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## OC News

### OC Man Arraigned

OC DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**Santa Ana** – A man is scheduled to be arraigned for exposing himself to young girls in public on multiple occasions near two high schools.

Alfredo Landaverde, 48, Costa Mesa, is charged with four misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure and six

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## IE News

### State Of The City Planned

STAFF REPORTS

**Eastvale** – The Eastvale Chamber of Commerce has begun planning for the second annual State of the City for Tuesday, April 9 at the Eastvale Community Center.

The State of the City is being planned by a committee consisting of representatives

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## Task Force Catches Plastic Thieves

STAFF REPORTS

**City of Industry** – Plastic thefts have been a major issue in California, but the Industrial Plastic Theft Task Force have been working hard to reduce the number of thefts in the LA County area.

The Industrial Plastic Theft Task Force is a group from the City of Industry station who have dedicated their time to recover stolen plastics. They

were formed in 2011 and are believed to be the only team of this type in the nation.

Most of the stolen and recovered plastics are pallets, trays, shelves, baskets, and totes (collapsible crates) from grocery stores, pizza places, bakery industry, restaurants, beverage companies, and shipping and receiving companies.

Once thieves collect the plastic, they take it to sites

where it can be grounded and then sold to plastic manufacturers.

"The plastic trademark products are often stolen from the loading docks behind businesses throughout Los Angeles County and the entire region," said Sergeant Nabeel Mitry, Industry Sheriff's Station

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PHOTO COURTESY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
A task force has been dedicated to restore plastic pallets and trays that are being stolen, grinded up, and resold.

## Police Search For Ice-Skating Victims

STAFF REPORTS

**Hacienda Heights** - Police are searching for more victims of molestation from an ice-skating coach that has worked in LA County, Riverside County, and Orange County areas for the past seven years.

Suspect Donald Vincent, 29, has been coaching youth

ice skaters for the past seven years at various ice skating rinks including:

\*East/West Ice Palace in Artesia, Los Angeles County

\*Glacial Gardens in Lake-wood, Los Angeles County

\*Norwalk Ice in Norwalk, (closed in 2007)

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\*Anaheim Ice in Anaheim, Orange County

\*Ice Town Riverside in Riverside, Riverside County

29-year-old Suspect Vincent

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PHOTO COURTESY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF  
Police are searching for more victims of molestation from a youth ice-skating coach, Donald Vincent.

## "Maternity Hotel" Owners Fail To Show In Court

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

**Chino Hills** – Last Thursday, a Judge continued a temporary restraining order against owners of a Chino Hills residence allegedly used as a "maternity hotel" because attorneys have been unable to serve the homeowners.

John Cotti, who represents the City of Chino Hills, said they've obtained information

that the defendants may be in China. Cotti also told West Valley Superior Court Judge Keith Davis that the defendants may be returning to the United States in early February. Judge Davis set another hearing for Feb. 19.

The Chino Hills residential home was allegedly turned into a Chinese maternity hotel, which is against city code enforcement law.

Chino Hills officials sought the temporary restraining order last month against the owners of a residence where women from China allegedly came to give birth, so their children could be American citizens.

The Court order prevents Hai Yong Wu and Yi Wang, and their company Los Angeles Hermas Inc, from entering the property and performing any construction at the home

without first obtaining a permit from the city.

Thursday's court appearance allowed Wu and Wang to defend themselves from a preliminary injunction by the city, according to the city. But neither their lawyers nor Wu and Wang appeared in court on Thursday.

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Three Suspects Arrested for Drug Charges

STAFF REPORTS

**Rowland Heights** - On Wednesday, January 24, 2013, members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Operation Safe Streets Bureau – Asian Gang Team arrested three suspects after intercepting a narcotic transaction at a strip mall parking lot in the 18900 block of Gale Avenue in Rowland Heights.

The two suspects of the illegal transaction were Denis Lam, 20, and Ruoyu Mike Dong, 22, both of Arcadia. Both are allegedly members of a well-known Asian street gang.

