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## OC News

### Twelve Convicted OCDA

**Santa Ana** — Twelve sex purchasers were convicted and sentenced this week for agreeing to engage in sex acts with a woman whom they believed to be a prostitute.

Raul Ambrosio, 27, of Orange, Flavio Bernal, 40, of Orange, Jose Rodolfo Castillo, 47, of Santa Ana, Fortunato Contreras, 41, of Santa Ana, Omar Arreola Gonzalez, 21, of Garden Grove, Juan

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## IE News

### CNUSD Seeks Bond

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

**Eastvale** — The Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD) has announced their bid at a \$299 million 30 year bond for 2014, which will provide funding for the proposed Yorba Elementary School, among other items throughout the district.

The Yorba Elementary project has been delayed for years as the funding for the \$25 million school has come

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## DB Woman Arrested At Massage Parlor

STAFF REPORTS

**Chino** — A Diamond Bar woman was arrested, along with two other women, for allegedly taking part in a prostitution service at a Chino massage parlor.

Last week, Ting Kang, 30, of Diamond Bar, was arrested on suspicion of pimping, pandering, and maintaining a place of prostitution. Mie Ja Sim, 61, of Hawaiian Gardens, was booked

for allegedly aiding in prostitution and Xochitl Garduno, 25, of Moreno Valley, was arrested on suspicion of engaging in prostitution.

The women were arrested and booked into the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

The prostitution investigation started when detectives received a tip that Nana's Massage Therapy, located in the 5400 block of

Philadelphia St. in Chino, was possibly being used for prostitution. The business was said to be found on an adult erotic massage parlor website. The officers obtained a search warrant and seized evidence associated with prostitution and pimping.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call the Chino Police Department (909) 628-1234.

## New Orchestra and Master Chorale Program

By SARAH ARMIJO

**Walnut/Diamond Bar** — An exciting new Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale program is in town and community members of ALL ages are encouraged to audition.

This brand new program was designed for the many talented community members we have in the Walnut Valley.

The Walnut Valley Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale is a passionate, talent-based ensemble committed to make

music at the highest level of creativity. Ensemble members will have the opportunity to work with world-renowned concert artists and participate in a wide

see Orchestra Page 10

## Council Corner: New Speed Bumps On Temple



Photo By Raymond Mendoza  
Mosquito and Vector Control District PIO, Kelly Middleton, spoke about the West Nile Virus at the Walnut City Council Meeting.

By RAYMOND MENDOZA

**Walnut** — Walnut City Council's agenda was packed from start to finish as the meeting covered a bevy of diverse topics ranging from preventing the spread of West Nile Virus to the approval of the installation of speed humps on Temple Ave.

The first presentation of the

meeting had City Council members proclaiming that Oct. 12, 2013 will be a day to celebrate the Tree Preservation Ordinance and the future recognition of Walnut as a Tree City USA.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation website, a city must

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## Bill Ensuring Accountability Within Repossession Industry

NEWS RELEASE

**Sacramento** — This week, Assemblyman Curt Hagman's (R-Chino Hills) AB 791, which improves certain aspects of the repossession industry and its relationship with the public, was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown.

"AB 791 provides additional protections for both consumers and licensed re-possessors regarding how re-possessors legally recover property," said Assemblyman Hagman. "This new law will allow for smoother transactions between re-possessors, agencies, and the public, while also increasing

accountability within the profession."

Assembly Bill 791 updates provisions of the Collateral Recovery Act to provide clarity to current codes while addressing issues pertaining to the activities

see Bill Page 9

## Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sat Sept 28

Sunny  
High 92°  
Low 54°



Sun Sept 29

Sunny  
High 92°  
Low 52°



Mon Sept 30

Sunny  
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Low 54°



Tue Oct 1

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High 86°  
Low 54°



Wed Oct 2

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High 84°  
Low 55°



Thu Oct 3

Sunny  
High 86°  
Low 57°



Fri Oct 4

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Sat Oct 5

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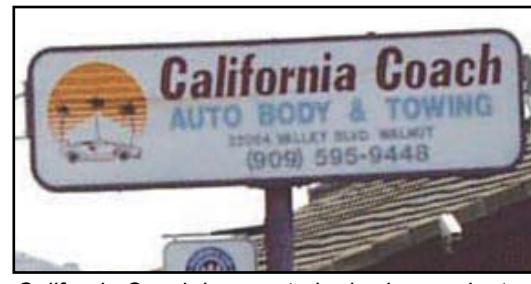
### California Coach Fixes And Tows

STAFF REPORTS

**Walnut** — Sometimes consumers have so many options available that it makes it difficult to choose a company to give your business to.

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## BUSINESS FEATURE

### Meet The New Branch Manager At DB Citibank

By SARAH ARMIJO

**Diamond Bar** — Starting Oct. 1, 2013, the Diamond Bar Citibank located off S. Diamond Bar Blvd. will have a new Branch



New Diamond Bar Citibank Branch Manager, Swapna Ray, invites the community to come meet her and her staff at their Diamond Bar location, 1188 S Diamond Bar Blvd. For more information, call (909) 978-3101.

