



Inesita has appeared in all possible venues over an extensive career in concerts, films, musical theater, lecture-concerts and cabaret showcasing her vast range in all aspects of Spanish dance and flamenco.

Performing Arts opens Aug 14 with Flamenco Alhambra

Alhambra Performing Arts Center, under the direction of Artistic Director and founder Bill Yee, is re-opening at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, after over a year in hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Legendary Spanish Dancer Inesita and Alhambra Flamenco will be featured.

Inesita's flamenco troupe features Miquel Bernal, Clarita, and Ahmae supported by guitarists Stamen Wetzel and Benjamin and the Arte Flamenco Ensemble. Inesita will dance six solos and present a musical interlude as pianist with the guitarists and castanets by Clarita.

Inesita is a Spanish dance artist who has performed in all-solo concerts internationally including Madrid, London, Liverpool, Paris, New York City, Mexico City, and Valletta, Malta. American tours have taken her to communities from coast to coast. Born in New York City, (Yorkville), she moved with her parents to Los Angeles at age 13 and began early studies in Spanish dance at age 14. Additional instruction in Mexico led inevitably to Spain where she studied under the legendary El Estampio and Regla Ortega of the famous Ortega family and a number of other

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APD Officer Rueda wins six gold medals at Olympic style games



Congratulations to Alhambra Police Officer Beatriz Rueda for swimming her way to five gold medals in the annual U.S. Police and Fire Championships in San Diego.

Alhambra Police Officer Beatriz Rueda participated in the annual United States Police & Fire Championships (USPFC) sponsored Olympic style games for athletes representing law enforcement, fire-fighters, and other first responders from June 10 through June 19 in San Diego and took home six gold medals in swimming and push-pull, a weight lifting event. These athletes competed in 50 different sports.

Officer Rueda grew up and went to school locally with many childhood memories of Alhambra. She played basketball on her college women's team while majoring in sociology. She also served as a lifeguard/swim instructor for seven years. But it was always powerlifting that was and is her passion. After college, she enrolled in Rio Hondo's Police Academy program in 2017 and last year was recruited by the Alhambra Police Department. The San Diego games were her first chance to represent the department in athletic competition, and she did not disappoint, coming away with nothing but gold.

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Is your child eligible for free \$500 College Savings Account?

Sow the seeds of higher learning at a young age

Every Alhambra USD family has the opportunity to learn if their child or children are eligible for a free \$500 College Savings Account by submitting the 2021-22 Alternative Income Form (AIF) found on the district's website at www.ausd.us and the website of every school. The AIF will also be e-mailed to every AUSD family.

Research shows that low-income children with college saving accounts are up to seven times more likely to attend college than those without such an account.

In addition to the \$500 College Saving Account, families who submit the AIF may also qualify for discounted utilities, free or reduced fee Advanced Placement Tests, and PEBT cards.

An additional \$500 will be deposited if the eligible student qualifies as a foster youth, and another \$500 will be added if the eligible student meets the definition of a homeless youth.

No Social Security Number (SSN) is required. Families fill out one form for the household and will



need the names, schools, grades, and birth dates of every child along with the names and incomes of every member of the household. The Alternative Income Form takes about 10 to 20 minutes to fill out online. For help, parents can contact their child's school community coordinator, or call Kathy Mach at 626-943-6590.

The College Savings Account is funded under the existing CA Investment and Development Savings Program (CaKIDS) and administered by the Scholar Share Investment Board. For more information: www.scholarshare529.com

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Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Katherine Lee

Alhambra Historical Society Museum — Moving forward from here

On July 1, the nonprofit organization Alhambra Historical Society, Inc., handed back the museum building's key to the City of Alhambra. The dissolution of the nonprofit organization is being finalized. The Alhambra Historical Society began in 1966 with a group of 21 Alhambrians and civic leaders as the founding members, and the first female mayor of Alhambra Norma Yocum was elected as its first president. Many thanks to the members of the Alhambra Historical Society and its two boards of directors; as a result of their efforts, historical documents, records, and artifacts have been carefully preserved for the City of Alhambra and its residents.



Next step

Vice Mayor Jeff Maloney and I had been selected by the Alhambra City Council as the members of a subcommittee to propose actions to take from this point. It is our goal to reopen the museum located on Alhambra Road in Burke Heritage Park. As a former teacher, I find the collections in the museum as useful instructional tools to teach our youths history and to engage and inspire them to write. Virtual access to the collections and historical documents for the public and students is needed.



An old photo of the Midwick Country Club displayed in the museum.



Special mention — Rose Marie Markus

This April, I had the privilege of receiving a personal tour of the museum as the city's representative. Rose Marie Markus, the president of the Alhambra Historical Society, conducted a two-hour tour of the museum's collections. I was absolutely amazed by her attention to details and touched by her passion for preserving the history of Alhambra. Rose Marie was a docent for the Huntington Library; her expertise and knowledge of the collections made each item displayed in the building come alive in front of me during the tour.

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The City of Alhambra has contracted National Plant Services (NPS) to conduct smoke tests as part of an on-going program to detect leaks within the sewer system. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system.

The work was anticipated to begin July 27 and is expected to be completed within two weeks. NPS crews will work on the south side of the city. The inspections will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The smoke that is being used is made specifically for this application and is therefore non-toxic and non-staining.

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routinely used; therefore, please run water for a minute or two at all the fixtures to ensure that all traps are full of water.

If smoke does enter the house, please report it immediately to the crews conducting the tests in your neighborhood, who will do a quick inspection of your residence to locate the problem area in your plumbing. Opening of doors and windows should quickly dissipate any smoke. If you are not home and discover smoke when you return, simply open a few windows to vent the area.

If residents have any questions regarding these tests, please contact National Plant Services at 562-896-1439.

Important! If there are individuals in your home or business who are immobile or have respiratory problems, please notify Dallas Dahl at 626-570-3280.

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.cityofalhabra.org/546/Smoke-Testing-of-Sewers>.



Local shoppers have enjoyed the California grown fresh fruit and produce from Alhambra's own farmers market since 1984.

Farmers Market to celebrate 37th anniversary

On Aug. 15, the Certified Alhambra Farmers Market will celebrate its 37th year Blowout Anniversary of service to Alhambra residents and folks who live nearby with free punch and cake while supplies last (so get there early). Local shoppers have enjoyed the California grown fresh fruit and produce from Alhambra's own farmers market since 1984, from farms to table. Come visit the market, stroll along the stalls serving up fresh produce and enjoy the many regional food offerings cooked up for customers to enjoy on the spot.

The market is also proud to offer, on this special anniversary day, a free craft event for children 12 years and under to create, take home, and enjoy. There will also be a free raffle for a commemorative farmers market 37th year anniversary shirt. The anniversary event takes place from 8:30 to

10:30 a.m. Winners will be announced the following week. There is a limit of one craft per child, and all crafts are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

This event is sponsored by the City of Alhambra Certified Farmers Market. For more information about the farmers market, please call 626-570-5081 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The farmer's market takes place at 100 S. Second St., between Main Street and Commonwealth Avenue. It is open every Sunday, except Easter, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. EBT, farmers market WIC, and senior WIC are all accepted.

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19 and its variants, the farmers market is adhering to the guidelines set by the State of California, Los Angeles County, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.



Mayor Katherine Lee, left, presents Officer Rueda with a commendation. Alhambra Police Chief Eric Parra is on the right.

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stroke, 50-yard back stroke, 100-yard free style, and 100-yard breast stroke.

What's next for Officer Rueda? She said that first of all she wants to get through her probationary period, which will end in November. After that, she looks forward to earning her promo-

tions. Like many police officers, she would like to be involved in detective work. When she is not on duty, she has, for six years now, participated in online coaching of clients and powerlifting athletes through a local gym.



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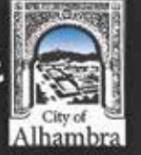
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Getting back to normal on 4th of July

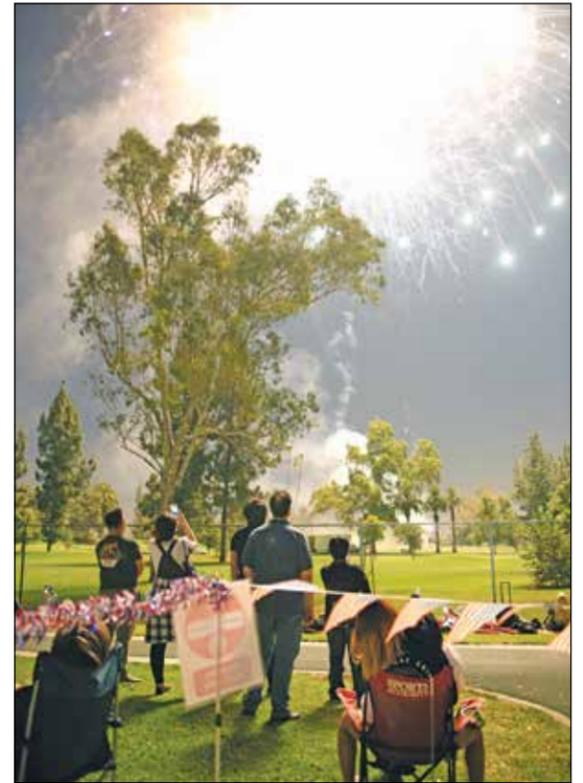
Fireworks at Almansor Park on the Fourth of July are a tradition that goes back at least 25 years. Last year, due to the pandemic, the celebration was not held. When the restrictions started to ease, the planners in the Parks and Recreation Department, led by Vincent Hon, did the best they could to provide safe, if altered, plans for the city's fireworks display.

