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OC News

Two Killed, Five Injured

STAFF REPORTS

Santa Ana - This week, two people were killed and five were injured in a fire at a group home for developmentally disabled women in Santa Ana.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at about 5:45 a.m., a blaze broke out in the 2100 block of North Hathaway Street, at a licensed group home called, "Mary's Home".

The caretaker, a 71-year-

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IE News

Community/Technology Unite

BY JENNIFER MADRIGAL

Eastvale - With the availability and affordability of technology to homeowners, many have taken advantage of it and wired their homes for security. These cameras have helped to capture images of alleged thieves and burglaries in action. These images can then be enlarged and posted on social media sites so that the community

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Red Light Cameras Stay For Three Months

By ARIEL CARMONA, JR.

Walnut - Faced with the impending expiration of a contract with a company that maintains and operates the red light camera at the intersection at Temple, Grand and Amar, and with a growing trend of other cities taking down their cameras, the City Council voted to extend the City's contract for another three months to further study

the implications of retaining or dismantling the camera.

"I know making a decision about whether to terminate or to continue should be based on safety, whether its cost effective and what is the best for the community," said Mayor Antonio (Tony) Cartagena as the Council voted 4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Tragarz abstained) to extend the contract with RedFlex, set to expire on Feb. 27, 2014.

According to a report made public by the city staff, the City's photo enforcement program was approved in 2006 and extended for five years in February 2009. The contract does not have a rollover provision, which means if the contract expires, RedFlex would remove the equipment, and the program would termi-

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DB Man Sentenced For Laundering Scheme

STAFF REPORTS

Diamond Bar - A Diamond Bar man was sentenced today to 24 months confinement for participating in an elaborate scheme known as a Black Market Peso Exchange, which is an underground money-transfer

system that enables international drug trafficking organizations to launder narcotics proceeds.

Jia "Gary" Hui Zhou, 44, was ordered to serve 18 months in federal prison, followed by six months in a residential re-entry facility. He was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine.

In May 2013, Zhou's wife, Dan "Daisy" Xin Li, 44, was ordered to serve a total of 14 months in custody and she is currently serving her sentence of six months home confine-

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Industry Sheriff's Station Offers "Solutions"

By K.P. SANDER

Industry - There are many joys that come along with parenting. Seeing your children grow into productive adults is a source of pride and love. But let's face it, the world we live in is full of dangers. You just have to watch the news to see violence, hatred, anger and negativity

rampant nearly everywhere. As parents, how do you get your children through adolescence amid not just the societal challenges, but the peer pressure of fitting in without succumbing to alcohol, drugs, sex, bullying, gangs and perhaps even worse

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Photo Courtesy: Deputy Jim Bickel

Youth in the Solutions Program implement a community-friendly way of tagging a previously vandalized wall facing an elementary school.

Assemblyman to Run for County Supervisor

STAFF REPORTS

Chino Hills - This week, State Assemblyman Curt Hagman (Chino Hills), whose district includes Walnut and Diamond Bar, announced that he is running for the San Bernardino County's 4th Supervisorial District. If he wins this election, it will mean that he will be leaving his post as As-

semblyman.

The seat he will be running for will be open due to current Supervisor, Gary Ovitt, announcing his retirement on Monday. Ovitt said he will be retiring at the end of his 2014 term.

"I am running so I can put my experience to work for the county by leading efforts to rebuild the economy, make neighborhoods

safer and restore confidence in a county government tarnished by corruption," said Hagman in a news release.

Hagman says that that a key priority for him to address is the public safety issues and the effect prison realignment is hav-

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Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

Sat Jan 11
Sunny
High 73°
Low 40°

Sun Jan 12
Partly Cloudy
High 78°
Low 41°

Mon Jan 13
Sunny
High 82°
Low 40°

Tue Jan 14
Sunny
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Low 41°

Wed Jan 15
Sunny
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Low 41°

Thu Jan 16
Partly Cloudy
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Fri Jan 17
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Low 40°

BUSINESS FEATURE

Vida Health Clinic - A Comprehensive Alternative Medical Facility

STAFF REPORTS

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BUSINESS FEATURE

Alamo Car Wash One-Stop Shop

By SEAN C. MOORE

Walnut - You're a busy person with a lot to do. You need a car wash, an oil change, a haircut and you have to pick up a birthday card for a friend—and you haven't even had lunch yet. You could run all over town trying



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Tomorrow

By SARAH ARMIJO

It's tough when a loved one passes away. I've been to four funerals in the last few years, and it seems like it gets harder each funeral.

When one of my dad's best friends passed away suddenly two years ago, it was one of the hardest times for my family. Now with another one of my dad's best friends passing away suddenly this week, it hurts my heart to see the pain all over again. Both were great men that we didn't expect to leave so quickly.

Death is a hard thing to deal with, but almost every person on this earth has experienced a loved one pass, so we all know how tough it is. The only message I wanted to leave you with is make sure you appreciate the time you have with your loved ones. Don't hold grudges, don't be angry, just let the past go. Kiss your loved ones goodbye every time you leave, tell them you love them constantly, and make time to see them regularly.

