



OC News

O.C. Man Gets 4 Years In Federal Prison

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana – The owner of a Huntington Beach-based military contractor, who plead guilty to federal tax charges for failing to report millions of dollars to the Internal Revenue Service that his company received for providing services to the military at Baghdad International Airport, was sentenced on Fri., Sept. 5 to 48 months in federal prison.

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IE News

CNUSD Requests New Bond

BY JENNIFER MADRIGAL

Eastvale – On August 5, the Corona-Norco School Board voted to place a \$396 million bond measure on the November ballot. This bond comes just eight years after Measure U, a 30-year, \$250 million bond, for which less than 17 percent of the money went directly to Eastvale. Most of the funds were used to rehab schools in Corona and Norco.

This new bond, referred to as the Corona-Norco Bond, would be used to upgrade classrooms, science labs

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Birth Tourism: Is The American Dream For Sale?

By K.P. SANDER

Chino Hills – You may have heard about Birth Tourism, and the so-called Maternity Motels that help to propagate it. This is a nationwide issue that has been amidst a lot of controversy in the City of Chino Hills, and well beyond.

Wikipedia describes Birth Tourism as travel to another country for the purpose of giving birth in that

country. One of the main reasons for taking such measures is for the newborn to gain citizenship of that country, as well as take advantage of the destination's healthcare system.

In the United States, our 14th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees U.S. citizenship to those born on its territory, provided

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NationalVisas

Birth Tourism in CALIFORNIA



PHOTO COURTESY: NATIONALVISAS

Mora Gets 20 Years For Murder



PHOTO COURTESY: MICHAEL ARMIJO
The Mora home, scene of a gruesome murder.

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – Socorro Mora, 46, who was convicted of the brutal stabbing death of her husband, as well as the family dog, has received her sentence in Pomona Superior Court. On Tues., Sept. 9, Mora was condemned to 20 years in state prison.

Socorro and George Mora had been married since 1993, but had become estranged in 2011. That September, Socorro moved out of the home on the 21600 block of Brookside Court in Walnut that the couple shared

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sun Sept. 14

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Mon Sept 15

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Low 71°



Tue Sept 16

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High 104°
Low 72°



Wed Sept 17

Sunny
High 98°
Low 70°



Thu Sept 18

Mostly Sunny
High 94°
Low 69°



Fri Sept 19

Sunny
High 93°
Low 69°



Walnut Council Recap

BY RAYMOND MENDOZA

Walnut – The City of Walnut held their regular City Council meeting on Wed., Sept. 10. Mayor Nancy Tragarz started off the meeting by awarding 20/20 Vision Optometry owner, Dr. Jonathan Joe, with the 2014

Business of the Quarter recognition, thanking him for 17 years of service to the City. Joe, who has performed chart work on more than 10,000 patients during his time in Walnut, said he was happy and honored to receive the award and thanked the Council for the recognition.

The String and Bamboo Music group, led by Bin He, was also recognized for their long-standing work in the City as representatives of both music and culture.

Public comment had more

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Pomona Gang Member Arrested

STAFF REPORTS

Pomona – On September 10, at approximately 7 p.m., known gang member, Arthur Ramirez, 21, was arrested.

According to the Pomona Po-

lice Department, officers from the Gang Violence Suppression Unit contacted Ramirez at his residence on the 700 block of Weber Street.

Ramirez is a known associate of a criminal street gang

operating in Pomona. The gang is known to actively participate in shootings, assaults, narcotic sales, and multiple

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BUSINESS FEATURE

Liposuction Without The Suction

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

Upland – Body Sculpting is best described as an alternative way to lose body fat in specific areas that are hard to reach, including un-



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BUSINESS FEATURE

Dave's Budget Rooter Plumbing

STAFF REPORTS

Chino – It's hard to find a plumber who does good work, but Dave Holt has been in the business for 35 years and promises to fix it right the first time.

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The Love Of My Life

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO

I once saw a young couple walking together, and their interaction made me pause for a moment and admire them. They looked often into each other's eyes, and the world seemed to stand still for them. All time seemed to cease and the love between them flourished. It was like watching two birds soar through the sky in a synchronized motion; in true harmony. They were on the same flight, in pace, within the same realm of mind, emotion and feeling.

I believe that in life, you earn the love you have, with your intentions and your actions. You earn the right to love and be loved. If you have not earned love because of what you've done in the past, you still have a chance to be deserving of this

gift. You ask for forgiveness, first to your God, and then to yourself. Once you believe you are forgiven, your heart will be open to receiving love.

I don't believe that God has intended us to make the journey of life without profound love; with that feeling where you think, "Being with this person and knowing their smile, their touch, and their love just for a moment, is worth more than a thousand years of living without it."

When you find that kind of love, you nurture it – forever – so that your hearts become one. For the times you don't feel as one, you have to remember that love isn't fading, but the distractions of your insecurity, problems, and other weight-of-the-world issues are simply blurring your vision. True

love, well taken care of, will persevere.

I have this love; this 'love of my life'. I have loved her since I met her, and every moment in between. I have been loved in return, and it has given meaning to my life that I once felt I had no right to expect. But no one can every take that from me, and I

have no regrets.

