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San Bernardino - The Board of Supervisors approved a budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

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Lanes Will Close On 60 Freeway

STAFF REPORTS

Rowland Heights - Three lanes of the 60 freeway will be closed on four weekends in July and August due to construction.

Caltrans have recently issued a press release stating that the Pomona freeway (SR-60) will be closed periodically for pavement rehabilitation work between Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. The "55 Hour Weekend Lane Closure" as Caltrans are calling it, states that on the weekends of July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23, up to three lanes will be closed for maintenance.

The roads will be under construction due to the heavy weight of cars and trucks over time, requiring a more than two feet deep replacement of pavement and concrete base. Caltrans say the new surface will provide a smooth, safer drive for motorists, reduce time required for maintenance and minimize the need for further lane closures. Work is expected to be complete in late 2014.

During the following weekends, Caltrans will replace the No. 3 and No. 4 lanes of the westbound SR-60 freeway between the Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. exits. These weekend closures include:
From Fri., July 12 at 10 p.m.

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Bond Restructuring For Mt. Sac Could Save Taxpayers Millions

By KIMBERLEY SANDER

Walnut - Mt. San Antonio College, one of California's largest community colleges, is proposing to restructure the existing bonds and sell \$150 million in new Measure RR Bonds.

This would help taxpayers save a lot of money by lowering current interest rates.

According to Mt. Sac's website, the \$221 million Measure R state bond that was approved

in 2001 has provided the means to quickly renovate and replace deteriorating facilities, and has built more than a dozen new on-line, instructional, athletic, infrastructure, and support spaces. In an effort to keep their prom-

ise to provide the technology and environment that cultivates innovative instruction and learning, a Measure RR extension

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Gender Identity Bill Causes Controversy

By ANDREW HOOVER

California's recent Assembly Bill 1266 has sparked State Assemblyman Curt Hagman of Chino Hills to speak out against it in a recent post on his website.

AB 1266 is a bill that would allow a student who identifies his or herself to participate in

sex-segregated school programs, and activities including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records. The bill also goes on to state that no students may be offered vocational or school program guidance to a pupil of

one sex that is different from that offered to a pupil of the opposite sex or, in counseling a pupil, differentiate career, vocational, or higher education opportunities on the basis of the sex of the pupil counseled. Any school personnel acting in a career counseling or course selection capacity to a pupil shall affirmatively explore with the

pupil the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that pupil's sex.

This bill has caused State Assemblyman Curt Hagman to speak out on his website

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Dr. Danice Akiyoshi

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Budget approved

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built to fulfill the goals of the Countywide Vision - a “complete county” that capitalizes on its many assets to collaboratively establish a sustainable system of economic opportunity, education, well-being and amenities. The budget is available for public view at www.sbcounty.gov.

The budget reflects the County's efforts to cope with the ongoing impact of the downturn in the economy. It also addresses future needs in infrastructure by investing in the repair and maintenance of roads, buildings and essential systems to avoid higher costs in the future.

“The County is committed to making the most of its funding to provide necessary public services in an effective and efficient manner and fulfilling its role in the achievement of the Countywide Vision,” said the County's Chief Executive Officer, Gregory C. Devereaux.

“Despite the ongoing effects of the economic downturn, the County budget is balanced and incorporates major investments in key priorities, including road maintenance, public safety, and efforts to streamline the County's land use approval processes,” Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford said.

Highlights of the 2013-14 budget include:

- A \$155.1 million increase in the 2013-14 budget's General Fund will go toward operational groups such as Human Services and Law and Justice to address state funded needs in welfare, employment services, foster care, and state prison realignment. A portion of the increase is to cover rising

retirement costs in Law and Justice groups. Staffing is up by 366 positions in those departments as caseloads continue to grow along with the demands of implementing the Affordable Care Act and 2011 Realignment.

- The County is planning to revitalize the County Government Center campus and County office buildings and will allocate \$4.5 million to acquire existing office space near the Victorville Courthouse.

- \$700,000 for a one-time purchase of new permitting software for Land Use Services allowing interfacing with Public Works and County Fire.

- \$360,000 is allocated for medical marijuana enforcement in the County.

- \$7 million for road and drainage improvements.

- Continued funding for the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's aviation operations move from Rialto Airport to San Bernardino International Airport (SBIA) and the Sheriff's Crime Lab expansion.

