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Movie Theater Slasher Guilty Again

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Fullerton – On the evening of Feb. 24, 2008, Steven Walter Robinson, Jr. – in an alleged drug-induced rage – stabbed two men during a movie at the AMC Theater

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SBSD Arrest 2 In Prostitution Enforcement Op

STAFF REPORTS

San Bernardino – On Thurs., Sept. 18, deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Narcotics Division along with San Bernardino Police, Pomona Police, Chino Hills Police, and Homeland Security conducted a prostitution enforcement operation in the Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, and Ontario

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WV Water District Adopts Mandatory Conservation

WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Walnut – The Walnut Valley Water District Board of Directors voted at their August 18 meeting to adopt a Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage. This action comes in response to the state's ongoing drought and the recently enacted emergency regulations by the State Water Resources Control Board establishing statewide mandatory water use restrictions. These enhanced restrictions become

effective August 28. Stage 1 restrictions are intended to further curtail outdoor water use which accounts for more than one half of a typical family's monthly usage.

Adoption of the mandatory conservation measures are a result of the serious statewide drought impacting the entire State of California. Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought-

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Diamond Bar – The City of Diamond Bar was recently notified that a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant (TIGER) was awarded by the federal government in the amount of \$10 million for the 57/60 freeway confluence construction project.

According to City staff, the program was created by the 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill, which allows states and cities to apply for funding for transportation projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

The confluence project is designed to improve traffic operation on Grand Avenue from

Golden Springs Drive to the interchange at SR-60 in Pomona, increase the capacity at the Grand Avenue Interchange, improve traffic operation on the freeway mainline, reduce traffic weaving and increase weaving distance, and improve safety.

David Liu, Public Works Director for the City, said the application process was an incredibly

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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 the individual is subject to the jurisdiction thereof. To stop Birth Tourism, some other

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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



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

lost 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.

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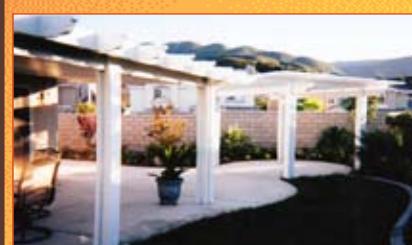
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WV Water District adopts mandatory conservation

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related 'State of Emergency' in January of 2014. Since that time, California has experienced one of the driest snowpack and fourth lowest runoff in 100 years. As a result, mandatory water conservation measures are being implemented throughout the state. Some of the conservation measures in the Stage 1 include:

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• No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces: Washing down hard or paved surfaces, such as sidewalks or driveways, is prohibited.

• Limits on Washing Vehicles: Using a hose to wash a vehicle is prohibited, except by use of a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.