If you have that love, earn it; nurture it. Like that young couple, find your synchronization and harmony. Find the purity and honesty that it is all derived from. Experience that kiss that says, 'I love you, I trust you, and life is richer because of you.' Find the love of your life.

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Community Events

STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Flapjack Fundraiser

When: Saturday, Sept. 13; 8 to 10 a.m.

Where: Applebee's, in Walnut

Details: A benefit for the Student Assistance Fund sponsored by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and School in Diamond Bar to help families that are struggling to have their children attend Mt. Calvary. Tickets are \$10, and include a great breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, country fries, coffee and juice.

Contact: For tickets and more information, call Sandy Hardin, (909) 595-0753.

Diamond Bar Library HUGE BOOK Sale

When: Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room, 21800 Copley Drive

Details: There will be a members-only preview from 9 to 10 a.m., with a membership drive between 8:30 and 9 a.m. There will be thousands of desirable, high-quality books at rock-bottom prices. All proceeds directly benefit the library.

Contact: (909) 396-9954

Hollywood Bowl Fireworks Finale featuring the Simpsons!

When: Saturday, Sept. 13

Where: Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, CA (busses depart from Park-N-Ride, 20983 La Puente Road (at Gartel Drive).

Details: Journey from the animated Springfield Bowl to the Hollywood Bowl for this unprecedented event as the famous orchestra accompanies your favorite scenes from the Simpsons on the big screen. Seats are

located in Section F2, Rows 5, 6, and 7. The fee is \$55 per person, appropriate for all ages.

Contact: For registration and additional information, call Walnut Community Services Department, (909) 598-5605.

Friends of the Taylor House Artist on the Porch Summer/Fall Series

When: Second Sundays, September 14; October 12; 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: Heritage Gardens Park, 3510 East Cameron Avenue, West Covina

Details: September event will feature craftsman period stained glass with Renn Hjellum-Lim.

Contact: For this and future events, visit facebook.com/taylorhousecraftsmanhome

Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

When: September 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Upland Police Department, 1499 W. 13th Street, Upland

Details: The Upland Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its ninth opportunity in four years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs (the DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches). The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Last April, Americans turned in over 780,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly authorized 6,100 sites.

Citizenship Information Session

When: September 27, 11 a.m. (with a follow up workshop on October 25)

Where: Azusa City Library,

Auditorium

Details: Azusa City Library and Central American Resource Center have partnered to strengthen citizenship education efforts in the San Gabriel Valley.

Contact: (626) 812-5273, or email evilla@ci.azusa.ca.us.

Wheel Food Fest

When: 1st Friday of the month through October 3; 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Walnut Valley Unified School District, 880 S. Lemon Avenue, in Walnut

Details: The Walnut Valley Educational Foundation is sponsoring a family fun night with a variety of gourmet food trucks. This is a delicious way to support your students, schools and community. There are no entry fees, and there is plenty of free parking. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy! Food trucks may include: The Slummin' Gourmet, Macho Nacho, Rolling Sushi, Cup Cakery, Crepes Bonaparte, White Rabbit, and Dos Chinos. Please leave your pets at home, and do not bring alcohol, outside food or drinks.

The Chino Hills Historical Society Presentation

When: Monday, October 13

Where: Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive

Details: Local historian, Allen P. McCombs will give a presentation on, "Chino Valley's Role in How the West Was Won." This event was previously scheduled on Sept. 15.

Contact: Call (909) 597-2051, or email chhistory@aol.com

City of Hope Blood Drive

When: Thurs., Oct. 16, 12:45 to 7 p.m.

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and School, Gymnasium, 23300 Golden Springs Drive,

Diamond Bar

Contact: Call (909) 861-2740 for appointments, and be sure to bring your ID to the event.

Free Intervention Information Sessions

When: Third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.

Where: Charter Oak Hospital, 1161 E. Covina Blvd., Covina

Details: Free information sessions about the intervention process, a powerful tool to combat alcoholism and addiction. Open to the public, space is limited and reservations are recommended.

Contact: Aurora Charter Oak Hospital, (626) 859-5269, or visit www.charteroakhospital.com.

Free ESL and Citizenship Classes

When: Monday through Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m.; or Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.

Where: 2100 Lerona 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>.

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 mini-

mum purchase).

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

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 Bar.

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 p.m.

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

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

Contact: (909) 869-0701

Did You Know?

By K.P. SANDER

Nearly everyone of a certain age remembers where they were on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. You may have shared in the absolutely shock of what was happening, thinking somehow you were listening to a fictitious story, and not hearing actual events.

On that day, 19 Islamic al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four passenger airliners, commandeering them into suicide missions. American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 were deliberately crashed into New York's World Trade Center. Within a couple of hours, both towers collapsed, causing the devastating domino effect that would demolish buildings all around - with the loss of life unfathomable.

The third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, crashed and took out the western side of the Pentagon; and the fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on its way to Washington, D.C. The heroic passengers on that flight made sure that the terrorists did not reach their destination. They gave courage a new meaning.