Someone once told me that it's not that we don't have enough time in the day, it's that we don't make time... So what are you doing with your time? We need to

use that precious time to make great memories with our loved ones. When someone leaves this earth, we shouldn't feel regret,

and we don't have to.

Make the most of today... because life may be different tomorrow.

With deep regret, we announce the passing of Dr. Jeffrey W. Lowe on January 8, 2014. Funeral arrangements are not available at this time. They will be updated at [www. OurWeeklyNews.com](http://www.OurWeeklyNews.com).

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Community Events And Meetings

STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Campaign Kick-Off

When: Saturday, Jan. 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: 358 N. Lemon Ave., Walnut CA 91789, in the Vons Shopping Center

Details: Program will begin promptly at 1:30. Refreshments will be served.

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists' meeting

When: Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

Where: Los Angeles Co. Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91106

Details: This month's speaker is George Hatfield, top award winning grower of cymbidium orchids, and he will speak at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Contact: www.SGVOH.org

Winter Snow Fest

When: Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Dr., Diamond Bar

Cost: Admission and access to the snow play areas are free. Sledding, Game and craft areas are subject to a minimal fee of \$5 for unlimited sledding and \$1 to participate in four games/crafts.

Contact: Diamond Bar Recreation Services Division (909) 839-7070.

LA Spay Neuter Festival

When: Saturday, Jan. 18 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park

Cause: Fixing Pet Overpopulation

Cost: FREE spay/neuter

Details: Micro-chipping, pet vaccinations, training tips, kids activities, music, and more. Hosted by Carrie Ann Inaba and sponsored by Hope For Paws.

Sign up at: laspayneuterfest.com

14th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

When: Monday, Jan. 20

Time: Formal program from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and afternoon activities from 12:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.

Where: West Covina Civic Center, 1444 Garvey Ave. South, West Covina

Details: This FREE event is a time to bring out family and friends to commemorate the life of Dr. King. The theme for this year's celebration is "Advancing the Dream," which will include fun activities for all ages with entertainment, food, arts and crafts, multicultural dance groups, choral and jazz music, and children's games and activities.

Contact: Community Services Department at (626) 939-8430 or visit the City of West Covina's website at www.westcovina.org.

Homeless Ministry in Pomona

When: Saturday, Jan. 25 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 601 N. Garey Ave., Pomona CA 91768

Details: Come serve the homeless and economically disadvan-

taged in Pomona. Volunteers meet in E202 (2nd floor) at 12:00 Noon for prayer / devotion, then promptly at 12:30 p.m. for orientation, clothing and hygiene kit distribution, devotion and a 2nd orientation prior to serving dinner to the homeless. Ministry ends by 4:30pm.

Donations: We currently we are in need of: Spanish BIG LETTER bibles, Large men's pants (size 46 to 48), Men's belts (all sizes), Blankets, Umbrellas, hats, scarves, and coats. Please bring donations on Dec. 21.

Contact: Steve Sable sdsable@earthlink.net.

FUTURE EVENTS:

DB Bridal Show Vendor Opportunity

Application Deadline: Feb. 7
Bridal Show Date: Sunday, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bridal Show Location: Diamond Bar center, 1600 Grand Avenue in Diamond Bar

Details: Vendor spots are still open, but space is limited. Wedding or special event vendors can promote their services by calling (909) 839-7066 or visiting diamondbarca.gov/bridalshow.

Diamond Bar Women's Club Roaring Twenties Casino Night

When: Feb. 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Golf Course, 22751 Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar

Cost: Tickets are \$50 per person which includes a delicious dinner, \$50 worth of gaming chips and one drink ticket.

Details: We suggest you purchase your tickets early so you won't miss this fun and festive evening. You are encouraged to come in twenties dress and enjoy the fun with all proceeds to benefit the Club's many philanthropic efforts.

Contact: Debbie Avila-Mott at (909) 860-1063.

FREE Firefighter Preparatory Seminar

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

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

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

More info: fire.lacounty.gov

21th Annual Diamond Bar Library Wine Soirée

When: Sunday, April 27

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

Details: Come, bring your friends and neighbors, and join this festive and exciting afternoon with delicious food from local restaurants, great wine from the Jerry Mead New World International Wine Competition, music, and exciting book, silent and live auctions. Advertisements are also available in our beautiful annual program. A

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

Contact: (909) 861-2002

WEEKLY EVENTS:

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Where: Twice Sold Tale Bookstore located at the Walnut Library, La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

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When: second Tuesdays of every month.

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

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When: Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Cost: Admission and parking free

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Contact: (909) 869-0701

WALNUT MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Parks & Recreation Commission

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Senior Commission Meeting

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789

Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

When: 2nd Monday of each month at 5 p.m.

Where: Walnut Council Chambers in the new City Hall: 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut CA 91789.

DIAMOND BAR MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Temporary relocation in the City Hall Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Diamond Bar City Hall, Windmill Community Room: 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765

Diamond Bar Lions Club Breakfast Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Monday

of every month from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Where: Diamond Bar Golf Course: 22751 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar CA 91765.

Contact info: (909) 861-0142.

Toastmaster Club Meeting

When: Every Monday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Where: Caltrans – Office of Bridge Design South 2, Conference Room: 21073 Pathfinder Road Suite 200, Diamond Bar CA 91765

Contact info: (714) 421-3701.

