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Feeding Our Walnut Valley Families During School Closure

KELLI GILE

Walnut - Walnut Valley USD Nutrition Services Division is ready to feed children each day during the COVID-19 school closures.

On Monday, over six hundred “grab and go” meals were distributed at Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools.

“We’re passing out a breakfast and lunch item with milk, chips, juice, and fruit,” explained

Josette Macias, a Nutrition Services Worker, as her team met cars in front of the gymnasium at Diamond Bar High.

The free meals are avail-

able to all children under 18 years old, who must be present during pick-up, for the drive-through service that runs 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

“Yesterday we served over 300 and are expecting a lot more today,” shared Walnut High staff member Ana Aguilera on March 17 as a steady stream of cars entered the staff parking lot.

“We’ve got to take care of our kids – kids come first!” said Eva Generalao who was in kitchen helping prepare meals

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Diamond Bar and Walnut High School Nutrition Services staff distribute “grab and go” meals on March 17. Photo Courtesy: Kelli Gile.

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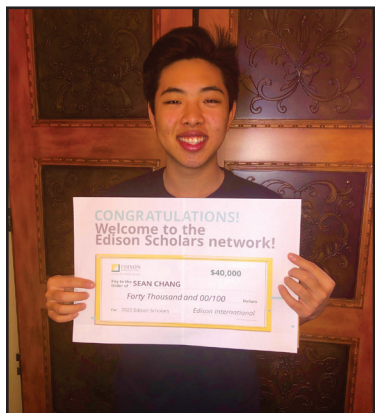
KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar - Diamond Bar High School senior Sean Chang is one step closer to realizing his dream of becoming an engineer.

This week he was named a 2020 Edison Scholar, a prestigious award that comes with a \$40,000 college scholarship from Edison International.

A surprise announcement had been planned during Sean’s fourth period orchestra

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Diamond Bar High senior Sean Chang is the recipient of the 2020 Edison Scholar award.

Planes of Fame: Airshow 2020 Update

STAFF REPORTS

Chino - Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we regret to inform you that the 2020 Planes of Fame Airshow has been canceled. We are saddened that we have to cancel our favorite program of the year, but want to reiterate that safety is our number one priority. We are looking forward to a fantastic Airshow in 2021. All purchased Airshow tickets can be transferred to our VintageFest Celebration in September 2020, donated to the Museum or refunded back to you. VintageFest will include aircraft fly-bys, many of which



Planes of Fame Museum Entrance. Photo Courtesy: Staff.

were scheduled for our 2020 Airshow. We appreciate your understanding and support during these challenging times.

For more information please visit us at: www.PlanesOfFame.org

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K.P. SANDER

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Voortman’s has a small-town farm ambiance,



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.

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Make Your Backyard

MICHAEL ARMIGO

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



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Pastor's Corner: Faith is Stronger

DENNIS MORALES

"...Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

As Joshua took the baton from Moses, his first task as new leader was to take the million plus people across the Jordan and into the Promised Land. It appeared to be a daunting task, because it was harvest time and the Jordan was swollen beyond its banks. Nevertheless, God gave the instructions to cross. The priests would go first. God said the moment they touch the Jordan river water with their feet, the flowing water

would part, and all the people could cross. Three days the people waited as they watched the torrent of water. Three days for the enemy to try to plant seeds of doubt and fear in everyone's hearts. It would take great faith to cross the Jordan. Joshua encouraged the people as he was encouraged by God to have faith. The day came for the people to cross, and they did as God had commanded them. We know from the story why God wanted the priests to go first. It's because they carried the Ark of the covenant. The Ark represented God's presence to His people. It was always at the center of the camp and was to be at the center of God's people. When the priests went into the Jordan,

they were told to stand in the center of the riverbed until everyone crossed. The Ark stood with them in the middle of the riverbed until all the people crossed. They experienced God presence with them as they crossed to dispel any doubt or fear. It took faith as they waited and as they crossed, but God brought them through. The same is true today. God standing with you. Faith is the opposite of fear. Trust the Lord to bring you through this difficult time. Trust what God sees. You may not see Him, but He sees your situation. Faith is stronger than Fear. Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 26:3 and Philippians chapter 4. I encourage you to commit your faith in the Lord and experience His peace to-



day. He will bring us through.

Calvary Chapel Eastvale meets Sundays 8:30 and 10:30am/Wednesdays 7pm @ Clara Barton Elementary (currently suspended due to the COVID19). ALL SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY ONLINE: calvaryeastvale.org, YouTube, Vimeo, , church bulletin app, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

Pastor's Corner: Sharing With Others

MARK HOPPER

Several years ago after my wife finished an extensive series of treatments for breast cancer, some friends invited us to use their house while they were away to give her an opportunity to rest and recover from this exhausting journey. Their home was on the water in Newport Beach, California. When we walked up to the house, we were amazed at how beautiful and peaceful it was. It was not on the beach with all the tourists and bicycles but on Newport Shores where it was quiet and restful.

