



OC News

Weapons Trainer Tied To Al Qai'da Gets 13 Years

STAFF REPORTS

Orange County – The United States Attorney's Office has issued a news release regarding an Orange County man who admitted that he intended to assist Al-Qai'da by traveling to Pakistan, where he would provide weapons training to members of the terrorist group.

Sinh Vinh Ngo Nguyen, 25, of Garden Grove, was sentenced on June 30 by United States District Judge,

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IE News

Corona Woman Arrested Again For Fraud

STAFF REPORTS

Corona - A Corona woman, who is already charged with a \$15 million bank and bankruptcy fraud, was arrested on Tues., July 1, on a new charge.

According to a news release from the United States Attorney's Office, Carolyn Marie Jones, 51, of Corona,

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Two SGV Women Indicted In Immigrant Scheme

STAFF REPORTS

SGV – An immigration consultant and one of her employees were arrested on Thurs., June 26 after being named in an indictment that alleges they filed fraudulent green card applications on behalf of immigrants who were married to United States citizens, some of whom paid more than \$20,000 for their services.

According to a news release

from the United States Attorney's Office, Claudia Arreola, 35, of El Monte, who owns California Immigration Services (CIS), and her business associate, Leticia Gutierrez, 35, of Pico Rivera, were taken into custody by special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

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Chino Hills Stabbing Prompts Shooting

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills - A Chino Hills homeowner shot and wounded an intruder after a frightening surprise attack on Wed., June 25.

The 18-year old intruder, Rai-veon Reenay Wooden, allegedly broke into the home and was hiding in the man's garage in the 2800 block of Brookside Drive in Chino Hills.

According to a Chino Hills Police Department news release, the homeowner/victim reportedly went to investigate the intrusion at about 2:30 a.m., armed with a handgun. When he approached the garage, he was attacked by Wooden and stabbed multiple times. The victim, in an effort to protect himself and his family, shot Wooden twice.

The Chino Hills Police Depart-

ment was called to the scene, and both men were treated at local hospitals with non-life threatening injuries.

Wooden, who was apparently the ex-boyfriend of the victim's daughter, was booked into the West Valley Detention Center for investigation of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and burglary. He is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Diamond Bar Council Corner



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BY ARIEL CARMONA, JR.

Diamond Bar - The Diamond Bar City Council held its regular meeting on July 1, approving a light consent calendar which included ratification of a check totaling over \$1 million for two weeks worth of expenses for various items, the consideration of an ordinance relating to the amendment of speed limits on city streets, and heard from a resident

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

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One Nation, Under God

By MICHAEL ARMIJO

I remember back in August of 1999, the Los Angeles Times ran an article entitled, "Learning to Look Past Race", by Ann-Marie O'Connor. It was about cultural diversity, and "how observers say the town shows how suburbia is being reinvented as an agent of social change."

After reading this wonderful article on how diverse and socially acceptable the community felt about ignoring race ("Walnut's young people, seeking friends rather than skin color..."), I had no choice but to feel overwhelmingly proud to be associated with such a modern group of individuals.

I believe race isn't a factor in someone's behavior, it's cultural and environmental. We are taught racism; we are taught to discriminate. We witness visions of loud people who are obnoxious and we notice that they're a certain race. We see tattooed individuals who are insecure and threatening and we observe that they're a different color; or we get frustrated when people claim to not speak the English language. But many of these individuals act and feel the way they do because they were exposed to a certain environment: families, friends, communities - past and

present - and the cultures that surround(ed) them. We tend to notice skin color first, because society has focused on describing individuals by sight, and not by the content of one's character.

When my son was in elementary school, I agreed with the principal that children should not come to school in "gang attire," or the style of clothing that many gangs wore out in public. I noticed another child's father one day; he was dressed in gang attire and had nicknames and gang signs tattooed on his neck, chest, forearms, and hands. If not for the rule, his child would have been dressed in a similar fashion because he was simply a reflection of the culture his father was bringing him up in.

I remember when I was in high school in a predominately white community, I dated a Caucasian girl who asked me to tell her father that I was Italian. When I asked why, she simply replied; "Because he likes Italians." I never fathomed that her father was prejudiced against Hispanics until he said, "I really don't care for Mexicans." Being as naïve as I was, I still didn't get it. No one ever took the time to teach me racism, so I just didn't understand what he meant by his comment.

