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CEO Indicted For Insider Trading With MLB Star

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – On Sept. 24, a federal grand jury indicted the former Chief Executive Officer of an Orange County medical device and eye care company on insider trading charges. James V. Mazzo, who was

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Murrieta Mayor Arrested For DUI Resigns

STAFF REPORTS

Murrieta – On Thurs., Oct. 16, at approximately 8:15 p.m., City of Murrieta Police Officers responded to a major injury traffic collision at the intersection of Jefferson and Lily avenues.

According to a Press Release from the Murrieta Police Department, Officers on scene determined that a full-sized truck collided into the rear of a

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Woman Gets 26 Years For Slaying DB Man

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar/Riverside County – Samuel Wiggins, 62, of Diamond Bar, met with a gruesome death in April of 2011. He was stabbed approximately 24 times in his Diamond Bar home, and then his remains were dismembered and distributed in a variety of macabre places.

Wiggins - a retired aerospace worker - was reported missing when family could not reach

him.

On Aug. 27, 2012, the Rancho Cucamonga District of the Superior Court of California delivered the Complaint that on or about Apr. 20 through May 29, 2011, the crime of willful, deliberate, and premeditated murder was committed by Carmen Montelongo, who did unlawfully and with malice aforethought murder Samuel Wiggins.

Although eye-opening, the Complaint does not capture the ghastly details of what

happened after Montelongo murdered Wiggins.

Whatever the details are that led to Wiggins being stabbed 22 times in the back, and twice in the chest are unclear, although reports of sexual abuse were alleged. The trial proved that Montelongo did not stop with the murder. She disposed of the remains by distributing some parts in gardens at a former resi-

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Walnut One Of Top Ten Cities In So Cal

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – The City of Walnut, nearly nine square miles of suburban living in the beautiful southern slopes of the San Jose Hills. Residents enjoy a peaceful ambiance, close enough to Los Angeles to enjoy many amenities and activities, but tucked far enough away to retain a charming, small-town feel.

CreditDonkey – a credit card comparison website that publishes data-driven analyses to help customers save money and make savvy financial decisions – recently published a study that evaluated the best cities to raise a family in Southern California.

The criterion used to determine the top cities was based upon populations of 25,000 plus; education levels; housing

costs; household types; commute times; and residency. CreditDonkey studies have shown that the more educated residents are, the higher their quality of life seems to be.

Walnut, or Rancho de Nogales as it was originally known (Ranch of the Walnut Trees) – ranked at number nine out of ten in this particular study. Overall, the top cities highlighted are: 1) Poway; 2) Manhattan Beach;

3) South Pasadena; 4) Lake Forest; 5) Moorpark; 6) Rancho Santa Margarita; 7) Rancho Palos Verdes; 8) Cypress; 9) Walnut; and 10) Santee.

The City of Walnut has also been ranked in Money Magazine's "America's Best Small Towns" study in 2009 and 2011.

For more details on this study's statistics, visit CreditDonkey.com.

Walnut's Water Park Plan



PHOTO BY: RAYMOND MENDOZA

City officials meeting with Aquatic Design Group Vice President, Justin Caron, as he presents a plan for the City's proposed Aquatic Park.

By RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - City officials met with a representative from the Aquatic Design Group on Wed., Oct. 8 for a study session event, outlining the schematic plans for the City's proposed Aquatic Center and Amphitheater.

The Aquatic Center, planned for the 20000 block of Amar Road off Alta Sierra Road near Walnut Ranch Park, has been a long-

time desire for some residents who have called for a municipal pool site in Walnut for years.

More than ten residents attended the meeting, where Aquatic Design Group Vice President, Justin Caron, outlined various ideas for what the park could host, including slides, three pools, a water spray park, locker rooms,

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By K.P. SANDER

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By K.P. SANDER

Walnut – Before you know it, the holidays will be upon us. From Halloween to Thanksgiving to Christmas, time seems to speed up. Throw in a couple of birthdays and anniversaries, and you just might find yourself

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By K.P. SANDER

Halloween, or All Hallows Eve, is a day of celebration for many countries, held on October 31 each year and dedicated to remembering the dearly departed. While many honor it at face value, it is more commonly known as an opportunity for children to don costumes and collect candy.

Interestingly enough, trick-or-treating has an origin that dates far back into history.

William Shakespeare spoke of it in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* in 1593, in a passage that mentions 'whimpering like a beggar at Hallowmas'. Great Britain records the custom of poor people going door to door to receive food in exchange for saying prayers for the dead, called "Souling". "Guising," or visiting homes masquerading in disguise to be rewarded with cakes, fruit or money, was a Scottish tradition as far back as 1895. Similar guising in North America is first noted in 1911, when Ontario, Canada reported children masquerading



throughout neighborhoods.

Nowadays, typical activities include the popular trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, visiting haunted house attractions, attending parties, and watching scary movies. In

many parts of the world, Christian religious observances still include attending church service and lighting candles on the graves of the dead.

Whatever your tradition, enjoy a Happy Halloween!

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dence, obscured some at the home of a relative she was staying with, and buried the head and arms in large flower pots that she reportedly gifted family with at a home in Bell Gardens on that Mother's Day.

