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CRIME

Crime Recap

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - Police are looking for a suspect of kidnapping to commit rape in Diamond Bar. On Dec. 8 at 4:15 a.m., a victim was "grabbed by the suspect and dragged approximately 100 yards to

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Diamond Bar Councilmembers Sworn In

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - The Diamond Bar City Council is officially selected for the upcoming term. During the Dec. 1st City Council Meeting, newly and re-elected council members were sworn in and the mayor and mayor pro tem were selected.

Ruth M. Low was re-elected to the council for her third term. In addition, newcomer Stan Liu joined the City Council for his first term, after gaining enough votes in the Nov. 3 General Municipal Election. They will each serve a four-year term on the City Council.

Nancy A. Lyons was unanimously selected by her colleagues to be the Diamond Bar mayor for the second time.



Photo Courtesy: City of Diamond Bar

The Diamond Bar City Council Members include: Mayor Nancy A. Lyons, Mayor Pro Tem Ruth M. Low, Council Member Andrew Chou, Council Member Stan Liu, and Council Member Steve Tye.

Ruth M. Low was also unanimously selected as mayor pro tem, also serving for the second time.

In addition, the City Council also thanked outgoing Council Member Jennifer "Fred" Mahlke for her service on the

City Council, and recognized Council Member Steve Tye for serving as Mayor this past year, according to a City statement.

The news release also stated that a copy of the agenda and video recording of the meeting are available for viewing on the

City website at www.diamondbarca.gov/meetings. The meetings are held virtually in keeping with current COVID-19 health and safety protocols. City Council Member biographies are also available at www.diamondbarca.gov/citycouncil.

SCHOOL NEWS

WVUSD Ranks Top 2% in America



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Walnut Valley USD is ranked among the "Best School District in America" by Niche.com.

KELLI GILE

Walnut - Walnut Valley USD has once again earned a top 2% ranking out of 10,760 pub-

lic school districts in America in the latest Niche.com report.

Scoring an overall A+ grade, Walnut Valley USD secured an

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Trustees Honor Middle School Stars

KELLI GILE

Walnut - The Walnut Valley USD Board of Trustees recognized stellar students and community members from South Pointe and Suzanne Middle Schools during the November 18 meeting.

South Pointe Middle School 8th grader Erick Davis received the Super Star Student Award. He has distinguished himself by maintaining a 3.45 GPA while participating in Track and Cross Country teams. Erick is kindhearted and has the ability to light up the room with his bright smile and sense of humor.

"Erick has worked hard



Photo Courtesy: Kelli Gile

South Pointe Middle School 8th grader Erick Davis receives the Super Star Student Award during Nov. 18 Board Meeting.

through life's challenges and we are proud of his resilience, self-discipline, integrity, and teamwork. He is a fine exam-

ple of Panther Pride and we are grateful to be able to honor him tonight," said Principal Dr. Su-

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Our Featured Businesses

Metz Air Control Voted #1 in Customer Satisfaction

STAFF REPORTS

Chino - Metz Air Control has been in business since 1977 and is located in Chino. The family owned, once small company, has expanded to 16 employees. Jon and Bryan Metz are brothers

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Customers participating in Maintenance Protection Plans receive a 24-hour turn-around service as well as discounts for parts and service. Please call the office at 909-628-9525. See their ad on page 5.

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Revised Order Allows Outdoor Playgrounds to Reopen

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Diamond Bar - Effective December 9, all outdoor playgrounds have reopened in Diamond Bar following the latest revised orders from the California Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Health Officer.

In order to use playgrounds, individuals must not be exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing) and must comply with the following safety and courtesy requirements:

Wear a face covering over the nose and mouth at all times. This is required for everyone

age 2 and older.

- Keep a close watch on your children to ensure they maintain at least six feet of distance from non-household members.
- Wash or sanitize your hands and that of your children before and after using any playground equipment.
- Refrain from eating or drinking to ensure face masks are worn at all times.
- Limit your playtime to 30 minutes when others are present.

Additionally, it is advised that older adults and individuals

with underlying medical conditions avoid playground areas when others are present.

As a reminder, the following recreation amenities are open for use in Diamond Bar:

- Dog Park at Pantera Park
- Park Open Areas
- Pickleball and Tennis Courts
- Picnic Areas
- Playgrounds
- Playing Fields
- Public Park Restrooms
- Skatepark at Peterson Park
- Trails and Trailheads

What remains closed in Diamond Bar:

- City facilities – City Hall, Diamond Bar Center,

Heritage Park Community Center, and Pantera Park Multi-Purpose Room

- Basketball and Volleyball Courts

While City facilities remain closed to the public, staff is available to conduct business and respond to inquiries by phone, email or online.

