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## OC News

### \$11 Million Indictment

#### STAFF REPORTS

**Orange County** - Two men were taken into custody October 1, 2013 by special agents of the FBI for their alleged involvement in an Orange County boiler room operation that defrauded investors by falsely claiming high returns from oil and gas wells and by failing to disclose high sales commissions on investments, announced Bill L. Lewis, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los

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## IE News

### Don't Be A Victim

#### By: L.E.A.F.F.

**Eastvale** - Eastvale is home to the only organization of Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters (L.E.A.F.F.) in the entire nation. The group was founded in 2010 by local Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters who wanted to ensure that their city remained a great place to live. L.E.A.F.F. helps to make this a reality by supporting proactive law enforcement, fire safety and code enforcement. They also participate

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#### STAFF REPORTS

**Walnut** -- A beautiful landscape can make the difference between an ordinary house and an extraordinary one. Achieving the beautiful,

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## Vote On Election Day Nov. 5

#### STAFF REPORTS

**SGV** – Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections are on Nov. 5, with quite a few elections in the surrounding areas.

The Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Directors consists of five elected board members elected to overlapping four-year terms (in odd-numbered years). They are responsible for setting district

policies and establishing long-term goals to ensure operational efficiency. There are three open spots, with the following candidates running:

- Helen Hall, incumbent
- Cindy M. Ruiz, incumbent
- Y. Tony Torn
- S. Sean Monemi

The Diamond Bar City Coun-

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## Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sat Oct 26

Partly Cloudy  
High 89°  
Low 52°



Sun Oct 27

Sunny  
High 89°  
Low 49°



Mon Oct 28

Sunny  
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Low 48°



Tue Oct 29

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High 67°  
Low 43°



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Low 49°



Thu Oct 31

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High 75°  
Low 51°



Fri Nov 1

Sunny  
High 79°  
Low 52°



## Will Walnut Build A New Aquatic Center?

#### STAFF REPORTS

**Walnut** – It's true that public pools bring good things to a community. From swimming lessons and healthy exercise to organized water sports, water safety and, well, fun, which is why a new Aquatic Center may be in Walnut's future.

The City of Walnut currently provides a program utilizing the

Walnut High School pool. The Walnut Unified School District allows public use during the summer, offering a multitude of courses for swimmers of all ages and abilities; but priority belongs to the high school's aquatic team. Nearby Mt. San Antonio College also allows public use of their pool with organized programming, but Walnut itself doesn't have an

aquatics center to serve its nearly 30,000 residents.

One individual in particular feels the Walnut High School's nearly 40-year old pool does not meet the needs of the community. Claudine Stines, who has lived in the city since 1973, seems intent on formulating a

see Aquatic Page 9

## Walnut Council Corner: New Ordinances

#### By ARIEL CARMONA JR.

**Walnut** – The City Council, during its Oct. 23 meeting, despite some public objections, heard staff reports and introduced new ordinances to amend existing municipal codes in order to comply with state mandates regarding fair housing laws.

Justin Carlson, Walnut Senior

Management Analyst, told the Council during the public hearing portion of the meeting that the amendments to the City's municipal codes are a result of Senate Bill 2, introduced by the legislature in 2008.

The ordinances amend existing Walnut municipal codes regarding zoning by adding emergency shelters, transitional housing, and single-room occu-

pancy units as required by state law. In addition, the Council approved by a 4-0 vote, changes to the General Plan "Land Use" designation for three sites located along the north side of Valley Boulevard.

SB 2 (Cedillo) requires all cities and counties to provide

see Ordinance Page 10

## DB Council Corner: Local Boy Honored

#### By RAYMOND MENDOZA

**Diamond Bar** - Diamond Bar City Council met Tuesday, Oct. 15 for the first regular meeting with an agenda filled with ordinances, items and presentations.

Council member Carol Herrera was not present for the

meeting.

Attendants were also treated to a rare feat of heroism, when Calvary Lutheran Church/School Student Joseph Lee was honored by the city for saving his drowning uncle.

"Joseph Lee, we want to acknowledge your acts of true hero-

ism," said Mayor Jack Tanaka. "For your brave and quick actions facing a life-threatening situation was nothing less than amazing."

The council then proclaimed

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BY SARAH ARMIJO

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## OUR LIFE

# Innocence Of A Child

BY SARAH ARMijo

I'm very involved with children; I volunteer as a storyteller at my church and babysit on the side. There's something about kids that just make you smile. They say the funniest things and come up with the most inventive games.

As I was babysitting a few weeks ago, I had no idea what I was going to do to keep the kids entertained for eight hours. Once I mentioned the word treasure hunt, the kindergartener came up with a whole game based on hiding a pencil box (the treasure) and finding it by putting stickers (the clues) on a piece of paper (the map). I helped her create rules for the hunt, but by the end of the game, the rules were thrown out the window and she created a whole new game as we went along.

It was at that moment that I realized how inventive kids really were. I decided to suggest a new game with no rules to see what the little girl would come up with. All I said was "let's play with a ball", and we started to push it back and forth on a table. Within minutes, the kindergartener made up rules, prizes, exceptions to the rules (when she messed up), and even an imaginative player. I couldn't help but laugh because she was having a blast when all we were doing was passing a ball to each other while sitting a yard apart. With a few more rounds of

the ball game, a fashion show, limbo, "hot and cold", a tea party, and hide and seek, eight hours flew right by.

In this day and age, we tend to be really busy all the time. We tend to have a million things to do each day and before you know it, the week starts all over again and we're on that same schedule as the week before. It's so much easier to stick your children in front of the TV or iPad and let them entertain themselves.

