Therefore, the Sheriff's Department has created an "exchange zone" for residents to

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L.A. Fitness Coming To BP

Project expected to revitalize long-time vacant lot in Baldwin Park

STAFF REPORTS

Baldwin Park - The City of Baldwin Park has announced that a new L.A. Fitness center will be filling the empty lot at 13822 Garvey Ave. Construction is expected to start early next month.

A special groundbreaking ceremony for the project is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, at 11 a.m. Construction of the two-story, 45,000-square-foot project

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WC Wanted Suspect Caught

STAFF REPORTS

West Covina - A suspect was arrested this week after allegedly shooting a West Covina Police Officer. A 20K reward was also offered for his arrest last week.

On May 20, at approximately 11:18 p.m., Jose Chavez, 47, fired numerous shots at West Covina Police Officer Kenny Benitez, who was attempting

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Famous outlaws, Bonnie and Clyde, were shot and killed in 1934.

History 101

Police Kill Famous Outlaws Bonnie And Clyde

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On May 23, 1934, notorious criminals Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are shot to death by Texas and Louisiana state police while driving a stolen car near Sailes, Louisiana.

Bonnie Parker met the charismatic Clyde Barrow in Texas when she was 19-years-old and her husband (she married when she was 16) was serving time in jail for murder. Shortly after they met, Barrow was imprisoned for robbery. Parker visited him every day, and smuggled a gun into prison to help him escape. But he was soon caught in Ohio and sent back to jail. When Barrow was paroled in 1932, he immediately hooked up with Parker, and the couple began a life of crime together.

After they stole a car and committed several robberies, Parker was caught by police and sent to jail for two months. Released in mid-1932, she rejoined Barrow. Over the next two years, the couple teamed with various accomplices to rob a string of banks and stores across five states—Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico and Louisiana. To law enforcement agents, the Barrow Gang—including Barrow's childhood friend, Raymond Hamilton, W.D. Jones, Henry Methvin, Barrow's brother Buck and his wife Blanche, among others—were cold-blooded criminals who didn't hesitate to kill anyone who got in their way, especially Police or Sheriff's deputies. Among the public, however, Parker and Barrow's reputation as dangerous outlaws was mixed with a romantic view of the couple as "Robin Hood"-like folk heroes.

Their fame was increased by the fact that Bonnie was a wom-

an—an unlikely criminal—and by the fact that the couple posed for playful photographs together, which were later found by police and released to the media. Police almost captured the famous duo twice in the spring of 1933, with surprise raids on their hideouts in Joplin and Platte City, Missouri. Buck Barrow was killed in the second raid, and Blanche was arrested, but Bonnie and Clyde escaped once again. In January 1934, they attacked the Eastham Prison Farm in Texas to help Hamilton break out of jail, shooting several guards with machine guns and killing one.

Texan prison officials hired a retired Texas Police Officer, Captain Frank Hamer, as a special investigator to track down Parker and Barrow. After a three-month search, Hamer traced the couple to Louisiana, where Henry Methvin's family lived. Before dawn on May 23, Hamer and a group of Louisiana and Texas lawmen hid in the bushes along a country road outside Sailes. When Parker and Barrow appeared, the officers opened fire, killing the couple instantly in a hail of bullets.

All told, the Barrow Gang was believed responsible for the deaths of 13 people, including nine Police Officers. Parker and Barrow are still seen by many as romantic figures; especially after the success of the 1967 film Bonnie and Clyde, starring Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty. ■

The Eye Of The Beholder

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

It was a warm yet windy day filled with strong sorrow. The air reflected a deep sense of respect as people gathered to say goodbye to a friend whose spirit had left the earth.

As everyone gathered, the vibrant, wooden casket lay atop the ground as the family huddled closely around. The youngest, a young boy, gazed at the casket while tears flowed from his swollen eyes. He walked up and laid his cheek on the rigid, shiny, wooden box, as his white-gloved hands gently caressed the top of the last home his father's body would ever have. He laid gentle kisses on the top of the casket, as his unconditional love was reflected in front of all those who watched. A gentle whisper was heard a row back; "Did you see that? How sad."

