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### **OC News**

## School Stage Collapses

BY EMILY LUNDBERG

Orange - On Saturday, March 8, 28 students were injured when Servite High School's stage collapsed during a performance by Rosary High School, an all-girl catholic school.

The collapse occurred at

see School Page 6

### **IE News**

## Girl Scouts Scammed

By TIANA GOEGEBUER

Rancho Cucamonga -In Rancho Cucamonga, at least two people have used counterfeit money to steal cookies and money from local Girl Scouts. The Scout members had set up a table outside their local grocery store to begin this year's cookie drive. Shortly after that, the suspects, one man

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Happy St.

Patrick's Day!

From The Weekly News

## Tang Accused of State, Federal **Campaign Violations**

Walnut - An organization of Walnut residents, "Citizens to Protect Walnut" announced yesterday that they filed legal complaints against Walnut City Council candidate Betty Tang with California's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC),

California's Attorney General and with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The residents claim Tang has illegally received and reported political campaign contributions from at least two tax-exempt charitable organizations, and they cite the City of Walnut's website for the proof.

Walnut resident Phil Bennett,

speaking on behalf of Citizens to Protect Walnut, said that since the Diamond Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Confucius Chinese Language School of Walnut are organized as nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations,

see Tang Page 2

## Former Lorbeer Teacher Found Guilty

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - Steven Andrews, 43, a former Diamond Bar Middle School history teacher, was found guilty Wednesday of 17 sex-related counts: six counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, five counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object, three counts of lewd acts

upon a child, two counts of oral copulation with a person under 16, and one count of possession or control of child pornography. The jury deliberated for less than a day before reaching their verdict in the case.

Andrews surrendered to au-

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Steven Andrews

# Walnut Council Corner: Crime Tip Program

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut - Members of the Walnut City Council held a special meeting on Monday, March 10, to discuss and consider a number of resolutions for the City, including a new crime tip program. This meeting took the place of the regular Wednesday

City Council meeting.

Council members, after seeing that no minutes and public hearings were scheduled for the agenda, quickly approved three items on the consent calendar including Resolution No. 14-12, which allows certain claims and demands in the amount of \$313,009.09; Resolution No. 14-13, concerning the direction and filing of the Engineer's Report for the 2014-15 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance Assessments: and the Award Bid of the 2013-14 Maintenance Area 2 Slurry Seal Program.

At the insistence of Council

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# Chino Valley Happenings

STAFF REPORTS

Chino/Chino Hills - A series of events are happening in the Chino Valley area. Here is a recap of what's going on.

A press release was issue last week about the Chino Police searching for a burglar who smashed windows and burglarized at least 13 small restaurants in Chino Hills, Chino and Ontario. The events occurred in the areas between Nov. 5, 2013 and Feb. 19, 2014. The suspect is believed to be a Hispanic male about 5' 10" tall, and police believe the suspect may be working with a partner. The Chino Police Department is asking the public to look closely at still photographs taken from video surveillance cameras (available at cityofchino.org) and contact the Department at (909) 628-1234 if you have any information related to the burglaries or the

The Spring All Breeds Horse

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#### Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

#### Sat Mar 15

Sunny High 85° Low 56°



#### Sun Mar 16

Sunny High 88° Low 52°



#### Mon Mar 17

Sunny High 83° Low 50°



#### Tue Mar 18

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#### Wed Mar 19

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#### Thu Mar 20

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By SARAH ARMIJO

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## Customers A Priority At The Family Limousine Service

STAFF REPORTS

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# Candidate Tang accused of campaign violations

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they are completely prohibited from participating "in any campaign activity for or against political candidates." The Diamond Youth Symphony Orchestra is organized as a 501(c)(3) taxexempt charitable organization, and the Confucius Chinese Language School is organized as a 170(b)(1)(a)(ii) tax-exempt charitable organization.

When asked for proof of these violations of the law, Bennett said the evidence was "right there in black and white, on the current websites of the City of Walnut, the Diamond Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Confucius Chinese Language School of Walnut."

"Campaign contributions are political activity. And if you look at Betty Tang's Campaign Statement filed with the City of Walnut on February 25, 2014, she reports that she received a \$1,000 campaign contribution from the Diamond Youth Symphony Orchestra on February 18, 2014 and a \$500 campaign contribution from the Confucius Chinese Language School on February 16, 2014," he said. He also noted that if you go on the websites of these two organizations, they both show that they are classified by the IRS as tax-exempt charitable organizations. "That's all you need to know to establish that there has been a violation of the law," Bennett said.

Bennett said what made Tang's violation of campaign contribution laws particularly bad was the fact that she is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Diamond Youth Symphony Orchestra, as she states on her campaign literature.

"First, as a Board Member she has actually participated in steering her organization's charitable funds into this illegal political activity, and she has placed this entire organization at legal and financial risk. I can't believe she is that ignorant about what taxexempt charitable organizations are allowed to do. I wonder what contributors to this organization will think about this diversion of their money into political activity?'

