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A Great Start

BY KELLI GILE

Walnut- Summer break is over and students will soon be getting into the rhythm and routine of the new school year.

Teachers and staff members on 15 campuses welcomed nearly 14,400 students in the Walnut Valley Unified School District on Monday morning.

By 7:30 a.m., Vejar Elementary Principal Whitney Prenger was out front offering high fives and hugs as families began arriving.

The energetic school leader also brought something special to kick off the new school year – a bubble-blowing machine.

The children toting new backpacks and lunchboxes were happily surprised as they walked through the stream of

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Walnut Man Faces Federal Conspiracy Charges



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STAFF REPORTS

Walnut- A Walnut man plead guilty Tuesday to conspiring to export U.S.-origin tactical gear to Syria. Rasheed Al Jijakli, 57, a Syrian-born naturalized U.S. citizen of Walnut, plead guilty Monday before United States District Judge James V. Selna, a Department of Justice

spokesperson said. According to the Justice Department that is in direct violation of U.S. sanctions against Syria.

"In a plea agreement filed in this case, Jijakli admitted that, from April 2012 through March 2013, he conspired with other individuals to export tactical

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DUI Checkpoint in DB Nets Two Arrests

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar- During this past weekend the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department conducted an overnight driver's license/sobriety checkpoint in the city of Diamond Bar. The 32 hour checkpoint produced two arrests, the Sheriff's department reported on Saturday. One of

the people that were arrested was booked on suspicion of drunk driving. The 2nd motorist was arrested on suspicion of operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, the Sheriff's Information Bureau reported. Deputies also issued one citation.

The checkpoint at Diamond see **Checkpoint** page 10



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INLAND EMPIRE

One Dead in Fatal Accident in Norco

STAFF REPORTS

Norco- There was a fatal accident in Norco on Sunday morning, one person died in the single-pickup truck crash that occurred on the southbound side of the 15 Freeway in Norco, authorities reported.

According to CHP logs and Cal Fire/Riverside County reports the accident took place at approximately 7:09 a.m. on an otherwise quiet morning.

The victim who at the time of the report who was still unidentified at the time this was released, was

ejected from a white Toyota pickup truck. The pickup truck landed on its side in the area of the Second Street off ramp of the freeway,

The person was pronounced deceased at the scene. The witness who reported the incident said the pickup truck nearly hit their vehicle before the accident occurred, according to CHP logs.

There was no indication that there was a passenger with the driver in the pickup when the accident took place. If anybody else was a witness to the accident it is encouraged you contact the CHP and give them a statement. ■

Two Chino Women Arrested for Kidnapping and Attempted Murder

STAFF REPORTS

Chino- Two women were arrested, following a vehicle pursuit in Chino. Police discovered an unconscious woman in the passenger seat of their vehicle with a cord wrapped around her neck, said officials on Wednesday, August 22.

Authorities indicated the suspects and the victim may be acquainted. It seems they had been involved in a disagreement while they were traveling together from Los Angeles to Indio.

The victim fell asleep during

the first half of the trip Tuesday morning. The suspects, Kyanna 23, and Brittney Patterson, 21, allegedly began suffocating and strangling the victim until she lost consciousness, the Chino Police Department said in a news release.

Authorities have not disclosed whether the women, both Monrovia residents, are related.

Officers responded to a call made by a witness who reportedly saw a distressed passenger screaming for help from a silver sedan near the Circle K gas station at 12895 Mountain Ave. at around

7:20 a.m.

Responding officers were able to locate the four-door sedan on Benson Avenue. The officers tried to pull the vehicle over, but the driver failed to stop, police said.

The woman behind the wheel was speeding and driving recklessly before she eventually collided with two other vehicles at the intersection of Riverside Drive and 10th Street.