But we tend to forget that time goes by extremely fast when we're too "busy". Soon, those children won't be children anymore, and they won't want to play anymore.

So instead of wasting that precious time while your children are young, I challenge you to play with your children (and even grandchildren) this week. I challenge you to put down the phone, turn off the computer, and spend some time with them. Invent a treasure hunt, go to the park, play catch, or have them create a game and actually follow their rules.

Try seeing the world as they do for a day, as they have no idea about all the corrupt in this world. See the world as a journey, an adventure, a playground for you to explore. See the world as joyful, friendly, something beautiful. See the world through the innocence of a child.



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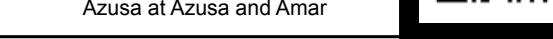
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# Community Events And Meetings

## STAFF REPORTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS: "Friends Fur-Ever Pet Food And Supplies" Ribbon Cutting

When: Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at 11:30 a.m.

Where: 20813 Valley Blvd., Walnut CA 91789

Details: Pets are welcome to the event. Visit the store after the Ribbon Cutting. Refreshments will be served.

Contact: Melanie Coward at the SGV Regional Chamber (909) 869-0701

### Walnut Valley Psychiatric Ward (Haunted Maze)

When: Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center,

Cost: \$3 per body or wear your sharks gear for a 2 for 1 deal. \$8 crazy eight deal, includes 2 trips through the maze, after party and pizza dinner.

### Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare

When: Oct. 25 – Oct. 27 and Nov. 1 – 2

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thurs./Sun. and 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fri./Sat.

Where: Pomona Fairplex. 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Pomona.

Cost: Tickets start at \$30

Details: Three Haunted Houses and dozens of live musical acts from musician and filmmaker, Rob Zombie - Chills, thrills, fun and fright based on his horror films.

### Mt. SAC Family Science Festival

When: Oct. 26, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Mt. SAC Sciences complex (buildings 7, 60, and 61)

Cost: Free

Details: Open to the public. There will be hands-on experiments, chemistry demonstrations, fossil and mineral exhibits, and the Meek Wild Animal Museum are all part of the fun at the family festival. There will also be food, door prizes, and a battery recycling center set up for the event. This event is sponsored by the Mt. SAC Chemistry Department, the Mt. SAC Chemistry Club, and the San Gorgonio

chapter of the American Chemical Society.

Contact: Eileen DiMauro at (909) 594-5611, ext 4533.

### 1st Annual Dog Spooktacular

When: Oct. 26, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Central Bark Dog Park is located at Del Norte Park (1500 West Rowland Ave., West Covina)

Details: This free event will include a pet costume contest with prizes, pet giveaways, vendors from local pet stores, and a visit from the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control to share the various services they provide pet owners in West Covina. Registration for the pet costume contest will be onsite, with the contest beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Contact: Adrian Reynosa at (626) 939-8864 or [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org)

### Chino Hills Haunted Hike

When: Oct. 26, 2013. Tame version: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Scary version: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center, 14280 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills CA 91710

Cost: \$10

Details: Walk along haunted trails for a spooky adventure.

### Diamond Ranch Haunted House

When: Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Diamond Ranch High School, 100 Diamond Ranch Rd., Pomona

Cost: \$4

### Hall of Horrors Haunted House

When: Oct. 30 and 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Heritage Park Community Center, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Rd., Diamond Bar CA 91765

Details: Recommended for ages 8 and up. There is an admission fee.

### Diamond Bar Fall Fun Festival

When: Oct. 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Heritage Park, 2900 S. Brea Canyon Rd., Diamond Bar 91765

Cost: \$5 admission, adults free.

Details: A safe and fun alternative to Trick-or-Treating; Recom-

mended for ages 2 to 8.

### Halloween Spooktacular

When: Oct. 31

Where: Chino Spectrum Marketplace and Chino Spectrum Towne Center

Details: Games, Give-aways, Trick-or-Treating, Costume Contest, Live Music and more.

Contact: (909) 334-3258 or email [communityservices@cityofchino.org](mailto:communityservices@cityofchino.org)

### Trick-or-Treat at The Shoppes at Chino Hills

When: Oct. 31, 2013 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: 13920 City Center Dr. #200, Chino Hills CA 91710

Cost: Free

Details: A safe and fun environment with activities, face painting, costume contest and treats. Appropriate for ages 12 and under.

Contact: (866) 909-0305

### 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!

Contact: Bookstore manager, Mary Hackett, at 909 396-9954 or email [BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com](mailto:BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com)

### 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

Contact: Walnut Senior Center (909) 598-6200

### Mt. SAC Community Volunteer Fair

When: Nov. 7, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Mt. SAC Student Life Center patio area.

Details: This event is for local organizations that would like to recruit student volunteers. The fair provides an opportunity for students to engage in public service, obtain hands-on learning experiences, and make a difference in the community.

Contact: Mt. SAC Student Life Office at (909) 274-5953.

### FUTURE EVENTS: Emergency Preparedness Seminar

When: Nov. 18, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Cost: FREE to attend

Contact: Walnut City Hall (909) 595-7543 x304

### Walnut Valley Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale Concert

When: Dec. 18 and 19, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Where: Mt. San Antonio Community College Performing Arts Center

Contact: [www.walnutvalleysymphony.org/](http://www.walnutvalleysymphony.org/)

### WEEKLY EVENTS: Bookstore Blowout

Where: Twice Sold Tale Bookstore located at the Walnut Library, La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

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

Details: seasonal organic produce, breads and cakes, olive oils, cheese and spreads, a variety of nursery plants, hand-crafted items and jewelry, and fresh-popped Kettle corn and grilled food plates.

