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Walnut

Celestial Celebration!

WVUSD Students Experience Great American Eclipse

BY KELLI GILE

Walnut--Wearing protective ISO glasses, 10-year-old Eli Gerhardt peered outside his classroom window at just after 9 a.m. on Monday morning.

The Great American Eclipse was already happening.

"It looks like the moon took a bite out of the sun!" the Walnut Elementary fifth grader exclaimed as the moon began

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Diamond Bar

Sprouts Farmers Market Hiring 100+ for DB Store

BY STAFF REPORT

Diamond Bar- Opening date set for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 Sprouts Farmers Market, one of the fastest-growing retailers in the country, will soon finish construction on a new location in Diamond Bar, California. The new store is bringing more than 100 full- and

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Lanterman Developmental Center Project Near Cal Poly Pomona Moves Forward

Cal Poly Pomona Seeks Walnut Community Input on Preliminary Plans

BY ANTHONY CHAN

Pomona- California Department of Finance has transferred the Lanterman Developmental Center property, an approximately 300 acre property near the Cal Poly Pomona campus, to California State University in an effort to benefit Cal Poly Pomona's education mission as well as the surrounding communities. With a team of experts assembled by Cal Poly Pomona, and an external team of experts with a diverse set of skills and expertise including civil engineering, design, and land use planning, Cal Poly Pomona has conducted extensive feasibility studies and has concluded that the Lanterman De-



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The Lanterman Developmental Center is a 300 acre property approximately 1 mile away from Cal Poly Pomona.

velopmental Center property is suitable for development.

The Lanterman Developmental Center property is bordered by California State Route 57 in the east, Temple Ave. in the north and Valley

Blvd. in the west. The property was declared a surplus real estate property by the State of California in 2013. Jurisdiction over the property was trans-

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"Slap Tag" Vandal Arrested

BY ANTHONY SAUDE

Walnut/Diamond Bar- On August 23rd, Deputies from the Walnut / Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station arrested a 23 year old man for possession of vandalism/graffiti tools. The tools of the trade today are nothing more than a blank postal label decorated with graffiti. It is called a "slap tag" they are commonly used by taggers/graffiti artists to quickly vandalize public or private property with less of a chance of being caught. They decorate dozens of them



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"Slap Tagging" is a new trend that makes vandalism quick and easy for taggers.

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Chino

Illegal Firework Activity in Chino Continues Unabated

BY ANTHONY CHAN

Chino- Illegal fireworks have continued to problem in Chino for the last few years. According to Section 8.12 of the Chino Municipal Code, "The sale of 'Safe and Sane' fireworks shall be permitted within the city during the period beginning on the 1st day of July and ending at nine p.m. on the 4th of July of each calendar year." However, City officials have noted that fireworks continue to go on well beyond the limits set by City laws.

Illegal fireworks are a problem because they are safety hazards that can cause fires that threaten homes and they can injuries to children, bystanders, and onlookers.

Linda Reich, Director of Community Services in Chino, has reported that there were seven recent fires that were caused by fireworks and related activities- two grass fires

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Our Featured Businesses

Crystal Roses is Easing the Pain that Cancer Brings

BY ANTHONY SAUDE

Corona- When Joan was diagnosed with cancer they thought they caught it pretty early. But six weeks into the diagnosis, she was notified that chemo and radiation treatments were challenges she had to endure. Deep inside she knew that worry and stress would not help the situation, but the worry about her teenage daughter had her wondering what

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To find out how you can help, contact Sheila at Crystal Roses: (951) 205-8671 or email: crystalroseshelps@gmail.com

Mandarin Taste: Diamond Bar's Most Authentic Chinese Cuisine

BY STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - If you are looking for a wonderful meal, look no farther than Diamond Bar's most authentic Chinese restaurant, Mandarin Taste. For over 33 years, Mandarin Taste has brought quality service and

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Mandarin Taste is located at 23391 E. Golden Springs Drive, in Diamond Bar. For reservations, call (909) 861-1819. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Lunch: 11 am - 3pm Dinner: 5pm-9pm.

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Our Life: Brandon's Gift

BY MICHAEL ARMIGO

As I stood in line last Thursday afternoon, I waited for my son so intently. Each parent I knew, who was waiting for their child to come to the attendance office at high school, I hugged. We didn't need to explain why; we all just hugged.

When my son came to the office, he grabbed me. He held me like he did when he was 10. His hug told me that he loved me and appreciated me. He looked for comfort from the pain he suffered that day. His hug asked me to love him and reassure him, that he meant so much to us, as parents.

He appreciated us just a little bit more and we did the same. Tragically, right in front of his eyes, opened



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his perspective just a bit more. His friend was gone, and he missed him.

