Chamber Installation ushers in new leadership

Joanna Vargas, owner and CEO of The Fit Factor, was installed as the 114th president of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce on June 16 at Almansor Court. The Chamber’s annual dinner attracted a crowd of 200 members and friends.

Congratulatory certificates were presented to outgoing Chamber President Evike Chang by U.S. Rep. Judy Chu; State Sen. Ed Hernandez, by representative Jessica Leyva; State Assemblymember Ed Chau; Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, by representative Christian Daly; the State Board of Equalization, by Chief Legal Counsel Linda Cheng; the City of Alhambra, by Mayor David Meza; and the Alhambra Unified School District, by School Board President Jane Andersson.

Retired Alhambra Unified School District Supt. Laura

‘Summer Serenade’ to present four evenings of great music at Alhambra Park

The annual City of Alhambra Summer Serenade concerts will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on July 14, 21, and 28, and on Aug. 4 at the Alhambra Park Bandshell.

The “Yard Sale” band will provide music from the ’70s to today. Comments concerning the band include: “everyone leaves happy,” “music you want to...

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Baldwin Elementary PTA wins Google Express Grand Prize

By Antonio Gonzales

This spring, Martha Baldwin Elementary School won the grand prize in a nationwide contest sponsored by National PTA and Google Express.

In April, Baldwin PTA President Dawna Yip entered a competition on Facebook...
Senseless crime claims life of Alhambra woman

I always tell my friends that Alhambra to me is a family community and I am saddened to announce that one of our own family members Xiuxia “Michelle” Chen was shot and killed while working the front desk at one of our hotels on Valley Boulevard. This senseless crime committed by this perpetrator really made me mad because this person took the life of one of our residents who was a wife and mother. As some of you might know, I have been in law enforcement for over 21 years, and justice needs to be served for Ms. Chen’s family. The Alhambra Police Department recently announced a $10,000 reward for any information to assist in solving this horrendous crime. If you have any information leading to the arrest of the suspect, please contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500.

Alhambra Band needs help
At a recent community event, I was approached by members of the Alhambra High School (AHS) Band Boosters, who advised me that they needed help in raising money to buy new band uniforms for the AHS Band. The AHS Band Booster goal is to raise $38,000, and they have been working diligently to reach their goal.

The band, under the direction of Mark Trulson, can be seen performing at different City of Alhambra events. If you would like to donate to the band, please contact Perla Berzumza at 213-500-5834, or she can be reached by e-mail at perlaberzumza73@gmail.com.

Retirement in Alhambra
I would like to recognize Cynthia Jarvis, director of Environmental Services, who is retiring from our city. Ms. Jarvis was a very dedicated employee who gave it her all when it came to issues dealing with the environment. Best wishes on your retirement. You will be sorely missed.

Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) Supt. Dr. Laura Tellez-Gagliano has also decided to retire from AUSD. It was a pleasure getting to know you before and after I became a City Councilmember. It was truly a pleasure and honor meeting your husband and children. I know you did a lot of great work for the District because you truly cared about the welfare and education of the students of AUSD. Enjoy your retirement, and we’ll definitely have to catch a Yankees game soon.

With Dr. Tellez-Gagliano retiring, AUSD promoted Denise Jaramillo as the new AUSD superintendent. I am excited to continue the partnership with the District under your leadership. Congratulations on your appointment.

Happy Fourth of July
The City of Alhambra will present our annual Fourth of July Fireworks Show at Almansor Park. I will attend the Firework Show, so please come say hello to my family and me. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Community Services Department at 626-570-5044.

Happy Fourth of July from Mayor David Mejia, and let’s keep making Alhambra a great place to live and visit!

Mayor David Mejia addresses the audience at the Memorial Day service at Alhambra Park.
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Alhambra General Plan update process continues; draft plan now available for review, comment

A third Community Workshop regarding the development of a new City of Alhambra General Plan took place last month. The draft of the update will be available for public review and comment on the City's website at www.cityofalhambra.org.

An additional opportunity to list comments or concerns related to the potential environmental impacts of the General Plan Update or the content of the General Plan Update.

Keep up to date on the progress of the development of the new General Plan by visiting the City’s website at www.cityofalhambra.org, and offer comments or ask questions at generplan@cityofalhambra.org.

Free summer lunch, fun for kids continues through Aug. 4

Free summer lunches and snacks continue to be provided in Alhambra’s parks through Aug. 4 for children ages 1 to 18 years old.

Trained Parks and Recreation staff offers recreational activities — table games, tournaments, special events, and more — and an arts and crafts program on days listed below.

The Summer Food Service Program is provided by the City of Alhambra in cooperation with the California Department of Education.

Lunch and snack times are scheduled Monday through Friday:

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Youngsters are invited to drop in to enjoy the activities:

Arts & crafts are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games and activities are on Wednesdays and Fridays.
Almansor Park to host Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular

Considered by many the official start of summer, the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Almansor Park, 800 S. Almansor St., brings families together in a celebration that has great meaning to all Americans. The spectacular fireworks go off at 9 p.m., but the park is open all day with multiple family activities planned for early arrivals and long stayers.

Carnival games, including the notable Frog Ring Toss, begin at 3 p.m., and family competitions pit generations against each other in the Three-Legged Race, a watermelon-eating contest, and other holiday staples.

At dinner time, Fourth of July attendees can either dine on Mom’s cooking and Dad’s barbecuing or enjoy the food from local vendor.

Pre-fireworks entertainment includes lots of music provided first by “The Band Fresh,” and concluding — before the fireworks — with the great “Dons of Distinction.” Then it’s time for the Fireworks Spectacular.

American Legion Post 139 Sergeant-at-Arms, and former Post Commander, Michael J. Berra, and The Alhambra Police Department Color Guard present the Posting of the Colors.

Memorial Day ceremony honors Alhambrans

A special tribute during the 2017 Memorial Day service at Alhambra Park, presented by the City of Alhambra and American Legion Post 139, was aimed at Alhambra residents — listed by name in the program — who “gave up all their tomorrows for all of our todays.

Veterans, in uniform, in the overflow crowd wore a variety of service caps and solemnly paid tribute to their heroic comrades.

Emcee of this annual tribute was newly appointed Police Chief Timothy Vu. Addresses were given by Alhambra Mayor David Meija and Post 139 Commander Gilbert Cardoza. Notice of the passing of four Post 139 members was noted during the ceremonies: Jos Salazar, Benny Benavides, Tim Dietz, and SFC Griffith Jr. Ceremonial moments included the Presentation of the Memorial Wreath by Mayor Meija and Post 1st Vice Officer Joe Duran; the invocation provided by Post Chaplain Rick Estrada; the Posting of the Colors by the Alhambra Police Department Color Guard and Post Sergeant-at-Arms, and former Post Commander, Michael J. Berra; the playing of the National Anthem by the Alhambra High School Mighty Moors Marching Band, who also provided music prior to the ceremony; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 291; and the Lowering of the Flag to Half Staff by members of Post 139, with musical support from the Mighty Moors Marching Band.

The City of Alhambra provided snacks. American Legion Post 139 Sergeant-at-Arms, and former Post Commander, Michael J. Berra, and The Alhambra Police Department Color Guard present the Posting of the Colors.
Residents can still sign up for the Library’s annual Summer Reading Program. There are prizes weekly for children and every other week for teens and adults.

Activities scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturdays in Reese Hall:
- A film – Honey, I Shrunk the Kid (PG) on July 1. A nature craft afternoon on July 8.
- A film – Wall E (G) on July 15.
- A building competition on July 22.
- A Lorien on July 29. Plan to attend and find out what a Lorien is. “Build a Better World” is the theme for the 2017 Summer Reading Program, and while Summer Reading Programs have traditionally been aimed at the younger set, adults are now participating and have their own challenges.