When I heard those words, "how sad," I felt something deep inside that disagreed; something that didn't see the message of sadness when the boy showed his emotions. Instead, I saw an act of love. A love so strong, it displayed the true meaning of unconditional love; something deep inside that didn't care if the world looked on or what people felt. This was a feeling of purity, of joy, and of strength.

I believe old proverbs and words of wisdom, and I believe we all see life in certain light, and sometimes, in certain darkness. I also believe that when we express the darkness, which surrounds our lives, it spreads like a contagious and cancerous disease. It attaches by simple contact, clings like a dependent child, while deteriorating in a short amount of time.

I've learned that opinions are only perceptions of a person's immediate thinking, and reflections of someone's inner self. What we see is usually what we feel, what we feel deep inside. Without realizing it, we express past experiences, deep histories, insecurities about our future, and we reflect the perception of our own lives.

I also believe that when we see life in its darkest hour, we have the opportunity to see life through the brightest light. For some, it's a short path traveled to a place inside that holds our mind hostage from our heart. For others, it's a level of confidence that sits deep within that's been damaged by a careless act from an irresponsible adult.

I also believe that the true meaning of life can only be understood through beauty and joy that sits deep in our hearts. The vision of what will come can only be seen through the eyes of a believer of life. I feel the truest form of emotion can only be felt when a person can feel the presence of a higher power, a stronger entity, something or someone greater than themselves.

I understand that life is not always what it is expected to be. It changes moods like a spoiled child. But I also understand that life can be what we want it to be; all we have to do is apply our hearts in front of our minds. Following what we truly feel, not what we think we see, is the only way to put aside our petty angry thoughts and our insignificant bitterness. Because just as the young boy who helped bury his only father, the tears that flow from our swollen eyes are tears of love that can only be understood when beauty is in the eye of the beholder. ■



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Is there a cure?

There is no cure for diabetes, but many people with the illness can live healthy lives. Your Doctor will work closely



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with you to set up a plan. Here are some changes you can make to stay healthy:

- Eat a well balanced diet
- Exercise each day
- Take your medicine the way your Doctor tells you
- Keep a healthy weight
- Check your blood sugar levels
- See your dentist every six months, and your eye doctor yearly
- Practice good foot and skin care

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You don't always have to wait for regular visits. Call your Doctor if:

- You have the flu, cold, or respiratory infection
- You have discomfort in your hands or feet
- You have any vision problems ■

L.A. Fitness coming to Baldwin Park

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will then begin June 15, according to city associates.

"All of a sudden it's here, and I'm extremely excited," said Baldwin Park Mayor Manuel Lozano, adding that the gym project will be the first of its size in this city, according to a city news release.

The new L.A. Fitness center will be built on the five-acre property at the southeast corner of Francisquito and Garvey avenues, just north of the San Bernardino (10) Freeway. That area rests across from the original In-N-Out store, a popular Baldwin Park staple. Lozano said

the project lot has been vacant for years, although it is also well traveled by hundreds of pedestrians and commuters every day.

"We're turning that whole landscape that is now dirt into a great structure. This project will lighten up that particular area," the mayor added. "I think it's going to be a really nice place."

The fitness club is expected to have a 35,000-square-foot main level, as well as a 10,000-square-foot mezzanine. The floor plan shows that the Baldwin Park L.A. Fitness location will mirror the West Covina club. "Amenities include full-court basketball, a swimming pool and spa, men's and women's lockers with

showers, and saunas. The local venue will also offer spinning, free weights, traditional cardio equipment and personal training areas," according to the city news release.

Three to four additional businesses are expected to accompany the L.A. Fitness center on the lot. Several companies, including retail stores and eateries, have already expressed interest, Lozano said, but nothing has been confirmed at this point.

