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Creating Classroom Magic

Collegewood Elementary Students Become Word Surgeons

By Kelli Gile

Walnut- Walnut Valley USD elementary teachers have been on the hunt for buried treasure in classrooms this year.

The vast riches they have been uncovering are not rare gold coins, but the spark in their students' eyes and a new enthusiasm for learning.

These daring and adventurous educators have been willing to dive into uncharted territories by crafting creative lessons and fearlessly transforming their

Misconduct

Diamond Bar - A volunteer

Chee Lim Chook, 55, was

for a church in Diamond Bar was

arrested after allegedly having

arrested and charged with seven

felonies and one misdemeanor,

including oral copulation

with a minor, unlawful sexual

intercourse with a minor, digital

penetration of a minor, and oral

Chee was also accused of

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copulation with a minor.

sex with a 16 year girl.

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DB Church Volunteer

Arrested for Sexual

LOCAL NEWS

Mt. SAC Employee Contract Not Resolved



STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Mt. Sac faculty and administrators have been negotiating for over a year now over a divisive issue: a proposed change to their health insurance plan.

What's proposed is a move for Mt. Sac Faculty Association members form the State Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) to Self-Insured Schools of California.

The concern for faculty

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members is that because of the flexibility of Self-Insured Schools of California, the benefits could be reduced down the line and eventually open the door to ending lifetime post-retirement benefits, according to faculty

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City of Diamond Bar's Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar– It's all things environmental at the City of Diamond Bar's annual Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Coast Air Quality Management District located at 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar.

There will be plenty to see and do at this outdoor event, including:

Free Smart Gardening and Composting Workshop - 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Pre-registration is required

Learn how to spruce up your

lawn or garden with plants and flowers that are water-thrifty but big on curb appeal and how to turn kitchen waste into nutrientrich compost at this workshop.

Workshop attendees have a chance to purchase a compost bin at a reduced price of \$40 (conventional bin) or \$65 (worm bin with half-pound of worms). Only cash or check payment is accepted.

Paper Shredding - Bring up to five grocery bags or two banker boxes of household financial documents, personal medical records and other sensitive documents for on-site

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INLAND EMPIRE

Eastvale City Council Considers Creating Eastvale PD

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale- The City of Eastvale has been recently discussing the possibility of creating Eastvale's own Police Department, due to the rising expense of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RSO) contract. The City stated that creating an Eastvale Police Department could save millions per year, improve response times, and increase the number of officers on patrol. In addition, the Council also discussed the possibility of placing a 1% local sales tax on a future ballot.

"With budget season upon us, the City Council is given the task of evaluating revenues and expenditures; making sure our residents are provided the services they desire, at a reasonable cost," said Mayor Todd Rigby in a news release. "One of those services, which we hold in the highest priority in, is our law enforcement services. Our city staff shared with Council what it could look like to establish our own police department, along with increasing patrol hours."

Eastvale currently budgets 100 patrol hours of service per day, but are only receiving 90 hours with the RSO contract because the City doesn't have control over how and when the services are provided. Since the City is only authorized to receive



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90 hours per day, Eastvale is about 500 hours short this year. However, if an Eastvale Police Department was created and if the 1% sales tax measure was approved, the City could experience approximately 210 hours of service per day. Without the 1% sales tax increase, the City would experience between 100 to 150 patrol hours per day.

In addition, City staff stated that creating a separate Police Department would increase response times from 7-8 minutes to under 5 minutes.

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Choose, Connect and See the Difference at Walnut Hills Optometry

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – For decades, Walnut Hills Optometry has taken excellent care of the vision needs of the communities of Walnut, West Covina, Diamond Bar, and Chino Hills and La Puente, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights and Whittier.

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Voortman's Egg Ranch: Farm Fresh Eggs for 60 Years

STAFF REPORTS

Ontario– Voortman's Egg Ranch has been in the business of providing farm fresh eggs to friends and visitors to the local area for over 60 years. Originally from Bellflower, the Voortman family – who has always been in the egg ranching business – moved their operation to Ontario in 1951

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The Voortman Family circa 1956. Voortman's Egg Ranch is located at 13960 Grove Avenue in Ontario. You can reach them at (909) 465-1319. They are open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. See ad on page 3.