According to investigators, Lam and Dong hired Suspect Juan Carlos Cabrales, 23, of Azusa to act as a "runner" to deliver 1000 Ecstasy pills in the form of "Mollies" to a buyer in exchange for \$5000. "Mol-

lies" are Ecstasy pills or MDMA made into powder form and placed into capsules.

Cabrales was arrested by investigators before the transaction was completed. Soon after he was arrested, Lam and Dong, who were monitoring the transaction nearby, were located by the investigators and arrested as well.

Investigators continued their investigation and worked throughout the night to secure a search warrant for the homes of Lam and Dong in the unincorporated area of Arcadia.

Inside Lam's home, investigators found a small but functional indoor Marijuana grow. Several Marijuana plants and



PHOTO COURTESY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
Three suspects were arrested after attempting to deliver Ecstasy pills in the form of "Mollies".

cultivation equipment were seized.

All three suspects are facing various narcotic charges, including possession for sales, transportation, cultivation of Marijuana and conspiracy. They were booked at Industry Sheriff's Station and later released on \$30,000 bond each.

DB Teacher Arrested For Sexual Assault

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

**Diamond Bar** – A Diamond Bar man was arrested last week for sexually assaulting a 16-year old student, investigators said.

Albert Anthony Morales, 33, was arrested at his Diamond Bar home Tuesday and booked on Sodomy charges, authorities said.

The incident allegedly took place on a former female student in the summer of 2006 when he was teaching at Sunny Hills High in Fullerton.

Morales has been teaching

band for the last 13 years and most recently taught at Diamond Bar High School. He also previously worked at Diamond Ranch High, authorities said.

More victims are being sought by the Special Victims Bureau when Morales worked at Diamond Bar High from 1998 to 2000, Sunny Hills High from 2004 to 2009, and Diamond Ranch High for the past two years.

Detectives said that there may be additional victims and are asking anyone with information to call (323) 890-5500. Anonymous tips can be left at (800) 222-8477.



Albert Anthiny Morales  
PHOTO COURTESY: LA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Walking For Those Who Can't



PHOTO COURTESY KING FAMILY  
Kristen and Darlene King before Darlene passed away from breast cancer. Kristen is raising money for the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. To donate, see instructions in story.

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

**Chino Hills** - In a few months, most people will be celebrating Mother's Day with their moms, but not Kristen King. Her mother passed away five years ago from breast cancer. But you won't find Kristen feeling sad, she's doing something about what happened to her mom. She's an active member of the Annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and she's doing it all year round.

"I saw cancer suck the life out of my mom," said Kristen. "I witnessed her go through ten years of treatment, doctor appointments, pills, and many procedures. I choose to do something for all that pain, to try to turn it into positive action."

The Avon Walk for Breast

Cancer is an annual event held in 9 cities. This year will mark the 11th year the event will be held. Last year the total raised was over \$700 million for Breast Cancer Research. The event, held in Santa Barbara September 7-8, 2013, is easy to register for, just sign onto www.avonwalk.org.

"My mom didn't smoke, didn't drink, had no history of cancer, and she was diagnosed in 1998," said Kristen. "She was literally robbed out of her life, WE were also cheated out of so many years she should've had. she spent 10 years battling this horrible disease, never in remission, always fighting. She lost her battle in 2008."

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), aside from non-melanoma skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. It is also one of the leading causes of cancer death among women of all races and Hispanic origin populations. For more information, visit Cancer Among Women.

In 2009 (the most recent year numbers are available) 211,731 women in the United States were diagnosed with breast cancer. 40,676 women in the United States died from breast cancer.

"My mom passed away

when she was only 58 years old, she would've been married 40 years," said Kristen. "Walking for Breast Cancer has given me the opportunity to give others hope for a cure so they won't ever have to experience what our family has gone through."

Kristen not only walks each year in Santa Barbara, she continues to fundraise all year long. She holds fundraisers at her work at Wood Ranch in Chino Hills, has donated her hair, periodically holds yard sales, bake sales, rummage sales, massage days, and themed parties.

"Any amount will help, even \$5, \$10, if everyone chips in, we can beat this disease," she said.

