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WALNUT

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Walnut Elementary DLI Students Ring in the Lunar New Year

BY KELLI GILE

Walnut—Over 300 students performed skits, poems, and songs, entirely in Mandarin, during the 6th annual Lunar New Year celebration at Walnut Elementary.

Kindergartens through 5th grade children are part of the school's Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program that offers unique and innovative instruction in both English and Mandarin.

Each grade level took a turn on stage during the energetic program presented for school-mates on Thursday and for their

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Attempted Robbery Thwarted By Employee



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BY ANTHONY SAUDE

Chino - A clerk at a Chino gas station escaped injury early Tuesday morning after being shot at during an attempted robbery and struggle with the armed man.

"Chino police officers responded to a call in reference to the Arco gas station at 12100 Ramona Ave. There was a re-

port of "shots being fired," said police spokeswoman Monica Gutierrez.

Ms. Gutierrez said, "a man wearing dark clothing, a ski mask and armed with a handgun, approached the front doors to the store at approximately 1:29 a.m. it was there that he encountered a courageous male employee.

"A struggle ensued as the suspect tried to open the un-

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Chino Hills Crime Meeting

BY ANTHONY SAUDE

Chino Hills - New California state legislature has changed and now crimes such as first degree burglary and battery with serious bodily injury will no longer be prosecuted as violent felonies. Police officials are saying that crime is exploding all over the state because criminals now know that they won't be put in jail for those types of crimes. How does a criminal respond to these kinds of changes, they commit

more violent crimes of course.

There will be a town hall type meeting held in the Chino Hills Community Center located at 14250 Peyton Drive on March 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It is encouraged for all citizens to come out to discuss how we can take back the community from the criminals. The new legislature tells you what the law can't do but the Chino Hills Police Department will

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INLAND EMPIRE

Terrorist Threats Investigation & Arrest

STAFF REPORTS

Norco - On Monday, February 19, about 9:39 a.m., the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Norco Office,



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received information about a series of threats made on social media. An investigation was immediately initiated regarding a suspect posting comments on his Facebook page he intended on shooting people at a local college campus. The threats were deemed credible and the Norco Special Enforcement Team deputies along with detectives assigned to the Jurupa Valley

Station Investigations Bureau initiated a detailed and expansive investigation.

The investigation revealed the suspect was making the threats from a residence located in the City of Norco. Deputies continued with their investigation and solicited the assistance of

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LOCAL NEWS

11 Cited for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

BY ANTHONY SAUDE

Pomona - The Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Operation is a method that has been known to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

The Pomona Police Department is doing their part in making a concerted effort to reduce the amount of alcohol that is available to minors on the streets of Pomona. Officers participated in an operation on February 15 at various liquor/convenient store locations throughout the city of Pomona.

Here is how it works: Under the direct supervision of offi-

cers, one 19 year old minor and one 20 year old minor were sent to various liquor/convenient stores throughout the city of Pomona. They would wait outside the establishment for an adult patron to enter, inform them that they were less than 21 years of age, and then ask them if they would buy some alcohol for them.

Eleven adults were contacted and five of them offered to buy the alcohol for the minors working undercover. The adult suspects were immediately detained by the officers on the scene, after they supplied the



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BY SARAH SANCHEZ

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Chino PD Annual Awards Ceremony



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By Anthony Saude

Chino - Chino Police Department had their Annual Department Awards Ceremony earlier this month. Some of the more distinguished awards recognize Officer of the Year, Civilian of the Year, Volunteer of the year and the Chief's Award of Distinction.

The Officer of the Year award was given to Tricia Mayberry. Tricia started her career at the Chino Police Department in 2015 after spending two years as a Deputy with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Currently she is assigned to the Patrol Bureau and was recognized for her proactive enforcement efforts, thorough investigations and community outreach efforts.

The Civilian of the Year award

was presented to Facilities Coordinator Dean Carbone has worked for the Chino Police Department since 2015. He earned this prestigious award for his superior customer service, both internal and external, his outstanding efforts managing the department's facilities and the Traffic Unit Cadets.