• Drinking Water Served Upon Request Only: Eating

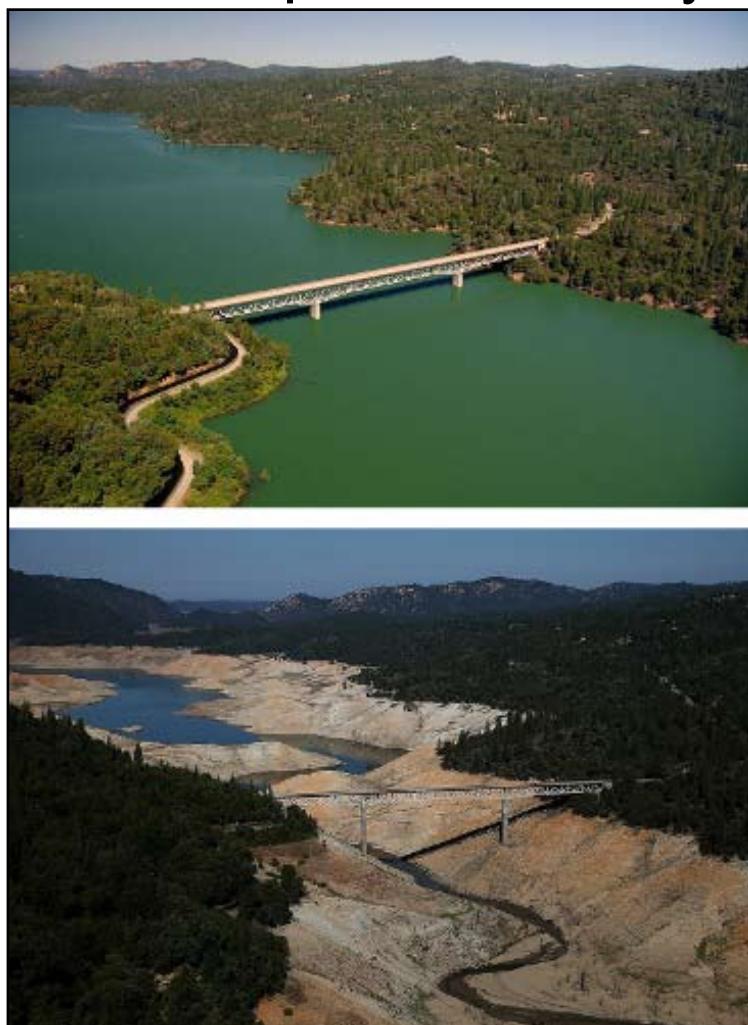


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Lake Oroville reservoir, seen in here in 2011 (top) and in 2014 (bottom). The reservoir is one of the largest in California.

or drinking establishments, including but not limited to a restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria, bar, or other public places, will not provide drinking water to any person unless expressly requested.

• Option to Decline Daily Linen Services at Commercial Lodging Establishments: Hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments are encouraged to provide customers the option of not having towels

and linen laundered daily.

In 2009, the District adopted Ordinance No. 06-09-07, An Ordinance of the WVWD to Establish Water Use Efficiency Requirements and Water Supply Shortage Stages, to assist in managing our water supply. The ordinance has four stages, each with more progressively restrictive uses of water. The stages are enacted based on both short- and long-term water supplies and Board approval. WVWD for many years has encouraged voluntary conservation by keeping in effect since 2009 "Permanent Water Use Efficiency Requirements" that contained very similar restrictions as Stage 1 in preventing water waste.

When asked about the Board decision to adopt the mandatory water-saving measures, Board President, Barbara Carrera, noted, "Our District customers have done an excellent job

using water wisely over the years. In light of the state's current drought situation and the State Board's recent adoption of the emergency conservation regulations, we must all take the extra step to save even more." President Carrera went on to state that, "The District's Board of Directors genuinely appreciates the efforts of all our customers to work together and save water wherever possible. Everyone working together to save water can make a very big difference in conserving our precious water supplies."

The District's customers for many years have reduced local water usage -- we are asking for everyone to do a little more.

For questions about the new mandatory conservation measures or to learn more ways to save water, visit the District's website at wwd.com, or call customer service at (909) 595-1268.

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SBSD arrest 2 in prostitution enforcement op

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areas. The war on human trafficking is a widespread effort, and these operations are conducted to rescue female

victims from a life of forced prostitution.

According to the SBSD, this particular operation resulted in nine arrests for prostitution related offenses, including human trafficking and the recovery of a juvenile victim.

The SBSD arrested suspect Darren Reliford, 19, of Apple Valley, in the 5300 block of Holt Blvd. in Montclair for human trafficking; along with Adrian Sanders, 19, of Washington, who was arrested for pimping.

Movie theater slasher guilty again

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on Lemon Street in Fullerton. Robinson was subsequently convicted of attempted murder and mayhem; however, his 2009 conviction was overturned on appeal.

After a retrial, Robinson, now 30, was again convicted on Wed., Sept. 3, on two felony counts of attempted murder with premeditation and deliberation, and the personal use of a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury, according to the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

The events of Feb 24, 2008, played out much akin to the horror movie that was screening at the time. At approximately 6 p.m., Robinson purchased a ticket for a showing of 'The Signal' (an over-the-top slasher film). Theater security was alerted due to the agitated nature of Robinson when he was asked to show his ticket. He was observed carrying a container of alcohol, and was asked to dispose of it.

When he returned, Robinson inquired if anyone had turned in a "baggie". He was told nothing had been found. A security guard noticed Robinson carrying an AMC cup. Suspecting alcohol, the guard asked to see the contents. When Robinson wouldn't comply, he was provided with a refund and he left the theater.

Shortly thereafter, a theater employee notified management reporting that a bag of hallucinogenic mushrooms had been turned into the box office. Management notified the Fullerton Police Department and officers were dispatched.

Reports state that Robinson sneaked into the theater at around 7:20 p.m., and was observed by security as one of four individuals watching the film. While management was being notified of his return, Robinson reportedly got up and approached victim Julio Sanchez, 38 at the time, and stabbed Sanchez repeatedly in the head, arm, chest and knee with a double-sided knife/hammer-type weapon. He continued the attack until Sanchez was able

to escape and run to the lobby. Robinson then turned his rage on victim Eloy Uresti, 65 at the time, and repeatedly stabbed him until he heard police enter the theater. Robinson fled through an exit door.

Sanchez suffered the permanent loss of mobility in his arm, and Uresti suffered nerve damage.