To donate, just go to www.avonwalk.org, click "Santa Barbara," click "Donate Now," enter "Kristen King" for name, then click on her name that appears below that to go to her page to donate.

"I meet a lot of people at the cancer walk, it feels good to reach out to others who share my pain," added Kristen. "We won't stop until we find a cure, until we live in a world free of breast cancer. You can help by donating any amount. Doing all this brings me comfort and I know my mom is proud of us for what we are doing."



# New Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Farmer's Market Kicks Off

NEWS RELEASE

**Baldwin Park** – Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center hosted a kick-off event on Friday, January 25 to celebrate its enhanced Farmer's Market. New vendors have been added that offer a variety of options including fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly-harvested honey, organic apples and avocados, fresh fruit juices, almond spread bread, hummus, orchids, plants, and more.

Maggie Pierce, Executive Director, Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center, welcomed the crowd. "We are so excited to offer our new and improved Farmer's Market in partnership with Southland Farmer's Market Association. Not only do we have a great mix of farmers who sell fresh fruits and vegetables, but we also have fresh juices, organic avocados, freshly harvested honey, and more."

Employees, physicians, Kaiser Permanente members, and the community were treated to a Healthy Cookin' demonstra-

tion featuring Rick Rosoff, Chief Administrative Officer, and Payman Roshan, Chief Operating Officer, who served as guest chefs. They showed off their culinary skills by making Quick Veggie Quesadillas using fresh produce available at the market. Free samples were provided. The demo, which is offered the first Farmer's Market of each month, utilizes seasonal fruits and vegetables to help individuals learn how to prepare healthier snacks and meals for themselves and their families.

Those attending the market had an opportunity to win items donated by several of the new vendors. These included a fresh flower bouquet, a beautiful plant, and two baskets filled with healthy snacks and an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We are excited about our new farmer's market as it enables us to make more locally



PHOTO COURTESY: KAISER PERMANENTE BALDWIN PARK MEDICAL CENTER

*A healthy cooking demonstration was given by Rick Rosoff, Chief Administrative Officer, and Payman Roshan, Chief Operating Officer, who served as guest chefs.*

grown produce readily available to the local community to help encourage healthier eating," adds Pierce.

The Farmer's Market is held Fridays on a biweekly basis at the cafeteria patio of the medical center campus from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and is open to the community.

For questions or more information, call Public Affairs at 626-851-5223. Announcements and updates are provided on [www.twitter.com/KPBaldwinPark](http://www.twitter.com/KPBaldwinPark).

## Train And Big Rig Collide

STAFF REPORTS

**City of Industry** – A big rig and a freight train collided in City of Industry, causing a fire and a man to be hospitalized on Tuesday evening.

Last month, a big rig was heading south on Nogales Street near the 60 freeway, when a freight train's front engine crashed into the big rig's flatbed trailer that was stopped on the railroad tracks.

The collision caused the train to spill its load of Nesquik chocolate powder and sparked a fire involving the first segment of the train, part of the big rig truck and grass surrounding the tracks, according to local reports.

Fire crews extinguished the fire and cleaned up the spilled contents. However, reports state that roads were shut down for at least an hour, including westbound lanes of the 60 freeway, the Nogales Street off-ramp, Nogales Street and

Gale Avenue.

The driver of the big rig, a 52-year-old resident of Perris, was taken to St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton for minor injuries, according to reports. The two people traveling in the

freight train were not reported to be harmed in the crash.

Police say that it is still unclear on why the big rig's trailer was on the tracks because the crossing is marked with signs and lights.



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# Crime Stats Paint Mixed Picture in Walnut/DB

By SEAN C. MOORE

**Walnut** – Statistics recently released by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department show that violent crime in the Walnut/Diamond Bar area is down over a five-year period, but the rate of property crimes increased in 2012.

Of particular note is the fact that there were zero homicides in the area in 2012. The Sheriff’s Department investigated three homicides in Walnut and Diamond Bar in 2011 and nine in 2007.

County-wide, the 166 homicides investigated by the department in 2012 mark the lowest homicide rate since 1970.

Lieutenant Chris Blasnek, Operations Manager for the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff’s station, said that the Walnut Valley area has always had a low homicide rate.

