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## DBH and WH Robotics Teams Helps Fight Pandemic

KELLI GILE

**Diamond Bar**— Over the past several weeks, tech savvy teens from Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools quietly answered a call to aide first responders during the global pandemic.

When students learned of the dire shortage of personal protective equipment for front-line medical staff and how anyone with a 3D printer could fill the void – they sprang into action.

Diamond Bar High's DB Engineering and Team Sprocket robotics partnered with parent Joe Bloomfield, owner of Spy-

der3D, to design and manufacture reusable 3D printed facemasks and face shields.

Six members of the school's Printed Works Club are creating a facemask that must be easily printable by those new to 3D printing, require little post-production work, be reusable, and accept multiple types of filters.

"Our team has developed a working prototype that meets all of our requirements," said senior Logan Tang of the facemask that can also be easily scaled to fit different face sizes.

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Diamond Bar High students joined forces with Spyder 3D and SoCal Makers COVID-19 Response Team to create 3D printed facemasks and shields.

## LOCAL NEWS

## LA County Fair Canceled Due to COVID-19

## STAFF REPORTS

**Pomona** – The LA County Fair, slated for Sept. 4-27, was recently canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This is the first time the LA County Fair has been canceled since World War II. Since the fair's opening in 1922, the fair has only been canceled once from 1942 to 1947 due to the war. The fair did close for one day on Sept. 22, 2001 after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, but it reopened the following day.

The 2020 LA County Fair was

canceled due to the "limitations placed on large public gatherings by state and county public health officials because of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Renee Hernandez in a news release. "For the safety and well-being of guests, Fair officials are following the guidelines of public health officials who are advising against large public gatherings for the remainder of the year," added Hernandez.

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## WVUSD High Schools Make U.S. News' Best of 2020

KELLI GILE

**Walnut** -- After crunching the numbers, U.S. News and World Report released its annual report of top performing public high schools in the country on April 21.

And it's no surprise that Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools continue to lead the way through exceptional dedication to the success of all students.

This year, Diamond Bar High ranked #25 in Los Angeles Metro Schools, #68 in California, and #519 in the nation. Additionally, Diamond Bar placed



Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools are among U.S. News & World Reports listing of 2020 Best High Schools.

#77 in STEM high schools.

Walnut High scored #35 in Los Angeles Metro Schools,

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## Pastor's Corner: Snow Days

**MARK HOPPER**

It only snowed 2-3 times a year in Dallas. It was a nightmare to drive in the traffic. Most residents had little experience driving in snow and on ice covered roads. One time in early January, the Superintendent of the public schools canceled classes because of the weather. It seemed like a wise decision but the sun came out by noon, the snow melted and the Superintendent looked foolish.

A few weeks later, when snow was again forecast for the Dallas area the Superintendent did not cancel classes. Students and teachers were expected to report to school. Unfortunately this was a seri-

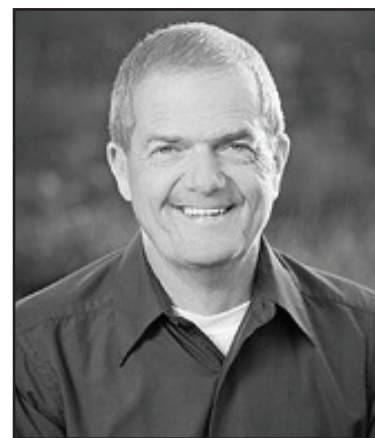
ous snow storm and there were many accidents on the roads. In fact, my wife and I were in an accident as a car slowly slid down a hill into the side of our car. A mother who was trying to get her children to school hit our car while I was trying to get their teacher to school!

Many people were critical of the Superintendent when he canceled classes on a snow day in January and many people criticized him when he did not cancel classes on a snow day in March.

This sounds strangely familiar as we face the current Corona Virus situation. It is easy for people to be critical of government officials for decisions and actions they have and have not

taken. Some feel leaders did not act early enough. Others feel that many of the actions and restrictions are an overreaction. State and local officials are making decisions regarding school closures, canceling public events and restricting travel. It is easy to criticize them.

We are living in an uncertain time. It is easy to focus our frustrations on our government and business leaders. Many people are fearful and concerned about how long this will last and how bad it will get. I think our parents and grandparents felt the same way when our nation was attacked by the Japanese in 1941. I'm sure there was fear and concern about how long the war would last and how bad



it would get.