Contact: (909) 869-0701

### WALNUT MEETINGS: City Council Meeting

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

Where: Walnut Council Chamber

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.

bers 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 Commission

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 Meeting

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 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.

## Diamond Bar and Diamond Ranch Fight It Out

By ANDREW HOOVER

**Diamond Bar** - An all-out brawl between Diamond Bar High School and Diamond Ranch High School on Saturday forced referees to call the game.

The Diamond Ranch and Diamond Bar teams erupted into a brawl at the Mayor's Cup game near the end of the game, with only three minutes and 15 seconds left on the clock. According to a replay video of the fight, the incident began with the Diamond Bar quarter back having words with a Diamond Ranch player. As time went on, tempers rose, causing number 21 of Diamond

Bar to punch a Diamond Ranch player.

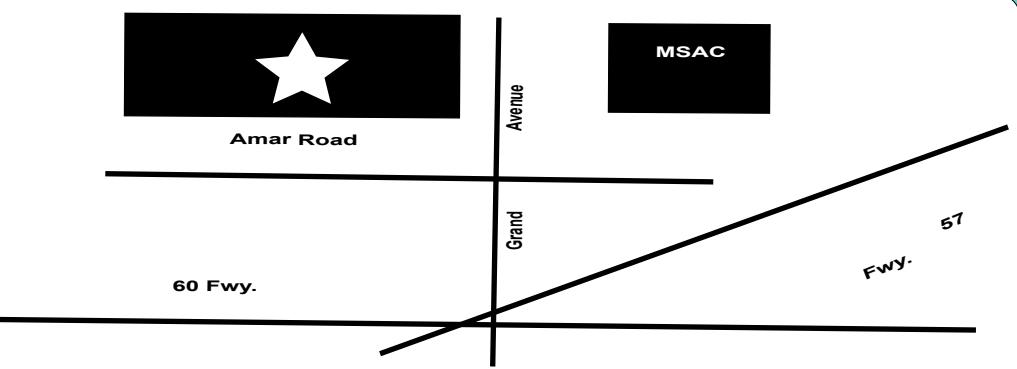
Once the blow was struck, both teams began clearing their benches and a fight ensued. Several students were injured. Both teams are considered at fault for the brawl and both coaches blame their teams as well as the other.

The brawl is being investigated by the California Interscholastic Federation: Southern Sector (C



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## STAFF REPORTS

**SGV**- Here is a recap of recent crime in the local areas.

On Oct. 23, the Castle Rock Elementary School volunteer case came to a close. Lisa May, also known as Lisa Haygood, was sentenced to three years probation after previously pleading no contest to charges filed against her, which included theft of funds from a parent fundraising group. Upon appearing in court, Haygood was required to pay \$44,602; had she not paid the fine she would have instead faced jail time. The case began when the club noticed its funds not increasing and in fact being depleted after all of their fundraising the organization had been doing. The organization leader and associates had a hunch and investigated the matter further. When enough evidence was found, it was passed to the police. Following a paper trail, investigators were able to uncover the source of the money loss which led them to Haygood back in 2011.

Also on Oct. 23, three children were injured in a gun related case at a Chino elementary school. Police officials arrived at the

school for a Red Ribbon Week event, which is a national initiative aimed at preventing drug use among children and teens. While attending the event, one of the on-display police motorcycles holstered a gun that was left unattended. As officers were handing out stickers and conversing with the children, a child walked up to the unattended gun and pulled the trigger. The gun discharged into a metal plate just under the barrel of the gun, causing the bullet to disintegrate into shrapnel. The shrapnel injured three of the children in the nearby area, including bits of shrapnel near a child's eye. Parents feverishly questioned why a fully loaded gun was presented on campus and left unattended, and why the rifle was not safely stowed away from children. Investigators are looking into the matter.

On Oct. 15, an Industry Sheriff Lieutenant was arrested in a prostitution sting. The officer was identified as Michael Strickland, 49, and is a lieutenant at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Industry Station. Strickland was relieved of duty with pay as of last Thursday, has been assigned to his home and stripped of all law enforcement powers, according to the LA

Sheriff's department. The sting was conducted on the 23000 block of Sunnymead Boulevard in Moreno Valley in response to numerous complaints to the station. Of the majority of arrested, four people were booked and sent to jail on possession of marijuana and prostitution. However, Strickland was not charged with marijuana possession.

On Oct. 14, a multi-vehicle crash occurred on the 60 freeway. The crash occurred around 5 a.m. and involved a big rig, a trash vehicle and a car. The crash had blocked three westbound lanes for a few hours. All lanes except the transition lane were reopened so workers could repair the damaged guardrail.

Also on Oct. 14, undercover detectives witnessed an armed robbery. Two undercover detectives were patrolling an unincorporated area of La Puente when they saw the robbery occur. Detectives saw the suspect fight with the victim and then flee, leaving a handgun at the scene. Detectives hailed for backup and chased the suspect with several West Covina cars. During the responding chase, two patrol cars

collided at Hacienda Boulevard and Temple Avenue and another patrol vehicle crashed through a block wall and into an occupied residence. However, nobody was injured inside the domicile. One officer was taken to the hospital, but later released. The suspect was finally stopped and

arrested on the 13600 block of Valley Boulevard, according to West Covina Police. The suspect was later identified as Nancy Eap, 32, of Garden Grove and was booked for armed robbery and held on \$100,000 bail at the West Covina Police Department.

