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Meth Driver Charged

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Westminister – A driver under the influence of methamphetamine has been charged with killing a man, who was working underneath a recreational vehicle (RV), by crashing into the RV and causing it to fall on top of the victim.

Marco Vinicio Morales, 50,

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IE News

Checkpoint Results

RIVERSIDE NEWS RELEASE

Norco – The Jurupa Valley Station, Norco office conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on March 22, 2013, at Hamner Avenue and Commerce Street between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest

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STAFF REPORTS

Industry – The proposed stadium's future is looking grim as laws changed, which halted the go ahead of development.

Back in 2011, the Supreme Court ruled to kill local redevelopment agencies which halted

many projects that did not have existing contracts through them, Industry stadium being one of them.

The state ruled that the original contract of the architect and landowner of the Industry stadium, Edward P. Roski, had areas that were not formalized.

One in particular being, where one part of the project would not take place until another was finished. The recent ruling has halted any money from being obtained by Roski for infrastructure, causing a legal battle between Roski's attorney and the state of California.

The stadium also faces the hardship of finding a team as well, Fri., Feb. 14 was the mandated deadline for any teams to file for relocation, which none did so. Without a team and funds prom-

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Credit Card Skimmers Caught



PHOTO COURTESY: GOOGLE IMAGES
The skimming device shown is only one out of many devices that are used in identity theft.

BY SARAH ARMIJO

Chino – Two suspects were caught and arrested after putting a credit card skimmer device onto a Chase Bank ATM machine and leading a pursuit in Chino. Chino Police Officers arrested the suspects after they fled the alleged crime scene and caused a traffic collision, which injured two others.

Security officials at the Chase Bank located at 12193 Central Ave. called Chino Police Officers to report a suspect that had placed a card skimming device, which is used to capture account and pin information, on an ATM machine located inside the branch.

Officers arrived at the Chase Bank and waited for the suspect to return to collect the device, according to a City of Chino

news release. At approximately 6:05 a.m., a suspect matching the description given by bank officials quickly entered and exited the bank. The suspect fled the scene in a maroon 2000 Lexus GS300 driven by a second suspect.

When Officers attempted

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Walnut Man Arrested In Drug Raids

BY ANDREW HOOVER

Walnut – Local Walnut man was one of the 10 arrested in the Federal and state drug busts last week.

Walnut resident Steven Huytu Lam, 52, was arrested on Mar 20 in a linked drug bust of marijuana grow houses across three southland counties.

The DEA investigation that was underway had lead to the raid of 26 houses throughout the Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, 15 of

which were grow houses, and 10 out of 11 arrests. The 11th suspect Andy Tran, a 39-year-old Monterey Park resident, is still at large and being sought by authorities.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the drug trafficking ring would purchase or lease single family homes and convert them into full marijuana farms. The houses featured full hydroponic growing equipment as well as stolen electricity obtained with a sophisticated electrical bypass of the utility

meters.

The others arrested in the raids included Raymond Lam, 42 who also used the name "Nam A Lam", of Arcadia who is accused of being the overall leader of the drug trafficking organization and overseeing the acquisition of residences that were converted



PHOTO COURTESY: DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
An investigation lead to the raid of 26 houses throughout the Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, 15 of which were grow houses like shown above.

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New FB Giveaway Prize

BY SARAH ARMIJO

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Popsikle Shop Making It Big

By: ANDREW HOOVER

Diamond Bar- Local Diamond Bar resident is quickly making a name for herself with her unique thrift shop trailer. Diamond Bar resident Crystal Melendez, 23, is the owner of the Popsikle Shop truck which recently got the number 2 spot in the L.A. Weekly's "10 Awesome L.A. Trucks That Sell Things Besides Food" article.

Melendez attended the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising located in Downtown Los Angeles where she studied Merchandise Marketing. When noticing the food truck trend, Melendez came up with the idea for Popsikle Shop, her mobile boutique filled with cute vintage, thrift and resale clothing as well as handmade items including jewelry, hats, scarves, and purses. Melendez has been doing this for a little over a year now. "It's really been fun," said Crystal.

In the last few weeks, Crys-

tal's business has been blooming by appearing at local farmers markets and even landing a spot at the upcom-

ing Brokechella Art and Music Festival in Los Angeles on April 20. Crystal loves catering to her customers in a completely eco-friendly way, providing thrift store items that Crystal hand picks personally so you don't have to.