Being a positive person, I have no choice but to look for good in whatever life gives me, regardless of the circumstances. Tragedy has once again struck our lives, but somehow I had to look for something good that was left.

When Brandon took his life in front of all his best friends, in the center of campus at the high school he loved, he brought us all so many gifts. He brought us so much light. That day I realized how much I loved my son, and that day so many parents loved their children more than they've ever imagined. That fatal day, so many of us really appreciated their weakened children.

We appreciated all the things we overlook each day. The homework, the trash, their rooms, their grades, they were all irrelevant. For me, I was just happy I still had a son.

I believe that within all of our actions, regardless of the perception of others, there are gifts embedded within. My gift, from a young boy named Brandon, was to appreciate my son, to do the things that I haven't been doing. Listen to him a little more. Appreciate him. Look at his bright spots, not his weaknesses. Enjoy his sense of humor, spend time with him alone. Love him as though it was his last day. Because for Brandon, it was.

So, thank you Brandon, thank you for

allowing me to feel my son's grasp. Thank you for forcing me to look at my son and our relationship. Thank you for allowing me to love, and appreciate, my once little boy. Thank you for allowing other parents to hug one another with deep appreciation and love. Thank you for pushing them to love their kids just a little more. Thank you for bringing all those kids to church, because when asked why they were there on Sunday, they responded: "Because this is Brandon's church." The many gifts hidden within your actions have been discovered. They've been opened. They've been appreciated. We will keep them forever, because we will always, each day, open Brandon's gift. ■

Housing Inventory Shortage Solutions

BY NEF CORTEZ



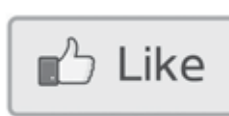
The Housing Inventory Shortage is becoming a bigger problem in many ways. Economics 101 taught us

that the change in either side of the Supply-Demand equation will create a change in outcomes to the marketplace. In this case, the Housing inventory is the supply, and being an illiquid investment, it does not change very fast. It is fixed and immovable, and therefore more constant than the Demand side. Major factors that have contributed to the low level of "Supply" growth need to be addressed for the long-term stability of the housing market. If the low levels of new home construction are not encouraged or allowed to grow, we will eventually suffer from an unbalanced, constricted real estate market. Legislation at the state and local levels needs to become more "builder-friendly", to allow more units to be built annually. The legislation, policies, and planning has to become more streamlined and less expensive to the developer in order to allow for a more balanced real estate market. Part of the change

has to be in the form of less restrictive zoning regulations. It doesn't benefit our communities when only a few can afford to buy and own a home.

The Demand side of the equation is driven more by population growth, and the populace's desire and ability to purchase a home. The low interest rate environment continues to fuel the demand, as it has continued to keep the homeownership demand at a steadily increasing level. As long as the interest rates stay relatively low, we will continue to see the steady demand that has driven the 7 % annual median sales price increase of homes in Southern California. The positive outlook for the local real estate market was presented to us by Dr John Husing at the Real Estate Research Council of Southern California's Quarterly Luncheon at Cal Poly Pomona. The improved economy, with employment continuing to grow, and the low interest rate environment is projected to remain steady for the next year.

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Community Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Crystal Roses Presents: Laughter is the Best Medicine

When: Saturday, September 16, 7:00 pm

Where: New Beginnings Church, 1769 Western Ave., Norco

Details: LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE - a family friendly comedy show fundraiser and raffle. Come join the fun for this year's annual comedy show, appropriate for ages 8 and up. Have fun and raise money for cancer patients. Featuring comedians Ron Pearson and Mark Christopher Lawrence.
Cost: \$15 presale tickets, \$20 at the door
Contact: (951) 205-8671, crystalroseshelps@gmail.com, crystalroseshelps.com

Hacienda Golf Club-550 Squad Club Golf Tournament

When: Monday, September

18, 2017, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Hacienda Golf Club, 718 East Rd., La Habra Heights

Details: This tournament is being held in memory of the brave officers from our area office who paid the ultimate sacrifice: Officer Leonard Nelson, Officer George Woodson, Officer William Fitzpatrick, Officer Carl Jessing, Officer Keith Giles, Officer Ward Washington, Officer Thomas Steiner, Officer David Romero, Officer Joseph Sanders