The Volunteer of the Year award goes to George Sasso. George has been a volunteer for the City of Chino in a multitude of capacities, including but not limited to, a Reserve police officer for 14 years. He has volunteered over 11,000 of his hours as a Police chaplain. His recognition for his exceptional service and dedication to ministering and supporting the community and department personnel during times of loss and tragedy has not gone unnoticed.

Last but certainly no least the Chief's Award of Distinction was awarded to Lieutenant Kevin Mensen. He began his illustrious career at the Chino Police Department in 1999 and is currently assigned as a Patrol Watch Commander. He received the prestigious Chief's Distinction Award for his skills and leadership in implementing new technology, overseeing the acquisition of the armored rescue vehicle and his role as the SWAT Commander.

Chief Karen Comstock spoke to all personnel who were in attendance at the "Guardians of the Community" Award Ceremony. She told everybody that was presented with an award "You have been carefully selected. You embody the most impeccable character and you have been given the greatest amount of power to carry out you calling." "In 2017 you have used that power to do extraordinary things and I as you Chief am proud of you. I am proud of who you are as an individual and I am astounded at what you do as a team. Thank you for serving this Community with such distinction and dedication. Thank you for being consummate professional in the field of law enforcement. ■

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Where: DB Center, 1600 Grand Ave., Diamond Bar
Details: Spend the day planning your dream wedding! Our boutique-style show provides an intimate and casual atmosphere that allows you to connect one on one with top wedding professionals. All brides will receive a reusable tote to collect samples, information, prizes and more. Door prizes offered all day long.
Cost: FREE for Brides & Grooms, \$5 online, \$10 at the door.
Contact: <http://cityofdiamondbar.com/index.aspx>

Paws at the Park

When: Saturday, March 10, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Vila Borba Park, 17001 Amadora Dr., Chino Hills
Details: Dogs of all paw sizes are invited to participate in the City of Chino Hills Paws at the Park event. The free event includes little dog races, a dog fashion show, a best trick contest, pet vendors, giveaways, door prizes, and craft activities for the kids. Registration is now open at www.chinohills.org/Paws and is required for the contests. Spaces are limited! Registrations also will be taken at the event if space is still available.
Cost: FREE
Contact: 909-364-2700

Chino Cultural Palooza

When: Saturday, March 10, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Chino City Hall, 13220 Central Ave., Chino
Details: Celebrate Chino's rich and various cultures by joining us for a day of entertainment, great food, and shopping! There will be performances, food and retail vendors, community organizations and more.
Contact: (909) 334-3258 or visit cityofchino.org/events.

Taste of the Chino Valley

When: Monday, April 16, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Where: Chaffey College Chino Community Center, 5890 College Park Ave., Chino
Details: Sample the offerings of Chino Valley's restaurants at the Chino Valley Chamber

Our Life

When I Wake Up

By ANTHONY SAUDE

Every day when we wake up, thoughts rush into our minds at an almost frightening pace. For some, those thoughts are sadly centered on the negative circumstances they may be experiencing in their lives. Still, for others it is quite the opposite; their thoughts are centered on the positive things happening in their lives. If we were to look at the state of our country we would have to assume that most are doing the negative thing.

I am not going to lie, when I wake up in the morning their is about a 50/50 chance that I will be doing the positive thing. (See how I just did the positive thing there) I am working on it but my first thoughts can be focused on the negative stuff. Even though I know for certain, that is not a productive way to start my day. I have been known to tell my kids that you can have a good day or a bad day it is your choice, which one do you want.

The goal I am after is that when I wake up, I would have my first thought to be: I am just glad I got to wake up again today. If we can accomplish that, it seems that positive thoughts should more easily follow throughout our day. Every day is a new day that the Lord has made for us; what we do with that day is a choice that we need to make. This type of thinking will take practice but like I always tell my kids "practice makes perfect". It will take time, energy and intentionality to change negativity to positivity.

When we wake up we get to go out and see if we can't figure out a way to make somebody's negative day a positive day. With the state our country is in today, chances are that person could very well be a person or persons that are living in the very house you call home. Let's start there tomorrow and see where that takes us. ■

of Commerce's Taste of the Chino Valley event. Save the date! More information will be made available in the near future.