In all, nearly 3,000 people lost



PHOTO COURTESY: WIKIPEDIA
The Twin Towers at the World Trade Center as seen on Sept. 11, 2001.

their lives. Some of them were airline passengers, some were in the buildings or nearby, and some perished trying to save others. 343 fire fighters and 72 law enforcement officers were lost. \$10 billion in property damage occurred. The attacks affected our lives, our hearts, our economy, our security, and our well-being.

Osama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the acts in 2004, and U.S. forces located and killed him in May of 2011.

The Ground Zero site at the twin towers was a bleak reminder of what came to pass, and you couldn't walk by it or see photos

of it without a pang in your heart and a tear in your eye. But the rebuilding began.

Construction of the One World Trade Center began in November of 2008, and the site of so much devastation has once again risen to greatness (with estimated completion this year). We move forward, but we will never forget the events of that day, the heroes that were created, and the friends that were lost.

This September, remember to say a prayer for all those involved - all those lost, all those left behind - and for the great nation that we live in. Remember 9/11.

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Lincoln Elementary and Pomona Police Observe Patriot Day

STAFF REPORTS

Pomona - On Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists struck the United States and nearly 3,000 people died as a result.

Patriot Day is observed on September 11, and it is a means to remember the loss of so many

and the service that came as a result of such a tragedy.

For the last four years, Pomona Police Officers have been invited to Lincoln Elementary School for a time of recognition, support and encouragement. The students, staff and PTA at Lincoln are tremendous sup-

porters of every Pomona Police officer and the Department's efforts.

Pomona's officers state that there is no better way to spend a morning than high-fiving, exchanging smiles and shaking hands with our youngest supporters...on a very special day.



PHOTO BY: POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Students and Officers reverent in remembrance.

Medical Assisting Offered At DB And Walnut High Schools

BY CANDICE MARSANO

SGV - In collaboration with the Walnut Unified School District, the East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program and Technical Center just opened two new Instructional Service Centers for aspiring Medical Assistants. The class is a pathway from high school

to post-secondary offered as part of the Medical Programs at Diamond Bar and Walnut High Schools, and is also open to community residents.

The ESGVROP Technical Center, which bases its post-secondary programs out of its West Covina location, opened the Certified Medical Assistant program at the Dia-

mond Bar and Walnut High Schools earlier this year. The program will allow graduating high school students and community residents the opportunity to transition into the program seamlessly throughout the year through its open enrollment. The program allows students to begin their career in the medical field, gain valuable work experience, and

continue to pursue their education at the university level.

With support from Walnut Unified officials, ESGVROP Technical Center set up the Medical Assisting program at the high schools to help students transition into a fully-accredited college-level vocational program. The program is accredited by the Commission

on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), which qualifies students to compete for a national exam, the AAMA. The AAMA Certification is highly desired by employers in the medical field. It's a perfect program with a high demand choice. For information on enrolling into the program, call (626) 472-5101.

CNUSD requests new bond

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and technology systems for career and technical education classes, including infrastructure for wireless Internet access for almost every school in the district. In addition, the bond would be used to replace or repair old roofs, plumbing, electrical, etc. Portable classrooms and security systems may also be replaced, as well as upgrades to fences, gates, classroom locks and outdoor lights.

But what does this mean for Eastvale? How do we ensure that our schools get their fair share of the bond money as opposed to the mere 17 percent Eastvale

schools received in 2006? At a school bond discussion meeting a few months back with various members of the community and CNUSD Superintendent, Michael Lin, councilmember William Link expressed this very concern.

"As a councilmember representing this City, I expressed my concern that any money paid by Eastvale residents toward the bond needs to be kept in Eastvale Schools. Once I received a copy of the bond I forwarded it on to our City Attorney, John Cavanaugh, to review and really make sure that the verbiage is clear and accurate."

Many in Eastvale feel that our schools did not get their fair

share of the last bond, especially when Eastvale residents pay such high taxes. On a recent Facebook group discussion, Eastvale Resident Lisett Beytia said, "I will be voting NO. I don't think the school district has really shown how my bond money has benefited the Eastvale schools. I know it's selfish, but if I'm paying extra taxes for schools I want the money to stay in Eastvale."

CNUSD board member, Bill Newberry, who was not on the board during the 2006 Measure U Bond vote, would also like to ensure that bond money paid by Eastvale residents stays in Eastvale.

"I have been in meetings

with bond attorneys, tax attorneys, bonding companies, our District's legal staff, and I have ensured, as Bill Link said, that in the legal Bond Resolution it will stipulate that the money raised in each community of our district will be spent in that community of our district. I will make certain that a legal document is made available to anyone. This bond will ask for \$24 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value, so in Eastvale approximately \$96 per year."

One of the biggest items that the new bond could affect is the overcrowding of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. According to Newberry, ERHS will reach capacity by the 2015-2016 school

year. If the bond passes, one of the biggest items and most expensive projects would be the proposed Academy/Magnet High School to be located in the back of the High School parking lot. The new school would be geared toward high end Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine academics and house approximately 800 students.

As more information comes out about the bond, one thing is certain, do your homework. Stay informed, ask questions and really read what you are voting for. For more information about school bonds check out CNUSD's website at <http://www.cnusd.k12.ca.us>.



