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#### **OC News**

# Fullerton Representative Leads Delegation

BY EMILY LUNDBERG

Fullerton – For the better part of the current two week congressional recess that will last until April 28, Republican house representative Ed Royce from Fullerton will lead a congressional delegation to Ukraine, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. Royce is the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee

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#### **IE News**

# Trio Of Troubles In Corona

STAFF REPORTS

**Corona** – A sad trio of events has taken place in the City of Corona recently.

A woman was sexually assaulted after being kidnapped from the Corona Wal-Mart (479 N. McKinley Avenue) at knifepoint at about 9 p.m. on Thurs., April 3. The man

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## **Major Drop In Crime For Walnut-Diamond Bar**

By K.P. SANDER

Walnut-Diamond Bar – The citizens of Walnut and Diamond Bar have cause to be very proud of their local law enforcement. The dedication and commitment they have shown for the people they have sworn to protect is very apparent in the latest crime statistics.

According to Captain Jeff Scroggin of the Walnut-Diamond

Bar Sheriff's Station, the area has shown significant decreases in crime rates. "The Part I crime rate for the entire area served by Walnut-Diamond Bar Station is down 25.79% as of April 16, 2014. The City of Walnut's crime rate is down 46.5%. The City of Diamond Bar's crime rate is down 27.9%, and the crime rate for the entire unincorporated areas served by our station is down 12.9%. Part I crime rates

are based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Index. The categories used for the FBI Uniform Crime Index are homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larceny theft, grand theft auto and arson. The FBI uses these statistics to determine crime rates and these rates help us compare cities relative

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## Suspected "Luger Bandit" Caught in Chino



PHOTO COURTESY: FI Suspected "Luger Bandit"

STAFF REPORTS

Chino – The "Luger Bandit," who had been sought for the robbery of multiple banks, appears to have been caught after a bank holdup in Chino on Wed., April 16. The suspect matched the FBI's description of the individual associated with multiple robberies, including those in Corona, Eastvale,

Granada Hills, and Fontana. Two of the banks that had been robbed were reportedly offering a combined \$15,000 for information leading to the suspect's arrest and conviction.

The most recent holdup occurred at 9:14 a.m. on Wednesday, at the Chase Bank located

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### CVUSD Grad Dies In Bus Crash

STAFF REPORTS

**Orland** – Arthur Arzola, 26, of Rancho Cucamonga, has perished in a crash that left five adults and five students dead, and many more injured.

The tragic events unfolded

on Thursday evening, April 10, when a bus of high school students – many from Southern California – traveling to Humboldt State University in Arcata was reportedly side-swiped by a

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Photo Courtesy: Google Images Arthur Arzola, dead at 26

## Walnut Council Corner

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

**Walnut** – Just one day after Robert Pacheco and Mary Su were re-elected to their seats on the Walnut City Council, business continued as usual during the City's April 9 council meeting.

After having no minutes to ap-

prove, no presentations, and no public hearings scheduled, the council members quickly approved the three items on the consent calendar, including Resolution No. 14-15, for claim and demands in the amount of \$472,455.82; Resolution No. 14-16, for a Walnut City Employee's Association

2014-2016 Memorandum of Understanding; and a five-year General Services Agreement between the City of Walnut and the County of Los Angeles through June 30, 2019.

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#### Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

#### Sat Apr 19 Mostly Sunny

Mostly Sunny High 78° Low 55°



#### Sun Apr 20

Sunny High 84° Low 57°



#### Mon Apr 21

Sunny High 86° Low 55°



#### Partly Cloudy High 73°

Tue Apr 22

High 73° Low 50°



#### Wed Apr 23

Sunny High 73° Low 49°



#### Thu Apr 24

Sunny High 78° Low 53°



#### Fri Apr 25

Sunny High 81° Low 54°



## BUSINESS FEATURE

## Celebrate Easter With The Whole Enchilada

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar** – Celebrate Easter with your family without straining your wallet at The Whole Enchilada in Diamond Bar. The Whole Enchilada is offering exclusive Weekly News coupons to help you have a delicious, authentic Mexican dinner for less.

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The Whole Enchilada is located at 1114 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. in Diamond Bar. You can reach them at (909) 861-5340, or check out their ad on page 12 for great coupons and specials.

## Business Feature

## First Baptist Church Of Walnut Valley



Sunday services at First Baptist Chruch of Walnut Valley begin at 10:30 a.m., with a 9:15 a.m. Bible Study group for all ages.