“We don’t have a lot of problems with gangs, and we have a great community partnership,” he said, adding, “It’s always been a safe place to live.”

The number of forcible

rapes also declined in the area from twelve in 2011 to six last year. However, aggravated assault cases jumped from 99 to 158 over the same period.

Certain categories of property crimes such as burglaries and larceny showed increases over the last year, leading to an overall increase in the crime rate for the area, Blasnek confirmed.

The area saw 805 reported burglaries in 2012 as opposed to 608 in the previous year, a 32.4 percent increase. Larceny

theft incidents increased from 1,075 to 1,169 over the same period.

Blasnek said that gang members and recent non-violent parolees from the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Moreno Valley areas seem to be drawn to commit such offenses in the area because of its relative affluence and proximity to the 57 and 60 freeways.

“The fact that we have two major freeway corridors that bisect our communities brings them through, and they say, ‘Wow, it’s beautiful here,’” he

said. Blasnek said that a lot of these burglars are going to jail, and praised the Walnut and Diamond Bar City Councils for their willingness to pay for the resources to fight crime in the area; including surveillance, crime analysis, increased patrols in trouble spots, and even undercover cars.

“We’re doing a pretty good job. Our arrests are up. We’re catching these guys,” he remarked, but added, “It’s a matter of keeping them in prison, and that’s frustrating sometimes.”

# Local Coach Allegedly Texting Inappropriately



Albert David Gutierrez  
PHOTO COURTESY: COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

### STAFF REPORTS

**West Covina** - A local soccer coach was arrested after allegedly sending inappropriate sexual text messages to an 11-year-old girl.

Last month, Albert David Gutierrez, 45, was arrested at his home in the 3200 block of Stella Avenue in West Covina on suspicion of communicating with a minor with intent to commit certain sexual acts, according to local reports.

Gutierrez was arrested after allegations from a mother of an 11-year-old girl reported that Gutierrez was sending inappropriate text messages to her daughter in December. Reports state that the girl was a soccer player on Gutierrez’ American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) team.

The police said the texts were sexual in nature. The girl told her mother about the texts, the mother confronted Gutierrez, and Gutierrez apologized

and said he would stop contacting the girl. Then, the mother reported the situation to the Covina Police, who started an investigation.

Local reports state that Gutierrez was arrested in January after not turning himself in after the holidays like he promised.

Gutierrez posted a \$500,000 bail and was released on Thursday morning. He is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 13 in West Covina Superior Court.

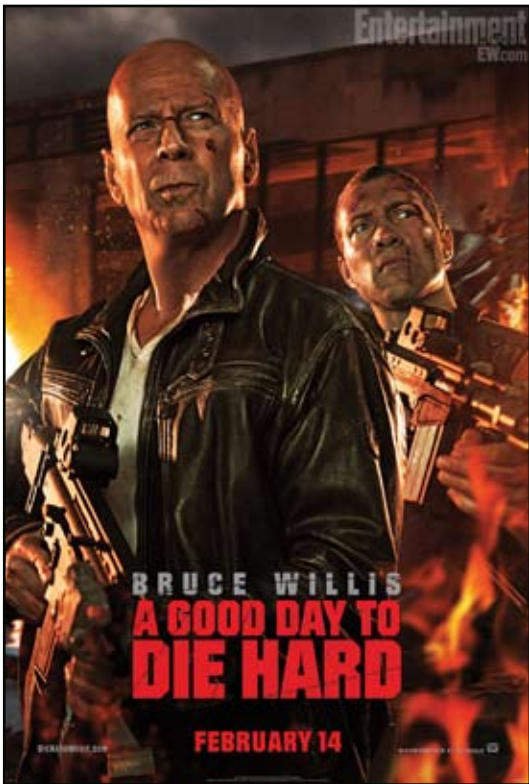
Police are concerned that

there could be other victims in the community because Gutierrez was involved in the community as a coach. Anyone with information is asked to contact Covina police detectives at 626-385-5615, or 626-384-5808.

