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La Habra – Law enforcement is seeking the public's help in identifying potential additional victims of an American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) volunteer charged with attempting to lure two boys to commit lewd acts.

Faris Ousamah Nesheiwat, 19, of La Mirada, is charged with three felony counts of contacting a child

[see Victims Page 7](#)

IE News

Best Of Eastvale

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale – The Inland Empire is filled with great businesses, but what do residents consider as the "BEST" places?

The Eastvale Community News had the community vote on their favorite places in five categories: Best Breakfast, Best Lunch, Best Dinner, Best Hair/Nail Salon, Best Men's Barber Shop, and the Best Health/Wellness business.

First, residents of Eastvale, Norco, Corona and the

[see Best Page 5](#)

Deputy Making A Difference

By K.P. SANDER

Rowland Heights – The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), the largest in the world, provides law enforcement services to unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. LASD has 23 patrol stations and dozens of substations, Walnut/Diamond Bar and Rowland Heights among them. With over 18,000 employees, LASD has

the power to make a difference for the county's 10 million or so residents.

One man in particular is making a difference, Deputy Louis Denver. He is the Community Relations Deputy, and his responsibilities are extensive. Serving Rowland Heights, Denver's main focus is on com-

[see Deputy Page 7](#)

Local Cities Among Best Places To Live

STAFF REPORTS

SGV – Walnut, Diamond Bar, and Chino Hills are among the best places to live, with the City of Walnut previously voted as one of the 50 best small towns to live in America, and Diamond Bar and Chino Hills recently ranked among the top 20 safest large cities in California.

After CNN Money Magazine

looked at over 3,200 towns throughout the nation with populations ranging from 5,000 to 50,000, the magazine ranked Walnut number 49 in the top 50 best small towns to live in America. The list was announced in August after the magazine used public school performance records, housing costs, commute time, poverty, safety information, the number of households with



Photo Courtesy: Deputy Denver

Deputy Louis Denver, Community Relations Deputy for Rowland Heights, makes a difference in our community.

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Edison Tower Removal Continues In CH

BY JENNIFER MADRIGAL

Chino Hills – Many Chino Hills residents continue to celebrate as Southern California Edison continues with the dismantling of 16 lattice towers and poles that were built as part of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reversed

its decision in July and Edison was ordered to remove the 200 foot towers and reroute the 3.5 mile project underground throughout the city. According to Edison Project Manager, Jennifer Wolfe, once all the towers are down, they will be disassembled, bundled, stored and reused, while the tubular towers will be shipped to Edison's salvage yard to be recycled.

The undergrounding of the power lines will start at an Edison easement located at Pipeline Avenue and the 71 freeway, and will continue west through the residential areas of the city. Each tower takes about two days to remove, and about three days to remove

[see Removal Page 10](#)

DB Community Foundation Hosts Gala

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – The 10th Annual Holiday Gala presented by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation (DBCF) will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Diamond Bar's own community gem, the Diamond

Bar Center. This year will be an "Extravaganza" to celebrate the DBCF's 10th Gala.

The Holiday Gala is a night to dress up and go out on the town right here in Diamond Bar. Gala guests will arrive to beautiful music played by the award winning Orchestra from Diamond

Bar High School. This elegant evening starts with a wonderful silent auction as the wait staff walks through with trays of delicious appetizers. A delicious sit down meal will be prepared

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BUSINESS FEATURE

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STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar – Does your group, team, church or organization need to raise funds? Well Mandarin Taste is a local restaurant that offers fund-raising opportunities with 15 percent



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OUR LIFE

A Place Called Brilliance

BY MICHAEL ARMijo

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. 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 be 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 feel 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, because I've been there.

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.

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, I realized my calling. So I continued and I practiced, and now, it's my living.

When we explore the secrets that we hold special to our heart, when we pursue our special interests that 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 birds in the sky, gives us a feeling as though we're as fearless as an ancient warrior. A place where we're at our best, a place where we learn our calling. A place where we find ourselves. A place in our hearts and minds that I call brilliance.