The timing of the CDC lifting of restrictions was such that some of the best parts of the celebration were omitted this year. That included the games for children and the popular food vendors. It is planned these activities will return to Almansor Park next July.

One restriction still in place is that outdoor crowds of under 10,000 do not have to wear masks. Whereas crowds of over 10,000 have to be masked. The event organizers planned to limit the size of the crowd to under 10,000 people and kept a count of how many people entered the park. They were prepared to limit the number of people admitted to under 10,000.

As it was, approximately 8,000 people turned out to watch the fireworks in the park put on by the Garden State Fireworks company at 9 p.m. It was a pleasant evening, and the colorful display of the patriotic tribute to "the rocker's red glare" of the national anthem did not disappoint.

Next year, if all goes well, the children's games and food vendors will be back and the Fourth of July will be everyone's Independence Day from COVID.



Fireworks from a previous City of Alhambra Fourth of July light the sky.

New recruits qualify for Alhambra Fire Department's Academy

BY GLENN BARNETT

Every year, or whenever needed, the Alhambra Fire Department trains and hires new recruits to replace retirees or those who have moved on. The department offers a six-week Academy for perspective recruits. The current Academy is the 100th one the department has offered. The participants are Aaron Nunez, Tristan Preciado, and Matt Fergus.

To qualify for the academy, applicants must have already pursued a course that resulted in their being certified as a Firefighter 1. A background as a firefighter cadet or explorer is also a plus to qualify for the six-week Academy.

The Academy program prepares the candidate to be hired on as an Alhambra firefighter. It consists of training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through



Participants in the Alhambra Fire Department's academy for recruits are, from left, Aaron Nunez, Tristan Preciado, and Matt Fergus.

Friday for those six weeks. Included in the program are lessons about real life situations that firefighters face. Candidates undergo real life exercises and book learning and are tested on their skills.

Among other things, the Academy recruits learn fire suppression skills, life-

saving and rescue, salvage and overhaul operations, how to handle medical emergencies and administer first aid, maintenance of fire apparatus and equipment, maintenance at the fire station and its grounds, inspection of commercial and residential structures, minor fire hydrant maintenance,

preparing exhibits and giving demonstrations on community risk reduction, and of course, complete reports, input data, and more.

After completing the Academy program, the three graduates will be offered a position with the Alhambra Fire Department and serve an 18-month probationary period before becoming full-fledged firefighters.

The rigorous training is in sharp contrast to that received by previous generations of firefighters. Take the example of retired fire fighter Larry Stevens, who hired into the department in the mid-'50s. When asked what his training consisted of, he answered, "We put out fires." In other words, it was on-the-job training.

Best of luck to the new recruits who will soon take their place among the ranks of Alhambra's finest.

New organics programs for businesses, multi-family complexes

Under California Senate Bill 1383, beginning Jan. 1, 2022, all businesses, as well as multi-family complexes with five or more units, will be required to recycle organic waste. Organic waste includes pre- and post-consumer food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper.

Business owners and operators of multi-family complexes with five or more units will be required to participate in the mandatory organics collection service offered by Republic Services.

In addition, as of Jan.1, 2022, Tier 1 food-related businesses must donate the maximum amount of edible food they would have otherwise disposed to food rescue and recovery organizations. Tier 1 businesses

are defined in the law as wholesale food vendors, food service providers, food distributors, and large grocery stores (more than 10,000 sq. ft.).

Republic Services is here to help everyone understand their responsibilities under SB 1383. All businesses and affected multi-family complexes will receive a visit from a Recycling Coordinator between August and December. In addition to conducting a visual waste assessment, the Recycling Coordinator will drop off a brochure, available in English, Spanish, and Chinese, outlining the requirements of SB 1383.

The Recycling Coordinators are also available to conduct a more detailed waste audit at the facilities. With the waste audit, Republic Services can determine the service levels these facilities need for recyclables, trash,

and organics and help them maximize their recycling. With the right services and containers, everyone will be able to comply with the new law and perhaps even improve their bottom line.

Republic Services offers posters and bin labels, available in multiple languages, to help businesses share program details with their staff members and tenants. In addition, the Recycling Coordinators can provide on-site presentations and trainings.

To set up an appointment for a waste assessment or to ask questions about new programs, e-mail alhambra@republicservices.com.

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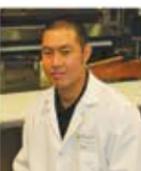
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Engineer and Senior Technical Specialist

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year and you are divorced during the year, either you or your former spouse can claim all of the joint payments, or you each can claim part of them. If you cannot agree on how to divide the payments, you must divide them in proportion to each spouse's individual tax as shown on your separate returns for the current year.

For more information, you can contact your tax preparer, irs.gov, or ftb.ca.gov. This information is from Tax Material, Inc.

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Join your neighbors to celebrate the businesses of East Main and beyond.

Community Pop-Up to celebrate future of business in Alhambra

Neighbors, businesses, and civic leaders will join together at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug.11, to celebrate Main Street businesses. This free event will feature refreshments and an opportunity to connect with neighbors outdoors. Attendees will be treated to local favorites in a casual environment. Join your neighbors to celebrate the businesses of East Main and beyond.

the small businesses that make up so much of Alhambra's main streets.

This outdoor pop-up event is being hosted with the pandemic and safety in mind so that everyone can still connect with each other, enjoy food and drink, and learn about the ways we can support the businesses of the corridor. There is no cost to attend. City officials and other civic leaders will be on-hand, as well as local businesses with information about their services.

With the pandemic forcing closures, masking, and physical distancing, the Alhambra Main Street Alliance, in partnership with the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, is hosting an event to re-engage neighbors and residents to connect with each other and acquaint themselves with

The pop-up event will be held at the parking lot at 924 E. Main St. in Alhambra. For more information, visit alhambra-main.org.

Legislative action can avert tax hike on state employers

BY CALCHAMBER

Like the rest of California society, employers are cautiously hopeful the worst of the pandemic has passed. The wreckage of human life, family health, lost learning, small business failure, and faded economic opportunity has affected every resident of the state.

But even as the wreckage clears and the economy stabilizes, California employers face a long-term tax increase through no fault of their own. What's more, the legislature can reduce this tax hike, but so far has refused to take any action.

Thousands of businesses, mostly small and public-facing, closed or severely reduced their presence during the pandemic. Millions of Californians lost their jobs — not because of the business cycle or a financial panic, but due to an “Act of God” and the response by state and local officials to close the economy. Unemployment soared, as did benefit payments.

Basic unemployment benefits are paid from the state's trust fund (UI fund) that is financed exclusively by employer payroll taxes. High unemployment during recessions often exhausts the fund, which is then backfilled by loans from the U.S. Treasury. Those loans must be repaid by higher taxes on employers.

Less than two months into the pandemic-induced recession, California's UI fund was depleted. As of this June, the loan balance from the federal government stands at \$21 billion and is expected to grow to \$24 billion by the end of this year. By operation of law, in 2022, payroll taxes on employers will begin to increase by \$21 per employee, rising by another \$21 every year the fund is insolvent, to a maximum of \$420 per employee per year.

Tax on employment

While this tax increase is paid by employers, it is essentially a tax on employment. The tax will apply to every retained, rehired, or newly employed worker. It is a tax increase on labor — the more workers, the higher an employer's tax liability. The tax increase will impede our economic recovery and choke off growth of small businesses — especially the hospitality industry, which is heavily reliant on labor and trying to regain what was lost due to the pandemic.

The mandatory economic shutdown was not the only cause of massive benefit payments. Between \$1 billion and \$2 billion of the UI fund's debt is attributable

to payments made by the Employment Development Department (EDD) for fraudulent unemployment claims. Raising taxes on employers to cover EDD's mistakes is unconscionable.

While Congress has been generous in providing relief to all manner of individuals, small firms, and government agencies, they likely will not come to the rescue of California's UI fund. Only 19 states currently have insolvent funds, and most of those have loan balances of less than \$1 billion. Many states have used federal rescue dollars to wipe out their UI fund loans.

Which returns us to the legislature's inaction.

Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed moving \$1.1 billion from the General Fund to the UI fund to reduce tax liabilities on employers. This amount is but a fraction of what the state's contribution should be, given the sheer size of the debt, the relatively low share of responsibility that employers bear in causing this problem, and the enormous budget windfall overflowing the state treasury.

But the governor's proposal was positively lavish compared to the budget eventually delivered by legislative leadership to the floor for a final vote, which was ... nothing. The Democratic leadership and budget writers earlier considered a small tax credit for a small number of small businesses, but even that inadequate response was relegated to the memory hole. Democratic and Republican legislators who called for helping resolve the UI fund debt were ignored.

Recognize inequity

The legislature must do much better. Just in time for the new fiscal year, they sent to the governor a state budget topping a quarter trillion dollars, larger than the entire economies of Vietnam or the Czech Republic. Little noted: the revenue windfalls driving the record spending were a consequence of highly productive entrepreneurs and employers, who sustained and grew their enterprises during one of the most challenging and traumatizing biomedical, commercial, and social catastrophes of the last 75 years.

The legislature should return to their budget calculators. They should recognize the inequity facing employers and set aside a portion of this windfall to ensure businesses are not saddled with an unfair, escalating tax increase on their workers.

Have you registered with CalSavers yet?

BY CALCHAMBER

Eligible California employers with at least five employees may now register for the CalSavers Retirement Savings Program (CalSavers) and must do so by June 30, 2022.

CalSavers is a retirement savings program for private sector employees whose employers don't offer a retirement program. More specifically, it gives employees the opportunity to defer their wages, through payroll deductions by the employer, to a state-managed individual retirement account (IRA) program.