This year the adults are concentrating on activities, including reading, but other challenges include completing the Library’s summer reading survey; attending a regular event, such as the TED talk Discussion Group; or taking a foreign language lesson using the Mango database on the library website. Completing two activities each week earns adults special prizes, and they receive an “Opportunity Ticket” good, to the winners, for very special prizes.

Adult events, in Reese Hall:
- Don’t Judge This Book by its Cover afternoon, on Wednesday, July 12, at 4 p.m. It’s like going on a blind date with a book. It’s lots of fun, and everyone will enjoy the surprises.

Trivia Quiz Game on Saturday, July 29, at 6 p.m. No registration required. Good food, fun teams, prizes, and challenging trivia are in store for participants 18 years old and above.

Teens this summer are also completing activities and achieving four goals for bi-weekly incentive prizes. The goals include use of the Library’s databases, writing a book review, attending Summer Reading Program events, and finding books the Library’s catalog. Weekly drawings will award books and gift cards to the lucky winners, and a grand prize will be awarded to one teen who has completed all four of the summer goals.

Teen programs in July, all in Reese Hall on Thursdays at 2 p.m.:
- Anime Your Way, a drawing workshop with Carlos Nieto on July 6.

The Teen Summer Reading Program closing event, complete with book giveaways and a Design Your Own Buttons activity. Regular, non-SRP events continue for children in July including:
- Family Story Time on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Story Time Room for families with children ages 5 to 12 years and featuring stories and other activities.
- LEGO Club has its monthly meeting for children ages 4 and above on Monday July 10 at 6 p.m. The Library will supply the bricks (materials are limited), and youngsters will focus their construction efforts on achieving a surprise theme. This activity is made possible by a grant from Southern California Edison.

The 2017 Summer Reading Program for children challenges youngsters 0 to 12 years of age to read 100 minutes each week, or for pre-readers, listen to someone reading to them for 100 minutes each week. Those who complete the weekly challenge will receive a prize. Those who complete the entire seven-week challenge will receive a free book.

In addition to the reading, children are invited to attend the following free activities each Monday at 3:30 p.m.:
- Family Film, Zootopia (PG) on July 3.


Anthony the MAGIC, Magic Show on July 24.

Space is limited. Children and accompanying adults must pick up a wristband starting at 2 p.m. to attend each program.

Also available — only to students in grades 4 through 6 — are Science Adventure Mornings, scheduled on Saturday July 8, July 29, and Aug.5 at 10:30 a.m. in Reese Hall. Find out what a space comet is made of and how much energy is would to launch an object far away. Learn about the different diets of animal predators. This program is brought to you by Celeste Chan of the Girl Scouts. Due to space and supply limitations, registration is required. For more information, please visit or contact the Children’s Room at 626-570-3215.

Each child under 12 years of age must be accompanied in the Library by an adult. For further information concerning children’s programming and services, please contact the Children’s Room at 626-570-3215, or visit the Children’s website at www.alhambralibrary.org/childrens.

City offers aquatic program

The Alhambra Park Pool and the Granada Park Pool provide recreation swim and lap swim opportunities as well as swimming lessons.

Monday through Thursday, 30-minute, two-week lesson sessions at various times during the morning and early evening, begin on July 5, July 17, and July 31. For Saturday, 40-minute, four-week sessions begin on July 8 and again on Aug. 5 and Sept. 2.

Check out the entire City of Alhambra Aquatics program — activities, class schedules, cost, registration information — online at www.cityofalhambra.org. Click on Government; click on Community Services Department; click on Leisure Activities Guide. Check out the multiple ways one can register for aquatic and other recreational programs: online, phone-in, walk-in, or mail-in/drop-off.

Adults may be fond of Lap Swim and Recreation Swim, and the youngsters may be most interested in the Alhambra Dolphins Swim Team or the Cuppy GuardCurlz Lifeguards programs, but enjoying a cool pool on a hot summer day will be welcome to all ages.

Don’t forget the Alhambra Park Water Playground, where each day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Sept. 24, non-pool cooling is available to all comers.

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On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOC), we are reaching out to inform you about several income qualified energy efficiency retrofit programs in the San Gabriel Valley area. We are working with SoCalGas under the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership to offer information regarding no-cost energy efficiency programs available to income-qualified renters and homeowners.

Both the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) and Middle Income Direct Install (MIDI) programs provide opportunities that may help you save energy and money. They may also increase your home’s comfort, and improve indoor air quality, leading to lower utility bills by offering no cost appliances and services.

If you qualify, some of the services offered by SoCalGas may include:
- Pool pump replacement
- Attic insulation
- Water heater blankets
- Low-flow shower heads

Don’t let this opportunity pass you by. Take advantage of these incredible programs that may help your home use energy more efficiently, conserve precious California resources and possibly lower your energy bill. More than ever, energy and water conservation make sense for our state and our community.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact your approved local contractor at 1-800-337-4083. Are you sure to attend? The SGVCOC also offers the Energy Assessment Screening for Your Home (EASY) program. Assessment appointments are available by calling 1-626-457-1800 or visiting us at www.sgvenergywise.org/en/.

Sincerely,

Phil Haskey
Executive Director

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Alhambra Civic Center Library offers Summer Reading Program, more
Earth Kitchen crafts customers’ fast Hotpots on Main Street

BY BILL KINMAN

A new restaurant on Main Street, Earth Kitchen at 235 W. Main, Unit B, is a new dining experience: a fast “hotpot.” Earth Kitchen said they are the first customized fast hotpot in the United States. The restaurant provides customers with the opportunity to create their own meal by choosing, for a vegetarian hotpot, from a vast selection of fresh produce — 21 choices of veggies, tofu, and mushrooms — cooked in a Szechuan broth or a curry base for an additional charge.

Beyond the vegetarian hotpot, one can also choose from nine quality meat options and seven fresh fish options. Pick your carbs (rice or potato noodles), and finally decide if your hotpot will be spicy, medium, mild, or not spicy.

And voila, in a mere 10 minutes you have a fulfilling meal of your own creation to be enjoyed in well-appointed surroundings.

For the especially hungry diner there is available a variety of appetizers: Lollipop Shrimp, Popcorn Chicken, Crispy Chicken Wings, and more. Specialty appetizers (lu-wei) include Chicken Legs, Beef Tendon, Chicken Feet, and other items.

A first-time Earth Kitchen visitor may well select Earth Kitchen’s “Signature Hotpot,” which includes sliced beef, crispy pork, house beef balls, fish balls, potatoes, corn, sponge tofu, Napa cabbage, and bean sprouts, holding back on the self-created hotpot until you have examined the seemingly endless menu choices spread out for your amazed review.

A review of the menu, available at www.EarthKitchenHotpot.com, may add a dose of courage, and the friendly, efficient staff is most helpful.

Courageous first-time diners will jump right in and create their lunch or dinner entrée.

In addition to the build-your-own and vegetarian hotpots, families might choose the hotpot for two or the kids hotpot. Diners can supplement their hotpot creations with a wide selection of beers, fountain drinks, plum juice, and house-brewed tea.

Earth Kitchen is open seven days a week: Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

Grab the family, and a friend or two, and experience the pleasures of creating and enjoying your own, personal hotpot.
City Neighborhood Clean-up project accomplished by good neighbors

The meaning of “good neighbors” is demonstrated each year as the City-sponsored Neighborhood Clean-up project unfolds in one portion of the City.

This year the clean-up effort was concentrated on a portion of the Granada Park area as volunteers, complete with work gloves, small gardening tools, and a great deal of spirit, accomplished the goals set before them.