When I say it's all about

culture and environment, I use myself as living proof. I wasn't taught how to be a racist so when people denied me jobs or passed me up for promotion, I just worked harder instead of crying about discrimination. The way I saw it, it was their loss, because I was the best employee they'd ever have.

My parents didn't teach us how to be racists; they taught us how to be the best, and how to do your best. In between teaching us their dysfunctions and insecurities (they both came from broken homes), they believed,

and instilled in us, a very simple rule: "Be the best and the smartest worker, and you'll be the last one they'll let go."

I believe racism is taught, just as love, care, dignity, and character are taught. These are the truest elements that lead to the path of finding the fantastic feeling of enjoying life, while remembering that we truly are one nation - not under a certain race - but simply One Nation, Under God. This 4th of July, remember that our freedom was fought for and won for everyone.

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and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing unused medicines

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Where: 2100 Leron Avenue, Rowland Heights

Details: Rowland Adult & Community Education is now offering free English as a Second Language and Citizenship courses to adult students this summer due to a grant received from the Majestic Reality Foundation in the City of Industry.

Contact: Call (626) 965-5975, or visit <http://race.rowland.k12.ca.us>.

Vacation Bible School

When: July 7 – 11, 6 to 8 p.m. (optional meal at 5:15 p.m.)

Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 505 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

Details: Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides. Cost is \$25 per student, with scholarships and family discounts available.

Contact: Sam Kamler, (909) 599-1689, or visit www.faithsd.net

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Summer Kids' Day Camp

When: Monday, Now through Wednesday, August 20; 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran

Church & Schools, 23300 Golden Springs Dr., Diamond Bar 91765

Details: A fun, safe, Christian environment for your school age children. Kids' camp is a summer day camp program based on fun, personal and spiritual growth, and the celebration of God's Word through various activities, field trips, and daily devotions. All children ages 5 - 12 are invited to attend. Check out the Mt. Calvary Lutheran website for more information about daily activities, registration, and fees.

Diamond Bar Concert/Movie Series

When: Wednesday evenings through August 13; 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sycamore Canyon Park, 22930 Golden Springs Drive

Details: Free admission and free parking

- Jul 09: The Skinny Little Twits (Rock); Frozen.
- Jul 16: Retro Soul (Dance); Honey, I Shrunk the Kids.
- Jul 23: The Answer (Classic Rock); The Great and Powerful Oz.
- Jul 30: Box Car 7 (Blues, R&B); Free Birds.
- Aug 06: Cold Ducks (70s Tribute); The Lego Movie.
- Aug 13: Little Lies Band (Fleetwood Mac Tribute); Despicable Me 2

Contact: www.ci.diamond-bar.ca.us

Reduced Cost Vaccination Clinic

When: Tuesday, July 29, 7 to 8 p.m.

Where: Chino Community Building, 5443 B Street, Chino

Details: The Inland Valley Humane Society and SPCA will hold a reduced fee vaccination and licensing clinic for pets. Dogs: Rabies/\$6; DHPP/\$15; Bordetella/\$15. Cats: Rabies/\$10; FVRCP/\$18.

Contact: (909) 706-4601

Chino Youth Museum Family-Friendly Programs

When: Now through August 2014

Where: 13191 Sixth Street, Downtown Chino; Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nominal fees.

Details: There are some amazing events taking place this summer, from art projects and entertainment, to edible art creations and Kids Night Out. Enjoy special activities like You & Me Time, Beat the Heat cool activities, and special day Museum Birthday Parties.

Contact: (909) 334-3270 to find out more about the summer-fun schedule.

Chino Relay for Life

When: Sat., Aug. 2, 9 a.m. through Sunday, Aug. 3, 8 a.m.

Where: Ayala Park, 14201 Central Ave, Chino

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Contact: Kristine Travis, at krtravi1978@yahoo.com

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When: Monday – Thursday, Aug. 11-21; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Chino Police Department, 5450 Walnut Avenue

Details: High school teens, 14-18 years of age, who live or attend school in the City of Chino, can get an inside look at all the functions of their local law enforcement agency. Participants will get hands-on experience with SWAT, Patrol, Criminal Investigations, K-9, CSI, Narcotics, Traffic and much more!