California employers that are not exempt by way of providing a qualified retirement plan are required to register with CalSavers by certain deadlines, based on the number of employees.

The registration deadline that applied to employers with more than 50 employees recently passed on June 30. According to CalSavers, each eligible employer that, without good cause, fails to allow its eligible employees to participate in CalSavers, on or before 90 days after service of notice of its failure to comply, shall pay a penalty of \$250 per eligible employee if noncompliance extends 90 days or more after the notice.

CalSavers Program

Employers can register any time before their deadline.

Private sector employers with at least five California-based employees, at least one of whom is at least 18 years old, and don't sponsor a “qualified retirement” plan, are required to register for CalSavers by

June 30, 2022.

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408(p) Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers (SIMPLE) IRA Plan.

401(a) Qualified Plan (including profit-sharing plans and defined benefit plans).

401(k) plans (including multiple employer plans or pooled employer plans).

Payroll deduction IRAs with automatic enrollment.

Exempt employers may, but are not required to, inform the CalSavers Administrator of their exemption.

Within 30 days of registration, employers must provide CalSavers with certain contact and identifying information for eligible employees and must also set up a “payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement” through which employers can remit employees' contributions to the CalSavers Trust.

After the employer registers, the CalSavers Administrator delivers to all eligible employees an information packet describing the program and giving employees 30 days to opt out.

Registration information

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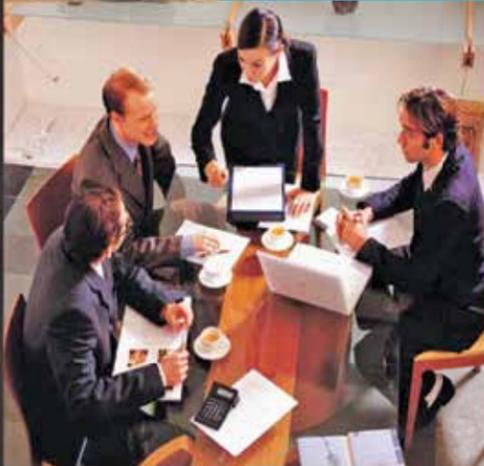
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Save More Pharmacy, 349 E. Main St., Suite 101, Alhambra, celebrates its Grand Opening June 30. Save More Pharmacy offers delivery service and durable medical equipment and is handicapped accessible. Immunizations are provided. From left are Henry Lo, senior field rep. for state Assemblymember Ed Chau; Mayor Katherine Lee; pharmacist and owner Brian Thai; Stacey Thai; city Councilmember Jeff Maloney; Chamber Ambassador Jewelyn Co; and Chamber CEO Sharon Gibbs.

Grand Pacific Financing Corps a major player in commercial lending

Alhambra Chamber member David Tang has several years' experience in the finance business and has recently become a loan officer with Grand Pacific Financing Corp. For 30 years, Grand Pacific has been a direct lender to commercial real estate markets from real estate development financing to bridge loans for businesses large and small. The company deals in construction and development loans to support the manufacturing, printing, food service, textile, medical, hospitality, residential, and construction sectors of the economy.

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building into office space, living space, or retail use would find Grand Pacific more willing to work with them to get things done.

That is where Mr. Tang comes in. As a loan officer with Grand Pacific, he is able to help with creative solutions to the often intimidating loan process.

Mr. Tang was born and raised in Los Angeles but has long favored Alhambra in his free time. In pre-pandemic days he could be found at Bon Appetea, The Granada LA, where he learned to salsa dance, Baja Cali, the Regal Theaters, and Starbucks at Fremont and Mission.

For a consultation, call Mr. Tang at 323-780-8881, ext.194, e-mail him at david.tang@gpusa.com, or visit the office at 901 Corporate Center Drive, Monterey Park 91754. The Grand Pacific website is <http://www.gpusa.com>.

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Joanne Giang nominated for *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Women's Leadership Award

Alhambra Chamber of Commerce member Joanne Giang, co-founder of Braindom LLC, is among the 400 women nominated by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* for its 2021 Women's Leadership Award.

The *Los Angeles Business Journal* is a weekly publication that focuses on the business activity in the greater Los Angeles area and around the country and the world.

Braindom LLC helps organizations become more employee-centric through benefits, human resource, and training and development. Ms. Giang brings 10 years of organizational development and management experience to the retail industry.

The Braindom's team of talented professionals, with a wide range of skills and experience, serve as consultants and training facilitators for businesses ranging from small to large Fortune 500 companies, such as Google, Experian, and Tesla, focusing on leadership, team development, and communication.

"I am honored and speechless to be among 400+ women who got nominated for the *Los Angeles Business Journal* 2021 Women's Leadership Award," Ms. Giang said. "It was awesome to be surrounded by like-minded contributors who believe breaking through the glass ceiling is not enough to create change, it's about uplifting and helping other women along the journey to meaningful impact."

Outside of work she is still busy volunteering to assist the careers of others. She heads a leadership program that strives to build up Asian business professionals by breaking the cultural barriers to rise above middle management. Often Asian parents



Joanne Giang

instill in their children the notion of not speaking their minds, but remaining respectfully quiet. True leadership consists of sharing opinions and offering the advantage of experience and insight to solve problems. Ms. Giang assists men and women in finding and recognizing their natural strengths to help overcome these cultural limitations. So far, two of those she has mentored have reached director level positions by overcoming their timidity and speaking up for themselves and for their corporate ideas.

Ms. Giang has a lot to offer. To take advantage of her expertise, contact Braindom at 626-841-3792 or by e-mail: joanne@braindominc.com. Check out the website at <https://braindominc.com/training-and-development>. Her mailing address is 3100 Big Dalton Ave, Suite 170, Baldwin Park 91706.



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Take a closer look at these factors that affect your car insurance premiums to clear things up — some of them also come with bonus suggestions for keeping costs down.

Factors that affect car insurance rates

Your policy and deductibles

When you are choosing your car insurance deductible and coverages, the specifics play a role in your monthly payment.

- Generally, choosing a higher deductible means a lower monthly payment.
- Choosing a lower deductible means a higher monthly payment.

One way to lower insurance costs is to review your policy with your insurance agent and eliminate any coverage you may not need, such as comprehensive coverage on an older vehicle, rental reimbursement, or emergency roadside service.

What you drive

Car insurance providers often develop vehicle safety ratings by collecting a large amount of data from customer claims and analyzing industry safety reports, and they may offer discounts to auto customers who drive safer vehicles. The opposite can apply for less safe rides.

- Some insurers increase premiums for cars more susceptible to damage, occupant injury, or theft, and they lower rates for those that fare better than the norm on those measures.
- Driving vehicles that rate highly in terms of driver and passenger protection may mean savings on insurance.

So before you head down to the dealership, do some research on the car you want to purchase. Does the vehicle that has caught your eye have strong safety ratings? Is this specific model often stolen? Knowing the answers to a few simple questions can go a long way toward keeping your rates low.

How often, and how far, you drive

People who use their car for business and long-distance commuting normally pay more than those who drive less. The more miles you drive in a year, the higher the chances of a collision — regardless of how safe a driver you are.

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Where you live

Generally, due to higher rates of vandalism, theft, and collisions, urban drivers pay more for car insurance than those in small towns or rural areas.

Your driving record

Drivers who cause accidents generally pay more than those who have gone accident-free for several years. If you've been accident-free for a long period of time, don't get complacent. Remain cautious and maintain your good driving habits. If you are insured and accident-free for three years, you likely qualify for a State Farm accident-free savings.

What are ways to help lower car insurance premiums?

- Dropping unnecessary coverage, increasing your deductible, or reducing coverage limits may help lower insurance costs.
- The less you drive, the more you may lower your car insurance.
- Other typical discounts include those for good students, children no longer driving while away at college, insuring multiple vehicles, installing anti-theft devices, taking defensive driving courses, and accident-free driving.
- Using one insurance company for multiple insurance policies can lower your total costs. Combining the purchase of an auto policy with the purchase of a home policy, sometimes called bundling, can save you money.
- Ask whether your insurer offers a discount for paying the six-month term in advance. There could also be savings for having your monthly payments automatically deducted, but check whether this will incur a fee from your bank or credit card company.
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Soroptimists install new board

Soroptimist International of Alhambra, San Gabriel, San Marino retired its 2020-2021 board on June 22 and installed its 2021-2022 board. Dignitaries and representatives of all three cities were in attendance. The event was held virtually on Zoom with around 50 attendees.

Everyone congratulated outgoing President Barbara Messina on a successful year despite the pandemic. New Board

President Jane Carlson discussed plans for the upcoming year, which will be on the agenda at the August retreat. Ms. Carlson's theme for her presidency is butterflies and "Make Life Better." Butterflies symbolize hope and transformation. Beautiful gift bags featuring items with butterflies were delivered to board members and some dignitaries

Soroptimist of Alhambra is looking forward to conducting in-person events such as the Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It*Be It, Veronica Thee Service Awards, and distributing books to third-graders in the Alhambra School District. One important goal for the New Year is increasing membership.

The non-profit organization strives to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world by raising awareness of their needs and obstacles to success and by providing services and support to achieve their dreams. On Sept. 25 and 26, Soroptimist International of the Americas celebrates its 100-year anniversary with the opening of SIA's historic time capsule.

To learn more about Soroptimist or about becoming a member, please visit www.soroptimistalhambra.org for more information.

Alhambra Woman's Club to meet Sept. 1

The first fall meeting of the Alhambra Woman's Club will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St., Alhambra.

The club is a community of fun-loving women who network and socialize. The view is lovely, the food delicious, and the entertainment delightful.