Contact: (562) 868-0503

Cost: \$150 per Golfer

LA County Fair Opening Weekend

When: Friday, September 1 thru Monday, September 4, 10:00 am to Midnight

Where: Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona

Details: New attractions this year- "The Magical World of Dragons, Wizards & Beasts" Step inside our castle that takes you to a realm of fantasy, imagination and experience. Visit dragon perches and engage

in interactive devices filled with pop culture references. Hear Merlogan, the tale-spinning wizard. See live animals and engage in the many interactivities that are not only fun but educational. (Location: Building 10) "Wonderland: A Floral Fairy Tale" Take a trip down the Rabbit Hole and be transported into another dimension in Wonderland: A Floral Fairy Tale. As soon as you step foot in this exhibit, you will be dwarfed by giant displays paying homage to Lewis Carroll's enchanting novel, Alice in Wonderland, with hundreds of beautiful flowers and plants around every corner. The Atrium is where fantasy and flora collide in our new exhibit, The Looking Glass & Beyond. Visit with our live woodland creatures like the flamingos, the hedgehog and the caterpillars in Caterpillar Cavern. (Location: Flower & Garden Pavillion)

Cost: General Admission: Adults \$20, Children (ages 6-12) \$12, Seniors \$15

Contact: For more info visit

www.lacf.com

Diamond Bar Restaurant Week

When: Friday, October 6 thru Friday, October 20

Where: Visit website for participating restaurants

Details: Diamond Bar Restaurant Week is a 14-day dining event that will take place Friday, October 6 - Friday, October 20, 2017. The event showcases Diamond Bar as a premier dining destination offering diners a wide variety of culinary experiences. Participating restaurants offer special prix-fixe menus with breakfast, lunch and dinner specials available. During this week, participating restaurants will offer special pre-fixed menus for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. There are no advance tickets or coupons needed, diners simply visit the participating restaurants and order the Diamond Bar Restaurant Week Special.

Contact: dbrestaurantweek.com

History 101

September 4, 1886:
Geronimo Surrenders

By HISTORY.COM

On this day in 1886, Apache chief Geronimo surrenders to U.S. government troops. For 30 years, the mighty Native American warrior had battled to protect his tribe's homeland; however, by 1886 the Apaches were exhausted and hopelessly outnumbered. General Nelson Miles accepted Geronimo's surrender, making him the last Indian warrior to formally give in to U.S. forces and signaling the end of the Indian Wars in the Southwest.

Geronimo was born in 1829 and grew up in what is present-day Arizona and Mexico. His tribe, the Chiricahua Apaches, clashed with non-Indian settlers trying to take their land. In 1858, Geronimo's family was murdered by Mexicans. Seeking revenge, he later led raids against Mexican and American settlers. In 1874, the U.S. government moved Geronimo and his people from their land to a reservation in east-central Arizona. Conditions on the reservation were restrictive and harsh and Geronimo and some of his followers escaped. Over the next decade, they battled federal troops and launched raids on white settlements. During this time, Geronimo and his supporters were forced back onto the reservation several times. In May 1885, Geronimo



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and approximately 150 followers fled one last time. They were pursued into Mexico by 5,000 U.S. troops. In March 1886, General George Crook (1829–90) forced Geronimo to surrender; however, Geronimo quickly escaped and continued his raids. General Nelson Miles (1839–1925) then took over the pursuit of Geronimo, eventually forcing him to surrender that September near Fort Bowie along the Arizona-New Mexico border. Geronimo and a band of Apaches were sent to Florida and then Alabama, eventually ending up at the Comanche and Kiowa reservation near Fort Sill, Oklahoma Territory. There, Geronimo became a successful farmer and converted to Christianity. He participated in President Theodore Roosevelt's inaugural parade in 1905. The Apache chief dictated his autobiography, published in 1906 as Geronimo's Story of His Life. He died at Fort Sill on February 17, 1909. ■

Did You Know?

How to Get Your Family Interested in Art and Music

By STATEPOINT

When school budgets suffer, often so do arts and music programs. Families can make up for scaled back opportunities in the classroom by bringing both music and art into the home.

Art Corner:

Create a little art studio in your house with a few key supplies. Drawing pencils, sketchbooks and watercolors are great basics. As skills progress, you can expand these supplies to include acrylic paints, charcoal and more. For those into crafting, check out sites like Pinterest for creative ideas and step-by-step instructions. While many community centers offer opportunities to receive classic art instruction, there are a number of online tutorials that can help you learn basic techniques from the comfort of your home, and for free.

Make Music:

Research has shown that listening to classical music can



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have many positive benefits on the brain and body, from improving one's mood to boosting performance on tests, so, get exposed to all the greats, from Mozart to Beethoven to Vivaldi.

September is National Piano Month, and an excellent opportunity to encourage your family to learn to play classical music with the right gear. These days, it's possible to get the concert grand piano tone with modern technology. New models of keyboards, such as the Celviano AP-270, a stand-up keyboard from Casio, is equipped with an 88-key Tri-Sensor Scaled Hammer Action Keyboard with simulated ebony and ivory textured

keys to reproduce the feeling of an acoustic piano.