Contact: Olivia Le Van, (909) 334-3087, or olevan@chinopd.org for applications.

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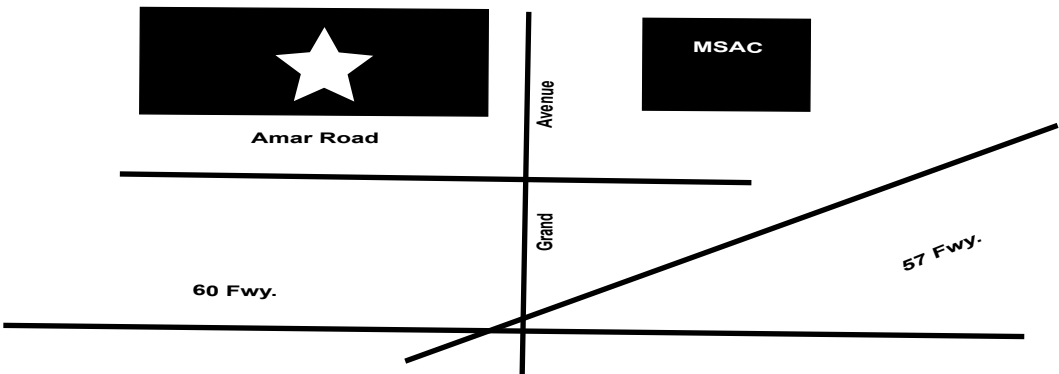
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Women indicted in immigrant scheme

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The two women were charged in a six-count indictment returned on June 24 by a federal grand jury.

"Fraud scams run by so-called notarios threaten the integrity of the immigration process and offer false hope to desperate people," said United States Attorney André Birotte, Jr. "The two women in this case victimized immigrants for years by giving the false impression that they could fix immigration problems."

According to the indictment, the defendants submitted paperwork to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on behalf of six foreign nationals who were seeking to obtain green cards - or permanent resident status - based on legitimate marriages to U.S. citizens. The applications filed by the defendants allegedly included fraudulent I-94 cards indicating that the immigrants, who originally came to the U.S. illegally, entered

lawfully on visitors' visas.

The immigrant victims were originally quoted fees of approximately \$7,000, but the defendants ultimately charged them as much as \$24,000. To pay the debt, some of the couples borrowed against their credit cards or obtained loans from family and friends. Subsequently, investigators say when several of the foreign nationals sought refunds after they failed to receive green cards, the defendants allegedly threatened to contact authorities and have the aliens deported.

"Tragically, as is often true in such scams, at least some of the victims in this case could have obtained green cards legally," said Claude Arnold, special agent in charge for HSI Los Angeles. "Instead, they placed their trust and, in many cases, their life savings in the hands of individuals who were focused on enriching themselves, rather than on helping hopeful immigrants realize the American dream."

Investigators say the similarity between the name and acronym for Arreola's consulting business and USCIS, the Department of Homeland Security agency that adjudicates applications for immigration benefits, was no coincidence. Evidence developed during the investigation showed that money orders and cashier's checks made out to USCIS had been deposited in bank accounts controlled by defendants.

The probe targeting Arreola's CIS began in 2011 after HSI received leads from USCIS's Fraud Detection and National Security directorate involving several suspicious benefit applications. While only six instances of fraud are charged in the case indictment, authorities believe the scheme is responsible for dozens of fraudulent benefit applications.

"Arreola victimized immigrants for personal gain by pretending to be associated with USCIS," said USCIS FDNS Western Regional Assistant Director Ken Takeda.

"We are committed to upholding the integrity of our immigration system by combating these deceptive practices. USCIS strongly encourages the public to seek legal advice or representation from attorneys or accredited representatives."

If Arreola and Gutierrez are convicted, both defendants face a statutory maximum penalty of 60 years in federal prison.

In 2003, the Attorney General of the State of California filed suit against Arreola and Gutierrez, among others, alleging that defendants had engaged in an illegal scheme to provide immigration services in violation of California law. Both Arreola and Gutierrez entered into settlement agreements in which they promised not to engage in illegal immigration consulting services in violation of California law, specifically agreeing not to promise certain benefits or results in immigration cases. In 2006, the defendants began operating California Immigration Services and engaging in the conduct alleged in the indictment.