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Dr. Larino takes great pride in giving back to the community she grew up in. She attended Rowland Unified schools from elementary all the way through high school. She received her first degree at U.C. Irvine before receiving her doctorate from the Southern California College of Optometry. In 2003, Nogales High School, Dr. Larino's Alma mater bestowed the honor of being placed on their Wall of Fame. She is a member of the American Optometric Association, the California Optometric Association, and the Rio Hondo Optometric Society. She takes great pride in continuing her education in the most current techniques

and technology in eye care. As a local resident, you might find Dr. Larino eating at your favorite restaurant, shopping in a local store, or attending a community

Personalized eye examinations, diabetic and eye health exams, and the management and care of a multitude of eye and vision concerns are but a small piece of what you will find on your next visit to Walnut Hills Optometry. A wide variety of eyewear is also available, from progressive and polarized lenses to silicone high-oxygen contacts, and even designer frames. They also offer Lasik Surgery co-management. If you have used eyeglass frames scattered around the house, bring them with you on your next visit and they will donate them to those in need of frames.

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Voortman's Egg Ranch: farm fresh eggs for over 60 years

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chickens are enjoying their newly remodeled home; and their egg-processing machine can handle about 36,000 eggs per hour at its peak. If the average bird lays one egg about every 26 hours, that equals a lot of chickens at the Voortman

Did you know that you can tell how fresh an egg is by how high the yolk stands up in the frying pan after you crack it? Voortman's will have your overeasies standing tall. Their fresh eggs are the highest in quality, with dark, nutrient-dense yolks. You will immediately notice a difference in your cooking and

Have you ever wondered how long the eggs in the grocery stores have actually been sitting around? Despite the use-by date, there is really no way to know how long ago they were produced. With Voortman's, the eggs are selected daily, on site, and readied for you in their

Third-generation egg rancher, Eddie Voortman, says, "We are a local, family-owned business that provides fresh, quality products to the public.'

Customers of Voortman's rave about their all natural, cage free eggs, touting the freshness, and great pricing. One customer said, "They make the fluffiest scrambled eggs!"

The eggs come in all sizes and colors, depending on your needs. Whatever you choose, you will not be disappointed.

Voortman's is centrally located just minutes from Chino at 13960 Grove Avenue in Ontario (just north of Edison). You can reach Voortman's at (909) 465-1319; and Like them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ pages/Voortmans-Egg-Ranch.

Stop by any time Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■

DB church volunteer arrested for sexual misconduct

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offering the girl pornography to watch during their encounters, which took place at the church, authorities said.

The alleged victim was a family friend of Chook, who worked as a volunteer at River of Life Community Church in Diamond Bar, according to the LA County Sheriff's Department.

The alledged victim, now 18, reported the alleged relationship to the Sheriffs Department last February and claimed the incidents happened two years ago when she was 16.

Chook is being held in lieu of \$140,000 bail. His next court appearance is Monday, March 25, in Pomona.

Investigators believe there could be more victims connected to Chook. Anybody with information about Chook or the case is asked to contact the LASD Special Victims Bureau tip line at (877) 710-5273 or by email at specialvictimsbureau@ lasd.org. ■

Community Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

City of Diamond Bar Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration

When: Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Dr., Diamond Bar Details: There will be plenty to see and do at this outdoor event, including: Free Smart Gardening and Composting Workshop - 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Pre-registration is required. Learn how to spruce up your lawn or garden with plants and flowers that are water-thrifty but big on curb appeal and how to turn kitchen waste into nutrientrich compost at this workshop. Workshop attendees have a chance to purchase a compost bin at a reduced price of \$40 (conventional bin) or \$65 (worm bin with half-pound of worms). Only cash or check payment is accepted. Paper Shredding -Bring up to five grocery bags or two banker boxes of household financial documents, personal medical records and other sensitive documents for on-site destruction and proper disposal.

Make sure bags or boxes contain only documents and no batteries, binders, plastics or metals; folded, enveloped, stapled or paper-clipped papers are OK. E-Waste and Textile Recycling Have obsolete or broken electronics or clothing, shoes or linen that are too worn or damaged to donate? Bring them to the event to have them recycled. Garden Mulch - Come ready with gloves, shovel, and containers to collect and take home up to 80 gallons of mulch for your home garden. Children's Fun Area - Free earth-themed arts and crafts, and the chance to learn about, observe an touch more than 10 species of ocean animals inside the Long Beach Aquarium on Wheels will be part of the kid-friendly offerings at this event. Green Exhibits - Attendees will have the opportunity to check out displays of electric and plugin hybrid-electronic vehicles, and visit various information booths to pick up giveaways and information about special programs to save money while conserving energy, water and preventing pollution. Arbor Day