Current Resident Or

**Walnut** – First Baptist Church of Walnut Valley (FBCWV) first came into being in 1969 as a mission church that conducted its services in a school cafeteria. Since then, they have grown into so much more, and are known as "a small church with a big outreach." The Church's sense of family and passion carry over

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## The Eye Of The Beholder

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

It was a warm yet windy day filled with strong sorrow. The air reflected a deep sense of respect as people gathered to say goodbye to a friend whose spirit had left the earth.

As everyone gathered, the vibrant, wooden casket lay atop the ground as the family huddled closely around. The youngest, a young man, gazed at the casket while tears flowed from his swollen eyes. He walked up and laid his cheek on the rigid, shiny, wooden box, as his white-gloved hands gently caressed the top of the last home his father's body would ever have. He laid gentle kisses on the top of the casket, as his unconditional love was reflected in front of all those who watched. A gentle whisper was heard a row back, "Did you see that? How sad."

When I heard those words, I felt something deep inside that disagreed; something that didn't see the message of sadness when the boy showed his emotions. Instead, I saw an act of love. A love so strong, it displayed the true meaning of unconditional love. Something deep inside that didn't care if the world looked on or what people felt. A feeling of purity, of joy, and of strength.

I believe the old saying, "Beau-

ty is in the eye of the beholder." I believe we all see life in certain light, and sometimes, in certain darkness. I also believe that when we express the darkness which surrounds our lives, it spreads like a contagious and cancerous disease. It attaches by simple contact, clings like a dependent child, and deteriorates in a short amount of time.

I've learned that opinions are only perceptions of a person's immediate thinking, and reflections of someone's inner self. What we see is usually what we feel, what we feel deep inside. Without realizing it, we express past experiences, deep histories, insecurities about our future, and we reflect the perception of our own lives.

I also believe that when we see life in its darkest hour, we have the opportunity to see life through the brightest light. For some, it's a short path traveled to a place inside that holds our mind hostage from our heart. For others, it's a level of confidence that sits deep within that's been damaged by a careless act from another.

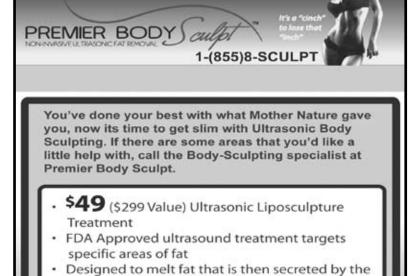
I believe that the true meaning of life can only be understood through the light of beauty and the inner joy that sits deep in our hearts. I believe the vision of what will come can only be seen through the eyes of a be-

liever. I feel the truest form of emotion can only be felt when a person can feel the presence of a higher power, a stronger entity, something or someone greater than themselves.

I understand that life is not always what it is expected to be. It changes moods like a spoiled child. But I also understand that life can be what we want it to be; all we have to

do is apply our hearts in front of our minds. Following what we truly feel, not what we think we see, is the only way to put aside our petty angry thoughts and our insignificant bitterness. Because just as the young man who helped bury his father, the tears that flow from our swollen eyes are tears of love that can only be seen when beauty is in the eye of the beholder.





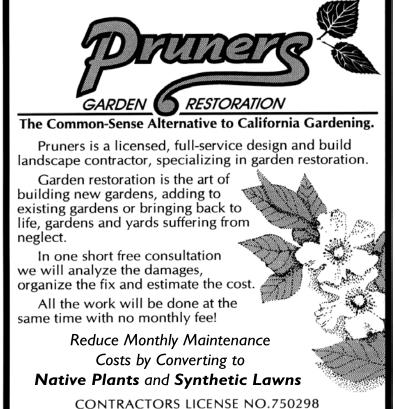
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### **Community Events**

STAFF REPORTS

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:** National Child Abuse Prevention Month

When: Month of April Where: Walnut Fire Station 61 (Lemon Avenue and La Pu-

ente Road)

Details: In support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Walnut Valley Women's Club facilitated the planting of a garden of pinwheels at Fire Station 61. The pinwheels will remain throughout the month of April. "Pinwheels for Prevention" is a Prevent Child Abuse America program which promotes the message that, "All children deserve an equal chance to thrive and grow.'

#### **DBHS Spring Musical "The** Pirates of Penzance"

When: April 24, 25, 26 and May 1, 2, 3 at 7 p.m.

Where: DBHS Theatre, 21400 E. Pathfinder Road in Diamond Bar

Details: Tickets sales are available at www.seatyourself. biz/dbhsdrama. Sections B, C, D: Adults are \$18, Students w/ID are \$15. Sections A, E: Adults are \$15, Students w/ID are \$12.

Contact: Beatrice Casagran at (909) 594-1405, ext. 33276

#### Diamond Bar AYSO: Registration ages 4 to 18 years of age.

When: April 24, May, May 15, and June 3, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Pantera Park

Details: Please visit DBAYSO. ORG for registration procedures for both volunteers and players ages 4 to 18.