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Community Events And Meetings

STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS: 41st Annual Buckboard Days Parade and Festival

When: Oct. 19, 2013 at 9 a.m.
Where: Rowland Park, 1500 Banida Ave., Rowland Heights

Details: Pancake Breakfast at Bell Memorial Church at 7 a.m., parade will assemble on Nogales St., and the festival will start around 11:30 a.m. at Rowland Park.

For more info, see page 5.

DB Library October Side-walk Sale

When: Oct. 19, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Library's BasicallyBOOKS, located at 23447 Golden Springs Rd., Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Details: Last outdoor book sale of 2013. Always great bargains! All proceeds will benefit the Diamond Bar Library

Contact: Bookstore manager, Mary Hackett, at 909 396-9954 or email BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com

Matt's Run 5k Run/Walk Event

When: Oct. 19, 2013 at 8 a.m.
Where: Cal Poly Pomona

Cost: Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate. Pre-register now (\$20 for students and \$35 for adults) and receive a T-shirt and logo item. Registration on the day of the event is an additional \$5.

Details: Matt's Run is a growing tradition at Cal Poly Pomona that raises money for student

scholarships and is dedicated to the life of Matthew Myers, a communications student who died in 2005 after a car struck him on campus. Awards will be given to the fastest male and female runners from different age groups, and a Myer's cup will be given to the most spirited group or organization during the event.

Late registration and bib pickup starts at 6:30 a.m. After the race there will be a hot dog BBQ, a Pumpkin Festival at the Farm Store, an Insect Fair in the Bronco Student Center, a corn maze, a petting zoo, horse rides, live music and more.

More info: <http://www.mattsrun.org/>

DB Library Halloween Treats

When: Oct. 31, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Library's BasicallyBOOKS, located at 23447 Golden Springs Rd., Diamond Bar CA 91765

Details: Treats will be given out to kids, while supplies last!

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Senior Expo & Free Flu Shot Clinic

When: Nov. 5, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Rd. Walnut, CA 91789

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FUTURE EVENTS: Emergency Preparedness

Hate Crimes Second Lowest In 23 Years

LA COUNTY RELEASE

LA County - The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) released its annual account of hate crimes reported throughout Los Angeles County. In 2012, hate crimes declined 6% from 489 in 2011 to 462 this year. The number of hate crimes in the County has continued a downward trend since 2007.

Similar to past years, four groups constituted 86% of all hate crime victims in 2012: African Americans, lesbians and gay men, Jews, and Latinos. Hate crimes targeting each of these four groups changed little from the previous year, but crimes against most other ethnic and religious groups declined.

Despite the good news, there

was an increase in the overall rate of violence occurring in hate crimes. The rate of violence for sexual orientation crimes grew from 71% to 79% and the violence rate of racial crimes grew from 54% to 61%. There were seven persons who were victims of attempted murder.

"We are encouraged that for several years in a row the number of hate crimes in L.A. County has been about half of those reported in the late 90s and early 2000s," said Robin Toma, LACCHR Executive Director. "However, there are several persistent areas of concern that require heightened attention, namely the number of anti-black crimes committed by Latino gang members, and the continued high rate of violence experienced by the gay, lesbian,

and transgender communities." The report cites LACCHR's efforts to prevent and reduce hate crime, such as deploying staff to areas of the County to build collaborative projects to reduce racially-motivated gang violence. The Commission has also trained youth at several middle and senior high schools to stand-up to homophobic bullying through its No Haters Here! network.

"While we are heartened by the relatively low numbers, we need to continue to educate members of the community to report if they are victims of hate crime," Commission President Kathay Feng remarked. "Far too often victims suffer in silence and are too frightened or ashamed to contact law enforcement or others for help."

"I was lucky that people driving by decided to help me when I was being beaten because of who I am, a transgender woman," said Ms. Sabel Samone, who was brutally attacked in Los Angeles in April 2013. "I'm not just a statistic. Unfortunately, I know of too many other hate crimes against transgender people like me that are never reported to the police."

"I prosecuted hate crimes earlier in my career, and even though the numbers are declining, 462 hate crimes are 462 too many for our county," said District Attorney Lacey. "I will continue to make hate crime prosecution a priority for our county."