The suspects were seen running from the car on foot, and officers pursued on foot and shortly caught up

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Our Featured Businesses

Make Your Backyard Extreme

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

Ontario- Companies come and go, so longevity is key when you're modifying your home, both inside and out. Extreme Backyard Designs is a testimony of longevity as their family run business has been designing outdoor entertainment centers with name brand components for over 20 years.

"A key component to staying in business so long is to treat people the way we would want ourselves

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Extreme Backyard Designs is located at 2330 S. Vineyard Ave. They can be reached at 909.930.6111 or online at www.extremebackyarddesigns.com.

Unison Supply: Grand Opening August 30th

BY ANTHONY SAUDE

City of Industry- Unison Supply carries only the best irrigation and landscape supplies and materials, priding themselves in providing the best service in the industry. The Grand Opening is on August 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will feature food, raffles and special discounts for their special day.

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A great start

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iridescent soap bubbles at the front gate.

"I wanted the children to have a memory from their first day at Vejar that would last a lifetime!" Prenger said.

During the opening lesson, transitional kindergarten teacher Irene Carter admitted to her new young charges that she was a little nervous.

"There are lots of parents here in our class and I had to get up early and leave my dog, Phillip!"

"And I don't like leaving Phillip," she shared.

"So, I'm happy, excited, and a little nervous."

Next, the clever educator encouraged the youngsters to raise their arms like a sliding snake if they were a little scared or nervous too.

Several little arms cautiously went up in the air.

Then she invited the children to raise their arms like a wiggly worm if they were exited to begin school.

More arms went up.

And finally, she asked the kids to wave their hands to signal they were happy.

All of the hands eagerly shot up in the air!

"Monday went well, Tuesday was OK, and Wednesday was super with barely any tears!" Carter happily reported later in the week.

Over 45 new educators were hired for the new school year, including Chaparral Middle School 7th grade math teacher Macy McGuire.

"I'm excited to meet the kids and get the ball rolling!" she said.

"I already have my first month planned out – every homework assignment and every activity," McGuire added.

"The fish tank is set up and we'll name our beta as a class!"

"I think it's going to be a great school year!"

Over the summer, the Board of Trustees appointed new principals Jennifer Alcazar

at Castle Rock Elementary and Sandra Lee at Westhoff Elementary.

"I am thrilled to have served in Walnut Valley as a teacher, administrator, and parent," Alcazar said.

"It is truly an honor to be given the opportunity to return to Castle Rock where my children experienced so much love and growth!" said Alcazar.

"We are so excited to welcome our students back to their second home," said Lee, a District newcomer who brings over a dozen years of educational experience to her new post.

"It's going to be a fun school year filled with amazing memories!" she added.

Westhoff Elementary kindergarten teacher Roxanne Dennen is beginning her 25th year in Walnut Valley.

After a morning snack and water break on August 13, students took their places on magic carpet squares to join their teacher in the classic "The Wheels on the Bus" song.

"My 25th first day of school was as exciting as my very first day," Dennen said.

"I do what I love because I love what I do!"

Over 2,700 Diamond Bar High students gathered in the gymnasium during two opening-day assemblies featuring pep and band performances.

Principal Reuben Jones encouraged the teens to set goals for themselves this school year.

"We want everyone to achieve, create opportunities for learning, and respect yourselves and each other," he said.

Walnut High Principal Brandon Dade visited every classroom to welcome the Mustang-powered teachers and staff members.

"I'm going to do this every week throughout the year!" he said.

At Suzanne Middle School, students dashed to classes during passing periods with schedules in hand.

"I've been all over the school this morning!" said 6th grader



PHOTO COURTESY: K. GILE

2018-2019 Classes begin in Walnut Valley

Melody Yu.

"I'm excited to see my friends and meet my teachers," shared Chloe Siu.

Suzanne Language Arts teacher Alice Chen utilized Google Classroom to connect with students a week before school began.

She was able to post a welcome message along with course information for her 120 students.

When Chen saw that some students responded with personal messages, she was absolutely thrilled.

"Digital tools gave me the ability to get to know my students before I met them face-to-face," the tech-savvy educator said.

