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13 Year-Old Arrested

STAFF REPORTS

Highland - The Adult Protective Services (APS) contacted the Highland Deputies on July 25 to report in reference to an elderly female who had been assaulted by a thirteen-year-old male on the 7000 block of Lynwood in Highland.

The Deputies made contact with the 80-year-old elderly woman, who reported an incident that happened on July 17.

The woman walked out to her front yard to hear the suspect

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LA County

Great Goat Escape

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut - Diamond Bar - On July 28, over 200 goats escaped and were seen on local residents' lawns.

According to the Walnut/ Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station, "Apparently, over 200 goats had been brought in to clear the open field of dry overgrown brush and grass. However, sometime during the night, they hatched their escape plan by pushing over a perimeter fence."

Law enforcement's job

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PHOTO COURTESY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

13-year-old Julian Cardenas became a Deputy For A Day at the Industry Sheriff's Station.

13-Year-Old Becomes Deputy For A Day

STAFF REPORTS

Industry – A 13-year-old boy with leukemia became Deputy For A Day at the Industry Sheriff's Station last month.

The idea sparked after Industry Sheriff's Station Depu-

ty Marianne Oliver responded to a call for service to assist 13-year-old Julian Cardenas on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Deputy Oliver learned that Julian had been experiencing severe back pain since February and was later diagnosed with leukemia. Even though Julian was undergoing treatment for the leukemia, Deputy Oliver discovered that Julian was struggling emotionally because he is limited in participating in some

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Missing Covina Woman

STAFF REPORTS

Covina - Sheriff's Homicide Bureau detectives made a plea to the public on July 28, asking anyone with information about the disappearance of a missing Covina woman.

Tamara Rummel went missing in May of this year. Tamara's daughter last saw her mother when she dropped her off at the family home in an

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*Missing since May 2016

PHOTO COURTESY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Suspect Arrested For Homicide

STAFF REPORTS

Pomona – Last month, two victims were shot and a suspect was arrested for homicide in the city of Pomona.

On July, 23, 2016, at approximately 3:31 am, Pomona Police Officers heard numerous gunshots in the area of Holt Ave and San Antonio. Soon after, two vehicles involved were located and stopped several blocks from each other. Officers found two gunshot victims in one car.

The first victim was identified as Deborah Gutierrez, 34 year

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BPUSD Expands STEM

STAFF REPORTS

Baldwin Park – On Thursday, Aug. 11, more than 14,000 Baldwin Park Unified School District students were greeted by expanded science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses, college prep programs, dual-language classes and classroom digital tools.

District leaders say "the changes represent an aggressive investment in programs

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Our Featured Businesses

Quality Hair Care At Supercuts

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Walnut residents have a new option for all of their hair care needs! Supercuts is now open in Walnut at Suite G in The Village West Shopping Center. To celebrate its grand opening, the salon had offered \$12 haircuts until Aug. 5. Some discounts will also continue until Sept. 5.

Supercuts is ranked the top hair care

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Supercuts is now open at Suite G in The Village West Shopping Center. You can reach them at (909) 475-0888.

WHO Will Take Care of Your Eyes

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Do you know WHO will care for your eyes? For many years, Walnut Hills Optometry (WHO) has taken excellent care of the vision needs of the community, serving patients from Walnut, West Covina, Diamond Bar, and Chino Hills to patients from La Puente, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights and Whittier. Because of the quality of

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Standing In Did You The Light

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

Doug was a simple guy who had worked hard to be "normal." His upbringing wasn't the best, but Doug beat the odds and found life within his spiritual realm. He found God and decided that his true place in life was with Him. He wanted to come out of the darkness and stand strong into the light.

One day Doug stood in line at a mini-mart when a young woman came in. He immediately noticed her long brown hair, her beautiful eyes, and her slightly crooked smile. She raced in for her purchase, and without noticing, dropped a fifty-dollar bill on the floor.