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## A Place Called Brilliance

BY MICHAEL ARMJO

I believe in the old premonition that we all have a special purpose in this world, but I also believe that each of us holds a special talent. We all possess "special powers."

It's not fable-like, or something you're "born with," but more of a skill that we hold. A passion we've spent our lives preparing for and defining. Something we are really good at.

I believe we all have something special inside of us, something that we grew to love, were exposed to all our lives, or something we've spent countless hours doing. And now, after dedicating so many years to this passion, we've found ourselves experts at that one thing we do.

Whether it's a simple job, or a defined art, it's our dedication and desire that makes us great at what we do. And I believe that there is no job that is demeaning or unworthy, just as long as we take pride in it and embrace that we're experts at it.

Not all of us can quite claim fame to a particular ability, because there are only some of us that have found a route, or a path, that has given us the freedom in our lives. And there are others who have not. That path has set us free of having

to create self worth, experiencing self-pity, and feeling selfishness. We've learned our special purpose, and we've defined it. We've perfected our craft; we've polished our crystal ball.

And then there are the others. The ones who haven't seen the light, developed the confidence, or haven't found their special purpose. They still spend countless hours watching the time clock, bearer to their insecurities, prisoner to their past. They hold a special talent that they're either too detached to realize or too insecure to pursue. I know that for a fact, because that described me years ago.

It's too bad for those who haven't yet felt their own light. It harbors inside them, it looks for opportunities to flourish. It wants to come out, like an eagle, and spread its wings, to fly and soar above the earth. But we often clip its wings and often discourage it from taking flight because we are fearful or sometimes allow obstacles to get in the way.

I've recognized my special place, my brilliance, on a dark and lonely day. I felt pain, and one day, at 13 years of age, I wrote about it. I was candid, I was open, and I was honest. It made me feel so powerful and gave me so much freedom that I realized my calling. So I continued and

I practice. Today, it's my living. Tomorrow it will be my survival.

I believe that when we explore the secrets we hold special to our heart, when we pursue the special interests we feel we're good at and love to do, we find ourselves at a special place. A special place known to few, an arena that moves mountains, makes us soar like the eagles. A place that gives us a feeling as though we're as fearless as an ancient warrior, or a common-day hero. A place where we're

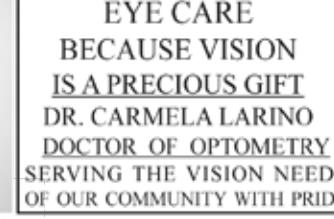
at our best, where we learn our calling, where we find ourselves. A place in our hearts and minds that is, and always will be, there when we gather the courage to seek it out within ourselves. A place we are so comfortable, so content, so adamant about being. Where we shine and feel the presence of how intelligent we are. Because when we feel it, we are only embracing what's already there. We are embracing something deep inside us all, a place that I call "brilliance."



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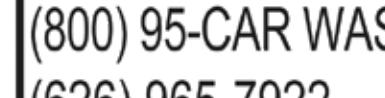
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# Arcadia Police Department Annual Volunteer Barbeque

## STAFF REPORTS

**Arcadia** - The Arcadia Police Department hosted their Annual Volunteer Barbecue party last month at the Arcadia Community Center.

This annual barbecue is held to honor the Police Department volunteers who dedicate and donate their time and services to the local community for several years throughout the law enforcement agency. Special awards were

handed to volunteers based on the length of their continuous volunteer service.

Pastor RG Reyes of New Life Ministries California, who also serves as a police chaplain for the Arcadia Police Department, was

asked to do the invocation. Present during this great event was Chief Robert Guthrie; Captain Larry Goodman, Division Commander Sergeant; Jason Davis, Sergeant; and Leon Solorio, Volunteer Services Coordinator.



Chaplain RG Reyes, who is also the senior pastor of New Life Ministries California, doing the invocation at the Arcadia Police Department Annual Volunteer Barbecue Event.

## Community Events And Meetings

### STAFF REPORTS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS: Singer Adanna Duru Music Video Release

When: Sept. 26, 2013

Details: Talented singer and Walnut resident just released her new music video called "THROWBACK!" Watch it at <http://youtu.be/vfhv0Pvxm5M>.

#### Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo Contest Deadline

When: Sept. 27, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Who: All ages. Contest entrants age 17 or younger will compete in the youth age division.

Details: Diamond Bar residents of all ages and photography skill levels are encouraged to submit their favorite shots, taken within town. Categories: people, pets, places, nature, and digitally-altered.