"I love that my students were just as excited as I was for the start of the new school year!"

Language Arts teacher Lauri Ujita begins each year with three simple rules she asks her 6th grade students to live by: Work Hard. Stay Humble. Be Kind.

"These are the rules I try to live by too!" she shared.

Fifth-grade students in Kari Penzes' class at Westhoff Elementary were eager to log onto new laptop computers on Tuesday.

"These one-to-one Chromebooks benefit students by providing immediate access to the most current technology and keeping pace with the 21st century world," the teaching team commented.

The children were lined up

outside Janine De Vera's 4th grade class before the first bell rang at Vejar Elementary.

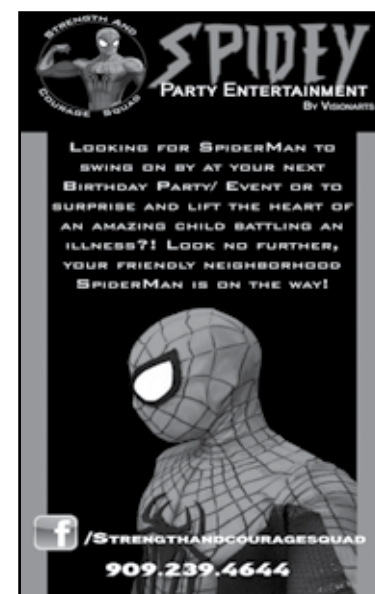
"The beginning of the year is such an exciting time – everyone gets a fresh start!" De Vera shared after greeting each youngster..

"I'm looking forward to California day, track, and recess!" beamed nine-year-old Taryn Schilz.

"I'm excited to go to class and see the panda decorations," added classmate Eleanor Reyes after peeking through the window.

Quail Summit elementary learning specialist Leann Legind used social media to communicate with educator friends the night before school began.

"Tomorrow get ready to change the world – one sweet student at a time!" she offered. ■



Community Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Free Concert with Minor Strut

When: Friday, August 24, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Dr., Chino Hills

Details: Chino Hills Arts (chARTS) and the Chino Hills Community Foundation present a free concert on Friday, August 24, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the outdoor stage at the Chino Hills Community Center. The Community Center is located at 14250 Peyton Dr. Bring your family and friends for a cool evening with good music. We are highlighting our local young rockers and their bands; Minor Strut and Abnormal Joy. Bring a blanket and lawnchairs and enjoy the evening. The Chino

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Hike the Valley

When: Saturday, September 8, 8:00 am

Where: Carolyn Owens Community Center, 13201 Central Ave., Chino

Details: Hike the Valley is a hiking program where participants are guided through local trails. Hikes average 2-5 miles in length, range from easy to difficult levels, and are led by City staff. A light snack is included following each hike. Hikers must be 10 yrs or older and children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent of legal guardian. Hikers must supply their own water and comfortable, sturdy closed-toe hiking shoes or boots. The hike will be at Whiting Road Loop, a moderate 4.9 mile hike starting at the Glenn Ranch Road Parking Lot, 127901 Glenn Ranch Road, in Trabuco Canyon. Additional parking fee required if taking personal vehicle. Transportation is available for participants from the Carolyn Owens Community Center. If you register

for Hike the Valley and would like to opt-out of the shuttle service, please contact (909) 334-3478 or healthychino@cityofchino.org. Dogs are allowed on most hikes and must be kept on a leash. Dogs are not permitted on the shuttle. There is a \$16.00 participant fee for residents and \$26.00 for non-residents. Register in advance by calling the Recreation Office at (909) 334-3258 or visiting the Carolyn Owens Community Center, on 13201 Central Ave. Hikes are subject to cancellation based on participation, trail conditions, closures, and inclement weather. If a hike is canceled, it will not be rescheduled and participants may receive a credit. **Cost:** \$16 (Chino Residents) or \$26 (Non-residents) **Contact:** 909) 334-3258

Housing Prices Declining?