For more information about the L.A. Fitness groundbreaking, contact Yauchzee at (626) 813-5204 or via e-mail at syauchzee@baldwinpark.com. ■

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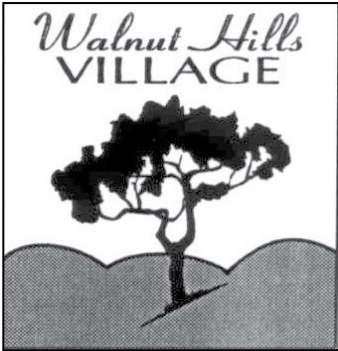
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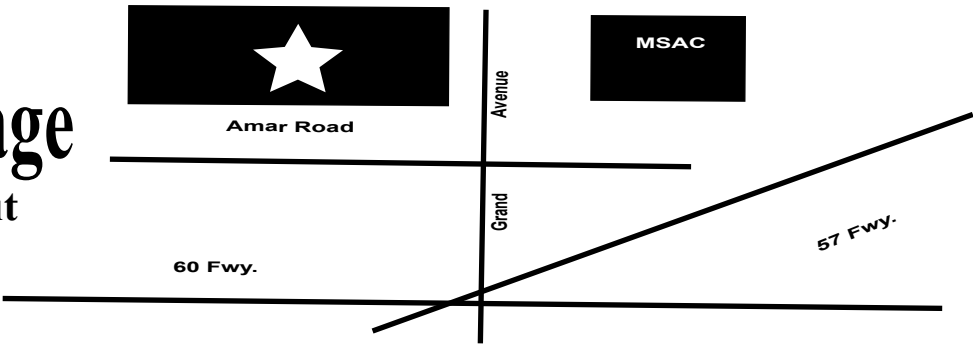
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My Favorite Mother-In-Law

BY PASTOR MARK HOPPER



Recently, my wife's mother died in Arizona. She was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1924. She was 91-years-old. I always called her my favorite mother-in-law. Actually, she was my only mother-in-law. My wife and I have been married for 45 years, so she has been my mother-in-law for all that time! She was a remarkable woman. She was born during the "Roaring 20's" and lived through the Great Depression in the 1930's. After earning her nursing degree, she worked at a hospital in Washington, DC during World War II. After the end of the war, she married my father-in-law and they settled down on Long Island, New York in the first modern subdivision called Levitown.

It was a futuristic master planned community filled with returning veterans and their brides. This young couple was also part of the post-war "Baby Boom", having four kids in New York and a fifth child after they migrated to Scottsdale, Arizona. My favorite mother-in-law was a stay-at-home mom who was actively involved in the lives of her five children. When the kids got into high school and college, she became a school nurse and enjoyed helping young students at the local elementary school. My in laws enjoyed their retirement years and traveled to Europe and the British Isles several times. One of their favorite trips was to Ireland because she had Irish roots. Her maiden name was Gallagher! My wife and I enjoyed some memorable times with her parents. We traveled with them to San Diego on several occasions. And, we will always remember a special trip with them to Hawaii. I was surprised at how many

people attended her memorial service. There were many former neighbors and friends in attendance, plus many family members. Almost all of her grandchildren came, too. She had five children, 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren with two more on the way. There were also a number of our high school friends and former classmates at the service. They considered her to be their adopted mom, too. Let me encourage you to take time this week to express your love and appreciation to an older adult in your life. Why not put a note in the mail or pick up the phone and make a call? Tell them how much they have meant in your life. You will be glad you did and they will too! *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 Efreedb.org. ■*

Straight Talk With Danice

My family doesn't support my medical decision - A Letter from Vickie

BY DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.