Contact: Greg M. Busch, R31\_Safety@dbayso.org

#### An Evening to Honor Walnut Military and their Families

When: April 25, 6:30 p.m. to Midnight

Where: Diamond Bar Com-

munity Center

Details: Join the Walnut Military Support Group for an evening to honor and recognize military men, women and their families. Proceeds will be used to fund the various support systems that are being developed to extend to military members and their families. This newly formed committee is in direct partnership with the City of Walnut. The goal is to increase awareness and membership from residents in order to make a difference. The evening includes a buffet dinner, entertainment, dancing and a silent auction.

Cost: \$30

Contact: The Walnut Military Support Group, Kris Aguilar, (909) 519-6465.

#### 27th Annual St. Luke Parish Fiesta, Boutique and Car **Show**

When: April 25-27 Where: Temple City

Details: This year's fiesta is set to be one of the most diverse and expansive events, with a car show, exhibitor and boutique area; Mega 50/50 raffle, Laser Tag area, photo booth, food court, entertainment, games and rides.

Contact: Mary Broomfield, Publicity Chair, (626) 201-4560.

#### **Great Strides (Taking Steps** to Cure Cystic Fibrosis)

When: April 26, 10 a.m. (Check-In 8:30 a.m.)

Where: Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park

Details: Faith Lutheran Church will once again be participating in the annual "Great Strides" 5K walk to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Their team goal is to raise \$3,000 and have 33 walkers.

Cost: \$10 for the Faith Lutheran team shirts (with lunch served after the race). There is no fee for the walk; teams are raising money through sponsorships.

Contact: Elizabeth Crowther, (909) 592-7523 or ercrowther@ yahoo.com to join Faith Lutheran Church. Sign up for the race at www.cff.org/greatstrides.

#### 21th Annual Diamond Bar Library Wine Soirée

When: Sunday, April 27

Where: Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar

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

#### **FUTURE EVENTS:** Music at the Point

When: Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: South Pointe Middle School, 20671 Larkstone Drive, Diamond Bar

Details:

Walnut Senior Center Peddler's Market

When: May 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Walnut Senior Cen-

Details: Residents are encouraged to clean out those cupboards, closets, garages and become a vendor at the annual Peddler's Market. Vendors may purchase two full parking spaces for \$35 or three full parking spaces for \$50.

Contact: Kim Watts at the Walnut Senior Center at (909) 598-6200.

#### Fire Service Day

When: Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: City of Industry Fire Station 118; 17056 Gale Avenue, City of Industry

Details: Join the Los Angeles County Fire Station as they celebrate Fire Service Day with Fire Engines, Pool Safety, Jaws of Life Demonstration, and Equipment Displays.

#### **OPARC's Heart and Sole:** Fun Run 1K/5K and Health

When: June 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Ruben S. Ayala Park, 5575 Edison Ave., Chino CA 91710

Cost: Entry fee for runners/ walkers is \$20, inspiration signs are \$50, vendor booths are \$150 and additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Free parking.

Details: OPARC, a 501(c)(3) organization that trains, employs and serves the mentally disabled community. Food vendors, vendor booths, participant awards, music, guest appearances, and more. Walk-ins are welcome.

#### **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.

Details: All books and media: Any four items for \$1. \$1 minimum purchase.

Contact: (909) 595-0757 or email the.walnut.library@mac.

#### Resources for the Classroom Days at Basically **BOOKS**

When: Second Tuesday 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 appreciation afternoons.

#### Free Acupuncture for Veterans, Active Military, First Responders

When: Every Tuesday at 5

Where: 12598 Central Avenue, Unit 113, Chino, CA 91710.

Cost: Free

Contact: (909) 590-4183 or www.healingcirclecommunityacupuncture.com

#### **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: Free Admission/Parking

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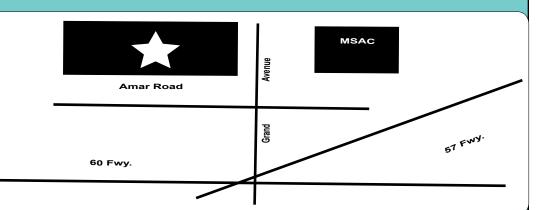
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## Trio of troubles in Corona

#### **TRIO** from page 1

was reportedly asking for change when he entered her vehicle, threatened her with a knife and made her drive to a secluded area. After the assault, he then allegedly made her drive to an intersection in proximity to La Sierra and Indiana Avenues, where he fled on foot about 4 a.m.