Organizations whose members participated included the First Baptist Church of Alhambra; the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the San Gabriel Valley “New Generation” Rotary Club; the Alhambra Kiwanis Club and its high-school-sponsored group the Alhambra High School and Mark Keppel High School Key Clubs; the West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors; employees from Lowe’s; local residents; and Alhambra firefighters from Station 74.

Individuals who showed up to work totaled 100. They performed free work on more than 60 homes, which resulted in filling 8.5 large roll-off dumpsters of trash, junk, debris, e-waste, and green waste.

Sponsors were Republic Services; Lowe’s; Starbucks, Main and Fremont locations; Huerta Produce; Albertsons; Super Albert Fresh Mexican Food; US Storage Centers; SGV New Gen Rotary; and West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors.

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors, the Code Enforcement Division was able to purchase a Neighborhood Clean-Up trailer and much needed equipment for this project, such as lawn mowers, weed whackers, hedge trimmers, and a variety of hand tools.

Representatives were on hand from the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control department (to provide animal licensing); the Housing Right Center; the City of Alhambra Home Rehab Program; Alhambra Police Department; and the Crime Prevention team.

At the end of the Clean-Up, many of the volunteers wanted to know when the next one would take place so they could invite friends and families.

“The Neighborhood Clean-up project helps residents who are less able to handle the trimming, clipping, and mowing necessary to keep up with fast-growing greenery and who need a helping hand with no-longer-needed furniture and appliances that cannot be easily moved. It also helps those who need to get rid of accumulated trash and debris and helps others who may have been notified by Code Enforcement that there are conditions on their properties that need attention.

“If that neighborly spirit of cooperation and assistance moves you, we’ll see you next year in one of Alhambra’s neighborhoods joining forces with other volunteers in making our community a cleaner, brighter, and safer place to live,” said Rafael Perez, Code Enforcement supervisor.
Joslyn fitness instructor Kerri Lumbert Gentry takes Gold, Silver, Bronze at World Masters Games

Alhambra’s own Kerri Lumbert Gentry, a fitness instructor at Joslyn Adult Center, won several medals for swimming at the World Masters Games this past April. The World Masters Games takes place every four years and is a multi-sport event, similar to the Olympics. This year, the event took place from April 21 to 30 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Inspired by the prospect of returning to New Zealand, one of her favorite places, Ms. Lumbert Gentry entered her name for competition. Out of six events that Ms. Lumbert Gentry competed in, she medaled in five of them. She competed in the 400 meter freestyle (silver), 200 meter freestyle (bronze), 100 meter backstroke (silver), the 200 meter backstroke (gold), and the 1500 meter open water ocean swim (gold). “I went to this hoping to win one medal, so to come home with five, and then to get two of them gold, was really thrilling,” she said.

Ms. Lumbert Gentry attended Ramona Elementary before moving on to Alhambra High School where she competed with the swim team. Though she stopped competing as she entered college and her career, Ms. Lumbert Gentry found her love of competitive swimming again in her mid 30s when she was introduced to Masters Swimming.

“Masters Swimming is an organization that allows people to continue competition,” said Ms. Lumbert Gentry. “Competitors range in age from 25 on and I currently have a friend who is 95 and is a competitive swimmer. She is setting records all the time for her age group. The oldest person I ever saw compete was 101. It really is a great thing to keep people fit. There’s a huge camaraderie amongst the swimmers. It’s very competitive, but you’re also in it to do the best you can and just have fun and it’s really supportive.”

Masters Swimming has allowed her to reconnect with an old high school friend as well as make many more new ones. Not long after settling in with the group, she was convincing the team to compete at national competitions. She went to her first national competition in Seattle, and she’s been doing them every year since then (more than 25 years with the World Masters Team). Ms. Lumbert Gentry trains by swimming up to six days a week with a group of four other swimmers. But don’t get her wrong, she said. “We don’t just get together and chat. We train really hard.”

When she is not in the water, Ms. Lumbert Gentry teaches fitness classes at Joslyn Senior Center, which is her true passion. “I am teaching them something, but it is the wonderful people,” she said. “The seniors think that we are helping save lives in less time. All donors will receive a promotional item for their life-saving donations.”

Volunteer coaches wanted for school playground youth programs

Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches are needed to assist with the Cheerleading and Flag Football in after-school recreational programs. The Cheerleaders will perform at Flag Football games and, later, compete in the annual All City Cheerleading Championships.

There are nine school sites involved. Phone 626-570-5081, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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dance too,” and “music you know all the words to.” Yard Sale describes its successful formula as “show up early, look good, play great, fill the dance floor, and make sure everyone has a fantastic time.”

July 21: The “Kellye Huff” band will entertain with country tunes. Kellye is a Top Ten recording artist with a “soulful voice, incredible range, and southern charm,” and she’s teamed with amazingly talented musicians.

July 28: The “Smokin Cobras” band, noted as the “world’s coolest retro hits band,” performing the greatest songs of all time from the ‘50s to the ‘80s. The band has played at festivals, casinos, corporate functions, private events, and park concerts.

Aug. 4: The “Soto Band,” described by some as the “hottest Latin-funk, R&B-dance bands of the new millennium,” plays soulful ballads, Latin rhythms, and hot dance grooves.

Information concerning the 2017 Summer Serenade Concert Series is available, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 626-570-3242.

Participate in American Red Cross Blood Drive at Joslyn Center on July 27

Donors may give blood from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the City of Alhambra Community Summer Blood Drive at the Joslyn Adult Recreation Center, 210 N. Chapel Avenue.

“The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood,” said the American Red Cross. Summer months are known to be challenging times for blood collection, although the need for blood does not take a break. For more information, phone 626-437-7893, or go to the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org to make a donation appointment, or just show up at Joslyn.

While there, ask the Red Cross representative about the RapidPass, or visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass, and learn about this new tool that allows blood donors to help save lives in less time. All donors will receive a promotional item for their life-saving donations.
Second annual ‘Movie Picnic Night’ offered five Saturday evenings in Alhambra Park

The Fresh Blue Entertainment Company and co-sponsor China Lion Film Distribution will host “Movie Picnic Night” beginning on Saturday, July 8, at the Alhambra Park Bandshell, 500 N. Palm Ave. Scheduled for five Saturday evenings through Aug. 5, five Chinese and English language films will be screened — Chinese language films with English subtitles; English language films with Chinese subtitles.

This is the second annual Movie Picnic Night. Attendees are urged to bring their own picnic food and non-alcoholic drinks — or take advantage of a variety of food trucks — and blankets, pillows, and low-to-the-ground chairs in order to better enjoy the movies and the cooling summer evening weather.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with the film showing at dusk. The scheduled films include:

- *Hualien Media’s Our Times* on Saturday, July 8. This film is reported to be a massive box office success throughout Asia.
- *Warner Brother’s The Lego Movie* (PG) on Saturday, July 15. This is Warner’s first LEGO-themed film.
- China Lion’s *Goodbye Mr. Loser* on Saturday, July 22. This is a mainland comedy hit.
- *Universal’s The Secret Life Of Pets* (PG) on Saturday, July 29. This is an animated hit. View the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFE6Punj82M.
- *Weinstein Company’s The Grandmaster* (PG-13) on Saturday, Aug. 5. This is an Academy Award-nominated film based on the story of Wing Chun grandmaster Ip Man. View the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl8dzRLr3Mg.

*Our Times* and *Goodbye Mr. Loser* are not rated, but treated by sponsor Fresh Blue Entertainment as PG.

City of Alhambra Certified Farmers Market to celebrate 33 years

Celebrate the City of Alhambra Certified Farmers Market by visiting the market on its 33rd birthday on Sunday, Aug. 13. Activities are planned from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The market stays open until 1 p.m.

The usual fresh produce, unique food, flowers and plants, and tempting food from several vendors will be available. Attendees can also enjoy free birthday punch and cake on this day, and kids can participate in a free craft event. Craft supplies will be provided while they last. There will also be free games, giveaways, and a raffle for a commemorative Farmers Market 33rd Year Anniversary apron.