As he hesitated, Doug remembered his obligation to stand in the light. He remembered that he attends church on Sundays, and needs to do what is right; but he didn't. A little voice in Doug's head whispered, "Pick up the money and put it in your pocket." He picked up the fifty, placed it in his pocket, and turned the negative into a positive by bragging about how "lucky" he was.

Soon after, he reexamined his actions and tried to justify them. He thought to himself, "God wanted me to have this money; he knew how much I needed it." And then the guilt set in. He wasn't comfortable attending church on Sundays, and he began to run from his guilt by not caring anymore. Doug was lost to guilt and temptation.

Several weeks went by and Doug's dishonesty grew. He felt content about his new place because he received things he didn't earn; he took things that he didn't deserve. His 'cheating the system' helped him receive tangible items that he usually couldn't afford. And then one day a friend invited him back to church and Doug was faced with an uncomfortable decision: Do I continue my wicked ways, or do I go back to the light?

If Doug was to give up his newfound lifestyle, he would then have to change what he was taking from others. He would have to exchange his financial riches for spiritual ones. Honesty would once again have to prevail in his life. All the taking, which had grown into a disease, would have to transform into giving. But Doug was afraid of doing what was right.

I believe that honesty doesn't just happen, and to many, it has to be taught. To truly stand strong in the light requires commitment and focus on the bigger picture. And although life has given me unpredictable waves that have created confusion within my own life, I still believe that there is something out there, a higher power, and an incredible universe that

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Know?

Back-To-School Checklist For Families With Asthma

BY STATEPOINT

For the more than six million children living with asthma nationwide, gearing up for another school year involves much more than picking out a new pencil case and backpack. Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalization among children in the U.S. under the age of 15 and one of the main reasons that students miss school due to illness, with more than 10 million lost school days every year.

With better asthma management, children are able to feel healthy and safe, and are ready to learn. For a full toolkit and free resources, visit Lung.org/ asthma-in-schools.

To get ready for a successful school year, the American Lung Association also recommends this back-to-school checklist for families with asthma:

1. Schedule a check-up with your child's physician.

Use your yearly check-up to create or revise your Asthma Action Plan, check the effectiveness of asthma medication and dosage, and get prescriptions for back-up medications for your school nurse, coaches, after-school programs and oth-



PHOTO COURTESY: STATEPOINT

er individuals helping with your child's care.

2. Assess your child's readiness to self-carry medication.

All 50 states have laws that allow children to self-carry and use their asthma inhalers at school. Use the American Lung Association's Self-Carry Assessment Tool to see if your child is ready to carry and self-administer his or her asthma medication, which can save precious time, as well as ease concern if your child has an asthma episode at school.

3. Set up an appointment with your school nurse.

Remember to bring in your updated Asthma Action Plan and back-up medications. Take this time to sign all required medical forms and talk about whether your child can self-carry his or her own quick-relief inhaler, and how to manage any asthma emergencies that may

happen during the school year. 4. Talk to your classroom

Take a moment to talk to your child's teacher about his or her asthma, what triggers might bring on an attack and what to do in an emergency -whether that is to head directly to the school nurse or use a quick-relief inhaler.

5. Introduce yourself to the PE teacher and any coaches.

Kids with asthma shouldn't have to miss out on playing outside or participating in gym class! You can quickly put minds at ease by talking about exercise-induced asthma, ways to manage symptoms and what to do in an emergency.

6. Have fun!

There's a lot to do at the start of the school year, but it can also be exciting to see old school friends and prep for a whole new year. Make sure to take a deep breath and enjoy! ■

WHO will take care of your eyes

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service provided, as well as the trusting care given by the doctor, patients travel from the Los Angeles and Inland Empire areas as well.