The victim did not report the crime until Sunday evening, po-

lice Sgt. Kim Velasquez said via written statement. The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, about 5' 7", slender build. He was wearing jeans, a grey sweatshirt, and black ball cap. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Mario Hernandez at (951) 279-3659.

On Friday, April 4, a live bomb was discovered at Jameson Park (located at 1155 Valencia Road).

According to Corona Police official, Sgt. Kim Velasco, a bomb squad was able to completely disarm and destroy the device without incident by use of a blast squad and robot.

An individual reportedly contacted police after discovering a suspicious device inside an irrigation control box around 10 a.m. No arrests have been made. This investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Corona Police Department at 951-736-2334

Corona police had a grim find in an apartment complex dumpster in the 2200 block of Treemont Place when a newborn baby girl was discovered. They were led to this realization by a 24-year old woman, who was admitted to Kaiser Hospital in Riverside on Tues., April 8, a little after 5 p.m.

The woman allegedly denied giving birth after her examination, but eventually confessed to delivering a stillborn infant at home. Police officials reportedly

found the infant around midnight. Autopsy results are pending.

In light of this disturbing find, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Don Knabe, reminds the public to be aware about the Safe Surrender program. This program was created to give a mother, no matter her situation, a safe, secure and anonymous way to get her child into safe hands – at any fire station or hospital, at any time – to protect a baby from abandonment, with no shame, no blame and no names.

### Did You Know?

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills -- Chino Hills has a lot going for it. Not only was this beautiful suburb ranked number 34 in Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live in 2012", it was also ranked as the 13th safest city in the U.S. by the FBI in 2008.

The hills that roll through the city were used quite extensively for cattle grazing back in the late

1700s as large Mexican Republic ranches such as Santa Ana del Chino and Rancho La Sierra Yorba occupied the area. Once Mexico Ceded California to the U.S., the land slowly evolved into a tourist destination because of its beauty (and even a bootlegger's destination because of its seclusion). Development made its way around the swampy areas known as Prado Dam, and Chino

Hills was born, eventually incorporating in 1991 with a population of 42,000.

14,102 acres of those beautiful hills are still preserved within Chino Hills State Park, the largest California State Park within an urban setting. With 65 miles of trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use, the Park still encourages tourists to come to Chino Hills.



PHOTO COURTESY: GOOGLE IMAGES

Chino Hills was ranked as the 13th safest city in the U.S. in 2008.

## Crime drop in Walnut-Diamond Bar

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crime rates, and can help us determine which areas are the safest. It is always hard to place an exact cause on why crime rates go up and down because they always fluctuate based on the crime trends we face," said Scroggin.

Scroggin also said that they have had some good fortune in seeing the categories of burglary and larceny theft rates lower in both of the contract cities and unincorporated areas. They have also made a number of excellent arrests related to burglary. The burglary and theft categories are typically the crimes that happen the most in the area and have the greatest impact on local crime rates.

"We usually have a very low incidence of any crimes classified as violent, such as homicide, rape, robbery and assault. Along with our contract cities, our station has been working

hard to reenergize and increase our Neighborhood Watch program. This effort has been met with some renewed enthusiasm by all the communities we serve. Diamond Bar has supported a "Report for Reward" program to encourage residents to call whenever they believe criminal activity is occurring, and the City of Walnut also recently started a similar reward program. Diamond Bar has also hired an additional deputy to work on special problems within their community

and the entire station is really focused on reducing the number of daytime residential burglary through increased patrols and greater community awareness of the crime trends facing our community," Scroggin continued.

Captain Scroggin says that community involvement is the key in helping to keep crime rates low. He encourages everyone to become part of a Neighborhood Watch program, or even become a volunteer at the Sheriff's Station to help with additional community patrols. The more the community

is involved, the better they can be at keeping this area one of the safest in all of Southern California.

Find out more about getting involved in keeping your community safe by visiting the Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station website at www.Walnut. DiamondBar.lasd.org. If you have information regarding a crime, you can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477); texting TIPLA plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES); or visiting www.LACrimeStoppers. org.

## Suspected "Luger Bandit" Caught After Chino Bank Hold-Up

#### **BANDIT** from page 1

at 7033 Schaefer Ave in Chino. The suspect, identified as Ramsin Jonathan Malek, was taken into custody around 9:30 a.m. According to jail records, he was booked for investigation of armed robbery with bail set at \$100,000.

According to a statement released from Chino spokes-

woman, Michelle Van Der Linden, Malek was arrested after witnesses informed police that the gunman had fled in a grey BMW 328i. When police made a traffic stop after spotting a vehicle matching the description, Malek was arrested. In his vehicle was a Luger pistol.