"When you come into my shop, I want it to feel like it's your own closet," says Crystal. "All the items I have have their own personality." Crystal and her brightly colored trailer can be found in downtown Anaheim



Photo By John Melendez

at the Farmers Market every Thursday from 12 P.M. to 7 A.M. and every Sunday at the O.C. park from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Crystal also opens her shop randomly at her Diamond Bar home for some of the elementary and high school kids who make their way past her house after school.

Crystal can be reached online at www.twitter.com/PopsikleShop, www.facebook.com/PopsikleShop, and Instagram at @popsikleshop.

Parking Restrictions Take Effect April 1

By MARLYN SALGUERO

Walnut - Parking will not be allowed along Temple Avenue, the street that separates Cal Poly Pomona University and Mt. San Antonio College campuses.

A safety issue was brought up by concerned Cal Poly students over a "Pizza With The President" event, according to the Cal Poly Pomona news release. Students asked what could be done to improve safety on Temple Avenue, which has been a major talk among students and residents.

The intersection has a speed of 50 mph and there is no cross-walk beyond University Drive, making it a dangerous intersection for students who park on the south side of Temple. The road has two lanes in each direction separated by a raised median strip.

The release reports that University officials began talking about ways to improve safety along this busy highway with

the Los Angeles County and City of Pomona which have jurisdiction over Temple Avenue. After this meeting, a study was conducted by the Los Angeles Department of public works analyzing traffic accidents, field observations and other related data.

The results of the study showed 22 rear-end accidents combining both sides of Temple during a five year period ending last August. The reason for these accidents was because drivers stopped or slowed down mid-block to wait for a parking space.

The suggestion by the Department of Public Works was to prohibit parking and stopping on both side of Temple Street between university Drive and Walnut City limit.

The No-Parking, No-Stopping measure was approved on Feb 5 by the Los Angeles County board of Supervisors and will be enforced by local law enforcement agency. Beginning April 1, signs will be

installed affecting a reported number of 150-180 cars out of 22,000 daily visitors.

In a weekly video message, University of Cal Poly Pomona President Michael Ortiz stated that the results were not what the University initially expected, and although suggestions for streetlights and increasing security patrol will not make a difference in accidents that happen in broad daylight, he respects the decision that was made by the County. The university President assured his students that administration officials are working hard to fulfill needs of the Campus and community without violating state and federal regulations. "The safety of the University has been in one of my highest priority," he added.

With this new measure, University officials advise students and faculty to purchase parking permits or to find other alternatives such as public transportation. Visit the university Website at www.csupomona.edu

Community Club Treasurer Charged

STAFF REPORTS

Community Club's fund by forging checks numerous times.

Diamond Bar - A former Community Club treasurer was arrested and charged with grand theft and forgery this month.

The charges stem from the misappropriation of funds from the Castle Rock Community Club, a non-profit organization created to raise funds and enhance opportunities for students attending Castle Rock Elementary School, according to an LA County Sheriff news release.

Lisa May, also known as Lisa Haygood, was previously a volunteer as Castle Rock's Community Club treasurer. An investigation had determined that May took \$39,651 from the

Community Club's fund by forging checks numerous times. The release stated that the theft occurred over a 6 year period and was discovered in June of 2011. Since then, detectives have been sifting through a paper trail of bank records, checks and receipts which culminated in the case being presented to the D.A. for filing consideration.

Detectives from Walnut/Dia-



Chino Pursuit Ends In One Death

BY MARLYN SALGUERO

Chino – On the early morning of Sat. Mar. 16, a 50-year-old man was killed by Police officials after a high-speed pursuit on multiple freeways.

Ontario resident Jeffrey Langenhorst ended the pursuit in Eastvale, where he refused to step out of a tractor trailer when asked by San Bernardino County Sheriffs and Chino Police, which caused officers to open fire. Langenhorst was pronounced dead at the scene.

The incident started when Chino Police Officers spotted an individual that matched the

description of a wanted fugitive by investigators.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's spokesman Randy Naquin states that "after refusing to pull over for failure to yield, the officers began the pursuit." The pursuit lead officers through three freeways. The suspected fugitive also crashed into a patrol vehicle as well a civilian vehicle, and it was determined that he was driving in speeds up to 90 mph.

Langenhorst exited the I-15 freeway and lost control of his vehicle in Eastvale. Langenhorst fled on foot and jumped into a tractor trailer, intending

to harm police officers. Naquin said that Langenhorst was warned to step out of the tractor and surrender peacefully; however, Langenhorst did not. When Langenhorst refused the officers request, the officers opened fired.