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Dr. Larino is proud to serve the community she grew up in. She attended Rowland Unified schools from elementary through high school, and then attended U.C. Irvine before receiving her doctorate degree from the Southern California College of Optometry. In 2003, Dr. Larino was honored at her alma mater - Nogales High School - when she was inducted onto their Wall of Fame. She is a member of the American Optometric Association, the California Optometric

Association, and the Rio Hondo Optometric Society, where she stays current on the latest in eye care. As a local resident, you might find Dr. Larino eating at your favorite restaurant, shopping in a local store, or attending a community event.

WHO offers personalized eye examinations, diabetic and eye health exams, and the management and care of a multitude of eye and vision concerns. A wide variety of eyewear is also available, from progressive

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Distracted Drivers

BY RIVERSIDE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Using an electronic device while driving is a serious safety problem. Most drivers know that texting while driving is a dangerous behavior, but many still use their cell phones and other mobile devices when they are behind the wheel, putting themselves and others at risk. Many drivers see distracted driving as risky when other drivers do it, but do not recognize how their own driving deteriorates.

In 2012, 3,328 people were killed and 421,000 were injured nationwide in crashes involving a distracted driver. That same year, eleven percent of fatal crashes were reported as distraction-affected crashes.

While anything that takes your eyes off the road (i.e. hands off the wheel) or mind off the task of driving is a hazard, there is heightened concern about the risks of texting while driving because it combines all three types of distraction – visual, manual and cognitive. In ad-

dition, most drivers aren't aware that just talking on a cell phone, hand held or hands free, can lead to "inattention blindness" as critical brain functions needed for driving are used for cell phone talking.

At any given daylight moment across America, there are about 660,000 drivers using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving. The Jurupa Valley Police Department is focusing on ways to change the behavior of drivers through enforcement, public awareness and education – the same activities that have curbed drunk driving and increased seat belt use.

In a national survey, almost half (48%) of drivers say they answer their cell phones while driving at least some of the time, and more than half of those (58%) continue to drive after answering the call. Your Police Department recommends the following safety measures:

You can:

• Turn off electronic devices and put them out of reach

before starting to drive

• Speak up when you are a passenger and your driver uses an electronic device while driving. Offer to make the call for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the driving task **Parents can:**

• Be good role models for young drivers and set a good example. Talk with your teens about responsible driving

 If you know your teen is on the road – don't call or text them until you know they have reached their destination

Employers can:

Adopt, publicize, and enforce company policies that prohibit employees from texting or talking on hand-held cell phones while in a company vehicle, or in a personal vehicle while using a company issued cell phone.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information about distracted driving, please visit www.distraction.gov.



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Major Tashjian and I.t. Col. Purdy in 1944 (Above) and in 2016 (Below).



Veteran Reunion

STAFF REPORTS

Chino – Planes of Fame Museum in Chino hosted a unique Living History Flying Day event on August 6th, where an author was present and a WWII Fighter Pilot was reunited with the actual aircraft that he flew in combat in 1944.

The museum recently received absolute proof that their Vought F4U-1A Corsair flew in the combat zone during WWII. The story behind this discovery goes down to the work of author Michele Spry.

In honor of this discovery, Planes of Fame hosted a unique, Living History event on August 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., which featured the Vought F4U-1A Corsair and pilot. The event took place at Planes of Fame Air Museum, located at 7000 Merrill Avenue #17, Chino, CA 91710.

Major John Tashjian, who flew the F4U Corsair in combat and author Michele Spry were the event's speakers. Unfortunately, Lt. Col. Purdy (who also flew the F4U in combat) was not able to travel to California for the event, but his daughter Gayla Maier was a guest speaker as well. A question and answer period followed the speakers. Major Tashjian was also presented with an honorary award and saluted by a locale Cub Scout pack.

The Vought F4U-1A Corsair was on display and attendees had the pleasure of seeing the craft in flight.