Hate crimes occurred throughout the variety of regions of Los Angeles County, but the largest

month at 10 a.m.

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

Youth Advisory Commission 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 MEETINGS: 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 Meeting

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

Contact info: (714) 421-3701.

number took place in the Metro region (stretching from West Hollywood to Boyle Heights). When accounting for population, the Metro region tied with the Antelope Valley for the highest rate of hate crimes.

To view the complete report including hate crime maps, graphs and tables, visit www.lahumanrelations.org.

About the Human Relations Commission: The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations is one of the oldest and largest agencies of its kind in the United States. The Commission works to foster harmonious and equitable intergroup relations, empower communities and institutions, engage in non-violent conflict resolution and promote an informed and inclusive multicultural society.



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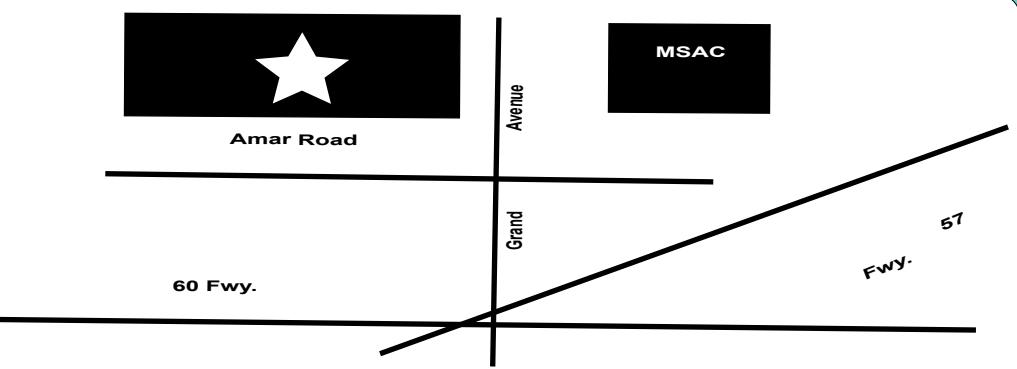
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41st Annual Buckboard Days Parade

STAFF REPORTS

Rowland Heights - The 41st Annual Buckboard Days Parade and Festival will be held this Saturday, October 19, 2013.

A Pancake Breakfast at Bell Memorial Church at 7 a.m. will begin the festivities and the street lineup will start at 7:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by a Family Festival at Rowland Park, 1500 Banida Ave., Rowland Heights.

The theme for this year's parade is, "Let's Make Some Music", and will salute role models in our community who help to make Rowland Heights a wonderful place to work, live, and go to school. The parade will last approximately two and a half hours, and several streets will be closed to traffic. There will also be streets that will be marked, "No Parking", the night before.

The parade will assemble on Nogales St. and travel north to

Colima Road, then make a right turn and proceed east to Banida Ave., and turn left, ending at Rowland Heights County Park.

The following streets will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. due to the parade:

- Nogales St. from Pathfinder to Colima Road
- Colima Road from Nogales to Banida
- Banida from Colima Road to the Park

New Life Ministries Makes A Difference

STAFF REPORTS

West Covina – New Life Ministries California, located in West Covina, does a variety of ministries throughout the San Gabriel Valley and in the Philippines.

Pastor Gina Banez-Reyes is the associate pastor of New Life Ministries California and is involved in the mission outreach in the Philippines, serving two church groups and the Second Chance Orphanage located there.

Pastor Gina also visits and ministers to the patients at Oakbank Home, located at 5420 N. Oakbank Rd. in Covina, which is an assisted living facility for disabled patients. Ms. Mila Valenzuela, the house manager, opens the home so the patients can have spiritual food and be prayed for. The New Life church staff serves dinner after the bible study.

If you wish to volunteer to be part of this ministry outreach, please call Pastor Gina at (626) 378-7194.

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Best of Eastvale

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surrounding areas, nominated who they thought should be voted "Best of Eastvale and Surrounding Areas" on the Eastvale Community News Facebook page (facebook.com/Eastvale-CommunityNews). Then, they voted for their favorite in each category, resulting in five winners awarded as the best for 2013.