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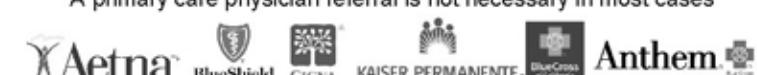


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## Don't be a victim

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in community events, raise funds to help the community and offer safety tips. In an effort to minimize the number of stolen cars, the following information can be used as a guide to reducing your chances of being a victim of auto theft and vehicle burglary.

The most common vehicles stolen during the month of July of 2013, according to the California Highway Patrol Activity Report, were 1990 to 1996 Honda Accords, Civics and Acura Integra's.

To deter thieves and protect your car, it is important to never leave valuable items (i.e.: purses, backpacks, GPS devices, iPods, cell phones and/or computer laptops) in plain view from outside the car. Refrain from leaving windows and sunroofs open. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE and never leave any extra keys, including valet keys, in your vehicle. Do not leave garage door openers in your vehicle either. If you do, hide it. Remove any items that may show your address or personal information such as mail. Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view. This is common during the Christmas holiday season. It is very important to remove all 3rd row seats in SUV's when not in use. If they are being used, fold them down and cover them. They are in high demand

by thieves.

It is also recommended to ALWAYS park in well-lit areas with good visibility close to walkways. NEVER leave your car running and unattended especially with your kids inside. Avoid leaving your vehicle title in your car. Too often a car thief is pulled over and gets away from the police because he or she can produce the auto registration. Hide the registration in a secret location which the owners only know about. Also avoid driving through high crime areas even if the alternate route takes longer. Install an anti-theft system in your vehicle if it doesn't have one. Thieves are reluctant to steal vehicle if they know the cars can be recovered quickly. Many insurers offer discounts for various types of systems such as LO-JACK.

Thieves prefer to work in the dark. Be particularly cautious at night about where you park your car. Look around; be aware of your surroundings, especially in parking garages, parking lots, ATM's, shopping malls and gas stations.

If confronted by a carjacker, do not resist. Cars can be replaced; you can't. Carjacking by definition is the stealing of a car by force. Statistically, your chances of being a carjacking victim are very slim, and preventive actions can reduce the risk even more.

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# Your Local School Updates

## Walnut Valley Board Honors Star Students, Community Partners

By KELLI GILE

**Walnut**—Each month, the Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees recognizes students and community members who are instrumental to the success of the schools.

Vejar Elementary School fifth grader Emily Wang was honored as a Super Star Student during the October 16 Board Meeting.

"Emily was selected by our staff members for her winning attitude. She is a very special student and we admire her character," said Principal Jennifer De Anda.

"Emily is kind, patient, a hard worker and a good friend to all. Additionally, Emily is learning to speak English and is a math wizard! She can be seen translating for students in her math class each day," De Anda added.

Vejar super star volunteer David Padilla was recognized with the Partner in Education Award.

"Mr. Padilla began helping in his son's kindergarten class and has kept on volunteering for the past several years. He nurtures

the Transitional Kindergarten children in Mrs. Carter's class - he talks to them, he helps them learn and build things," she said.

In the invention unit, Mr. Padilla helps the students dismantle old toasters and computers.

"The kids are so in awe of what's inside," De Anda said. 'Grandpa' Padilla is a one-to-one reading volunteer and track coach at the Walnut school.

"He works with the track club after school and the weekends and took the kids to the Mt. SAC Relays. He's their biggest fan!" De Anda added.

Chaparral Middle School 8th grader Samantha Blazek was recognized as a Super Star Student.

Principal Ron Thibodeaux said Samantha represents the "well rounded" child concept encouraged and supported at the school.

"We want our students to be involved in many things, so that when they leave us they have a wealth of experiences they can take to the next level," he said.

"In addition to being solid

Academically, Samantha participates in Athletics (football and track), and the Arts (trombone player in the 8th grade wind ensemble). She is also a person of outstanding character, always respectful and a good friend," he described about the standout student.

Chaparral parent and Community Club member Anju Jain was honored with the Partner in Education Award.

"Without our parent volunteers we couldn't do the things we do. One of our best role models is Anju Jain," Principal Thibodeaux said.

At the beginning of the year, the school librarian left for a full time position at a local college.

"It seemed like we would not be able to host our Annual Book Fair which brings in thousands of dollars to update our Library with current releases," said Thibodeaux.

"Anju stepped up to head a group of volunteers that ran the Book Fair for us – and together they raised over \$3,000 for our Library!" he said.

In addition to all the planning, that's two solid weeks of coming in every morning, setting up the Book Fair, being there the entire day to run the event and counting the money with other volunteers she recruited, he explained during the Board Meeting.

"She is a classy lady who gave of herself for the benefit of all of our students," Thibodeaux said.

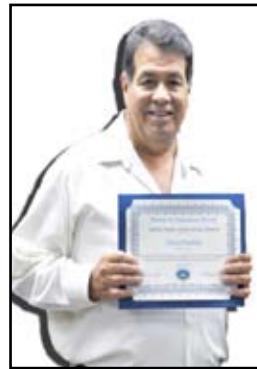


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David Padilla was recognized with the Community Partner Award.



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Emily Wang, Super Star Student, is awarded by President Helen Hall.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE  
Samantha Blazek was given the Super Star Student Award.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE  
Anju Jain received the Community Partner Award.

## Mt. SAC Hosts Volunteer Fair

STAFF REPORTS

**Walnut**—The Mt. San Antonio College Student Life Office will host a Community Volunteer Fair for local organizations that would like to recruit student volunteers

on Thursday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Student Life Center patio area.