Rules/Instructions: [www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/photocontest)

Contact: (909) 839-7055 or email [photocontest@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:photocontest@diamondbarca.gov)

#### "A Man of God: Lorenzo Ruiz, His Life In Music" musical play

When: Sept., 28, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Where: San Gabriel Mission Playhouse located at 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel CA 91776

Hosted by: The St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community

Tickets: Contact Naomi Lewis at (818) 640-0474

Contact for more info: (909) 239-7808

#### "Homeless Ministry" in Pomona

When: Sept. 28, 2013 from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church of Pomona, 601 N. Garey Ave. Pomona, CA 91768

Details: We will serve the homeless and economically disadvantaged. Volunteers meet in E202 (2nd floor) at 12:00 Noon for prayer / devotion, then promptly at 12:30pm for orientation, clothing and hygiene kit

distribution. A devotion and 2nd orientation will be given prior to serving dinner to the homeless.

Donations: Please bring any donations with you to E202 on the ministry day.

Contact: [sdstable@earthlink.net](mailto:sdstable@earthlink.net)

#### Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff Booster Club General and Membership Meeting

When: Oct. 2, 2013 at 12 noon

Where: Diamond Bar City Hall, 21810 Copley Dr. Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Their Annual Board Election will take place at 12 noon and is open to Booster Membership, but the Annual General Membership Meeting will take place afterwards and is open to the general public.

Contact: [www.sheriffboosters.com](http://www.sheriffboosters.com)

#### Fall Career Fair

When: Oct. 2, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Mt. SAC on Miracle Mile, located at 1100 N. Grand Avenue, Walnut CA 91789

Cost: Admission and parking free

Details: Students should come dressed to impress with a current resume and a positive attitude to meet with employers.

Contact: Career & Transfer Services at (909) 274-4510

#### Hacienda Heights Walmart Ribbon Cutting

When: Oct. 2, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Where: 1425 N. Hacienda Blvd. La Puente, Ca 91744

Details: Refreshments will be served.

For more information or to RSVP, call (909) 869-0701

#### Free Mulch Giveaway

When: Oct. 5, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Veterans Park in Chino Hills, located at the intersection of Chino Hills Parkway and Eucalyptus Avenue

Details: The City of Chino Hills and Chino Hills Disposal have scheduled a free mulch giveaway until supplies last. Bring your own shovel and container

(no Chino Hills Disposal Containers allowed) to. Due to the popularity of the program, each participant is limited to 60 gallons of mulch.

Contact: (909) 364-2800.

#### Walnut Valley Symphony Orchestra Auditions

When: Oct. 5, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center

Details: For more info, read the story on page 1.

Sign up for auditions: [www.walnutvalleysymphony.org](http://www.walnutvalleysymphony.org)

Contact: (909) 907-4237

#### Walnut Valley Master Choral Auditions

When: Oct. 6, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center

Details: For more info, read the story on page 1.

Sign up for auditions: [www.walnutvalleysymphony.org](http://www.walnutvalleysymphony.org)

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#### 7th Annual Fall Harvest Day

When: Oct. 11, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: 14280 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Cost: \$10 per person. Pre-registration required by Oct. 9, 2013.

Details: Enjoy a variety of festivities including an old-fashioned hayride, arts and crafts projects, photo booth, and a pumpkin patch.

Contact: (909) 364-2700

#### 32nd Annual Walnut Family Festival

When: Oct. 12, 2013

Time: 1K/5L Run at 7 a.m., Diamond Bar Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m., Parade at 10 a.m., Kid's Kamp from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Entertainment begins at 12 p.m.

Where: Suzanne Park located at 625 Suzanne Road, Walnut, CA 91789

Cost: Free

Contact: [www.ci.walnut.ca.us](http://www.ci.walnut.ca.us)

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#### Bookstore Blowout

Where: Twice Sold Tale Book-

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When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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#### Jack Newe's Farmers Market sponsored by SGV Regional Chamber of Commerce

When: Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio College Campus, Parking Lot B, 1100 N. Grand Avenue, Walnut CA 91789

Cost: Admission and parking free

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#### WALNUT MEETINGS:

#### City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

#### Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

#### Parks & Recreation Com-

## mission

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

#### Senior Commission Meet-ing

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

#### Youth Advisory Commis-sion Meeting

When: 2nd Monday of each month at 5 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

#### DIAMOND BAR MEET-INGS:

#### City Council Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Temporary relocation in the City Hall Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

#### Planning Commission Meet-ing

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar City Hall, Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765

#### Diamond Bar Lions Club Breakfast Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Golf Course: 22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Contact info: (909) 861-0142.