If you reside in the Inland Empire area, or are just visiting, be sure to check out these businesses to see exactly why they were voted the best in the area.

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Lunch: Jersey Mike's Subs, 12569 Limonite Avenue, Eastvale

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Your Local School Updates

Chaparral Building Grand Opening And Ribbon Cutting

WVUSD

Diamond Bar - Thanks to the support of our community, Chaparral students are now learning in a brand new 14-classroom science wing. We proudly invite the community to stop by and see our new state-of-the-art Science Building and Design-Based Learning Building during our Grand Opening Ceremony on Oct. 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the Chaparral Middle School Quad, 1405 Spruce Tree Dr., Diamond Bar.

Chaparral staff members will

now be able to easily incorporate labs and design challenges into day-to-day instruction. The new building also facilitates higher level thinking in accordance with the hands-on learning objectives that are prevalent in Design-Based Learning (DBL) and science classrooms, and are in accordance with STEM philosophies.

Chaparral's Science and DBL Parent Night will follow the ceremonies. The tradition of DBL Family Night continues to provide an opportunity for families of the DBL students to engage

in an interactive learning process where they can collaborate, design, create and have fun.

The new Design Challenge Room displays the DBL history, inspirations and functions of the DBL process. This room serves as a place to explore, create and build in a studio setting.

Chaparral Middle School's Science Department has long prided itself on its commitment to hands-on, investigative and experiential learning.

One critical component of this learning is our involvement in a variety of off-campus, outdoor

camps. From the mountains to the ocean, Chaparral Middle School students experience an outstanding variety of activities from zip lining to snorkeling to hiking and more. Each grade level offers an outdoor camp experience that is encouraged and appropriate for all students.

During the grand opening tours of our new classrooms, you are invited to stop by to learn more about the camp opportunities that will be offered during the 2013-2014 academic school year. After the camp coordinators conclude their presentations,

students and their parents are invited to participate in a variety of hands-on, scientific explorations meant to deepen student love and understanding of science as well as involve parents in a meaningful way. Please join us at Chaparral Middle School Science Night for more information and for an opportunity to "do science" with your child!

Thanks to the support of our community, construction and modernization projects of WVUSD school facilities are laying out the framework for 21st century learning!

RUSD Board Approves Construction Contract for Rowland High Aquatics Center

RUSD

Rowland Heights - The Rowland Unified School District Board of Education approved a Lease/Leaseback Construction Contract to build a new Rowland High

School Aquatics Center at the October 8, 2013 Board of Education Meeting. A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Aquatics Center at Rowland High School took place Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. at the old pool deck.

The \$5.7 million construction project will include the removal of the over 40-year old pool and the building of a new Aquatics Center that will feature an expanded pool with 12 lanes for competitions, a covered viewing area and

larger deck, new outdoor showers, bathrooms and changing facilities, and infrastructure for energy efficiency (such as solar technology).

Construction began Oct. 15 and is expected to be finished in

the summer of 2014.

Rowland High School is located at 2000 S. Otterbein Avenue in Rowland Heights. For more information about the Aquatics Center Project, visit www.rowlandhs.org.

Global Day Of Play At Chaparral

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar -- Imagine kids having fun and being creative using just cardboard boxes and tape. No electronics, no directions, just an opportunity to use their imaginations.

This is 2013, right?

During two days this month, Chaparral Middle School 6th to 8th grade students closed their textbooks, went outside their classrooms, and enjoyed a day of cardboard play.

Students in the Design-Based Learning core worked in groups to design and build anything they imagined using cardboard boxes and scraps. The sounds of kids having fun and being excited filled the air as their ideas took shape.

Sixth Grader, Dereck Chen, doubled-over laughing as teammate Ethan Cheung took the reigns to demonstrate riding the bucking horse they built. "They're making something out of nothing," science and math teacher Maggie Strand said.

"The Cardboard Day of Play is based on a little boy in East Los Angeles who made an entire arcade out of cardboard last year," explained humanities teacher Sherry Robertson.