Members and prospective members who reside in Alhambra and the surrounding area are invited to attend. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. Please call 626-289-9307 for a reservation by Aug. 30.



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Cal State LA graduating student aims to improve the criminal justice system with psychological insight



Charmaine Chui, 16-year-old Alhambra resident, will pursue a J.D. at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in the fall. (Photo credit: Robert Huskey/Cal State LA)

Alhambra resident Charmaine Chui hopes to be able to make a difference in the community as a prosecutor whose training in psychology will allow her to have a broader, more comprehensive outlook on future cases against individuals accused of crimes.

"It is very important that those working in the criminal legal system have a greater understanding for the psychological influences that may affect eyewitness testimony and thus be more analytical of a statement that can potentially send an innocent individual to jail," she said.

The 16-year-old Chui graduated with dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and criminal justice with summa cum laude honors from Cal State LA this spring. In the fall she will pursue a Juris Doctor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University with a full scholarship and designation as an O'Connor Fellow.

Ms. Chui is one of the youngest graduates in Cal State LA's Class of 2021.

Ms. Chui's aspiration has always been to pursue a career that would allow her to effect positive change in the lives of others and in the community. Her goal is to bring "justice for people who could not do so for themselves and use prosecutorial discretion for good."

"As students and future professionals, it is our responsibility to create a better future for the communities around us," she said.

Ms. Chui was 12 years old when she enrolled at the university through the Early Entrance Program. The program, which has accepted highly gifted students as young as 11 years old, is administered by the Honors College.

When she applied to Cal State LA, Ms.

Chui was yearning for "academic rigor in the company of like-minded peers who similarly enjoyed learning."

"I had longed to have friends my age who I believed I could fit in with, and the Early Entrance Program was the perfectly balanced fit for me," she said.

While she originally intended to study clinical psychology, Ms. Chui later decided to double major in psychology and criminal justice with an emphasis on forensic psychology. Despite the challenge of a heavier course load, she was excited to be able to combine the knowledge she gained in both academic disciplines.

Ms. Chui recalled being intrigued by a poster in King Hall, which is home to most of the university's psychology labs.

The poster featured a study using a field-simulation paradigm that the Forensic Psychology Lab pioneered. The simulated approach explored situational pressures placed on eyewitness testimony and identification during a mock crime investigation.

"I was fascinated by the field-simulation paradigm ... and it was truly eye-opening to learn more about false memories and how the confidence of eyewitnesses could be easily manipulated and altered," Ms. Chui said. "After joining the lab, I gained a deeper understanding of what forensic psychology actually was and, in fact, it was not what was portrayed on [TV]."

For her Honors College senior thesis, she examined the effects of personality on eyewitness performance. She also presented her research findings at the university's Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities.

"Despite being only 14 when she came to work with me, Charmaine fit in well with my lab composed mostly of graduate students," said Professor Mitchell L. Eisen, who directs the Forensic Psychology Lab in the College of Natural and Social Sciences. "She held her own at every turn and made significant contributions to our research."

At Cal State LA, Ms. Chui was named a Joseph Drown Scholar and received a William Hobson and Evelyn Troup scholarship. She was named to the Dean's List and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and the Alpha Phi Sigma criminal justice honor society.

With a commitment to serving the community, she is a member of the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors, an international nonprofit organization that focuses on cultivating leadership skills, developing deeper knowledge of Chinese culture and promoting community service. She also served as a volunteer chair for the Early Entrance Program Club at Cal State LA. She has earned the national gold-level President's Volunteer Service Award for two years.



The Color of Hope artists and scholarship recipients.



From left are Alejandra Perez Barros from Actitud News; Michael Dergar, founder of the Academy of Special Dreams; Dory Perdomo, BAUPRES Cultural Group; and José Ángel Tostado Quevedo, director del Instituto de Cultura, Turismo y Arte de Mazatlán.

'The Color of Hope' art exhibition a testament to diversity

"The Academy of Special Dreams was honored to support 'The Color of Hope,' an inclusive art exhibition featuring the artwork of artists from around the world," said academy founder Michael Dergar, sponsor of the event. "This exhibition is another testament of diversity and inclusion."

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation presented four scholarships and grant awards to upcoming artists from Mexico and Colombia. This financial support will help these young artists to establish their first-ever micro business in the arts.

The exhibition includes the work of 50 national and international artists, including 12 pieces by artists from Sucre, Colombia,

and 38 artists from various countries. The artwork was created using different techniques and purposes.

"On behalf of the academy, we thank our sponsors, the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, Helen Woo, Isabel Carlos, Bianca Cruz, Megan Hutchinson Moloughney (The Alhambra), *Actitude* magazine, and the academy friends and family for believing in our mission of inclusion and art," Mr. Dergar said. "Special thanks for this wonderful opportunity go to Dory Perdomo from Baupres Gallery, Walther Arrubla Hoyos, and José Ángel Tostado Quevedo, director del Instituto de Cultura, Turismo y Arte de Mazatlán Cultura Mazatlan for the honorable collaboration."

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renowned teachers. She has appeared in all possible venues over an extensive career in concerts, films, musical theater, lecture-concerts and cabaret showcasing her vast range in all aspects of Spanish dance and flamenco.

Mr. Yee, who is also an award winning ACF chef also owns the Alhambra Culinary School and popular L.A. Omelets Catering Services. He is a High Honors graduate of prestigious Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts and is also their past two-term president of the Alumni Association. He is a recipient of several local Chef of the Year Awards and the 2019 ACF National Presidential Cutting Edge Award. His background in music started when he learned how to play the violin at age 8 and with the Columbia School of Music performed at Carnegie

Recital Hall at age 12. With the advent of the Beatles, he taught himself the guitar and performed with several popular Brooklyn, New York, rock bands. While living in Honolulu for several years, he created and became the promoter of the Honolulu Downtown Jazz Festival featuring the top jazz performers in Hawaii.

He combines music and food by inviting his Le Cordon Bleu chef alumni and apprentices to provide free refreshments during the intermission.

Admission is a \$15 donation at the door or free if RSVP by Aug. 10.

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Obituary

Alhambra resident, community volunteer Gloria Downer passes

Longtime Alhambra resident Gloria Downer passed away on June 1. She was born in Los Angeles to a French mother and a Mexican father. She was fluent in Spanish all her life. Growing up, she attended San Gabriel Mission High School. Following graduation she hired on at Pacific Bell, which became a part of ATT. She remained with them for 18 years before leaving and concentrating on volunteering.

Outside of work, Gloria's focus was on her family, her church, and being of service to her community. For years she volunteered for Saint Vincent de Paul in their food program providing nourishment and sometimes financial support to individuals and families. She also served as a Eucharistic Minister at All Souls Catholic Church at Main Street and Electric Avenue. She assisted the priest with biblical and inspirational readings and the Sacraments. She became an honorary Alhambra Rotarian and became the interpreter when they did service projects in Mexico.

Even in her last years she kept busy with her service work. In her final



Gloria Downer
June 16, 1939 – June 1, 2021

years, her beloved husband of over 40 years, Bill Downer, devoted himself to her care and well-being. She is survived by her children Steve Cochran, Deborah D'Artell, Terry Downer, Robert Downer, Nicky Downer, James Downer, and grandchildren Jordon, Christina, Kevin, Auburn, and Zoe.



Day campers and summer school students at Ramona Convent gather to celebrate the cutting of the ribbon for a newly renovated swimming pool.



Camp Ramona campers are the first to enjoy the swimming pool during the scorching days of summer.

Students beat the heat in the pool this summer at Ramona Convent

President Sr. Kathleen Callaway and Principal Jacqueline Sienkowski could barely hold back an excited crowd of day campers and summer school students at Ramona Convent that gathered to celebrate the cutting of the ribbon on the gate to a newly renovated swimming pool. All were prepared to sneak a peek and jump right in.

Camp Ramona campers were the first to enjoy the swimming pool during the scorching days of summer. Once the school year starts, it will be used for swim lessons during physical education, physics boat races, underwater photography lessons, swim

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To inquire about these adoptable animals, contact the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159, or visit at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel. Adoption hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The shelter is closed on Mondays. Directions and photos of many more dogs and cats can be found online at www.sgvhumane.org.

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Zoey is an 8-year-old female border collie / Labrador mix. She has a gorgeous black and white coat with stunning auburn eyes. Since Zoey is a senior, she is eligible for our "Senior for Senior Discount." Senior dogs are wonderful to adopt. If Zoey sounds like the dog for you, please call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159 to schedule a "Meet and Greet" appointment. Her adoption fee includes spay surgery, microchip, first vaccinations, and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Website: www.sgvhumane.org/adopt.org.



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Granada students are able to use their R.O.A.R. tickets to select incentives from the Mobile R.O.A.R. Store.

Granada students are ROAR-ing back

BY LINDSAY GILBERT,
GRANADA ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Granada Elementary School's R.O.A.R. (Respectful, Open-minded, Attentive, and Responsible) tickets made a comeback for summer school. Since 2018, Granada has been on a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) journey, with the goal of building a positive school community and lasting relationships. Since its inception, Granada's PBIS components have expanded and now include a school-wide behavior matrix and positive behavior acknowledgement system.

While these components looked very different during the 2020-2021 school year when students were on Distance Learning, Granada's school community was excited to implement PBIS components this summer with students back on campus. On a daily basis during summer school, students earned tickets for engaging in respectful, open-minded, attentive, and responsible behaviors, in keeping with their PBIS expectations.

Students were excited to spend their tickets at Granada's Mobile R.O.A.R. Store to buy stickers, water bottles, notepads, and other fun incentives. One summer

highlight was the opportunity to purchase participation in the "Pie the Principals" event — a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience!