CHINO HILLS MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Planning Commission Meeting

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Public Works Commission

When: 1st Wednesdays of the month

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709

Parks and Recreation Commission

When: 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Where: Chino Hills City Council Chambers, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709.

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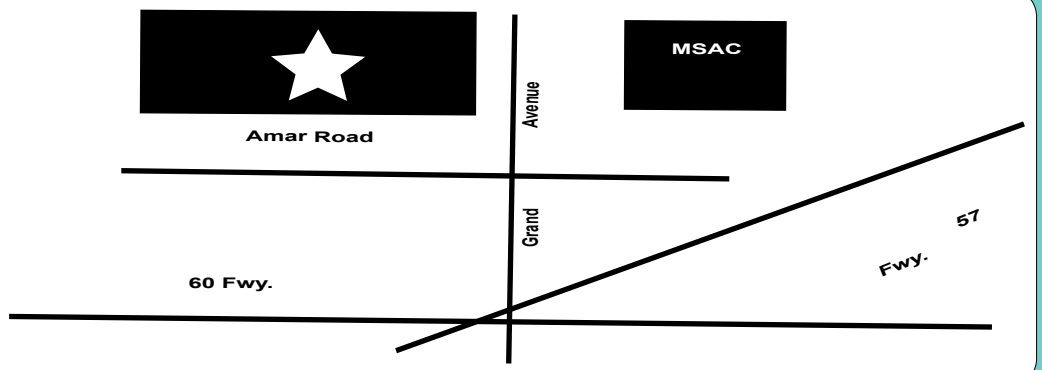
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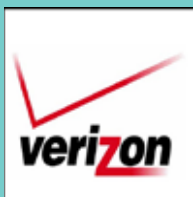
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DB man sentenced

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ment. The couple were owners of the Industry-based Woody Toys, Inc., a Los Angeles-area toy wholesale.

As part of their agreements with federal prosecutors, the couple forfeited to the federal government \$2 million in proceeds that were derived from their money laundering scheme, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release.

Zhou and Li pleaded guilty in September 2012 to conspiring to structure currency transactions with a U.S. financial institution to avoid the filing of a Currency Transaction Report.

The scheme used "structured" cash deposits in the United

States to launder illicit proceeds generated by drug trafficking organizations based in Mexico and Colombia, according to the report. Structured deposits are cash deposits of \$10,000 or less that are designed to avoid laws requiring all cash transactions over \$10,000 to be reported to federal authorities. From 2005 through 2011, approximately \$3 million in structured, out-of-state cash was deposited into Woody Toys' bank accounts, according to court documents. During that same time, Woody Toys took in approximately \$3 million in cash without filing the required federal documents, according to the news release.

As part of the Black Market Peso Exchange scheme alleged in this case, foreign toy retailers with Colombian

and Mexican pesos would contact currency brokers to buy discounted U.S. dollars, which they used to purchase merchandise from Woody Toys. The dollars being "sold" were allegedly proceeds from illegal drug sales that had been deposited in the toy company's accounts or delivered to the business, the news release stated. The Colombian or Mexican pesos the currency broker received from the foreign toy retailer were remitted to the drug trafficking organizations.

In a sentencing memo to the court, prosecutors described Woody Toys as "the last 'spoke in the wheel,' that cleaned illicit proceeds and enabled drug trafficking organizations to convert their dirty dollars into clean pesos."

The case involving Woody Toys is the result of an inves-

tigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), IRS-Criminal Investigation, and the multi-agency Southern California Drug Task Force, which is spearheaded by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Previously in this case, Woody Toys, Inc. was sentenced to five years of probation in November after pleading guilty to money laundering conspiracy charges involving drug proceeds. The sentence prohibited the company from receiving payments of more than \$2,000 in cash and the business was not allowed to receive cash from anyone who was not a customer. The company had to report the identity and contact information of all its customers, and had to comply with unannounced examinations of its books and

records. The probe targeting Woody Toys began in November 2010 after evidence was uncovered in a similar investigation targeting another Los Angeles-area toy wholesaler called Angel Toys, whose owners also went to prison. Several former employees of Angel Toys supposedly went to work for Woody Toys.

Investigators say schemes of this kind benefit criminal organizations by giving them a means to launder illicit proceeds using international trade. According to the U.S. Attorney's office, the system also gives foreign retailers access to discounted U.S. currency, which enables the foreign retailers to avoid steep exchange rates and other fees. Finally, for the U.S.-based company, the scheme is a way to substantially increase sales volume and cash flow.

Two killed, five injured

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old woman, was in the kitchen preparing food for the day when she heard the smoke alarm go off. She found a mattress on fire in one of the bedrooms, and the flames quickly spread to the rest of the house.

Her neighbor, two houses down, also heard the smoke alarm go off, so he went to investigate. Reports state that

when he walked up to the house, he saw the caretaker trying to beat the fire with a blanket. The reports also stated that the neighbor dragged the mattress outside, but it had already spread to the walls, so he told the caretaker to get everyone out of the house.

The neighbor then ran to his house to get a hose and call 911, but by the time he got back a few minutes later, the house was fully engulfed in flames.