The fair provides an opportunity for students to engage in public service, obtain hands-on learning experiences, and make a difference

in the community. Some of the organizations that will participate in this year's event include the American Red Cross, the Be a Hero Become a Donor Foundation, City of Pomona Community Services, Inland Empire United Way, Homestead Museum,

House of Ruth, Inland Valley Hope Partners, Los Angeles County Public Social Services, Neighborhood Legal Services, Parent's Place, Peace Corps, Qual Care Hospice, Samaritan's Purse, Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice, VITAS

Innovative Hospice Care, West Covina Senior Center, the YMCA, and more.

Community organizations that would like to participate should call the Mt. SAC Student Life Office at (909) 274-5953.

## 2013 Teachers of the Year Honored

By KELLI GILE

**Walnut**—Walnut Valley Unified School District paid tribute to the 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year during the 16th Annual Salute to Teachers held October 16 at the Diamond Bar High School Theatre.

Over 250 teachers, staff members, administrators, family members, and local officials attended the celebration recognizing excellence in teaching.

The fourteen outstanding educators were selected for putting "Kids First" each and every day.

Congratulations to the following 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year: Bonnie Carren - Castle Rock Elementary, Maggie Stran - Chaparral Middle School, Laurie Eyestone - C.J. Morris Elementary, Therapi Kaplan - Collegewood Elementary, Steve Acciani - Diamond Bar High, Mona Warren - Evergreen Elementary, Vera Korneff - Maple Hill Elementary, Kris Rote - Quail Summit Elementary, , Kathy Johnson - South Pointe Middle School, Steve Cusson - Suzanne Middle School, Nadine Adnoff - Vejar Elementary, Susan Trautz - Walnut Elementary, Jeff Silva - Walnut High and Kary Penzes - Westhoff Elementary.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Kathy Granger and Director of Human

Resources Robert Chang hosted the recognition ceremony that included personalized tributes, awards and wonderful student entertainment.

A talented DBHS trio featuring David Yu-piano, Evelyn Wang - cello and Kevin Tsao - violin under the direction of Steve Acciani performed during the reception held before the ceremony.

The 30-member Solitaire choir performed "Ride the Chariot" and the French madrigal "Je le vous dirai" under the direction of Patty Breitag.

The program culminated with recognition of Maggie Strand as the 2013 District Teacher of the Year. Maggie is celebrating her 10th year at Chaparral Middle School and 13th year in education.

"I feel incredibly grateful to have won this award in the midst of such amazing teachers. I am proud and honored to carry this title for Walnut Valley Unified and I promise to do everything I can to the best of my abilities every single day," she added.

Maggie begins each new school year by telling her Design-Based Learning students that there are no wrong answers, only a place to start in her class. And every year it shocks them! Her students become emerged in a place where they collaborate, engineer, create, experiment, laugh,

become impassioned, design and absorb 6th grade objectives. Students who may have never felt success in a traditional class, feel it in Mrs. Strand's classroom.

"Our students are only as good as I can dream they can be. And I want my classroom to facilitate that ideal," she said.

During the event, Superintendent Dr. Bob Taylor congratulated the honorees and all of the District's educators for their dedication every single day to the children in Walnut Valley.

"When I visit our schools, the passion and commitment to our kids that I see in our classrooms is unmatched. I am proud to be a Superintendent and to represent so many wonderful teachers," Dr. Taylor said.

"If you ask any student or adult, they can recall a teacher that has made a difference in their life. There is absolutely no doubt the magic happens in our classrooms and that's where our students excel. As we honor these fourteen teachers today, I hope you recognize how special you are!" he added.

Each Teacher of the Year received a personalized golden apple bell award courtesy of the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation and a rolling cart filled with gift cards and school supplies

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tion, Roule Construction, Main-tex, Massage Envy Spa, Complete Business Systems, P-Line Consulting, Southwest School & Office Supply, NSA Construction, American Diversity Business and Sehi Computer Products. Each Teacher of the Year also received certificates of achievement from U.S. Congressman Ed Royce,

Senator Bob Huff, Assemblyman Curt Hagman, City Council of Diamond Bar, and City Council of City of Walnut.

District Teacher of the Year

Maggie Strand was presented

with an engraved award, gift basket and a weekend getaway

at the Marriott Marquis & Marina in San Diego.



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The 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year were honored on October 16 during the Salute to Teachers recognition event held in the Diamond Bar High School Theatre. Front Row: Laurie Eyestone, Kary Penzes, Maggie Strand, Nadine Adnoff, Kathy Johnson and Therapi Kaplan. Back Row: Steve Cusson, Kris Rote, Steve Acciani, Jeff Silva, Susan Trautz, Vera Korneff and Mona Warren.

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# \$11 million indictment

## INDICTMENT from page 1

Angeles Field Office, and André Birotte Jr., United States Attorney for the Central District of California. A third defendant charged in this indictment is already in custody on unrelated charges. Jerry Aubrey, 51, already in custody, his brother Timothy Aubrey, 53, of Moreno

Valley, who self surrendered to the FBI's Riverside Resident Agency, and Aaron Glasser, 30, of Mission Viejo, who was arrested without incident, are all in custody after a federal grand jury indictment that charges them with mail and wire fraud was unsealed.

The indictment alleges Jerry Aubrey founded, managed, and operated the telemarketing invest-

ment scheme (also known as a "boiler room") located in Costa Mesa, CA, doing business as Progressive Energy Partners, LLC (PEP). Timothy Aubrey worked as a PEP manager and salesperson, in addition to preparing, with Aaron Glasser, the sales scripts read to potential investors. Finally, Aaron Glasser was a PEP salesperson who worked as both a sales "frontier" and "closer," making cold calls and closing deals. In his work as a

salesperson, the indictment alleges Glasser raised around a quarter of the total amount of investments.