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OC man gets 4 years in federal prison

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According to the United States Attorney's Office, Nadim "Nick" Saifan, Jr., 48, of Huntington Beach, was sentenced by United States District Judge Cormac J. Carney.

Saifan pleaded guilty in May to two counts of attempted tax evasion and specifically admitted that

he substantially underreported income on his company's 2005 corporate tax return and his personal tax return for 2006.

Saifan was the owner and operator of Defense Logistical Support & Services Corporation (DLSS), which provided services to the military and some civilian companies in Iraq. From August 2004 through October 2007, DLSS received nearly \$16 million

from the United States military for services in Iraq, according to court documents that state Saifan reported only a small fraction of this income on DLSS's corporate tax returns filed with the IRS. The court documents also show that Saifan used foreign bank accounts, specifically in Lebanon, to conceal his assets and profits from DLSS Corp.

"In addition to failing to report

the millions of dollars in taxable income on DLSS Corp.'s tax returns, [Saifan] also used substantial corporate funds for personal purchases and payments to himself, without claiming these distributions and payments as income to himself on his individual tax returns," prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memo filed with the court. Saifan used corporate money to make approximately

\$880,000 in down payments on real estate and approximately \$292,000 in payments toward vehicles that included a Ferrari and a Rolls-Royce.

Saifan has been in federal custody since Judge Carney revoked Saifan's bond in May.

The case against Saifan was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and IRS Criminal Investigation.

Walnut council recap

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discussion pertaining to Mt. SAC's parking structure, with residents asking the Council to limit construction vehicles around Mountaineer Road, and to consider scheduling its meetings around the Mt. SAC board of trustees meetings.

Following public comment, the Council opened up the public hearing segment for one item, the Metrolink Subsidy Program. The resolution, which was unanimously passed, established the Metrolink subsidy at \$32 per pass and a maximum of 300 passes per month to residents, and appropriated \$50,400 from the Proposition C Fund balance to make the resolution possible in order to encourage residents to take public transportation to cut down on pollution.

The Council then approved the only item on the consent calendar pertaining to Resolution No. 14-47 for the claims and demands of the City in the amount of \$541,692.82.

Council discussions then started with a debate among its members concerning the affirmation, modification or termination of City Attorney Michael Montgomery's contract with the City. City Manager, Robert Wishner, laid out the options to the council members and noted that if reaffirmed, Montgomery's contract would be set for two years, which would then end with his retirement. Councilwoman Su offered her opinion, stating that while she thought that Montgomery did make some mistakes during his time as City Attorney, she believed that his experience was a boon for Walnut based on his 33 years

working for the City.

"Sometimes we have to wait and see what will be the best for us," Su said.

Councilmember, Tony Cartagena, said the City has been blessed with Montgomery's expertise, stating that he saved the City millions of dollars over the years.

Tragarz said while Montgomery has been useful to the City in the past, his lack of malpractice insurance poses possible threats, leaving the City open to damages if poor legal advice is given. She then mentioned that Montgomery has not been covered by malpractice insurance for the last six years and had not notified the Council of his lack of coverage.

Furthermore, Tragarz denied allegations that have been thrown around by unknown parties that she was "after (Montgomery's) job." She went on to say that she was making sure that the City Attorney adhered to



PHOTO BY: RAYMOND MENDOZA

Jonathan Joe of 20/20 Optometry is honored by the council.

laws and practices that govern all city attorneys and that not doing so could cause monetary damage to the residents of Walnut.

"I am not trying to be mean, I am not trying to be cruel," Tragarz said. "All I'm trying to do is look out for the City's best interest. Our duty is not to Montgomery, it's to the citizens."

By 9 p.m., Su excused herself, citing a family emergency concerning her mother.

Following public comments on the matter, Council member Bob Pacheco called to reaffirm

the City Attorney's contract, but the vote failed 2-2, with Ching and Tragarz dissenting. The Council then moved to table the discussion item for a later council meeting, but it failed with another 2-2 vote.

Council then passed on the item, after all three options to reaffirm, terminate or modify Montgomery's contract were exhausted.

The City Council then adjourned with plans to meet at 7 p.m., Sept. 27, at the City Council chambers at 21201 La Puente Road.

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Liposuction without the suction

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der the arms, love handles, inner thighs, or even the breast area on a man. The procedure seems to be relatively new, but it's actually an old technique that is revised.

Upon visiting the Premier Body Sculpt Center in Upland, I was a bit skeptical about their amazing new technology actually working. The combination of Ultrasonic Cavitations and Radio Frequency was said to show amazing results without the inconvenience, pain and down-time of surgery. But the skepticism is over.

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The best way to describe it would be: imagine getting a huge bag and placing small water balloons inside. Then imagine tapping the bag until the water balloons break. This same concept is applied to Body Sculpting. It liquefies the fat and then the body processes the fat through the urine. Sounds different, but the body processes fat this way, and the results are immediate, with further results seen throughout the week.

When I experienced Body Sculpting myself, all I had to do was lie down and sit up while the three step process was administered. The ultrasound radio frequency was a bit different, as sound waves emitted through my body. That's what ultrasound is, an emission of sound waves. But this is at a higher rate, and this is how fat is broken down. And during the process, I could actually hear sound coming out of my ears. It took a moment to get used to, but eventually it didn't faze

me a bit.