Langenhorst was pronounced dead on the 4200 block of Hammer Avenue in Eastvale. According to Naquin, whether or not Langenhorst died instantly or not is still under investigation. On Mar. 17, it was released that Langenhorst was wanted on a federal arrest warrant.

No further information has been released.

CH Homes Built Beyond Boundaries

BY: ANDREW HOOVER

Chino Hills – The City of Chino Hills has recently been under fire due to the encroachment notices it has been sending out these last few years, which caused a lawsuit and several city meetings regarding the issue.

Encroachment is a term which implies "advance beyond proper limits," meaning the boundary lines for the city and homes. Each home is built within its own boundary area that contains a certain square footage limit between them and the cities protected open space. The protection of these open space areas has led to the rural atmosphere that resident's treasure, according to the city's website.

Chino Hills has been handing out encroachment notices since early 2010, after recently switching to digitally recording its boundaries in 2008. This new system has allowed officials to see the exact boundary line and what houses are built over city property. Over 200 homes throughout the city have

been identified as building over city property and more are expected to be found. Most of the homes that have been identified have already handed in plans and drawings for their home improvements, resulting in a permit from the city prior to the digital recording of boundary lines.

Many of the residents who have appeared at the City Council Meetings have voiced their concerns on the matter explaining that they have submitted the proper paperwork stating what they were to build, as well as plans and drawings for landscaping, and even obtained the proper permits by the city.

Kim and Mike Denton, a family and residents of

Chino Hills, responded to the encroachment notices with a lawsuit. The Dentons had moved into their home in 1995 due to the lush and lavish backyard featuring palm trees, a pool, a spa, and a beautiful view of the hills that was left by the previous owner. However, their paradise became a nightmare when they were slapped with an encroachment notice from the city explaining to them that their backyard was encroaching upon city property and they must remove parts of it, including electricity, irrigation, fencing, and part of their pool.

Further details on the lawsuit were unable to be obtained until the lawsuit finalizes.



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Chase Bank Replacing Burger King

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - The Burger King off S. Diamond Bar Blvd. will soon be demolished to make room for a new Chase Bank branch.

The Burger King located in the Diamond Hills Plaza Shopping Center at 2717 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. was voted

to be demolished by the City's Planning Commission at the Tues. Feb 26 meeting with a 5-0 vote.

The Chase Bank branch plans to build a 3,431 square-foot bank with drive-thru ATM windows.

The commissioners were concerned about circulation for the drive-thru windows,

parking, and stop signs for pedestrian safety. However, they were ensured that any issues about circulation and signage for pedestrians in the drive-thru area could be addressed during the plan check, according to local reports.

A Diamond Bar city assistant planner said that the conditional use permit is to mitigate any

lighting, noise, circulation, or parking issues. The assistant also confirmed that the existing Burger King will be demolished and a new building constructed in its place, according to local reports.



PHOTO COURTESY: GIL RIVERA

The Burger King off S. Diamond Bar Blvd. will be demolished and replaced with a new Chase Bank.

Cal Poly Pomona Tuberculosis Scare

By MARLYN SALGUERO

Pomona - About 375 students and staff members at Cal poly Pomona might have been exposed to tuberculosis by a student who may have tested positive for tuberculosis.

The Los Angeles Public Health Officials warned the University about the potential exposure. Cal Poly Pomona University sent out an email warning all students who may have had contact with the student about the possible tuberculosis spread early Friday morning.

The unidentified student who did not live on campus dropped

his winter courses to receive treatment. The student who was enrolled in the previous fall semester attended classes in physics, engineering, computer science, and women's studies.

"This is an unclear active case and the Los Angeles County Public Health has to do tests and update us on that," Justin Velasco Cal Poly Pomona Spokesman stated. "The student's prognosis so far is good," he added.

The student has not been identified and the date when he was admitted to the hospital was also not released due to privacy concerns. But

he admitted himself to the hospital Velasco said. It is not clear when or how the student became infected, but the university is encouraging students to contact the Cal Poly Pomona Student Health Services to schedule a visit.

Velasco stated that there are no other cases like this one or any outbreaks throughout the campus. Regarding the status of the student, Velasco said, "We have no updates so far."

As a result, the university is providing TB tests at no cost to all students. Faculty and staff can also receive testing through their regular health care provider.

According to the Los Angeles

Public Health website, TB is a bacterial infection that affects the lungs it can be cured with a prescription medicine; however, it can be fatal if left untreated. Common caused factors for this disease is overcrowded living conditions and malnutrition.