Author Michele Spry is a native of Columbia, Missouri and President of Midway Electric, Inc. Michele's business was awarded the 2009 Blue Ribbon Award from the US Chamber of Commerce. In 2011, her company received the Free Enterprise Honoree Award from the US Chamber of Commerce given to 25 companies across the USA and in 2012 they received the Flag of Freedom Award for hiring veterans.

Among her numerous awards and honors for business and leadership, Michele is also an accomplished author. In 2013 she self-published her first children's book titled "Tom T's Hat Rack" and on July 4, 2016 has released her second children's book titled "A Trip To Remember".

Kevin Thompspon (POF Moderator and Aviation Historian) and Edward Maloney (Museum founder & Curator, and Aviation Historian) moderated and joined in the presentation.

Planes of Fame Museum's mission is to preserve aviation

history, inspire interest in aviation, educate the public, and honor aviation pioneers and veterans. The Museum sponsors regular events in the form of inspirational experiences, educational presentations, flight demonstrations, and airshows in fulfillment of this mission.

Planes of Fame Air Museum is "Where Warbirds Fly and Aviation History Lives".

For more information, visit planesoffame.org. ■

13 year-old arrested

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arguing with his sister. She describes him as a neighborhood kid; she asked the suspect and his sister to stop arguing in front of her residence. The 13-year-old suspect picked up a brick from her yard, in which he threw it towards her, striking her in the leg. He caused a significant injury to the elderly woman who

had to be treated at the hospital.

After the boy assaulted the elderly woman, he picked up another brick and shattered the window to her vehicle.

The 13 year-old has been arrested and booked at Juvenile Hall for Elder Abuse.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Highland Police Department at (909) 425-9793.

If you are in San Bernardino County and want to know how to report elderly abuse, you can contact the Department of Aging and Adult Services, located at 686 East Mill Street San Bernardino, CA 92415. You may also call the 24 Hour Abuse Hotline: (877) 565-2020 or you can fax at (909) 388-6718. Or you may visit courts.ca.gov for additional information and steps to obtain a restraining order. ■

Suspect arrested for homicide

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old Arizona resident and the second victim was identified as Demar Jacobs, 39-year-old Chino Hills resident. They were driving a 2003 Chevy Impala.

Jacobs suffered a non-life threatening superficial gunshot wound and was treated at the scene and released, according to a Pomona PD news release. Gutierrez suffered critical gunshot wounds and was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries, according to the Pomona Police Department.

The occupant of the second vehicle was identified as Robert Bogan, 23-year-old Pomona resident. He was driving a 2000 Cadillac DTS. He was taken into custody and he is believed to be the only suspect involved at this time. A handgun believed to have been used to commit this crime has been recovered.

Homicide investigators are currently interviewing potential witnesses and reviewing evidence.

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

Standing in the light

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shines brighter than imaginable. In those moments when we do the right thing, when we feel inexplicable happiness and peace, we draw from this power and feel the benefit of this light.

I hope for Doug, and the many others who have fallen into the darkness of life, that they can overcome their fears

about love, affection, honesty, intimacy, goodness and truth. And is it really easier to live in that fear within the darkness? When we are able to overcome and understand who we really are, where we are going, and what we believe in, these elements of truth help keep us free from sin, pain, and being fearful. At that time we will have no fear, and we will stand strong with our hearts full of that light.

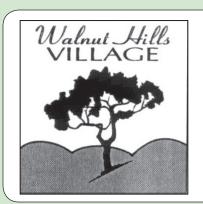
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and polarized lenses to silicone high-oxygen contacts, and even designer frames. They also offer Lasik Surgery co-management. If you have used eyeglass frames scattered around the house, bring them to the WHO offices and they will donate them to those in need of frames.