The caretaker had rescued two women and a firefighter had rescued one woman when they arrived, but two women were unable to be rescued. At least 50 firefighters from multiple agencies were able to put the fire out in about a half hour.

The caretaker was critically injured, sustaining burns to her face and arms, from entering the house to rescue the other women. Three women, between 30 and 60, were hospi-

talized with serious injuries and one firefighter was treated for burns to his hand due to flames that ate through his protective glove.

Reports state that two wom-

en, 48 and 52, were killed. One was said to be found in her bed and another was found on the floor next to a bed.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

\$1 Million Of Marijuana Found At Walnut Home

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – One suspect was arrested this week after \$1 million of marijuana plants were recovered in a Walnut home.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, at around 2:30 p.m., investigators arrested a suspect at the home in the 1900 block of North Red Rock Drive, in Walnut, where hundreds of marijuana plants were found.

Investigators also discovered that the suspect allegedly stole \$30,000 in electricity from Southern California Edison.

Further information has not been released.

SuperLotto Plus Ticket Bought In Walnut

STAFF REPORTS

Walnut – A SuperLotto Plus ticket was sold at a Walnut Gas Station, which will reward the patron over \$20,000.

No tickets were sold with all six numbers in the Jan. 8 SuperLotto Plus drawing, but

two tickets were sold with five numbers and missing the Mega number. One of these two tickets was sold at the Walnut 76 gas station off Amar Rd. The other was sold at a 7-Eleven store in Escondido. The people who have these tickets will be rewarded \$20,191.

The numbers drawn on this night were 16, 17, 21, 26, 37 and the Mega number was 2.

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Your Local School Updates

Walnut Valley To Begin Enrolling for 2014-2015 School Year

By KELLI GILE

Walnut--The Walnut Valley Unified School District will soon begin registration for the 2014-2015 school year for children transitional kindergarten and kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration dates are:

January 21-24, 2014—for those

children with siblings already attending school in our district;

January 27, 2014 & on—for those elementary children new to the district, at any grade level.

You may register for transitional kindergarten if your child turns 5 years old September 2 - December 1, 2014.

Students must be 5 years of

age on or before September 1, 2014 to enroll in kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year.

At the time of registration, parents will be asked to present a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or passport, proof of the child's immunizations, and for kindergarten and 1st grade proof of an oral health examination. For

residency verification, parents will also need to provide either final escrow papers, mortgage statement or lease/rental agreement, along with a current utility bill (gas, water or electric bill) and a driver's license (or California I.D.) with current home address. Enrollment is on-going, and your residence address determines

the elementary school where you should enroll your child.

The Walnut Valley Unified School District offers a quality day care program at all elementary sites, for both before and after school hours. You may contact the Child Care office at 909-444-3460 for additional information and fees.

Mt. SAC Mourns The Passing Of Professor Phillip D. Maynard

Mt. SAC

Walnut —Mt. San Antonio College Communication Professor Phillip D. Maynard, who taught speech classes at the college for 23 years, passed away on Jan. 4 at age 66.

"This is a sad moment for Mt. SAC as the college mourns the passing of one of its most celebrated and popular faculty members," said Mt. SAC President Bill Scroggins. "He not only was a valued faculty leader on our campus, but he was also an impactful leader statewide to im-

prove the quality of instruction for millions of students throughout California."

Maynard began teaching at Mt. SAC full-time in 1990. He was actively involved in addressing diversity on campus through extensive faculty training, and he developed the college's intercultural communication course. He served as an advisor to various student organizations at Mt. SAC, including the Muslim Student Association, the Intercultural Awareness Council, the Associated Students, and others. He also mentored innumerable

students across all cultures and was highly regarded by those he taught in his popular speech communication classes and by those he coached on Mt. SAC's nationally ranked Forensics Team.

"Phil's passing is a tremendous loss for the entire Mt. SAC family, particularly his current and former students as well as his campus colleagues," said Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Jim Jenkins. "He had a passion for teaching in a dynamic way that uniquely connected with students. They truly

admired him."

During his distinguished tenure at Mt. SAC, Maynard served as president of the Academic Senate and in 2004 was appointed to serve on the State Academic Senate, which represents faculty throughout California's community college system. In 2002, he delivered the keynote address at Mt. SAC's 56th Commencement, and he earned numerous honors, including the Educator of Distinction Award in 2010, the Community Service Award of the National Council of Negro Women in 2012, and the National

Campus Faculty Award in 2001, given by the Center for the Study of Diversity in Teaching and Learning.

Prior to coming to Mt. SAC, Maynard worked as an executive director for an urban social service agency and later served as deputy director for CETA, one of the first government-funded job-training initiatives for low-income persons.

Maynard received his bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, Fresno.

Services are pending.

Diamond Bar High Senior Attends Global Youth Institute

By KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar - Diamond Bar High School senior Ashley Xie was among the top students in the country selected to participate in the prestigious World Food Prize Global Youth Institute during the Borlaug Dialogue International Symposium.

The event drew 1,500 people from more than 65 countries to discuss the world's hunger and food security issues.

Students from across the United States and abroad researched global food security issues in the country of their choice, and then submitted papers on those critical topics, which they also presented to renowned experts and scientists.