This case is part of an ongoing,

nationwide effort by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to target unscrupulous immigration practitioners and combat the unauthorized practice of immigration law. The initiative relies on federal, state and local resources to combat the widespread problem of unauthorized practice of immigration law. Other partners involved in the Los Angeles effort include the Federal Trade Commission, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, the State Bar of California, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and the Attorney General's Office of the State of California. For more information on the initiative, please visit <http://www.uscis.gov/news/national-initiative-combat-immigration-services-scams>.

HSI and USCIS believe there are additional victims in this case who have not yet been identified. Call the L.A. County Department of Consumer Affairs at (800) 593-8222 to seek assistance or get information.

DiMiYa Permit Problems

By **RAYMOND MENDOZA**

Walnut - After being originally met with concerns of traffic safety for a proposed DiMiYa Learning Center from the City of Walnut's Planning Commission, members of the City Council are edging toward a resolution that might bring a new business into the Lemon Creek Village Shopping Center.

DiMiYa Learning Center, a company which provides after-school services and seeks to give attendees a deeper understanding of culture, was originally denied a conditional use permit from the Walnut Planning Commission during a May 7 meeting. Tom Weiner, Community Development Director, said that the denial had several factors, including an over-concentration of child related businesses in the Lemon Creek Village Shopping Center (located at 352 N. Lemon Avenue), a lack of off-street parking, a lack of passenger loading parking spaces, and an outdoor use area for a "playground." Weiner said the City's biggest concern has always been with child safety in association with a lack of exclusive parking at the front of the business location.

"Safety is the number one concern for any approval that is being reviewed," Weiner said. "However this operation, and any child related business in the city, requires a conditional use permit which allows for conditions of approval and a more scrutinized review of the use. Unlike Von's or Chase Bank, this business is serving children exclusively - and when it comes to Walnut's children and youth, safety concerns are going to be given special attention."

During the public hearing meeting on June 25, Lemon Creek Village property manager, Alex Flores, said he was willing to work with the representatives from DiMiYa, with the possibility of creating more parking spaces

for the business.

Jean Navarro, the real estate agent who spoke on DiMiYa Learning Center President Bing-Bing Zhu's behalf, said the brunt of the confusion comes from mistakes made on DiMiYa Learning Center's permit application for the Lemon Creek Village Shopping Center. Navarro said that DiMiYa Learning Center representatives accidentally put the incorrect age range for the center's attendees - which would serve children from 4.9-years to 9-years of age instead of the initial proposal of 3 to 5-year olds.

Navarro also said DiMiYa Learning Center is dropping their consideration of using the building's rear parking area for a drop off zone.

After the public hearing, the

City Council opted to not approve or deny the permit, but instead work with DiMiYa Learning Center by clearing up misconceptions on what the business would and would not provide to its patrons.

Additionally, Navarro said that DiMiYa Learning Center is willing to work with all of the City's demands because Zhu believes that the business will flourish in Walnut.

"DiMiYa is really excited to go to the City of Walnut and (Zhu) first selected the City because it matches up with DiMiYa's strongest beliefs in education," Navarro said. "The education system and the residents of Walnut who support education are just a perfect match."

Since DiMiYa's permit is



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352 N. Lemon Ave., the site of the proposed location for the new DiMiYa Learning Center.

now under consideration pending changes to its application, Mayor Tony Cartagena said that the City Council members are glad that the organization is working along with Lemon Creek Village property owner, Arturo Flores.

"I was pleased to hear that the property owner and the

applicant's representatives are very much willing to help mitigate public safety and health concerns on the proposed business," Cartagena said.

Navarro said that once the City approved DiMiYa Learning Center's conditional use permit, the company would plan on opening in September.