Common symptoms of tuberculosis are but are not limited to: bad coughing, sweating,

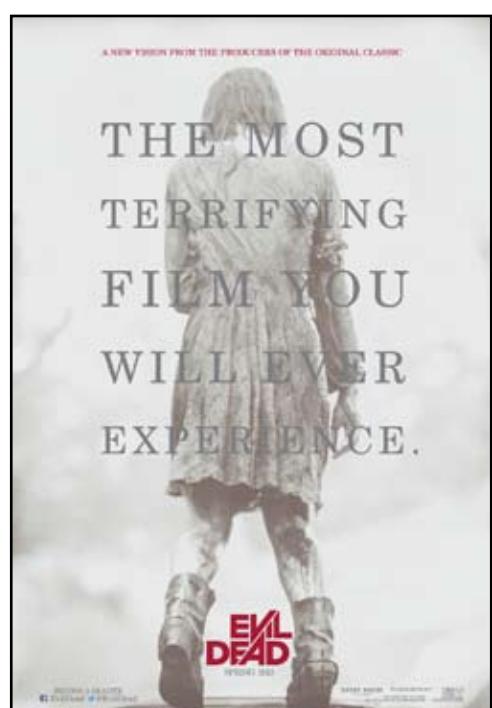
pain in the chest, weakness/fatigue, fever, chills. Check with your doctor if you suspect you may have TB symptoms.

For more information about this case, contact Cal Poly Pomona at (909) 869-3342. To find out more about this disease, visit the Los Angeles Public Health website www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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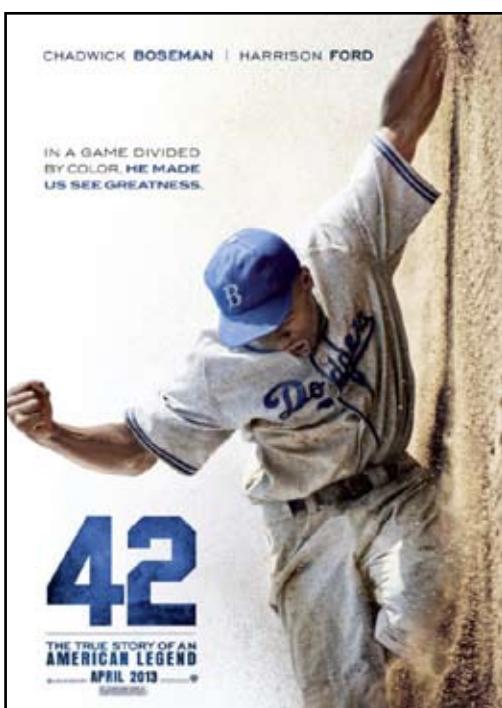
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Must See Upcoming Films



Evil Dead
Release Date: Apr 5, 2013
Rated: R
Genre: Horror

In the much anticipated remake of the 1981 cult-hit horror film, five twenty-something friends become holed up in a remote cabin. When they discover a Book of the Dead, they unwittingly summon up dormant demons living in the nearby woods, which possess the youngsters in succession until only one is left intact to fight for survival.



Escape From Planet Earth
Release Date: Apr 12, 2013
Rated: PG-13
Genres: Action

The story of Jackie Robinson, the legendary baseball player who broke Major League Baseball's color barrier when he joined the roster of the Brooklyn Dodgers. 42 stars Harrison Ford as the innovative Dodger's general manager Branch Rickey, the MLB executive who first signed Robinson to the minors and then helped to bring him up to the show, and Chadwick Boseman as Robinson, the heroic African American who was the first man to break the color line in the big leagues.



Scary Movie 5
Release Date: Apr 12, 2013
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Horror, Comedy

Snoopy, aloof, imperious, and oversexed French dance company director Pierre is putting on a new production. Jody, a Caucasian late-20s mother of two and her late-20s African American friend Kendra are both vying for the lead in the production. Jody's extremely controlling former dancer mother is determined that Jody will have the brilliant career that eluded her. The highly skilled mid-30s Diva veteran dancer with the company, Heather Dally, gets cut from the production and goes berserk.



Oblivion
Release Date: Apr 19, 2013
Rated: PG-13
Genres: Sci-fi

Jack Harper (Cruise) is one of the last few drone repairmen stationed on Earth. Part of a massive operation to extract vital resources after decades of war with a terrifying threat known as the Scavs, Jack's mission is nearly complete.

Living in and patrolling the breathtaking skies from thousands of feet above, his soaring existence is brought crashing down when he rescues a beautiful stranger from a downed spacecraft. Her arrival triggers a chain of events that forces him to question everything he knows and puts the fate of humanity in his hands.