- Cost-savings resulting from agreements with the

unions that represent various groups of County employees are projected to continue. Of the \$4.4 billion total budget, the County has discretion over the distribution of \$499 million. The rest of the money is mandated and controlled by state and federal law. The budget supports the Countywide Vision; measures progress on attainment of the Board's goals and objectives, allocates resources to core responsibilities, and invests in infrastructure, facilities and basic operating systems.

The County's budgets have been honored by the Government Finance Officers Association for seven years in a row as among the best in North America in terms of their clarity and completeness. The County of San Bernardino's award-winning budgets can be viewed at the County website, www.sbcounty.gov/cao/. The site includes recommended and final budgets dating back to 2001-02, as well as archived news releases, goals and objectives established by the Board of Supervisors, and the County Organizational Chart.

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Bond could save taxpayers millions

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bond, anticipated to generate \$353 million in bond funding, and up to \$132 million in state matching funds, has been overwhelmingly approved by voters, the website said.

The Diamond Bar-Walnut Patch recently reported that the bond sale would be possible because the area has received a property value assessment

increase, and a lower interest rate would be passed along to those taxpayers, whose annual property taxes pay the bond assessments, saving approximately \$2.6 million. The first new bonds, totaling \$150 million, will be sold on July 24.

Mt. San Antonio College began in 1946 and currently provides affordable educational opportunities to more than a million students. They offer

over 200 degree and certification programs and are distinguished in a number of disciplines. Mt. Sac is committed to achieving optimum results in their upgrades and use of the funding in order to complete their master plan and accommodate future enrollment. For more information on the college and the Measure RR bonds, visit <http://www.mtsac.edu/about/construction/>.

Chubby cheeks bandit

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public with information leading to the arrest of a suspect known as the Chubby Cheeks Bandit.

The Chubby Cheeks Bandit is an unidentified female bank robber who robbed a Chase Bank located at 1300 North Main Street in Santa Ana at

4:30p.m. on June 17, 2013. During the robbery, the suspect demanded cash from a victim teller, exclaiming, "Give me your money. I need money."

The suspect is described as a white female in her late 20's, 5'3" tall, 170 lbs., with what witnesses described as chubby cheeks. During the robbery on June 17th, the suspect wore a

checkered shirt, light jeans, a hat, and sunglasses.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of this suspect, please contact the Santa Ana FBI at (714) 939-8699.

Video of the June 17th robbery is available in person only at the FBI's Orange County office and is not available via e-mail.



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Lanes will close on 60 freeway

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to Mon., July 15 at 5 a.m., three lanes of the westbound SR-60 will be closed; northbound SR-57 to westbound SR-60 connector will be closed; and the following on-ramps: Brea Canyon Rd., Fairway Dr., Nogales St., and Fullerton Rd. will also be closed. At midnight on Friday, only the car-pool lane will be open to all vehicles. Some

lanes will reopen at 10 p.m. on Saturday and all lanes will reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday.

From Fri., July 26 at 10 am to Mon., July 29 at 5 a.m., two lanes of the westbound SR-60 will be closed and the northbound SR-57 to westbound SR-60 connector road will be closed. The same on-ramps will be also closed: Brea Canyon Rd., Fairway Dr., Nogales St., and Fullerton Rd. From midnight on Friday until 5 a.m.

Some lanes will reopen on Saturday, but all lanes will be closed again at midnight on Sunday until Monday at 5 a.m.

During the following weekends, Caltrans will replace the No. 3 and No. 4 eastbound SR-60 lanes between the same two exits. These weekends include:

From Fri., Aug. 9 at 10 p.m. to Mon., Aug. 12 at 5 a.m., three lanes of the eastbound 60 will

on Saturday, all westbound lanes will be closed.

be closed and the following on-ramps will be closed: Hacienda Blvd., Azusa Ave., Fullerton Rd., and south Nogales St. The following off-ramps will also be closed: Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St.

From Fri., Aug. 23 at 10 p.m. to Mon., Aug. 26 at 5 a.m., the same on-ramps will be closed: Hacienda Boulevard, Azusa Ave., Fullerton Rd., and south Nogales St. and the same off-ramps will also be closed: Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. However, the SR-57 and SR-60

connector will remain open.