The true impact of R.O.A.R. tickets can be seen through the eyes of students and staff members. A fourth-grade student explained, "You earn tickets when you help others, like teachers or other students, and you can use them to buy things. R.O.A.R. tickets make school more fun, and they help us to be responsible."

According to Sara Diaz, a Granada Learning Center teacher who works with students in grades K-fifth, "When used consistently together with modeling behavior expectations, students truly buy into the system of being rewarded for positive behaviors. It is a tangible currency system — they can see it; they can count it. All my students want to earn R.O.A.R. tickets."

Granada's PBIS initiative has helped develop a positive school climate with a common language and dedicated practices that support students as they continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. The entire school community can't wait to continue this work in the fall.

Students interested in learning more about AUSD's highly regarded Career Technical Education (CTE) can visit www.ausd.us/cte.

AUSD learning continues during summer for CTE Academies

Alhambra Unified School District offers a wide variety of high school classes to students. Summer school options included Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes and physical education (PE) classes for California Partnership Academies. Superintendent Denise Jaramillo visited CTE/Academies classes on June 15 to see in-person — for the first time in more than a year — the instruction-in-action and visit with the teachers and students.

She joined classes at all three high schools to get a first-hand look at some of the hands-on courses. In the pharmacy technician class at Mark Keppel High School, Laskia Mozell was teaching her students how to fill simulated pharmaceutical orders. Students who successfully complete this second-year course are eligible to apply for a Pharmacy Technician Certification.

Students who are in the California Partnership Academies are unable to take PE during their sophomore year due to their required course sequences. The academy provides free summer school classes for these students to allow them to take their second year of PE during the summer instead of having to wait until their junior or senior years. During Superintendent Jaramillo's visit to San Gabriel High, she enjoyed seeing the students having fun and staying fit in teacher Kevin Encinas' class as they worked on juggling skills. At Alhambra High, Superintendent Jaramillo saw students in the Exploratory Wheel class of Qui Nguy, who teaches at SGHS during the regular school year.

If interested in AUSD's CTE/Academies and courses, visit the CTE website to learn more at www.ausd.us/cte.

Every AUSD student will receive all school meals free for the academic year 2021-22, thanks to a recent ruling by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. School begins Wednesday, Aug. 11.

AUSD seniors earn college degrees

Many students push themselves to excel during their high school years. This is especially true for students who joined the Early College Program (ECP) as freshmen four years ago and were the first Alhambra Unified School District graduates of the program, simultaneously earning a high school diploma and a degree in General Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences from East Los Angeles College (ELAC).

Nineteen students (seven from Alhambra High School, 10 from Mark Keppel, and two from San Gabriel) earned their Associates of Arts (AA) degrees and will enter as juniors at four-year universities. Another six students received their Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Certification (IGETC), earning a significant number of units to give them a huge advantage as they continue on to their next step.

ECP participants reported an overwhelmingly positive experience. Students worked hard and made sacrifices, but felt it was well worth it. "It was quite stressful, but very rewarding at the same time," explained ECP graduate Zeri Ayala. "I was pushed to better my work habits and get used to the type of rigor I would face as a college student."

Julie Benavides, vice president of Student Services, and Miguel Dueñas, dean of Student Services, led the program at ELAC, while Leann Huang, AUSD Career Technical Education specialist, oversaw the program for AUSD with support from a dedicated team of counselors and staff at the high school sites (Ani Saakyan, Janice Liu, Elizabeth An, and Paulina Serrano). Dr. Huang is extremely appreciative of all the hard-working partners. "They have all been 100% committed to the students' success and have guided them through every step of this journey." She is equally impressed by the students themselves, "They were brave to take a risk and join

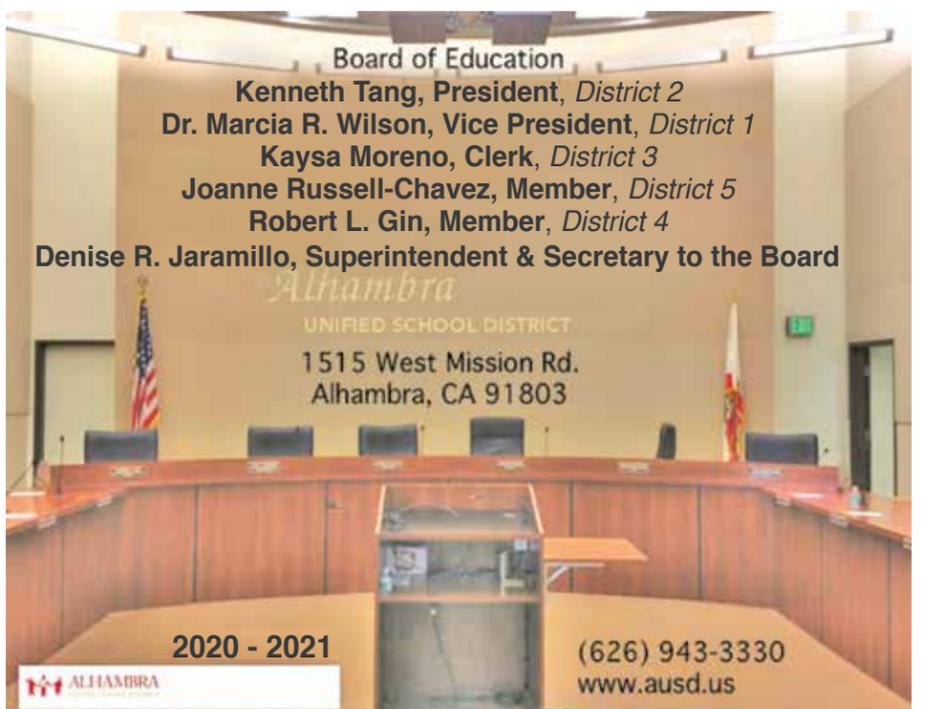
our ambitious program in its inaugural year. They serve as role models for future ECP students."

"ECP was a great way for me to get a head start toward earning free college credits [and] I was able to earn my Associate's Degree early," said another ECP graduate Vivien Yeh, who went on to explain many practical advantages. "You could save a lot of money for college by earning your [general education courses] early on. It could help you stand out in your college applications, and you could explore various subjects that aren't offered in high school."

These students' hard work has now paid off, and they were honored at a virtual ceremony on June 22, during which ELAC surprised each ECP and IGETC graduate with a Chromebook and a Walmart gift card. Students who are interested in earning college credits should contact their Career and Technical Education (CTE) advisers at their school's College and Career Center, and then they should follow the wise advice of ECP graduate Michael Winn, "If you have the chance, please take these classes. I promise you will not regret it — best decision of my life."



Michael Winn, left, and Madeline Hong were among the AUSD Class of 2021 students who graduated with both a high school diploma and an AA degree. Decked in their high school graduation cap and their ELAC stole and cords, they show off the Chromebooks they received from ELAC. Michael calls the hard work to earn dual degrees "the best decision of my life."



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Student Calendar 2021-2022



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August	11, 2021	Wednesday	SCHOOLS OPEN
September	6	Monday	Labor Day – Holiday
October	8	Friday	End of 1st Quarter Grading Period (Secondary School)
October	28	Thursday	End of 1 st Trimester (Elementary School)
October	29	Friday	Pupil Free Day
November	1	Monday	Elementary Pupil Free Day (TK-8 th)
November	11	Thursday	Veterans Day – Holiday
November	22-26	Monday-Friday	THANKSGIVING BREAK
December	17	Friday	Secondary School Pupil Free Day (9 th -12 th & Lift)
December	20-31		End of 1st Semester (Secondary School) WINTER BREAK
January	3, 2022	Monday	SCHOOL REOPENS
January	17	Monday	Martin Luther King Day – Holiday
January	24	Monday	Pupil Free Day
February	14	Monday	Lincoln's Birthday – Holiday
February	18	Friday	End of 2 nd Trimester (Elementary School)
February	21	Monday	President's Day – Holiday
March	11	Friday	End of 3 rd Quarter Grading Period (Secondary School)
March	28, 2022 – April 1, 2022		SPRING BREAK
May	27	Friday	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL End of 3 rd Trimester (Elementary School) End of 2 nd Semester (Secondary School)

Board Approved 2/23/2021



The AUSD Board approved the hiring of four new visionary directors to help lead the district in the collaborative work to put equity at the center of reimagining of TK-12 education. Dr. Lily Jarvis, top left, is director of Educational Equity + Accountability; Dr. Marisa Palacios is director of Alternative Education; Dr. L. Wendy Molina-Solis, bottom left, is director of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS); and Tamara Schiern, bottom right, is executive director of the West San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (WSGV SELPA).

AUSD announces 4 new district directors

The AUSD Board of Education voted to approve the hiring of four new directors to help lead the collaborative work of reimagining and rebuilding TK – 12 education in the district. After more than a year of pandemic isolation and remote learning, a crisis that exposed and exacerbated long-standing systemic inequities, the members of the board and Superintendent Denise R. Jaramillo are proud to welcome these visionary new directors.

The overarching goal for the directors — alongside every district staff member — is to boldly put equity at the center of all evidenced-based, trauma-informed, innovation plans. How does AUSD design a districtwide restorative restart for the education system that works for every student? How does the district best empower, nurture, and support each student and each family in recovering from the public health and education emergency? What are the best learning systems for students to achieve their full potential in life and at school?

To assist in this long-term transformation, Dr. Lily Jarvis was tapped as the first director of Educational Equity + Accountability. Dr. Marisa Palacios was named to the new position of director of Alternative Education, while Dr. L. Wendy Molina-Solis will lead the new office of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) as director. Tamara Schiern will be the new executive director of the West San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (WSGV SELPA), an independent consortium of 14 school districts, including AUSD, which together design ways to meet the needs of more than 9,000 students with special needs.