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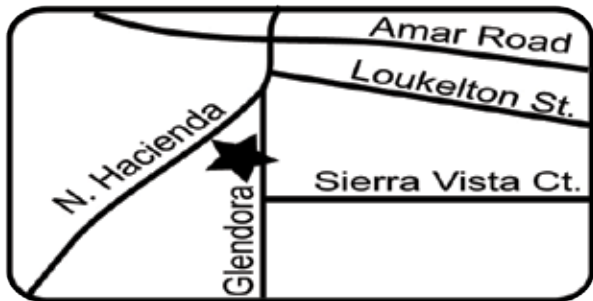
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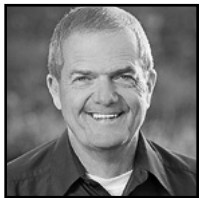
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By PASTOR MARK HOPPER

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experience a national revolution against their king. But, the French Revolution resulted in the deaths of thousands of French citizens and the abuse of power by a few. The American Revolution was based on principles like the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion and the limited use of power by the government. We have seen a number of revolutions around the world in recent years. It is difficult to tell which ones are good and which

ones are bad. History will one day be the judge. When you celebrate the 4th of July this year, I hope you will give thanks for those brave men who risked their lives, reputations and fortunes to birth our nation. No government is perfect. Every form of government has its strengths and weaknesses, and our nation is no exception. We will be having a special 4th of July service at our church on Sunday, July 6, at 10 a.m. We will

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Waiting For Some Relief

By NANCY STOOPS

Things happen in our lives that literally seem to make us feel as if we couldn't possibly go on. When my brother, Rory, committed suicide, I thought that was the end of me; but I survived. Then my other brother, Jeff, was murdered, and once again I thought



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we feel as if we can't breathe, move or go on. We sit around just praying for some relief from all of the pain. Prayers always help, but we also need to help ourselves out of the darkness. We can't just wait around for some miraculous way to feel relief. We need to reach out and get some help when our pain is bigger than we are. If we stay in it, it will swallow us up. We deserve to heal and to move on. I, too, have had to ask

for help in the past. Get up and make that phone call to start living your life again. Don't you think you have suffered enough and that it's time to let go of your past and of all that pain? Isn't it time to stop ignoring the red flags with your child or teenager and finally reach out and get them some help? Isn't it about time you got some very much needed relief? Stop waiting for the tomorrows because too many have already come and gone; get help today!

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.

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Corona woman arrested again for fraud

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Chief Executive Officer of a high-end denim jean company, was arrested by Special Agents with the United States Secret Service and the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to a criminal complaint issued on June 30 by a federal judge. According to the criminal complaint, which includes wire fraud, Jones scammed two Georgia men in an investment scheme. The complaint states that Jones convinced the men to invest with her, but spent the money on her own personal expenses. Jones, who was out on bond pending a September 23

trial in the bank and bankruptcy fraud case, was prohibited from soliciting money from investors while awaiting the trial. According to the 19-count indictment returned by a grand jury in September 2013, Jones was the Chief Executive Officer of Diamond Decisions, Inc., which sold denim jeans marketed under the labels of Privacywear and PRVCY Premium. According to the indictment, Jones obtained a \$15 million business line of credit from Union Bank, using fake financial statements and fake tax returns, as well as providing the bank with a Social Security number that belonged to someone else. Jones also

hid a previous bankruptcy and felony record from the bank. The indictment further states that Jones defaulted on the \$15 million loan after a year, causing Union Bank to file a lawsuit in state court. When Union Bank tried to seize the contents of the Diamond Decisions warehouse, Jones caused the company to file for bankruptcy and hid assets from the bankruptcy trustee. Jones faces a maximum statutory sentence of 489 years in federal prison on the bank and bankruptcy fraud indictment. Jones also faces a maximum statutory sentence of 20 years on the wire fraud complaint.

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Walnut Valley Honors 2014 Retirees

By Kelli Gile

Walnut – Walnut Valley Unified School District gathered to celebrate the 2014 retiring staff members during a reception held May 21.

26 employees were lauded for providing a total of 584 years of outstanding service to students. Each retiree received personal tributes, a retirement watch, and certificates of special recognition.

“Thank you, on behalf of the Board of Trustees,” said President Cindy Ruiz. “We appreciate every one of you and you will be missed!”