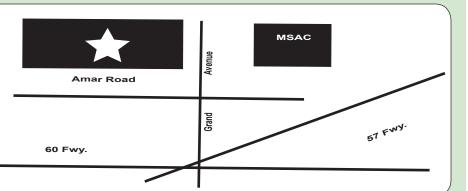
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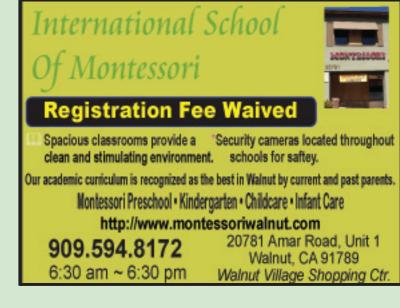




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Missing Woman Found Dead

STAFF REPORTS

Chino - On July 17, Chino Police Department released information of a missing woman, Laura Johnson, 68 year-old resident of Ontario.

The missing person report was made on July 16 to Chino Police personnel, stating that Johnson had last been seen July 15 when she had left her mother's residence in Chino to run errands. Chino PD also received information that Johnson had been suffering from memory loss and disorientation.

An alert was issued by the California Highway Patrol describing her and the vehicle she drove. The vehicle had been described as a 1982 Toyota Corolla Sedan.

The following updated information on this incident was released on July 21: at approximately 3 p.m. on July 20 the Chino PD was notified that Johnson and her vehicle had been located in an area near the City of Niland. The area belongs to a Navy Seal bomb training

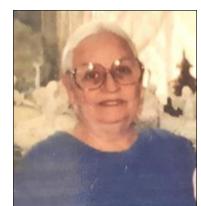


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facility; therefore a range master had discovered Johnson deceased near her vehicle.

Chino PD states, "The preliminary investigation indicates there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding her death. The autopsy is pending by the Imperial County Coroner's Office."

However, anyone with information regarding this case may contact Detective Girasek at (909) 334-3015 or you may email him at mgirasek@chinopd.org ■

Quality hair care at Supercuts

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franchise in the U.S. in Entrepreneur Magazine's 2015 Franchise 500. They offer professional haircuts, color services and facial waxing options to keep guests looking sharp.

The new Walnut Supercuts is locally owned and operated. They have hired an outstanding team of 6 stylists from the area, all of whom are passionate about delivering an exceptional guest experience. Ongoing training and certification allows the stylists to stay current on the latest looks so they can help guests with their existing style or give them a fresh new cut.

Haircuts at the Walnut location will finish with a relaxing Hot Towel Refresher to clean away stray hairs, starting at \$18 for adults, \$16 for children (12 and under) and \$16 for se-

niors (65 and older).

Supercuts accept all major credit cards and cash. Salon hours are:

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The Walnut salon joins over 2,300 Supercuts across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico that provide consistent, high-quality hair-care services and professional products to its guests at convenient times and locations with reasonable prices. Supercuts offer a broad selection of professional hair care products including: Paul Mitchell, American Crew, TIGI, Redken, Biolage and more.

Supercuts salons are owned and franchised by Regis Corporation (NYSE:RGS), the leader in beauty salons and cosmetology education. Supercuts is a salon industry leader in hair care services, with over 33 million guest visits per year for haircuts, hair color services and more. Supercuts primarily targets male guests who want a current look at an affordable price. Supercuts' proven technique, highly trained stylists and nationally recognized professional brands of hair care products offers an exceptional quest experience.

Call the Walnut Supercuts at (909) 475-0888 today for more information. Or download the Supercuts mobile app for iOS or Android, visit Supercuts. com to check-in for a same-day haircut, text 667788, or simply walk in when it's convenient for you. For additional information about Supercuts, give them a follow at Facebook.com/Supercuts and Twitter.com/Supercuts. For more information about Regis Corporation, please visit RegisCorp.com.

Great goat escape

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description includes a variety of situations, and they must be prepared to handle most of any given situation. However, Deputy Aaron Scheller most likely didn't think he was going to have to use his "training and experience" on this day to corral the herd of goats that were in the front yard of a residence. However, he helped turned them around back to a nearby open field on Fallow Field Drive

in Diamond Bar.