For more information on COVID-19 related closures and restrictions as well as the temporary modifications to City services, visit www.diamondbarca.gov/COVID19 or call City Hall at (909) 839-7000 during its open hours of Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Crime recap: Diamond Bar

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nearby bushes," according to a LA County Sheriff's Department news release. Once inside the bushes, the suspect "produced a knife and ordered the victim to comply with his demands. The victim was then sexually assaulted," stated the release.

After the assault, the suspect demanded the victim to order a Lyft for the suspect and the victim complied out of fear. The suspect left the location in the Lyft. This incident took place between S. Brea Canyon Road and Sapphire Lane in Diamond Bar.

The suspect is described as a male in his 30s with black short hair and brown eyes. He is medium built, clean shaven, and is about 5'9" to 5'11".

If anyone has information about this incident, please contact Detective Johnson at (213) 264-8747 or aajohnso@lasd.org.

In addition, at a DUI checkpoint on Dec. 4, several arrests took place. One driver was arrested for being in possession of narcotics, one driver was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license, and one driver was arrested for an outstanding warrant for driving of a suspended license. In addition,

one vehicle was towed.

The checkpoint was held at Diamond Bar Bl. / Highland Valley Rd., from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Checkpoint locations are based on a history of crashes and DUI arrests, according to the LA County Sheriff's Department. "The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired," stated a news release.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



Courtesy: LA County Sheriff Dept

The LA County Sheriff's Department is asking for the community's help in identifying this suspect. If you have any information about this suspect, please contact the LA County Sheriff's Department.

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.

Metz Air Control is well known in the community and they believe their positive ratings are attributed to the relationships they build with their customers. They are a member of the Chino and Eastvale Chamber of Commerce and support local charities and sports teams. Metz Air Control is currently expanding their services as the surrounding communities continue to grow in housing and development. They currently serve San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Metz Air Control has been a Trane Comfort Specialist since 1999; not every dealer qualifies as a Trane Comfort Specialist. Dealers need to meet Trane's stringent standards and demonstrate a commitment to customer satisfaction and continuing education. Homeowners can trust a TCS dealer will deliver a quality installation and superior customer experience.

Every year, Metz Air Control has been recognized by Trane for outstanding customer service based on customer reviews. The

communities of Chino & Chino Hills have voted Metz Air Control the "Best Heating and Air Conditioning Company" for the past 4 consecutive years. Metz Air Control is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau, 5-star YELP Company, has a 5-star Facebook rating and 5-star Google rating.

The office staff has been well trained to provide personal and professional services. Whether you are calling to set up a service call, need maintenance or just need information, they will make sure you are pleased with your overall experience.

When it comes to installation, every technician is background checked and trained to provide an exceptional experience for their customers. From a simple condenser change to a custom home with several systems, zoning and custom grills, Metz Air Control will provide you with a top-quality experience. They also do package units, duct changes, zoning, duct cleaning and much more.

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Seasonal specials include maintenance discounts, manufacturer rebates, and promotional offers that can always be found on their website at <http://www.metzaircontrol.com>. Metz Air Control offers many financing options to fit your individual needs. They are also a participating contractor for the HERO and Benji Financing programs offered through Renovate America.

Metz Air Control is licensed, bonded, and insured. It is important for homeowners research any contractor you bring into your home to make sure they meet these same standards.

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WVUSD ranks top 2% in America

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impressive report card in numerous categories at local, state, and national levels, including ranking in the top 1% in Los Angeles County and top 4% of all school districts in California.

The leading research website also placed Diamond Bar

and Walnut High Schools in the top 1% of 19,532 high schools in the nation.

Additionally, the top-tier high schools scored in the top 2% of best high schools in Los Angeles County and California.

"I am thrilled to share this achievement with our Walnut Valley school community," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Tay-

lor.

"This is a wonderful validation of the commitment and dedication of our teachers and staff, our Board of Trustees, our parents, and our outstanding students!"

Niche's annual listing is based on an analysis of academic and student life data from the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion along with test scores, college data, and ratings.

To view the full 2021 Best School District report, please visit:

<https://www.niche.com/k12/d/walnut-valley-unified-school-district-ca/>.

For more information about WVUSD, please call 909-595-1261.

Trustees honor middle school stars

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san Arzola.

Deputy Aaron Scheller was recognized with the Partner in Education Award for going above the call of duty for South Pointe students and staff. He provides first-responder assistance during all crisis calls and continuously works on developing relationships with students and the community. Deputy Scheller is involved in Career Day, Run-Hide-Fight staff training, Digital Citizenship classes, and an annual Toy Drive. Last year, he rallied members of the Fire, Sheriff's Department and local media to join a Walk-A-Thon that raised \$5,000 to benefit children's cancer. He personally welcomed students to the track with lights, sirens, and high fives.