Dr. Jarvis comes to the district from Monrovia USD with a broad, dynamic two-decade record of transformative,

collaborative leadership and academic excellence in dual language bilingual education and engaging, student-centered migrant educational programs. Appointed by the California State Board of Education, Dr. Jarvis serves as Instructional Quality commissioner, and in this capacity, is the current chair of the ELA and ELD Subject Matter Committee and the vice chair of World Languages Subject Matter Committee.

AUSD alumna Dr. Palacios has 20 years of experience as an educator, most recently as principal of Alhambra High, where she guided the school through fire and pandemic since 2019. She also memorably inspired the AHS Class of 2021 at commencement with her personal story of overcoming daunting odds. [The name of new AHS principal was not available at press time and will be announced before school begins on Aug. 11.]

Dr. L. Wendy Molina-Solis, whose most recent district position was principal of Monterey Highlands School, has become known for her much loved, inventive, and motivating weekly video messages to students during Distance Learning. Dr. Molina-Solis' love of poet Ruben Dario and her belief in spending quality time with those you love for a lifetime of treasured memories are anchors in her life. With more than two decades as an educator, Dr. Molina-Solis has served AUSD for seven years. The new principal of Monterey Highlands will be Dr. Rosa Soria.

Ms. Tamara Schiern brings her leadership, trust-building, and team-building talents developed over decades of experience in special education, most recently concurrently serving as Burbank USD director of Special Education and Psychological Services and as administrator of the Foothills SELPA. This fall, Ms. Schiern envisions

Congratulations to AUSD new principals + AP's

Alhambra USD is pleased to announce that Brightwood and Monterey Highlands Elementary Schools welcomed new principals this 2021-22 academic year. Effective July 1, Candace Griego was Brightwood's principal, and Dr. Rosa Soria is incoming principal at Monterey Highlands.

Both Principal Griego and Principal Dr. Soria are dedicated educators who bring decades of experience, energy, and passion to advocating for children and supporting families and colleagues. Each one has written a heartwarming, personal introduction message to their communities on the schools' websites.

Dr. Soria, who started her career 22 years ago at AUSD, has served in multiple roles, including special education teacher and district instructional specialist. She was most recently coordinator of Special Education. Ms. Griego began her 16 years as an educator at Pasadena USD, where she taught kindergarten and first grade before serving as a coordinated early intervention specialist. She joined AUSD in 2019 as a split assistant principal for Garfield and Repetto Schools, and for the last two years Ms. Griego served as assistant principal at Martha Baldwin.

AUSD is also proud to announce the new slate of assistant principals at elementary and high schools. Sally Yoo, moves from her role as Gateway STAR and HOPE counselor to become



AUSD announced Candace Griego, left, as Brightwood School principal, and Dr. Rosa Soria as principal of Monterey Highlands School. Also announced were the slate of six new high school and elementary assistant principals.

Alhambra High's assistant principal of Student Employee Welfare. Emery Park's Instructional specialist, Linh Ly, will be assistant principal at Baldwin School. Abel Bourbois, instructional specialist at Student Employee Welfare, was tapped as an elementary assistant principal, site to be determined.

New to AUSD are San Gabriel High's AP of Instruction Morena Tejada-Fisher and Rene Regalado, who will serve as SGHS AP of Student Employee Welfare. At Mark Keppel High, Yesenia Nungaray joins the district as AP of Student Employee Welfare.

"We invite our AUSD students, parents, and staff to join us in welcoming and congratulating these colleagues in their new roles," said Superintendent Denise R. Jaramillo.

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small Zoom-meetings to meet with each of 14 WSGV SELPA district directors of special education and their parents in order to build relationships and learn more about their concerns and needs for services. She is the mother of two daughters who adore ice skating.

"The pandemic has forever altered our understanding of how schools should

operate," said Superintendent Jaramillo. "This distinguished team of new directors will help the district and each of us forge a new path to nourish and strengthen the well-being of our students, provide meaningful opportunities for each one to see and believe in their capacity for greatness, and work together to root out and eliminate systemic racism and inequities."

Back to the Future

By Rev. Craig Statton, CEO, Atherton
214 S. Atlantic Blvd. Alhambra

Several years ago, a movie series caught our imagination when Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd starred in movies about time travel. The three films dealt with the recent past, the future, and the distant past as Fox and Lloyd sought to make life better by solving problems through time travel. Most of us would like to have a device that could do just that: let us alter an element of our past for a better future. And if we had a chance, perhaps we would turn back the clock to late 2019 or early 2020 and see if events could be altered to change the world and the global pandemic that has disrupted our lives for so long. We cannot change the past, but we are in the process of getting "back to normal."

The best news in the last year is the vaccines that were developed in response to the COVID virus have been both

remarkably effective and safe. Though we have heard of some complications, the overwhelming majority of people who have taken the vaccine have had minor irritation at the injection sight and a day of chills with the second dose. The result has been that these vaccines have driven down the infection rate in our world as more and more of the residents have been vaccinated. These vaccines are not 100% effective but are well over 90% effective and allow us to begin to think and act like this pandemic will have an end sooner rather than later. Yet, as we begin to resume our lives, there are some things that are helpful for us to remember.

First, we will probably feel odd about resuming activity. We have both a mixture of joy and fear as we renew old activities. We are happy to be out doing things and being with old friends, but we still are not quite sure about the presence of the virus

in these more open settings. The best way to manage our fears is to practice appropriate safeguards. Be fully vaccinated before venturing out; wear a mask and practice social distancing in the most uncomfortable settings; take it a step at a time. And enjoy the experience as you engage in each one of them. We are not done with the pandemic, but it is better.

A second part of the oddness is based on the diversity of opinion and judgment that has accompanied the pandemic. We have heard people both shame and blame one another for almost anything and everything during this pandemic. The end of the pandemic will not end our diversity or even our judgments, but perhaps the change of the environment will change the need to make such judgments. It also might be wise to practice some of the classic virtues of wisdom, patience, moderation, and kindness in dealing with others during this time of transition.

For some of us, resuming activities might also be tinged with sadness because of the losses we and others have suffered. Most of us know someone who lost a loved

one during this pandemic or someone who is recovering slowly from the disease. This sadness is normal, but resuming our lives should not make us feel guilty. Remembering the losses and seeking to honor them appropriately is more helpful than allowing guilt to control us.

Finally, resuming our activities will be in stages. Recovery of a critical illness always takes place in stages as we recover our physical abilities, then our relationships, and finally our activities or work life. Our society's recovery from the pandemic will lead us out to shopping or restaurants, then to our friends' homes for dinner or meeting at a restaurant and then to a concert, back to church, an athletic event, a wedding, or a funeral. At each step, we will face worries and concerns, but with both planning and confidence we can face our worries and begin to rebuild our activities.

This isn't the first pandemic the world has faced. The world we live in recovered from the Spanish flu of 1918 after two years. We are now on the track to recovery, and let's hope we will be "back to our future."



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Oral bacteria in brain clots

As published recently in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*, researchers from Tampere University in Finland analyzed blood clot samples from 74 subjects who received emergency treatment for ischemic stroke and found that 79% contained DNA from a common oral bacteria called *Streptococci mitis*. Simply put, oral bacteria likely grew in the brain clots.

Oral bacteria can stimulate endothelial cells, or cells that line the blood vessels, to secrete inflammatory signals from the immune system. This, in turn, contributes to the establishment of plaque in the blood vessels.

Inflammation caused by these oral bacteria can exacerbate atherosclerosis, a buildup of plaque on artery walls. When enough plaque builds up, strokes become more likely.

It appears logical that if oral pathogens (bacteria that cause inflammation) could be minimized, then the risk of strokes could be lowered. In fact, a study confirmed that regular dental care lowers the risk for this kind of medical emergency.

Another study published in this journal also determined oral hygiene should be emphasized in the primary prevention of acute ischemic stroke. Periodontitis, gum disease leading to loss of bone around the teeth, involved uncontrolled inflammation of the gums caused by pathogens. This disease, which is the number one cause of adult tooth loss, were identified in this study as an independent risk for the occurrence of strokes.

How can you tell whether you have periodontitis? Here are some of the



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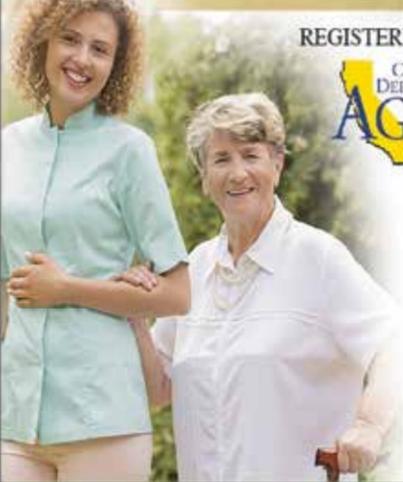


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A dental crown is a very common dental treatment. For me, this is one of the most impressive dental treatments. It can take a badly broken tooth and make it brand new again. When properly done, a crown could last a very long time.

A crown is practically a tooth-shaped cap that fits over the damaged tooth in order to strengthen and improve the chewing function and could be made out of metal or porcelain or from a combination of both.

Done right, a dental crown should look great and fit properly; it should feel like a natural tooth.

What requires a dental crown?

- A tooth with large decay.
- A broken and severely worn down tooth.
- A tooth with a large filling that needs an extra support.

- A tooth that is used as an anchor for a dental bridge.
- A dental implant that has to be restored.
- A root canal treated tooth that has to be sealed and protected.