“The City of Alhambra Certified Farmers Market has been important in the lives of Alhambra’s citizens for over three decades,” said Market Manager Harry Wong.

The Farmers Market is located on South Second Street, between Main Street and Commonwealth Avenue.

Alhambra’s Farmers Market has been important in the lives of residents for more than three decades.
With the somewhat intimate attendance at Coffee with a Cop events and the standing-room-only Community Information Meeting that filled the Alhambra Civic Center Library’s Reese Hall last month, the Alhambra Police Department is stressing the importance of the Alhambra public understanding the breadth and scope of police activity and the value of the public’s input of information to police personnel concerning what they see and hear in the community.

Recently appointed Police Chief Timothy Vu discussed the balance between the number of police officers (83) against the most recent annual count of calls for service (more than 53,000), and stressed the need for close relations between the public and the police department.

Police Department supervisory personnel shared additional information relating the police department.

There were numerous questions for the police personnel, encouraged by the speakers. Informative, relevant responses were given.

Major public questioning came during and following a Code Enforcement presentation concerning coyotes in the community. The presentation focused on what residents could and should do when they observe or encounter a coyote.

Handout brochures, including “Coyotes in Alhambra” and “Coyote Hazing Guidelines,” were available to attendees and were avidly collected.


For more information about the Alhambra Police Department’s Community Information Meeting or obtaining one of the mentioned brochures, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Jessica Cuchilla at 626-570-5177 or by e-mail at jcuchilla@alhambrapd.org.

__CITY OF ALHAMBRA CRIME REPORT__

The following crimes were reported to the Alhambra Police Department during May. The areas of occurrence are listed to the nearest block, not exact addresses. By publishing these reports, it is hoped that Alhambra residents will take the necessary measures to ensure their individual safety, as well as the safety of their property. Neighborhood Watch Works! To join Neighborhood Watch, or for more crime prevention information and safety tips, contact the Alhambra Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 626-570-5177.

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By Michael Astin, an Enrolled Agent engaged in his family business at Alhambra Tax Center, 1009 E. Main St., Alhambra. Alhambra Tax Center has served Alhambra residents since 1970. He can be reached at 626-282-1084. Tax questions, or any other questions, can be e-mailed to michael@alhambrataxcenter.com. To view previous topics, read his blogs at www.alhambrataxcenter.com.

Tax Tips
Cancellation of Debt
The amount forgiven on a credit card or some other debt may become taxable.

The most common type of debt forgiveness is credit card debt. The credit card company forgives you from paying off all, or a portion of, a credit card debt. Another type of loan cancellation is a short-sale. You owe more money on your home than what your home is worth, and any unpaid mortgage balance is cancelled through the short-sale.

If any portion of a debt is cancelled, you’ll most likely get an IRS Form 1099-C.

IRS Form 1099-C is a Cancellation of Debt.
This form is reported to the IRS, which means the IRS will be looking for the amount as taxable income on your tax return. But not everybody who gets a 1099-C will have to report the amount as income. It all depends on if you’re “solvent” or “insolvent.”

Solvency is when the Fair Market Value (FMV) of all your assets exceeds the amount of money you owe (liabilities). If you get a 1099-C and you’re solvent, all of the amount is taxable income.

Insolvency is the opposite. Your liabilities are greater than your assets. If you’re insolvent, you do not pay taxes on the debt forgiveness up to the amount that you are insolvent.

Here’s an example of solvent:
You receive a 1099-C for $5,000.
The FMV of all your assets is $15,000, and your liabilities are $8,000. You have $7,000 dollars in equity. The full amount of the 1099-C is taxable. (Report $5,000 of income on your tax return.)

Here’s an example of insolvency:
You receive a 1099-C for $5,000 dollars. The FMV of all your assets is $5,000 and your liabilities are $12,000. None of the 1099-C amount is taxable.

There are other scenarios that will not be covered in this article on how an insolvent person may have to pay taxes. They can be found in IRS publication 4681. These situations are rare.

If you have any questions, please contact the IRS or any tax professional.

It’s all about networking
Join the Chamber for an informal social where business people get together, exchange ideas, and develop new relationships. These monthly networking programs are sponsored by and hosted at Chamber member establishments.

Networking is one of the most affordable means of marketing resulting in invaluable personal contacts and word-of-mouth advertising. So, don’t hesitate. Bring plenty of business cards and a winning handshake to the next Business After Hours Mixer and develop a synergistic group of business contacts.

The Business After Hours Mixer will take place
Wednesday, July 26
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Shea Properties at “88 at Alhambra Place”
88 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra 91801
88 at Alhambra Place is the ultimate urban experience. Attached to Alhambra Place, with shops and restaurants, it is also just a short jaunt to Pasadena and Downtown L.A.
$10 members; $15 non-members
For more information about the Business After Hours Mixers, phone the Chamber at 626-282-8481.

Notary services are now available at the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
104 S. First St.
Please phone 626-282-8481 for an appointment.
Tellez-Gagliano, who has retired after an outstanding 40-year career as an educator and administrator, received the Chamber’s prestigious Past Presidents’ Award, presented by Chamber board member and past President Valerie Gomez.

Chamber board member Megan Moloughney, The Ratkovich Co./The Alhambra, made the Outstanding Business of the Year presentation to New Century BMW.

Chamber Past President Mark Paulson served as the event’s Master of Ceremonies directing the evening’s program honoring Mr. Chang for his many contributions to the Chamber during his 2016-2017 tenure.

The outgoing president briefly highlighted the many successes during his 2015-2016 term and was particularly proud of his Alhambra Card with 15,000 of them in circulation now.

The program featured a presentation by Marianne Emma Jeff, WBMC founder and CEO, on “The Label of Success.”

The new 2017-2018 Board of Directors, led by President Vargas, was sworn into office. In addition to President Vargas, the Executive Committee of the Board will include Vice President Megan Moloughney —The Ratkovich Company/The Alhambra, Immediate Past-President Chang — Evike.com, and At Large Members Robert Fukui — High Point Marketing, Valerie Gomez — YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley, Lee Lieberg — LandZ Real Estate, and Mark Paulson — Anthony Veneti Realty.

Also helping Mr. Chang lead the Chamber in 2017-2018 will be board members Nickie Chan — Life Wave, Salvador Ramirez — Republic Services, Iris Lai — Alhambra Hospital Medical Center, Stephen Pan — New Century BMW, Joe Pavon — Al’s Towing, Helen Romero-Shaw — The Gas Company, Lorraine Simpson — Credit Union of Southern California, Craig Statron — Atherton Baptist Homes, Dr. David Snyder — Snyder Optometry, Inc., Walter Tang — Superior Scientific, and Lisa Rodriguez — Vidorra.

Music was provided by Fastrak. The photography was provided by Bob and Laura Greenberg of Alhambra Camera and photographer Leonard Oxford. Poster art was by Elizabeth Kim; graphic design by Rebecca Lam, Plaza Printing; and floral arrangements were by Fanny’s Flowers.

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Why East Los Angeles College

Located in the city of Monterey Park, the East Los Angeles College campus is the largest in the Los Angeles Community College District with an enrollment of more than 66,000 students. The two-year college primarily serves 14 neighboring communities east of downtown Los Angeles and offers associate degree programs in more than 23 fields, along with occupational programs and academic transfer courses.

The campus has evolved with the introduction of the new Performing and Fine Arts Complex, which houses the Vincent Price Art Museum, the Fine and Visual Arts Building, and the Performing Arts Building.

The college recently completed a comprehensive Language Arts and Humanities Building, a Math and Science Complex, and a Campus Center and Bookstore. The the full-service South Gate Educational Center, serving the Southeast Los Angeles communities, is slated to double in size. These additions are expanding the college’s ability to serve its students.