Explore Your Community:

Take a field trip! Go to a museum or art gallery. Attend a live concert. Being inspired to create art and music is easier when you have real life examples to admire. Encourage everyone to talk about what they heard and saw and what they liked best.

Whether or not your school has comprehensive music and arts programming, you can enhance whatever lessons the classroom offers on weekends and in the evenings. ■

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Facts and Myths About Germs at School

BY STATEPOINT

Everybody seems to have an opinion about germs -- what causes them, where they're located, how to avoid them -- especially when it comes to children.

Experts say that American children miss 22 million days of school annually due to colds, flu and other infections.

"Avoiding germs at schools isn't as simple as just washing your hands in the bathroom or sneezing into your sleeve," says Charles Gerba, Ph.D., professor of microbiology and environmental sciences at the University of Arizona. "Germs are on everything kids touch in the classroom, as well as around the hallways, cafeteria and playground."

With this in mind, it is important to separate facts from myths about germs in schools.

- **Fact: Desks Are Among the Most Germ-Prone Items.** It's true! Students spend most of the day at their desks -- sneezes, coughs and all -- and, in some schools, they often switch classrooms and share desks with others. At the end of the day, students bring home that cocktail of germs to their families.
- **Myth: Any Hand Sanitizer Will Do.** According to research from the University of Colorado at Boulder, people carry an average of 3,200 bacteria on their hands. While most hand sanitizers are 99.9 percent effective at killing germs, some only last for a few minutes or until the application dries on the skin. Therefore, parents should consider applying hand sanitizers for their children that last throughout the day, such as Zoono's GermFree24, which is proven to last for 24 hours on skin and is available as both a foam and a spray.
- **Fact: Germs Can Affect Kids Outside the Classroom.** Germs in schools aren't just isolated to classrooms. They are everywhere, including cafeteria trays, play-

ground jungle gyms and sports equipment. In fact, the Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine found 63 percent of gym equipment is contaminated with rhinovirus, which causes the common cold. Reminding children to wash their hands before and after using these items (and wiping them down) will go a long way toward preventing sickness.

- **Myth: Sticking Things in Your Mouth is Child's Play.** Sure, curiosity might drive preschoolers to stick items in their mouths that don't belong. However, older students who nervously chew on pen caps, especially ones they borrow from classmates, or on their own fingernails during tough tests, are susceptible to picking up the germs that are traversing through school.
- **Fact: Backpacks Carry More Than Just Books.** Backpacks go everywhere -- to classrooms, inside lockers, in the cafeteria, in locker rooms -- and collect various germs throughout the day. Periodically clean backpacks inside and out. And make sure lunches and other food items, as well as gym clothes, are packed in separate bags to avoid cross-contamination of germs.
- **Myth: Sharing is Always Caring.** Just about every school supply -- from pens and pencils to headphones to sport jerseys -- can be a vehicle for harmful bacteria. Make sure children are armed with their own items, including mechanical pencils to avoid using the classroom's pencil sharpener, and avoid sharing their supplies with classmates.

When it comes to germs, separating myths from facts can help you have a happier, healthier school year.■

Local Farmers Markets:

Chino Farmer's Market
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Recipes:

Herbed Chicken Over Zucchini Risotto

with Shallot and Blistered Tomatoes

BY HELLO FRESH

Cooking Time: 35 mins
Servings: 4
Nutrition: 510 Calories
Ingredients:

- Shallot- 2
- Dill- ¼ oz
- Zucchini- 4
- Grape Tomatoes- 8 oz
- Chicken Breasts- 24 oz
- Herbs de Provence- 2 tbsp
- Italian Cheese Blend- 1 cup
- Sour Cream- 4 tbsp
- Whole Wheat Pita- 2

- 1 PREHEAT AND PREP.** Wash and dry all produce. Preheat oven or toaster oven to 400 degrees. Halve, peel, and thinly slice shallot. Pick dill fronds from stems and roughly chop; discard stems. Grate zucchini using the large holes of a box grater.
- 2 BLISTER VEGGIES.** Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add shallot and cook, tossing, until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and increase heat to high. Cook until tomatoes are blistered and shallot is crisp at edges, 3-5 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside.
- 3 BUTTERFLY CHICKEN.** With your hand on top of one chicken breast, cut ¾ of the way, parallel to cutting board, stopping before you slice through completely.