Robinson was able to reach his brother's home in Las Vegas, and he hid there until he was arrested on Mar. 7, 2008.

When the appeals court reversed the conviction, it was ruled that the jury was not properly instructed on certain mental disorder rulings. Court documents stated that Robinson had a severe psychiatric disorder. During the investigation, Robinson was allegedly found to have possessed multiple books regarding serial killers, murder and torture. At the time his MySpace screen name was reportedly "psychokiller666".

With the Sept. 3 reconviction, Robinson will return for sentencing on Nov. 14. He faces 22 years to life for his actions.

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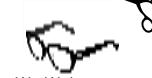
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Diamond Bar freeway construction projects a go

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tion, with grants awarded from applications in 49 states. Liu added that the award validates the project as a national priority.

The grant will be matched with \$4.5 million in Los Angeles County MTA funds, \$10.6 million in City of Industry funds, and \$9.4 million in federal funds - for a total of \$34.5 million - to be used for the ongoing project. The funds will be used to implement the first three phases of the project to accelerate the congestion relief, starting in early 2016.

"The folks that travel that every day probably would attest to the fact that it is the seventh most congested interchange in the United States," said Mayor Pro Tem Steve Tye. "It will get worse before it gets better, but

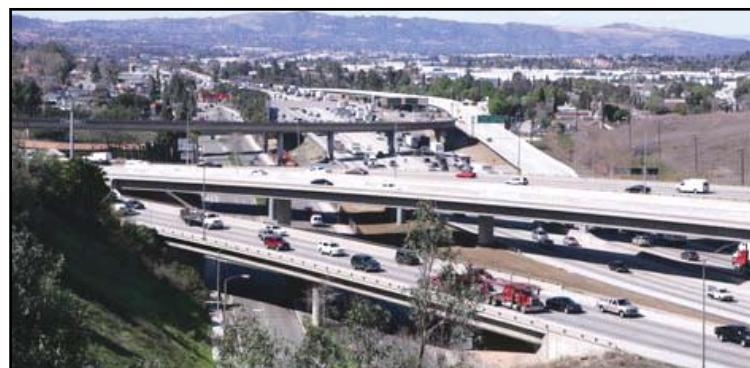


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now we know that the funding is there and it's on the horizon to get better."

Along with this confluence comes the agreement between Diamond Bar and the City of Industry to move ahead with new interchange on the 60 Freeway, at Lemon Avenue, helping to alleviate the traffic on Brea Canyon Road. The interchange will include a westbound on-ramp,

eastbound on-ramp, and an eastbound off-ramp.

This Lemon Interchange construction project will match Diamond Bar's Metro Prop C funds in the amount of \$405,430, with \$80,725 from the City of Industry, and \$1,751,045 in federal right-of-way funds. The right-of-way phase should begin in June of 2015, with completion scheduled for January 2017.



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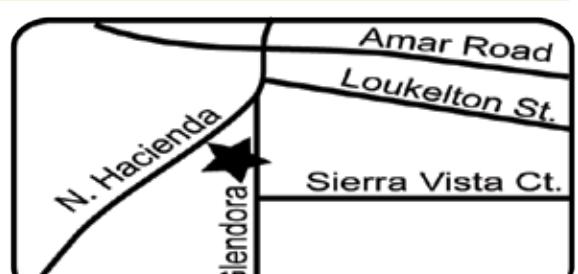
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Birth Tourism: Is the American dream for sale?

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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



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Banner from a past Maternity Motel protest.

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 op-

erators. 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 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 Wood-glen 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."

To find out more, visit <http://notinchnohills.org>.

Delicious, authentic cuisine at Mandarin Taste

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Diamond Bar for more than 27 years, Mandarin Taste provides a family-friendly atmosphere that keeps customers coming back again and again.

"We are like a family res-

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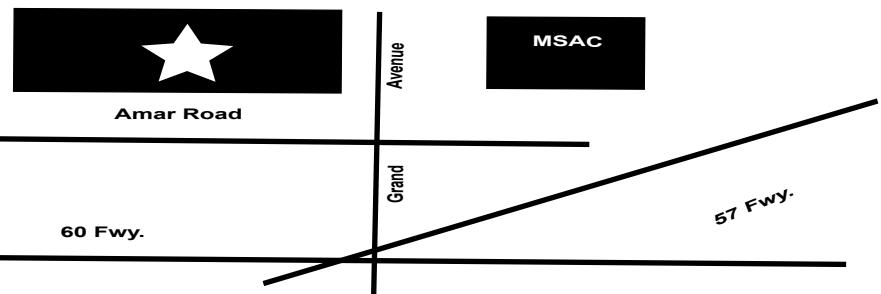
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