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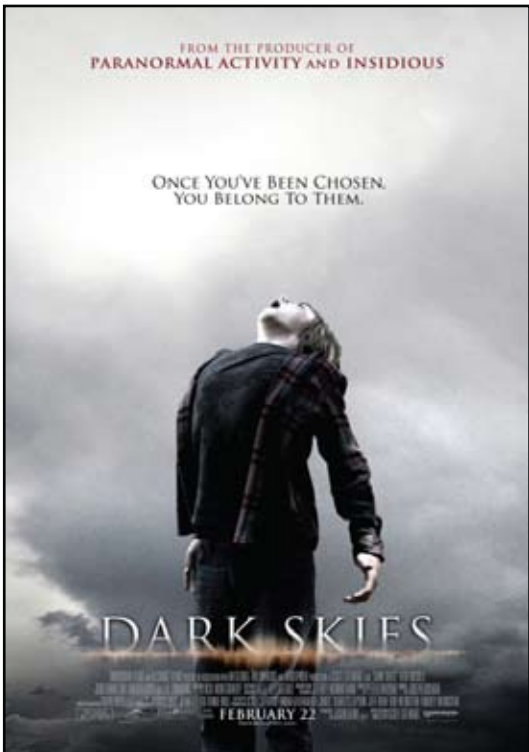
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**A Good Day to Die Hard**  
Release Date: Feb 14, 2013  
Rated: R  
Genre: Action  
John McClane (Bruce Willis) heads to Russia in this fifth installment of the Die Hard film series. Skip Woods (The A-Team) provides the script, with Max Payne’s John Moore directing. Jai Courtney co-stars as Willis’ son. ~ Jeremy Wheeler, Rovi



**Escape From Planet Earth**  
Release Date: Feb 14, 2013  
Rated: PG  
Genres: Adventure, Comedy  
Brendan Fraser lends his voice to Scorch Supernova, a beefcake space hero who defends his planet, Beeb, against the nefarious villain Shanker (voiced by James Gandolfini) in this computer-animated Weinstein Co. release. Jessica Alba, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, and Sarah Jessica Parker round out the voice cast. ~ Jeremy Wheeler, Rovi



**Dark Skies**  
Release Date: Feb 22, 2013  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Sci-Fi/Fantasy, Suspense/Thriller  
From the producers of Paranormal Activity, Insidious, and Sinister comes Dark Skies: a supernatural thriller that follows a young family living in the suburbs. As husband and wife Daniel and Lacey Barret witness an escalating series of disturbing events involving their family, their safe and peaceful home quickly unravels. When it becomes clear that the Barret family is being targeted by an unimaginably terrifying and deadly force, Daniel and Lacey take matters in their own hands to solve the mystery of what is after their family.



**Snitch**  
Release Date: Feb 22, 2013  
Rated: PG-13  
Genres: Action/Adventure, Suspense/Thriller  
In the fast-paced action thriller SNITCH, Dwayne Johnson stars as a father whose teenage son is wrongly accused of a drug distribution crime and is looking at a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years. Desperate and determined to rescue his son at all costs, he makes a deal with the U.S. attorney to work as an undercover informant and infiltrate a drug cartel on a dangerous mission -- risking everything, including his family and his own life.



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# "Maternity Hotel" owners fail to show in court

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City staff inspected a property at 15250 Woodglen Drive in Chino Hills through a court order on Nov. 19, 2012 and a public complaint was filed on Dec. 7, 2012.

Through the court-ordered inspection, city officials discovered that the home has been used to house 30 pregnant Chinese women that have come from China to give birth on United States soil.

The inspection also revealed that a resident was charged \$150 a day for a medium-size room. An invoice showed another tenant paid up to \$27,000 for her prenatal and postpartum care, according to local

reports.

The "hotel" has also been reported to offer \$5,000 to \$15,000 packages, according to notinchinohills.org. These packages include transportation, meals, tours, and a hospital stay before returning to China with their American-born babies.

Officials observed raw sewage "flowing down" the property and determined that the septic system was failing, according to a city report.

Co-owners Wu and Wang, who own the home built in the mid 70's, purchased the home through a California based corporation, Los Angeles Hermas, Inc. They face numerous code enforcement violations.