- Open it up, cover with plastic wrap, and pound with a mallet or heavy pan until an even thickness throughout. Repeat with other chicken breast.
- 4 COOK CHICKEN.** Wipe out pan used for veggies and heat a drizzle of olive oil in it over medium-high heat. Season chicken all over with salt, pepper, and herbs de Provence. Add to pan and cook until browned and cooked through, 3-5 minutes per side. Remove from pan and set aside to rest. TIP: Loosely cover chicken with foil to keep warm.
 - 5 COOK ZUCCHINI.** Rinse out same pan and heat a drizzle of olive oil in it over medium-high heat. Add zucchini and cook, stirring frequently, until tender, 5-7 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in Italian cheese blend, sour cream, and half the dill. Season generously with salt and pepper.
 - 6 PLATE AND SERVE.** Cut pita in half and toast in oven or toaster oven until warm and slightly crisp, 2-4 minutes. Divide zucchini mixture between plates along with veggies. Top with chicken and garnish with remaining dill. Serve with pita on the side. ■



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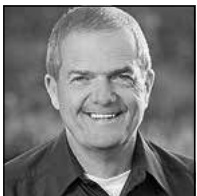
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The Solar Eclipse: Part 1

BY MARK HOPPER



I shared in a previous article that my wife and I were on our way to see the Solar Eclipse. We sensed the excitement and anticipation as we waited at airports for our flight. There was a "buzz" in the air.

We flew to Des Moines, Iowa, and spent two days with a friend and visited an older family member. The next day, we drove our rental car from Iowa south to our destination in St. Joseph, Missouri. I had researched the path of the total eclipse on the internet. It was going completely across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina.

St. Joseph, Missouri was directly in the path of the eclipse. This small city on the Missouri River had prepared for this event for several years. They opened up a huge piece of land next to the regional airport. They sold camp sites and parking spaces preparing for 20,000 people.

They did a very good job preparing for this invasion of out-of-state visitors.

One of the things that no one could prepare for was the weather. Most websites predicted clear skies in the western states but more possibilities of clouds and rain in the central and eastern parts of the country. Weather predictions for our area looked good. They had been having a very dry summer and the forecasts anticipated nice, clear skies.

However, it rained heavily the first two nights we were in Des Moines. Thunder storms unleashed a total of three inches of rain. Not a good omen. When we left Des Moines at 4:00 AM on the day of the eclipse, it was raining heavily. But as we drove further south things looked better. The rain stopped but when the sun came up around 6:00 AM it was still cloudy.

We left extra early because we anticipated heavy traffic on Interstate 35. We were surprised that the traffic was unexpectedly light! We got to St. Joseph in less than three hours. Things

went smoothly. The city of St. Joe was ready for all of the solar visitors like us. But, the clouds lingered overhead as we parked our car at 7:30 in the morning.

It was a festive atmosphere at the viewing site. People set up tents and lawn shade pop ups to provide some relief from the summer sun. We met people who had come from Minnesota to Texas. It was a friendly crowd. Food vendors sold all kinds of goodies and my wife insisted that we purchase a T-shirt for me to remember this special event. The shirt had an image of the total eclipse on the front and a map of the path of the eclipse on the back.

We sat down on our borrowed lawn chairs and waited for the big event. We had come a long way to witness this once in a lifetime phenomenon. I'll share more with you in my next article.

This article was written by: Pastor Mark Hopper, Efree Church of Diamond Bar, 3255 South Diamond Bar Blvd 909-594-7604 Sunday Services: 9:00 & 10:45 AM Efreedb.org. ■

Free Counseling is Available

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



For the past twenty years I have had the honor of facilitating a free counseling group every Monday evening. Our group meets at the Walnut Teen Center and Gymnasium located at 21003 La Puente road in the city of Walnut. We meet year round from 6-8p.m. every Monday unless it is a holiday. Their phone number is (909) 444-0089 and my contact number is 909 229-0727 should you have any questions. You do not need to have any appointment to attend this group you are all free to drop by anytime. This group satisfies many court mandated needs.

Even though this group meets at a teen center I invite people of all ages with all types of issues. This group helps parents, stu-

dents, and all people that are just struggling in their lives. My goal is to just make our community be healthier and make its' population be effective in their lives and create successful human beings. We work on any array of issues that many people present day are dealing with. There is no reason for anybody to be stuck in an unhealthy place.

If you are tired of the fight between you and your child regarding homework or need some more effective ways to communicate this is the group for you. Maybe depression or anxiety seems to be holding you or a loved one back and finding solutions could be life changing. If you or somebody you know is struggling with drugs or drinking this group is a great place to get some coping skills to get clean. We talk about ways to deal with bullies and how damaging it can be for somebody's self-esteem.

Bring in an issue and I promise you will feel hopeful and have new tools to help you confront the issue head on. Don't let embarrassment stop you or a loved one from getting the help you need to reclaim the wonderful life you are so deserving of.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has a private practice in Diamond Bar and is currently accepting new clients; she is also a motivational speaker who can inspire your employees or group members. Nancy runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups on how to manage anger. For more information about any of these services feel free to contact her at (909) 229-0727. You may e-mail Nancy at nancystoops@verizon.net. You may purchase Nancy's books Live Heal and Grow and Midnight the Therapy Dog at Amazon.com. ■

Straight Talk With Danice

"My wife is a terrible back seat driver..."