PEP allegedly employed salespersons called "fronters" and "closers" to raise over \$11 million in five unregistered securities offerings for the purported purpose of developing and supporting oil and gas wells. In reality, most of the money was used to pay for the Aubrey brothers' personal expenses, to pay up to 30% com-

missions to salespersons, and to make Ponzi-like payments to previous investors.

If convicted on all eight counts of Mail Fraud and two counts of Wire Fraud, the defendants face a maximum statutory penalty of 200 years in federal prison. The criminal investigation was conducted by the FBI. The Securities and Exchange Commission conducted the civil investigation. Courtesy information from FBI.

## Local election Nov. 5

## ELECTION from page 1

cil has three seats open, with three incumbents and three challengers running. The following six candidates will be running in this election:

- Ron Everett, incumbent
- Ling-Ling Chang, incumbent
- Steve Tye, incumbent
- Joseph Kim
- Nancy Lyons
- Martin Nakaishi

Walnut Valley Water District has five Board of Director members elected to overlapping four-year terms (in odd-numbered years). They are responsible for setting district policies and establishing long-term goals to ensure operational efficiency and efficacy. The candidates for the open seats are:

- Edwin M. Hilden (unopposed)
- Barbara A. Carrera (unopposed)

Mt. San Antonio College Board of Trustees is also having an election. Due to redistricting, the Mt. SAC Board will be expanding from five to seven elected members, covering areas 2, 3, 4 and 6. To view the area map, visit [www.mtsac.edu/initiatives/board](http://www.mtsac.edu/initiatives/board). The Board of Trustees establishes policies relative to the strategic direction of the college operations, and is accountable to the community for the performance and welfare of the institution. Two incumbents are running unopposed. The candidates for these areas are:

- Area #2: David K. Hall (unopposed)

Area #3: Marlen Garcia and Laura L. Santos, incumbent

Area #4: Steve Herfert, Robert F. Hidalgo, and William "Bill" Robinson

Area #6: Judy Chen Haggerty, Esq. (unopposed)

Pomona School District Board members serve staggered four-year terms, with elections taking place in November. Three positions are elected one year, and two positions are elected two years later. Members are elected to administer and perform the district business,

including compliance with state and federal laws and Board of Education policies. Three spots are open with the following candidates running:

- Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, incumbent
- Dr. Roberta A. Perlman, incumbent
- Andrew S. Wong, incumbent
- John Mendoza

The Rowland Unified School District is governed by an elected Board of Education. The board has three spots open and

five total board members. Up for election are two incumbents and five challengers:

- Cary Chen, incumbent
- Gilbert Garcia, incumbent
- W. Chang
- Lynne Ebenkamp
- Phillip Estrada
- Anne Ma
- Angelena Marie Pride

The Chaffey College Governing Board is composed of five members elected by the community and a student member elected by the college student body. Three candidates will vie

for two seats on the Chaffey Community College board:

- Kathleen Brugger, incumbent
- Katherine J. Roberts, incumbent
- Zafar Inam

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is also the last day for Vote-By-Mail Ballots to be turned in by the voter at any polling place in the jurisdiction. To find your polling place and view the sample ballots, visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

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- Understands the importance of a strong school district as your local Real Estate Agent at RE/MAX Realty 100 in Diamond Bar
- Has two college-age children, both graduates of WVUSD
- Graduated from National Taiwan University, received his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Arizona, and has worked for Boeing Company since 1994
- Currently serving as Vice-Chair of Diamond Bar Planning Commission, as Chair of Mt. San Antonio College Citizens Oversight Committee for Measures R & RR Funding, and as mentor of Diamond Bar High School Robotics team
- Actively involved in fundraising campaigns for Diamond Bar High School, Diamond Bar Library and Chinese American Association
- Has two college-age sons, both graduates of WVUSD
- Has been on the Walnut Valley Unified School District board for 28 years, "is probably the most qualified board member in the San Gabriel Valley" (SGV Tribune, 10/22/2009)
- Served leadership positions for Community Club, United Way, Northminster Presbyterian Church and many others
- Currently the Information Systems Manager, City of Fullerton
- Has two grown up children, both graduates of WVUSD

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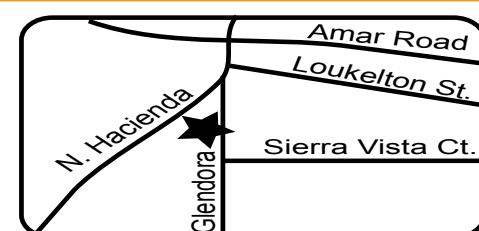
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## New Neighbors

By MARK HOPPER

For many years, the land across the street from our church has sat vacant and undeveloped. It belonged to the Walnut Valley School District.

However, the land has now



been sold to a developer who plans to build about 200 new homes on the 30 acre site.

So, it looks like we will have some new neighbors in a year or two! We are looking forward to getting to know them.

In addition, the house next to our home was sold recently, so I guess we will have some new neighbors, too! We will miss our former neighbors but we are looking forward to meeting the

new people who move in.

There is a famous passage in the Bible that talks about neighbors. When Jesus was asked which commandment in the Old Testament is the greatest, he replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength."

Then he said, "The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

I wonder, do you love your neighbors? Do you even know your neighbors?

We live in a culture today where many people do not even know the people who live across the street or right next door.

We have become isolated and disconnected from the people who live right around us.