Another robbery linked with the suspect just last week was the Chase Bank in San Dimas. The Los Angeles County San Dimas Sheriff's Station reported that a man, armed with a handgun, entered the bank at 1198 Via Verde Drive on Wed., April 9. The suspect demanded money before fleeing on foot. Authorities linked the incident with several other banks allegedly robbed by the same suspect in the span of more than a year.

In a news release from the FBI, law enforcement began

seeking the public's assistance in the search for the bank robber early in 2013. The suspect was said to have a modus operandi of ordering employees and customers to the ground while brandishing a luger-type weapon.

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## Chino grad dies in bus crash

#### **GRAD** from page 1

Federal Express truck. The bus was on the Interstate 5 freeway passing through Orland (in the northern Sacramento Valley) when the accident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. Officials are still determining what caused

the fiery incident that claimed so many.

Arzola, who was an admissions counselor and recruiter for Humboldt State University, was a graduate of Don Lugo High School, Class of 2006. He served as ASB President in 2005-06. Arzola also attended

the University of La Verne, where he recently earned an educational counseling credential as a graduate student.

Arzola is said to have had a passion for helping students realize their academic dreams. He is survived by his wife, Krystle.

## Walnut council

#### WALNUT from page 1

Dialogue was started concerning the five-year General Services Agreement, which prompted councilwoman Su to question the need for repairs on certain streets in the City. Mary Rooney, Director of Community Services, said that some streets that are in need of repair are scheduled for resurfac-

ing in the near future. Rooney also mentioned that while some streets do have noticeable cracks, repairs might not be completely necessary because they are not currently causing major problems. Rooney then said that if Walnut residents have major or minor complaints about damaged streets, to contact the Community Services Department at (909) 598-5605.

The City Council then approved

the only item on the successor agency consent calendar, which was Resolution No. 14-17, for the successor agency allowing certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1.500.

After a brief announcement by the council members, Mayor Tony Cartagena adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and announced the next Walnut City Council meeting for April 23.





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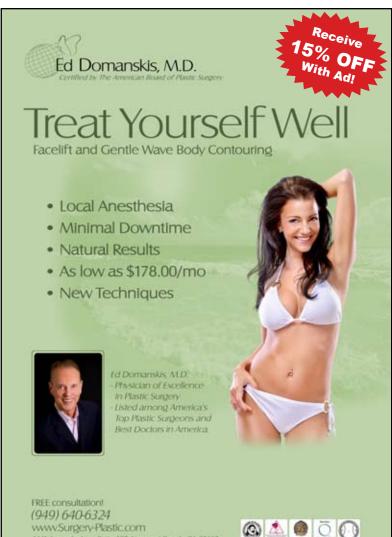


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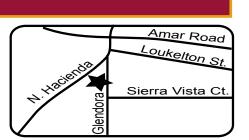
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## Representative leads delegation to eastern Europe

#### **FULLERTON** from page 1

and most of the members of the delegation will be part of the committee. His delegation will be the first to enter Ukraine since Russia annexed Crimea on March 21.

Royce, who is opposed to the actions made by the Russian government, told the OC Register his delegation will meet with top government, business, and civic officials to discuss matters including "Russia's military buildup, global energy, and Iran."

Following the meeting in Ukraine, the delegation plans to head southeast to attend an Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day event in Yerevan. The Armenian Genocide be-

## First Baptist

#### **BAPTIST** from page 1

into their different avenues of ministry. They offer opportunities and activities for all ages, from nursery to adult, on a daily basis. These activities include Bible Study groups, Men's Fellowship, Youth Groups, Sports Ministries, Mission Trips, and their Performing Arts Ministry.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m., with a 9:15 a.m. Bible Study group available for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend. According to Yvonne Read, the Director of Performing Arts and King's Kids, "We are a caring family and are always excited as we lovingly welcome new members to help serve and worship with us. You will feel right at home and cherished."

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For more information on The Journey and other services or events, please visit First Baptist Church of Walnut Valley's website at www.fbcwv.com.

gan on April 24, 1915 and was the first planned genocide of the 20th Century. It resulted in the deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians, according to the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, and yet few, including the Turks who were responsible, have acknowledged the event.

According to an article published by the Armenpress, Fullerton Rep. Ed Royce is one of the few international leaders who have recognized both its occurrence and its significance to the Armenian people. In spite of this, some Armenians are more skeptical about the United

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States' standpoint on the genocide. An article from the Public Radio of Armenia reported, "Washington will recognize the Armenian Genocide only in case it meets its own geopolitical interests." The statement made in that article mirrored others from Armenian reporters who also questioned the significance of Royce and his delegation's trip to the region.

After their appearance at the Remembrance Day event, the group will visit the neighboring country of Azerbaijan, to discuss other foreign affairs matters deemed pressing by the delegation.