BY DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.



Dear Danice Akiyoshi ND,

My wife is a terrible back seat driver. She complains about my driving every time she's in my car. She says things like, "everyone is stopped ahead, and maybe you should take your foot off the gas." "You're getting too close to that truck." "Why are you being so aggressive, let that guy get in front of you." "Please don't take that phone call, traffic is busy; you need to pay atten-

tion to the road." And the list goes on and on. I'm driving out in traffic all day. I've had very few tickets or accidents in my life. I am not a bad driver. My wife only has a 15 minute commute. I hate to criticize her, but she is not an expert driver and I'm tired of her comments. How can I get her off my back?

Thank you, Blake

Hi Blake,

It doesn't seem as if your wife is actually insinuating that you are a bad driver. It sounds a lot more to me like she struggles with anxiety. Do you notice this in any other areas of her life? I think when it comes to your driving she's not doing a very good job of

communicating and you're taking it as a personal insult. If she were a better communicator, she might say, "I'm feeling a little nervous, would you mind slowing down...please don't drive next to big trucks or talk on the phone in busy traffic, it makes me terribly uneasy." If she were to own this as 'her' problem instead of making you feel inadequate, would you drive more cautiously or perhaps be a little more passive on the road to cater to her comfort zone? Experience with my patients tells me that it might be doubtful, because you're hearing this as a personal attack when she is basically trying to communicate her fear to you. I hear this complaint in my practice all the time. My 'simple' advice is

to let her drive or invite her to do whatever it is that will help her to relax before she gets into your car. Or you could be more considerate of her road anxiety. The best answer by far would be for her to address the underlying reasons for her excessive anxiety. I hope she makes that choice. Good Luck to both of you.

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. This is a letter she received from an anonymous reader. To send a question to Danice, email her at straighttalk@candidcoaching-services.com. You can also visit her website at <http://www.candidcoachingservices.com> ■

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Lanterman developmental center project near Cal Poly Pomona moves forward

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ferred to Cal Poly Pomona on July 1, 2015 through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the California Department of Finance. Since then, the team assembled by Cal Poly Pomona and an external team of experts have worked together to survey the area and conducted detailed site analysis, building condition assessments, transportation and circulation analysis, historic preservation analysis, and market demand analysis.

In a summary of their due-diligence analysis, Brailsford & Dunlavey, a real estate program management firm, states, "The Site's natural features

(topography, plant materials, microclimate) and built features (historic districts, historic buildings and landscapes, existing roads) all influence the design decisions that are intended to enhance human comfort and conserve energy and resources while providing mission supporting development opportunities for Cal Poly Pomona."

Detailed analysis shows that the site contains 131 buildings with 93 buildings, built between 1927 to 1969, eligible to become the Pacific State Hospital District - a name derived from Pacific Colony Hospital, the original name of the building complex - as defined by standards set by the Department of Interior.

"Preserving the Site's histor-

ic structures and using them as a foundation for a new community and to establish the appropriate scale of new development can enhance the sense of place at Cal Poly Pomona, anchor the Site in its prominent place in California history and bridge the needs of students and the community at large," according to the due-diligence analysis.

Walnut residents with questions or suggestions for what kinds of development they would like to see in the Lanterman Developmental Center are welcome to contact Talitha Tyler at ttyler@cpp.edu. More information about the development can be found at www.cpp.edu/~lanterman/index.shtml. ■

Mandarin Taste

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traditional Chinese cuisine to the Diamond Bar community, and a yelp favorite.

The restaurant has thrived because of the many mouth-watering dishes it serves and the family-friendly atmosphere that keeps people coming back for more. Skip slaving over the stove all day, or cooking after a long day at the office. Mandarin Taste hopes to make every day less stressful and more enjoyable for you while you feast and share memories with your loved ones.

They have added freshly made items to their menu; honey walnut shrimp, lemon chicken, and sweet and sour pork chops. From Peking duck and Hunan lamb to customer-favorites pork fried rice, wonton soup and orange-flavored chicken, guests will definitely feel lucky getting their grub on at Mandarin Taste. There's an abundance of tasty food options to satisfy every palate. You can take advantage of their Lobster special, normally \$30.00/lb now \$16.99/lb.

The restaurant's owners and staff want everyone who

comes to their establishment to relax and enjoy themselves over the delectable food.

"We're like a family restaurant," said restaurant manager Chi Young, when describing the feeling that customers get when visiting the long-lasting eatery.