Caltrans recommend planning a different route using their map app at quickmap.dot.ca.gov/. If you know you will be traveling on the 60 freeway during the construction, Caltrans encourage you to bring water, snacks, medications, and entertainment for children because the delay is expected to be long.

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Gender identity bill causes controversy

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about athletics. I support every student's right to participate in school sports, but what I find disturbing is that a student can use restrooms, showers, and locker rooms that are opposite their biological gender." Said Hagman "The overwhelming majority of students are not confused or questioning their gender identity. These students and their parents have the rea-

sonable expectation that they would not be forced to share intimate spaces with the opposite sex. Yet Assembly Bill 1266 violates their privacy."

Hagman also goes on to say "I support every student's right to participate in school sports, but what I find disturbing is that a student can use restrooms, showers, and locker rooms that are opposite their biological gender. This would be allowable under the "facilities" portion of

the law. Most disturbing to me is that the law would apply to K - 12th grades."

Hagman also points out the bills shortcoming which is that it does not have a standard to prove the truthfulness of a student's gender identity claim.

Another bill hoping to stop gender discrimination has also been written. The bill known as Senate Bill 323 states that any nonprofit youth organizations that receive special state tax

privileges comply with California's nondiscrimination laws. Specifically, this bill revokes the special tax status rewarded to nonprofit youth organizations should they violate our state's nondiscrimination laws. This includes boy scouts, religious facilities including churches and schools, private schools, little league, and any other nonprofit group that receives tax exemp-

tions. What this would mean is that any of these organizations that do not allow children or leaders to be hired due to gender, race, sexuality, etc. will no longer receive tax exemptions from the state and all money they receive through donations or any other means would then become taxable. The bill has passed the senate floor and is now on to the assembly.

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Naturopathic medicine is the field of natural or alternative medicine that advances a philosophy that the body pos-

sesses a vital energy that guides metabolism, growth and the ability to adapt in people.

"I have a genuine interest in restoring physical and emotional harmony for the people I work with," said Akiyoshi. "I feel I have natural abilities when it comes to caring for people," she said.

"If I can lighten or remove pain and suffering from one person, then that touches everyone who loves them," said Akiyoshi.

Akiyoshi's ability to recognize her patient's symptoms and

to provide the most effective treatment possible is what separates her from traditional medical providers.

"I am quick to get to the root of the difficulty my patients are experiencing. The results are often amazing," said Akiyoshi.

Akiyoshi enjoys a loyal clientele that she has developed throughout the years, which include, her family, friends and clients.

"It is my desire to assist people in feeling better physically emotionally and mentally,"

said Akiyoshi.

She also enjoys working in an exclusive field that is somewhat rare.

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remote sessions through text messaging and email.

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For limited time, she is also offering a 50 percent discount for new clients. Therapy costs can be found on her website.

Akiyoshi's office is located on 1140 East Route 66, Glendora, Calif. 91740, between Lone Hill and Lorraine. She can be reached at (909) 292-8910, or www.candidcoachingservices.com.

Natural gas transmission pipeline safety

By KIMBERLEY SANDER

SGV – The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, serving nearly 21 million people in Southern and Central California. Natural gas is delivered through pipelines to residential consumers for cooking and heating, and to commercial customers for product manufacturing and electricity. SoCalGas monitors the gas for quality and adds a distinctive

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In an effort to put safety first, SoCalGas recently sent a mailing to all residents living near major pipelines. Enclosed was a letter and brochure providing education on recognizing leaks, precautions for digging near underground utilities, and what to do if you if you detect a leak.

Most pipelines are buried underground, and there are markers to indicate locations near you. Markers do not indi-

cate the depths or number of pipelines, so it is critical to take precautions before digging for landscaping, construction or other excavations. Only use hand tools within 24 inches of any marker. Mark your planned area for digging and call the Underground Service Alert at 811, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm. Monday through Friday, a minimum of two days before you begin digging in order receive proper instruction. This is a free service to help keep you safe.

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when the pilot didn't ignite.

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3 suspects and \$1.5 million of marijuana seized

STAFF REPORTS

Industry - Industry Station deputies seized over \$1.5 million worth of marijuana and arrested three suspects last week during an arrest warrant operation.

On Thurs., June 6, 2013, Special Assignment Deputies of the Industry Station and detectives from Major Crimes U.S.

Marshalls Fugitive Task Force arrested three suspects after conducting surveillance on the 16400 block of Quarter Horse Rd. in Moreno Valley.