The college is also known for its list of notable alumni, including former Mayor of Los Angeles Antonio Villaraigosa, actor Edward James Olmos, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Facts and Stats

- Approximately 66,000 students
- Rank No. 13 in transfers to the University of California System
- Hispanic-Serving Institution
- Average student is 25 years old – Rank No. 2 in California for adult learners
- Hundreds of certificate and degree programs in areas such as Accounting, Photography, Engineering, Respiratory Therapy, Psychology, Logistics, and Administration of Justice
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Monday AUGUST 28 2017

CLASSES BEGIN
East Los Angeles College’s (ELAC’s) Math Department was ranked #2 in the 2017 American Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) competition, a jump from the college’s 5th place ranking in 2016.

ELAC took the lead among local colleges, scoring higher than Pasadena City College (Ranked 5) and Santa Monica College (Ranked 30). Since 2015, more than 180 ELAC students have participated in the AMATYC, the national organization that hosts the math challenge exam for all interested community colleges nationwide.

The AMATYC hosts two rounds where a twenty-question, one-hour test is administered once in fall and again in spring. For the 2016-2017 rounds, ELAC’s highest score was 31.5, out of the 40 points possible. Each participating college is given a two week period to complete the exam. The exams are reviewed by the math department and scores including the top 5 tests are then emailed to AMATYC.

To prepare students, Victoria Kotlyar and the math department offers workshops to help the students prepare for the exam. The competition questions are fairly difficult and are typically advertised to students who are enrolled in calculus and other high level math courses, but do not exclude others who may be interested in participating in this test.

The top five ELAC student participants earned scholarship awards presented at the recent ELAC scholarship banquet. Staff, faculty, and students interested in learning more about the AMATYC may contact Prof. Victoria Kotlyar at kotlyarv@elac.edu.

Welcome & Support Resource Center

LOCATION
E1-176

TELEPHONE
(323) 780-6800

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday – Thursday, 8am-7pm
Friday, 8am-4pm.

The goal of our center is to provide a one-stop location for all students, to assist in better navigating the College’s campus and support services, and to increase the sense of belonging on campus.

SERVICES
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• Steps to become an ELAC student
• Access to computers
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Ramona Convent celebrates 127th Commencement Ceremony

Ramona Convent’s graduation ceremony took place on May 27. Carrying their bouquets of yellow roses and wearing the traditional white gowns, the graduates moved elegantly down the lawn of Ramona’s Rose Heath Garden.

“We are empowered; we are the future … We are women of faith, women who are integrating all facets of ourselves, critical thinkers, communicators, and transformative leaders. That’s the foundation of what being a Ramona girl is all about; we will just build it up from there with our experiences. Let us put our mark on the world as we go forth, cast fire, and liberate life,” said Salutatorian Victoria Marie Garcia.

Victoria will attend Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she will study biomedical science with a career goal of becoming a pediatric oncologist. She also hopes to study abroad in Italy. While at Ramona, she has been a member of the International Thespian Society, National Honor Society, California Scholastic Federation, International Culture Society, and the Hispanic Society, and was Campus Retreat Team Leader. She also participated in basketball, track and field, the Interact Club, ComedySportz, and in her spare time volunteered at the Pasadena Humane Society.

Several members of the class have selected a major in a science-related field and attribute their decisions to the experiences that Ramona offered them. Curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking are inspired every day through the hands-on, project-based learning with real-life applications at the core of Ramona’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program.

Guest speaker and Ramona Convent graduate Kim Chanbonpin ’95, a professor at the John Marshall School of Law at the University of Chicago, shared her journey and how Ramona helped shape her life. “Think about who you are, who you want to become, and how you intend on getting there … be steadfast,” she said. “You are the only you; think about how you and only you can make a positive impact. You will move mountains.”

Collectively, the class has accomplished great things. All of the graduates will continue on to college, with 69% of those attending University of California or private campuses. Because of the academically rigorous and challenging program offered at Ramona, these young women have been offered a total of $9,179,454 in merit scholarships based on their academic record and extra-curricular involvement. Thirty-five percent received Highest Honors — 100% Life Membership in the California Scholarship Federation, and 47% received recognition as National Honor Society members.

Ramona is a welcoming Catholic college-prep high school for girls in grades 9 through twelve. Ramona graduates face the future with an extraordinary education, a global vision fueled by Catholic values, an independent spirit, confident leadership skills, the support of their Ramona sisters, and the strength of a legacy of more than 125 years of excellence.

Ramona Convent Secondary School is located at 1701 W. Ramona Road, Alhambra. For more information, phone 626-282-4151, or visit www.ramonaconvent.org.

The class of 2017 kicks off the ceremony with a rendition of I’ll Be There for You, by the Rembrandts, led by senior Chamber singers.
MainFest returns for second year on Sept. 9 featuring Purity Ring, Ghostland Observatory, Classixx, more

The heart and soul of Alhambra’s music scene, MainFest, returns on Saturday, Sept. 9, for its second year with its exciting phase one lineup: Purity Ring, Ghostland Observatory, Broods, Classixx, and more to be announced soon. Festival goers can expect a premiere block party experience featuring more than 60 bands and DJs taking over three blocks of the City’s Main Street from Garfield Avenue to Second Street.

Located in the heart of Downtown Alhambra, the main stage will once again bring the entire community together while street vendors and local artists paint live for everyone as the day goes on. A second outdoor stage has been added that will play host to DJs. For the first time this year, there will be additional stages inside venues showcasing local talent throughout the downtown area. From a town that is known for next-level tacos, noodles, and boba shops, MainFest has everyone covered with more than 30 local restaurants and downtown bars.

Last year’s Mainfest was the start of something fresh and brand new for a city rich in culture and dedicated residents. The fest was headlined by Capital Cities’ Miami Horror, !!! (Chk Chk Chk), as well as local favorites Nite-Funk, Dead Sara, The Commons, and Swimm. MainFest Music Festival is dedicated to providing an exceptional music event experience for concert goers craving creative freedom and absolute fun, and this year will be no exception.

Tickets for this all-ages event are on sale at Ticketfly for $65 (general admission) to $119 (VIP) each plus service fees. Purchase tickets at http://www.bigt.ly/mainfest2017.

Visit www.mainfestalhambra.com for the most up-to-date information.

Phase 1 Lineup
- Purity Ring
- Ghostland Observatory
- Broods
- Classixx
- Polica
- Poolside
- Gavin Turek
- + 50 more bands and DJ’s

More than 60 artists and DJs will perform in the heart of Alhambra.

Alhambra Pumpkin Run
5K & 1K
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15
Main Street and Second Street — Downtown Alhambra
Cal State LA scores goal with Los Angeles Football Club partnership

The Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) has selected California State University, Los Angeles, (Cal State LA) as the home of its new training facility, soccer operations headquarters, and youth academy.

The LAFC, the newest Major League Soccer team in Los Angeles, will train on the site at the northern gateway of the Cal State LA campus, though it will play its games in a new stadium in Exposition Park. The arrangement was approved Wednesday by the California State University Board of Trustees.

The plan will allow Cal State LA to transform an idle lot, while providing the franchise a state-of-the-art training and operations facility in Los Angeles. Cal State LA students will benefit from internships with the LAFC, whose ownership group includes Magic Johnson, Mia Hamm Garciaparra, Nomar Garciaparra, Mandalay Entertainment Group CEO Peter Guber, actor Will Ferrell, and co-founder and former CEO of YouTube Chad Hurley.

The LAFC has already committed $1.6 million in support for Cal State LA, including funding a renovation of the University's Track and Athletics Field in the Billie Jean King Sports Complex. The upgrades, scheduled to be completed this fall, will include a new track, field, and lighting system. The new field will feature the latest FieldTurf synthetic fiber and is configured to meet the most stringent FIFA standards.