On Saturday Oct. 5, people all over the world took a day to create cardboard designs," Robertson said. Chaparral hosted their events on October 4 and 7.

Imagination Foundation, a non-profit organization, has raised \$250,000 to help send the LA boy to college. This event is

their first initiative designed to encourage the idea of creativity.

"It's pretty awesome and our kids are being very detailed," Robertson added.

The two teachers mingled through the different groups cutting tape for the "never before seen" creations.

Kids have great ideas all

the time, but nobody validates them," Strand said. "In the experiential DBL classes they're both encouraged and validated."

"I'm seeing you being creative and I'm seeing how you're thinking about your learning. You guys are smart and you're making things that are interesting and fun," she said to the cardboard designers.

The Chaparral students had room to spread out and get creative in the garden area just outside the new science building classrooms.

One group built a classic skeet ball game. It featured a clever slot where a student crouched inside fed the winning tickets to the player. No flashing lights or arcade music required for this cardboard fun.

Another foursome came up with a flip football game.

"There's a lot of games, but ours is the best," the team said in unison.

"Instead of having goal posts, we decided to have circles," explained Omid Shayegh, age 13.

He came up with the flip football idea and Esther Kim thought of the twist of having circle-shaped goals. Tanya Yang said she helped with the mechanics.

"My dad is good at this and I used to hang out with him," she said.

An empty peanut box was transformed into the popular claw machine with a pile of stuffed toys inside. Students cut out a coin slot on the front of the game, stretched plastic wrap across the top and cut slits in it for the claw.

A group of eighth graders made a sling-a-mole game.

"You have to hit the mole, not the human (on the reverse side), said Angelina Kim, age 13.

A 6th grade team created a



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
Sixth grader Dereck Chen couldn't wait to show his teachers the horse his group made!



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
Sixth graders created the popular arcade claw game.



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An eighth grade team made a cardboard skeet ball game.



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Sixth graders showed off their cardboard tank.

and awesome window, awesome door, and awesome workers," Ashley Fang said.

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AYSO Victims Sought

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with the intent to commit lewd acts and one felony count of attempting to commit lewd acts upon a child under 14 years of age. If convicted, Nesheiwat faces a maximum sentence of six years in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender

registration. He is currently out of custody on \$100,000 bail and is scheduled for arraignment on Nov. 6, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at the North Justice Center, Fullerton.

Nesheiwat was a volunteer at AYSO and worked in various roles for the organization.

Between April 12, 2013, and April 20, 2013, Nesheiwat is

accused of contacting John Doe #1 with the intent of committing or attempting to commit lewd acts.

Between March 1, 2013, and June 30, 2013, Nesheiwat is accused of contacting John Doe #2 with the intent of committing lewd acts. On Oct. 8, 2013, Nesheiwat was arrested by the La Habra Police Department (LHPD), who investigated this case.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information, or anyone who believes they have been a victim, is encouraged to contact Supervising District Attorney Investigator, Paul Carvo, at (714) 347-8794, or LHPD Detective, David Diaz, at (562) 905-9762.

If convicted, Nesheiwat will be barred from entering and county recreational areas and

city parks that have passed the Sex Offender Ordinance. Visit www.orangecountyda.com to read the prior press releases on the County's Sex Offender Ordinance, as well as the 14 other cities that have enacted the Child Safety Zone Ordinance.

Deputy District Attorney, Nancy Hayashida, of the Sexual Assault Unit is prosecuting this case.

Deputy making a difference

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munity relations and crime prevention.

Serving in this position since February of 2012, Deputy Denver provides critical information on societal concerns to our local schools. After-school programs benefit from his expertise in awareness and prevention of bullying, drug use, and gangs. In a society where nearly half of all children will experience bullying while at school, his lectures are invaluable. Pre-schools and children's programs at local churches also benefit from Denver's instruction on stranger awareness, general safety and bullying.

Deputy Denver's community relations aren't just about the schools. He also lectures at senior centers, adult schools, and morning breakfast clubs (through the Rowland Unified School Resource Center) on crime prevention and disaster preparedness. He holds crime prevention meetings at retirement homes and local apartment complexes. There is even a Mature Driver class taught by Denver to help motorists 55 and older become safer drivers, and save on their car insurance.

