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## IE News

### Reward For Bank Heist

STAFF REPORTS

**Chino** – A reward of up to \$20,000 is being offered in exchange for information leading to the arrest of a suspect who shot and wounded a Chino police officer after robbing a bank last week, announced Steven Martinez, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI in Los Angeles; and Miles Pruitt, Chief of Police for the Chino

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### Attempted kidnapping

STAFF REPORTS

**Norco** – On Friday, February 17, 2012, at approximately 08:42 AM, deputies working the contract city of Norco responded to the 1500 block of Dodge Way, regarding an attempted kidnapping. At about 8:40 AM,

## Election Stirs More Controversy

STAFF REPORTS

**Walnut**—Controversy continues to surround challengers' promises, and word is spreading fast that local politicians are offended by what candidates' are claiming. Challenger Michael West is claiming in his campaign literature that he will "solve the Mt. SAC area parking problem" by "encouraging Mt. SAC to

build a long overdue parking structure for students", which has Mt. SAC's Board of Trustees defending their college.

"I am sure every school has some traffic and parking issues during its opening week," says Mt. SAC Trustee David Hall. "Mt. SAC is no different. And for many years we have been planning to build a parking structure that will address current

and future student traffic. The only reason why our parking structure for 2,400 vehicles has not been completed, making use of the bond we passed in 2008, is because of the dramatic drop in the District's property values that must support repayment of these bonds. Anyone who

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## Huff Hopes Bus Ads Can Help Schools

BY MICHAEL ARMIJO



This could be the new look on our local school buses if SB1295 passes.

**Diamond Bar** – In an age of financial uncertainty and government cutbacks, common sense "outside the box thinking" must sometimes play a roll. For public schools, our local Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) is definitely thinking sensibly and outside everyone's box.

SB 1295, authored by Sen. Huff, would permit individual school districts to sell advertising space on the exterior of its school

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## Chino Hills, SCE Cease Talks

STAFF REPORTS

**Chino Hills** – On Feb. 14, 2012, the City of Chino Hills and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) commenced mediation in an effort to reach a mutually agreeable resolution to the issues raised by the City's

Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

Several mediation sessions were held, and proposals advanced by both the City and SCE were thoroughly discussed. These proposals included the alternative construction and route options, and potential infrastruc-

2012. However, the City and SCE were unable to reach an agreement on a resolution which met the needs of both parties. Mediation has been suspended at this time.

A Prehearing Conference before a California Public Utilities Commission Administrative

## Walnut/DB Chino Hills Weather

**Sat Mar 10**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 66°  
Low 46°



**Sun Mar 11**  
Sunny  
High 65°  
Low 44°



**Mon Mar 12**  
Sunny  
High 67°  
Low 43°



**Tue Mar 13**  
Sunny  
High 69°  
Low 45°



**Wed Mar 14**  
Sunny  
High 70°  
Low 45°



**Thu Mar 15**  
Sunny  
High 71°  
Low 45°



**Fri Mar 16**  
Few Showers  
High 69°  
Low 45°



**Sat Mar 17**

## Election stirs more controversy

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says Mt. SAC does not have a plan to address student parking issues is either uninformed or lying." Hall says that West has been reminded by Walnut City Mayor Nancy Tragarz that one of the top construction priorities on Mt. SAC's 2008 Measure

RR bond is a parking structure to be built on the north side of the campus.

David Hall is not the only Mt. SAC Trustee upset by candidate West. Mt. SAC's other four elected Trustees, Manuel Baca, Rosanne Bader, Judy Chen Haggerty and Fred Chyr, have voiced similar views. They note that current estimates are the

District's property values will have re-appreciated enough by 2013 to support the sale of Measure RR bonds, with the Mt. SAC parking structure's construction to begin the same year. According to the colleges' Trustees, if Michael West says he can get this student parking structure started any sooner than 2013—a project that will cost \$55,300,000—then he must be advocating an imme-

diately increase in residential and commercial taxes for all Mt. SAC District property owners, including all property owners living in the City of Walnut.

Mt. SAC's Trustees also point out that 1,815 Walnut residents attended classes at Mt. SAC this past autumn, that Mt. SAC is the biggest employer in Walnut with 1,915 employees, and Mt. SAC transferred \$62,500 in sales tax revenue to the City of Walnut from its bookstore in 2011. Given the important relationship between Walnut

and Mt. SAC, Trustees Baca, Bader, Chen Haggerty, Chyr and Hall say it would be far more responsible for Mr. West to get the facts from Mt. SAC's leaders about the planned parking structure rather than attack the college with inaccurate claims. As far as Mt. SAC's five Trustees know, Michael West has never talked to any Mt. SAC leader regarding the college's planned parking structure and has never attended a single Mt. SAC Board of Trustees meeting, all which are open to the public.

## City Of Walnut's Park N' Play After School Program

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Walnut** - The City of Walnut Community Services Department offers an after school program, Park N' Play, at two locations in the City of Walnut's beautiful parks: - Park N' Play will be held at Lemon Creek Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 pm - 5 pm. Starting March 12 to May 30.

Park N' Play will be held at

Creekside Park on Tuesdays (2 pm - 5 pm) and Thursdays from 3 pm - 5 pm. Starting March 13 to May 31. Each Park N' Play program is designed to promote the health and recreational needs of its participants between 1st through 6th grades. This 12 week program has a special theme each week to make every week exciting and unique. The cost is \$25.00 per participant per Park N' Play

Location: A special pick-up program will be available at no additional cost at the following locations: - C.J. Morris Elementary - 19875 E. Calle Baja, Walnut, CA 91789; - Vejar Elementary - 20222 Vejar Road, Walnut, CA 91789 (Pick-up program walks participants to Lemon Creek Park); - Oswalt Academy - 19501 Shadow Oak Dr., Walnut, CA 91789 (Pick-up program walks participants to Creekside Park).

## Gleaming Hope Is On A Mission

**STAFF REPORTS**

The mission of Gleaming Hope is to provide people with fresh fruits and vegetables when they come to our food pantries.

What we do: our volunteers "glean" fresh fruits and vegetables from local sources and backyard gardens. We send

these fruits and vegetables directly to our food pantries in Claremont, Pomona, Ontario, and San Dimas where the produce is distributed to those in need.

We want your produce! If you have any ripe fruits or vegetables in your backyard, or if you know of neighbors who do, just contact us and we'll send over our own

personal gleaning crew to pick all your fruit and vegetables.

For more information or questions, contact Alicia Castro, Volunteer Coordinator, at (909) 622-3806, ext. 223, or email at [VCoordinator@InlandValleyHopePartners.org](mailto:VCoordinator@InlandValleyHopePartners.org), or you can visit them on the web at [www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org](http://www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org).

## Goodwill Donations Taken At Walnut Gym Mar. 17 8am-2pm

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Walnut** - Spring cleaning time is here! We need your stuff! It's time to clean out those cupboards, closets and garages and bring your unwanted items to the Walnut Gymnasium parking lot, 21003 La Puente Road on Sat., Mar. 17 between 8 am and 2 pm.

The Walnut Youth Advisory Commission and Goodwill Industries will be accepting resellable items that are in good condition. Clothing, toys, electronics

(in working condition), linens, frames, rugs, books, lamps, bed frames (no mattresses), blankets, decorations, glassware, sporting goods (no exercise equipment), small appliances, etc will all be accepted.

If you cannot make it on Mar. 17 and would still like to donate, you may drop off your donations at Maintenance and Recreation Services, 21701 Valley Blvd., Monday thru Thursday from 8 to 5 pm. For more information, please call at 909-598-5605.

Award offered for Chino bank robber

