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### VAGOS MOTORCYCLE GANG



Jae C. Hong The Associated Press

Andrew Lozano, who was arrested Thursday in an investigation targeting the Vagos motorcycle gang, talks to a Fontana police officer. Five people were arrested in San Bernardino County, including the club president.

## Nine arrested in raid

### Ramos says it's a major takedown

By Mike Cruz Staff Writer

Hundreds of weapons, including an anti-tank gun and a rocket launcher, methamphetamine and cocaine were seized Thursday when several members of the Vagos motorcycle gang were arrested during a seven-county sweep across Southern California.

State agents say 52 search warrants and 12 arrest warrants were served Thursday, resulting in nine arrests targeting the "upper echelon" of the Vagos organization. Five of the arrests occurred in San Bernardino County.

At a news conference at San Bernardino Police Department, law enforcement officials said the investigation started 18 months ago when they began looking into a narcotics-trafficking ring.

That investigation grew to include other alleged crimes by Vagos members, such as solicitation of murder, receiving stolen property, auto theft, perjury, extortion, robbery and rape, state agents said.

San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael A. Ramos called the operation a "big blow" to the Vagos organization and said the investigation was not over.



Al Cuizon Staff Photographer

San Bernardino County Assistant District Attorney Steve Sanchez looks over weapons confiscated in a raid Thursday. The raid was the result of an 18-month investigation involving several law-enforcement agencies.

"This is a major, major takedown today," Ramos said. He described the Vagos as a ruthless criminal motorcycle gang that has terrorized communities since 1965.

"We have not backed off in trying to hold these people responsible for the crimes they've committed," Ramos said. Those crimes committed in San Bernar-

dino County will be prosecuted to the fullest extent, he said.

Authorities displayed various rifles, handguns, the anti-tank weapon and rocket launcher that were seized, as well as bricks of cocaine and methamphetamine. Body armor and Vagos clothing

VAGOS A6

## Quakes sign 10-year deal with R.C.

### Lease allows team to renovate Epicenter

By Wendy Leung Staff Writer

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — The Quakes, which have called Rancho Cucamonga home since 1992, will stick around for at least another decade.

After eight months of negotiations, the City Council on Wednesday approved an amended lease with the

minor-league baseball team, ensuring the Quakes will remain at the Epicenter until 2021. There will be an option to renew the lease for two five-year terms.

The new agreement will increase the team's rent and include a profit-sharing plan should the team get a naming-rights sponsor for the stadium.

"Our ownership group has been here for two years now, and we really feel we've had a great working relationship with the city," Quakes President Brent

Miles said. "It's been a great partnership, and we're very excited to continue that partnership in the future."

In 2009, majority owner Hank Stickney sold the team to Bobby Brett. The current lease, which was transferred to Brett, was set to expire in September 2012.

Under the new lease, the city will receive \$75,000 a year in rent during the first year of the lease with the

QUAKES A6

# College figures suffer

## Report shows counties trail state in attendance

By Will Bigham Staff Writer

A smaller proportion of high school graduates in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties advanced to college in the 2008-09 school year compared to the state average.

Just under 75 percent of California high school graduates entered college that year while only 64.7 percent in San Bernardino County and 67.6 percent in Los Angeles County did so, according to figures released Thursday by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

"In a knowledge-based economy, college and career training are becoming the price of admission to the job market, so it's good to see so many California graduates taking the next step on the path of success," Torlakson said.

For the first time, the state's

college advancement numbers include graduates who enrolled out of state, rather than just students who remained in California, according to a news release from Torlakson's office.

In San Bernardino County, only Chino Valley Unified School District exceeded the state average, with 75.2 percent of its grads going on to college.

The percentages varied widely between area districts.

In Claremont Unified School District in Los Angeles County, 81.8 percent of high school graduates advanced to college, while in San Bernardino City Unified School District had only 57.7 percent of graduates advanced, according to the figures.

At Bonita Unified School District, which covers La Verne and San Dimas, 78.8 percent of

COLLEGE A6

## GOP, minorities challenge lines

### Redistricting protests going to court

By Neil Nisperos Staff Writer

Rep. Joe Baca has reached over the political divide and expressed support for a lawsuit that seeks to reject dozens of newly approved congressional maps.

Baca, D-San Bernardino, said he is dissatisfied with the maps because they diminish minority voting clout in his district.

Former Rep. George Radanovich, R-Fresno, has joined four minority voters in a lawsuit that argues the maps violate the federal Voting Rights Act, specifically, in three new Los Angeles congressional districts where they say black voting strength has been diluted.

The act outlaws discriminatory electoral procedures.

"In drafting the maps, the commission violated not only the state Constitution, but the federal Constitution," said Steven Douglas Baric, an attorney representing the group and vice chairman of the California Republican Party. "The

court would appoint special masters to redraw certain district in a way that would comply with the law."

The lawsuit, filed in the California Supreme Court, requests the appointment of state judges, called "special masters," to devise new congressional district maps before the primary next year.

"I felt in my district, (the Latino vote) was diluted and this violated the Voting Rights Act," Baca said. "The only bad thing about the lawsuit is it put us all in limbo. We don't know if the courts will rule in favor for it or throw it out."

Baca said he is hoping for a ruling by December.

Despite announcing his intentions to run in the newly created 35th District — which consists of Chino, Montclair, Pomona, Ontario, Bloomington

REDISTRICTING A6

### POMONA

#### White funeral

A memorial service for Willie White, a former Pomona City Council member, will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pomona First Baptist Church, 601 N. Garey Ave.

White, who represented northern Pomona's District 6 on the City Council from 1991 to 2000, died Sept. 17 in Tupelo, Miss., at the age of 75 after a short illness.

### WEATHER

#### Heating up

After a cool Thursday, temperatures in the Inland Valley will heat up over the next seven days, according to Accuweather.

Temperatures will be in the mid-70s today, and in the 80s over the weekend.

Rainfall totals from Wednesday's storm showed surprisingly high amounts for an October rain.

The rain totals: Mt. Baldy had 1.96 inches, Chino Hills 1.50, Cucamonga Canyon 1.46, Upland 1.11, Ontario airport 0.97.

### UPLAND A3

#### City Council's advisers consider bingo issue

The City Council Advisory Committee is considering the possibility of recommending that the council amend the city's Municipal Code to allow for remote-caller bingo.

The council recently received a letter from Bingo Innovations of California in Ontario asking the city to review its ordinance. St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Upland has expressed a desire to play remote-caller bingo to raise money for the church.

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