"It took two hours but all of the 200 goats were captured and returned to their corral." The goats were of course eating the residents' grass along the way back to the field too. The event even resulted in the goats getting their 15 minutes of fame on ABC7 live news.

So for future reference, if there happens to be a herd of goats in your yard, call the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station.

Missing Covina woman

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unincorporated area of Covina. It is believed Tamara left her home approximately 90 minutes later as a passenger in an unfamiliar sports utility vehicle with an unknown person(s), according to a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department press release. The last confirmed sighting of Tamara was on Friday afternoon, May 20 at a Covina-based bank ATM.

Images of a man with Tamara were captured in still photos recorded by a bank ATM as Tamara withdrew money; however, detectives have not confirmed if this was the same person who left the house with Tamara earlier. Also suspicious, Tamara's cell phone activity ended hours after the ATM transaction, and she has not

been seen or heard from since.

Detectives would like to learn the identity of the man seen with Tamara at the bank, who may offer critical information in locating her. The man was seen at the bank wearing a white T-shirt and baseball cap with an unknown logo on the front.

Tamara is a 49-year-old white female with light brown hair and blue eyes, standing 5'3" tall and weighing 145 pounds. Tamara is known by family and friends as "Tammy."

The Rummel family described Tamara as a loving mother of four grown children and a doting grandmother of six, who retired ten years ago as a media director from a resource center for parents with special needs children. She is a responsible person who enjoyed home owner-

ship, and interacting with friends and family. Tamara's family said her disappearance and complete lack of communication is highly uncharacteristic and has caused them great worry for her welfare.

If you have any information which may assist detectives in locating Tamara Rummel and returning her to her family, please call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau any time of day at 323-890-5500, and speak with investigators Sergeant Ken Perry or Sergeant Dan McElderry.

If you prefer to remain anonymous, you may deliver your tip through Crime Stoppers by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), or texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website lacrimestoppers.org. ■

BPUSD expands STEM

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that will strengthen student opportunities for success in college and careers under Baldwin Park Unified's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)," according to a BPUSD news release.

"Each year, we look for new ways to deepen our academic program, including rigorous instruction in core subjects and new opportunities in significant electives, including STEM and college prep programs," Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said.

The District is expanding its primary engineering program at Holland Middle School and Baldwin Park High School, as well as launching a smaller robotics program at Sierra Vista High School. Holland, for example, added an additional period

to ensure students could take STEM electives along with electives for its college preparatory program, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Additional STEM programs are being considered for future years at elementary schools that feed into the Holland-Baldwin Park High sequence and at Sierra Vista Junior High to feed into the Sierra Vista High robotics program.

AVID programs also received a boost this year, with teachers from five district middle, junior high and high schools taking an intensive summer training program. AVID helps students develop academic and life skills needed to succeed in college.

Additionally, students received a boost from a new 12th-grade expository writing and reading class.

Other changes include the addition of the District's award-win-

ning dual-language program to Sierra Vista High School and investment in career technical education (CTE) pathways funded by a \$1.8 million, three-year state grant. Pathways typically feature three years of instruction with introductory, intermediate and advanced courses in a career field.

Digital tools will also take on a more prominent role in the coming year.

This month, two teachers from each campus, two dual-language immersion teachers, assistant principals and principals from each school are learning how to use classroom digital tools. The District's leadership staff will also participate in the two-day training sessions.

To support the teachers, the District upgraded its capacity for wireless internet connectivity, adding new carts of Chromebooks at each school and install-

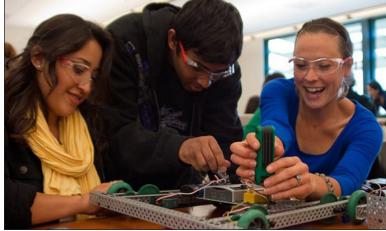


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ing interactive whiteboard/projection systems in classrooms.