Xie presented a paper on the theme "Ending Hunger In Our Lifetime: A Call to Action"

and participated in roundtable discussions with experts in industry, science, academia and policy. Research for the paper focused on major issues in global agriculture, development and food security in developing countries.

Participants also helped with a hands-on service project packaging meals for Outreach International, a hunger-fighting organization that serves people in Iowa and abroad, toured an Iowa farm, and took part in an Oxfam Hunger Banquet to experience the realities of global hunger and poverty.

"My learning experience at the Global Youth Institute was extremely eye-opening," Xie said.

"Not only was I able to meet new friends across the nation, but I was also able to listen to and meet today's world leaders

fighting food insecurity. The lack of education, infrastructure and government are only a few of the critical challenges people face today. I aspire to be a part of the next generation to tackle these problems," she added.

Xie and 150 other high school students had the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of internationally renowned World Food Prize Laureates and leaders in food, agriculture and international development. The three-day institute was held October 17-19, 2013 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Global Youth Institute attendees participated in symposium sessions featuring: His Excellency Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, President of Iceland; His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson of Ghana, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice

and Peace, Holy See, The Vatican; His Excellency Akinwumi A. Adesina, Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria; Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Howard G. Buffett and Howard W. Buffett who announced the creation of the 40 Chances Fellows program, a partnership of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Tony Blair's Africa Governance Initiative, and The World Food Prize; The CEOs of many of the world's major agribusiness companies: DuPont, Elanco, Kemin Industries, Monsanto, Novus International and Syngenta; and Researchers, non-profit leaders and smallholder farmers from around the globe.

The World Food Prize was founded by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug to recognize and inspire great



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Diamond Bar High School senior Ashley Xie was among the best and brightest students in the country selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute.

achievements in improving the quality, quantity and availability of food in the world.

This year's World Food Prize events kicked off the beginning of a year-long anniversary celebration in honor of Dr. Borlaug's 100th birthday that will culminate in fall 2014.

Cal Poly's Float Wins Innovation Award

NEWS RELEASE

Pomona - The Cal Poly Universities have done it again. For the 52nd time in 66 years, the only student-built float in the Rose Parade has earned



PHOTO COURTESY: CAL POLY POMONA
Cal Poly Pomona's 'Bedtime Buccaneers' float wins innovation award at the Rose Parade.

special recognition, this time the Crown City Innovation Award, which recognizes best use of imagination and innovation to advance float design. "Bedtime Buccaneers" drew loud cheers along the 5½-mile route — most notably in front of the Cal Poly Universities student section near the start of the parade — for its depiction of a young brother and sister sailing the mighty seas of their imagination in search of a bountiful treasure.

For decades, student teams from Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo have joined forces to create floats that highlight their universities' learn-by-doing philosophy. Both teams work on part of the float's metal structure, and then in the fall the San Luis Obispo students bring their half to Pomona, where it is

joined with its counterpart. Nearly every day, until the float is slowly driven and escorted to Pasadena in an annual overnight celebration, students spend hours in the lab welding, crafting, innovating and scrambling for parts.

The Cal Poly Universities have long been trend-setters in float design, being among the first to use computer-controlled animation and hydraulics, and this year was no different, which is why the judges recognized the students' efforts. Deploying about 1,800 individual vials for flowers at the front corners of the float, the students created the illusion rippling waves. The animation covered 40 square feet and featured about 10,000 individual parts manufactured in-house. Under perfectly blue, tourist-inducing skies, the effect

was dazzling.

The float also bore the distinction of being the only one in the parade certified as using all California-grown flowers.

"So many of the flowers you see in the parade are grown in Latin America and shipped here. As a university with deep roots in agriculture, we think it's important to highlight the significance of the state's flower growers," says Greg Lehr, Cal Poly Pomona's rose float director.

Lehr applauded the students' hard work, which resulted in the innovation award.

"This float really captured the parade theme, 'Dreams Come True.' It also was a dream come true for the army of students who dedicated a big chunk of their lives to this project over the past year. As President Ortiz is fond of say-

ing, we might not have a football team, but we play every year on Jan. 1 in front of a national audience — and we always consider our float team to be a winner."

To view more images from the parade, visit the university's official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/calpolypomona.

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Read Together Diamond Bar Returns!

NEWS RELEASE

Diamond Bar - The winning book for Read Together Diamond Bar 2014 is True Notebooks: A Writer's Year at Juvenile Hall by Mark Salzman. In 1997 Mark Salzman, bestselling author of Iron & Silk and Lying Awake, paid a reluctant visit to a writing class

at Los Angeles' Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for violent teenage offenders, many of them charged with murder. What he found so moved and astonished him that he began to teach there regularly. In voices of indelible emotional presence, the boys write about what led them to crime and about the lives that stretch ahead of

them behind bars. We see them coming to terms with their crime-ridden pasts and searching for a reason to believe in their future selves. Many exciting events are being planned around this book throughout the City of Diamond Bar for Read Together Diamond Bar in October 2014.

Whether it is called a city-wide

book club or a state-wide reading campaign, communities of all shapes and sizes are adopting the concept originated in 1998 by the Washington Center for the Book: people coming together through the reading and discussion of a common book. There are now statewide, citywide, countywide reading programs all

over the world.