When it comes to my health, I am on it. I need to know all the facts, the downsides, and the repercussions. I am a diabetic, so I always have some type of risk. But what gave me confidence was that the technician was an RN, BSN, and Aesthetic Specialist - who also worked in an emergency room at a local hospital (yes, I checked).

I could not find anything negative about the procedure and I did see results right away (the before and after pictures were amazing). I completed three sessions, and I am pleased with the results so far. I would go back to do more.

I recommend Premier Body Sculpting, and I also recommend you check out their website, watch the video, and make the best decision for yourself.

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42nd Annual Rowland Heights Buckboard Days

By GINA K. WARD

Rowland Heights - This year's 42nd Annual Buckboard Days Parade and Festival will be held on Sat., Oct. 18, in Rowland Heights, and will be bigger than ever with the theme, "Nature in Our Own Backyard."

Co-organized by the Rowland Heights Chinese Association and the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council, the parade will feature a variety of local school bands, community organizations, equestrian groups, floats, and the Wells Fargo Stage Coach. Local

environmental scientist and educator, Kimo Morris, Ph.D., is this year's Parade Grand Marshal.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. at the corner of Nogales and Colima, and will conclude at Rowland Heights County Park. There is no parade entry fee for community organizations and individuals. There is a \$50 fee for each commercial or business application. The deadline for Buckboard Parade Entries to be included in the parade program is Sept. 17. To be in the parade but not the program, the final deadline is Oct. 10. All parade and festival applications can be found at www.

buckboarddaysparade.org. Applications can be emailed to buckboardparade@hotmail.com.

Following the parade will be a Family Festival at Rowland Heights County Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For everyone's enjoyment, there will be entertainment on stage and throughout the park, with a variety of community booths offering food, handmade arts and crafts, and community information and services until 2 p.m., organized by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. For Festival Booth Applications, please contact Letty

Guerrero at Rowland Heights Park by email at Iguerrero@parks.lacounty.gov. Applications are available at www.buckboarddaysparade.org.

The Hacienda Heights Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast before the parade, starting at 7 a.m. Come early and enjoy breakfast at the Bell Memorial Church parking lot on Nogales, near the corner of Colima (1747 Nogales Street, Rowland Heights). Breakfast is just \$5 per person.

The Parade Co-Chairs are Rachel Fung, Rowland Heights Chinese Association, and John

Grant, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council. The Buckboard Days Parade Sponsors are Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe; Los Angeles Parks & Recreation Department; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol; First General Bank; Aera Energy, LLC; Southern California Edison; Henry Woo Architects; Rowland Water District; Walnut Valley Water; Southlands Christian Schools; Advanced Martial Arts; SK Taekwondo School; and the Shaolin Temple Cultural Center.



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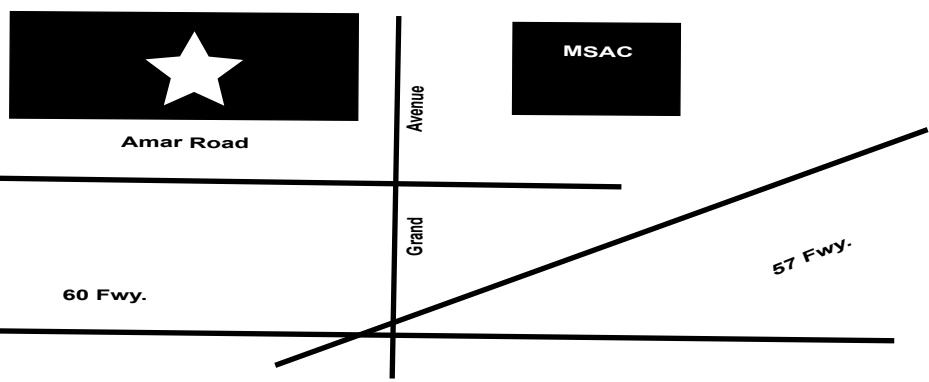


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Birth Tourism: Is the American Dream for sale?

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the individual is subject to the jurisdiction thereof. To stop Birth Tourism, some other countries, such as France, Australia, and the United Kingdom, have made the proviso that at least one parent must be a citizen of the country, or a legal, permanent resident. The U.S. is unconditional.

The practice of Birth Tourism is popular among women in South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong, usually in elite or wealthy circles. For a fee of around \$15,000, women can come to the U.S., take a holiday with sightseeing and shopping excursions, and give birth to an American citizen. But is this "playing the system" lawful? Most aspects of it are not.

The organization, Not in Chino Hills, says women are coming to the United States under false pretenses. They are learning about Birth Tourism through websites instructing them how to come here legally, but that is not necessarily the case. Some of their guidelines are downright deceitful.

The Chinese website, starbabycare.com – and many others like it – actually provides specific guidelines for giving birth in the United States. Their hyperbole suggests entering the U.S. two to three months prior to delivery and wearing relaxed and comfortable costumes in order to facilitate the U.S. Immigration process at the airport. They regale about the benefits of American citizenship, including education, political asylum, and how the baby can help others immigrate on their ticket.