There is a wonderful promise found many places in the Bible that says, "Fear not for I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10 / Acts 18:9-10). Let me encourage you to open your Bible and read these verses for yourself.

## Pastor's Corner: Presence of Peace

**DENNIS MORALES**

*"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace" Psalm 29:11*

To have peace, is the quest of most of society. "If I could only have this or that... then I will be at peace." We have a tendency to place earthly demands on peace. Meaning, many think peace is only attained by things we can see, handle, or control. I am reminded when the disciples had followed Jesus into a boat, He had gone right to sleep after a long day of teaching. A violent storm had erupted, and the disciples were soon being tossed around the boat struggling to fight against the

waves and wind (Mark 4:35-41). Mind you, some of the disciples were also toughened fishermen. Goes to show that no matter what our experience, we can feel helpless at times. Scripture says that the waves "covered" the boat (Matt 8:24), so the disciples were desperate. Marks Gospel details that other little boats had followed, so they weren't alone in what they feared. The disciples, gripped by fear, searched and found Jesus in the stern asleep (literally "numb" in the original language). They respond, "don't you care that we are perishing!" Jesus simply gets up, goes over, and rebukes the wind by simply saying "peace, be still!" Choice words that resonate

today. Jesus then responds by saying to the disciples, "where is your faith?" (Luke 8:25). That was the problem. The disciples still lacked faith in Jesus, who had power over the very elements striking fear in their hearts. I think we have a tendency to turn to outlets for information and remain focused on the information, rather than on God's presence. We have confirmation in God's word that God gives strength to his people as they trust in Him. Another caveat of His presence is peace (Psalm 29:11). You will have true peace today if you trust He's in the boat with you (Psalm 46:10). He is near to all who call upon Him (psalm 145:18).

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## WVUSD High Schools Make U.S. News' Best of 2020

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#84 in California, and #601 in the nation.

The U.S. News Best High Schools rankings include data on more than 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Nearly 18,000 schools in the country, and 1,612 in California, were reviewed for performance in state assessments, graduation rates, and how well they prepare students for college.

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# Autism Mom: Mother of Two Autistic Boys

MELODY KRAEMER

*Proverbs 3:5-6 New King James Version (NKJV)*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

-This time of “social distancing” and “shelter in place” has presented challenges for all of us.

The kids are adjusting to a new routine, and we adults are trying to be creative and positive.

My life before “shelter in place.”

Kids attended school. They had homework and weekends off. We went out to eat, at-

tended events, saw movies, said hello to people, and gave them hugs. Family gatherings and seeing friends were a part of our life. Parks, playgrounds, shopping, and socializing is what we did.

After “Shelter in place.”

Kids are home all day. Teaching autism kids from “social distancing” is not my forte. Many tears have been shed, mostly by mommy. Video conference calls have become the norm, and we can have up to five a day with all the boy’s services and school. Masks now has to be worn when we are out. We no longer visit people or go to places. The confusion and lack of understanding bring frustration to my boys.

We are thankful for the technology we have to be able to communicate by all means and even have a face to face talk with loved ones. Being creative, making the best out of the situation, having faith and staying positive is vital. We are taking a day at a time and riding this wave out. Life changes all the time, sometimes more extreme than we would like, but it happens.

All we can and must do is trust in God above.

*Melody Kraemer is the Editor and Publisher of Macaroni Kid Jurupa Valley-Eastvale and Autism Mom Adventures.*

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# A World Full of Anxiety

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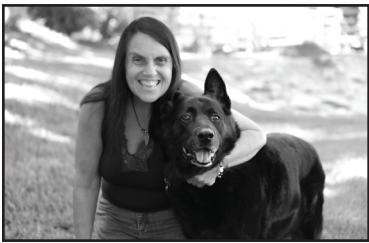
I have always been told that worrying is an insult to God. I always had interpreted this as that we are in good hands and need to trust the plan for our life. I believe being the best version of myself daily is really all I can do. I have come to realize that all I really have control over is myself and how I react to my life. I have no control over others or over their behavior. I can be helpful as a therapist and plant seeds for change in people. It’s not up to me whether those seeds get nurtured and grow into the very thing that provide tools for change.