Through property meter

readings, the city was able to determine that more than 100,000 gallons of water, or an average of 4,000 gallons per day, was being used at the facility from Sept. through Dec 2012. Septic systems in that area were designed to handle only 1,500 gallons a day, almost one third of the current use, the complaint said.

The city also observed a dining area, dining schedule, a "lobby", recreation areas, a luggage dolly, and brochures advertising the hotel as "USA Los Angeles Hermas International Guidance on How to Have an American Baby," the complaint said.

Chino Hills City Mayor, Peter Rogers, said that until the 14th Amendment of the Constitution

is amended or eliminated, what is being done by the operators of these birthing tourism programs is not illegal, according to the City Council's meeting minutes.

The 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution states a child born in the US is granted citizenship and will receive a birth certificate.

Chino Hills residents protested off of Peyton Avenue and Chino Hills Parkway in early December regarding the "hotel". Residents held signs saying "Not in Chino Hills, Not Anywhere" and "No Birth Tourism".

Among the protestors was the "Not in Chino Hills" group, which was organized in December. According to their website, the mission of "Not in Chino Hills" is to preserve their family ori-

ented community. The alleged Maternity Hotel was their first issue to face.

The inspection report also indicates the home had been subdivide, without proper permits, lacked emergency escape windows, unpermitted gas lines for a secondary kitchen, no smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors, and unpermitted electrical and plumbing connections in the 17 room facility. Rooms also resembled a hotel, with matching monograms, keyed locks on each door, and water buckets to wash with.

The home appears to be empty now, with the lights completely out at night and the property appears to be uninhabited, according to local reports.

## Law of Dominic Chacon

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He feels that his office's diligence, energy and responsiveness are their best aspects. Keeping his clients up-to-date is also an asset that Chacon feels

is essential to his company.

"When you walk out, you're definitely informed as to the direction your suit will go," he said. "We can't predict everything of course, but we use the words 'I don't know' effectively. And what we don't know, we find out about."

For help with legal problems, call (626) 839-8852 or e-mail Ldominicchacon@yahoo.com. Chacon's office is located at 2341 S. Azusa Ave. in West Covina, 91792.



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# Five Injured In 60 Freeway Crash

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar** – Last month, a two-vehicle crash on the 60 Freeway caused five people to be injured. The crash occurred on the westbound lanes of the

freeway near Grand Avenue. Officials are still investigating what caused the crash. A total of five people were taken to the hospital for injuries, including a pregnant woman that needed to be airlifted. A helicopter landed in

the roadway to fly the injured woman to the trauma center at USC Medical Center, according to local reports. A Sig Alert was issued causing the carpool and four right-hand lanes of the westbound 60 Freeway to be

closed. Only two lanes were open for traffic, which caused traffic to be backed up all the way to 71 Freeway in Pomona. Reports state that motorists were using the Garey Avenue entrance ramp to exit the freeway. Motorists were

also reported to be using the gap in the center divider to jump into eastbound traffic to get away from the crash site, which is considered a hazard. All lanes were reopened Sunday afternoon at around 1:30 p.m.

# County-Wide Holiday DUI Arrests Go Down

By SEAN C. MOORE

**Los Angeles County** – An annual Winter Holiday crackdown on drunk driving resulted in more than 2,000 arrests throughout the county, but the number was still lower than the year before. Sobriety checkpoints, special saturation patrols, and routine patrols resulted in a total of 2,168 DUI arrests between Dec. 14 and

Jan. 1, according to a department news release. The checkpoints and patrols were part of the annual “Avoid the 100” campaign, named for the participation of 100 law enforcement agencies throughout the county. Detective Daniel Dail of the Sheriff’s Department’s Traffic Services Detail said that the number of arrests were significant, but he confirmed that arrests were down by almost 300 compared to the previous

year’s campaign, in spite of the fact that this year’s crackdown was in effect for an additional two days. Figures released by the department show that there were 2,433 DUI arrests during a comparable period in 2011. Dail said that, unfortunately, the drop in arrests did not necessarily represent a decline in the number of people driving while intoxicated. “My educated guess is that it was actually due to budget cuts