She began to regain her strength as we went for short walks along the water. As the

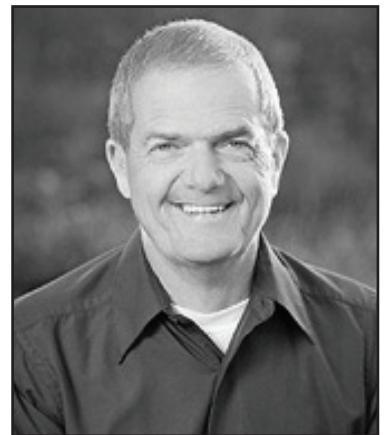
days went by, she felt more ambitious and determined to walk further. By the end of our stay she was walking all the way from the house to the pier and back. It felt like we were on an extended vacation even though we were only thirty miles from home.

On several occasions over the years other friends have shared their cabins in the mountains east of Los Angeles. My wife was a school teacher and after the end of a busy school year, we often went to the mountains to get out of the foggy June Gloom and enjoy the blue skies and warm sunshine. Our wedding anniversary was also in June so this provided a perfect setting to rest

and celebrate together. When our children were younger, a friend loaned us his motorhome for our family vacation.

We are so thankful for the people who have shared so much with us. There is a verse in the Bible that says, "Instruct those who are rich in this present world to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share" (First Timothy 6:17-18).

You may not think of yourself as rich but I am confident that you do have things that you can share with others. You may have a mountain cabin, a beach house or a motorhome. You may have an extra car or some tools that you can lend. You may have experience,



knowledge or skills that you can share with others. Let me encourage you to watch for an opportunity to share some things you have with neighbors, friends or people in need. You will be glad you did and they will too!

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Feeding Our Walnut Valley Families During School Closure



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at 6:30 a.m.

At the end of the morning shift, over 1,800 meals, triple the number from the previous day, had been served at both high schools.

"It's a good feeling because the District can share this food with our students," Aguilera said.

"And the people are so appreciative!"

"It's nice to help at a time like this," shared Rachele Serrano as she provided the curbside service to families.

Parents signaled the number of children in each vehicle and then staff quickly handed off the packaged meals.

Serrano also delivered something special to each car - a friendly smile, a wave, and a "have a good day!"

For more information, please visit www.walnutnutrition.org.

Autism Mom: Why the World May Be Shutting Down

MELODY KRAEMER

The world is shutting down, so it may seem. Though is it? Or is the universe telling us something? We have been "social distancing" for years. Ever since we became the electronic world, people don't seem to talk nor communicate.

Everywhere you look, people are on their electronic devices. Many people for a very long time have not looked up from their phones.

I have seen people in restaurants on their phones and not focusing on the person in front of them. I walk by people on the streets and they will bump into me not paying attention. Many car accidents I have read are

caused by texting. So this social distancing is not new, it's just now we can't stand next to each other unless they are six feet away. But let's be honest, many people never realized there was someone who was standing next to them.

Maybe now we can get a grasp on life and think about what there is out there. There is a world of beauty and people that will smile at you.

Sometimes I felt so alone in a world of people, why because some have no idea who or what is around them. Some never look up from their phones to see a smile in front of them. Or they are too busy worrying about the next selfie to post from where they are.

Now that everything has shut down and nowhere to go, maybe, just maybe, some will look up from their phones and see there's a beautiful family in front of them and put down the electronics and get back to basics.

Enjoy the quiet moments, smile at the simple things, and have fun by talking, what a concept. Hopefully, on the other side of this crisis, life will be better, friendships and families will be stronger. Plus, the love of electronics will subside and the world will become a more delightful connected place between one another.

Melody Kraemer is the Editor and Publisher of Macaroni Kid Jurupa Valley-Eastvale and



Autism Mom Adventures. For more information or general encouragement, feel free to email her at: autismmomofboys@gmail.com.

Relax It Will Be Better Soon

NANCY STOOPS

Since we all have been hit with the fear of the Corona Virus many people are very anxious. We all need to relax and practice a lot of selfcare care right now. We need to exercise, meditate, eat well, take vitamins and supplements, get lots of rest, drink lots of water, do things we enjoy and have some faith. Many people are hoarding items but we have been told repeatedly there is no need for that. We need to stay up to date but we don't have to listen to the news all day long. We need to maintain a very positive outlook. Stress actually wears down our immune systems and now especially we need strong immune systems. Echinacea is a wonderful herb

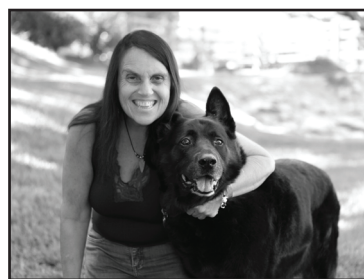
that can help strengthen our immune systems. I have taken it for most of my life and I rarely get sick.