Congratulations to the following retiring staff members:

- Diana Thorneycroft – Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services
- Bonnie Lee, Instructional Aide, Castle Rock Elementary

- Brad Chapman, Teacher, Chaparral Middle School
- Sharon Mocho, Food Service Worker III, Chaparral Middle School
- Marian Nelson, Attendance Clerk, Chaparral Middle School
- Kerry Volkov, Instructional Aide II, Chaparral Middle School
- Linda Gandana, Food Service Worker II, Collegewood Elementary
- Edith Yu, Food Service Worker I, Collegewood Elementary
- Jon Goode, Grade Level Coordinator, Diamond Bar High
- Dennis Thomsen, Teacher, Educational Services
- Gayle Douglas, Teacher, Maple Hill Elementary
- Marsha Dickerson, Teacher, South Pointe Middle School
- Jean Fujihara, Teacher, South Pointe Middle School
- Claudia Huff, Teacher, South



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The 2014 WVUSD retirees shown with Board Members Cindy Ruiz, Helen Hall, Larry Redinger, Dr. Tony Tornig, Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor, and Personnel Commissioner Ron Everett.

- Nea Tyler, Bus Driver, Transportation
- Sandra Harutunian, Teacher, Vejar Elementary
- Patricia Ackman, Food Service Worker II, Walnut Elementary
- Tricia Aragon, Secretary II, Walnut High
- Scott Cassells, Grade Level Coordinator, Walnut High
- Lily Jacquot, Teacher, Walnut High
- Christine Nagashima, Office Assistant, Walnut High
- Patricia Finn, Teacher, Westhoff Elementary.

Walnut’s Mayor Inspires Kindergarten Grads

By Leianna Pasmant-Solis

Walnut – The International School of Montessori has been part of the Walnut Community since 1994. The Walnut school provides a revolutionary method of observing and supporting

the natural development of children from infancy through kindergarten. Montessori’s 2014 kindergarten class held their graduation ceremony on Fri., June 13, at the Covina Woman’s Club, and Walnut Mayor, Tony Cartagena,

was in attendance to congratulate the little graduates. Cartagena delivered an inspiring speech for the school, encouraging each child to aspire to greatness. The school’s director, Leianna Pasmant-Solis, also congratulated the

staff and those in attendance for having participated in such a wonderful program. The International School of Montessori is located at 20781 Amar Road in Walnut. For more information, call (909) 594-8172.



PHOTO BY: LEIANNA PASMANT-SOLIS
Mayor Cartagena with student, Natalia Avila, and director, Leianna Pasmant-Solis

Bicyclist Dies In Fatal Traffic Collision

STAFF REPORTS

Chino –A man riding a bicycle southbound on Central Avenue was hit by a vehicle on Tues., July

1, just after noon. Manuel Vera Ortega, 79, of Chino, was pronounced dead at the Chino Valley Medical Center a short time later. Officers have determined that

the vehicle, a silver 2013 Chevy Silverado, was also moving southbound on Central Avenue, just south of Washington Avenue, when the collision occurred. The

driver, William Parkison, 73, of Chino, was not arrested. The cause of the collision is under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call (909) 628-1234.

Diamond Bar council actions

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concerned with what she called a rash of untamed dogs in the neighborhood during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Cathy Patterson, a Diamond Bar resident since 1980 and a teacher at Walnut Valley Unified for the past 29 years, said she and her dog were attacked by a neighbor’s dogs from across the street when they were out walking on Fri., June 27. “The larger of the two dogs knocked us both down and then proceeded to bite me severely on the leg, requiring many stitches,” said Patterson, adding that the dog’s owner called off his dogs after he heard her screams. Patterson said it has come to

her attention that over the years the problem of dog owners not being attentive to their dogs has grown and has become an issue that the City needs to address. “There are several dog owners in the area who do not properly care for their dogs, some by walking them off leash, and some dogs are allowed to roam freely out of sight from their owners during their walk. I’ve even been confronted by at least three different dogs right as I opened my own front door. Some do not have properly fenced yards so the dogs get out on a regular basis, and there are at least four that I know off who are unable to control their animals,” Patterson told the council. Patterson said following her attack and after receiving medical