In all of the model class-rooms, the focus will be on creating a student-centered environment in which teachers act as learning facilitators for a project-driven instructional system. In two prototype multi-lingual classrooms, extra emphasis will be on effective communication and collaboration in English and Spanish.

The District also introduced a smartphone app to create a new channel for communications with families. The tool, which can be downloaded for free from Apple's App Store and Google Play, provides District news, check school calendars, bus routes, lunch menus and a host of student and parent resources.

Information courtesy of Baldwin Park Unified School District

Students Receive Free Backpacks

BPUSD

Baldwin Park – Excited Baldwin Park Unified elementary school students chose backpacks filled with supplies from an array of designs ranging from basic black to flying hamburgers, from Princess Elsa to Hello Kitty! during a start-of-the-year backpack distribution on Aug. 10.

Baldwin Park Unified teamed with Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center to hand out scores of backpacks to students who will attend Heath, Tracy and Vineland Elementary School.

In all, some 300 backpacks were donated – and dozens remain available for needy students as the school year began Aug. 11.

"We are incredibly indebted to the generous medical personnel and staff of Kaiser Permanente for stepping up on behalf of our students," Baldwin Park Unified Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "It's also wonderful to see the excited faces of these children as they receive these much-needed supplies for the year."

The giveaway is the seventh since the doctors, nurses and staff at the medical center began teaming with Baldwin Park Unified. About 90 percent of students at Baldwin Park Unified come

from low-income households.

Each year, three new schools are chosen for the giveaway, to ensure students across the district benefit. The backpacks contain a host of grade-specific school supplies, including pens, pencils, paints, crayons, scissors rulers, dictionaries, staplers, index cards, binders and notebooks.

At Vineland Elementary School, students were greeted with applause, cheers and hugs as helpers from Kaiser Permanente announced their names and led them to tables overflowing with backpacks.

For many, part of the excitement was the chance to decide which backpack color combination or character designs to choose. Star Wars was popular among some, Disney princesses among others. One student even snagged a pack decked out in tie-dye colors and flying hamburgers.

At Tracy Elementary School, fifth-grader Abby Almandarez chose a light blue backpack with pink straps.

"It has two notebooks, pencils, erasers and scissors," Abby said. "I like the colors."

Abby was brought to the event by her brother, Michael, 19.

"It's really great that they have an event like this for the kids," Michael Almandarez said.



Pното courtesy: BPUSD

Students at Baldwin Park Unified's Vineland Elementary School stand with their backpacks on Aug. 10. The packs, loaded with school supplies and including such designs as flying hamburgers, Star Wars and Disney princesses, are among 300 donated to students through a partnership between the District and Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center.

13-year-old becomes deputy for a day

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play activities with others kids. Skateboarding, bicycle riding or even attending school regularly is difficult while his immune system and health are in repair.

"Moved by Julian's circumstances, Deputy Oliver felt a need to do something more than just handling a regular call for service," stated a LA County Sheriff's Department news release. "As she drove back to the station, the story of Julian weighed heavily on her heart." Therefore, she shared the story with her coworkers and they immediately came up with a plan to perk Julian up: make him a Deputy for a day!

Julian became a Deputy on Wednesday, July 20, which included a full day of activities and surprises. "The deputies worked really hard to make this a day he would remember for a long time and give him a good boost. Seeing Julian happy again was important for them, and knowing his parents would have harmony back in their home again with a content child, a blessing," said the LA County Sheriff's Department.

The day started off when Deputy Oliver pulled up to Julian's house in a customized LASD Chevy Camaro. "It was fantastic!" said Captain Tim Murakami in a news release.

Deputy Oliver picked him up and drove him to the Industry

WVUSD Board Approves New School Leaders

By Kelli Gile

Walnut — Three familiar faces are moving up the ranks in the Walnut Valley Unified School District for the 2016-2017 school year.

In July, the Board of Trustees approved Mary Wendland as the new principal at Collegewood Elementary, Kelly Morris as principal at Maple Hill Elementary, and David Hong as assistant principal at Diamond Bar High School.