Contact: (909) 627-6177

Salute to Heroes Prayer Breakfast

When: Thursday, March 1, 8:30 am to 10:00 am.
Where: Diamond Bar Center, 1600 S. Grand Ave., Diamond Bar
Details: The "Salute to Heroes Prayer Breakfast" recognizes First Responders in the Walnut, Diamond Bar, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Avocado Heights, Bassett, Valinda, and La Puente areas.
Contact: info@regional-chambersgv.com

Kinder Learning is All in the Family on Fridays

By Kelli Gile

WALNUT—Three C.J. Morris Elementary kindergarten classes recently welcomed a familiar group of visitors.

Once each month, parents are invited to gather in their child’s classroom for a 30-minute lesson during Family Learning Friday.

On February 8, teacher Luisa Salazar offered a session on paragraphs while family members sat side-by-side on the tiny chairs.

The groups then brainstormed the meaning of a paragraph, its structure, and topic sentences according to the veteran educator.

Down the hall, kinder team teachers Kelly Revels and Sarah Sherman focused on early learning reading strategies during their lessons.

The new interactive program has garnered a wonderful response, with a bounty of families participating.

“This is a great opportunity to see what our kids are doing and it’s working!” said Stephanie Jimenez.

“What we see is the homework side, but when we’re here in class, we get a feel for how they’re interacting,” added parent Robert Ysaac.

The teachers share the techniques they use during instruction so parents can model them at home.

“The children demonstrate skills we are sharing with parents. This helps the students continue their work on the same skills,” Revel explained.

“I think families are benefiting by seeing their child’s progress,” she said.

The program is also building the kindergarten community as parents have the opportunity to spend time with one another.

“They mingle and see how other parents interact with their children and maybe

even learn a new skill or develop a new friendship with another family,” Sherman shared.

Parents got a chance to see how looking at pictures can help their children figure out words during Friday’s lesson.

“The children know when they come across a word that they don’t know, they get their lips ready to sound it out, and look at the picture for a clue,” Salazar said.

“After the lesson, families read together and used some of the new strategies to figure out words,” Sherman added.

During recent sessions, teachers introduced math strategies for addition and subtraction, sight word games, and writing expectations for common core standards.

“I’ve always wanted to offer an open classroom, so parents could come if they have questions about what the children are doing in class,” Salazar said about creating the program.

The school is also using Family Learning Friday as an opportunity to teach kinder families about the school’s International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, according to coordinator Kelly Howard.

During a January meeting, families met in the multipurpose room for an introduction in the IB Learner profile attributes of being caring and open-minded.

“I think hearing from the teacher how to play a game or what a sentence should look like, and then getting to practice that exact skill is priceless,” Sherman said.

“The kids absolutely love having their parents in the classroom and showing off all the things that they are learning about!” Revels said. ■

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AREA D POLICE CHAPLAINS Coordinator- Chaplain Karen Davis of Glendora Police Department held the first 2018 police chaplains conference and spoke on “The Current Trends in Law Enforcement.” The meeting was attended by the local police chaplains from Monrovia PD, Covina PD, and Baldwin PD. Chief Robert Guthrie and Chaplain RG Reyes of Arcadia Police Department hosted the event last January.

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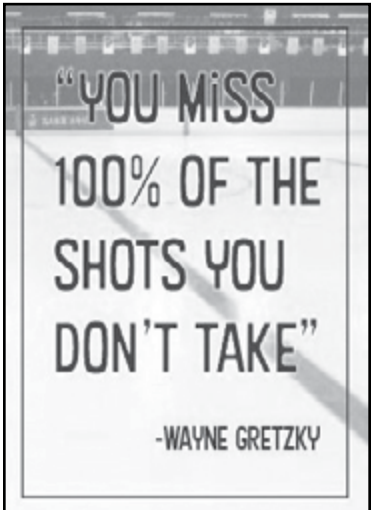