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## Straight Talk With Danice

BY DANICE AKIYOSHI, ND

Dear Danice,

My problem is my kids keep asking me to babysit all the time. I love my grandchildren,



but I am only 56 and I have a

very busy social life. When I decline, they ask what week end I will be free, so they can make plans. They act like I owe it to them. It really annoys me when they ask me to give up my dance class, saying my grandchildren should be more important than dancing. This is my only form of vigorous exercise, and I attend classes weekly. I feel like

I spend quality time with my granddaughters, but I still feel guilty.

Sonia

Dear Sonia,

In my opinion, you are obligated to your own 'minor' children, a spouse, and any animals that you have allowed to become dependent on you. If you are kind, you can add in sick or elderly friends and family, but again that's a kindness thing and not an obligation. Your adult children are manipulating you. I'm guessing this has worked in their favor a few times. If you are finally tired of it and prefer to turn toward your own interests more often, be firm, and say so. You didn't indicate this, but if you are in need of favors from them on a regular basis, then

perhaps a compromise is more in order to make the relationship balanced

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.

## No Parking

BY PASTOR MARK HOPPER

My family and I came to our church here in Diamond Bar over 25 years ago. Our church had only one building at that



time and a limited number of parking spaces. On a big Sunday, we actually had to ask some people to park on the lawn. Today, our worship center sits on the site where the lawn used to be. As our church grew over the years, we have been able to add some new buildings and increase the number of parking spaces on our property.

On Easter Sunday parking is always at a premium. I'm sure this is true for most of the churches in our area. You never have enough parking on Easter. Some churches provide shuttles from other parking

lots nearby. We don't have a shuttle, but we have thought about asking our Junior High ministry to provide free Valet Parking (just kidding).

We have parking agreements with some of the businesses near our church. They can use our parking lots during the week and we can use their lots on Sunday. We also ask people to "park and walk" by using these satellite parking lots and walking across the street to our campus. The result has been that on

Easter Sunday our on-site parking lots look empty, because so many people "park and walk." If you visit our church on Easter Sunday, I can guarantee that you will find plenty of parking spots.

My question is, why can't we get more people to do this on the other 51 weeks of the year?

I hope you are planning to attend a church near you this Easter, April 20th. Don't try to make excuses for not going because there may not be enough parking. If you don't have a church home, please accept this invitation to celebrate with us on Easter Sunday. I'm sure that there will be plenty of parking for you and

Pastor Mark Hopper is of the Evangelical Free Church of Diamond Bar, 3255 South Diamond Bar Ave. Sunday services are 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. For more info, call (909) 594-7604 or visit www. efreedb.org.

## **Building Better Families**

BY NANCY STOOPS

Every week in my groups and my private sessions, I hear the same things over and over. Par-



ents want to become more effective and their teens want more freedom. I tell my clients that are trying to become better parents they must learn to be consistent. They must learn to follow through with what they say they are going to do. I tell my teens that they will earn more freedom if they do what is expected of them.

It's very easy for me to tell people what they need to do. The problem for my clients comes from actually having to do the work. It's hard to break old negative behavioral patterns and replace them with healthy ones. Our children, and people in general, want us to be consistent with them. I think consistency allows people to know what to expect and that makes them feel secure. I think when we are inconsistent, especially with our children, we really create a reason for them not to respect us. We then believe we have a reason not to give them freedom, because of how they treat us. It really is a vicious cycle. As parents, we need to lead our children by teaching them how to respect us. We instill respectful behavior by creating loving, consistent, and fair rules within our homes.

There is so much uncertainty going on in our world right now. Many people are feeling unsure about the future. I think this is a good time to try to make your family stronger and find some peace and comfort. If we can start to do this within our families, then who knows what we can do as a world? I wish you all some peace and comfort in these very uncertain times.

This article was written by

Nancy Stoops, M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She runs free family support groups, a group on loss for seniors, and groups for teens. For more information about any of these services feel free to page her at (626) 935-3818. You may also email her at stoopsshecter@ earthlink.net. Nancy's book. "Live, Heal and Grow" is available for purchase at www. RoseDogBookstore.com or Amazon.com

## The Whole Enchilada

#### **ENCHILADA** from page 1

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The Whole Enchilada can make an at-home dinner easy by offering tamales all year round! This traditional holiday dish is sold by the dozen and is available in pork, beef, chicken, green chili and cheese.

If you're planning to celebrate Easter with your family or friends, parties can be planned easily at a home or business with The Whole Enchilada's catering service. From platters and entrée meals to taco bars, they provide a variety of options to serve fresh, authentic Mexican recipes their resident chef brought from their homeland.