The website offers special "Star Packages," featuring luxurious accommodations (that look nothing like a hospital, but more like an upscale hotel), promising everything from the ultimate in mother/baby care with full-time nurses and exclusive chefs "preparing meals according to your tastes." There's even a thrice weekly shuttle for shopping trips and site seeing, as well as "major cleaning," or maid services. They entice it to sound as if you are booking the vacation of a lifetime abroad. But who is in charge of the prenatal and neonatal care?

Local attorney, Rossana Mitchell, who has lived in Chino Hills for 26 years – and is a spokesperson

for Not in Chino Hills – says the whole system is misleading.

"Foreign women are being misled by these business operators. They are flying over here on a tourist visa – 'to visit Disneyland' – and told to wear baggy clothes and not let anyone know they are pregnant," says Mitchell.

The women are seeking the beautiful hospital accommodations shown on the websites, but are arriving in "residential areas where the accommodations are very substandard, with no amenities, and home improvements that are not permitted," Mitchell adds.

Inspections of such homes have reportedly revealed exposed wires, unsafe water heaters, rooms with illegal distances from combustible appliances, improper ventilation, and a lack of emergency exits. Generally, there are unsafe accommodations, not to mention the sewage (spillage) and sanitation issues and the excess trash that accompany the retrofitting for excessive occupants.

Mitchell continues, "You can't turn your residence into a motel. There are legalities involved. Plus, a lot of these places are turning cash transactions to evade income taxes."

Not in Chino Hills hosted a community meeting on Tues., Sept. 9, and Mitchell says good things were accomplished. They have circulated a petition in order to file a formal complaint against seven of the Chino Hills homes in question. They plan on sharing this at the next City Council meeting on September 23. They would also like to direct the Council to emulate what the City of Arcadia has done, and hire a detective dedicated to addressing the illegal tourism business and putting a stop to the maternity motels that are cropping up.

There has been action to help write the wrongs. State Assemblyman, Curt Hagman (R-Chino Hills), previously introduced a bill that would criminalize the operation of a hotel in a residential zone.

In January 2013, L.A. County Supervisor, Don Knabe, called on the Board of Supervisors to



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Banner from a past Maternity Motel protest.

crack down on these maternity motels, which were becoming increasingly ubiquitous in the San Gabriel Valley.

"Across the United States, the recent trend in 'birthing tourism' has led to money-making schemes that put the health and safety of mothers and babies in jeopardy. We have had an increase in complaints from neighboring residents, concerned about the well-being of those in these homes, as well as the concern about the quality of life in residential neighborhoods when these facilities are allowed to operate," said Knabe.

Several homes have been identified as alleged Maternity Motels in the City of Chino Hills: 14661 Summer Breeze; 3198 Forrest Meadow; 3257 Cotton-tail; 3601 Hillsdale Ranch; 2502 Paseo Del Palacio; 2857 Calle Lumina; 3733 Cibola Court; 2890 Steeple Chase Drive; and 15693 Deodoer Lane. Many homes have even undergone substantial renovations to facilitate these birthing centers.

On Dec. 15, 2012, the Chino Champion reported on an alleged Chinese maternity motel located at 15250 Woodglen Drive that underwent a court-ordered inspection. The original dwelling, built in 1974, had seven bedrooms, and 6.5 bathrooms. The inspection revealed that the same single-family house contained 17 bedrooms and 17 bathrooms. Did someone actually issue a permit to approve that construction? The City says, no.

This isn't about denying anyone the American Dream, but is American citizenship for really for sale? As one resident put it, "This is a perversion of our legal system."

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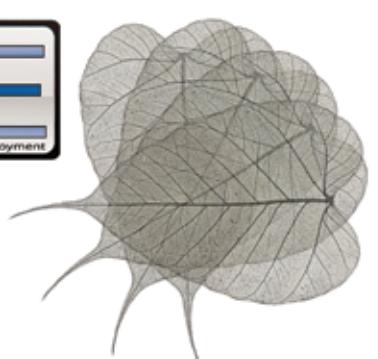
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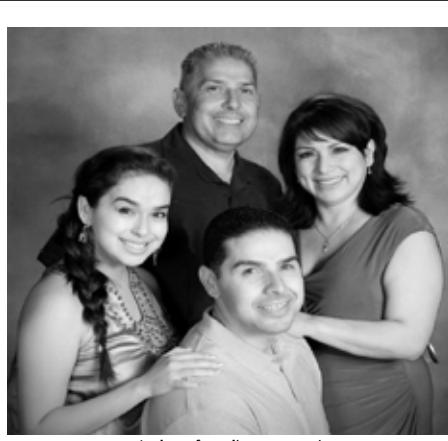
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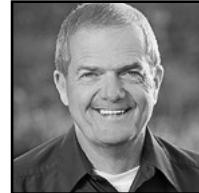
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Fast Food

By PASTOR MARK HOPPER

Most people have their favorite "Fast Food" restaurants. The list is endless. Some of my favorites include In-N-Out Burger and Chick-Fil-A.



The idea behind the fast food business is that you can get your food quickly without a long wait. The service is good, the food is good and you are able to be on

your way. There are usually plenty of places to park, and most include a drive-thru lane.