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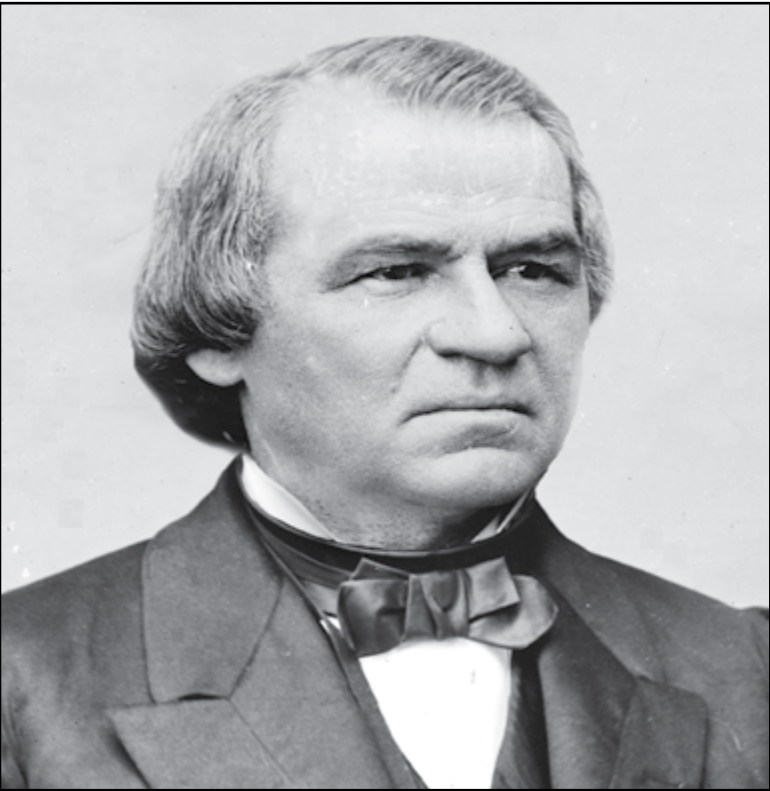


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February 24, 1868: President Andrew Johnson Impeached

By HISTORY.COM

The U.S. House of Representatives votes 11 articles of impeachment against President, Andrew Johnson nine of which cite Johnson’s removal of Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton a violation of the Tenure of Office Act. The House vote made President Johnson the first president to be impeached in U.S. history.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Andrew Johnson, a senator from Tennessee, was the only U.S. senator from a seceding state who remained loyal to the Union. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln appointed him military governor of Tennessee, and in 1864 he was elected vice president of the United States. Sworn in as president after Lincoln’s assassination in April 1865, President Johnson enacted a lenient Reconstruction policy for the defeated South, including almost total amnesty to ex-Confederates, a program of rapid restoration of U.S.-state status for the seceded states, and the approval of new, local Southern governments, which were able to legislate “Black Codes” that preserved the system of slavery in all but its name.

The Republican-dominated Congress greatly opposed Johnson’s Reconstruction program

and in March 1867 passed the Tenure of Office Act over the president’s veto. The bill prohibited the president from removing officials confirmed by the Senate without senatorial approval and was designed to shield members of Johnson’s Cabinet like Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, who had been a leading Republican radical in the Lincoln administration. In the fall of 1867, President Johnson attempted to test the constitutionality of the act by replacing Stanton with General Ulysses S. Grant. However, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to rule on the case, and Grant turned the office back to Stanton after the Senate passed a measure in protest of the dismissal.

On February 21, 1868, Johnson decided to rid himself of Stanton once and for all and appointed General Lorenzo Thomas, an individual far less favorable to the Congress than Grant, as secretary of war. Stanton refused to yield, barricading himself in his office, and the House of Representatives, which had already discussed impeachment after Johnson’s first dismissal of Stanton, initiated formal impeachment proceedings against the president. On February 24, Johnson was impeached, and on March 13 his impeachment trial began in the Senate under the direction of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. The trial ended on May 26 with Johnson’s opponents narrowly failing to achieve the two-thirds majority necessary to convict him. ■

Did You Know?

Your Guide to Reducing the Prom Price Tag

By STATEPOINT

Prom is a time-honored tradition and a rite of passage for teens. Originally inspired by graduation celebrations and debutante balls, prom today is now an extravagant, defining moment in a teen’s life, bearing little resemblance to prom-enades of the past -- especially when it comes to cost.