It was reportedly neighbors that were prompted to contact police upon smelling decay.

Montelongo was arrested on May 29, 2011 by Ontario Police in the midst of moving a large mobile trash can containing some exhumed remains down a residential street, apparently attempting to further hide evidence.

The adult children of Montelongo were also taken into custody not long after her arrest on suspicion of helping their mother dispose of the body. Ultimately, prosecutors did not

file criminal charges against them.

The trial culminated on Aug. 29 when a jury found Montelongo guilty of first-degree murder for the unlawful death of Wiggins.

Montelongo, who has also used the name Montenegro, received 26 years to life at her sentencing on Mon., Sept. 29. She has maintained her innocence throughout the course of action.

Murrieta mayor arrested for DUI resigns

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passenger vehicle. Both vehicles were traveling southbound on Jefferson Avenue at the time.

All four occupants of the passenger vehicle were female juveniles ranging from 14 to 17 years of age, and students at Murrieta Valley High School. All individuals sustained moderate to major injuries and were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

The sole occupant of the truck was determined by Officers to

have signs and symptoms consistent with alcohol impairment, confirmed by field sobriety tests. The driver was identified as Alan William Long, 44, a resident of Murrieta. Long – Mayor for the City of Murrieta – was arrested for driving while under the influence causing injury, and was booked at the Southwest Detention Center in Murrieta.

Long, who is also a Battalion Chief for Anaheim Fire and Rescue, has a personal goal and bio statement on the City of Murrieta's website touting safety, quality of life, and giving

back to the community. It is reported that Long's attorney has said the Mayor rendered aid to the students at the scene and expressed deep concern for the safety and well-being of those who were injured.

Long was elected in 2010, and while he is currently seeking reelection, he resigned from office on Mon., Oct. 20, reportedly saying that he didn't want any hint of impropriety to play a part in the investigation surrounding his alleged DUI collision. Long is scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 10.

CEO indicted for insider trading with MLB star

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the CEO of the Santa Ana-based Advanced Medical Optics, Inc., which was traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EYE, was added to an indictment that had previously named former professional baseball player Douglas DeCinces and two of his associates.

According to the United States Attorney's Office, the case, which was initially filed in 2012, alleges that Mazzo was the source of non-public information that DeCinces and his associates used to trade EYE stock in the midst of a takeover bid by Abbot Laboratories.

The 41-count superseding indictment filed on Sept. 24 in United States District Court charges Mazzo with providing DeCinces with confidential information in advance of Abbott's 2009 acquisition of Advanced Medical Optics. DeCinces and his associates allegedly used the non-public information to purchase shares of EYE, which increased from approximately \$8 to \$22 as a result of the acquisition.

The indictment further alleges that Mazzo previously provided DeCinces with inside information in relation to Advanced Medical

Optics' 2007 acquisition of an Irvine medical device company, IntraLase Corp. (NASDAQ: ILSE). DeCinces allegedly used this inside information to purchase IntraLase stock, and to tip a friend to purchase shares, ahead of the announcement that Advanced Medical Optics was purchasing the company. IntraLase stock rose approximately ten percent after the announcement of the deal.

The superseding indictment names Douglas V. DeCinces, 64, of Laguna Beach, who currently is the president and CEO of a real estate development firm in Irvine; David Parker, 62, of Provo, Utah, who was a friend and business partner of DeCinces; and Fred Scott Jackson, 68, of Newport Beach, a real estate attorney who was friends with DeCinces.

The four defendants indicted in this case will be summoned to appear for arraignments in United States District Court in Santa Ana.

The indictment charges Mazzo with 13 counts of insider trading, 13 counts of tender offer fraud and one count of securities fraud.

DeCinces is charged with 19 counts of insider trading, 19 counts of tender offer fraud, one count of securities fraud and one count of money laundering.

Parker and Jackson are each charged with three counts of insider trading, three counts of tender offer fraud, and one count of securities fraud. Parker additionally faces one count of money laundering and criminal forfeiture.

The securities fraud count carries a maximum statutory sentence of 25 years in federal prison. Each of the insider trading and tender offer fraud counts in the indictment carry a maximum statutory sentence of 20 years. The money laundering counts each carry a maximum penalty of 10 years.

DeCinces reportedly settled the case without admitting or denying the allegations, agreeing to pay \$2.5 million in fines and not contest the IRS' seizure of what were alleged to be insider trading profits. Jackson, without admitting or denying the allegations in the lawsuit also settled with the Securities and Exchange Commission, returning his profits and paying a penalty. A trial for Mazzo and Parker is scheduled for August 2015 in United States District Court in Santa Ana.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and IRS Criminal Investigation. The Securities and Exchange Commission provided assistance during the investigation.

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The Closure Of Lanterman Development Center

By K.P. SANDER

Pomona – In January of 2010, the Department of Development Services (DDS) announced its intention to close the Lanterman Development Center (LDC), located in the City of Pomona on the borders of Diamond Bar and Walnut. The path toward closure has been a long and complex one.