I also think we must practice being grateful everyday and continually think about all we are blessed with. We must be kind to each other and look out for our neighbors. We can check in with each other and make sure we all have what we need. This is a great time for all of us to practice being better human beings. Anger and fear are not the way that we will heal from all of this. We must practice kindness, tolerance, patience and humanity. We all must learn from this as I believe there are many lessons we could learn here.

Take advantage of working from home. Take ad-

vantage of your children being home with you. Take advantage of all the clean air we have from all of the rain. Look around everything is so green and beautiful and we live in such a lovely community. Start a new hobby, play with your children, take walks together with the dog. Try to enjoy your time at home with each other. Play some games, cook together, listen to some music, watch some movies, and take this time to enjoy your family. May God bless us all and may this be over very soon!

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Voortman's Egg Ranch

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with the latest in technology. Their happy 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 ranch!

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 over-easies 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 baking.

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 store.

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.

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Pastor's Corner: 10 Confessions of a Christian-Confession #1: I'm a Liar

CHRIS KIRISH

I confess... I'm a liar.

Perhaps you can relate? Someone approaches and asks me how I'm doing.

Conjuring every ounce of strength I have left I force a smile.

"I'm good! How are you?"

Why did I just lie? Is it because I think it's what they want to hear? Is it because it's what American culture has trained me to do? Is it because I don't really want to think about it? Is it because I don't even know? Is it because I don't know them? Is it because I don't want to go that deep right now? Or is it because hidden somewhere deep down inside of me I'm afraid they won't care if I told them the truth, and that would be worse than if they never asked me in the first place.

Whatever reason we have let's be honest – we all lie. We lie about how we're doing. We lie about who we are. We put on a face. We play the part. We act it out. We behave the way we think people want us to behave. We bury the feelings.

Now we have a million reasons why we do this. It could be our up bringing, our lack of trust, or it could simply be be-

cause John Wayne said it's "What a man's got to do."

Why is John Wayne so awesome?

But whatever the case is, we continue to suppress what we're going through and we hide our struggles and sins from others. But, that does not erase the ever nagging question in the back of our minds... is this is the way it was supposed to be? Is this how life is supposed to be? Am I hard-wired in my DNA to deal with everything on my own? Is this the way God wanted it to be? Does God want me to carry this weight alone?

I mean sure, not everyone needs to know your deepest darkest secrets and not everyone needs to know you're not having a good day. But maybe someone should know. Maybe suppressing the pain, hiding our struggles, and lying is not what God wanted for us.

I find it to be fascinating that Jesus had a tremendous amount of compassion and grace for every sinner He came into contact with and yet He was extremely hard on the people who acted like they had it all together. We don't have to guess as to why He felt this way – Jesus made it clear for

us:

Matthew 25:27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

I'm no theologian but it seems to me that Jesus really didn't like it when people faked it. And although we like to picture Jesus as a blond haired hippy surfer, carrying a lamb on his shoulders, smiling all the time, and saying "God bless you" – it may not be too far of a stretch to say Jesus was pretty angry at these religious leaders and He may not have been smiling or carrying a lamb at this moment.

And if you think about it God has never liked it when we hide. In fact, this problem of hiding goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3 tells us that when God came walking in the Garden after Adam and Eve sinned and ate from the tree God commanded them not to eat – they hid from God. This made God angry.

And they weren't the only ones. Jonah once tried hiding from God too. He got on a boat that was headed in the opposite direction from where God was calling him. Jonah though he could run and hide from God. I remember that not going very well for him.

Something about a big fish?

In the same way, many of us are still trying to hide from God today. We hide behind a smile. Behind a title. Behind a façade. A part we play for the people we think will judge us if they really knew us. Can I encourage you today? Drop the mask. You may be fooling people but you'll never fool God. And God doesn't want you to be perfect but he does demand that you're honest. God can help a sinner but He can't help someone who pretends like they're not a sinner. God can do anything and He can save anyone but one thing God won't do – He won't save someone who won't admit they need a Savior. Drop the mask. Tell God the truth and then go tell someone else the truth.

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DBHS Senior Surprised with \$40K STEM Scholarship

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class with school officials, parents, and a representative from Southern California Edison.