With 16 years of educational experience, **Mary Wendland** returns to Walnut Valley after serving the past two years as principal at Upland Elementary School.

Prior to that, she spent a total of 13 years in WVUSD as a classroom teacher and Title I Coordinator at Vejar Elementary.

She also served as an adjunct professor in the graduate reading program at University of LaVerne for two years.

"It is an honor to return to my home district. I am humbled with gratitude and look forward to partnering with staff, students, and families at Collegewood Elementary," Wendland said.

Wendland received her bachelor's degree at California State University, Fullerton, master's degree at Azusa Pacific University, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at University of LaVerne.

She attended Walnut Valley schools and is a graduate of Walnut High, where her husband, Kevin, is a math teacher. They live in Upland and have a son and daughter that attend Vejar Elementary.

Another hometown girl, **Kelly Morris**, has been appointed to take the helm at Maple Hill Elementary.

During the past two years, Morris has served as an Elementary Learning Specialist at Maple Hill and Castle Rock elementary schools. She also spent 15 years as a teacher at Maple Hill.

"I have had the great fortune of experiencing firsthand Maple Hill's dedication to enriching the heart, mind, and spirit of each student. The Maple Hill Community and I will continue the legacy of success and our commitment to nurturing

and developing students who will make the impossible possible, and become the best versions of themselves," she said.

Morris attended Castle Rock, Chaparral, and is a Diamond Bar High graduate.

She earned her bachelor's degree at San Diego State University and master's degree at Concordia University. Morris currently resides in Corona.

Veteran educator **David Hong** returns to WVUSD as the new assistant principal at Diamond Bar High School. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment on July 25.

"Diamond Bar High School is a special place to me. I am excited and honored to return to work with the outstanding staff and students of DBHS and the Walnut Valley Unified School District," he said.

Hong brings 25 years of ex-



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE Mary Wendland has been named the new principal at Collegewood Elementary.

perience back to Diamond Bar High, where he served as an instructional dean, and AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, and Chemistry teacher. He also advised and coached the school's Science Club, Science Bowl, Solar Boat, and golf teams.

He spent the past six months at Monrovia Unified School District as associate principal.

Hong has earned national respect as an AP Program Consultant for The College Board, BioInteractive Educational Ambassador for The Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and AP Environmental Science Exam Leader.

Hong received his bachelor's degree from California State Polytechnic University and master's degree from California State University, Los Angeles.

He resides in La Habra with his wife Beverly. ■



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE The WVUSD Board of Trustees appointed Kelly Morris as the new principal at Maple Hill Elementary.



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David Hong was approved as the new assistant principal at Diamond Bar High School on July 25.

Station, where they kicked-off the day with Acting Assistant Sheriff Anthony La Berge swearing Julian in as the Industry Sheriff's Station Deputy of the Day.

Since Julian was now an 'official' deputy, he was familiarized with his station on a tour. "He moved on to 'supervise' other deputies training in the weapons training simulator, then spent time training, too, with Special Enforcement Bureau Special Weapons Team, K-9 and Aero Bureau deputies," said Captain Murakami.

Different LASD departments then donated a collection of souvenirs and challenge coins to Julian so he could be reminded of the special day. "The deputies were hoping these items would show Julian how much he touched their hearts, and quietly give him encouragement and support on the harder days of his medical, emotional and physical challenges."

To complete the day, Industry Station personnel hosted a barbecue fundraiser, with all the proceeds going to support Julian and his family. As his condition improves, they hope to have him join next year's Camp Courage, an exclusive camping experience hosted by the Industry Sheriff's Youth Activities League.

For additional information, please contact Industry Station Captain Tim Murakami at (626) 330-3322, Public Information Officer Nicole Nishida at (323) 810-1973 or Sheriff's Information Bureau at (213) 229-1700. ■





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