Community events for the Rowland Heights area are attended by Denver for promotion of the Sheriff Department's special programs for children, and crime prevention. He coordinates events such as the Safe Community Festival, and National Night Out. Denver is also station liaison for the popular Special Olympics Torch Run, helping to raise millions of dollars for the Special Olympics movement worldwide; and he collaborates with Target and their "Shop with a Cop" program.

It's hard to believe there is still time left in Deputy Denver's

schedule, but he also conducts Neighborhood Watches throughout the Rowland Heights community. Local banks can take advantage of his lectures on robbery awareness and general safety. Denver also meets with business owners and assists them in developing safer working environments and crime prevention for employees.

Denver assists the Rowland Heights Sheriff's team with

search warrants, parole, and probation compliance checks, as well as saturation patrols. He also works with the station's Booster Club, and is the Coordinator for the Walnut/Diamond Bar Station Ride-Along Program.

Prior to taking on the community relations aspect of the Sheriff's department, Denver was a Field Training Officer at the Walnut/Diamond Bar sta-

tion from 2008 until 2012. From 2005 until 2008, he was on patrol for the City of Industry's Sheriff's Station, and also part of the Industry Special Problems Team. Denver was on loan to the Lakewood station for a short time at the end of 2004, and he worked for the Temple station from 2001 to October of 2004.

Deputy Denver was hired by the Sheriff's Department in 1995, and began his career at

the Men's Central Jail. Before that, he was a reserve police officer for the City of Tustin, and an associate probation officer for the San Bernardino County Probation Department.

With all of his expertise and dedication to the community, Deputy Louis Denver is out there, working to make Rowland Heights a better, safer place to live and work, and truly making a difference.

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Our Amazing Schools

By MARK HOPPER

My wife taught sixth grade in the local schools for many years and all four of our children have been teachers during parts of their working careers.



I suppose you could also call me a teacher since one of my primary roles as a church pastor is to teach people the Bible. So, you can see why our family is partial to teachers.

My wife has now retired from teaching in the public schools, but she continues to as a teacher in the weekly Women's Bible Study program at our church.

Our youngest daughter is now

a professor at a local University and our son is now an assistant principal at a local high school.

My request for you is that you encourage your children's teachers and the administrators at their school. Look for some ways to help make this a better year for them as they invest in the life of your son or daughter.

When our children were young my wife and I would invite their

school teachers to our home for dinner. Our kids were so excited to have their teacher in our home.

It was a great way for us to get to know their teachers better and a nice opportunity for us to personally thank their teachers for all they did for our children.

I am sure there are many ways to express your support and appreciation to the teachers and

staff at your local school. Let me encourage you to not wait until the final week of the school year, Do something this month to say "Thanks" to some of them.

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Fred

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request. In the adult world, you have the right to manage your time in any way you choose, and of course you get to live with your choices. If there are underlying reasons for your avoidance, then maybe you'll want to take a look at addressing those issues.

Danice Akiyoshi ND

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She has a great passion for alterna-

tive 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. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoachingservices.com.

Getting Through the Rough Patches

By NANCY STOOPS

Why is it that just as you think you have figured it all out, something else comes along that you've got to work through? Why does it feel as if



there are always obstacles that get in our way? What are the life lessons to be learned from getting through the rough patches? My belief is that we are here in this life to learn many lessons and to gain much wisdom. I feel we are asked to do this so that we can have the honor of growing into who God intends us to be. The problem with this idea is that it can be very painful when we are immersed ever so deeply

in a rough patch. We feel lost and feel as if we will never learn the lesson we are intended to learn. We feel like it's all so very overwhelming and that we will never find our compass to help direct us. For me, when I am here, I feel I must have faith and that when I finally find my way, it almost makes some sense in a weird way.