This will be a community-wide project open to individuals, companies and other organizations with many opportunities to participate. We encourage you to be part of this exciting community project. For more information on participation, please call (909) 629-2711.

Community/ technology unite

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can help identify the culprits. While this can lead to false accusations and a sense of paranoia, the positive aspect of being able to quickly identify and locate a suspect has seemed to outweigh the negatives. In December, a rash of burglaries occurred within the City of Eastvale and this technology, along with our active social media community came together to help identify these suspects.

Technology came to the aide of several Eastvale residents on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 when many woke up to find that their vehicles had been burglarized. Some became aware of the burglary when they realized cell phones, chargers, wallets or various other items were missing and some found their car windows smashed. Security cameras installed on several homes captured the faces of the alleged thieves in action and soon the images were posted all over Facebook. The Eastvale News shared the information with the community immediately via our Facebook page (facebook.com/EastvaleCommunityNews) and the videos and images quickly spread to over 16,000 people within hours.

One of the residents hit by this rash of burglaries was Mark Ramirez, whose limousine was tampered with sometime around 2 a.m. His video surveillance system was able to capture a picture of the alleged thieves driving by in their vehicle. Ramirez contacted Eastvale Police, and said, "They came and took some good fingerprints that they left on my windows when they tried to pry it open." Ramirez hopes that these fingerprints will help in identifying the suspects and that all charges will stick. He also shared the images and description of the

vehicle with the police.

On that late Sunday morning, Police started to put together that several break-ins and trespassing of vehicles had occurred. As many as 10-15 vehicles had been part of this crime, according to residents. Soon residents began to identify and provide more information. The pictures of the suspects were a huge help to Police in capturing the individuals. Another resident, who was able to capture the alleged thieves in the act via video, said that "It became obvious that more than one of my neighbors had had their cars broken into. I have video surveillance on my house that tapes the front yard and driveway, so we decided to take a look at it. What we saw was a young male opening my truck and going through it. Luckily, I didn't have anything of value in it and he didn't appear to take anything. We did however get some footage of him pretty close up, and were able to upload the pictures to Facebook as well as the video." These series of thefts occurred on the 7100 block of Cornflower Ct. and according to a news release from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the suspects stole car audio speakers, amplifiers, an Apple iPod and a miscellaneous amount of currency from the vehicles. The suspects fled the location on foot and subsequently entered an unknown make, color and model sport utility vehicle.

This video and close-up picture was one of the main pieces of evidence that led to the identification of at least one of the suspects. The news release also stated that the investigation revealed several unknown suspects, including suspect Cody Ridley, 18, of Eastvale. Ridley was located and arrested on Dec. 17, 2013. The case has been forwarded to the Riverside County District

Attorney's office for prosecution and officers are continuing the investigation to obtain the iden-

tity of the remaining suspects in the crime. If you have any further information regarding

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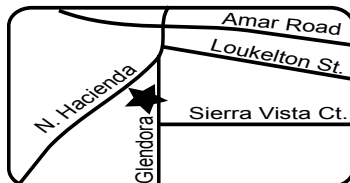
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Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DANICE,

My problem is my kids keep asking me to babysit all the time. I love my grandchildren, but I am only 56 and I have a very busy social life. When I decline, they



ask what week end I will be free, so they can make plans. They act like I owe it to them. It really annoys me when they ask me to give up my dance class, saying my grandchildren should be more important than dancing. This is my only form of vigorous exercise, and I attend classes weekly. I feel like I spend quality time with my granddaughters, but I still feel guilty.

Sonia

Dear Sonia,
In my opinion, you are obligated to your own 'minor' children, a spouse, and any animals that you have allowed to become dependent on you. If you are kind, you can add in sick or elderly friends and family, but again that's a kindness thing and not an obligation. Your adult children are manipulating you. I'm guessing this has worked in their favor a few times. If you are finally tired of it and prefer to turn toward

your own interests more often, be firm, and say so. You didn't indicate this, but if you are in need of favors from them on a regular basis, then perhaps a compromise is more in order to make the relationship balanced.

Danice Akiyoshi ND
Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She has a great passion for alternative healing and has over 20 years of experience in this field.

She provides a form of energy psychology called The Emotion Code, where she helps people literally get rid of their emotional baggage. She also 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 straight-talk@candidcoachingservices.com. You can also visit her website at www.candidcoachingservices.com.

A Brand New Start

BY NANCY STOOPS

A brand new year is here. It offers a fresh start and a new chance for all. Happy New Years to everybody. I hope you had a peaceful and joyful holiday season. I bet you're thinking about what you would like to accomplish this New Year.



Let me start by saying don't look backwards or forward, just look at today. What would you like to do with today? What are some behaviors you would like to change? What do you want from today? If you can answer that question and do what you need, you are on your way. All we have is today so behave in a new way that moves you closer to your goal. If you continue with that new behavior for the days in your future, you will eventually meet your goal.

Start this year being filled with

hope and a new found belief in you. Please don't pay attention to past failures. Instead focus on the here and now, because it truly offers a new chance. Isn't the thought of a chance for a brand new start exciting? All you need is to believe and I think anything is possible. So learn to believe in yourself and in brand new starts. Just for a moment close your eyes and see yourself meeting your goals and how very great you finally feel.