All of this indulgence unfortunately comes with a price tag, and prom expenses can put a large dent in your wallet. Teens are spending nearly \$640 on prom hair and makeup, outfits, tickets and rides, according to Yahoo Style’s “2017 Prom Across America” survey -- and that doesn’t take into consideration any pre-prom expenses, such as the promposal, which, according to Visa’s annual prom spending survey, adds another \$324!

The Promposal

In recent years, teens have upped the ante, finding elaborate -- and often public -- ways to ask someone to prom.

What are some popular promposal tactics? Spelling “prom” with pastries, creating giant duct tape posters, decorating lockers and bedrooms, and popping the question on the jumbotron at a sporting event.

Fashion First

When proms first became common, teens were encouraged to wear their “Sunday best” -- implying a nice dress or suit they already owned. Not so anymore. For girls, prom is all about the dress, and finding the perfect one

at the right price is no easy task. “Seventeen Magazine” reported that girls spend \$231 on average for a dress, \$45 on shoes, \$23 on a handbag, \$32 on jewelry and \$118 on hair, nails and makeup.

While guys typically spend less on prom clothing and accessories, they’re still shelling out for a tuxedo, corsage and other accessories.

Cut Costs, Save for College

The steep prom price tag is leading teens to look at alternatives, such as ditching typical outfits and making their own. One example is Duck Tape formal wear. Over the last 17 years, the Duck brand Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest has attracted more than 7,000 entrants and awarded more than half a million dollars in scholarships to teens who crafted their Duck Tape prom attire.

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Other ways to cut the prom price tag? Hair, makeup and other accessories can cost more than \$200, so skip the salon and opt for online tutorials for hair and makeup inspiration. Also, DIYing accessories, such as jewelry, a clutch or flowers (i.e. Duck Tape roses), can add a personal touch, and keep money in your wallet.

Setting a budget and looking for opportunities to save money can help ensure prom is an amazing night that doesn’t break the bank. ■



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What to Ask Your Doctor About Parkinson's Disease



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BY STATEPOINT

Talking to your doctor about any health concern can be tough, particularly when symptoms catch you by surprise or cause concern. And when it comes to Parkinson's disease (PD), experts say there are many symptoms that often go unreported at doctor's appointments, making them difficult to diagnose and treat.

For example, many people are aware of visible symptoms associated with PD, like resting tremors and loss of balance. However, more than half of people living with Parkinson's also experience a lesser known aspect of the disease -- hallucinations and delusions.

"Over time, these symptoms may increase in frequency or become bothersome, as a person with Parkinson's becomes less able to distinguish between what is real and what's not. Fortunately, these symptoms often can be addressed," says Neal Hermanowicz, MD, director of the Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Program at the University of California, Irvine.

To help you prepare for your appointment with a PD specialist, Dr. Hermanowicz says to consider the following statements, and if they apply to you, to tell your doctor at your next appointment.

- I sometimes feel out of touch with reality.

- Others tell me that what I am hearing, seeing or sensing (e.g., people, animals or objects) are not actually there (hallucinations).

- I have beliefs or fears that a loved one (perhaps a spouse, caregiver or friend) is stealing from me or being unfaithful (delusions).

Dr. Hermanowicz also suggests that caregivers prepare for the next appointment by considering the following statements and speaking to their loved one's PD specialist if any of them apply.

- I have observed my loved one interacting with things, seeing things or sensing things that are not there (hallucinations).

- My loved one has had false beliefs toward me or others, such as believing someone is stealing from them or being unfaithful (delusions).

- These experiences have affected our daily life.

Learn more about hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson's and download resources that will help initiate these critical conversations at MoretoParkinsons.com.