"People are always smiling [here]," said Young.

The restaurant holds a very popular champagne brunch on Sundays. The champagne is all-you-can-drink and freshly made California rolls and Ginger lobster that is made by a Japanese master chef, have been added to the menu. All-you-can-eat buffets are available as well.

Mandarin Taste also serves traditional and specialty cocktails. If customers can't come in to enjoy the pleasant ambience, they have the option to order food for carryout. Share the love and give your family and friends Mandarin Taste gift certificates, available year round!

For more information, please call (909) 861-1819, or just stop by their location at 23391 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar. You can also visit their website at www.mandarin-tasterestaurant.com. ■

Sprouts Farmers Market hiring 100+ in DB

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part-time career opportunities to the area. Employment opportunities include: • Department Managers, Assistant Department Managers and Clerks • Cashiers • Courtesy Clerks • Backup Receiver, Administrative Coordinator and Scan Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about available career opportunities, visit sprouts.com/careers please call 1-866-925-2396 for non-managerial roles.

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competitive pay, excellent benefits, team member discounts, a fun and rewarding culture and great career advancement opportunities. Sprouts is known for its knowledgeable team members and low prices, Sprouts is a healthy grocery store that appeals to the average shopper. Sprouts offers fresh produce, meat and seafood, bulk foods, vitamins and supplements, dairy, bakery, deli, natural body care items and more. Sprouts carries exclusive items under its Sprouts Brand product line, which meet strict quality standards while delivering exceptional value, taste and quality. Diamond Bar shoppers will find an abundant selection of fresh fruits and vegetables and barrels of wholesome grains, nuts

and sweets in a bright, open store layout. Each store features an in-house butcher who prepares hand-crafted sausages daily and assists customers with special cuts of meat and seafood seasoning. Shoppers will also enjoy a variety of fresh and prepared deli items ideal for lunch or dinner, a wide selection of fresh-baked goods and craft beer and wine. The Vitamin and Body Care Department features more than 7,500 cutting-edge vitamin and body care products made with sustainable and ethically sourced ingredients.

The new 30,000-square-foot store will be located at 239 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. The grand opening will be on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 a.m.■

"Slap tag" vandal arrested

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before they hit the streets and then all they have to do is peel and stick.

A message for parents: Above is an example of a "slap tag". The mere possession of these items is a crime, and could land someone in jail. The second image is an example of common "tagger" items.

Parents, please it is important to become familiar with these items and make sure your son/daughter doesn't have any similar items. If you do find these items please destroy them immediately and explain the dangers this can cause to your child. The fine could be the least of their worries; an encounter with an angry property owner could lead to criminal charges for either. To the taggers/graffiti artists; just think about somebody other than yourselves and go to an art gallery if you are that talented. ■

Is your child a tagger?

Most likely, your child will not leave the home looking like this. But if you find two or more of these implements among his or her things, your child is probably writing graffiti in your neighborhood.

- Backpack – Graffiti on backpack, art supplies inside
- Hood, hat and bandana – used to conceal face from witnesses/hidden cameras.
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Celestial celebration!

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casting its shadow.

"This is amazing!"

Then, a few at a time, his classmates took turns viewing their first solar eclipse.

"I saw the sun and the moon was covering it a little," said Chloe Lam.

"I've been excited to see the eclipse!" she added.

"The solar flares happen when the moon is covering the sun - there are orange flames," explained classmate Giselle Quintanilla.

From Oregon to South Carolina, the total solar eclipse darkened skies across the continental U.S. for the first time in 99 years.

Although her class stayed inside due to safety concerns, Vejar kindergarten teacher Lisa Gomez made the "big event" memorable with crafts and fun lunar snacks including mini "Moon" pancakes, Sun Chips, and Sunny Delight.

Many classrooms also watched the historic event during a live NASA broadcast.

South Pointe Middle School received a generous donation of 300 eclipse glasses from Mt.

San Antonio College.

"All our 6th,7th, and 8th graders will get a chance to see the moon pass in front of the sun this morning," said science teacher Tom Woodward.

"We talked about safety on Friday. I told them never to look at the sun without the glasses," he shared.

Students watched an astronomy video and took a 10-question quiz moments before going outside.

"Which eclipse are we seeing today, lunar or solar?" he asked the 6th graders.

"Solar!" they replied.

"Tomorrow we'll talk about the difference," the teacher promised.

Beginning at 10:05 a.m., each grade level, about 900 students in total, rotated outside for viewing parties.

"It looks like a crescent moon, but it's the sun!" exclaimed sixth grader Emily Lee.

"My students were in awe," shared Diamond Bar High physics teacher Angela Jensvold after the morning's celestial celebration.

"Students were running to

come to class in order not to miss a minute," she said.