Poster Contest - Deadline: Friday, April 12 before 4:30 p.m. Contest Entry Form. All fifth graders who live or go to school in Diamond Bar are invited to participate in the annual art contest. Local artists may use any art medium of their choice to create a poster depicting the theme "Trees Help OurWildlife Thrive". Artwork must be handdrawn on letter-size paper (8 1/2 x 11 inch), and may be in color or black and white, and created using crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolors or any other medium. Glue, stickers, and glitter are not allowed. The top three entries will be selected and displayed at the event and artists will receive a Target gift card (\$50 for first place, \$25 for second place, and \$15 for third place). Posters may be dropped off at, or mailed to, Diamond Bar City Hall located at 21810 Copley Drive. A completed entry form must accompany entry.

Contact: Environmental Services Division at 909-839-7015

Upland Lemon Festival When: Friday, Saturday and

Sunday, April 26-28, 2019 Where: 2nd Avenue, Upland **Details:** Upland Lemon Festival - When life gives you lemons, pucker up and head out to the Upland Lemon Festival, where everything lemony is celebrated - from food to contests to entertainment. Celebrate the city's citrus history with lemon pie-eating contests and a crate label exhibit. Cheer on your favorite contestant in Upland's Got Talent and enjoy new attractions and tribute bands. With free admission and conveniently located in downtown Upland, the Lemon Festival is perfect for all ages. Cost: \$10 Contact: www.fairplex.com/ events/upland-lemon-festival

Barack Obama Boulevard **Naming Ceremony**

When: Saturday, May 4, 12:00

Where: Intersection of Rodeo Rd. & King Blvd., Los Angeles Details: Renaming of one of Los Angeles' most iconic streets in honor of President of Barack Obama.

Mt. SAC employee contract not resolved

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association President Eric Kaljumagi.

A year ago, Faculty Association representatives approved almost all of a new contract with the campus except for the health care component. The snag was that Mt. SAC offered to give the faculty a 1.29 percent raise to help offset the rising costs of health care only if the faculty switched insurance providers, Kaljumagi said

Teachers protested at last

week's Board of Trustees meeting, arguing that while the coverage options may not be very different between the two options, any change could lead to a disruption in care, not to mention changes in coverage in the future.

Because the Faculty Association's contract was not on last week's board agenda, board members did not comment on the negotiations.

There was no indication or projection on when the negotiations would be resolved.■

City of Diamond Bar's Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration

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For more information, call 909.839.7015 or visit www. diamondbarca.gov/earthday

Creating classroom magic

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learning spaces.

At Collegewood Elementary, second grade teacher Stephanie Johnson recently turned her classroom into an operating room hoping to put a spark into a Language arts lesson.

The teacher (and chief surgeon) prescribed the mini makeover by placing powder blue tablecloths over desks, providing doctor's masks and gloves for her students, and playing a soundtrack of doctor's office noises.

Johnson said the excitement level hit a new high when the children arrived at school and found the medical gear waiting at each draped operating table.

"I didn't tell my students ahead of time, so they were extremely excited when I met them at the door in my surgical mask," she explained.

In her pre-op consultation, Johnson told the rookie MDs that their "patients" (word cards) were prepped and in-need of emergency services.

The second graders eagerly donned the costumes and began "stitching" together dozens of

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compound words with plastic bandages.

Students practiced building new words with nouns, verbs, and adjectives that took on new meanings when combined, like moonlight, sunflower, toothbrush, seahorse, baseball, rainbow, and watermelon.

"It was super fun and the surgery was a success!" she said.

Johnson was thrilled that her students were highly engaged in the activity from "start to finish."

"At our end-of-the-week assessment, even my struggling students scored well," she reported.

Johnson said she was motivated to set sail on the class adventure after a staff reading of Teach Like a Pirate by Dave Burgess and hearing about engaging lessons inspired at Get Your Teach On conferences.

The spirited educator has gained a passion to chart a new course and will continue introducing students to learning in uncharted territories.