After receiving information regarding the case, Deputies attempted to apprehend a parolee at large for cultivation for sales of marijuana out of Industry station's patrol area, according to a LA County Sheriff press

release.

During the surveillance operation, Deputies saw suspect Luc An, 43, and two other men exit a residence on Quarter Horse Rd. Suspect An was arrested at the scene for parole violation and suspicion of cultivation for sales of marijuana.

After confirming An lived at the residence on Quarter Horse

Road, reports state that Deputies conducted a search of the residence and discovered the home concealed a large marijuana grow operation.

Deputies reported that they recovered four-hundred and seventeen marijuana plants in various stages of growth and \$100,000 worth of hydroponic equipment being used to cultivate the plants, such as numerous ultra violet

lights and water pumps.

Deputies also developed information which led to the arrest of two additional suspects: Eddie Tran, 21, and Johnny Yuen, 22, both from the San Gabriel Valley.

All three suspects were transported to the Industry Sheriff's Station. Yeun and Tran are being held on 50,000 dollars bail, while An is being held without bail.

Walnut appoints new mayor, mayor pro-tem

By SARAH ARMJO

Walnut – At last week's Walnut City Council meeting, the Council unanimously appointed Mayor Pro Tem Antonio "Tony" Cartagena to serve as Mayor since former Mayor Tom King's resignation took effect on July 1. The Council also appointed Council Member Nancy Tragarz to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Both Cartagena and Tragarz will be serving a year term, past the April 2014 election, and through the first Council meeting in July 2014. Former state

Assemblyman Bob Pacheco administered the oath of office to Mayor Cartagena and City Clerk Teresa de Dios administered the oath for Mayor Pro Tem Tragarz.

Mayor Cartagena is a longtime Walnut resident and has served the City for over 13 years in various capacities. He was first elected to a four year term on the Walnut City Council in April 2000 and was re-elected in 2004, 2008, and 2012. Tony served as Mayor in September 2002, 2006, 2010, and will now be serving his fourth term as

Mayor.

"As Mayor, I will continue to work with my fellow Council Members to keep our community safe and pleasurable to live in," said Mayor Cartagena in a news release.

King announced his retirement at the City Council meeting on Wed., June 12 after he and his wife sold their Walnut home and left their nearly one-acre property for another family to enjoy.

The City of Walnut is still accepting applications until 5 p.m. on July 23 for appointment to

the City Council to fill the vacant seat. The term of this Council seat is from the date of appointment until April 2014, according to the City of Walnut.

The Council will hold a special meeting on July 31 to hear a presentation from each applicant and to ask questions if needed. The Council may make a decision at this meeting or may direct staff to place the matter on a future agenda for action, according to the City of Walnut.

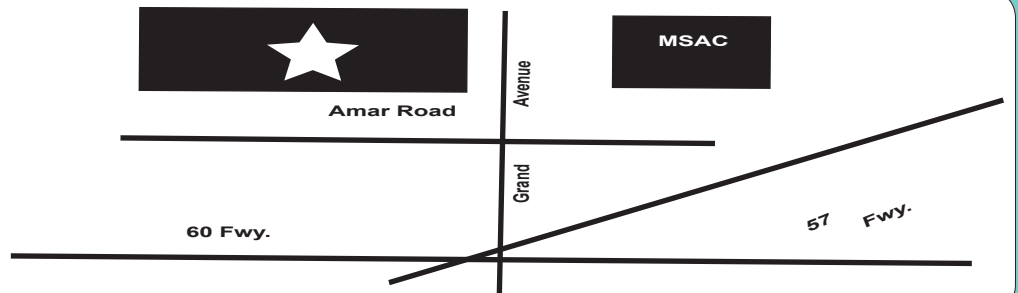
Applications may be obtained from the City's website at

www.ci.walnut.ca.us or the City Clerk's Office located at 21201 La Puente, Walnut CA 91789. Applications must be returned to the City Clerk's Office.

The Walnut City Council meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut, CA 91789. Please contact City Hall at (909) 595-7543 for further information. For information about the City of Walnut, please visit their website at www.ci.walnut.ca.us.



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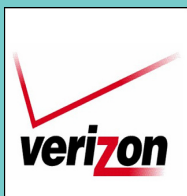
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