I will share some ideas with you in my next article about how to get reconnected to your neighbors. But, let me challenge you today to love your neighbors

more. Think about what you can do to show your love and concern for the neighbors who live around you.

Don't just think about it. Do something about it this week. You will be glad you did and they will, too!

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## Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. AKIYOSHI,

Every year my parents host a very nice family vacation. My sister got divorced a few years ago and now she behaves like an inconsiderate teen and ruins our trip. She brings strange men that she meets on the beach, at the lake, or in a bar, to our family dinner in the evening and



expects the rest of us to just go along with this. These guys are not my idea of good company either. She is making all of us uncomfortable and I don't want to expose my two young kids to her new friends. My parents are being nice about it and they always pick up the bill. They have asked me to just let it pass, but she has done this to our family for three years in a row. I'm tired of it but I don't want to harass my folks.

Chuck

Dear Chuck,

I'd be willing to bet that your parents are enabling your sister

in other ways too, and this gives her the impression that she doesn't have any boundaries where the family is concerned. I think it's best for you to be polite to your parents when you confront this issue since they are trying to do something nice for the family and they most likely mean well. You probably won't change them at this point in their lives, but you can change the way YOU interact with your family. If these vacations no longer work for you because of your sister's behavior, then decline the invitation next year. Thank

your parents for their generosity and tell them the true reason why you've decided to back out. Help them realize the severity of your discomfort. When they understand your feelings your parents may choose to give some serious thought to what they deem acceptable if they desire basic harmony for all family members.

Sincerely,

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 [straight-talk@candidcoachingservices.com](mailto:straight-talk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candidcoachingservices.com](http://www.candidcoachingservices.com).

## Living In A Wonderful Community

By NANCY STOOPS

This last weekend I participated in the Walnut Family Festival. I was in the parade as well as having a booth. Every year as I participate in this community based event, I am reminded of just how lucky I am to live in this wonderful place. As we drove in the parade with my certified therapy dog Midnight in the back seat people yelled out such nice things and were genuinely happy to see Midnight and myself. I felt such love and appreciation from the crowd. Midnight almost seemed to be smiling at them as they all commented on what a beautiful and good dog he was, staying so calm in the back seat of a convertible. The air was filled with wonderful and happy energy from all of the people on the street. I felt so proud and honored to be such a helpful part of this community. Just for awhile I felt like things were similar to when I was growing up. I felt as if we were all one and we all wanted all that was good for our community. I felt so much support and saw so many happy children with such hope in their eyes. I almost had tears in my eyes as I participated in the parade.



After the parade I spent the rest of my day at my booth handing out fliers for my free groups and business cards. I saw many old friends and met so many wonderful people that told me they have been reading this column of mine for years. I felt so good knowing that my words are being read and making a difference after so many years. I felt so proud of

our community and felt so very blessed to be living in such a special place!

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy is now accepting new clients. She also works as a motivational speaker. Nancy runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups



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# Diamond Bar council corner: local boy honored

## COUNCIL from page 1

that the City of Diamond Bar would take part in The Great California ShakeOut October 17th.

Assistant Regional Administrator of the Great California ShakeOut, Robert Alfaro, was present at the meeting and graciously accepted the proclamation on behalf of the organization.

Tina Javid, Public Affairs Manager for the Southern California Gas Company, once again joined the City Council meeting for a presentation regarding the "Advanced Meter Project."

Javid said that the information would no longer require meter readers to go to individual houses as the information would be transmitted electronically.

"The goal is that you save money," Javid said.

## Will Walnut build a new aquatic center?

### AQUATIC from page 1

plan that would help the city approve the project. She has spent the last several months gathering information on the benefits of an aquatic center, and has made some progress.

According to recent information from Stines, she hosted a Community Awareness booth at the Walnut Family Festival on October 12 to provide information and facilitate the collection of signatures on a petition for this project. Suzanne Middle School's Art Department provided a display, "What Would Your Ideal Aquatic Facility Look Like", to instigate some creative ideas from the students. The five finalists in the contest were presented with awards at the Parks

The advancement would take thousands of meter readers off the road and decrease the need for gas company employees to enter private residences.

Concerning the future employment of meter readers, Javid stated that the California gas Company will attempt to reassign meter reader employees into different positions within the company.

After public comments from various members of the Diamond Bar community, the council then moved to unanimously approve the Consent Calendar, items 6.1 through 6.4, which included the minutes for both the Oct. 1st City Council meeting and Planning Commission on Aug. 27th, the ratification of check register dates Sept. 26th through Oct. 9th totaling \$1,200,667.18 and the second reading and adoption Ordinance number 08(2013) for

the establishment of rewards for information leading to an arrest or conviction of a person damaging property as a result of burglary.

City Council members then unanimously approved item 7.1 for the full reading for ordinance number 0X (2013), which amended Title 15 of the Diamond Bar Code and adopting the California Building Code before moving onto item 8.1, which was the first reading of ordinance 0X (2013) amending title 10 by adding to section 10.16.115 to Diamond Bar municipal code prohibiting parking of vehicles on City streets and public property for the purpose of sleeping.

Item 8.1 was approved with a 3-1 vote, with Council Member Ling-Ling Chang dissenting.

The following items were then unanimously approved by City Council members:

and Recreation Commission meeting on October 15, where an Aquatic Park Subcommittee Report was also presented.

Stines reports that back in 2007, the Park and Recreations Commission formulated a proposal to the Walnut City Council regarding the development of an Aquatics Park and Building Complex in the Three Oaks housing development. Due to the economy at that time, the \$10 million budget item lay dormant. Six years later, Stines is happy to report that the City of Walnut Parks and Recreation Department has agreed to place the topic on their November 19 agenda.