What are the criteria for well-fitting crowns?

Comfortable bite

Usually a dental crown procedure is done under local anesthetic, and often the patient is still numb when the dentist is checking the bite. To tell if your bite is correct, try to feel your other, not numb side. If your other side feels comfortable and teeth are closed all the way down, that is a good sign that your bite will feel correct even after anesthetic wears down.

Once your teeth are back to life, you can tell for sure if your bite is correct. If you feel that one side hits first, that means you need bite adjustment. Don't be too concerned if it does not feel right; often it is an easy fix that does not

require you to be numb. Call your dentist as soon as you can and have it corrected. Don't wait to let it settle on its own. Crowns are made out of strong material and will take long to self-adjust.

Good contact with the adjacent teeth

This is the most important criteria. The crown should fit in a way that teeth are touching without pressure.

You should be able to feel resistance when you floss but don't have a hard time doing it.

If the fit with the adjacent teeth is not correct, you may have food impaction or gum irritation that can develop decay under the crown.

Esthetic

Your crown should look beautiful but naturally matching the adjacent teeth. You want your crown to blend in and have the same shade and contour as your surrounding teeth.



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Caring for your crown

The crown is not susceptible to decay, but the tooth under the crown can still get cavities. To prevent it from happening you need to continue brushing at least twice a day and floss every night.

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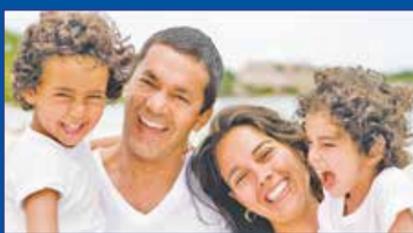
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Personal responsibility for health includes prevention

BY SHEILA YONEMOTO, P.T.

Diet: To understand the basis of a good diet, you must study nutrition. Specific diets are good for losing weight, but they are not practical for the long term. A diet should make you feel healthy and energetic while maintaining a lean body mass. Body fat tends to store drugs, toxins, and cancer-causing substances. Consuming healthy fat is necessary for proper functioning because the body requires certain fatty acids, which can only come from diet. However, nutritionists advise eating fat only in an uncooked or unheated state.

Exercise: The body is designed to move. Muscles help pump the blood around the body. Sitting in one position for too long causes decreased blood flow and can create muscle stiffness or pain. Move regularly throughout the day, changing position every 20 minutes. Walk those stairs. Park a little farther away. Stand to take that phone call. Stretch frequently. The key is movement, so stretch the joints fully and use your muscles to maintain strength and endurance. There should be a good balance between endurance, flexibility, and strengthening activities.

Sleep: There are four phases of sleep. The deep sleep phase is necessary for regenerative processes in the body. If this phase of sleep is lacking or interrupted, you will not feel rested. Drugs, alcohol, stress, and disease can interfere with this deep sleep. Sleeping pills do not induce normal sleep. I have found deep diaphragmatic breathing helpful in promoting better, more natural sleep. Sleeping on a magnetic pad promotes a deeper sleep and



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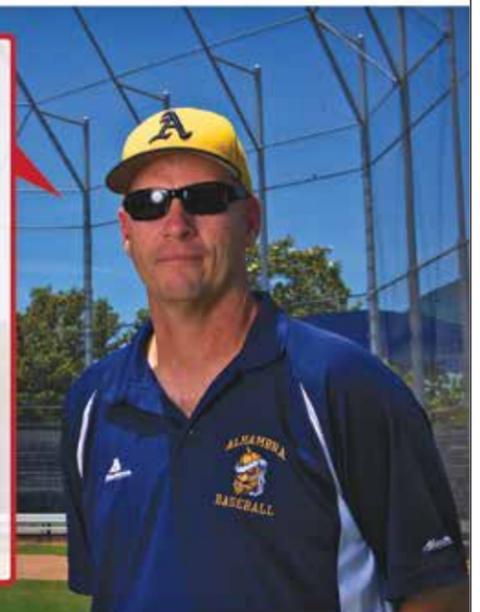
has reduced my husband's snoring, making it easier for me to sleep. Taking a long walk focusing on the environment and looking at things around you also helps. In other words, don't think about your problems but merely enjoy your surroundings and observe.

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Popping Yolk Cafe combines daily brunch with fun, modern atmosphere

BY JEWELYN CO

Popping Yolk Cafe, 119 W. Main St., serves traditional American breakfast and brunch with a fusion twist. In August of 2019, Popping Yolk Cafe opened as a modification of the previous restaurant, Next Republic Artisan Kitchen, and went from East meets West fusion to this modern and trendy breakfast and brunch eatery.

The previous restaurant was a challenge, but they learned different applications based on the food theme, hours of operations, and customer preferences. Jason and Avis Tsai have always enjoyed brunch, so they thought of this concept and brought it to Alhambra as their first location for this kind of restaurant. "Alhambra is the prime area for this type of food due to the diversity of cultures and ethnicities," Mr. Tsai said. "My good friend Nicholas Mui helped us develop the brunch dishes that complemented our atmosphere and unique style of service. Since most of our dishes are served with egg and our signature dish is eggs Benedict, the name came from the concept of the satisfaction of popping the yolk."

Popping Yolk Cafe is a place for families, friends, young adults, and companions to have fun and enjoy a time to just indulge in conversation. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the restaurant faced a difficult time as closure of indoor dining affected the restaurant. They only offered take-out and delivery services, and as outdoor dining was permitted, they opened their back area for patio dining. As they adhere to health and safety protocols, such as mask coverings and sanitizing mandates, Popping Yolk Cafe is now fully open for indoor dining. Patio dining is available only on weekends.

Popping Yolk Cafe has established a new kind of eatery in the area and has been acknowledged for its own style of delicious dishes. They have a vast choice of freshly made to order dishes on the menu from eggs Benedict, omelets, toast, sandwiches, and burgers. The creative and enticing dishes are all freshly made from scratch and not from frozen packaging. Dishes are fairly shareable with



Popping Yolk Café is located at 119 W. Main St.



From left: California omelet, Nashville hot chicken, French toast, and a mimosa.

large portions and are served with garden spring salad and hand-peeled country fried potatoes.

New on the menu is the Nashville Hot Chicken Benedict, served with a poached egg, spicy Nashville style chicken, coleslaw, pickled cucumber, spicy honey mayo and hollandaise sauce, and topped on a toasted English muffin. Packed with healthy fresh ingredients of cherry tomatoes, avocado, pesto, spinach, and mushrooms, the California Omelet is a great choice to start the day. Popping Yolk's signature dish, Norwegian Benedict, is prepared with a poached egg, smoked salmon, spinach, and hollandaise sauce on top of toasted English muffins. Popular for its crunchy style and sweet taste, the house French toast is made with deep-fried toast and topped with fresh mixed berries, maple syrup, and condensed milk.

The coffee and lattes are freshly brewed with Fika Fika coffee. Complete a brunch by perfectly pairing it with a cocktail drink like the mimosa made with freshly squeezed orange juice or a glass of wine from the exquisite list from local vendors. Refreshing for the summer is the mango iced green tea and the lychee white sangria. "Brunch is not just about the food," Mr. Tsai said. "It is about the atmosphere

and people hanging out to catch up. We want to create a place for people to spend time together and enjoy good food."

Brunch is not just for weekends anymore; it can be enjoyed every day at Popping Yolk Cafe from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Popping Yolk Cafe is a half self-service ordering system where customers can order at the counter and get seated for dining as it is efficient and convenient for both the staff and customers. Expect a wait to be seated. A digital waitlist is available. Phone in orders at 626-940-5822 for takeout or third-party delivery service via Uber and Grubhub. There's no online ordering at this time.

With the great success of the restaurant, a location in Hacienda Heights has opened, and two more locations are in the planning. Due to the many interests of the Popping Yolk Cafe Company, Jason and Avis are considering franchising the company in the future.

Popping Yolk Cafe is hiring and is seeking staff to join their team. Be up to date on social media and follow them @Poppingyolkcafe on Instagram and Facebook. Visit www.poppingyolk.com for menu information, how to contact them, and to find other locations.



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Almanson Court has hosted weddings and receptions for almost three decades right on the golf course and lake in Alhambra.

After a long pandemic-imposed hibernation, Almanson Court is reopening its indoor and outdoor spaces for private event functions. One popular event space is the beautiful outdoor garden gazebo overlooking the lake and a vast expanse of the park and golf course and the San Gabriel Mountains in the distance. Perfect for weddings and afternoon receptions, it is already up and running. Up to 600 guests can be accommodated at the gazebo.

There are three indoor spaces from large to small that offer the same spectacular views. For more enclosed space, there are a series of four breakout rooms that can be opened up to seat as many as 500 people at table, depending on needs. Unfortunately, the popular Sunday brunch is still closed. They hope it will open again soon. To arrange for a viewing of the rooms, or for more information, contact the Catering Department at 626-570-4600.

The staff at Almanson Court is happy to be open again and offering their guests the best and most affordable indoor and outdoor private event locations around. The traditional comforts of excellent service and freshly prepared hot meals are once again available to the community for meetings, conferences, banquets, parties, quinceañeras, weddings, reunions, fundraisers, dances, and more. The indoor spac-

es that overlook the gazebo and the lake and mountains are particularly inviting.

The outdoor Grill Patio has recently been refurbished with the same amazing views. It features heaters, a fire pit, and festive lighting for early evening entertaining. Almanson Court remains committed to a positive, healthy, and safe guest experience.