#### Toastmaster Club Meeting

When: Every Monday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Where: Caltrans – Office of Bridge Design South 2, Conference Room: 21073 Pathfinder Road Suite 200, Diamond Bar CA 91765

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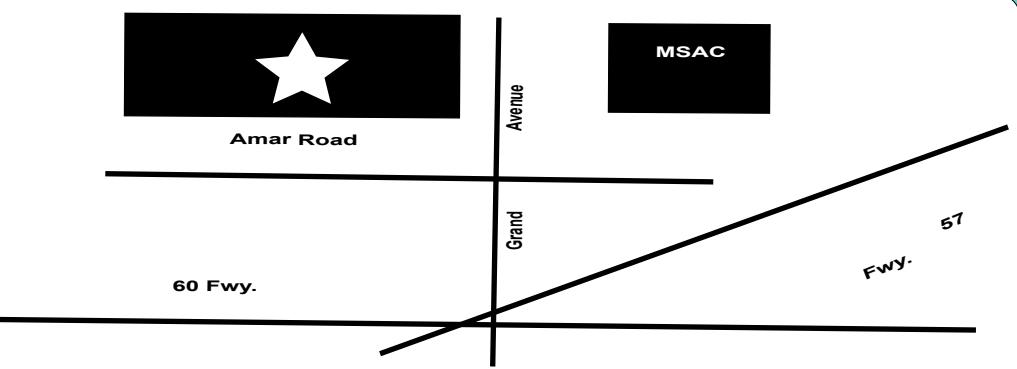
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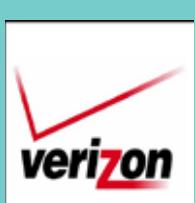
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# Crime Recap

## STAFF REPORTS

This week in crime includes two women killed in fatal car accidents and the Madre fire.

On Sept. 21, a woman was killed after a fatal accident. The unidentified victim was between 25 and 30 years old and was

killed at the interchange of the Pomona and Orange freeways in Diamond Bar. The accident occurred when a vehicle slowed in the carpool lane. The vehicle was rear ended and the driver drove off to park in a safe location to call CHP officers. The accident caused the closure of the carpool lane and three left lanes.

On Sept. 22, another woman

was killed when her vehicle rear ended vehicle, causing a four vehicle crash on the 60 freeway. The woman was identified as Kathy Cortez and she was driving a Nissan Versa. Cortez rear ended the vehicle when she failed to see the vehicle ahead of her slowing down. Cortez then struck an SUV which struck another car, causing that vehicle

to hit a third vehicle. Paramedics rushed the driver and passenger of the first car to a nearby hospital for minor injuries and a helicopter airlifted Cortez to a nearby medical center where she was pronounced dead.

On Sept. 23, a fire started north of Azusa and has been designated the Madre fire. The fire burned over 250 acres of land. The fire prompted up to 450 firefighters to help fight the blaze.

# CNUSD seeks bond

## BOND from page 1

up short from the state. Yorba Elementary is located at the southwest tract of homes near Chandler and Archibald, next to Half Moon Park, and would relieve the extensive overcrowding this young community has encountered.

"Yorba Elementary has the funding from the school district but is lacking the matching funds from the state," said Kelly Bruce and Evita Gonzales from CNUSD at the June 12, 2013 Town Hall Meeting. The District will start some initial work in October but will not be able to complete construction until the funds are delivered from the state, or are paid for by the bond initiative, they added.

CNUSD had proposed a bond initiative last year, but changed their minds after other initiatives hit the ballot.

"Do we need a bond? Absolutely," Thomas Pike, Assistant Superintendent for Executive Services, said in an interview with Eastvale News last August. "The board feels additional time is needed to continue studying what options will be best for students, the timing of the measure and to assess whether the necessary resources exist to effectively manage a campaign," he had added.

The currently proposed \$299 million 30-year bond measure would also be used to upgrade facilities, build new schools and update technology resources within the District's 49 schools.

The District had identified three major issues for consideration on that proposed bond measure and sought feedback from the local community.

CNUSD was interested in 1) providing funding for instructional technology improvements such as infrastructure and student/teacher devices, 2) providing funding for continuing facility improvement projects at older elementary schools and all intermediate schools throughout the district, and 3) establishing a technology fund to support annual upgrades, new purchases and maintenance.

"Funding for these technology improvements at schools district-wide would ensure instructional equity for all students," said Ted Rozzi, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities.

This year it appears they are seeking the same feedback as registered voters were sent last week a "Back to School Update" slash "Tell Us What You Think" questionnaire, targeting seven direct questions and asking the voter to rate "HIGH, MED, or

LOW."

"Please rate the importance of the following school priorities," the prepaid mail in card read. "Update classrooms for career and technical education; Repair/replace aging school roofs, floors, walkways, lighting and wiring; Improve energy efficiency to save money; Upgrade technology in classrooms, libraries, and science labs; Improve student safety and security; Repair/upgrade outdated classrooms and schools; and the final question: Relieve student overcrowding."

In addition to the proposed bond for next year, taxpayers are currently paying for another bond passed seven years ago.

In November 2006, the voters of CNUSD approved Measure U, a \$250 million general obligation bond for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities at CNUSD. If you have any questions about Measure U passed in 2006, please call the Facilities Division office at (951) 736-5045.