Bennett said he was displeased that a City Council candidate is violating state and federal campaign laws and engaging in unfair political activity.

"I think Walnut citizens would expect their candidates to be aware of the campaign laws before they decide to run for elective office and then to respect these laws. I don't want anyone on our City Council who got there illegally and unethically.'

Bennett said he hoped the complaints he has filed on behalf of Citizens to Protect Walnut with the FPPC, Califor-

nia Attorney General and IRS will not only result in fines for these violations of the law but also trigger a wider investigation into other possible violations of contribution laws by Tang's campaign. Tang's office did not return a call regarding the allegations.

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## **Community Events**

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:** "Pearl Harbor, One Last for guests Goodbye" film screening

When: Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum doors open at 9:00am.

Where: Planes of Fame Air Museum. 7000 Merrill Avenue #17, Chino, CA 91710

Details: Open to the public. Executive Producer & Director Liz Watkins will give a short presentation followed by the film showing entitled "Pearl Harbor. One Last Goodbye". a documentary film capturing stories from survivors from Pearl Harbor. There will be a Q&A session after film.

### **Chino Hills Spring Horse**

When: Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m.

Where: McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center, 14280 Pevton Drive, Chino Hills

Details: A wide variety of competitions are offered including reigning classes, Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, and more. Registration for horses and riders will be taken on the day of the show starting at 8 a.m. There is no charge for spectators.

#### Contact: (909) 548-0868 Grand Avenue Beautification Open House

When: Wednesday, March 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Details: City of Diamond Bar is hosting an Open House to share information about a project that will improve the aesthetic character of Grand Avenue through a variety of streetscape elements concentrated near the intersections of Diamond Bar Boulevard and Longview Drive.

Contact: www.diamondbarca. gov/grand or call (909) 839-7040

## WHS Spring Musical: "Cur-

When: March 21 at 7 p.m. A matinee performance will be on March 22 at 2 p.m.

Where: WHS Performing Arts Center at 300 N. Pierre Road in

Tickets: Pre-sale: \$13 adults. \$11 students and seniors. At the door: \$15 adults, \$13 students and seniors. Ticket sales: www. seatyourself.biz/walnutmusical.

Contact: Director Joanne Karr at (909) 594-1333 ext. 34212

#### Walnut Trip To I LOVE LUCY - Live On Stage

When: Saturday, March 22 Where: Orange County Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$75 per person

Details: Our motor coach will drop you at South Coast Plaza for lunch on your own, and then whisk you to your show at the **Orange County Performing Arts** Center

Contact: Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200

#### **DB Bridal Show**

When: March 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Center,

1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond

Cost: Free for brides and \$5

Details: Brides and groomsto-be are invited to stop by to scope out caterers, florists, venues, and other wedding-related

Contact: (909) 839-7066 or visiting diamondbarca.gov/brid-

#### Miss Diamond Bar 50th Annual Pageant

When: March 23, at 2 p.m. Where: Diamond Bar High School Theater, 21400 Pathfinder Road, Diamond Bar

Contact: missdiamondbarpageant.org

#### Chino Hills Youth Rookie **Soccer Clinic**

When: Starting March 25 and continued every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Veterans Park, 14877 Eucalyptus Avenue, Chino Hills Cost: \$40 for Chino Hills

residents and \$45 for non-resi-

Details: City staff will teach the fundamentals of soccer through drills and live action game play in a team setting. All equipment is included and soccer cleats and shin guards are not required. Participants will receive a t-shirt and participation certificate.

Register: Online at www. chinohills/RecOnline or at the Chino Hills City Hall Recreation Office, Founders Recreation Center, or Chino Hills Community Center.

Contact: (909) 364-2700

#### Walnut Family Science Night

When: Friday, March 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Road,

Details: Come and explore the exciting world of science that is all around us. This event will feature learning stations, handson experiments, entertainment, contests and prizes.

Cost: The fee is \$10 per family if you purchase your tickets prior to the day of the event and \$15 at the door.

Contact: Walnut Senior Center. (909) 598-6200

**FUTURE EVENTS:** 

#### FREE Firefighter Preparatory Seminar

When: Mar. 29 and May 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break

Where: Western University, 309 E. 2nd Street, Pomona

Details: Seminar presented by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. This is a one-day overview about what to expect from the hiring process. Registration is required to attend. Register online at fire.lacounty. gov, and bring your confirmation form to the seminar. Seating is limited to those who register.

More info: fire.lacounty.gov **City of Walnut Family Health** 

and Fitness Fair When: Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Road, Walnut

Details: Information booths, FREE screenings, lectures every 30 minutes, Q & A session, Family Fun Walk, family fitness corner, blood drive, live entertainment, and more!

Contact: Gabriela Encinas at the Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200.

#### Walnut Women's Club **Planting**

When: April 5 at 10 a.m. Where: Fire Station 61. located at 20011 La Puente Road,

Who: This is sponsored by the Walnut Valley Women's Club Domestic Violence Against Children Committee.