The new FieldTurf fiber used at Cal State LA sets a new standard. “Cal State LA is the first west coast stadium to use this turf, which was recently installed at Gillette Stadium, home of the MLS New England Revolution and the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots,” said Cal State LA Executive Vice President Jose A. Gomez.

Professor Anne Larson, director of Cal State LA’s School of Kinesiology and Nutritional Science, said the university has already begun to draw on LAFC’s expertise. Cal State LA students are already interning with LAFC, Ms. Larson said, and “they have absolutely loved the experience.”

LAFC is helping the department develop a new master’s degree program in Sport Operations and Athlete Representation. Kinesiology students will perform clinical practicum hours with the team in its training facility and in its youth academy.

The new training site and practice facility, designed by Gensler Sports, will feature a practice field exactly mimicking that of Banc of California Stadium, locker rooms, sports medicine facilities, office space for LAFC coaches and staff, and will be completely financed by LAFC. The two-story training facility will incorporate the campus’ industrial and modernist design style.

“Today we establish the perfect home for our team, one which affirms our commitment to building our future with the youth of Los Angeles,” said LAFC Club President and Owner Tom Penn. “We are proud that we will be developing world class players and talent for decades to come at Cal State LA, which has a history of elevating the communities it serves.”
AAA inspectors share favorite hotels, restaurants in top summer travel destinations

A bustling summer travel season is in full swing, and AAA’s team of anonymous inspectors has been busy conducting on-site evaluations of nearly 59,000 hotels and restaurants across North America. To give travelers a taste of the many great places to stay and dine this summer, they’ve selected a few of their favorites in the top 10 North American destinations, based on AAA Travel bookings for trips scheduled through Aug. 15.

Any of these properties can be reserved by visiting the Auto Club’s Alhambra branch, 401 E. Main St., or phoning 626-289-4491.

• Orlando, Florida
  Inspector 591’s favorite hotel: Disney’s Port Orleans Resort-Riverside (AAA Three Diamond)
  Recreational activities include taking a stroll along the river or going on a surrey bike ride, a fishing excursion, or horse-drawn carriage ride. Inspector 591 said, “Opportunities for both relaxation and fun activities are plentiful.”
  Inspector 591’s favorite restaurant: The BOATHOUSE Waterfront Dining (AAA Three Diamond)
  Beautifully restored boats from the 1940s to 1960s are creatively placed around the restaurant. The menu is just as interesting with options like Prince Edward Island steamed mussels and Atlantic swordfish.

• Vancouver, Canada
  Inspector 450’s favorite hotel: Blue Horizon Hotel (AAA Three Diamond)
  These spacious suites have a unique double bank of windows and balconies. Higher floors offer incredible views of the city, English Bay, or nearby mountains, depending on room location.
  Inspector 450’s favorite restaurant: Bistro Absinthe (AAA Three Diamond)
  Sporting a dramatic Mayan-themed décor, this restaurant prepares the time-honored recipes of the owners and hosts, the Pezzotti family, including seafood ceviche, chilled avocado soup, and chicken mole.

• Cancun, Mexico
  Inspector 601’s favorite hotel: Hyatt Ziva Cancun (AAA Four Diamond)
  Newly renovated, this hotel sits between two great swimming beaches and is walkable to local nightlife and shopping. Inspector 601 exclaimed, “This is where I’m bringing my family! A spa for us old folks, a brewpub for Gen X, and a sweet shop for the grandkids.”
  Inspector 601’s favorite restaurant: La Habichuela Sunset (AAA Three Diamond)
  A historic icon, the Italian Renaissance-style hotel is in the heart of the city. It reflects the grandeur of the past but with modern conveniences.

• Seattle, Washington
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Ziva Cancun (AAA Four Diamond)

Newly renovated, this hotel sits between two great swimming beaches and is walkable to local nightlife and shopping. Inspector 601 exclaimed, “This is where I’m bringing my family! A spa for us old folks, a brewpub for Gen X, and a sweet shop for the grandkids.”

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Hosted by Sieber Grill
433 W. Main St., Alhambra 91801
Cost is free
RSVP to 626-282-8481

July 17 – Monday
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.

July 19 – Wednesday
Arts & Cultural Events Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

July 20 – Thursday
Secrets for Your Success
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
“3 Keys to Unlock What’s Holding You Back”
Presented by May Padem, founder and CEO of Sassy Empowerment Dynamics
The cost of the program is free to Chamber members and a modest $15 charge for non-members. A complimentary lunch is included. Phone the Chamber for more information or to make reservations: 626-282-8481

July 24 – Monday
Alhambra City Council
7 p.m., City Hall, 111 S. First St.

July 25 – Tuesday
Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

July 26 – Wednesday
Business After Hours Mixer
11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
Hosted by Sherry Properties
“88 at Alhambra Place Apartments”
88 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra
$10 members, $15 non-members

Aug. 9 – Wednesday
HCDA Citizens Advisory Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

Aug. 10 – Thursday
Coffee Talk
Chamber business networking event
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Hosted by The Poke Joint
6 W. Main St., Alhambra 91801
Cost is free
RSVP to 626-282-8481

Aug. 14 – Monday
City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

Aug. 16 – Wednesday
Arts & Cultural Events Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

Aug. 21 – Monday
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Council chambers
111 S. First St.

Aug. 22 – Tuesday
Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
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Aug. 23 – Wednesday
Business After Hours Mixer
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Alondra Hot Wings
115 W. Main St.
Alhambra, CA 91801
$10 members, $15 non-members

Aug. 28 – Monday
City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

Rottweiler-German shepherd mix • Adult • Male • Large • ID #28415

Oreo is a sweet and lively 10-year-old Lab mix girl with beautiful brown eyes who truly enjoys being around people. She is quite stunning in her gorgeous black coat and has a tail of white hair running from her nose down to her chest and belly. Oreo is extremely affectionate and can often be seen walking close to her walker on a leash. You will often see her with a big friendly smile on her face enjoying the companionship of her walker. Her prior family had to surrender her as they were moving to a new location where pets were not allowed. Despite the loss of her home, she has always been sweet and loving at the shelter and would be a perfect addition to a family looking to provide an affectionate home for a kind and loyal canine friend. Stop by and visit this beautiful girl, especially someone who wants to provide a forever home this well behaved senior girl truly deserves.

July 3 – Monday
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.

July 4 – Tuesday
City of Alhambra’s annual Fourth of July celebration
3 p.m. at Almansor Park, 800 S. Almansor St.
Food vendors, entertainment, family activities, and carnival games
Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.

July 6 – Thursday
Parks and Recreation Commission
7 p.m., Jockey Center, Story Park
210 N. Chapel Ave.

July 10 – Monday
Alhambra City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

July 11 – Tuesday
Library Board of Trustees
6 p.m., library boardroom, 101 S. First St.
Youth Commission
6 p.m., library boardroom, 101 S. First St.
Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

July 12 – Wednesday
Transportation Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

July 13 – Thursday
Coffee Talk
Chamber business networking event
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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111 S. First St.

Aug. 9 – Wednesday
Survivors of Mutilated Children, SGF Chapter
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Secrets Wednesday, every other month
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Labrador retriever • Adult • Female • Large • ID #27983

Julia is a headstrong Chihuahua mix boy, about 6 months old, weighing 14 pounds. Rudy was surrendered to the shelter by an owner who was moving and couldn’t take Rudy along. Rudy enjoys his walks with our volunteers who report that he is easy to harness and seems to have some experience with walking on leash. He has high energy and is excited and eager with lots of energy to spend. Rudy likes to play with other dogs and will also happily fetch toys that are thrown for him. He seems to love people — he has a very affectionate side and enjoy being petted. Rudy is very alert, curious, friendly, and smart. A secure yard is a must for this boy, too. Rudy is looking for a family who will give him lots of exercise, a social life, and training to help him channel his energy and become the strong dog he has the potential to be.