The level of annual taxation a voter might support, and the importance of other issues facing the community are expected after the survey results are compiled. Those conducting the surveys will also note how individuals prioritize the need for a school facilities bond, and gather general demographic data.

Once polling results are reviewed and any additional community outreach is complete, the CNUSD Board of Education would need to call a bond election for the November ballot no later than July, unless its

proposed for an earlier election. The time frame for a resolution to be passed is about 4 months prior to an election, explained Assistant Superintendent Ted Rozzi.

Any questions about the proposed bond or the community outreach should be directed to the Facilities office, led by Assistant Superintendent Ted Rozzi: (951) 736-5045.

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Children must be potty trained to participate. Kids should bring a snack to class each day. The cost is \$50. Register online at [www.chinohills.org/RecOnline](http://www.chinohills.org/RecOnline) or stop by

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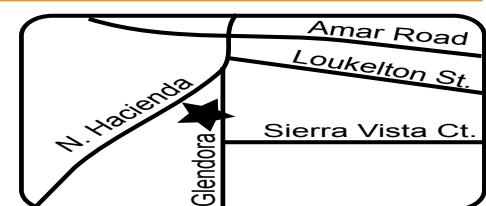
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# Your Local School Updates

## Walnut Valley Board Lauds Star Students and Community Partners

BY KELLI GILE

**Walnut** —The Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees recognized star students and partners in education during the September

18 meeting. Each outstanding recipient was presented with a certificate of special recognition from Board President Helen Hall.

Srijani Krishnan was named the 2013-2014 Super Star stu-

dent from Maple Hill Elementary School.

"We are proud to recognize Srijani tonight. She is a 5th grade student, but her journey started in 4th grade. This is a very special young lady,"

Principal Nancy Stingley said. Last year, Srijani applied for a grant from Disney's Friends for Change program. She was awarded a \$1,000 for the passionate grant she wrote to provide awareness to students at

Maple Hill and in the Diamond Bar community. Disney partner Youth Service of America funds the national initiative program.

Srijani has launched an anti-bullying club to give kids a voice.



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Celebrating Maple Hill's star student Srijani Krishnan. Shown with parents, Anti-Bullying Committee representatives - teacher Marcia Hansen, school counselor Lorena Chavez and Board President Helen Hall.



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*Fifth grader Jillian Swartout was named a Quail Summit super star student on September 18. Shown with her family, Board President Helen Hall, Quail Summit Principal Dr. Alysia Hobbs-Odipo, staff members Kris Rote, Vicki Robinson, Geri Smith, Christina Phillips and Mary Renner.*



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*Fifth grader Lucas Liebe was recognized as a super star student during the September 18 Board Meeting. Shown with family members, Board President Helen Hall, Quail Summit Principal Dr. Alysia Hobbs-Odipo, staff members Kris Rote, Vicki Robinson, Geri Smith, Christina Phillips and Mary Renner.*



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*Center Director Kulvinder Griffin and Owner Fran Dyer from the Sylvan Learning Center in Diamond Bar were honored with the Partner in Education Award by Maple Hill and Quail Summit Elementary schools. Shown with Principal Nancy Stingley and Board President Helen Hall.*

## Chaparral Students Get a Lesson in City Planning

BY KELLI GILE

**Diamond Bar**—Chaparral Middle School students learned about urban planning from City of Diamond Bar officials on September 12.

Mayor Jack Tanaka and Public Information Coordinator Cecilia Arellano were invited to speak with 60 students in the Design-Based Learning (DBL) core.

They met in one of the four connecting state-of-the-art classrooms that feature loft-high ceilings, exposed pipes and skylights located in the school's new science wing that opened in August.

The 6th grade inquirers were anxious to learn these important details from the experts because they are building their own cities.

The guests talked about urban planning and the role of the city council and mayor. Arellano also shared the history of the city that was formally the Diamond Bar Ranch and how it eventually

ally became a master-planned residential community.

"In the 1960's Transamerica promoted Diamond Bar as a place to go to get away from the city," she said.

"One of my favorite parts is being able to meet with people, coming to classes like today hearing young and fresh ideas and hearing what everyone is thinking to improve the city," Mayor Tanaka said.

"There's no better city to be living in. Diamond Bar features numerous recreational activities, programs, parks, sports and very outstanding schools," Tanaka said. "We're at home here," he added.

The Mayor shared how the monitoring and cycling of city lights aids when inclement weather or any other conditions arise that cause extra traffic on our streets.

Science and math teacher Maggie Strand said all the kids were shocked when they learned the percentage considered open

space also includes parks in the city while they were plotting their cities.

The Mayor fielded numerous questions including what are the future plans for the city? How much does a new light post cost? Is there a water tower in the city? How much does a landfill hold? What should we expect to see in our city when we become adults and are raising our own families in 10-20 years? Do you ever get a day off? Have you met any celebrities? Do you always wear a tuxedo?