The LDC, which occupies a little over 300 acres in Los Angeles County, has been providing 24/7 residential care for individuals with severe developmental disabilities for 87 years.

LDC opened its doors in 1927

with an acute hospital unit, nine client residences, a variety of training and work sites, recreational facilities, and staff amenities, and initially served over 3,000 residents.

According to their website, the mission of the LDC has always been to provide the highest quality services and supports to people with developmental disabilities who require concentrated health care and/or training to develop skills in which to enhance their independence - developing people's highest potentials.

Once home to a multitude of individuals with cerebral palsy,

epilepsy, Down's syndrome, autism, and other lifelong severe mental conditions, the LDC strived to provide the utmost in care according to the laws and standards of the State of California. Their core values reflected SPIRIT: Service, Professional Commitment, Initiative and Creativity, Respect, Integrity, and Teamwork.

In 2009, the LDC had 440 residents, with approximately 12 admissions and 27 discharges per year. With more than 1,200 staff to oversee the care of individuals throughout the 192 onsite buildings, they facilitated around-the-clock care with an annual

budget of nearly \$116 million.

With the closure of LDC rapidly approaching, all this has quietly come to an end. In January 2010, there were less than 400 to care for, and as of Sept. 24, only 22 residents remain at the facility. Staff has been redeployed, laid off, or left through natural attrition.

The DDS has maintained that the well-being of all who live and work at Lanterman to be of the utmost concern and priority, and put procedures in place to ensure a safe and successful transition for residents from LDC.

In their summer newsletter regarding the status of the clo-

sure, the DDS reports that 322 residents of the LDC have been transitioned to the community; 85 homes for individuals moving from the LDC have been licensed in accordance with Senate Bill 856; and 47 former residents have moved into Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs.

The DDS has made mention of the dwindling population and the condition of the aging infrastructure as contributing factors, and the impending closure leads to speculation of what will become of those 300 acres.

The LDC is scheduled to close on Dec. 31, 2014.

Walnut's water park plan

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an amphitheater, reception areas and more. Furthermore, the plan outlined 333 parking spaces to ensure space for the lots even when the pools, park and amphitheater are in use.

Mary Rooney, Community Services Director, said the flexibility of the slides and splash areas would be ideal for Walnut's weather, with easy maintenance, fast ways to drain the excess amenities during the winter months, and the ability to refill and staff the slides and splash

areas if a heat wave hits the City.

Rooney said that while the entire basis of the study session was to show a rough idea of what the park would look like, the plan's outline is a good enough to show the public and City Council for further deliberation.

"Now you have a concept," Rooney said. "Now you have something to walk with to show your constituents...nothing is set in stone, but we would like your feedback."

Caron said the total estimated cost for the entire project would cost the City \$19.9 million, with

a breakdown of \$3.6 million for site work, \$532,000 for utilities, \$3.8 million for construction of buildings, \$600,000 for the amphitheater, \$4.7 million for the pools, and an estimated \$6.7 million for contractors, insurance, bonds and construction contingencies.

When pressed by councilmember Eric Ching, Caron suggested an estimated general admission fee of \$5 to \$7 for adult, with the possibility of cheaper rates for Walnut residents and higher fees for non-residents. However, he mentioned that the City can choose to set admission

prices at whatever they wanted when the project reached its completion.

Councilmember, Tony Cartagena, said he was "very excited" at the thought of the City's plans coming to fruition, stating that the planned amenities are extensive and impressive.

Attendees were mostly optimistic about the project, yet most of the hesitance from residents centered on parking and traffic studies.

Walnut resident, Claudine Stines, said she has been a supporter for the Aquatic Center for years, but that the latest sche-

matics might not have sufficient parking for all the proposed features.

Walnut resident, Gary Gidcumb, said that while he liked the idea of Walnut having a recreational pool, he would like to see a traffic study done for the area to ensure a safe traffic flow. Gidcumb described the schematic plans as "too much," and that if the City scaled back some of its ideas, it would be more likely to complete its long-time project.

"I'd like to see a pool in Walnut," Gidcumb said. "Hopefully, before I'm 100 years old."

Quality comes first at Peterson Auto Repair

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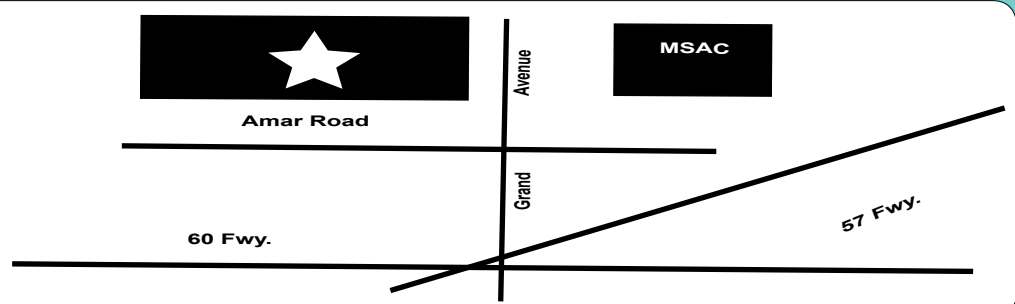
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