Brand new starts require brand new positive attitudes. So

leave that negative attitude with your past and for today and all the new days to follow, believe you can fly and that there are no limits. Make this year about making your dreams come true. Take this New Year and become who you are truly intended to be. I wish you peace, joy and luck in learning to embrace your very wonderful life!

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy is now accepting new clients.

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Excited And Exhausted

BY MARK HOPPER

Serving others can be both exciting and exhausting. Teachers, coaches, nurses and parents all know how hard it can be to be constantly in demand. The same is true for those in ministry. Youth pastors, Sunday School teachers, and nursery workers also know about the demands of serving people.



We are doing a study at our church on the life and ministry of Jesus. I think most people forget the busy schedule Jesus kept and endless demands on his time.

In Luke chapter four, we see an example of one of the busiest days in the life of Jesus. In the morning, he teaches in the Synagogue. People were amazed at the way he taught with authority and the insights that he shared.

In the afternoon, he heals Peter's mother-in-law of her fever at her home. In the evening, after the Sabbath, people come to the house, hoping to find help for their personal, spiritual and physical needs. Jesus graciously takes time to help each one. (Luke 4:31-43)

I'm sure that there are times that you feel overwhelmed with demands on your time. Whether you are a parent, teacher, office worker or production manager, there are people who need your time and help.

Even though it can be exhausting, it can also be rewarding as you see people helped and lives changed. The hardest part of any job are the people. But, the most rewarding part of any job are the people.

There is a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction when we lend

a helping hand or a listening ear. The greatest reward for a teacher or coach is the student who gains knowledge, confidence and success. People in

the health profession find fulfillment when lives are saved and health is restored.

I hope that you will be more sensitive and patient with the

people around you this week. Giving your time and help can be exhausting, but it can also be very rewarding!

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Industry Sheriff's Station offers "solutions"

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trouble? What if you lose the battle? What if you have run out of ideas to keep your children on the right path?

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), Industry Station, offers a special program called "Solutions"; a diversion program in partnership with several Los Angeles County Universities and Colleges to help find solutions and strategies for families struggling with teen conflicts and destructive behaviors.

The goal of this program is simple: Success. In their words, "The Solutions program aims to demonstrate to at-risk teens that poor life choices lead to a destructive lifestyle, and there are alternatives to joining gangs, committing crimes and using

drugs and alcohol."

In January of 2012, Deputy Jim Bickel and Sergeant Toni Calton created and launched an education-based program at their LASD Industry Station. After years of referring parents who were seeking help for their teenager's destructive behavior elsewhere, they found a solution and offered a comprehensive program of parenting at-risk teens to the local community. For ten weeks, parents and their non-compliant teenagers attend simultaneous classes, free of charge.

For the parents, Sergeant Calton teaches, "Parent Project", a certified, court-approved parenting class, and a component critical to the program's success. For the teens, Deputy Bickel teaches them how to make better "Life Choices". The program

is assisted with student-mentors from Mt. San Antonio College, Cal Poly Pomona, the University of California at Irvine, Fullerton College, and Rio Hondo College. The college students receive undergraduate credits necessary for graduation, and are made Sheriff's Department Volunteers (undergoing a full background check to complete the process). The Solutions program provides the internships that give these students real life experience, and they in turn provide the teens with the benefit of their education and knowledge as they work toward a career in related fields. Deputy Bickel says it's a win/win situation.

When asked what led to the development of Solutions, Deputy Bickel says, "We were tired of turning away families looking for help with their out-of-control

teen. Also, our field deputies needed a resource to help cut down on service calls related to domestic problems." Bickel goes on to say that, "Confronting violence with violence doesn't work. There are better ways of dealing with these situations, and Solutions works; that's the main reason I do this."

It does work. In fact Solutions is showing such success that Pomona courts are now sentencing offenders to the program. The courts have been impressed by what they have seen and some probationary stipulations are requiring enrollment in Solutions. In 2012, the Police Officers Association of Los Angeles County awarded Solutions with the Centurion Award for Excellence in Community Policing.

Since the inception of the Solutions program, five classes have been conducted benefiting 60 families and 50 at-risk teens.

The youth who have participated in this program have remained in contact with both their mentors and the deputies. Four of the teens have joined the LASD family and become law enforcement Explorers. The parents have learned techniques to improve relationships with their children, and the fact that structure and rules, along with unconditional love, are essential for success.

If you have or know of a teen that could benefit from this program, you can get more information by contacting Deputy Jim Bickel at (626) 934-3315 or via email at jwbickel@lasd.org. Enrolling in a class could finally be the bridge that leads to an improved relationship with a child who is currently in line for a dismal future. Through Solutions, and fully participating in the behaviors associated with better life choices, a much brighter future is on the horizon.

Red light cameras stay for three months

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nate.

The annual cost to operate the program is \$141,116, with \$140,016 going to RedFlex and \$1,100 provided for training a Law Enforcement Technician (LET). The LET position is charged to a grant and does not come from the City's general fund sources, according to a report by Senior Management Analyst, Rosalea Layman.