Q: I am dealing with breast cancer. I've declined surgery, radiation and chemo therapy. I am doing all the research necessary to make informed choices for myself. My problem is my family and friends. They are all pressuring me to listen to my doctor and start the regular processes and I want nothing to do with any of that. It seems that I cannot even have lunch with friends or family without them lecturing me. I am an adult in my mid thirties and I am capable of thinking for myself. How do I get

through to them? I need support, not lectures. **A:** You are taking a path that frightens your loved ones. Surgery, radiation and chemotherapy are the accepted treatments for cancer at this time. When people reject those treatments, it's bound to cause conflict with medical practitioners and loved ones. You sound certain of your choices so I will address your question of how to get through to your family and friends. If I were in your shoes, I would explain to them that it is very stressful to be dealing with a serious diagnosis without feeling like you have to also defend your own personal choices. Let them know that you would appreciate their support, love and friendship as you tend to your health in your own way. Express your desire to have their basic respect about your choices. Help them understand that you take full responsibility for your outcomes and that you

would just appreciate kindness during this difficult time. After this conversation, if there is anyone who continues to upset you as you are working to recover your health, it is my recommendation that you put those people out of your personal circle for awhile. You will need supportive positive people around you as you work to improve your immune system and improve your health picture. Obviously, negativity should be avoided. I'm wishing you a smooth path, Vickie. *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. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoachingservices.com. ■*

The Summer Of Healing

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



Can you believe summer is almost here? Have you been putting off some very necessary therapy for your family, your child, or maybe even yourself? Well, make this the summer of healing and don't put it off anymore. For the past twenty years, I have been running a **free** counseling group that meets every Monday evening from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Walnut Teen Center. Their address is 21003 La Puente Road in Walnut and their phone number is (909) 444-0089. Even though we meet at the teen

center, I have helped people of all ages at this group with many different types of problems. We meet every week all year round, unless it is a legal holiday. I invite you and your family to come on down and try it out. I also have the honor of running a **free** grieving group at the Walnut Senior Center. They are located at 21215 La Puente Road in Walnut and their phone number is (909) 598-6200. This group can help with successful recovery from all types of loss. People that have attended have lost loved ones, lost pets, and even suffer loss from retirement. The funny thing is that we actually do a lot of laughing and have a good time helping each other recover from what can seemingly feel impossible. I have been

running this group every month for seventeen years. This group meets the first Friday of every month from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. It is my privilege to have Midnight, my registered therapy dog, as my co-therapist at both of these groups. I hope you will allow Midnight and I to help you and your family. It will truly be our honor and pleasure to help you and your family members heal, and finally grow into who you all deserve to be! *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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USPS Carriers Attacked By Dogs

STAFF REPORTS

The United States Postal Service (USPS) released its annual Top Dog Attack City Rankings this week, which concluded that a total of 6,549 employees were attacked by dogs last year. Fifty-one cities make up the top 30 rankings, according to a USPS news release.

“Dogs are protective in nature and may view our letter carriers handing mail to their owner as a threat,” said USPS Safety Director Linda DeCarlo at a news conference in Houston.

Safety is the number one priority of USPS, so they’ve released new safety initiatives that have been put into place in order to keep their employees safe.

Two new safety measures will alert USPS Carriers of dogs on their delivery routes. The first safety measure went into effect on May 13 on usps.com’s Package Pickup application. “Customers will be asked to indicate if there is a dog at their address when they schedule a package pickup,” according to the news release. The second safety measure plans to be implemented later this spring.

“The Mobile Delivery Devices that letter carriers use to scan packages to confirm delivery will include a feature that allows carriers to indicate the presence of a dog at an individual address. This

is especially helpful to substitutes who fill-in for letter carriers on their days off,” said DeCarlo.

The National Dog Bite Prevention Week was held in Houston from Sun., May 15 to Sat., May 21 in order to bring awareness to the nationwide issue of dog attacks. The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Humane Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Insurance Information Institute and State Farm Insurance joined forces with USPS to educate the community about this concern.

Of the 4.5 million Americans bitten by dogs annually, half of all victims are children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). “Many attacks to children are by the family pet or a dog familiar to the child, so it’s important to keep children and dogs separate, especially if a dog is known to act aggressively,” according to the USPS news release.

USPS believes that education can help prevent dog attacks to people of all ages. They have released the following tips to help keep our USPS mail carriers safe:

- If a letter carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to



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get at strangers.