There would have been lots of cheers and maybe a few tears when the big check was revealed.

But, it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic and resulting school closures.

Sean instead received an email video notification with the news - and he's OK with that.

"This scholarship means a lot to me because it lifts a huge burden off my parents' shoulders and will grant me additional education opportunities in the future," he said.

Sean is among an elite group of 30 dynamic and innovative high school seniors in Southern California Edison's service territory to receive a total of \$1.2 million through the Edison Scholars Program this year.

Edison Scholars have bright futures ahead and these scholarships help turn innovative ideas into real-world solutions.

Sean loves the beach and has always been troubled by the amount of trash and pollutants that he sees sprawled across the shores.

After a summer internship at Boeing, he realized that he wanted to build a machine to



clean up these pollutants while protecting aquatic ecosystems.

"As an aspiring engineer, I hope to create hundreds of cost-efficient ROVs (remotely operated underwater vehicles) that are connected through a large network, that can automate and expedite the clean-up of our oceans," he said.

Sean plans to attend CalTech next fall and study mechanical engineering.

He is captain of the Walnut Valley Hydromechs Robotics team and a member of the Diamond Bar Symphony Orchestra.

Each Edison Scholar will receive a scholarship, paid over four years, to further their academic pursuit of STEM fields – science, technology, engineering, or math studies - at a four-year accredited U.S. college or university.

Music Plays on During School Closure

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Diamond Bar - When Diamond Bar High's Performing Arts Academy spring recital was cancelled due to COVID-19 school closures, students decided that the music must play on.

The advanced musicians, who were quarantined at home, took to the internet's worldwide stage during a live virtual concert held Wednesday night.

The teens were able to join online rehearsals before the big 8 p.m. performance with the help of industry professionals that provide assistance to the program that boasts 700 students.

"They are working diligently through these tough times to provide much needed opportunities for the kids to express themselves and stay connected," said director Steve Acciani.

Then, through the magic of technology, the first group of students began playing with a flute, clarinet, French horn, oboe, and bassoon if they were in the school's theatre.

Quartet members Alex Hong, Erin Miyahara – euphonium, Patrick Zhang, and

Alan Lu - tuba performed a moving rendition of "It's A Wonderful World" while sequestered in their homes.

A special "furry" guest audience member made an appearance during the finale of the 45-minute concert.

Lu, a sophomore, was joined on the sofa by his trusty golden retriever, Thunder, who was looking for some attention.

In the opening notes, the adorable pet began gently pawing at Lu until he freed a hand from the glistening silver instrument to offer a quick pat on the head.

And then the content companion laid down and appeared to be listening as the talented foursome played the remainder of the song.

"At first, Thunder didn't enjoy it very much (when I played), but now he's almost always next to me when I'm practicing," Lu said.

"The virtual concert was a lot of fun since it was something new - and it kept me busy for the day!"

The complete concert may be viewed on Facebook at: bit.ly/39pC7d1.

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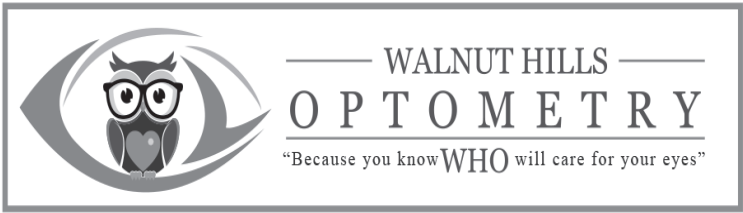
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City Declares Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19

(Diamond Bar, CA, March 19) – On Thursday, March 19 at a special meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“As the rapid global spread of COVID-19 has resulted in unprecedented measures in an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus, this declaration of a local emergency allows the City to quickly allocate critical resources and implement measures to protect the health and safety of our community and workforce” stated Mayor Steve Tye.

In response to mandates issued by Governor Newsom and public health agencies to lessen the spread of COVID-19 by supporting social distancing, the City of Diamond Bar has implemented temporary operational changes that will now be extended through to April 30, 2020.

The temporary changes consist of the closing of all City facilities to the public, including City Hall, Diamond Bar Center and Heritage Park Community Center, cancellation of all recreation programs and classes and City special events. City meetings are canceled for the month of March but will resume in April with safety precautions.

We are continuously monitoring the updates from Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Los Angeles Public Health Department as well as from federal, state and local agencies and will make adjustments to our response as needed.

During the closure, City Hall has transitioned to online services. Residents and businesses are encouraged to call the main line at (909) 839-7000. Visit www.diamondbarca.gov to view services available online.

To inquire about facility reservations, class and special event cancellations, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (909) 839-7070.

Additional information about the City's measures visit www.diamondbarca.gov/covid19.

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