Recently, my son and I stopped at a fast food place on Labor Day. We actually wondered if it would be open. We knew that banks and post offices were closed. We learned that other businesses had reduced hours. We were surprised to see that our restaurant was not only open, but packed with hungry customers.

While we were waiting in a rather long line to place our order, a man suddenly dashed into the restaurant almost knocking people down as he hurried into the rest-

room. It happened so suddenly that I did not get a good look at the intruder.

Moments later, at least five police cars pulled up and surrounded the restaurant. There were well-armed police everywhere. Several entered the restaurant and someone pointed them to the men's restroom.

As more police cars arrived on the scene, one officer entered the rest room and emerged with the fugitive. There were so many policemen and police cars that it looked like a law enforcement convention.

Thankfully, the police quickly

had the situation under control and no one was hurt. The suspect did not resist arrest and everyone remained calm.

As my son and I ate our fast food, we reflected on what had just happened. We realized that if the fugitive had possessed a weapon, it could have been a very dangerous situation with a very different outcome.

We were amazed that the employees did not stop working. They kept taking orders and serving food. We were surprised that the customers did not panic or try to leave. It all happened so quickly that no one really had time to react.

We were also thankful for the quick action of the law enforcement officers. They arrived quickly, acted decisively and treated the suspect carefully.

As we left, my son and I were thankful that we were safe and that the restaurant got our order right. The food was fast and the experience was one we will remember for a long time.

Pastor Mark Hopper is from 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 information, call (909) 594-7604 or visit www.efreedb.org.

Being On Probation

By NANCY STOOPS

I have worked with many families that have had children on probation. This can cause a lot of stress on the entire family.



son on probation is doing well in school, following any curfews imposed, and whatever else the court papers specify.

I have talked with many families that have had children in juvenile hall or a work camp. They have told me it's very hard to go visit your child in such a facility, especially when the parents get to go home and the child has to stay.

Encourage your child to behave well if they are locked up. I have known children to obtain special privileges for good behavior, and this can make the time go by faster. If your child is on probation and not locked up, remind them how serious things could get if they violate their probation.

Many parents feel they re-

ally pay the price for their child's crime. Usually the parents have to coordinate and enforce all the things the court is requiring, attend parent education, and pay fees and attorney charges. So I think the whole family pays when a child commits a crime.

My advice is to try to become a stronger family and take advantage of all you are being asked to do by the court. Maybe these things are necessary to finally get your family on track.

This article was written by Nancy Stoops, M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a private practice in Diamond Bar, and is currently accepting new clients. Nancy also runs free family support groups, anger management groups, and special groups for

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By DANICE AKIYOSHI, N.D.

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-Debbie A

Dear Debbie:

In my opinion your immaturity and insecurity are inappropriate for a committed relationship. Adults should be free to choose their own friends. You either like this guy or you don't. If you need to control him, spare him the drama and move on. I think it's a good thing when people have shared hard times and they can still manage to be friends. Stop shopping for problems. Join a drama class if you need an

outlet.

-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.

Mora gets 20 years for murder

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with their four children, and then later returned to ransack the house and stab and kill the family dog, Snowflake.

George Mora, 47 at the time, was awarded custody of the children and obtained a restraining order against his wife, but to no avail. Socorro returned to the home on Oct. 19,

2011, and stabbed her husband over 30 times with multiple weapons. She called police and was found in the front yard with 22 stab wounds – some life threatening – claiming self defense. George was found dead, inside the home.

The forensic investigation later showed that Socorro's wounds were all self-inflicted, according to court documents. Socorro was initially hospital-

ized, and then arrested several days later.

Socorro's trial began in Pomona on January 28, and she entered a not-guilty plea. On May 12, a jury found Socorro guilty of second-degree murder, animal cruelty, and corporal injury of a spouse. She has remained in jail since her preliminary arrest, and will continue to do so long into the future.

Pomona gang member arrested

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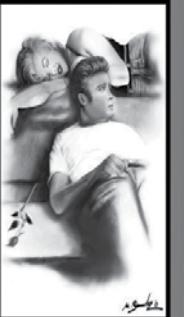
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Walnut Valley Elementary Students Awarded New Bikes

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar – One student from each of the nine Walnut Valley elementary schools was honored on September 8. The select group of youngsters had no idea they'd also be receiving brand new bikes during the presentation held at Maple Hill Elementary.

"The 45-member Leadership Team organized the event to pay tribute to nine of the most outstanding students in the entire District," said Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor.

Each elementary principal, joined by team members, introduced their student and presented a certificate of special recognition. Students were heralded for their hard work,

determination, kindness, and making a difference on their campuses.

"They have accomplished a great deal in their educational career already," Dr. Taylor added.

The honorees are Isabella Acuña (Castle Rock), Melanie Mendieta (Collegewood), Isaac Ochoa (C.J. Morris), Chris Gonzalez (Evergreen), Delia Paula Jaramillo (Maple Hill), Juliet Lugo (Quail Summit), Everett Cohen (Vejar), Randolph Clark (Walnut Elementary), and Natalie Mora-Monarrez (Westhoff).