"This experience inspired me to set a goal of doing a room transformation once a month next year!" she said. ■

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The Name of a Road

BY MARK HOPPER



I love history and biographies. enjoy learning about the lives o f

people and their journeys through life. It is fascinating to learn how a road or a street got its name. Recently I was driving down a major road in Scottsdale, Arizona and the saw a sign on a side street named "Joe Foss Way". I suspect that very few drivers even notice the street and even fewer know who Joe Foss was. But I actually saw Joe Foss at Scottsdale Bible Church when I was a teenager.

Joe Foss was the first American Ace in the Pacific in World War Two. He was a cigar smoking, hard drinking fighter pilot who was the first American to shot down five Japanese planes in the war. After the war his life changed dramatically when he became a Christian. He was elected Governor of South Dakota and was one of the people featured in Tom Brokaw's book, The Greatest Generation.

There is another road that you will see along Interstate Five between Los Angeles and San Diego. If you watch carefully you will see a sign that reads, John Basilone Memorial Highway. This sign is near the Marine Base at Camp Pendleton.

John Basilone until I watched the HBO series about World War Two in the Pacific. I learned that John Basilone fought in the bloody battles on Guadalcanal in the south Pacific in 1942. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his courage and bravery in the brutal combat against the Japanese.

He came home to a hero's welcome but decided to dedicate himself to training other Marines for future combat. Instead of just training them he decided lead his fellow Marines in the landings on Iwo Jima in 1945. In the midst of this terrible combat, John Basilone was killed. The nation was stunned that a Medal of Honor recipient would go back into battle with his fellow Marines and give his life to help win the war.

These are just two examples. There are countless streets and highways that bear the names of men and women who have been recognized for their service and sacrifice in the military and in public safety. Let me encourage you to research some of the names that you see along the streets and highways in your community. You will be glad

This article was written by Pastor Mark Hopper of Efree Church of Diamond Bar. Sunday Services are held at 9:00 am & 10:45 am at 3255 South Diamond Bar Blvd. You can contact the church at 909.594.7604 or visit them online at Efreedb.org. ■

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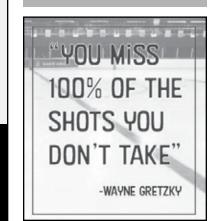
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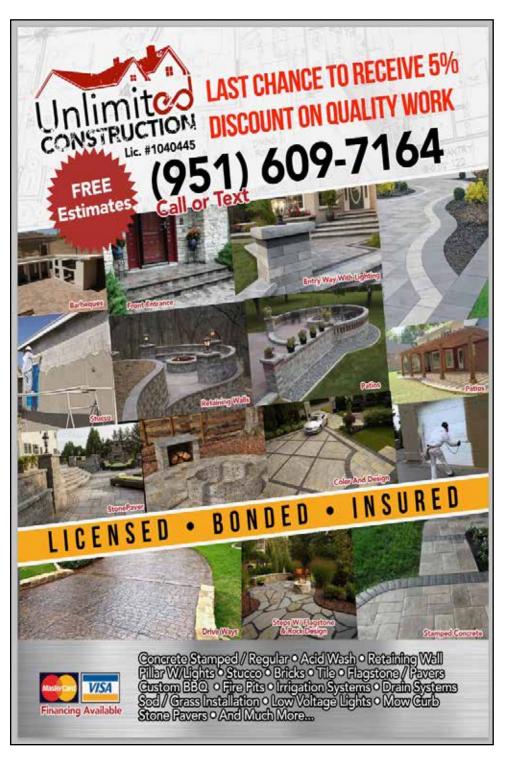


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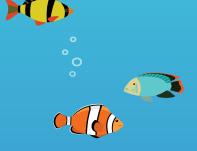
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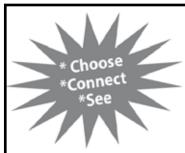
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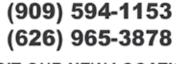
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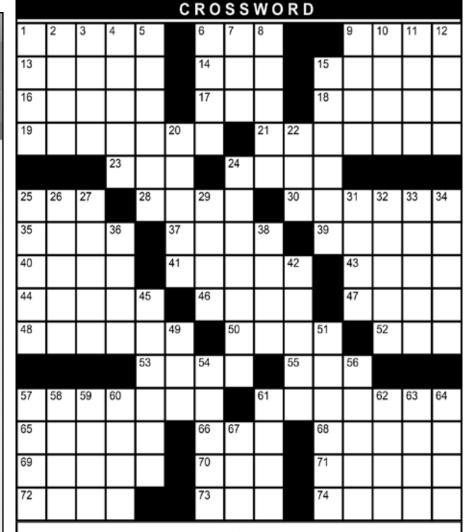
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Eastvale city council considers creating Eastvale PD

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This response time would apply to Priority 1 calls, such as an immediate threat to life or property. Also, the number of sworn officers are expected to increase with a new Police Department. Eastvale currently budgets for 32 sworn officers, but the RSO contract only ensures approximately 29 officers. However, this number will increase to approximately 44 sworn officers in the first year of a new Police Department, and it could grow to 56-60 officers over a four to five-year period if Eastvale voters support a 1% sales tax measure.