BY NEF CORTEZ



I reported last week that the Diamond Bar Condominium and Townhome market saw an increase of almost 11% year over year (2nd quarter 2018 as compared to 2nd quarter 2017) in its Median Sales Price (MSP). What happened to the price of detached homes in Diamond Bar for the same period? According to the California Regional Multiple Listing Service (CRMLS) the Diamond Bar Single Family Detached Home (SFDH) market also saw an increase in the Median Sales Price. The 2nd Quarter 2018 saw the MSP number for this segment of the housing market go up to \$750,000 for all of Diamond Bar, as compared to \$720,000 for the same period in 2017. The \$30,000.00 increase in one year translated into an annualized rate of increase of 4.2%. It did not increase at the same rate as Condo/Townhome MSP. The 4.2% increase was approximately 40% of the rate of increase in MSP for the Condo/Town-

house segment of the market. The number of sales of Single Family Detached Homes also saw a decrease of approximately 20%, going down to 101 from 125 for the same period of time the previous year. The Condo/Townhouse sales transaction numbers went up almost 21%, with 64 closed sales in the 2nd quarter 2018 versus 53 for the same period in 2017. It is evident from the statistics as reported by the MLS, the home prices overall continue to climb here in Diamond Bar, although the rate of increase is slowing down, and the housing sales numbers have definitely seen a slowdown. Before prices can start to decline, they must first plateau, and before they plateau or flatten out, they must first start to slow down in their rate of increase. We are at that stage in the housing cycle now. *This article was written by Nef Cortez who is a licensed Real Estate Broker, Ca BRE # 00560181, licensed since 1976. He can be reached for more information via e-mail at nefcortez@gmail.com, or website www.nefcortez.com. Please feel free to email any questions regarding real estate.* ■

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Nutrition: 788 Calories
Ingredients:

- Scallions- 4
- Garlic- 4 cloves
- Ginger- 1 thumb
- Sesame Oil- 1 tbsp
- Ketchup- 1 tbsp
- Soy Sauce- 2 tbsp
- Hoisin- 1 1/2 tbsp
- Broccoli Florets- 8 oz
- Sirloin Steak Tips- 12 oz
- Cornstarch- 1 tbsp
- Yakisoba Noodles- 8 oz
- Sriracha- 1 tsp

1 PREP AND MAKE SAUCE Wash and dry all produce. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Trim and thinly slice scallions. Mince or grate garlic. Peel and mince ginger. Whisk together sesame oil, 1 TBSP ketchup, soy sauce, 1½ TBSP hoisin sauce, and 1 TBSP water in a small bowl.

2 COOK BROCCOLI Add broccoli to boiling water and cook until tender but still crisp, 3-4 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Set aside.

3 COOK BEEF Toss steak tips with cornstarch in a large bowl. Season generously with salt and pepper. Heat a large drizzle of oil in a large pan over high heat.



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(TIP: If you have a nonstick pan, break it out.) Toss in steak tips and cook to desired doneness, 3-4 minutes. Remove and set aside.

4 COOK AROMATICS AND NOODLES Heat a drizzle of oil in same pan over medium heat. Add garlic, ginger, and scallions and cook until fragrant, 1 minute, tossing. Toss in half the noodles from the package (we sent more) and a drizzle of oil. Break up noodles until they no longer stick together, using tongs or two wooden spoons.

5 STEAM NOODLES Pour in 1 cup water, cover, and steam until noodles are tender, 3 minutes. (TIP: If your pan doesn't have a lid, carefully cover it with aluminum foil.) Uncover, increase heat to medium-high, and toss until noodles are tender, 3-4 minutes. Add sauce and toss to coat. Cook until sauce is thickened, 1 minute.

6 FINISH AND SERVE. Toss broccoli and steak into noodles to warm through. Season with as much sriracha as you like (careful, it's spicy). Season with salt and pepper. Divide between plates and serve. ■

National Preparedness Month: Keep your Family Safe in an Emergency



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Hydrating safely from any fresh water source is key during emergencies.