across the board,” Dail said. With the state and various local agencies facing budget shortfalls, grant funding for the manpower needed to staff specialized units and patrols was not as readily available as in previous years, Dail explained. When asked if advertising and media campaigns discussing the consequences of drunk driving had also contributed to the decline in arrests, Dail remarked, “I would love to point

to that, but at the same time, the numbers of accidents, injuries, and fatalities aren’t going down.” Similar DUI operations are scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday next month and St. Patrick’s Day in March. Local law enforcement officials and the California Highway Patrol encourage motorists to report drunk drivers every day by calling 911 anytime they come into contact with an impaired driver.

# CH City Council Special Election Mar 5

By MICHAEL ARMIGO

**Chino Hills** - Voting starts this week via absentee ballot and ends on March 5, for a special election for a vacant seat opened by the resignation of former councilman Bill Kruger last September. Four candidates are vying for the open seat, two of which ran in last November’s election. Rosanna Mitchell and Ray Marquez ran a tight race, but

both lost to other candidates. The other two candidates are Jesse Singh and Debi Hernandez. Campaign statements indicate Mitchell spent over \$30,000 and Marquez spent over \$38,000 in last November’s election. This election has drawn a lot less in spending so far. As campaign statements indicate from Jan. 1- Jan 20, Mitchell has spent over \$2,800, Marquez just over \$2,000, Singh spent over \$1,600, and Hernandez filling out the “short form,” which means

she plans to spend or receive no more than \$1,000 throughout the entire election. A quick synopsis on the candidates are as follows, in the order they appear on the ballot: Debi Hernandez, 57, OCCUPATION: Certified Facilities Manager, Toyota Motor Sales; EDUCATION: Economics and business law coursework, Pasadena City College, CFM designation from International Facilities Management As-

sociation; MARITAL STATUS: Married, one daughter. Ray Marquez, 56, OCCUPATION: Retired Firefighter; EDUCATION: Coursework at University of Reno, Rio Hondo, Pasadena City College; MARITAL STATUS: Married with children. Rosanna Mitchell, 49, OCCUPATION: Attorney; EDUCATION: Bachelor’s Degree, UC Irvine, Juris Doctrate, Western State College of Law, Fullerton. Jesse Singh, 26, OCCUPA-

TION: Attorney; EDUCATION: Bachelor’s Degree, UCLA, Juris Doctorate, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles; MARITAL STATUS: Single, no children.

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# Task force catches plastic thieves

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Industrial Plastic Theft Task Force, in a news release. “Additionally, either employees steal the plastics themselves, or leave them in a place outside the business so their crime partners can pick them up,” Mitry added. Sheriff’s investigators are recovering property stolen

from victims throughout Los Angeles County, especially the San Gabriel Valley, as well as communities in neighboring counties such as in the Inland Empire and Orange County. The Plastic Theft Task Force has recovered about \$6.5 million worth of items last year, according to local reports. They have arrested at least 50 suspects in the past year and have located about 20 sites used to stow or

grind stolen plastic. “The victims of these thefts are hard working business-people contributing products and services to their customers, as well as jobs to the economy. The enormous cost to businesses as a result of these thefts is ultimately paid by consumers through increases in prices for goods and services,”said Industry Sheriff’s Station Captain Mike Claus in the release.

“Clearly, the enormity of the loss just in Los Angeles County could easily exceed \$10 million dollars a year. I have been contacted by Los Angeles County and even worldwide global businesses who have made it clear that this is an epidemic that has never been addressed. These business-people are grateful that the Sheriff’s Department has taken a leadership role in addressing this issue and educating the

public about it. While expressing gratitude, some business owners explained that their losses had been so huge, that had the thefts continued, they most likely would have had to go out of business.” “We will continue to find these stolen products and return them to their rightful owners, and the people responsible will be arrested and addressed by the criminal justice system,” said Captain Claus.