The definition of anxiety is that our demands outweigh our means. For example feeling as if there isn’t enough time to get everything done. I think we can always work on improving our time management skills and sometimes we need to set more realistic expectations for ourselves and others. We need to learn that Rome really wasn’t built in a day and we need to learn patience. We need to pay attention to our bodies when we aren’t handling our anxiety very well. We need to practice our deep breathing and our meditation. We need to take time to pet and cuddle with our animals. We need to work on staying in the moment

and not thinking so ahead of ourselves. We need to just relax and have faith in ourselves, in others and in our life plan.

More than fifty percent of all illnesses are stress related. If we can learn to relax and manage our stress than we won’t make ourselves sick. Slow down, breath and have faith in yourself, in others and your life plan. Learn to manage your life and your stress so that it won’t control you and your life!!!!

*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*



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# Metz Air Control Voted #1 in Customer Satisfaction

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who own the business together. They are dedicated and determined to uphold the values their father taught them about business and life. They pride themselves on offering honest and dependable service at a competitive price.

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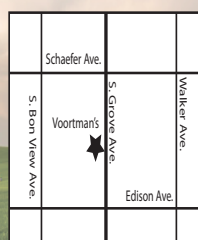
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Next steps include calibrating the strap attachment points to increase comfort while holding the mask in place, he said. Instructional Dean Gabriel Aguilar’s living room is currently in production mode on the project. Since the school is shuttered due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Diamond Bar High administrator brought a bay of 3D printers home to aid a special effort. “Several community partners contacted us to see how we could leverage our 3D printing and manufacturing capabilities to support the need for face

shields,” Aguilar said. “Rather than collecting dust, these machines are now producing 30 face shield frames per day, using materials donated by Spyder3D.” WVUSD FIRST Robotics Teams joined forces with the SoCal Makers COVID-19 Response Team to create face shields using 3D printed frames and clear plastic transparency sheets. To date, Team Sprocket, Walnut Valley Robotics, Aluminati and 2nd Rebellion have provided approximately 600 free face shields to this initiative, which has supported nearly 100 medical centers, including West Covina Medical Center, Pomona Valley Medical Center, and

Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles. Walnut High’s Wolf Corp Robotics team members are making do-it-yourself (DIY) face shields for health care workers and those providing essential services, including Walnut Valley USD Nutrition Services staff serving weekday Grab & Go meals. The shields are low cost and very easy to make with three main components: foam, elastic band, and a transparency sheet. Each member has pledged to construct 15-20 protective face shields from home and over the weekend 50 additional gifts were delivered to essential workers in the community. Aerospace engineer and

mentor Eric Gever established the SoCal Makers initiative organizing groups of colleagues, robotics students, and local makers interested in making a difference and helping to produce the face shields. Teens are not only solving real-world problems, but getting more interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematic. “While many students may be thinking of this time away from school as an extended break, those who have remained involved in the Social Makers Response Team have stood to benefit greatly though their participation in this project,” Gever said via Go Fund Me.

# Sell Your Casa Gil Rivera

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a savings of \$10,000!! Rivera’s Sellers love the fact that he offers a discounted commission, but with full service. Rivera’s offer of 4% Total Commission for Sellers includes 2.5% to the Buyer’s Agent and 1.5% to Rivera’s office. Most Realtors negotiate a 6% commission because they have to split the fees with their brokerage. But, as Rivera is the Broker, he passes on the savings to the Seller. This will save Sellers thousands of dollars in commission fees. His team offers full service for that discounted rate including high quality flyers, professional photos, open houses (as allowable by Seller), and extended advertising coverage on the Internet and social media.

Now, more about what you’re getting from Gil Rivera at SellYourCasa.com: It’s important to know all aspects of your business. For Gil Rivera from SellYourCasa.com, he absolutely knows every aspect of buying and selling a home. He is a reliable, experienced, and an affordable Realtor, Broker, and Certified Appraiser. Rivera sells houses, condos, and two to four unit investment properties in Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange counties. He just recently sold another home in Eastvale last month. He also does real estate appraisals for banks, estates, trusts, divorces, attorneys, refinances, home purchases, and probate/inheritance for tax purposes. In addition, Rivera has assistants that work with him who are fluent in Spanish

and Chinese, helping to reach people of different dialects all over Southern California. 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. Rivera also does not push his Buyers into a sale. Rivera said, “I always tell Buyers: ‘You will know right away when we walk into the house that’s meant for you’. Whether it takes a week or months, my Buyers will always be satisfied with their purchase and never pressured into it.” Rivera’s current promotion is, “We will SELL your house

in four weeks at highest value! We only request a listing period of four weeks, while most other Realtors ask for a six month listing.” Rivera says that “Buyers need to know that they do not need to pay their Realtor any fees for representing them on a purchase. The Buyer’s agent is paid by the Seller, not the Buyer. Check out Rivera’s website at [www.SellYourCasa.com](http://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.Call today for a free market evaluation. ■