I understand that I wouldn't be who I am without the struggles life has served up. I know that the same struggles that feel as if they could do me in have probably saved my life. I say this because of the wisdom and life lessons that have come to me only because of the struggles. I believe we are much stronger than we think we are. Sometimes we've got to use that very last ounce of courage to get through a rough patch. Many times these rough

patches make us lie to ourselves and make us believe we can't possibly find our way though. I have faith in you, you can get through it!!!!

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Diamond Bar community foundation hosts gala

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The City of Diamond Bar will be honored at this event with the Diamond Bar Community Foundations 2013 Community Partner Award because the Foundation was started by the City of Diamond Bar.

DBCF's mission statement

is to "preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life in the City of Diamond Bar by establishing programs and facilities to address the cultural, recreational and social needs of the community." This goal is being accomplished by creating student scholarships, donating sports equipment, sponsoring a night at Concerts in the Park, sponsoring a benefit concert for our local high schools, raising money for sports fields, and contributing towards DB4Youth. Since 2004, the Diamond Bar Community

Foundation has been hosting a Gala to fundraise for this 501(C)3 in style.

The DBCF is seeking corporate and individual sponsors to host tables for the November 15 event. Tickets are \$100 each, \$175 per couple, or \$1000 for a table of 10. The Foundation is also seeking silent auction donations. Please contact Alison Myers at (909) 839-7024 if you would like to donate.

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Local cities among best places to live

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analysis of the FBI's Annual Uniform Crime Reporting program. Diamond Bar was ranked number 16 and Chino Hills was ranked number 11 out of the top 20 large cities. The FBI figures are based on violent crimes per 1,000 residents.

The ranking of the top 20 safest large cities is as follows:

1. Irvine – 0.51 crimes per 1,000 residents
2. San Ramon – 0.61 crimes per 1,000 residents
3. Murrieta – 0.66 crimes per 1,000 residents
4. Pleasanton – 0.68 crimes per 1,000 residents
5. Laguna Niguel – 0.73 crimes per 1,000 residents
6. Eastvale – 0.74 crimes per 1,000 residents
7. Mission Viejo – 0.76 crimes per 1,000 residents
8. Palo Alto – 0.80 crimes per

1,000 residents

9. Yorba Linda – 0.81 crimes per 1,000 residents
10. Rocklin – 0.83 crimes per 1,000 residents
11. Chino Hills – 0.84 crimes per 1,000 residents
12. Camarillo – 0.92 crimes per 1,000 residents
13. Temecula – 0.94 crimes per 1,000 residents
14. Orange – 0.97 crimes per 1,000 residents
15. Cupertino – 0.97 crimes per 1,000 residents
16. Diamond Bar – 0.97 crimes per 1,000 residents
17. Arcadia – 0.99 crimes per 1,000 residents
18. Menifee – 1.09 crimes per 1,000 residents
19. Simi Valley – 1.11 crimes per 1,000 residents
20. San Clemente – 1.15 crimes per 1,000 residents

Violent crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. The FBI

report stated that with a population of 56,470, Diamond Bar had a total of 55 violent crimes, 1 forcible rape, 17 robberies and 37 aggravated assaults. With a population of 76,632, Chino Hills had a total of 65 violent crimes, 2 forcible rapes, 22 robberies and 40 aggravated assaults.

Figures used in the original FBI crime report were submitted voluntarily by law enforcement agencies throughout the country, according to fbi.gov. The FBI warns that when rankings are created, they provide no insight into the numerous variables that mold crime in a particular town, city, county, state, tribal area, or region. They also state that rankings often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents.

For more information about the FBI Crime Report, visit www.fbi.gov.

Taste has many specialties including seafood dishes and spicy food. Crispy shrimp, fried dumplings and walnut shrimp are just some of the many customer favorites, and they are also well known for their wonton soup. Make sure to check out the coupons on page 10 to get great deals on various dishes.

The restaurant holds a very popular champagne brunch on Sundays and has all-you-can-eat buffets, as well. Mandarin Taste is now offering \$2 off the all-you-can-eat buffet.

Mandarin Taste also serves

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

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

Fundraise At Mandarin Taste

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given back to local groups.