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Rent relief in California expands

The pandemic has been crushing for low-income tenants in California and has caused financial strain on property owners who haven't been able to collect rent and have their own bills to pay. Local and state eviction protections have helped many people stay housed but, eventually, the rent will be due.

California's rent relief program, called Housing Is Key, was established by state lawmakers in January when they passed Senate Bill 91, which also extended the statewide eviction moratorium through June 30. As of June 28, 2021, Gov. Newsom and state legislative leaders have agreed upon a deal shielding tenants from evictions through Sept 30.

Both tenants and landlords with low-income tenants who have fallen behind on rent because of the pandemic can apply for relief. The new bill, AB 832, allows tenants and landlords to receive 100% of the back rent. That's an increase from the previous program, where landlords could only receive 80% of what they were owed and had to agree to forgive the remaining 20%. Landlords or tenants who have already applied or received funding will automatically have their payments go up to 100%.

Tenants can now also apply directly for relief if their landlord does not respond or chooses not to participate if they swear under penalty of perjury that the money will go toward paying off rent debt. Before, if a landlord refused to participate,

tenants could only get 25% of their debt forgiven.

The program to distribute \$5.2 billion in federal funds opened for applications on March 15, but that money has gone out extremely slowly. While billions have been available since January, the state has distributed only \$61.6 million in relief to a little more than 5,000 households so far. That's just about 10% of the total aid that people have applied for.

"The delays in payment are due to problems with the Department of Housing and Community Development's anti-fraud system and to ensure there were no duplicate payments," said Jessica Hayes, a program specialist with HCD. She said they first prioritized sending assistance to people with the lowest incomes but have started expanding the program to more people.

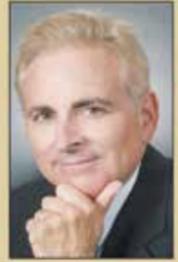
"We've been able to increase the number of households we're processing through the application each week," she said, "and we expect that to continue to ramp up."

Applicants have also complained of a clunky and cumbersome system and the lack of translation for non-English speakers as factors inhibiting people from applying. In response, HCD Director Gustavo Velasquez said the state has now streamlined the application, making it more user friendly, and has added more languages, including simplified Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Tagalog.

Understanding Real Estate

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A stroll along 42nd Street

It was a beautiful sunny summer day in 1995, and I was walking along 42nd Street trying to make my way all the way up to 190th. It was a longer walk, but I was up to it. I was not sure if I wanted to use a turn on Broadway or Riverside Drive on my trek. Surrounded by these legendary street names of New York, I was walking on a piece of real estate surrounded by some very serious history.

One thing ... as I walked along 42nd Street I was nearly 8,000 miles from New York. I was in the Central Pacific on the island of Tinian. And there was a reason for these fabled street names

of Manhattan to be assigned to roads on this 39 square mile island. Tinian was part of the Manhattan Project.

Up near 190th were the Bomb Pits where the final assembly of Little Boy and Fat Man occurred.

History moves over years and decades. And real estate can tell history in many ways. Street names in real estate can capture the history of an area. Los Angeles has Hollywood Boulevard (movies) and Mulholland Drive (water), while Tinian has the street names of Manhattan. This August marks 76 years since the atomic weapons produced by the Manhattan Project were used to end World War II.

During the 1990s, I lived in the U.S. Territory of Guam in the Central Pacific. A series of islands lead north of Guam and form the Mariana Islands. One of these islands is the island of Tinian. During my time in Micronesia, I made a



Adjacent to bomb pit number two the following inscription is on a plaque: "From this loading pit the second atomic bomb ever to be used in combat was loaded aboard a B-29 aircraft and dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, August 9, 1945."

point to visit and see adjacent islands like Tinian. I knew the runways for the B-29's that delivered the atomic bombs were on Tinian, but I did not expect the street names to mirror Manhattan.

The Manhattan Project was the code name for the American-led effort, along with England and Canada, to develop a functional atomic weapon during World War II. It was started in response to fears that German scientists had been working on a weapon using nuclear technology since the 1930s. The project's early headquarters in 1942 were in an office building at 270 Broadway in Manhattan. The New York area had a number of physics laboratories, scientists, and major universities in close proximity.

In early 1943, the project was moved to the Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico for security concerns. The project employed over 130,000 people and more than 30 research and production sites in the United States, England, and Canada. A 1945 *Life* magazine article stated that "no more than a few dozen men in the entire country knew the full meaning of the Manhattan Project."

Tinian is a beautiful, sparsely populated island 1,500 miles from Tokyo with around 3,500 residents now. No military bases remain on this island. Rather than skyscrapers, which line the streets of Manhattan, Tinian's streets with their famous names are surrounded with palm trees. Some of the streets actually are the old B-29 runways from World War II, and many of the homes surround cul-de-sacs that were the tarmacs for the bombers.

Final assembly and loading of the bombs occurred in pits dug into the tarmac areas below the B-29 bombers. Due to the large amount of fuel required for the mission, crashes of the bombers on test runs had occurred. The initial bomb dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, referred to as Little Boy, was a simpler uranium bomb that would not have exploded had the B-29 carrying it, the Enola Gay, crashed on takeoff. The second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, known as Fat Man, was a more complicated plutonium bomb that had

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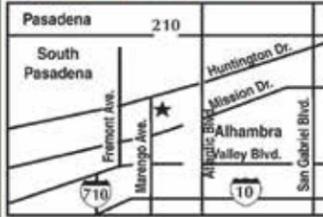
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The BMW 2 Series Coupe's striking and athletic new exterior design is the first thing that everyone will notice. Three-dimensional surfaces, triangular forms, and diagonal lines bring visual power to the front end. The low front bumper, headlights positioned to the outer edges of the front end and the new, turbine-style BMW kidney

grille give the car a wide, low-slung look.

The new performance-oriented BMW kidney grille features vertically arranged air flaps instead of the classic bars. The BMW kidney grille is surrounded by a single-piece frame in a chrome finish on the BMW 230i Coupe and in cerium grey on the BMW M240i xDrive Coupe. Air curtains are integrated into the triangular inserts at the outer edges of the front bumper. These guide the oncoming air over the wheels to further reduce turbulence.

The strikingly contoured headlights — inspired by the legendary BMW 2002 models - each have a single individual circular full-LED headlight. The daytime running lights take the form of U-shaped light guides, with integrated turn signals, at the lower edge of the headlights. Adaptive LED Headlights are optional with the Premium Package.

The 6-cylinder BMW M240i xDrive Coupe features a more aggressive bumper design with a black front spoiler. The BMW kidney grille surround and side air intake trim come in cerium grey, as do the M-specific exterior mirror caps, the exhaust tips, and the model badges. Also standard on the BMW M240i xDrive Coupe is M high-gloss Shadowline exterior trim for the rear bumper inlay and for the side skirts. An M-specific trunk lid spoiler painted in body color and a black diffuser optimize the airflow at the rear of the car.

Styling components of the optional M Sport Package, available for the BMW 230i Coupe, includes the aggressively styled front bumper with larger side air intakes, M high-gloss Shadowline exterior trim, and side skirts plus high-gloss black window trim and the lower section of the rear bumper with integral diffuser in Dark Shadow metallic.



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to be armed prior to takeoff and could have detonated upon a takeoff crash.

As ghastly as the atomic bombs were with nearly 200,000 immediate Japanese casualties and thousands more in the following decades from radiation exposure, the United States avoided the invasion of Japan. Japan surrendered four days after the second bomb. A study done for Secretary of War Henry Stimson's staff by William Shockley estimated that invading Japan would cost 1.7-4 million American casualties,

including 400,000-800,000 fatalities, and the deaths of five to 10 million Japanese.

Real estate has its stories and can tell history. The streets of Tinian have a very sobering historical story to tell. Adjacent to bomb pit number two the following inscription is on a plaque:

"From this loading pit the second atomic bomb ever to be used in combat was loaded aboard a B-29 aircraft and dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, August 9, 1945."

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Well folks, summer is almost behind us, at least on the calendar. I hear many of us are getting back to a more common work schedule and will be driving more regularly. Some of us will be seeing our graduates off on to their next chapter in life, and we will not be living close enough to lend a hand if there are vehicle problems. What can we do to prepare?

For both the vehicle that has been subjected to regular use and the one that has been collecting dust in the driveway, a thorough preventative maintenance inspection is recommended. I would suggest that you also get the vehicle that has not been used regularly on some good weekend drives to help reveal any issues that may have developed due to lack of use; it happens!

For the vehicle that will be going off to a different climate, be sure to consider the

difference in temperature and road conditions that the vehicle will now be used in. You will want to make sure that batteries, cooling systems, and tires are in adequate condition for the change. If the vehicle will be used in a climate where snow is common, consider the type of tire best suited and maybe even a set of chains or cables. You will want to read up on best practices for those conditions as well. I recall a story of someone that was late for work once because they locked their doors the night before not knowing that locks would freeze overnight. These days we just push a button to get in to our vehicles, but have the door seals been treated with a lubricant to prevent them from freezing shut?

Battery failure is a common issue with extreme climates. There are many factors that will impact a batteries lifespan, which

averages from three to five years. Local use and short trips may not give the charging system a change to properly recharge the battery. Rough roads and missing or loose hold downs contribute to vibration that will impact a battery. Hot climates are known to shorten a battery's lifespan. If the vehicle will be used in a hot climate, a fresh battery may be a good idea. Extreme cold weather will impact a weak battery's ability to provide the necessary cranking amperage necessary to get things going. If the vehicle will be moving to a cold climate, be sure to replace a weak battery with the best recommended unit for that climate.

As always, check with your trusted automotive service provider to make sure you are making the right choices, and you are getting the most for your maintenance dollars.

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