Details: The Women's Club is planning to plant a bed of pinwheels for prevention at Fire Station 61 in Walnut. They will be there until May 3.

#### 2014 Public Health Expo "Prevention Starts with You"

When: April 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument (Olvera Street) at 125 Paseo de la Plaza

Who: Hosted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the City of Los Angeles

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#### www.publichealth.lacounty.gov. Diamond Bar Birthday Celebration

When: Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Drive, Diamond Bar

#### Contact: (909) 839-7000 21th Annual Diamond Bar Library Wine Soirée

When: Sunday, April 27

Where: Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond

Details: An afternoon of delicious food from local restaurants, great wine from the Jerry Mead New World International Wine Competition, music, and exciting book, silent and live auctions. A unique souvenir wine glass and program are included with each ticket. All of the proceeds go directly to your local community library.

Cost: Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door.

Contact: (909) 861-2002 **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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#### Resources for the Classroom Days at Basically **BOOKS**

When: second Tuesdays of every month.

Where: Basically BOOKS locations: at 23447 Golden Springs Road, Diamond Bar and at the Diamond Bar Library: 21800 Copley Drive, Diamond

Details: Books and education videos will be offered at special discounts for teachers at all levels. Teachers can sign up at either Basically BOOKS locations or email BasicallyBOOKS@aol. com to join these special teacher appreciate afternoons.

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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/parking free Features: seasonal organic produce, breads and cakes, olive oils, cheese and spreads, a variety of nursery plants, handcrafted items and jewelry, and fresh-popped Kettle corn and grilled food plates.

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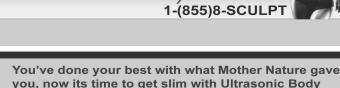
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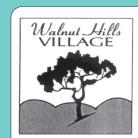
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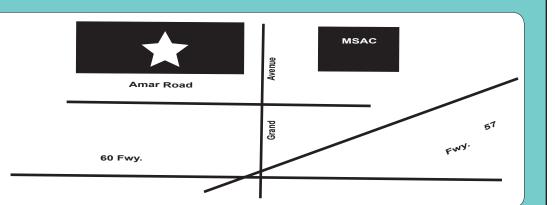
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# Your Local School Updates

# Walnut Valley Middle School Mathletes Dominate at Regionals

By Kelli Gile

Walnut - Walnut Valley Unified School District's three middle schools, Suzanne, Chaparral, and South Pointe, again took three of the top four places at the East San Gabriel Valley Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition, held Feb. 21 at California Polytechnic University, Pomona.

The Suzanne MATHCOUNTS Team won 1st Place, Chaparral Mathletes took 2nd Place honors, and South Pointe brought home the 4th Place award.

Congratulations to the Suzanne MATHCOUNTS competition team who will now advance to the California State Competition. Two individual competitors will also advance to State: Chaparral 8th Grader Matthew Ho, who placed first overall, and South Pointe 8th Grader Austin Sun, who placed second overall. The California State Competition will be held at the University of California, Irvine, on March 14.

"I am enormously proud of the students. They have been working very hard toward this goal for the past several years. This is only the second time in our school's 52-year history that we have placed first. I would also like to commend the Walnut High School Math Club and especially their president, Andy Tsai, for all



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE The South Pointe Middle School MATHCOUNTS team.

the volunteer hours spent coaching the Suanne Mathletes. This is truly a team win," said Suzanne math teacher and advisor, Amy Erickson.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE The Suzanne Middle School 1st Place Team: Matthew Nguyen, Aaron Chang, Amy Erickson, Ethan Lin, and Christopher Wong, with advisor Amy Erickson.

#### Chaparral HUMANitarian Cl Serves Area Homeless

By Kelli Gile

*Diamond Bar* – 17 members of the Chaparral Middle School HUMANitarian Club helped make and serve about 280 dinners to area homeless on Thursday, Feb. 27. Volunteers from many of Chaparral's advocacy classes also supported the cause.

For the past eight years, the service club has reached out to the homeless through the East San Gabriel Valley's Winter Shelter program. The rotating shelter begins at the end of October and runs through the end of February.

Students donated items to make a complete lunch for all the residents to take with them the following day after the dinner. Club members also spent time before the dinner service began getting to know their clients. "They learned a very valuable lesson about stereotyping homeless people," said teacher and advisor, Sherry Robertson.

Club President, Kimberly Flores, said the students were shocked to learn that many of the people have jobs, some of them more than one. "You can't categorize who you meet at this shelter...women, men, children,"

Flores said. "My experience at the homeless shelter was pretty amazing. It changed my perspective on homeless people. I realized that they can be the same as us. There were educated people with jobs, but they didn't have the same luxuries as we do," she said.