Mandarin Taste is a perfect place to hold a fundraiser because customers are guaranteed an excellent dining experience. Mandarin Taste is an authentic restaurant with quality service that has been open in the City of Diamond Bar for over 26 years.

The restaurant has thrived because of the many delicious dishes it serves and the family-friendly atmosphere that keeps people coming back for more.

"We're like a family restaurant," said restaurant manager Chi Young, when describing the feeling that customers get when visiting the long lasting eatery.

"People are always smiling [here]," said Young.

The restaurant's owners and staff want everyone who comes to their establishment to relax and enjoy themselves over the delectable food.

Mandarin

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Walnut Family Festival Provides Fun Atmosphere For Residents

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - The cheers and applause of Walnut residents filled the warm October air Saturday, Oct. 12 as the annual Walnut Family Festival highlighted the city's commerce, school system and community.

The 37th annual festival, going by the theme 'Cruzin' Around the World', started at 7 a.m. with a 1K/5K run, sponsored by Southern California Roadrunners. The run was followed by a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m., sponsored by the Lions Club, before the main festivities of the day were enjoyed by attendants.

Citizens then lined up along La Puente Road, starting at Lemon Avenue, to watch the 10 a.m. parade complete with various city officials, local businesses, marching bands such as Mark Keppel High School from Alhambra, as well as local police officers and members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The opening ceremony for the festival started at 11:40 a.m. with various members of the Walnut City Government thanking all attending patrons as well as the countless hours spent by members of the community to create the event.

"I've had a firsthand experience of the work on the Walnut Family Festival," said Mayor Antonio Cartagena. "I had been a chair for different committees...so I know the hard work, the sacrifice the volunteers have made to make it very successful."

Citizens were then treated to a wide variety of mouthwa-

tering foods, retail booths and entertainment vendors, which included sports memorabilia, jewelry and vinyl figures of TV and movie characters.

The main stage area hosted live music acts, such as Ray and the Rhythm Beat Band, the String and Bamboo Youth Performance Group, and The Platters.

For younger attendants, the festival also included several moon bounces, water balloon launches (to keep cool in the hot sun) and games with prizes.

Walnut Resident Barbara Hahn, who also took part in the parade, said that she enjoyed the festival and all of the aspects of residents interacting with one another.

"I'm having a great time," said Hahn. "I'm looking forward to seeing all the booths and entertainment and talking to people."

Walnut residents and even citizens from neighboring cities crowded Suzanne Park to take part in the festivities, while members of Walnut City Council walked among the masses to enjoy the end result of the City's hard work.

"It's a great place here for everybody to have fun and to enjoy the entertainment, the delicious food, the games, the parades and so many activities," Cartagena said.

As the sun set on the Walnut Family Festival and the crowds of smiling faces dwindled; residents might be happy to know that the same level of excitement and entertainment would be available next year for all families seeking a nice day out at the park.

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the foundation located almost 60 feet below ground. There have been some delays due to

high winds, but completion is expected to take approximately three months.

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Walnut resident Howard Chen braces for the cold water as he allows himself to take part in the water dunk booth.



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Walnut Residents Lissette Solt along with her sons Jason (3 years old), Matthew (7 years old), Mark (6 months old) attend the Walnut Family Festival.



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Julian Rodriguez and son Charlie smile as they take part in the festival activities.



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Diamond Bar Residents Leo Taylor and Better Taylor enjoying the Walnut family Festival.



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Walnut Mayor Antonio Cartagena mingles among the crowd at the Walnut Family Festival.



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Various members of City Government gather at the main stage as part of the opening ceremony at the Walnut Family Festival.

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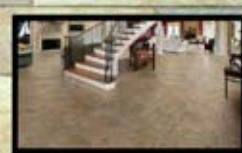
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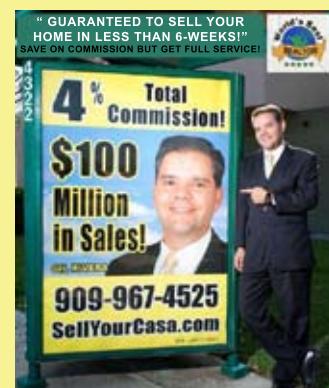
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