# LA County Fair Canceled Due to COVID-19

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The LA County Fair sees approximately “1.1 million guests during its 19-day run and has an estimated economic impact of \$324 million annually in Los Angeles County, with \$58 million in the City of Pomona and securing more than 500 full-time equivalent jobs,” according to the news release. The Fair is expected to celebrate their 100-year anniversary in 2022. Fairplex President and CEO Miguel A. Santana says that the decision to cancel the event was not easy to make. “My heart is heavy, for our guests who come out to make memories, our vendors who rely on the Fair circuit for their income and our employees who work so hard all year-long to create this special event,” Santana said. “The LA County Fair is an iconic event that celebrates the best of Southern California. It is beloved by many. But we had to take into consideration the health and safety of everyone.” Los Angeles County Fair Association Board of Directors’

Chair Heidi Hanson agreed by saying they had no choice but to cancel, even though it was hard to do. “The one thing we can promise is that the LA County Fair will be back, better than ever – especially as we plan for our Centennial,” added Hanson. Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis also spoke about the cancellation, since the Fair resides in her district. Solis said it will be disappointing, but necessary to miss the end-of-summer celebration, according to the release. “Like many of you, I grew up eagerly anticipating each year’s opening of the LA County Fair, and I cherish my family memories of this special yearly event,” said Solis. “Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the LA County Fair due to our current public health crisis. We must make these short term sacrifices to preserve the health of the people we love. We do this to protect our communities. I am certain that once we get through this challenging time, we will come back stronger and even more appreciative of the things we love and hold dear.”

Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger also commented on the closure, since a portion of the Fairplex is located in her district. “Like every fan of the LA County Fair, I am saddened to hear of its cancellation this year. I love the Fair and have many fond memories from my experiences with family and friends,” Barger said. Through our efforts to slow the spread, I know we will soon be able to enjoy activities like the LA County Fair again.” That sentiment was echoed by the head of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd. “Our recovery journey is underway, but it will be a slow one. Working together to slow the spread of COVID-19 is our new normal for the foreseeable future. But I have faith that if we continue to make these difficult but necessary decisions now, we will be able to enjoy all that the LA County Fair has to offer next year.” Those who have already purchased season pass boxes were informed that they can receive a refund. The following three

refunds options are available: credit toward the 2021 Fair plus one extra season pass; turning their purchase into a donation to the Fairplex COVID-19 emergency fund for the community; or a full refund. Information on refunds can be found at [www.lacountyfair.com/refunds](http://www.lacountyfair.com/refunds). The Fairplex in Pomona, CA has been the home of the LA County Fair for years, in addition to the 300 year-round events. However, they announced they are canceling the remainder of its self-produced events for the rest of 2020, including June’s Cheers Wine, Beer and Food Festival; Fourth of July spectacular KABOOM!; Oktoberfest; and the Day of the Dead celebration En Memoria. However, the Fairplex has continued its community benefit mission by working with partners to offer coronavirus testing, hold drive-thru food pantries and offer free childcare for the children of healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers at its Child Development Center. For more information on Fairplex, visit [www.fairplex.com](http://www.fairplex.com).

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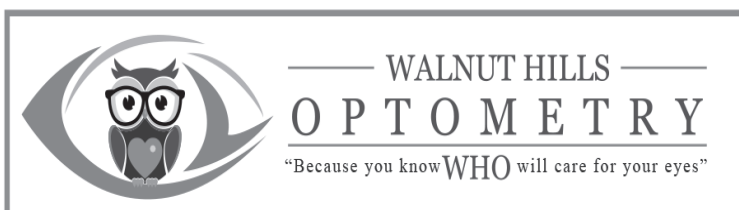
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