BY STATEPOINT

September is National Preparedness Month, and with wildfires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes occurring around the world, having access to safe drinking water in the event of an emergency should be top of mind no matter where you live.

Natural disasters can contaminate and disrupt water supplies, making it difficult to access safe drinking water at home. Emergencies also force families out of their homes, making it necessary to hydrate from natural water resources where harmful contaminants like bacteria, chemicals, microplastics and heavy metals may be present.

"The everyday public health concern of water contamination is elevated during emergencies, when water can be unreliable for drinking," says Alison Hill, managing director of LifeStraw, a manufacturer of water filtration systems that is often involved in disaster relief both in the U.S, and around the globe.

"If an emergency has your family on the move, being able to hydrate safely from any fresh water source -- fountains, streams, rivers and ponds is key," points

out Hill.

When building your emergency supply kit, be sure to include a portable filter to help eliminate harmful contaminants from your drinking source.

LifeStraw makes it easy to hydrate safely at home and outdoors. LifeStraw Go is a refillable bottle that incorporates a two-stage filter removing bacteria, chemicals, microplastics and bad taste from drinking water. Another good option for personal use is LifeStraw Flex, a multi-use filter that removes heavy metals including lead as well as bacteria and parasites. Finally, those traveling in groups may find it more efficient to use a filter specifically designed for a crowd, such as the brand's Mission model, a high-volume gravity-powered purifier that also filters viruses, available in a 12-liter compact roll bag.

Being prepared for any situation will help keep your family safe and healthy, for whatever comes your way. This National Preparedness Month, gain the confidence of knowing that you will have access to safe water for days, weeks and even months should your water supply be compromised by a natural disaster or other emergency. ■

Diabetes at an All-Time High in America

STAFF REPORTS

Today in America diabetes is at an all-time high with 9.3% of the population having diabetes. Which means 1.4 million Americans are diagnosed with type two or type one diabetes every year. Into 2012 alone 208,000 Americans under 20 were affected by diabetes. Some people might think diabetes is hereditary but There are various stages of diabetes. The first being type two diabetes which is a chronic condition that affects the way the body processes blood sugar. The second is type one diabetes which is also a chronic condition where the pancreas produces little to no insulin. And the third is prediabetes which happens when the blood sugar istoo high. And the fourth stage is gestational diabetes this is a form of diabetes that affects

pregnant women specifically.

If diabetes is left untreated it will lead to heart disease impaired kidney function blindness loss of feeling in the affected lambs and even death. In 2017 Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the US. I've found that there's a huge portion of Americans aren't taking care of the diabetes like they should. It's time to take diabetes as serious as statistics show. Being proactive and slowing down or reversing or managing the effects of diabetes is important and can be done through exercise healthy dieting and proper use of medication.

Foods that help slow down glucose (blood sugar) absorption is vegetables, berries , avocados and nuts. Reversing diabetes is possible and can be done when consulted by a doctor. ■



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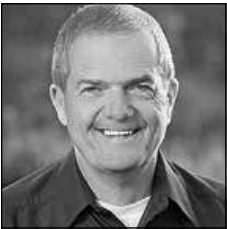


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Fun with a Grandson

BY MARK HOPPER



My brother and I grew up in Arizona. We didn't have major league sports in the Phoenix area when we were young but there were several Major League Baseball teams that did their Spring Training in Arizona. One of my memories as a little kid was going to a Major League Baseball game with my brother and our grandfather. The stadiums were much smaller and we got to see some well known players in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