"Deputy Scheller's heart, professionalism, and love for the job are apparent. He is not only helping our school community, he is an inspiration to our students," Dr. Arzola lauded.

Suzanne Middle School 8th grader Talisa Perez received the Super Star Student Award. Whether in-person or on Zoom, Talisa's bright personality draws you in. She is an outstanding ASB President, serves as the SMS representative on the [Super-Nintendo Council], and recently hosted a four-day Tutorial Challenge that involved coordinating emails, Zoom links, and Kahoot for 40 kids from all three grade levels. Teachers report that during Distance Learning, Talisa is the

first to unmute with an answer and is always on screen and engaged, nodding her head and smiling.

"Our situation may be unprecedented, but Talisa has not let that stop her from making the most of her 8th grade year and that is what makes her a total star student!" said Principal Dr. Amy Smith.

Partner in Education recipient Lindsay Miamoto has been part of the Walnut Valley school community since the early 2000's. Lindsay was always a supportive father, there for his two children at pick-up or after school sports and activities. When his son, Michael, passed away in 2012 after a long battle with leukemia, Lindsay continued that support through his non-profit organization, Live4MTM providing scholarships at both Suzanne and Walnut High School in memory of his son. Students embodying Michael's characteristics of kindness; respect for self, others, and community; and the ability to live life to the fullest, apply for the annual scholarship. In addition to the love and selflessness he shows in keeping his son's memory alive, Lindsay also shows his love to the staff at Suzanne frequently dropping in to check-in on teachers and office staff, always with some sort of goodies to share.

"Lindsay Miyamoto has made such an impact on the lives of so many throughout our district, and it is with so much gratitude that we present him with this award tonight," said Dr. Smith.



Photo Courtesy: Kelli Gile

Board President Larry Redinger recognizes Deputy Aaron Scheller at the November WVUSD Board Meeting. He was given the Partner in Education Award for South Pointe Middle School.



Photo Courtesy: Kelli Gile

Suzanne Middle School 8th grader Talisa Perez received the Super Star Student Award.



Photo Courtesy: Kelli Gile

Lindsay Miamoto received the Partner in Education Award at the WVUSD Board Meeting on November 18.

Sell your casa with Gil Rivera

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er'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.

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

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Autism Mom: Twas The Night Before Christmas

MELODY KRAEMER

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Everyone was awake and wouldn't settle down.

With the chaos and madness that was looming in the air

Nothing was being done with care

Due to the excitement for Santa Claus soon to be there.

Mama was going crazy and growing tired of it all.

Her patience was running thin

She was about to reach out to Santa with a call.

The kids were running amuck and wouldn't go to bed,

While mama took Tylenol for her aching head.

Mamma and daddy decided on a nightcap

And regretting the afternoon when the kids took a short nap.

When all of a sudden the house quieted down.

Mama got worried and started looking around.

The kids were playing on their Ipad and not making a sound.

Until one child saw mama and started following her around

To download an app that he just found.

The tiredness and the exhaustion from the holiday bliss, Mama finally reached her

limit and yelled, if you don't go to bed now

Christmas you will surely miss.

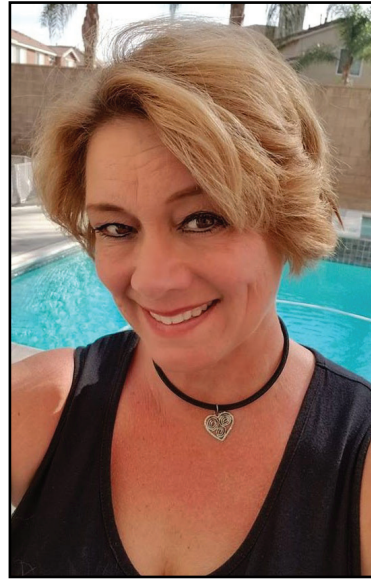
So with a twinkle in their eyes and smile on their face

The kids never settled down, and momma asked God for grace!

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a peaceful night.

2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV: "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

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.

Pastor's Corner: The Christmas Train

MARK HOPPER

One of my favorite Christmas toys was my train. I received a Lionel Train set for Christmas when I was a young boy. We have a photo of me and my father and my grandfather playing with my new train on Christmas morning in the early 1960's. We still have the brochure that came with the train. The date on the brochure says 1962.

The train set was lost for many years in a closet in my parent's home. I thought they had given it away after I got married. When we helped my parents move out of their house, my brother discovered the train set. But he didn't tell anyone. He surprised me on Christmas Day with this mystery box.