## Mt. SAC Flying Team Advances to Nationals

Mt. San Antonio College

Walnut - With a third-place finish at the recent regional air-meet, the Mt. San Antonio College Flying Team advanced to the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's national competition, and claimed its 23rd consecutive Regional Community College Award.

consecutive year our team has won the top community college trophy, a truly remarkable run," said Mt. SAC Flying Team Advisor and Aeronautics Professor, Robert Rogus.

With 112 points, Mt. SAC placed third behind first-place Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University from Arizona with 333 points, and second-place San "This year marks the 23rd Jose State University with 114 points. The 2014 Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON), a competition for university and community college flying teams, was hosted this year by Embry-Riddle, Feb. 4 through 8.

In addition to the Top Two-Year School Award, the Mt. SAC team took second in the flight event rankings. Manutea Maurin of Diamond Bar placed second Flying Team has consistently

overall in the short-field landings event, and Josh Spolar of West Covina took second in the instrument flight event.

The top three regional teams receive invitations to the national competition. The national SAFE-CON air-meet will be hosted by Ohio State University, May 12 through 17.

Over the years, the Mt. SAC

earned top honors as one of the best collegiate flying teams in the country. The team has won the Top Community College trophy at the regional competition every year since 1991. Mt. SAC has won the Top U. S. Community College Award at the national airmeet in 1984, 1985, 1995, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, and 2007.

# Westhoff Students Experience Colonial Faire

BY KELLI GILE

Walnut - Westhoff Elementary fifth graders got a chance to experience 18th Century life during a Colonial Faire held on March 7. About 100 students, dressed up as peasants, royals, and soldiers were excited as they rotated dolls and hand-dipped candles.

through hands-on activities at the annual event.

Over 50 parent volunteers headed up each station. Students weaved rag rugs and cut paper whirligigs. They played simple games, learned quill writing, colonial dancing, made cornhusk

Students sat very still as parent volunteers traced their silhouettes. In the manners and etiquette station, they learned the importance of using a napkin.

"Putting on a napkin was a big deal during colonial days because clothing was washed only once a month. So they really tried to keep them clean," said parent Katharina Tang.

After the morning activities, students looked forward to sampling delicious cornmeal Johnny Cakes



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE Westhoff students Michelle Jiang, Savarin Chilukuri and Natalie Olvera showed their cornhusk dolls.

namon and sugar.

The event is the culminating activity on their recent studies on the colonial era of American History.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE Armando Heredia enjoyed playing colonial games.

unteers and teachers working together to make this event possible is really powerful. It's good for the parents, good for the kids, and good for the staff," said Super-

# JSD Schools Recognized

**RUSD** 

**Rowland Heights** – Rowland Unified School District Superintendent, Ruben P. Frutos, announced that this week four of its schools - Alvarado Intermediate, Blandford Elementary, Stanley G. Oswalt Academy, and Ybarra Academy of Arts and Technology - have been selected by the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) to be on the "2013 Honor Roll." Schools receiving this distinction are recognized as higher performing schools in the state, increasing academic performance and closing achievement gaps among all of their students. Two RUSD Schools, Blandford Elementary and Oswalt Academy, were recognized from only 100 "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) schools in the state, noted for their excellence in science and mathematics.

"We are very proud of our schools' accomplishments and of our teachers' use of data to individualize instruction. Our District continues to be studentcentered, and it shows as our schools continue to lead in closing the achievement gap. We thank the CBEE for the recognition, and we thank our schools for their efforts," said Frutos.

"Having high standards, effective school leadership, and staying focused on student academic achievement has paid off for these Honor Roll Schools," said Lee Blitch, CBEE Chairman and past CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. "These schools are an inspiration."

Over time, the CBEE has identified a common set of success factors in higher performing Honor Roll schools and districts. These include high expectations for all students; ongoing collaboration among teachers to improve practice; targeted use of data to pinpoint challenges and monitor progress; continual intervention for struggling students; and mastery of content knowledge and pedagogical practices.



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## School stage collapses

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approximately 10 p.m. during the finale of Rosary's 44th Annual Red and Gold Rally performance. According to the Rosary website, Red and Gold is "one of Rosary's most cherished traditions." In preparation for the rally, the entire student body is divided into several categories including choral, dance, media, props, and stage techs. These groups then spend six weeks using creativity, analytical thinking, and leadership to put on the event.

Servite, an all-boy catholic

high school, was founded in 1958 and served as the venue for this year's Red and Gold performance. According to the Servite's website, the stage is 50' wide and 25' deep. A statement released by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange on March 10 stated that an internal investigation is currently underway to determine the cause of the collapse.

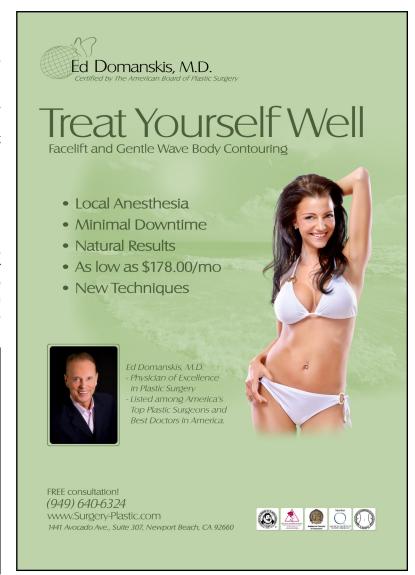
At the time of the collapse, 250 students were jumping and screaming on stage during the finale. Without what appeared to be any signs or warning, the front part of the stage collapsed. This

was the last of four performances scheduled that weekend.