Now, sixty years later it was my turn to take one of my grandsons to a Major League Baseball game at Angel stadium. We have gone to several games with our whole family but this was the first time it was just grandpa and grandson. I wondered how the two of us would do on our baseball adventure. We stopped at In N Out Burger for a quick dinner. We both enjoyed burgers and fries and shared a Milk Shake for dessert. We saw other Angel fans who were going to the game. We arrived at the stadium in time for the National Anthem. As we entered the stadium we each received a free T-shirt marking all star player Mike Trout's 27th birthday! My grandson was impressed! A friend had given us two tickets

to the game. We didn't realize they were near the Angel's dugout less than 15 rows from the field. My grandson and I were very excited to be sitting so close with a great view of home plate. It was a great game to watch. The visiting team got off to a quick start getting two runs in the first inning. But, the Angels came back in the bottom of the inning scoring five runs. They would score six more runs during the rest of the game and win 11-5! We brought some snacks with us to enjoy during the game and my grandson also brought his own baseball glove and hoping to catch a foul ball. A couple came in our direction but none were close enough for us to catch. We also did some

shopping in the Angel's team store. He selected a souvenir so he could remember this special time with Pop Pop. I wondered how long my grandson would want to stay. I asked him a couple of times if he was getting tired and was ready to go home. To my surprise he said that he didn't want to leave early but wanted to stay until the end of the game. So we stayed until the last out and cheered the Angel's victory. I took a lot of pictures with my cell phone and sent them to my wife and his mom and dad. In addition, we were on the Jumbotron during the game as a cameraman captured us and other enthusiastic fans in our section. My grandson was also excited to be part of the "Wave" where

fans stand and cheer as the "Wave" sweeps around the stadium. And, we sang "Take me out to the ball game" in the 7th inning. It was an eventful night at the ballgame. I'm sure it is an adventure that we will remember for a long time. I held his hand as we walked across the parking lot and I couldn't help but smile - Grandpa and his grandson at a baseball game. As we drove home, I asked my little buddy if he enjoyed the game. He said "Yes". Then he asked, "Can I close my eyes now?" *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 ■*

Being Back in School

BY NANCY STOOPS



I work with so many young people that have recently started school again. They are all feeling a lot of stress due to the transition from summer to school. The homework is coming at what seems to be a rapid pace. It's important for these students to take one day at a time and to not overwhelm themselves. Going back to school after summer break has been hard on every generation. It's important for these students to be well organized with a good notebook and a separate folder for each subject. It's a good idea for them to have a folder for work and papers that need to come home and another for what needs to be turned in or go back

with them. A place for pens and other necessary supplies is essential. I find so many students really struggle with time management and are starting homework much too late in the evening after they have already been up for ten to twelve hours. It's ideal for a student to come home and have a good snack and start their homework about thirty minutes after they have arrived home. I think if they can get their homework out of the way they might actually have part of an evening to relax and renew to prepare the right mindset for the next day. It's hard to a successful anything if one is running on fumes. Another important essential is a designated place to study. Learning is really a lifelong event and it's important to help somebody be an effective learner. Being organized, not becoming over whelmed, learning effective time management and

having an environment conducive to learning can make a huge difference. As parents it is our job to help our children with these things so they can be successful lifetime learners! *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 nancyjstoops@verizon.net. You may purchase Nancy's books Live Heal and Grow and Midnight the Therapy Dog at Amazon.com. ■*

Autism Mom

We Grow Flowers not People

BY MELODY KRAEMER



School has started, and the homework has started to come home. For my eight-year-old autistic son, he had a paper to fill out titled "about me." I tried asking him these questions that were on this paper, but he didn't quite understand. Usually, I have to do a lot of prompting. One of the questions was, "what are some of my favorite things?" He doesn't grasp the word favorite, so I asked, do you like pizza? He replied yes. And it went from there.