"All our food is made fresh daily," says Lil Palmer of The Whole Enchilada. The restaurant has been in business for over 30 years, offering a variety of delicious Mexican dishes ranging from tacos and burritos to carne asada and fajitas.

The Whole Enchilada's food is only one reason to celebrate at their restaurant. They also pride themselves on excellent customer service due to their family friendly servers being attentive, courteous, and knowledgeable. Book now and you can reserve a portion of the restaurant to celebrate with good food, family, and friends.

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organization, and provide a wonderful experience for your children. They love working with the community to help with fundraisers, and special events for churches, sports, schools, clubs, and more.

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The Whole Enchilada's "Kids Club" includes four mailings per year entitling your children to a free meal when accompanied by an adult, as well as a birthday invitation for a free meal and dessert.

The Whole Enchilada also has gift cards available for purchase in person or online at www.wholeenchilada.com. And remember to ask your server for a Combo Punch Card on your next visit. This card provides you with a free combo dinner when you purchase any nine of their combination dinners.

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Easter Sunday, and make sure to check out the coupons on page 12 of The Weekly News for great specials!

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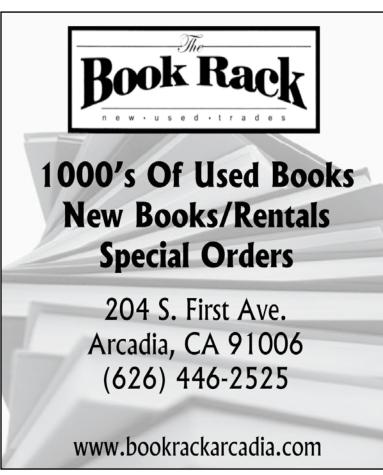
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## Walnut Valley Launches Trial Computer-Based Assessments

By Kelli Gile

Walnut – Walnut Valley Unified School District teachers and students have recently embarked on becoming part of an important milestone in the State's transition to the new assessment system. New computer-based field tests, known as the "Smarter Balanced Assessments," in English, Language Arts, and Math, launched on March 24 for all students in Grades 3 through 8 at Walnut High, and Grade 11 at Diamond Bar High. Walnut Valley's test-

ing window is March 24 through April 25.

"It is an exciting time in Walnut Valley as we embark on implementing the new Smarter Balanced computer-based assessments. Our teachers and students are excited to transition to this new testing system. Everyone involved in this year's field test has been working together to ensure this field test is a positive and valuable experience for our students and staff, "said Jackie Brown, Director of

Educational Programs and Assessment. for next year's first operational test. Test questions are aligned

"Students, teachers, and administrators will gain valuable hands-on experience in a new era of student assessments," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. It is a challenging transformation, but our schools are rising to that challenge with a great sense of excitement and determination," he added.

This "test of the test" will help students and teachers prepare

for next year's first operational test. Test questions are aligned with the Common Core State Standards adopted by California in 2010 to encourage critical thinking, complex problem solving, and deeper knowledge of subjects. It will also allow the District to assess the quality of the test questions and see how well our technical capabilities meet the demands of the computer-based assessments and see what resources our teachers and schools may yet need.

Most importantly, it will give our students the opportunity to experience the new testing system. There will be no student, school, or district scores produced from this administration of the assessment.

"This field test gives us the opportunity to prepare our students for success," Torlakson said. "The STAR program served us well for years, but the world has changed, and our schools also have to change the way they teach and test their students."

## Suzanne Teacher Named 2014 PBS Digital Innovator



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE Alice Chen, Suzanne Middle School Language Arts Teacher

By Kelli Gile

**Walnut** – Alice Chen, a Suzanne Middle School Language Arts teacher and Technology Coach, has been selected as one of the top 16 PBS Learning Media Digital Innovators for 2014.

An impressive group of 100 educators from across the country was named to the program in an announcement made April 7. In addition, the top 16 applicants will serve as leads of the program and will

receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC, on June 19 and 20, to participate in a digital education summit.

"I'm honored to have been selected, and I look forward to all the learning and collaboration that this opportunity will provide," said Chen, who is also a Google Certified Teacher and a Microsoft Partners in Learning 2012 U.S. Forum Finalist.

The congratulatory letter from PBS Learning Media stated that Chen "stood out above the rest of the applicants for the nation-

wide program." She was chosen as a program leader due to her overwhelming tech-savvy skills and passion for integrating digital media and technology in the classroom.