- Dog owners should keep the family dog secured. Parents should remind their children not to take mail directly from letter carriers in the presence of the family pet as the dog may view the letter carrier handing mail to a child as a threatening gesture.

- The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority. If a letter carrier feels threatened by a vicious dog or if a dog is running loose, the owner may be asked to pick up the mail at the Post Office until the carrier is assured the pet has been restrained. If the dog is roaming the neighborhood, the pet owner’s neighbors may be asked to pick up their mail at the Post Office as well. ■

Rubio accused of violations

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shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by anybody or board of which they are members. Nor shall state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees be purchasers at any sale or vendors at any purchase made by them in their official capacity.” Orona was referring to this code as a conflict of interest and violation of the Government Ed Code as Ms. Rubio was a board member during her husband’s rehire

and soon after promotion.

Orona goes on to point out John Lopez’ arrest for a controlled substance.

“This individual, John Lopez (Rubio’s husband), was recently arrested at Margaret Heath Elementary for being under the influence and in possession of dangerous and narcotic drugs,” Orona said. He then accuses Rubio of “trying to cover it up.”

“(During this arrest) where was Blanca during the danger and violent threats to the school,” Orona said. “She chose the option of remaining silent and prevent the public of knowing this

was her husband,” he said.

Orona concluded with the request of starting a recall against Rubio and requested that the political leaders in attendance begin an investigation. In addition, Orona said he would send copies to the District Attorney’s office and request an investigation.

The youtube video of the February School Board meeting can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCrzY5YwMeQ&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>

Blanca Rubio and Mike Orona both did not respond to emailed questions prior to press time. ■

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Walnut High Student Killed

By RACINE GUAJARDO

Walnut - Walnut High School Student, Fernando Basurto, 18, was shot and killed on Thursday, May 19.

The Walnut/Diamond Bar Station responded to the 18400 Block of Desidia Street, Rowland Heights for a “gun-shot victim” call. Immediately, they were directed to the alley, where the victim had been shot, according to the Sheriff’s Department. Basurto was treated by paramedics but pronounced dead at the scene.

After the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Homicide detectives conducted an investigation, they’ve learned that the victim was shot at

approximately 11:41 p.m. Witnesses recalled seeing two acquaintances with the victim hanging out in the garage of an apartment complex, when two Hispanics in their 20’s had confronted them. The verbal confrontation led to a physical altercation, which at some point a gun was pulled out and the suspect allegedly started firing at all 3 victims. The Sheriff’s Department confirmed that Basurto was the only one hit, in the upper torso.

The two suspects immediately fled east from the alley and out of view after the shooting. The other two victims were not injured, and it is unknown whether this incident was gang related.

Walnut High School an-

nounced that they have mobilized a crisis team who are available on an ongoing basis, including Grade Level Counselors, school psychologists, and direct personnel.

There is no additional information available at this point, but this is an ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), or texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>. ■

Inmate missing from SB camp

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ings and the camp perimeter were searched by the camp staff, but were unable to find him. The Camp reported his disappearance to the local law enforcement agencies. He was last seen at a routine

inmate count at 5:40 a.m.

Ellebracht has multiple tattoos, including his last name across his upper chest. He weighs about 200 pounds and 5 feet, 11 inches tall. He was finishing a three year sentence, to be released on August 8, for possession of a controlled substance for

sale.

If you have any information, please contact California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officials camp commander at (909) 338-1950 or the Sierra Conservation Center Watch Commander at (209) 984-5291, ext 5439. ■

Prostitution/Human trafficking arrests

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the area of Holt Ave and Reservoir St., which resulted in 24 arrests.