If you or someone you care for is experiencing these symptoms, you are not alone and you may be able to get help. Talk to a PD specialist to learn more about available treatment options. Be prepared for your next appointment by ensuring the conversation first starts at home. ■

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with Mozzarella, Onion, and Balsamic Greens

BY HELLO FRESH

Cooking Time: 30 mins

Servings: 4

Nutrition: 790 Calories

Ingredients:

- Red Onion- 1
- Garlic- 2 cloves
- Tomato Paste- 1 tbsp
- Balsamic Vinegar- 2 tbsp
- Ground Beef- 20 oz
- Mozzarella Cheese- 1 cup
- Ciabatta Bread- 4
- Heirloom Grape Tomatoes- 8 oz
- Spring Mix Lettuce- 4 oz
- Dried Cranberries- 2 oz

1 PREHEAT OVEN AND COOK ONION.

Wash and dry all produce. Preheat oven to 400 degrees or grill to high. Halve, peel, and thinly slice onion. Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add onion and 1 tsp sugar. Cook, tossing, until browned, 6-8 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from pan and set aside.

2 MAKE VINAIGRETTE. While onion cooks, mince or grate garlic until you have ½ tsp (you may have a clove left over). In a large bowl, whisk together ½ TBSP tomato paste, 1 TBSP balsamic vinegar, 1 TBSP olive oil, and as much minced



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garlic as you like (we sent more tomato paste and vinegar than needed). Season with salt and pepper.

3 COOK BURGERS. Wipe out same pan, then heat a drizzle of olive oil in it over medium-high heat (skip if grilling). Shape beef into 2 patties slightly wider than the bread. Season with salt and pepper. Add to pan or grill. Cook until just shy of desired doneness, 2-4 minutes per side. Sprinkle mozzarella on top. Cover pan or grill and cook until cheese melts, 1 minute more.

4 TOAST BREAD AND PREP.

Split ciabattas in half. Toast in oven or on grill until golden, 3-5 minutes. Meanwhile, halve tomatoes lengthwise. TIP: A bread knife will slice right through those rolls.

5 TOSS SALAD. Add mixed lettuce, tomatoes, and cranberries to bowl with vinaigrette and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

6 ASSEMBLE AND SERVE.

Fill ciabattas with burgers, onion and a little bit of salad. Divide between plates and serve with remaining salad on the side. ■

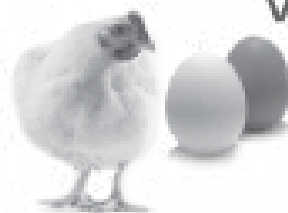
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Planning Ahead

BY MARK HOPPER



My wife and I will be celebrating our 47th anniversary soon. That is a lot of anniversaries to celebrate and it is a lot of Valentine's Days to remember, too. You would think that we would have learned to plan ahead by now. But that is not the case. Sometimes things just come together at the last minute. Valentine's Day was a good example. My wife and a girl friend began to make a plan for Valentine's several weeks ahead. But, as our wives looked on line at various restaurant possibilities they were surprised that most were already booked and did not have any openings available for Valentine's Day dinner. Bummer. What should we do? Where could we go to celebrate Valentine's with our wives? Finally, our wives found a nice restaurant with

dinning available on Friday, two days after Valentine's Day. The husbands were willing to be flexible so we set our sights on February 16th for a late Valentine's dinner. However, I realized that my wife and I still needed something to do and some place to go on Valentine's Day. We talked about just grilling some steaks at home, but the weather was questionable. Then I got the idea that maybe we should find a nice place for a late lunch and stay home for the evening. When I called one of our favorite fancy restaurants to see if they had any openings for lunch on Valentine's Day, the hostess said that she had just received a cancelation for a party of two for that night! Would we be interested in that? "Sure - that would be great!" Suddenly we had a reservation for a very nice restaurant for Valentine's Day! How did that happen? My wife was pleasantly surprised that we were not staying home or simply going out to lunch, but we were actually going to one of our favorite restaurants on Valen-

tine's Day! Suddenly I looked like a genius instead of a goat! The evening turned out great and we had a special Valentine's dinner with a few dozen other lucky couples! While we were at the restaurant, we saw some friends from our church. We spoke to them briefly and asked them how long ago they had made their reservations for Valentine's dinner. Their answer was January 2nd! Now that is good planning! When they asked when we made our reservations, I reluctantly told them it was about eight hours ago. There must be a lesson here. Planning ahead isn't always what it is cracked up to be. Sometimes it just takes one more phone call to find the open door to a very nice restaurant on Valentine's Day. Hope your Valentine's dinner was as nice as the one we enjoyed! *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* ■