According to a spokesperson from the Catholic Diocese of Orange, 28 students were treated for mild to moderate injuries at local hospitals, and all have been released.

On March 9, Rosary and Servite High Schools released a brief joint statement saying that the event had occurred and that their "thoughts and prayers are with the students and their families." Both schools have since declined phone calls from reporters requesting comments on the event.

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"MARY SU has worked hard to make Walnut one of the best and safest places to live in America. She is a respected leader for fiscal responsibility, public safety and local schools and is always working to protect the quality of life in Walnut."

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"MARY SU is a person who more than deserves being re-elected to the Walnut City Council. I think we're just really lucky to have her, so I pledge my full support for her. And I hope you pledge your full support to her."

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## Chino Valley happenings

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Show was originally scheduled for the first week of March, but it has been postponed to Sunday, March 16, due to the heavy rain two weeks ago. The horse show starts at 9 a.m. at the McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center, 14280 Peyton Drive, in Chino. Horse lovers of all ages can enjoy the equestrian heritage of Chino Hills and see many different breeds of horses competing. A wide variety of competitions are offered including reigning classes, Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, and more. Registration for horses and rid-



ers will be taken on the day of the show starting at 8 a.m. There is no charge for spectators. For additional information about this event, call (909) 548-0868.

Children from six to eight of age can now register for the City of Chino Hills Youth Rookie Soccer Clinic, which begins March 25. This clinic is a six-week program that meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Veterans Park, 14877 Eucalyptus Avenue. The cost is \$40 for Chino Hills residents and \$45 for non-residents. City staff will teach the fundamentals of soccer through drills and live action game play

in a team setting. All equipment is included at the clinic; soccer cleats and shin guards are not required to play. Participants will receive a t-shirt and certificate. To register, go online at www. chinohills/RecOnline, or go in person to the Chino Hills City Hall Recreation Office, located

at 14000 City Center Drive; the Founders Recreation Center, located at 2000 Founders Drive; or to the Chino Hills Community Center, located at 14250 Peyton Drive. Make sure to the mention Class Code: 421006-01. For more information, please call (909) 364-2700.



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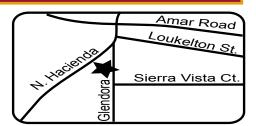


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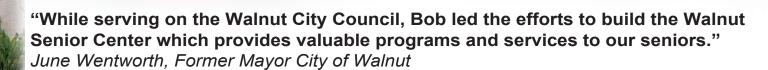


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# Something Smells Good

BY PASTOR MARK HOPPER

Experts say that we asso-

ciate smells with specific events or memories in our lives. For example, the scent of pine trees reminds



me of summer camping trips

in the mountains of Arizona. A salty ocean breeze reminds me of trips with my parents to the beaches of Southern California when I was a little guy. And the smell of waffle cones reminds me of walking down Main Street in Disneyland on vacation when my own children were young.

What comes to your mind when you pick up a familiar scent or smell? It may the smell

of a rose in your back yard or the blossoms of a fruit tree at the house next door. One of my favorite scents at this time of year is the orange blossoms on the trees in our back yard. They are filled with blossoms right now and they smell so good!

The smell of orange blossoms takes me back to where I grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona. There were orange groves next to the elementary school I at-

tended, and there were orange groves near the Little League baseball fields where we spent so many hours. My wife grew up in a home that had over 20 citrus trees right on their property. The scent this time of year is almost overwhelming; I have a lot of fond memories.

What are your favorite scents and smells? What memories do they bring to your mind?

I am convinced that God

created all the color, texture, sounds and smells for us to enjoy. I hope you will stop and smell the roses or the orange blossoms you encounter today.

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# Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. DANICE:

I have been going to therapy for months to combat depression.

I have chosen to keep this to myself. When friends come to my apartment uninvited, I don't an-



swer the door. I have also stopped returning phone calls. Talking to people and answering their questions is too hard for me while I work on my problems. I have only one friend who I feel good talking to. She says I should just admit my depression so that everyone understands me, but I think even more people would bother me.

Alfonso

#### **Dear Alfonso:**

You have the right to process your therapy and your emotions in your own way. You do not owe anyone an explanation about why you are operating in a standoffish way at this time, but this just keeps people checking in on you. If you have friends you truly love, maybe you would consider sending them an e-mail or text

message. Let them know that you are working through some things and that you will not be in touch on a regular basis. Ask them to respect your need for privacy at this time. I think this is a polite social obligation given to people who care about you. Doing it once should be enough. I hope you will be feeling better soon.