Another investigation was also conducted on May 23 at the same location. Seven suspects were also arrested; six for Loitering with the Intent to Commit Prostitution and one for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. These suspects are listed below:

Prostitution Suspects:
Perez, Michael Ruendy, Age 32, Covina
Tyler, Traci Renee, Age 21, Fresno
Jones, Sandra Kay, Age 40, San Bernardino
Nunez Sanchez, Jose Eliazar, Age 36, Ontario
Jeffries, Monique Marie, Age 28, Compton
Grisby, Laverne Patrice, Age-33, Grand Terrace

Narcotic Paraphernalia Suspect:
Brice, Sherman Russell, Age 55, Pomona

The Pomona Police Department continues to take a proactive approach to issues regarding Human Trafficking and Prostitution along the Holt Ave corridor. As part of this effort, the Pomona Police Department has joined with the Los Angeles, which is a multi-agency team that concentrates on victims of the sex trade and the pimps who

perpetuate these crimes. In addition to the constant efforts of Pomona Police Officers to suppress prostitution in our city, the LAHTTF also concentrates its efforts in Pomona regularly.

These types of operations serve as an opportunity for victims of Human Trafficking to speak with officers in private. Law enforcement and community advocates can direct victims to resources

and possibly relocate them to safe locations away from their abusers.

Anyone with information regarding these types of activities are encouraged to contact the Pomona Police Department at (909) 620-2085. If you prefer to provide information anonymously or be eligible for a Reward, you can contact LA Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.lacrimestoppers.org. ■

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Homicide Fatal Traffic Collision

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City of Industry – Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide detectives have identified the three residential burglary suspects that fled from deputies at a high rate of speed and ultimately collided into a small utility vehicle, killing the driver.

Thirty-five year-old Anthony Quisenberry and 26 year-old Michael Smyer, both residents of Los Angeles, and 32 year-old Hawthorne resident Charles Allen, fled from a residence in Hacienda Heights. Deputies spotted them on Tuesday, May 31 while responding to a "burglary in progress" call. According to witnesses, two male Black suspects were seen kicking in a neighbor's door and the suspects' vehicle, a black Chevrolet Camaro, was seen parked across the street.

In an attempt to apprehend the suspects, deputies initiated a pursuit after the suspects fled from them. As the suspects traversed onto opposite lanes, swerving onto on-coming traffic, the pursuit was terminated. As the deputies attempted to re-engage themselves into the pursuit, they discovered that the suspects, who were traveling at a high rate of speed, had collided with a small utility vehicle at Gale Avenue and Johnson Drive, killing the driver, 66 year-old Rojelio Gonzalez, a resident of Bellflower.

The three suspects ran from the collision but were

apprehended shortly. The suspects were arrested and taken to a local hospital for a medical evaluation. They were subsequently booked for Murder, Burglary and Evading a Peace Officer Causing Injury or Death. Each are being held in lieu of one million dollars bail.

The investigation is ongoing and there is no additional information available at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), or texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>. ■

Sheriff Station's new exchange zone

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involved.

Walnut/Diamond Sheriff's department would like to also note that they "cannot act as official witnesses to any transactions, will not give legal advice, and will not settle civil disputes related to

any transaction," according to a Sheriff's Department News Release.

If you have any additional concerns or questions, you may contact Captain Jeffrey Scroggin at (909) 595-2264. ■

WC wanted suspect caught

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to detain him. "The officer sustained a gunshot wound to the upper torso," according to the West Covina Police Department. "He was transported to a local hospital, treated and released and is recovering at home."

On May 24, a reward amount of \$20,000 dollars was offered by the City of West Covina in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of Suspect Jose Chavez.

On May 26 at 2:06 a.m., the

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau detectives located and arrested Chavez, in the 1200 block of Foxworth Avenue, La Puente.

Chavez was believed to be hiding in the La Puente residence, so detectives wrote a search warrant for the location. Deputies from the Special Enforcement Bureau then served the search warrant and arrested suspect Chavez at the location, without incident, according to the West Covina Police Department.

"Chavez will be transported to a local hospital to be treated for any possible injuries that he

may have sustained from the shooting incident on May 20, 2016," according to news release. "Following treatment, he will be booked for Attempt Murder of a Peace Officer."