"The kids asked a ton of questions because they are building their own cities. Today's lesson definitely provided a deeper understanding for what we are trying to do," Strand said.

Design-Based Learning integrates hands-on work, problem solving, collaborative teamwork and innovative creative designs.

"This year, the 6th grade program is incorporating more Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

with the Future City Competition," said humanities teacher Sherry Robertson.

Students are designing and building functional virtual cities using SimCity software and will be constructing scaled down models in coming months.

"Students become mayors assigned with the job of developing functional cities with populations of 50,000. They plan residential zones and build roads for the virtual cities," Robertson said.

They also create three-dimensional models, write narratives with the history of their cities, along with several additional content area activities. The project culminates with the Future City Competition at regional and national levels.

"The beautiful thing is that the design challenges tie directly into our standards. When we teach about a concept, our students immediately have background knowledge to attach the new



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*City of Diamond Bar Mayor Jack Tanaka with Chaparral Design-Based Learning sixth grade students and teachers.*

learning to resulting in long-term learning," Robertson said.

For example, we learn in Social Studies that Mesopotamia had issues controlling their water source that led to one of the first known irrigation systems, she explained.

"The students connect with this issue because one of the first problems they must solve in SimCity is to decide where and what their water source is going to be. If they make the wrong choice, they could possibly pollute their source or tap it dry, causing people to leave and bankrupt their city," she said.

## Taxpayers Net Savings in Rowland Unified School District

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**Rowland Heights**—The Rowland Unified School District completed the sale of \$29,515,000 in refunding bonds this week, at an all-inclusive interest rate of 3.93% (including financing costs) without extending the final payment date of the original bonds. The District was able to capitalize on low interest rates and market conditions to refinance most of the outstanding Election of 2000, Series B bonds to save taxpayers \$2,721,044. This is equivalent to 6.88% of the original debt service on the bonds. Only Current Interest Bonds were sold, no Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABs).

"The District continues to be diligent as a steward of taxpayer dollars, as we are committed to providing quality education to the students in our communities," Rowland Unified Superintendent

Ruben Frutos commented. "In light of significant funding shortages by the state, our District is able to take advantage of historic low interest rates and save taxpayers a significant amount of money."

Voter-approved bond measures in Rowland Unified have funded modernization, safety improvements and new construction projects at schools throughout the District, which serves residents of Rowland Heights, West Covina, Walnut, La Puente, and the City of Industry. The District's facilities improvements will continue with the construction of new classroom buildings at Rowland High School, Nogales High School and Stanley G. Oswalt Academy.

The bonds were assigned strong ratings of Aa2 / AA- by national rating agencies Moody's Investors Service and Standard

& Poor's respectively. The ratings reflect the District's stable tax base, healthy reserve levels and a history of prudent fiscal management. Investors responded favorably to the District, based on the ratings as well as the District's performance in previous bond financings.

The District continuously monitors its outstanding bond debt to identify refinancing opportunities to save money for local taxpayers. The next series of bonds eligible to be refinanced is the Election of 2006, Series A, which should generate attractive taxpayer savings in approximately two years.

The Rowland Unified School District is proud to serve 16,000 students at 20 elementary and secondary schools in the communities of Rowland Heights, Walnut, La Puente, City of Industry, and West Covina. More than 5,000

adults (16+) are also served by the Rowland Adult and Community Education School. For more

information about Rowland Unified, call (626) 965-2541 or visit [www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org).

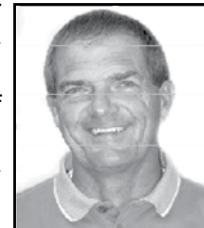


# What Is Your Excuse?

By PASTER MARK HOPPER

Last week I shared that we have started a new series of sermons at our church on Sunday morning on the topic of "courage".

We are studying through selected passages in the Bible in the book of Jeremiah. In the first chapter, we



learn that Jeremiah was a young man when he was given a very difficult assignment by God.

God says that He wants to use Jeremiah to communicate His message to His people. Jeremiah responds with several excuses.

Jeremiah says, "I am too young and I am not qualified for this assignment". He feels inadequate and unprepared to speak to his generation. He was probably in his teens or early

twenties.

I think we all can identify with this young prophet. We all feel inadequate at times. We all have reasons why we feel unqualified. We all can find an excuse. We lack courage.

What is your excuse? When you are asked to take on a new assignment at work, do you gladly accept or do you offer a list of excuses?

When you are invited to do something out of your comfort zone like snow boarding or

scuba diving, do you enthusiastically accept the challenge or do you make excuses?

When your views and convictions are challenged, do you speak up for what you believe or do you avoid the confrontation with silence and insecurity?

Courage can help you do the things that you never thought you could do. Courage is an essential ingredient desperately needed in our culture today.

If you are looking for some lessons in courage, let me invite

you to open your Bible and begin to read the book of Jeremiah. Look for some lessons on how this young man found the courage to fulfill the assignment given to him by God.