attention she wanted to report the incident to the Walnut Sheriff’s Station and the Inland Valley Humane Society. According to Patterson, she felt both agencies chided her for not taking more responsibility, for calling 911, and suggesting she might have provoked the attack herself. Diamond Bar City Manager, James DeStefano, said he was very interested in Patterson’s presentation and said he was going to work with her and City staff to learn more details about the interaction with the Sheriff’s Department and the Inland Valley Humane Society. In other council actions, a consent calendar was unanimously approved 5-0, and included an item to ratify a check register dated June 12 through June 25

for a total of more than \$1 million, as requested by the City’s finance department. According to information made public by the City and Finance Director, Dianna Honeywell, the City allowed payments for the 13-day period to cover expenses including more than \$215,000 for computer equipment hardware and I.T. services, more than \$7,000 in environmental impact consulting services, and more than \$82,000 in Metrolink pass subsidies. According to the report presented to the council by the finance department, “All payments have been made in compliance with the City’s purchasing policies and procedures.” The expenditure totals more than \$1 million in City funds.

The council also approved an ordinance that will go into effect on Aug. 1 which allows City staff to update speed limits throughout the City as required by the California Vehicle Code (CVC) - which updates its speed zone study every seven to 10 years. The last study conducted by City staff occurred in 2004. Upcoming Diamond Bar events include the Concerts in the Park Series performance of The Skinny Little Twits rock band at Sycamore Canyon Park on July 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and a showing of the movie, Frozen, immediately following the concert. The City Council will next meet on July 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the AQMD/Government Center Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive.

Weapons trainer sentenced

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John F. Walter, who called the crime “a very serious offense that requires a correspondingly long sentence.” Nguyen pled guilty late last year to one count of attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization. Nguyen, who also used the name Hasan Abu Omar Ghannoum, admitted that in late 2012 he travelled to Syria where he joined opposition forces.

Using a social network site during a four month period he was in Syria, Nguyen told people that he was fighting against the Assad regime and that he had a “confirmed kill.” After he returned to the U.S., Nguyen told associates that he had offered to train Al-Qai’da forces in Syria, but his offer had been turned down. Between August 3 and October 11 of 2013, Nguyen met with a man he thought was an Al-Qai’da recruiter, but who, in fact, was working with the FBI. According to a plea agreement filed in

federal court, within the first few minutes of their meeting, Nguyen began questioning the man to determine if he was a fellow jihadist. Nguyen told the man about his exploits in Syria and said he wanted to return to jihad because “this was what he was born to do.” During their meetings, Nguyen - and the man he thought was a recruiter - discussed how Nguyen could travel to Pakistan under a fraudulently obtained United States passport. After Nguyen gave the purported recruiter a photo of himself and a passport

application with bogus information, Nguyen agreed to travel to Pakistan, where he would train 30 Al-Qai’da fighters for five or six weeks to prepare them “for a guerilla warfare ambush attack on coalition forces” that would take place in late 2013, according to the plea agreement. On October 1, with the intention to travel to Pakistan to begin training forces for the ambush, Nguyen purchased a plane ticket to travel from Mexico to Peshawar, Pakistan. On October 11, Nguyen went to a bus station in

Santa Ana where he purchased a ticket to Mexico, and was arrested by FBI agents. When he was taken into custody, Nguyen had in his possession the false passport and a computer hard drive that contained “over 180 training videos on shooting firearms.” Nguyen has been in federal custody since his arrest. The case against Nguyen is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

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List Price: \$299,000



24422 Pikes CT, Diamond Bar 91765
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Bath(F,T,H,Q): 2,0,0,0
Sqft (Src): 1,412
Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.308/13,424
Sold Price: \$500,000



910 Clear Creek Canyon DR, Diamond Bar 91765
Bed: 4
Bath(F,T,H,Q): 2,0,0,0
Sqft (Src): 1,771
Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.23/10,195
Sold Price: \$485,000



939 Golden Prados DR, Diamond Bar 91765
Bed: 6
Bath(F,T,H,Q): 2,2,0,0
Sqft (Src): 2,404
Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.22/9,425
Sold Price: \$542,000



814 REXFORD CT, Diamond Bar 91765
Bed: 5
Bath(F,T,H,Q): 3,0,1,0
Sqft (Src): 2,100
Ac/LotSqft (Src): 0.16/7,187
Sold Price: \$520,000



725 Featherwood DR, Diamond Bar 91765
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