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PGA Junior League Golf gives youngsters opportunity to improve golfing

If anyone has a child who is interested in playing golf, they are going to love the PGA Junior League in Alhambra. This year there are 12 kids on the team. Alhambra Golf Course decided to create a team and travel against other teams in the league. The league consists of four other teams, and the teams play matches against each other. The children play in a team format, which is unique because typically golf is an individual sport. The PGA Junior League Golf is competitive, but it’s designed to be fun. This program is designed to be a gateway to getting junior golfers into playing tournaments on their own.

The PGA Junior League Golf team in Alhambra is open to any child who has some experience playing golf, but it isn’t intended for brand new golfers. Some of the kids on the team are ranked at a national level, and some of them are not. There is a mix of skill levels so that children can learn from each other. This is an opportunity for kids to see what other kids are doing with golf.

“We really want to expand the program to get more children in Alhambra playing golf,” said Stephen Knittle, who coaches the team at the Alhambra Golf Course. “We have a great course and some talented kids, so it’s a fun opportunity.”

The team is closed this year, but next year there might be two or three teams. The goal is to build up the junior program in Alhambra so that there is more than one team. The youngest child on this year’s team is 7, and the oldest is 13. Practice is twice per week in a scramble format, meaning that each match is two on two. The team is open to both boys and girls.

The cost to participate is $225 and includes matches, jerseys, and scoring. The program is for those who are 7 to 13 years old. For more information, contact Mr. Knittle at 626-570-5059.

Vidorra connects with customers by hosting MDS Floral Workshop

Fashion and flowers made a great combo on June 4 as Vidorra hosted a fun floral workshop at its boutique, located in the Alhambra Place shopping complex. Guests who purchased advance tickets online had a chance to learn the basics of floral bouquet design, taught by MDS Florist. MDS Florist, owned by Jean Preciado, has two locations — one in Arcadia and the other in South Pasadena. “We were excited to collaborate on this event with Vidorra, as it was a great opportunity to expose our respective businesses to new clients,” said Ms. Preciado.

“Events like this floral workshop are a great way to connect with customers, new and existing,” said Liza Rodriguez, Vidorra storeowner. “Oftentimes, they stay a little longer to shop and mingle with us, as well as other shoppers.”

Marisa Bosquez-White, MDS’s floral designer, taught each of the three afternoon sessions that were offered. She gave a tutorial on how to select flowers and arrange and take care of them, while the students followed along and created their own beautiful bouquets. Attendees also enjoyed some bubbly, as well as light bites from neighboring eatery Habit Burger. Plus they walked away with a great goody bag of swag.

Vidorra plans to have more events in the future. To learn more, sign up for the store’s mailing list on its Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/shopvidorra/. Vidorra is located at 100 E. Main St. Follow Vidorra’s Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter pages @shopvidorra (#ShopVidorra).

Ticket holders to the Vidorra/MDS floral workshop enjoyed some bubbly and great goody bags of swag.

From left are Marisa Bosquez-White, floral designer; Jean Preciado, MDS Florist owner; and Liza Rodriguez, Vidorra store owner.

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Students getting the hang of flower arranging.
Want to make music, dance, act on stage?

This summer, PopRock Academy, 11 S. Second St., celebrates its fifth year in Alhambra, and the academy has increased the types of classes it offers. The programs at PopRock are among the most creative and relevant programs for the times. The core programs include acting, music and dance classes.

PopRock offers music lessons in voice, piano, guitar, bass, drums, strings, and more, along with rock hand classes. They also offer dance programs in hip hop, jazz, break, K-pop and ballet. In the world of acting, the academy offers a fundamental acting class and an acting on camera class. There is a new YouTube class where students learn to make short form videos from start to finish each week for the YouTube medium. The summer performing arts camp programs are well known and have been featured on Good Day LA Fox 11 News.

“What sets PopRock Academy above many of the other schools around is that we have a one-of-a-kind triple threat program, where students learn to perform and get out of their comfort zone,” said Paul Kwo, professional actor, who starred in the blockbuster franchise God’s Not Dead; musician; and PopRock’s founder. “This program starts as young as 3 years old and goes all the way up to adults. We offer a Disney Musical program where students ages 3 to 7 can learn to sing, dance, and act to Disney musical numbers. Adults can now take Disney Musical classes to live out their fantasies. Parents are especially encouraged to join in with their kids to have a chance to perform on stage with their children.”

Older students can participate in the signature Glee workshop program, where students sing, dance, and act to contemporary pop songs. Many students enter the class shy and timid and exit the class with much greater confidence in who they are and what they are capable of doing. Advanced students can get professional grade training from Hollywood professionals and even Mr. Kwo in the PopRockers programs. Students often get invited to perform at various functions in the greater Los Angeles area. Many of PopRock Academy students have successfully used their training to book professional performing opportunities in Hollywood.

“As we see more and more traditional jobs being replaced in an automated world, creativity is vitally important for students to nurture and develop,” said Mr. Kwo. “And PopRock Academy is a place where creativity thrives in both the environment and the work of everyone involved. Stop by PopRock Academy and check out all the creative performing arts classes we offer.”

Realtors® to host Home Buyer and Seller Fair

The West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors® will host a free Home Buyer and Seller Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at its headquarters in San Gabriel, 1039 E. Valley Blvd., #205B.

The fair is designed to provide a one-stop-shop for anyone interested in obtaining information and essential tools needed to proceed with the home buying and selling process in Southern California. The Home Buyer and Seller Fair will feature several workshops conducted by industry experts on how to successfully navigate through the home buying and selling process. Topics include an Economic Housing Forecast, the Lending, Title and Escrow Processes, Home Warranty, Insurance, Inspection, Green Housing, and the latest Property Tax information.

On hand will be Realtors®; lenders; representatives of insurance, title, escrow, home warranty, and inspection companies; and the Los Angeles Tax Assessor’s office to answer questions.

Families are welcome. There will be food and prizes. For more details, please contact the Association at 626-288-6212 or info@wsgvar.com.

About the West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors®

The West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors®, established since 1922, is a trade organization with more than 2,600 Realtor® members. For more than 95 years, the WSGVAR has served Realtors® throughout Southern California and, in particular, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Temple City. The mission of the West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors® is to advocate and enhance the interests of Realtors®; to promote adherence to the Realtor® Code of Ethics and professional competency of members; and to safeguard and preserve private property rights, always mindful of cultural backgrounds within the communities.
AAA From Page 20A

• Honolulu, Hawaii
Inspector 569’s favorite hotel: Hokulani Waikiki by Hilton Grand Vacations Club (AAA Three Diamond)
In the heart of Waikiki, this property is surrounded by many restaurants and shops. The rooftop pool offers spectacular views of the city, the ocean, and Diamond Head, as well as complimentary cabanas.
Inspector 569’s favorite restaurant: Chef Mavro (AAA Five Diamond)
Elegant island décor immerses diners in a soft, mellow glow. Imaginative and creative dishes delight with flexible four- and six-course menus as well as the grand tasting menu, all with optional wine pairings. Inspector 569 said, “Dining here is always a treat for me as this chef can make something as basic as creamed corn make your eyes roll to the back of your head!”

• Anaheim, California
Inspector 603’s favorite hotel: Disneyland Hotel (AAA Four Diamond)
A surprise awaits guests on arrival, as an intricately carved Disney castle comes to life with lights and music on guestroom headboards. Children’s wishes will come true when they run into the many Disney characters around the property.
Inspector 603’s favorite restaurant: Ralph Brennan’s Jazz Kitchen (AAA Two Diamond)
New Orleans-style food, décor, and entertainment are combined to provide a whimsical experience. This is almost as good as visiting the original “Big Easy!”
Inspector 603 proclaimed, “I cannot leave without having one of their delicious Beignets.”