I will share a couple of my thoughts in my next article.

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## Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. AKIYOSHI,

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a much younger woman, our society accepts it. It's gotten so bad; we almost never go out anymore. Even our own individual friends make us uncomfortable. I'm tired of feeling stuck at home all the time. I think it's worse for him, but he never says anything. I'm not sure what I should do to make things easier. Do you have any suggestions?

Anonymous

Hello,

People can be judgmental for so many different reasons. Race, religion, age, status,

weight, gender, culture, and politics... You name it. It seems people will offer their unsolicited opinions much more often when you are looking for their approval. You have the right to love a younger man and vice versa, if you choose. Carry on with your life and enjoyable activities. Do not look for friends, casual acquaintances, or even strangers to validate you or approve of your choices. Love is the strongest force in the world, and is much more valuable to our lives than opinions. The clock is ticking for

everyone, so get on with enjoying your experiences and the people you love.

Danice Akiyoshi ND

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She has a great passion for alternative healing and has over 20 years of experience in this field. She provides a form of energy psychology called The Emotion

Code, where she helps people literally get rid of their emotional baggage. She also offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. This is a letter she received from an anonymous reader. To send a question to Danice, email her at [straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com](mailto:straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candidcoachingservices.com](http://www.candidcoachingservices.com).

## Looking For a Support Group

By NANCY STOOPS

For the last sixteen years, I have run free support groups for the cities of Walnut and Diamond Bar. The first group I have the honor of running is a parent and teen support group that is run at the Walnut Teen Center, which is located at 21003 La Puente Rd. in the City of Walnut. We meet every Monday evening from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Their phone number is (909) 444-0089. This group can handle any array of court mandated needs and is for anybody that just needs some help. All you have to do is show up and you will be part of the group.



My other group is a grieving group that was started on behalf of my mother when my father passed away. It is called the G.R.O.W. (gaining recovery of widowhood) group, which meets the first Friday of every month from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Walnut Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 21215 La Puente Road in the City of Walnut. Their phone number is (909) 598-6200. This group can help with any type of loss and again, all you need to do is show up to part of the group.

Many people can't afford the ex-

pense of private therapy and these free groups are a great way to get the help that you may need. We have complete confidentiality in my groups, so you and yours will be safe discussing your issues. Believe it or not, we have a good time and we all laugh a lot, which is very healing in itself. I hope you will take advantage of these wonderful free groups that are available to you. Sometimes hearing that you are not the only one with this problem can be very consoling. Many tools are offered within these groups and you might gain some new ways to deal with problems. Maybe you'll actually set yourself

free and start the very necessary healing process.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups for teens. For more information about any of these services feel free to page her at (626) 9353818. You may email Nancy at [stoopsshecter@earthlink.net](mailto:stoopsshecter@earthlink.net). You may purchase Nancy's new book *Live Heal and Grow* at [www.RoseDogBookstore.com](http://www.RoseDogBookstore.com) or at [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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have a Tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of \$2 per capita, and an arbor day observance and proclamation in order to become recognized as a Tree City USA.

After the proclamation, Mosquito and Vector Control District Public Information Officer Kelly Middleton made a presentation to City Council members and Walnut residents concerning the dangers and prevention of West Nile Virus.

It was noted in the presentation that during 2002, there were 150 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County and that every precaution should be taken to ensure the safety of Walnut residents.

Middleton stated that dealing with West Nile Virus can be limited by removing still water from around one's home. An abundance of still water would make an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes.

"So when we tell people to check their yard for standing water, this is the reason why," said Middleton. "It's an ongoing issue because they have a very fast reproduction and life cycle and a population of mosquitoes can go from a couple of hundred to several thousand in a week's span of time."

While most cases of West Nile Virus have mild symptoms ranging from headaches to fevers, Middleton said that one in every 150 people who contract West Nile Virus become severely ill and become hospitalized to treat diseases such as encephalitis and meningitis.

## Bill ensuring accountability

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of licensed repossession agencies. The three major concerns AB 791 addresses are confidentiality of licensee information, appropriate authorizations for licensed repossession, and proper identification. This bill will help prevent misunderstandings, protect personal privacy, and ensure repossession act only within the oversight of their profession.

For more information on Assemblyman Curt Hagman, please visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/hagman](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hagman).

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# New orchestra and master chorale program

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variety of performances.

Founder of the program, renowned conductor and musician, Dr. Nové Deypalan, says that the Walnut Valley Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale program can really benefit the community.

"There isn't a program like this in the area," said Executive Director Cristina Pacheco. "There are youth programs in Walnut Valley, but there isn't a community program like this one."

"Now community members don't have to travel far to be a part of a community Orchestra and Master Chorale group," said Dr. Deypalan. "This program is

something that the Walnut Valley can really embrace. Having an Orchestra and Master Chorale will help the city thrive even more," he added.