Diamond Bar Man Pleads Not Guilty

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – The CEO and co-owner of a Diamond Bar investment company pleaded guilty last week to two federal felony counts arising from his scheme to defraud investors who put \$49 million into his bogus day-trading venture.

Syed Qaisar Madad pleaded guilty to wire fraud and tax fraud, admitting in court last week that investors lost more than \$31 million when his scheme collapsed in March 2011.

Starting in 2005, Madad collected money from investors who believed he generated consistent, substantial profits, and that their money would

be safe and available upon request. During the 5½-year life of the scheme, Madad received more than \$49 million from investors.

Madad, 66, ran his scheme through a company called Technology for Telecommunication and Multimedia, Inc. portrayed himself as a successful investor who had not lost money in a single day of trading – except one day in 2006. Madad, who was profiled and interviewed in media serving the Pakistani-American community, told reporters and potential investors that he had developed a day-trading technique that was always profitable.

Over the course of the scheme, Madad sent victims

monthly account statements that always showed gains in their accounts, and some victims gave Madad additional funds based solely on these account statements. Madad admitted today that the balances shown on these statements were false, and that, in fact, he lost more than \$15 million in unsuccessful trading.

While Madad promised that he would not take any fees or compensation for managing the invested funds, Madad admitted today that he spent well over \$15 million of investors' money on personal expenses, including real estate, jewelry for his wife and daughters,

vehicles and cash disbursements to himself and family members.

Although Madad returned approximately \$17.7 million to investors, many of the payments he made were Ponzi payments, meaning that the money came from funds entrusted to him by other investors, rather than from profits or interest he had earned.

Madad's scheme originally came to light two years ago when he was sued by one of his investors.

Prior to and following Madad's arrest in October 2012, pursuant to court-authorized warrants, the government seized a Mercedes-Benz, 68

pieces of jewelry, and other luxury items, including silk and wool handmade oriental carpets. Madad also agreed to pay the IRS approximately \$5 million in unpaid taxes for tax years 2006 through 2010.

Madad is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge Percy Anderson on June 24. As a result of today's guilty pleas, Madad faces a statutory maximum sentence of 23 years in federal prison.

The case against Madad is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and IRS - Criminal Investigation.

DB Band Teacher Pleads Guilty

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – A Diamond Bar man who is formally a local assistant band teacher, pleaded not guilty last week for charges of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old student.

Albert Anthony Morales, 33, appeared in Pomona Superior Court last week on charges of two counts of oral copulation of an unconscious person, two of sexual penetration by a foreign object, one of sodomy of an unconscious victim, and one of oral copulation of a person under the age of 18, according to local reports.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Department Special Victims Bureau facilitated the arrest of Morales at his Diamond Bar home on Tues., Feb. 5, 2013,

according to a LA County Sheriff news release.

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

Morales has been tutoring band students, specifically as a percussion instructor, for the past 13 years and has taught or volunteered in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. Morales most recently taught at Diamond Ranch High School and has previously worked at Diamond Bar 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 from 2012 to

2013.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Special Victims Bureau at (877) 710-5273. Anonymous tips can be left at (800) 222-8477.

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Meth driver charged

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Fountain Valley, is charged with one felony count of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one misdemeanor count of driving on a suspended license. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of four years in state prison. The People will

be requesting Morales be held on \$100,000 bail at his arraignment at the West Justice Center in Westminster.

At approximately 7:15 a.m. on Oct. 1, 2012, Morales is accused of driving in an industrial area in Fountain Valley to work as an automobile mechanic in a truck belonging to a customer. The defendant is accused of being under the influence of metham-

phetamine.

Victim Timothy Michaud, 49, was working underneath an RV, which was parked on the side of the road and elevated on blocks. Due to its size, the RV was protruding slightly into the road. Morales is accused of failing to avoid the RV and crashing into it, causing it to fall onto the victim. Morales remained at the scene and at-

tempted with other witnesses to free the victim using a hydraulic jack, but the victim was crushed by the RV and died at the scene.

The Fountain Valley Police Department responded to the scene and investigated this case. The defendant's blood

was examined by the Orange County Crime Laboratory. At the time of the crime, Morales is accused of being under the influence of a high quantity of methamphetamine.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Troy Pino of the Homicide Unit is prosecuting this case.

Checkpoint results

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est opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

This DUI/Driver's License checkpoint lowers DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired bring about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6

for every \$1 spent.