# Police search for ice-skating victims

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was arrested at his Torrance home last month by Detectives from the Special Victims Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department on molestation charges. Suspect Vincent is alleged to have molested a boy while the coach lived in Hacienda Heights. The information came to light in December 2012 when the now 17-year old victim told a friend at a youth camp, who then told another person. They then encouraged the victim to report the abuse. The victim told sheriff’s investigators that he was repeatedly molested by his skating coach at the coach’s Hacienda Heights home, when he was between the ages of 12 to 15. Suspect Vincent was arrested on felony child molestation charges at his home

in Torrance and is currently incarcerated with a bail set at \$1,000,000.00. At Pomona Superior Court, the suspect was charged with three felony counts by the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office. The charges include: One count of Continuous Lewd Acts With a Minor, and two counts of Lewd Acts with a Minor, Ages 14 or 15. Sheriff’s Special Victims Bureau detectives are seeking the help of the public to identify

possible additional victims, especially during the suspect’s tenure as a skating coach. Anyone who may have information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Sheriff’s Department Special Victims Bureau at (877) 710-5273 or specialvictims@lasd.org. Or, call “LA Crime Stoppers” anonymously by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org.

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# State of the city planned

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from the chamber, city, businesses and residents of Eastvale. This is an opportunity to share with Eastvale residents, businesses, and community leaders the future of the City of Eastvale. The event will feature a dessert reception and a formal program.

Mayor Bootsma will deliver the State of the City address, providing insights on local

development and progress as well as the impact of the current state and regional economy.

"I am looking forward to presenting this year's State of the City Address on behalf of the City of Eastvale," said Mayor Ike Bootsma. "2012 was an immensely successful year, despite the many challenges we have faced and I am confident that 2013 will be even better still. It's an exciting time in Eastvale and I am proud and honored to be a part of this great City."

"We are excited to be able to again host the State of the City," stated Chamber Board Chairman Jorge Razo. "This is just proof that the Chamber and City are accomplishing great things and succeeding together."

The Event Sponsor, Waste Management, has continuously supported the Chamber and the City over the past 3 years. Additional Sponsorship opportunities of various levels are available by contacting the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce.

"This is going to be a wonderful event, and we are pleased

that there is now a Community Center where we can hold the event," stated, committee chairman, Daniella McClister. "When it came to choosing a location, the committee had no doubt that it should be held at the Eastvale Community Center. This is an event for the community and now that construction for the center is completed, holding it there makes the most sense, and it gives the community another chance to view the beautiful facility."

The Eastvale Chamber of Commerce advocates and

represents businesses' interests and issues affecting the community. They provide the environment to help members prosper and succeed through a proactive working partnership with all levels of government and community organizations to achieve a healthy local economy and quality of life. The Eastvale Chamber provides a wide range of community and member services. To get involved with the Eastvale Chamber, please visit: [www.eastvalechamberofcommerce.org](http://www.eastvalechamberofcommerce.org) or call the Chamber at (951) 768-6000

# OC man arraigned

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misdemeanor counts of child annoyance. If convicted, Landaverde faces a maximum sentence of six years in jail and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration. Landaverde is scheduled to be arraigned at the Central Justice Center, Santa Ana.

On four occasions between Oct. 3, 2012, and Dec. 6, 2012, Landaverde is accused of driving in a white minivan in Santa Ana near Valley High School and Godinez Fundamental High School. Between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., the defendant is accused of approaching 10 girls in his vehicle between the ages of 14 and 17, opening the driver

side door and exposing his penis while remaining inside his minivan. In some cases, the defendant is accused of smiling and masturbating to the victims.

The victims reported the incidents to school officials, who contacted the police. The Santa Ana Police Department and the Santa Ana Unified School District Police Department in-

vestigated this case.

If convicted, Landaverde's lifetime sex offender registration will bar him from entering County recreational areas and City parks which have passed the Sex Offender Ordinance.

Visit [www.orangecountyda.com](http://www.orangecountyda.com) to read the prior press releases on the County's Sex Offender Ordinance as well as

the 14 other cities that have enacted the Child Safety Zone Ordinance.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information or who believes they have been a victim is encouraged to contact Supervising District Attorney Investigator Lee Smith at (714) 834-7538. Deputy District Attorney Courtney Thom is prosecuting this case.

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