The group will work under the direction of Dr. Deypalan, who is a two time-winner of the International Conducting Workshop and Competition. He has performed and led his ensembles abroad and in prestigious concert venues, including Carnegie Hall. His higher education began at the College of Music, University of the Philippines. He completed his Bachelor of Music in Conducting Performance at Chapman University in Orange, California, and obtained a Master of Music in Choral Music from the University of Southern California. Dr. Deypalan also

received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting at the University of South Carolina. He is also the Music Director at local church, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, in Walnut.

Both Dr. Deypalan and Pacheco encourage the community to sign up for this new program. The symphony is open to community members of all ages. The chorale is open to participants 16 years or older. They encourage anyone who is passionate about making music to audition.

"Our hope is to gather the talent in this area," said Pacheco. "They will have an opportunity to share their talent with the community."

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of the formation of

## Twelve convicted

## TWELVE from page 1

Jimenez Ochoa, 28, of Santa Ana, Jonathan Ramirez, 28, of Santa Ana, Pedro Roman, 42, of Irvine, Misael Sanchez, 44, of Lake Forest, Juan Daniel Soto, 30, of Santa Ana, Jose Rosario Velasco, 64, of Santa Ana, Mario Velazquez, 31, of Santa Ana, each pleaded guilty on Sept. 23, 2013 to one misdemeanor count of agreeing to engage in prostitution. Roman also pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of driving a vehicle without a valid license. The defendants in this case were sentenced to three years of informal probation, 10 days in jail with the possibility of CalTrans in lieu of jail, donations to the Victim/Witness Emergency Fund, and must submit to AIDS testing and education.

On July 16, 2013, the defendants drove up to an undercover officer, whom they believed to be a prostitute, near the area of 1400 East First Street in Santa Ana. The defendants agreed to engage in sex acts with the officer for a price ranging from

\$20 to \$100. The defendants and the victim arranged to meet in a motel and were arrested by officers from the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD). The defendants in this case were arrested as part of a covert operation by SAPD in which 12 defendants were arrested for soliciting sex.

The area of 1400 East First Street in Santa Ana is known to law enforcement to be a high-prostitution area and is known to frequently be used by individuals who sexually exploit and traffic women and underage girls for financial gain, including pimps, panderers, and human traffickers.

These cases were prosecuted by the Orange County District Attorney's Human Exploitation And Trafficking (HEAT) Unit, which targets perpetrators who sexually exploit and traffic women and underage girls for financial gain, including pimps, panderers, and human traffickers.

Commercial sex trafficking is the second most lucrative criminal enterprise behind narcotics trafficking. Often the perpetrators are gang members and/or career criminals. The HEAT Unit also targets

defendants who create a demand for prostitution by soliciting and purchasing sex, which increases the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. The HEAT Unit uses a tactical plan called PERP: Prosecution of human trafficking perpetrators and sex purchasers; Education for law enforcement to properly handle human trafficking and pandering cases; Resources to raise public awareness and provide assistance to the victims; and Publicity to inform the community about the problem and notify human traffickers and sex purchasers that this crime cannot be perpetrated without suffering severe consequences.

The OCDA announced in April 2013 that he will publicize the names of defendants convicted of sexually exploiting women or children by soliciting sex acts as part of the campaign to reduce the demand for human exploitation and trafficking.

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tion fee and scholarships are available upon request.

To sign up for auditions, please visit: [www.walnutvalley-symphony.org](http://www.walnutvalley-symphony.org).

The program's first show is scheduled to be held on Dec. 18 and 19, at 7 p.m., at the Mt. SAC Performing Arts Center.

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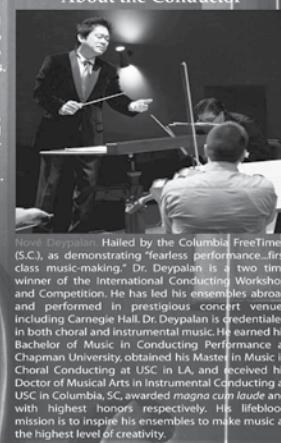
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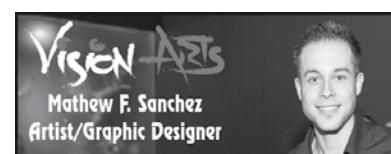


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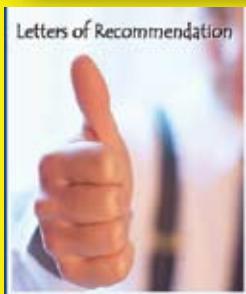
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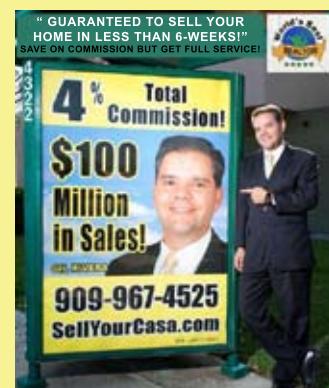
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