Danice Akiyoshi, ND

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She 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.

## Apathy Is Deadly

BY NANCY STOOPS

I believe apathy is the root cause for many of the problems in our world today. What has happened to



us and when did so many of us stop caring? I know our world is hard and sometimes can feel like a very lonely place. I also know that I come across many people that still believe in themselves, others and in our world.

I hate when I hear people just give up. I hate when people just stop caring and seem to exist in a full time pity party. Life throws us many things that get in our way but if we give up, then we have wasted our lives. I think we use apathy as a defense mechanism to stop feeling our pain. I guess it's easier to not care, than to feel our pain. I guess it makes it easier to hide from ourselves

by acting like we just don't care. Eventually if we are apathetic enough for a long period of time, the people trying to help us might even start to leave us alone. We may think this is what we really want, but I don't think anybody truly wants that.

I look at apathy as being emotionally shut off or wanting to show the world that you are. We are here to live our lives to the fullest. We are supposed to care and yes, sometimes we can get hurt a lot, but turning off emo-

tionally helps nobody. I hear a lot of people tell me they don't care because there's nothing they can do to make our world better. I disagree, because as long as we still care then we will work hard to be the best we can be and to keep improving our families, communities and eventually our world.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has a private practice in Diamond Bar, and is currently accepting new clients. Nancy also runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, groups for teens, and is available as a motivational speaker for employees and organizations. For more information about any of these services, feel free to page her at (626) 935-3818. You may also e-mail her at stoopsshecter@ earthlink.net. Nancy's new book, "Live Heal and Grow," is available at www.RoseDogBookstore.com or at Amazon.com.

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## 21st Wine Soirée Save the Date

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**Diamond Bar** – Enjoy the company of old and new friends and celebrate Diamond Bar by participating in the 21st Annual Wine Soirée, to be held on Sunday, April 27, at the Diamond Bar Center. All of the proceeds go directly to your local community library. Chairs Nancy Lyons, Rick Rogers and Tony Torng announced that they have much to celebrate in 2014, with this year's theme being: "Friends of the Library and the City of Diamond Bar - Growing Up Together." Diamond Bar will commemorate its 25th birthday,

incorporating in April 1989, along with the 21st Anniversary of the Wine Soirée that started in March 1994.

Come, bring your friends and neighbors, and join this festive and exciting afternoon with delicious food from local restaurants, a great selection of wine to taste, music, and silent and live auctions. Some of the delicious food offerings will be provided by Aljibani Halal Market, Buca di BEPPO Italian Restaurant, Chili's Grill and Bar, Claro's Italian Restaurant, Coco's Bakery, Diamond Bar Golf Course, Diamond Palace, Graber Olive House, Got Taco Party, It's A Grind, Julie's

Café, Mandarin Taste Restaurant, Mother's Market & Kitchen, Round Table Pizza, and The Whole Enchilada. Please stop by their restaurants, enjoy their delicious food and thank them for their support of the Diamond Bar Library, and literacy in our community.

Many exiting and desirable prizes are being donated for this year's Wine Soirée. One exciting prize in the live auction will be a two-night stay at Cass Vineyard in beautiful Paso Robles, along with a day of tasting (chauffeured in their 1947 Chrysler Windsor Limo), gourmet lunch, and barrel tasting for four at the Cass

Winery.

With your help, the Friends gave over \$30,000 in 2013 for much-needed materials, programs, books, magazines, and more, that would not have been possible without the Wine Soirée and our non-profit bookstore. Basically BOOKS. In 2012, the Friends, in association with the Wine Soirée, donated \$80,000 to partner with the County of Los Angeles and the City of Diamond Bar to create the new library. This wonderful addition to Diamond Bar would not have been possible without the help of the community.

Those attending this great

event can feel good that all the fun they are having - the food and wines they taste, the auction items they win, the music they enjoy – will help to improve the quality of life and learning. The annual Wine Soirée is an institution in Diamond Bar and is a great way to meet new and old friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door. Advertising is also available in our beautiful Annual Program. A unique souvenir wine glass and program are included with each ticket. Tickets and program information are available by calling (909) 861-2002.

## Public's Help Needed in Locating Missing Person

LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

La Puente - Detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Missing Persons Unit are seeking the public's assistance in locating Raul Aspuru Servin, a 73-year old Hispanic male who was last seen driving from his residence on the 100 block of Winton Street, La Puente, on Monday, March 10, at 11 a.m.

Aspuru is described as 5' 06", 170lbs, has grey hair, a grey beard and brown eyes. He is missing his top front teeth, has droopy eyelids, and age spots on the right side of his face. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a blue long-sleeved shirt.

Aspuru was driving a black 2003 Volkswagen 4-door Jetta, California license plate 5CNV595. He is not in possession of his wallet, money, or identification, and suffers from Alzheimer's

disease and diabetes.

Aspuru's family is very concerned and is also asking for the public's assistance.