The Recent School Shooting

BY NANCY STOOPS



The horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018 is something that will be so very difficult for so many to recover from. I remember being in court seeing my brother's picture after he was murdered by a bullet to the head. I know it took a very long time to get that horrible image out of my head. As I listened to the story I thought about the massive number of people that were affected by one very angry and unstable young man. I thought about how all of the parents felt especially if they lost a child. I thought about how many of the students will suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

I thought about how hard it will be for those students to go back to that school, a place that was always seen as safe until that day. I also thought about the shooter and what his life is prison will look like. They say the shooter had been expelled for behavioral issues. Many people saw his posts on social media but I guess nobody really understood how angry or how sick he really was. This breaks my heart for everybody concerned. I think about how differently things might have turned out if this young man would have gotten the mental health services he needed. As I read about him I hear he was bullied and that both of his parents that adopted him passed away. I hear he had an unusual fascination with guns. If you look at the profile for most of the shooters involved in these horrific shootings most had been bullied.

I guess what I'm saying is don't wait until it is too late if you see signs that somebody needs mental health services. I also want to send my prayers and my love to everybody that was involved in this horrific incident. My heart goes out to all of you and I hope with time you all will begin to heal! *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 for teens and can handle many court mandated needs. For more information about any of these services contact Nancy at (909) 229-0727. You may e-mail Nancy at nancyjstoops@verizon.net. You may purchase Nancy's books Live Heal and Grow and Midnight the Therapy Dog at Amazon.com.* ■



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Gung hay fat choy!

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families on Friday.

“The students put on a spectacular show!” shared teacher Krystin Wong.

Kinder girls sang and danced to “Jasmine Flowers” and boys performed the “Happy New Year” song.

First graders presented “New Year Cake” an interpretive dance to wish higher achievements to the audience.

In Mandarin, “cake” means promotion or achieving heights. As the first day of New Year is also the first day of spring, the song “Walking on Sunshine” was in order, Wong said.

Second graders said they would “have a great attitude” and “never give up” in the new year through the bilingual song “Try Everything.”

Third graders presented a 15-day New Year chant incorporating the importance of family reunion, couplets, and the Lantern Festival.

Fourth graders continued to communicate traditions by explaining the importance of the color red, the family feast, and the lion dance. They also performed a rap song, “Report to the New Year!”

Last, but not least, fifth graders performed a skit to the legend of Chinese Valentine’s Day. The story explained how Valentine’s Day was originated in China.

A finale lion dance was performed by three Walnut Elementary students along with volunteer members of San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Association.

Beginning in Kindergarten, the DLI goal is to give students the opportunity to become bi-literate and bi-cultural. The program is also available for sixth and seventh graders at South Pointe Middle School. ■

Chino Hills Crime Meeting

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be giving advice on what we can do with some crime prevention techniques and education. They will be talking about burglaries and package theft in Chino Hills and some preventative measures home owners can take to prepare themselves in a responsible manner. They will also discuss how to go about reporting a crime with WeTip.

Another topic of Conversation that the police will discuss at the meeting is the cannabis industry and the new laws. Specifically they will be talking about the cultivation of Marijuana as it relates to the legalization of it recreationally. ■

11 Cited for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

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minors with the alcohol. The officers then made sure that none of the suspects had any outstanding warrants. After it was determined that they didn’t have any warrants the officers issued each a citation to each suspect for penal code violation 25685(a)BP – Sell/furnish Alcohol to a Minor violation.

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Grant Project, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ■

Attempted Robbery Thwarted Employee

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locked doors from the outside while the employee attempted to hold them shut,” Mrs. Gutierrez said. Although a brave thing to do probably not what the police would have recommended.

“The armed man fired multiple shots through the glass doors at the employee, causing the glass to shatter. The employee was not shot, but did suffer injuries from the shattered glass. He was treated at the scene by Chino Valley Fire District paramedics.