• Anchorage, Alaska
Inspector 334’s favorite hotel: Crowne Plaza Anchorage Midtown (AAA Three Diamond)
The spacious lobby at this hotel is beautiful. Guestroom and bathroom highlights include luxurious bedding, multiple outlets, and USB ports and high-end bath products. Inspector 334 raved, “After a long day, I am overjoyed to find a sleep kit on my bed with pillow mist, resting cream, and foot balm; the lighted makeup mirror is a bonus.”
Inspector 334’s favorite restaurant: Kincaid Grill (AAA Three Diamond)
It’s no surprise that visitors flock to this small restaurant featuring inviting décor and an innovative menu that changes with the seasons. This is one of the finest dining experiences in the city.

• Las Vegas, Nevada
Inspector 39’s favorite hotel: ARIA Sky Suites (AAA Five Diamond)
The pampering begins with a complimentary limo ride from the airport to a private drive where guests are greeted by name. Suites on the 25th floor and up give each room panoramic views of the bustling city of lights.
Inspector 39’s favorite restaurant: Joel Robuchon (AAA Five Diamond)
This fine-dining gem is one of the City’s most highly touted restaurants. Chef Joel Robuchon’s sumptuous menu caters to the sophisticated palate while flawless service prevails in the intimate and refined dining room. Inspector 39 proclaimed, “This is the most spectacular dining experience I’ve ever had. Every course is a piece of art and tastes as amazing as it looks.”

• Montego Bay, Jamaica
Inspector 450’s favorite hotel: IBEROSTAR Rose Hall Suites (AAA Four Diamond)
This upscale, all-inclusive resort has a large modern lobby and lounge. The grounds are lovely and feature a lazy river, kid-oriented water park, and fountains.
Inspector 450’s favorite restaurant: MVP Smokehouse (AAA One Diamond)
This rustic open-air eatery offers quite a bit more than your typical Jamaican restaurant. Renowned for its smoked jerk chicken and pork, the restaurant’s signature sauce is sold by the bottle. Inspector 450 said, “Not only is this place loaded with finger-licking value, it’s smoking good too.”

For more information to plan your summer getaway, visit the Alhambra branch at 401 E. Main St. or www.AAA.com/DiamondSummer.
Disability awareness fair to offer food, music, activities for everyone

The City of Alhambra and the Ratkovich Company have partnered with Asians Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (APIDC) for their first disability awareness fair, “Walk ’n’ Roll,” from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at The Alhambra, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra.

The event is designed to be inclusive and fun for all participants regardless of ability.

APIDC was created to provide a voice and a face to Asians and Pacific Islanders with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. The organization’s support helps prepare young people as leaders and provides community support and advocacy for the disabled Asians and Pacific Islanders population.

Walk ’n’ Roll will include food, music, and fun activities for participants. There will be booths providing resource information and educational activities. A mobile In-N-Out Burger truck will be on site to serve up delicious burgers and fries.

For more information or to participate, go to http://apidisabilities.net.

Former Mayor Gary Yamauchi receives honor

Former Mayor Gary Yamauchi received The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, in a ceremony on May 31, for “contributing to promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and the United States.”

The formal ceremony, which dates back 140 years, took place at the official residence of the Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles, Consul General Akira Chiba.

In 1875, the Emperor of Japan created The Order of the Rising Sun to honor individuals who excelled in honor and service to the nation. It was the first national decoration to be awarded by the Japanese government. Today, the honor can be conferred upon foreigners for outstanding service in promoting understanding and good relations with Japan. Each year the honor can be awarded to four Americans.
Granada celebrates G.R.E.A.T graduation

BY ANTONIO GONZALEZ

This spring, Granada Elementary celebrated its G.R.E.A.T program graduation, marking the culmination of training and learning processes. The Great program, or Gang Resistance Education and Training, is a result of the collaboration between the Alhambra Police Department and ASUSD’s Gateway to Success and is aimed toward educating students about the dangers of drugs, violence, and crime while giving them preventative strategies to combat these issues.

In an effort to build safer communities through the program, students have the opportunity to engage with local police officers to get firsthand information and guidance regarding these topics.

Principal Chris Ng began the ceremony by introducing special dignitaries including Boardmember Robert Gin, Police Chief Timothy Vu, and Assistant Supt. Laurel Bear. School Resource Officer Manny Araneta then took the stage to present a brief description of the program, detailing the training that students underwent to combat potential issues students could encounter, including how to resolve issues between peers without resorting to violence. The audience was then shown a brief video illustrating the training being put into action and the positive relationships built between police officers and students.

Following the program overview, student speakers Adwik Chaturvedi, Julianna Tapia, Anthony Agustin, and Alyssa Silva spoke about their experience in the GREAT program and gave personal testimonials of how they have used their training in their own lives. Each student speaker raved about the opportunity they had to interact with police officers and thanked them for instilling the knowledge necessary to face important issues that they may face as they progress into their teenage years.

To close the event, students received their certificates from Officer Araneta and presented a surprise choreographed vocal performance to thank the officers for their time and effort that they put into the G.R.E.A.T program.
Mark Keppel High School Girls Basketball star signs NCAA Letter of Intent

BY ANTONIO GONZALES

Last month, Mark Keppel High School senior basketball player Alyssa Lee signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her athletic and educational career at the University of Redlands. This past season, Alyssa led the Aztecs to a 22-6 overall record and an undefeated 10-0 record in the Almont League. She also led both her team and the Almont League in scoring with 12.5 points per game, including a memorable season high 21 points in a 72-37 victory over Montebello High School in January.

Her consistent play and leadership earned her “Player of the Game” recognitions 10 times this past season, and she was selected to the 2017 Pasadena Star-News All-Area Team to cap off her distinguished career at Mark Keppel High School.

Alyssa celebrated her signing day with a special ceremony held in the Mark Keppel gymnasium and was attended by her parents, teammates, Head Coach Jose Hererra, Athletic Director Heather Semelmacher, and Principal John Scanlan. At the University of Redlands, Alyssa will compete at the NCAA Division III level in the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference.

### Baldwin PTA From Page 1A

Baldwin PTA titled Teacher Appreciation Week #ThankATeacher contest. This contest was open to every school in America and required a PTA member to submit a photo or video on social media depicting their teachers' importance with the hashtag #ThankATeacher. The picture was to be accompanied by a brief essay describing how the school’s teachers have a positive impact on their students and the school itself.

Once all submissions were entered, a panel of five to seven judges appointed by National PTA graded the entries to determine the winners. According to National PTA, each item was graded based on “the positive impact of the entry (50%), the potential impact of the entry (30%), and the strength and clarity of the essay (20%).” Of the hundreds of entries received by National PTA, Martha Baldwin won the grand prize of a $4,500 Google Express Shopping Spree to go toward improving the school’s teacher’s lounge along with a Google Home device.

To commemorate the teachers, Baldwin held a surprise announcement during National Teachers Appreciation Week ceremony where Google representatives Dawna Yip and Supt. Laura Téllez-Gagliano presented Baldwin teachers with their well-deserved gifts. As expected, teachers were ecstatic to learn of their national recognition as well as their newly supplied teacher’s lounge. Some of the items included a new toaster, coffee maker, TV, oven mitts, chairs, and patio furniture. Baldwin teachers look forward to putting these gifts to use and will continue to provide a great educational experience for their students.
This example shows how Dr. John Chao saved a hopelessly loose tooth in \textbf{ONE EASY COMFORTABLE VISIT} and at a fraction of the cost of implants!

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