Now we have a photo of me, and my children and my father playing with that old train at

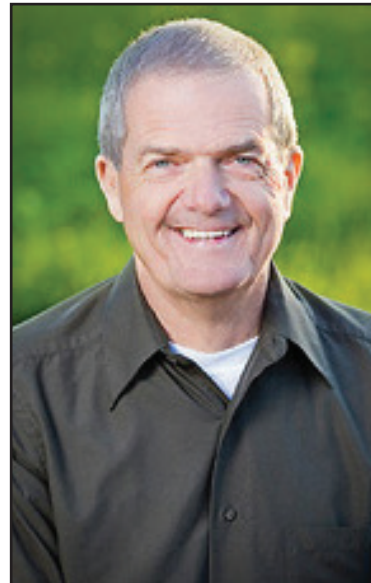
Christmas in the 1980's. After we moved to Diamond Bar, the Christmas train ended up on a shelf in our garage for many years. Finally, some of our adult children asked me to get the train down and set it up for their children to see.

I was reluctant to do it. I didn't know if the train even worked anymore. But, children and grandchildren can be pretty persuasive. I finally got the box down and set up the train around the Christmas tree. To my surprise it worked! However, the wires that powered the transformer were brittle and the train engine was sluggish. I took the engine and transformer to a model train store in Costa Mesa. The owner was able to clean it up and lubricate the engine and put a new cord in the transformer. My childhood train was running again.

Every Christmas season we set up the train Lionel Train

again. When the grandchildren come to our house, I let them help me set up the train around the Christmas tree. I let them help me operate it too. They enjoy it and I do too. Even the youngest ones have become confident in driving the train. It is fun watching them start and stop the train. They like to load things on the different train cars and deliver their freight to different destinations. There are some train wrecks from time to time but they make the necessary repairs and get the train running again. My wife took a video a few years ago to capture the memory of another generation playing with the train.

I hope that my children and grandchildren will continue the tradition of playing with the Lionel Train with their own families for many years to come. It is one of my most memorable Christmas gifts.



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Pastor's Corner: Christmas Isn't Cancelled

DENNIS MORALES

"Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray, Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy..."

These are the amazing words from the Christmas Carol "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." I love these words. Such a reminder of the Heart of Christmas. During this Covid-19 Climate, people have unwittingly said "we have to cancel Christmas." I understand the reason for the phrase, I understand the fear and the hurt that this year has brought. I also understand not meeting with family because of uncertainty. But the message of Christmas is so much more than a gathering or gifts.

I pray that this Christmas, we don't miss the heart of the celebration of Christmas. We see some in the Gospels who missed the heart of Christmas. We see the innkeeper who

missed out on Jesus because he was too busy (Luke 2). We need to make time for the Lord. We see that King Herod was too fearful to let Christ rule his life (Mat 2). Turn to Christ today. Don't let the pandemic replace Christmas in your heart. May we not allow anything take the place of worshipping Jesus Christ, who is the true meaning. Christmas is the ushering in of hope to this world. The hope of eternal life. This hope was wrapped and placed in the manger.

We remember Jesus wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger (Luke 2:12). In time, your Christmas gifts will mostly be forgotten. But God has given us the ultimate gift—the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. This year lets mindfully peel back the exterior and look at the Heart. Jesus is our gift. May we remember it's God's eternal Gift that cancels out the power of sin and death over us who trust in Him (John 3:16).

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As 2020 comes to an end I think we should all be very proud of how we survived. The pandemic changed things this year for everybody. Now the holidays are upon us and we are trying to figure out different and safe ways to celebrate. Many of us will have virtual celebrations but make sure you celebrate. Take sometime to reflect the changes in you and the new found coping skills and courage that seemed to appear in you this year. Be proud that you are still standing.

Make sure that you get out however you can this year and celebrate. Take sometime to drive in a neighborhood with lovely holiday decorations. Go ahead and make those marvelous holiday cookies and plan a drive by cookie and gift exchange. Remember just because we have to celebrate differently doesn't make our celebration a bad thing. Be creative this year and start some new holiday traditions this year.

Be kind to yourself and make the holidays as easy as they can be. Take sometime for yourself to rest and relax and recover from this very difficult year. Think about how adaptable you had to be this year and feel some pride. Just take sometime to enjoy the season however you choose to celebrate. Remember to be grateful that you are still here and just enjoy being here. Look at the holiday lights, smell those wonderful cookies in the oven, decorate your home to make you smile and do an act of kindness for others this magical season. I wish you all and joyful and very peaceful holiday. I hope you all find amazing ways to celebrate the holidays and to bring in the New Year. May all of you be showered with an abundance of magical holiday blessings!!!!!!

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