641 vehicles entered the checkpoint and 606 vehicles were screened. 4 DUI-Alcohol suspects were arrested and 15 Drivers were cited and arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked.

The Jurupa Valley Station, Norco office will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint or

DUI saturation Patrol on or about Saturday, April 13, 2013 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

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Stadium not likely to be in Industry

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ised from local redevelopment agencies, the stadium's future will be an extremely uphill battle.

The proposed stadium was

going to be located at the northwest corner of the 60/75 freeway interchange and the Grand Avenue exit, and was going to cater to 15.5 million people across four counties including, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San

Bernardino. The stadium was going to be a large 75,000 seat stadium which would be the centerpiece of a new 600 acre entertainment and retail center that would also include 25,000 on-site parking spaces.

Credit card skimmers caught

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to stop the Lexus, the driver sped up and fled westbound on Philadelphia Avenue. Near Yorba Ave., the driver of the Lexus crashed into the back-side of a green 1999 Dodge Durango. Both occupants of the Durango, Jose Luis Victorio-Leal, 31 and Ericka Martinez Rocho, 30, both from Chino, were both treated and released at the scene, according to the release.

After the collision, the

suspects fled into a neighborhood south of Philadelphia Ave., where they were found hiding and taken into custody without incident. The suspects were identified as David Serrano, 27, of Long Beach and Ruben Aguilar, 32, of Victorville. Serrano was taken to a local hospital to be treated and Aguilar was treated at the scene. Both were then transported to West Valley Detention Center.

Reports state that officers found evidence of identity theft on the suspects and in the

vehicle, as well as methamphetamine. Both suspects were booked for felony evading, burglary, possession of a controlled substance, and related identity theft charges. Serrano was also booked on DUI charges and was already on parole for burglary. Aguilar had a prior arrest for identity theft and also had an outstanding warrant.

This investigation is on-going and anyone with additional information is asked to call the Chino Police Department at 909-628-1234.

Walnut man arrested in drug raids

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into full scale, industrial-type grow houses which included 1000-2000 plants per house, as well as the lieutenants of the operation. The lieutenants included Simon Lam, 32 of Arcadia; Ken Ho also known as "Ken Lam", 33 of Arcadia; San S. Voong, also known as Chen Sheng Wang, 35 of Arcadia; Phieu Tran, 35 of El Monte; Augustine Bazan Camacho, 41 of Pomona who was allegedly a veteran "plant tender" who was responsible for maintain-

ing many of the grow houses; Thanh Van Phu, 33 of El Monte; Luc Kai Phoung, also known as "Wong Fong," "Al Fong" and "Na Na," 50, of Rosemead, who allegedly built the electrical and utility meter by-pass systems used at the grow houses; and Li Ya Si, 42, of Temple City.

During the raids, authorities seized more than \$250k in cash, 7 guns including an assault rifle, and more than 8k marijuana plants. All of the arrested defendants are being charged with conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, according to the U.S.

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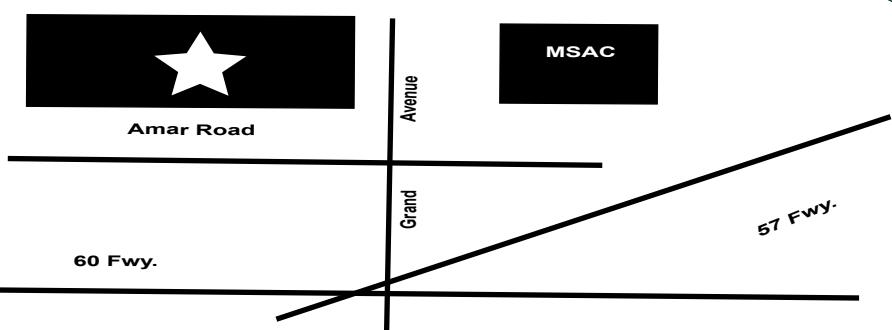
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Mandarin Taste serves authentic cuisine

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Mandarin Taste has many specialties including seafood dishes and spicy food. Crispy shrimp, fried dumplings and walnut shrimp are just some of the many customer fa-

vorites, and they are also well known for their wonton soup.

The restaurant holds a very popular champagne brunch on Sundays and has all-you-can-eat buffets, as well.

Mandarin Taste also serves

cocktails and if customers can't come in to enjoy the pleasant ambience, they have the option to order food for carryout.

For more information, please call (909) 861-1819, or just stop by their location at 23391 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar.

New FB giveaway prize

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