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), or texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>. ■



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Mt. SAC Students Named To State Academic First Team

BY MIKE TAYLOR

Walnut – Mt. San Antonio College students Jacqueline Yu and Hung Pham are two of the 93 community college students throughout the state recently selected for the 2016 All-California Academic teams, chosen by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international community college honor society.

These students represent some of the best of the 2.8 million students enrolled in California's community college system.

Yu and Pham, both students in Mt. SAC's Honors Program, received medallions during the Community College League of California's awards ceremony held recently at the Sacramento Convention Center. Selection for the academic teams is based on grades, leadership, and community service.

Yu, 18, is a communication major and carries a 4.0 GPA. She was selected for the All-California Academic First Team. As a Walnut resident, she is the president of the PTK chapter at Mt. SAC, a member of the speech team, and recently received the Bovero Top Speaker Award as the outstanding speaker in a national speech competition. At Mt. SAC, she

also has worked on the student newspaper, assists the student government as a tour guide, and helped found the campus Performing Arts Club. She will be honored as one of Mt. SAC's Students of Distinction this year. In the community, she volunteers as a youth leader for Rowland Heights Community Christian Church, Azusa Pacific Lighthouse, and Lucky Puppy Rescue in Hollywood. She plans to transfer to UC Berkeley or Bradley University in Illinois as a double major in communication and acting. She wants to eventually become a communication professor.

Pham, 20, is a mechanical engineering major and carries a 4.0 GPA. He was selected for the All-California Academic First Team. As a Chino resident, he is a student government transfer committee representative, a member of the Math and Engineering Club, and a member of the Vietnamese Association of Students on campus. He also will be honored as one of Mt. SAC's Students of Distinction this year. He plans to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona as a mechanical engineering major and plans to become an engineer.

There are 31 first-team, 31 second-team, and 31 third-team winners. ■

BPUSD Grad Rates Soar To Record Highs

Hispanic, low-income students close achievement gap

BPUSD

Baldwin Park - Baldwin Park Unified raised its graduation rate to an all-time high of 93.9 percent in 2014-15, closing the achievement gap for the District's significant populations of Hispanic and socio-economically disadvantaged students.

The graduation rate for Hispanics mirrored the District's overall figure of 93.9 percent while students from low-income households did even better, topping out at 94.1 percent. The rate for English learners also improved significantly, climbing from 85.6 percent in 2013-14 to 90.3 percent.

Rates soared to 100 percent for the District's small populations of migrant, African American, Pacific Islander, Filipino and White students – with numbers for African Americans leaping by more than 20 percentage points.

"We are immensely proud of this achievement," Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "It is a testament to the dedication of our talented cadre of teachers and staff and to the hard work of our students to achieve their best."



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The rates are for a four-year cohort of students who enrolled in high school as freshmen in 2011-12. This is the sixth year California has used the method for measuring graduation rates, aided by a data system that tracks students when they switch schools, drop out or continue their education without graduating. The federal government now uses a similar four-year cohort model.

California's overall graduation rate has risen dramatically since 2009-10, peaking this year at 82.3 percent, up from 74.7 percent. Baldwin Park Unified's graduation rate started much higher – at 88 percent – and the District consistently outperforms the state's rate.

Mendoza credits the improvement to a series of District initiatives designed to boost student outcomes. Teachers meet regularly in forums where they

can review student performance data and collaborate on ways to refine lesson approaches.

Classes emphasize project-based learning, allowing students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world situations. The approach works hand in hand with Baldwin Park Unified's focus on critical thinking, student collaboration, communication and creativity.

Finally, teachers, administrators and staff stress the importance of planning for college, careers and achieving life goals, helping students to deepen their motivation to succeed.

"These results really help to validate our continuing focus on avenues to student success," Board of Education President Christina Lucero said. "We have an extraordinary team in place at Baldwin Park Unified, strongly focused on helping students prepare for their futures." ■

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Thank You,
Manuel Lozano

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