Mrs. Gutierrez said the suspect immediately fled the scene on foot and was nowhere to be found when the officers arrived.” Ms. Gutierrez stated, “The male employee did not get shot in the encounter but did suffer minor injuries from the shattered

glass.” His wounds were treated and released at the scene by Chino Valley Fire District paramedics.

Ms. Gutierrez added, “The investigation is ongoing and the suspect is still at large at this time.”

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact Detective Monroe at (909)334-3104 or send an email to:jmonroe@chinopd.org. ■

Terrorist Threats Investigation and Arrest

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the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department’s Special Investigation Bureau, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, which consist of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), San Bernardino Police Department, Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS), and Riverside College District Police.

Based on information collected during the investigation, a search warrant was served at a residence located in the 5000 block of Trail Street in the City of Norco. During the service of the search warrant, the suspect, identified as Jacob Ryan McBain, age 27, a Norco resident, was taken into custody without incident. Deputies recovered a loaded AR-15, two loaded handguns, and a large amount of ammunition from McBain’s bedroom.

McBain was arrested for the charges of making terrorist threats and a felon in possession of a firearm. He was transported to the Robert Presley Detention

Center in the City of Riverside where he was booked on the listed charges.

Local school district and college officials were notified of the investigation, even though there was no school in session during the national holiday.

Anyone with any information pertaining to this investigation is encouraged to call Deputy Robertson of the Norco Sheriff’s Office at (951) 270-5673.

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Rivera’s philosophy is to “treat my clients the way I want to be treated.” In fact, Rivera said that he became a Realtor because he did not like the way his Realtor treated him when he was buying his home. Rivera shows respect for his clients at all times. He listens to what they say, so that he can better serve them.

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Check out Rivera’s website at www.SellYourCasa.com to see how many different cities Rivera has sold in and for additional information about his company. You can also call the toll free number at (877) 888-SOLD (7653), or cell phone number (909) 967-4525. He also currently has large freeway billboard signs throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire.

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Diamond Bar Housing

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The Diamond Bar housing market has achieved a median sales price which is at an ALL TIME high!

The roller coaster ride that has been housing sales prices in the last 30 years is now achieving new record high levels. Factors that drive this market to its current high include a shortage of inventory, historically low levels of mortgage interest rates, continuing in migration of foreign nationals, and a strongly surging economy.

Exciting as it is for the current property owners, it is becoming increasingly difficult for many buyers to find what they are looking at an affordable price.

The median sales price last reported by the California Regional Multiple Listing Service (CRMLS) for Diamond Bar Single Family homes in the 4th quarter of 2017 was \$745,000.00. Seeing an annualized increase of 11% in the median sales price for Diamond Bar homes brings up the question of affordability.

The surging economy notwithstanding, we are not seeing annual wage increases of 11%. The wage increases have to keep up with the rate of increasing sales prices, or housing reaches its breaking point of affordability. The current US Census figures report (the last surveyed years of 2012-2016) a median household income for Diamond Bar households to be \$89,845.00.

With the median household income as it is the obvious question is; how many Diamond Bar households can actually afford to buy a

home? The purchase of the median priced home would typically require a down payment of 20 % of the purchase price, which in this example would be \$150,000.00. The loan balance would be just under the Jumbo loan limits at \$600,000.00, carrying an interest rate of approximately 4.375 %, with an APR of 4.375%. The payment of principal and interest on this loan would be \$2,996.00, taxes would be \$782.00, and Homeowner's Insurance an additional \$80.00 per month, for a total of \$3,858.00 (PITI). Conforming guidelines (FNMA and FHLMC) for loan qualifying require that no more than 28% of the household income be utilized for housing cost, in this case it would represent a monthly income of \$13,778.00 necessary to qualify. This monthly income represents an annual household income of \$165,000.00 necessary to qualify for the median priced single family home in Diamond Bar, or almost twice as much as the current level of the median household. Wow!

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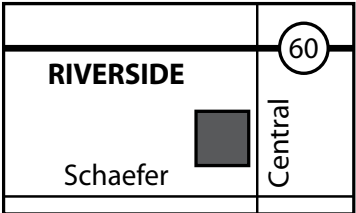
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