"We were thinking, you're the nine best students in the whole district! What could we do to show how special we really think you are?" said Superintendent Dr. Taylor. "So we called our Walnut Valley Educational Foundation

dation and asked if they would support the project," he added.

At that signal, nine brand new pink and red bicycles were wheeled into the multi-purpose room for the surprised students, surrounded by their families.

The children beamed when they saw the bikes! They also received matching safety helmets.

"We are so happy to work as a team in support of our schools, teachers, and our kids," said Foundation President, Cecilia Yeh.

During the summer, members of the Leadership Team, comprised of school and district administrators, assembled the bikes purchased by the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation.

"Watching our Leadership



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
Nine Walnut Valley elementary students were honored during a ceremony on September 8 and were surprised when they received brand new bikes!

group work in teams to build bikes for a selected student at each elementary school was so heartwarming. Knowing that we were going to honor students for their academic accomplish-

ments, along with a gift of a bike, reaffirmed our district's KIDS FIRST philosophy. I am so proud to have been a part of this event!" said Jackie Brown, Director of Educational Programs.

Pomona Unified Launches Dual Language Immersion Program

By JULIETTE FUNES

Pomona - The Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) has launched a Dual Language Immersion program for the 2014-15 school year at Westmont Elementary, where more than 50 kindergarten students will learn how to read, write and communicate effectively in an English and Spanish language setting while achieving high levels of academic success.

The inaugural program is starting in two full-day kindergarten classes at Westmont, and will continue through the 6th Grade, ensuring students receive an exciting and challenging educational opportunity where they will gain the bilingual skills needed to succeed in a 21st Century world.

"The great thing about Pomona Unified providing this enrichment program is that it gives our kids the opportunity to gain new skills, learn a new language and become prepared for success in a multicultural society," said Board of Education President Frank Guzman. "Students enrolled in this program also have the chance to earn a State Seal of Biliteracy Award, which will go on their high school diploma and increase their marketability in an advancing global economy."

The program follows a 50:50 model, where 50 percent of native English speakers and 50 percent of native Spanish speakers are enrolled in each class, enabling both sets of students to interact and learn new vocabulary skills.

Teachers work in tandem to design

lesson plans that incorporate and provide equal instructional time to both languages. All instructions are written and spoken in Spanish and English, and 30 minutes of daily English Language development is dedicated to English learners.

The program follows PUSD's core curriculum and uses state-adopted materials. It also supports the Common Core State Standards, which is strengthened by the language-rich environment in which students are constantly communicating, creating, collaborating and using critical thinking skills.

As students advance in the program, they will demonstrate proficiency in both languages, navigating complex material in English and Spanish.

"We have various cultures in

the class and they have been thriving and adapting really well since the first day of classes on Aug. 12," said Westmont Principal Cynthia Badillo. "They will leave sixth-grade being fully biliterate, bilingual and bicultural. We have hard-working, excellent teachers who are going to help us be very successful with this program."

Registration for the program begins in February for children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1. Parents must complete an application, which will be assessed to determine students' language proficiency. Fifty percent of the slots in the kindergarten program are reserved for native Spanish speakers. For those families who are not selected, the child will be placed on a wait list and parents will be notified by the end of June

if a placement is available for the fall school year.

"Studies have shown that dual language students experience increased cognitive benefits and improved academic growth compared to their counterparts," PUSD Superintendent Richard Martinez said. "It's an excellent program supported by parents and the community for its goals of promoting biliteracy and bilingualism, leading these young learners to a brighter future."

PUSD is also developing additional Dual Language Immersion programs in other parts of the District for the coming years, including a second English/Spanish program and a new English/Mandarin Chinese program.

For more information on the program, visit www.pusd.org/DLI.

Maple Hill Celebrates School Re-Opening



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE
Maple Hill Elementary staff celebrates at ribbon cutting.

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar – On Sept. 3, Walnut Valley Unified School District threw a party to celebrate the completion of the modernization at Maple Hill Elementary.

"Thank you all for coming out and supporting us today on our very special, special day. It means so much to have so many people here that care about Maple Hill," said Principal Nancy Stingley.

About 200 friends of the school including community

members, parents, students, current and former staff, district and local officials attended the grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Maple Hill would not be the school that it is today without your support," Stingley added. She recalled when staff members moved into a village of 29 portables for construction that began in June of 2013.

The school family stuck together, worked hard learning new Common Core curriculum, implemented a positive behavior intervention program,

and proudly earned a 2014 California Distinguished School Award.

The remodeled campus officially opened its doors on August 18, on the first day of the 2014-2015 school year.

"This has been a fantastic journey for us. Today is a day of celebration and of new beginnings," Stingley said at the ceremony.

Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor thanked community members for their support of the construction projects throughout the district.

"It takes so many people to see a project through – especially to its fruition like we have here at Maple Hill. For the kids in this community, I'm so glad you get to go to this beautiful school," Taylor said.

"Now our Maple Hill students will have a physical environment that will match the learning environment, and they so deserve it!" Board President Cindy Ruiz added.

"We've been given an extraordinary gift. This building – our home – has been transformed, and we are so grate-

ful," said fourth grade teacher Tami Barry.

Teachers also led small

groups on a tour of their new school after the ribbon cutting.

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