"The preliminary results show that creating our own Police Department can save us money, add patrol hours in our city, improve response times, and retain immediate local control of our law enforcement services. We would be foolish as a City Council, and it would be a disservice to our residents, if we did not look further into this option," said Rigby.

In a Facebook video

announcement on March 25, Rigby discussed the rising expense of the RSO contract. "Over the last five years, our law enforcement contract rate has increased by approximately 30%," said Rigby. The City of Eastvale stated that this increase is currently outpacing regional index cost of living. "This increase is not sustainable," added Rigby.

The current contract with RSO is \$11,825,572, with rising cost predictions, according to the City. The contract with RSO has increased by nearly 75% in the last five years, including patrol hours. In addition, the RSO's five-year budget projection is estimated at \$74,860,000. However, a Police Department 5-year projection is \$68,310,000, which would give the City an estimate of \$6,550,000 in savings over five years.

Rigby said that the City looked into a feasibility study after they heard that the City of Menifee were experiencing similar issues. When the City of Menifee realized that their contract rate with their Law Enforcement services continued to increase, they decided to conduct a feasibility study then ultimately created their own Police Department. The City of Menifee's decision prompted the City of Eastvale to do the same. The Eastvale feasibility study was completed for a cost of \$10,000 and a peer review was completed for \$2,000, which were both approved and authorized by the Eastvale City Manager. A copy of the preliminary draft feasibility study can be viewed at www.eastvaleca.gov under the "What's New" tab.

The study was presented to the Eastvale City Council on March 13 at the city's second budget goal-setting workshop for the 19/20 fiscal year. This meeting was public and residents were invited to attend. At this meeting, the council decided to further evaluate the potential of an Eastvale Police Department. The item was discussed again at the Public Safety Commission Meeting on March 26, where residents were

asked to give their input.

"This discussion does not in any way reflect our satisfaction with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, our RSO Lieutenant that serves as our Police Chief, or the hard-working women and men who are keeping our city safe every day," said City Manager Bryan Jones. "They have helped Eastvale become the 12th Safest City in California, along with our Neighborhood Watch Program and other strategic public safety investments," City Manager Bryan Jones continued. "This is a matter of fiscal responsibility that our residents are counting on. With the rising annual contract costs from RSO, it would be irresponsible of us not to explore this opportunity. There are a lot of factors to consider and we look forward to engaging the community in this process."

Also discussed at the Public Safety Commission Meeting and the City Council meeting was the possibility of placing a 1% local sales tax on a future ballot. Rigby states that the Police Department and the local sales tax are "two different items that are not dependent or contingent on each other." However, he says the two items are related in the fact that if Eastvale stays with RSO, the City's "revenues will not be sufficient in approximately 2025, so we may need additional revenue methods."

If the City were to consider a local sales tax measure, the generated revenue would stay in Eastvale and serve the residents and businesses. A City news release stated that this could generate an additional \$9.5 – 10 million in revenue for the City to enhance services and make strategic investments to grow the City's revenues with commercial retail and higher value generating land uses.

"We appreciate the residents coming out and engaging in these two items," said Rigby on April 1 regarding the proposed Police Department and sales tax. "At last week's Council meeting, the Council directed staff to continue to work closely with our residents and to provide workshops where residents can share their questions, comments, and concerns,' added Rigby. The workshops will be announced via the City's website and social media pages.

The discussion will also continue at the next City Council Meeting and 1st Hearing Budget Adoption, which will be held on April 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Another City Council Meeting and the 2nd Hearing Budget & Adoption will be held on May 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at 12363 Limonite Avenue Suite 910 Eastvale, CA 91752. More information can be found at www.eastvaleca.gov. To access a PDF of the City's Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Police Department, visit https:// www.eastvaleca.gov/home/ showdocument?id=12529. ■

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