Chen's favorite PBS Learning Media resource is the Global Learning and Diplomacy Collection. Her students used this rich resource during their Global Awareness Speech Unit when they researched, wrote, and delivered a TED-style talk about pressing global issues in today's world

PBS Learning Media received hundreds of applications from leading K-12 teachers throughout the U.S. and its territories. An esteemed group of judges selected the 100 educators based on submissions of videos and written essays that addressed how they are leading innovation in digital teaching in their classrooms and schools. As a 2014 PBS Learning Media Digital Innovator, Chen becomes a member in a robust professional learning community with access to exclusive resources.

## Diamond Ranch Girls Basketball Takes CIF'S Top Academic Honors

By Ryan Hightower

Diamond Bar – The Diamond Ranch Girls' Varsity Basketball team has been awarded the CIF Southern Section's Team Academic Award.

The award honors the team with the highest grade point average (GPA) in its

category (schools with more than 1,500 students enrolled). In the case of the Diamond Ranch team, the girls finished first against 278 other regional high schools. In order to be considered for this accolade



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Front Row: Kristen Sheriff, Lauren Graves, Tianna Eaton, Cayla Freeman, Sarah Krestchmar. Back Row: Assistant Coach Lisa Cheney, Emilee Dy, Kiana Wright, Brenna Collins, Catrina Freeman, Nicole Nishimura, Paulena Luk, Head Coach Mike Power the team must possess a grade point average of 3.0.

"This achievement is the pinnacle of what we strive for at Pomona Unified, athletic prowess as well as academic excellence," said Richard Martinez, superintendent of Pomona Unified. "We're so proud of them all."

The team will be honored prior to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Baseball game on Tues., April 29 against the Cleveland Indians. The ceremony will take place on the field prior to the 7 p.m. game start (approximately 6:45 p.m.).

"I am so proud of our student

athletes on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team; they have made DRHS history and District history," Suzanne Steinseifer-Ripley, principal of Diamond

Ranch High School said. "They are achieving our Diamond Ranch vision of preparing first class citizens with a world class education."



## Aquarium On Wheels Visits Collegewood

By Kelli Gile

**Walnut** – Collegewood Elementary first graders experienced Pacific Journeys during an educational assembly presented by the Aquarium of the Pacific on April 11.

Students traveled the globe during the interactive presentation to learn about ocean inhabitants and their unique adaptations for survival in a watery world. Following the program, they experienced a hands-on opportunity to touch local marine life in the aquarium on wheels parked in front of the school.

"The program addresses sea life and how it connects to our world, perfect for our Common Core curriculum," said teacher Jane Dyer-Smith.

The group of over 60 students squealed as a life-size elephant seal and 22-foot great white shark inflated right before their eyes. "The biggest great



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Collegewood first graders got a close-up look at life-size inflatable great white shark during the Aquarium of the Pacific education assembly.

white was almost 8,000 lbs.," said Aquarium educator, Nick Stong.

After the presentation, the youngsters went outside to the traveling aquarium for a close-up look at sea life. In groups of four, the children entered the ocean on wheels, keeping

quiet so they wouldn't scare the animals. They used two fingers to gently touch sea stars, sea anemones, sea urchins, star-fish, and swell sharks kept in specialized touch tanks. It was an amazing interactive experience that the children really enjoyed.



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## Hot Sauce Maker In Hot Water

By GLENN FREEMAN

Irwindale - The Irwindale City Council unanimously declared Huy Fong Foods, makers of the popular Sriracha hot sauce, a nuisance at its April 9 council meeting. The City gave the sauce-maker 90 days to address the problem of strong chili odors emanating from its Irwindale factory.

The ruling came after a months-long investigation that began following the lodging of complaints to the City Council in September 2013. Nearby residents of the factory say the spicy odors have caused burning eyes, nose bleeds, heartburn, and issues with asthma.

In late November 2013, after Irwindale officials sued the company, a Los Angeles County judge issued a temporary halt in the offending production process to implement mitigation measures, conditions the City of Irwindale now say Huy Fong Foods has breached.

In the Nov. 26, 2013 ruling, Judge Robert H. O'Brien indicated that although there was a "lack of credible evidence" of health problems linked to the strong odors, he said it appears to be "extremely annoying, irritating and offensive to the senses warranting consideration as a public nuisance" and that it was "reasonably inferred to be emanating from

the facility."

At a public hearing held in February 2014 that was attended by supporters on both sides of the issue, Huy Fong Foods owner, David Tran, and

plant workers, pleaded with the City not to force a shutdown. Nearby residents of the factory responded by saying they don't want to shut it down, but want the conditions addressed.

Officials with Huy Fong said they had installed filters on the roof, and that the company was working with AQMD to find long-term solutions. Huy Fong's attorney, John Tate,

says the company hopes to fix the odor problem by June 1, in time for the peak chili grinding season that begins in late August, which residents say creates the strongest odors.



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