Anyone with information about this individual is encouraged to contact Detective Velasquez at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau, Missing Persons Unit, (323) 890-5500. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), or texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or by using the website at http://lacrimestoppers.org.

## Diamond Bar Lions Club

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar** - The Diamond Bar Lions Club did a lot during the month of February, including holding fundraisers, going to events, holding meetings, beautifying local areas, holding contests, and so much more. Here are a few highlights of what's happening at the Diamond Bar Lions Club.

The Diamond Bar Lions Club was recognized for their excellence by receiving an award in the month of February. At the Third District Cabinet Meeting

# Girl scouts scammed

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and one woman, each used \$50 counterfeit bills to pay for cookies and proceeded to ask the Scouts for change. The process is said to have been repeated at least once more at another Rancho Cucamonga location during the same weekend. The troops who were taken advantage of are said to be liable for the loss, and are out a little more than \$200.

The community is appalled. The thought that someone would use counterfeit money to steal from a Girl Scout is shocking to most people, but especially to the Girl Scouts themselves. The girls are very trusting, and did not expect to need to have knowledge of how to differentiate real money from fake. In response to the crime, the Rancho Cucamonga Police have provided the affected troop with some basic training on spotting counterfeit money.

The local police department is reviewing the video surveillance from the stores where the crimes took place in the hopes of identifying the suspects. held at Westridge Golf Course and County Club in La Habra, the Diamond Bar High School Leo Club was recognized by Immediate Past District Governor, PJ Smith, for receiving the "Club Excellence Award" from Lions International. All the Leo Clubs around the world are considered but DBHs was the only Leo Club from California to receive the award.

The Lions Club held a fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Diamond Bar last month. The Lions Club thanks the owner, Lion James Tsai, for allowing the fundraiser to happen at his restaurant, and they thank Lions, Leos, friends, and family for attending. Make sure to stop by their next fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy on March 26.

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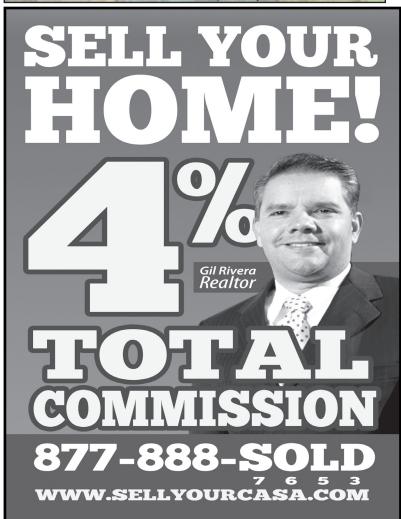


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Diamond Bar Lions Club held a fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy.



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The Diamond Bar High
Leos won the "Club Excellence Award".

In addition, the Lions Club held a Student Speaker Contest, where two student speakers from the Diamond Bar High School Leo Club gave a presentation of their speech at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Sabrina Liang, Director of International Publicity, was announced as the winner.

The Diamond Bar High School Leos also did a lot of work throughout the community by picking up trash and recyclables at the school, cleaned the Ronald McDonald House in the City of Orange, cleaned up Leo Square by

pulling weeds, trimming hedges, planting new flowers, and scrapping off gum.

Some events and people the Lions and Leos visited included: the Miss Diamond Bar Pageant's Fashion Show to support contestant Leo Isabelle Chang; Sylmar to visit and tour the Guide Dogs of America facility; the La Habra Host Lions Club; and visited Lion James Farmer and Emma due to Lion James taking a leave of absence because of health issues.

For more information about the Diamond Bar Lions Club, email jacwand@netzero.net.



## "Sell your casa" with Gil Rivera

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unit investment properties in Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange counties. He also does real estate appraisals for banks, estates, trusts, divorces, attorneys, refinances, home purchases, and probate/inheritance for tax purposes. In addition, Rivera has assistants that work with him who are fluent in Spanish and Chinese, helping to reach people of different dialects all over Southern California.

Rivera is in his 21st year of business and has SOLD homes in 26 different cities in Southern California; his coverage area is expansive. Rivera said, "I can do this because I appraise homes in so many different cities and have the knowledge and expertise associated with your marketplace. Give me an opportunity and you will surely be happy you did!" In February 2013, Rivera listed a home in Monterey Park worth

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Member Mary Su, Walnut's

Senior Management Analyst,

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\$470,000. Rivera received 53 offers in seven days and SOLD it for \$515,000. In November 2013, he listed a home in La Puente for \$299,000 and sold it in 5 days with 18 offers at \$325,000, all-cash.

Rivera's philosophy is to "treat my clients the way I want to be treated." In fact, Rivera said that he became a Realtor because he did not like the way his Realtor treated him when he was buying his home. Rivera shows respect for his clients at all times. He listens to what they say, so that he can better serve them.

Rivera also does not push his Buyers into a sale. Rivera said, "I always tell Buyers: 'You will know right away when we walk into the house that's meant for you'. Whether it takes a week or months, my Buyers will always be satisfied with their purchase and never pressured into it."