Up for discussion is the feasibility of using the nine acres selected for an Aquatic Center back in 2007, currently owned by

the City, Three Oaks and Walnut Ranch. There is also acreage in the hills above Country Hollow Drive, currently adjacent to tennis courts and a soccer field that might allow for an expanded version of an Aquatic Center.

Stines is encouraged by the City's willingness to at least discuss feasibility, but admits there is a long way to go to achieve the goal. She has directed a petition to Mayor Tony Cartagena, and invites you to join her in showing that the community agrees upon the need for an Aquatics Center. If you would like to sign the online petition, visit <http://chn.ge/1e1ewyp>.

are also available at [anaprc.com](http://anaprc.com).  
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Item 8.2, concerning the approval of fiscal year 2013-14 appropriation adjustments for carry forward expenditures capital project carryover and fiscal year 2012-13 final adjustments.

Item 8.3(a), concerning the approval of the first reading for Ordinance 0X (2013): amending Division 5 of 8.12 of the Diamond

Bar Municipal Code relating to the standard urban storm water mitigation plan.

Item 8.3(b), concerning the adoption of resolution number 2013-XX: approving a Green Streets Manual for new construction and reconstruction of road projects.

The Diamond Bar City Council meeting was then officially adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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# Local Youth Earns Sheriff Leroy D. Baca Youth Scholarship Award

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Before his participation in YAL activities, Dominguez had difficulty communicating with others and didn't want to participate in school, which affected his grades. Since then, Dominguez

has greatly improved his social skills and his G.P.A. has gone up and remained a 4.0. Now wanting to work to help others, his plans for the future include serving two to three terms in the U.S. Marine Corps, followed by earning a degree in Political Science and eventually pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Dominguez was one of 15 honorees to be awarded scholarships at the Sheriff's Youth Foundation's 28th annual “Salute to Youth” Gala, held recently at the Beverly Hilton.

“If we want to invest in our children, we have to keep that going beyond our doors and into the future,” said Sgt. A.J. Rotella, Executive Director of

the Sheriff's Youth Foundation. “This scholarship is one way we can help them in their continued pursuit of a better, successful life path, and we have great plans for expanding this program next year.”

Each of the evening's honorees were introduced by a video of interviews, discussing their lives before and after they got involved with the Sheriff's Youth Foundation. From behavioral issues to academics, they extolled the positive impacts of the Foundation's programs, as well as their hopes and plans for the future.

About the Sheriff's Youth Foundation: The Sheriff's Youth Foundation of Los Angeles

County utilizes seven individual programs that work with at-risk youth in Los Angeles County, helping children and teens pursue happy, productive lives — and steer clear of crime, drugs and other issues that can damage young lives. The Foundation is dedicated to providing them with safe facilities, planned programs, and the vital tools they need to thrive and succeed in life. The programs include the Foundation's 17 Youth Activities League centers, as well as Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR); Vital Intervention Directional Alternative (VIDA); Sheriffs Teaching At-Risk Teens (START); Bicycle Education and Registration



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## Walnut council corner: new ordinance for housing laws

### ORDINANCE from page 1

at least one zoning category in which emergency shelters can be located without discretionary approval from local governments.

Community Development Director, Tom Weiner, said the zone changes show the state that the city is taking steps to accommodate housing within the city, but that a specific plan would have to be adopted in the future before any development

could take place.

City staff point out that the City no longer has development funds for affordable housing projects. \$7 million in funds have all been taken away as a result of state cutbacks. “We want to make sure that we keep zoning control within Walnut,” Weiner said.

“This is not unique to our city,” said Council member Eric Ching. “This happens in a lot of cities in California. Officially there are no plans for development in any of these areas.”

However, residents voiced concerns over further development, especially in residential zones devoid of a lot of open space. Some residents expressed worry over the possibility of smaller houses being torn down to build bigger houses, while others worried that the proposed zone changes might open the doors for future affordable housing like apartments and condos, invading their privacy and changing their way of life, despite such development being cost prohibitive

due to the lack of resources from the City.

“If our housing element doesn't go through, we could lose our land use authority,” said Carlson. The changes have to be approved by Sacramento and another hearing is scheduled for future council meetings.

“Every city is now confronted with this burden,” added City Attorney Michael Montgomery. Council member Bob Pacheco said he remembered when the law first came up in the Legislature. Pacheco said it was aimed at reducing urban sprawl. “It puts the cities in a very bad position, now obligated by law to provide opportunities for these types of housing projects.”

In other council actions, by a

unanimous 4-0 vote, the council also approved an ordinance to expand the applicability of the existing standard urban storm water mitigation plan and requirements by imposing low impact development strategies on projects that require building permits.

The council also approved, as part of their consent calendar, a resolution allowing claims and demands in the amount of more than \$831,000 including payments to a number of consultants, instructors and more than \$9,000 in animal pest management.

The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 21201 La Puente Road.

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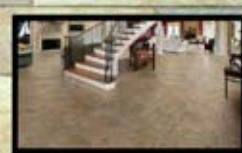
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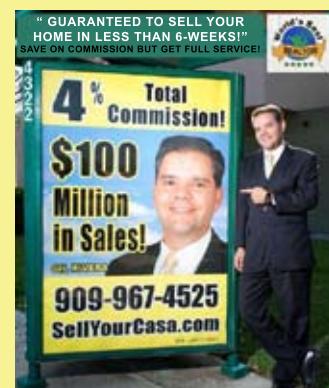
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