"It is difficult to determine the exact amount of revenue generated by the program because the City receives a lump sum from the county that includes all traffic violations, fines and fees received," wrote Layman in the report. She said the City estimates it receives approximately \$130,000 with \$63,700 of the revenue restricted for public safety purposes.

City staff warned that if the program is eliminated, the City would realize a loss of associated revenue, in addition to a potential increase cost for additional patrol deployment of more than \$260,000 per year. Walnut issued 5,053 citations to alleged violators in 2013.

Captain Jeff Scroggin said that he was concerned if the cameras were removed, that there would be an increase of people pushing across that intersection to try to get into Mt. San Antonio College. "The ability to police that area with the normal deployment would be difficult because of all the other calls we are responding to and the patrols we're doing."

The council also heard testimonies from residents and the public, some who favored the red light program and others who expressed concerns over possible 6th Amendment violations to pedestrian safety and the safety of Mt. SAC students crossing to reach the bus stop on the south side of the intersection. Others suggested the City install a countdown on the intersection instead of hand symbol.

Council Member Bob Pacheco questioned the efficacy of the

camera, quoting the report which showed that accidents increased from 12 to 19 at the intersection between 2005 and 2013, when they were last reported.

"I don't understand, if the traffic light is to prevent injuries, and the cameras are basically to try to deter that from happening, I don't see a reason why there was an increase," said Pacheco. "We are always very concerned with the status of the economy and the impact on our revenue, this is a source of revenue for the City, but it should not be just a means for deciding of what we do with it, whether we make or don't make money is not a question in my mind, it's a question of is it providing the benefit that we're supposed to be getting," he added.

Jay Beeber, Executive Director of Safer Streets L.A., addressed the Council and disputed the City staff's assertion that the intersection was less

safe because there is more traffic flow. That's actually contrary to what you would expect with increased traffic flow.

"In the five years before the program was started, there was one red light running collision. Since implementation, there have been five, a 400 percent increase. There were 24 rear-end collisions prior, 43 in the five years after, an 80 percent increase", said Beeber.

In other actions, the Council heard a presentation on fraud and cybercrime prevention from Lt. Mark Stevens from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, and also approved the adoption of 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant Program funds for housing rehabilitation and senior citizen activities.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21201 La Puente Road.

Red Light Camera Statistics

How much do cities pay for the cameras? Some cities pay three times as much as others. In their initial contracts, nearly all cities agreed to pay about \$6,000 per camera per month. But now many of those initial contracts have expired, giving cities the opportunity to negotiate a lower rate upon renewal.

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Assemblyman to run for County Supervisor

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ing on the county. While in the Assembly, he has continuously fought for safer neighborhoods, backing a law that cracked down on sex offenders, co-authoring a measure to increase penalties for the illegal possession of firearms by convicted felons, and opposing the release of dangerous criminals from state prisons into our communities, according to the news release.

As a Supervisor, Hagman says he will continue to fight for job growth, economic stability, and overall quality of life in San Bernardino County. “While serving in the Assembly, I have helped enact bipartisan compromise legislation that will create Inland Empire jobs by providing tax credits to those who hire new workers,” said Hagman. The news release also stated that he helped the legislation to enact reduced traffic congestion, create thousands of new jobs, and save taxpayers millions by exempting vital public infrastructure projects from costly delays by lawyers.

In addition, Hagman has received a 100% rating from the California Chamber of Commerce for five consecutive years due to his outstanding voting record promoting private enterprise, fiscal responsibility and the business climate.

Hagman also previously served as Chairman of the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment

Board, and also as Chino Hills Mayor and City Councilman prior to serving San Bernardino County in the State Assembly.

Hagman is a UCLA graduate, a local business owner, and a proud Eagle Scout. He has been

honored by the Sheriff’s Department for outstanding volunteer work on public safety programs. He and his wife, Grace, have two children; their family is active in the community and attends Inland Hills Church.

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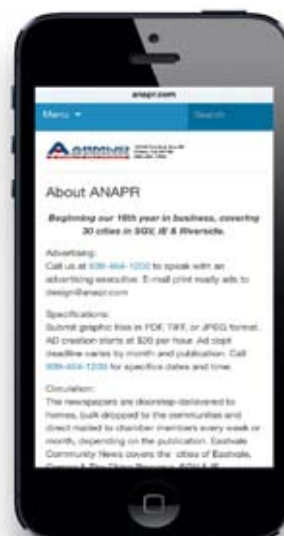
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Situated in a four-acre complex at the corner of Nogales and Francesca Drive in Walnut, Alamo features a hand car wash, a Mobil gas station and an Xpress Lube oil change center, as well as a number of shops, which the Gerstners rent mostly to automotive-related businesses, but also include restaurants, beauty salons, a dentist's office, a locksmith and a bookkeeping service.

"We even have a shoeshine guy. It's really a one-stop shop," Gerstner said.

The car wash offers full-service hand car washes and detailing, which include waxing, buffing and interior cleaning, as well as an express wash for people on the go.

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Asked why people should visit Alamo instead of other area car

washes, Gerstner said, "I don't know what other car washes do, but I know what we do. We're very picky about service and the little details. And usually, when the car comes out, it's cleaner than it's ever been."

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