"We observed the sharpness of our shadows and crescent shaped images of the sun in the dappled shade of trees."

Most of her students used ISO glasses, while some made their own eclipse viewers decorated with kittens and turtles.

"Even though I didn't give them any extra credit!" Jensvold added.

At Walnut High, chemistry teacher Jeri Burnside bought a class set of 35 certified eclipse glasses over the summer.

"We got a chance to use our ISO glasses to see the sun at maximum coverage for our viewing area, about 67% at 10:21 a.m.," she said.

"We saw the daylight around us fading and felt the temperature cooling as over half the solar energy was blocked."

Burnside told students that the next total solar eclipse in the U.S. will occur in 2024, and that there is only one town, Carbondale, Illinois, that will actually be in the path of totality.

"My students will be around 22 to 23 years-old then, so hopefully they will be able to travel to see a total eclipse if they so desire!" ■

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will happen next. So as she sits there, alone, afraid, and cold, she knows she'll be waiting for hours. She begins to cry. Joan doesn't know what to do. She doesn't have any family and her friends have their own lives and can't be around all the time. It all seemed so hopeless and she felt so alone. Then she met Sheila Romanski. A survivor who has dedicated her life to people like Joan.

Sheila and her team at Crystal Roses Inc, brought Joan a Comfort Tote filled with things they know she will need for this journey that she couldn't know she needed. Most importantly they brought love, prayer, comfort and friendship along with the goodies in the bag. You see Joan will need the blanket, beanie, lip balm, journal & pen, for sure she will use the tissue, essential oils and the cup but there isn't any substitute for the support and love that the team from CR

brings. The team is able to use their own personal experiences and faith to connect with these women on a physical and spiritual level that just can't be attained in a medical setting.

Sheila Romanski is self admitted walking and talking miracle a four time cancer survivor, she is the founder of Crystal Roses Inc., a non profit 501 3 c corporation Corona California. Sheila's life and Joan's life weren't so different on the outside. The fact remained on the inside Sheila had an incredible amount of support there for her when the times got really tough. She had her family, friends and her church all helping and coming along side her so she never felt alone no matter how hopeless she felt. Joan just didn't have that type of support system available to her. That is when Sheila saw an important need she knew how to fill for these women.

The team at Crystal Roses Inc is dedicated to making a differ-

ence and inspiring women and children by giving them hope, encouragement, love, prayer and support. The services and the team have expanded since Crystal Roses was founded in 2011. A new addition to the team is CRY-outh to expand their outreach to include children dealing with cancer or other similar illnesses. Some of the services they now offer are breast tattooing and organic skincare, wig fitting help, meal planning and aroma therapy. Sheila said that the big vision is to have a home/office the ladies can come to for these services and not be in the sterile cold medical environment.

To learn more about how to request a Comfort Tote for yourself or a loved one, please contact Sheila at 951-205-8671 or email us at: crystalroseshelps@gmail.com If youd like to contribute funds toward providing Comfort Totes for others, you can donate here as well. All donations are tax deductible. ■



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Illegal firework activity in Chino continues unabated

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and 5 container fires. The Fire District also received a paramedic call for injuries resulting from an exploding firework.

Chino fines people who possess or use illegal fireworks \$1000, but the fine does not appear to be effective and less than half of the fines have been paid. City officials have looked to other solutions such as charging more for infractions, but California state law sets a maximum fine the City can charge for misdemeanors. At a recent Community Services

Commission meeting, Commissioner James Espinosa asked if offenders could be put in jail. Linda Reich replied that offenders could not be put in jail, and that there were people committing much larger crimes with much smaller fines.

In order to increase enforcement, Chino Police has increased the police force from 42 officers in 2016 to 51 officers in 2017. Chino Police has also conducted undercover operations to confiscate illegal fireworks on Craigslist with total poundage of fireworks seized tripling from 2016.

Although Chino Police has stepped up enforcement, illegal fireworks continue to be a problem in Chino, because surrounding cities - namely Chino Hills and Ontario - have outright banned the use of legal and illegal fireworks for safety reasons. In the past year, 64 citations have been issued for the possession or use of illegal fireworks, with 40 of the citations issued to Chino residents, 1 repeat offender and 23 citations issued to nonresidents.

Part of the problem may lie in the size of Chino residents' backyards. Many homes along

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Chino Ave. are on half acre lots, and the ability for residents to evade police enforcement by setting off fireworks in their backyards makes enforcement difficult.

Residents with ideas for how to address illegal fireworks in Chino are encouraged to contact the Chino Community Services Department at (909) 334-3256 or email at communityservices@chino.org. To report the use of illegal fireworks in Chino, please contact Chino Police Department at (909) 628-1234. ■

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