Another question was, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" He answered, "A flower." I was surprised he said a flower. So I asked again. The same answer. I asked are you sure that you don't want to be a teacher or maybe a police officer when you grow up? He still wanted to be a flower. It was a cute answer, and funny. I said if you want to be a flower, you can be a flower. Then I started thinking. The question I asked, when you "grow" up what do you want to be. The way his mind may think it was the most logical answer. A flower grows. So when I asked if he wanted to be a teacher or police officer and he gave me that strange look I got an understanding of how he was thinking. You don't grow a teacher you grow a flower. We are so used to our way of thinking, speaking

and understanding a simple phrase, such as "what do you want to be when you grow up." His autistic mind is so analytical and logical it just doesn't make sense to him, we don't grow people. Now if I ask what do want to be for Halloween? Spiderman is the answer. I guess we will leave that answer blank for now. Just a thought, raising children is like growing a flower. We take care of them, feed them, protect them, we do everything to help them bloom. He may not realize it now, but he's already a flower in the garden of life. A huge thank you to Tom Donatoni and Eastvale Scout pack 2017 for bringing this unforgettable selfless event to our little heroes. It indeed was a fantastic day! *autismmomofboys@gmail.com ■*

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Walnut man faces federal conspiracy charges

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gear, including U.S.-origin laser boresighters, day- and night-vision rifle scopes, and other items from the United States to Syria," they said.

In July of 2012, Jijakli and another co-conspirator purchased and traveled with the tactical gear from Los Angeles to Istanbul, Turkey with the intent that it would be provided to Syrian rebels training in Turkey and fighting in Syria, the DOJ reported.

Jijakli provided some of the equipment, specifically the laser boresighters, to a second co-conspirator, a member of Ahrar Al-Sham. Jijakli also provided the goods to other armed Syrian insurgent groups in Syria and Turkey, they said.

Jijakli and his co-conspirators provided at least 43 laser boresighters, 85 day rifle scopes, 30 night-vision rifle scopes, tactical flashlights, a digital monocular, five radios, and a bulletproof vest to Ahrar Al-Sham and other Syrian rebels in Syria, with the knowledge that the tactical gear was earmarked for shipment to Syria.

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Thousands of dollars were withdrawn from Palmyra Corporation, a check-cashing services company where Jijakli was the chief executive officer. He used to pay for the tactical gear that got sent to Syrian rebels.

Judge Selna is scheduled to sentence Jijakli on December 4, he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in a federal prison. ■

DUI checkpoint in DB nets two arrests

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Bar Boulevard and Highland Valley Road began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at 2 a.m. Saturday.

The Sheriff's Department reported that 838 vehicles were stopped and diligently screened at the checkpoint.

Sobriety checkpoints are police stops, or checkpoints, where officers are set up on a roadway to randomly stop vehicles to check for impaired drivers. These are usually set up during times when impaired driving is known to happen,

such as holiday weekends.

Due to legal issues surrounding their use, not all states conduct sobriety checkpoints. Some states have laws authorizing their use. Although the U.S. Supreme Court has found sobriety checkpoints to be constitutionally permissible, ten states, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming have found that sobriety roadblocks violate their own state constitutions or have outlawed them. ■

Two Chino women arrested for kidnapping and attempted murder

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the suspects. Both women were arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and attempted murder, according to police reports.

When officers approached the vehicle, they discovered the victim unconscious in the passenger seat of the vehicle. The victim was transported to a nearby

hospital via ambulance, where she was listed in stable condition, authorities said.

Officials have not released the victim's name only that she is 28 years old.

Inmate records show both suspects were being held on \$1 million bail at the West Valley Detention Center and were scheduled to appear in court Thursday, August 23. ■

Make your backyard extreme

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to be treated," said James Deeley, founder of the family business. With so many years in business, you not only get quality products, you also gets years of experience of getting things done correctly and creatively.

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right across from the newest Kaiser building.

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Unison Supply: landscaping made simple

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and understands they make a difference to us," said Vanessa Acosta, CEO/President, who manages the overall operation and resources of the woman Owned Corporation.

Unison Supply strives to set up professional partnerships with their clients and the community that we serve, Acosta added. "From the time a customer walks in to the time they leave they will feel like they are the only person on our schedule for that time."

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