Rivera's Sellers love the fact that he offers a discounted commission, but with full service.

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can review the tip and award the

reward." Layman also confirmed

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Walnut council corner: crime

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Rivera absolutely loves what he does. He loves selling homes to Buyers because he helps fulfill their dreams of home ownership. His favorite part of selling homes to is transferring the keys to excited Buyers. Rivera loves selling homes for Sellers because he enjoys the uniqueness that each property offers and selling the positive attributes of the home. Rivera says, "Many agents spend their time showing houses....I SELL them!"

Check out Rivera's website at

www.SellYourCasa.com to see how many different cities Rivera has sold in and for additional information about his company. You can also call the toll free number at (877) 888-SOLD (7653), or cell phone numbers (909) 967-4525 and (626) 340-9950. He also currently has a large freeway billboard where the 57 and 10 freeways meet, near Temple Ave.

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details of the City's proposed that leads to a conviction would Crime Tip Reward Program. be rewarded with \$100. Layman explained that reporting Captain Jeff Scroggin of the a tip to the police department Walnut Sheriff's Department

> said that a recent tip in the Three Oaks area of Walnut led to the arrest of three individuals who were in the area with the purpose

of burglarizing a home. "The tip from the resident helped us catch those people," Scroggin said. "That's what we're always after. Great information that would lead us to these criminals that come into the City.'

program

After Scroggin addressed the council, Council Member Nancy Tragarz reaffirmed her stance that reporting crimes should not be rewarded and that citizens should be willing to help out the police without an incentive. The item was approved with Tragarz giving a dissenting vote.

After the council member's announcements of events from around the City, Mayor Tony Cartagena officially adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

# Former teacher found guilty

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thorities back in September 2011, admitting he committed lewd acts on a 14-year-old student. He taught the student for about a year at Lorbeer Middle School in Diamond Bar, prior to when the sexual relationship began. The incidents took place both on and off campus. Police were initially alerted after the relationship was brought to their attention by a teacher who was concerned over the interaction between the victim and Andrews. The Los Angeles County Special Victims Bureau then began investigating the STRUTS • AXLES • CV

Andrews has remained in custody since his arrest. He is scheduled to be sentenced at the Los Angeles Superior Court in Pomona on April 24. The maximum sentence is 15 years and eight months in state prison. Andrews must also register as a





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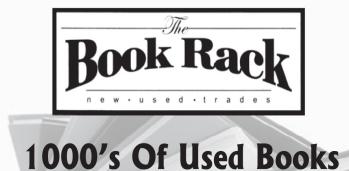






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# St. Patrick's Day DUI Checkpoints

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Los Angeles County - With St. Patrick's Day on March 17, Glendora Police Chief, Tim Staab, and the 'Avoid the 100 DUI Task Force' are reminding drivers not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that more than 269 people were senselessly killed nationwide in crashes involving drunk drivers during the St. Patrick's Day holiday from 2007 to 2011. Those fatalities were preventable.

The Avoid the 100 Los Angeles County DUI Task Force will be deploying 87 roving DUI patrols this St. Patrick's Day, as well as 13 DUI checkpoints throughout the county looking to stop and arrest drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs. These DUI patrols and checkpoints are in addition to regularly scheduled patrol officers and they will all be looking for the tell-tale signs of an impaired driver behind the wheel.

"When you celebrate St. Patrick's Day, just be smart about it. If you know you're going to drink, whether with friends at a pub or attending a party, designate a sober driver ahead of time or call a taxi to make sure you get home safely," said Chief Staab. "There's never an excuse for driving after drinking."

According to NHTSA, on aver-

ommends the following steps age, one person was killed every 53 minutes in a drunken driving to have a safe and happy St. crash in the U.S. in 2011. Most Patrick's Day: - Before the festivities begin, of these crashes involved drunk drivers who had blood alcohol concentrations of .15 or higher,

almost twice the legal limit of

.08. To prevent these tragedies

plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night.

- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.

- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely.

- If available, use your community's sober ride program.

- If you see a drunk driver on the road, report them! Call 9-1-1. You could save a life.

- And remember, if you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to safely get where they are going.

The Task Force is funded through a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Avoid DUI Task Force will next deploy operations on Cinco de Mayo.



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939 Golden Prados DR, Diamond Bar 91765

Bath(F,T,H,Q): 2,2,0,0 Sqft (Src): 2,404

Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.22/9,425

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24422 Pikes CT, Diamond Bar 91765

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814 REXFORD CT, Diamond Bar 91765

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Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.16/7,187

Sold Price: \$520,000



910 Clear Creek Canyon DR, Diamond Bar 91765 Bed:4

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Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.23/10,195

Sold Price: \$485,000



725 Featherwood DR, Diamond Bar 91765

Bed:3

Bath(F,T,H,Q): 2,0,0,0 Sqft (Src): 1,440

Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.48/20,691

Sold Price: \$463,000



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