

Join us for these virtual community workshops:

EAST MAIN STREET CORRIDOR

Thursday, January 21, 2021
(two sessions)

ZONING CODE UPDATE

Saturday, January 23, 2021

For meeting times and links, visit our website:

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Virtual Community Workshops to be held on Zoning Code and future of East Main Street Corridor

In August 2019, the City Council adopted a comprehensive General Plan Update and in early 2020 hired a consultant team to begin a Comprehensive Zoning Code Update to be complete later this year. As part of this effort, the team will also address the community's desire to maintain and enhance the unique identity of Alhambra's diverse commercial areas like the East Main Street corridor (EMC).

A virtual community meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23, focusing on the comprehensive Zoning Code. This citywide effort will result in an updated

state-of-the-art, flexible, user-friendly Zoning Code that serves as an effective tool to implement the community's vision for the future established within the Alhambra General Plan. The purpose of the workshop is to hear the community's thoughts on the current code and what should be considered in the update. Residents' input will help to shape the future of Alhambra's built environment.

In response to the community's increased interest in the future of the East Main Street corridor (EMC) as it relates to community character and greater economic activity east of the city's

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Former Rose Queens shared memories and updates at the Rose Queen Zoom Luncheon Dec. 15. Story on Pg. 8.

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Three new members of the Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education, Marcia Wilson, District 1; Ken Tang, District 2; and Kaysa Moreno, District 3, officially joined incumbents Robert Gin, District 4, and Joanne Russell-Chavez, District 5, on Dec. 15 when they took the oath of office in a virtual ceremony at the board's annual transition meeting to elect officers for the upcoming year.

AUSD welcomes new 2021 Board of Education

The Alhambra Unified School District welcomed three new members to the Board of Education at their Dec. 15 meeting. Dr. Marcia Wilson, District 1; Ken Tang, District 2; and Kaysa Moreno, District 3, took the oath of office in a Zoom swearing-in administered by City of Alhambra Clerk Lauren Myles. The new members joined incumbents Bob Gin, District 4, who has served since 2002, and Joanne Russell-Chavez, District 5, a board

member since 2014.

At the ceremony, Superintendent Denise R. Jaramillo welcomed the new members, "The community is fortunate to have a Board of Education of five members who are each so committed to what is best for our students, our families, and our AUSD employees."

All three new board members are educators whose childhood experiences animate their work and achievements.

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Mayor's Corner



By Mayor Sasha Renée Pérez

Teachers Association, and my council colleagues for all donating and participating in the December food delivery drive organized by Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler. It was uplifting to see our community come together to ensure that our families in need have access to food over the holidays.

Virtual Tournament of Roses celebration

I also want to acknowledge Alhambra Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sharon Gibbs and President Suzi Dunkel-Soto for hosting a fabulous virtual 2021 Tournament of Roses Celebration with former Rose Parade Queens. It was fascinating to learn more about the experiences of the young ladies who have served on the Court and hear how the experiences positively impacted their lives.

We also announced student art contest winners who presented their creative vision of "What is Special about Alhambra?" Congratulations to the winners for their beautiful artwork: Evelyn Chan of Marguerita Elementary, Jasmine Lin of Martha Baldwin Elementary, Hannah Lee of Monterey Highlands Elementary, Camila Chan of Mark Keppel High School, and Kylie Lam of Mark Keppel High School!

Capping fees, increasing local restaurant profits

On Dec. 17, I was delighted to receive my council colleagues' unanimous support for my proposal to cap app delivery fees at 15% for Alhambra restaurants. This

new ordinance will make it unlawful for a third-party food delivery service to charge a restaurant more than 15% of the purchase price of an online order during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Restaurants nationwide have called out companies such as Grubhub, Postmates, and DoorDash for charging restaurants over 30% in fees to use their services during the COVID-19 pandemic, making it near impossible for some restaurants to make a profit. The City of Alhambra will join other municipalities like Pasadena, South Pasadena, Los Angeles, and

unincorporated Los Angeles County in capping fees and ensuring profits stay with local restaurants.

Stay involved

The Alhambra City Council will be doing an abundant amount of outreach in early 2021 to prepare for our Strategic Plan. Please keep an eye out for upcoming virtual town halls with your local councilmembers and opportunities to offer feedback about city services. Our city works best when you are involved!

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful start to 2021!

As the 2020 holiday season comes to a close, I hope you've found time to relax and enjoy some quality time with your loved ones. Whether celebrating virtually or in-person with other members of your household, these moments are what make the holiday season so special. I wish you all a healthy and joyous 2021. Happy New Year!

Supporting Alhambra families amid the pandemic

I want to begin by thanking the City of Alhambra staff, the Alhambra Police Department, the Alhambra Fire Department, the Asian Youth Center, the Alhambra



Sasha Renée Pérez is sworn in as Alhambra's mayor on Dec. 14.

Electric vehicle charging stations open to public in Alhambra

In September, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared that by 2045 all new cars sold in the state will be electric powered vehicles (EVs). The governor's action reflects a worldwide shift from the polluting fossil fuels of the past to cleaner, alternative forms of generating electric power for homes, schools, businesses, and on the road.

His announcement may have caught some people by surprise, but not in Alhambra. The city is actively planning for that day. Already Alhambra has existing charging stations around town to serve the growing number of EVs, and there's more on the way.

Even in the time of COVID, Alhambra is moving forward to prepare for the growing switch to electric cars that will drive people into the future. With the support of a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), the Community Development Department, working with Southern California Edison and an approved electrical contractor, has installed several electric vehicle charging stations at three of the downtown public parking structures.

These new charging stations for EVs are centrally located at the parking structures on First Street both north and south of Main Street and at the parking structure on Chapel just north of Main Street. All of these stations are designed for public use and began operation in mid-November. Each charging station features four standard parking spaces and two handicap spaces, for a total of 18 spaces at the three locations. Rates are 28 cents per kilowatt hour.

Marc Castagnola, director of the Community Development Department, worked closely with the City Council to iron out the details and obtain the necessary approvals. "The City is committed to improving our air quality and helping more residents and visitors go green," he said.

These new charging stations add to those that are already in operation around town in convenient locations. They include:

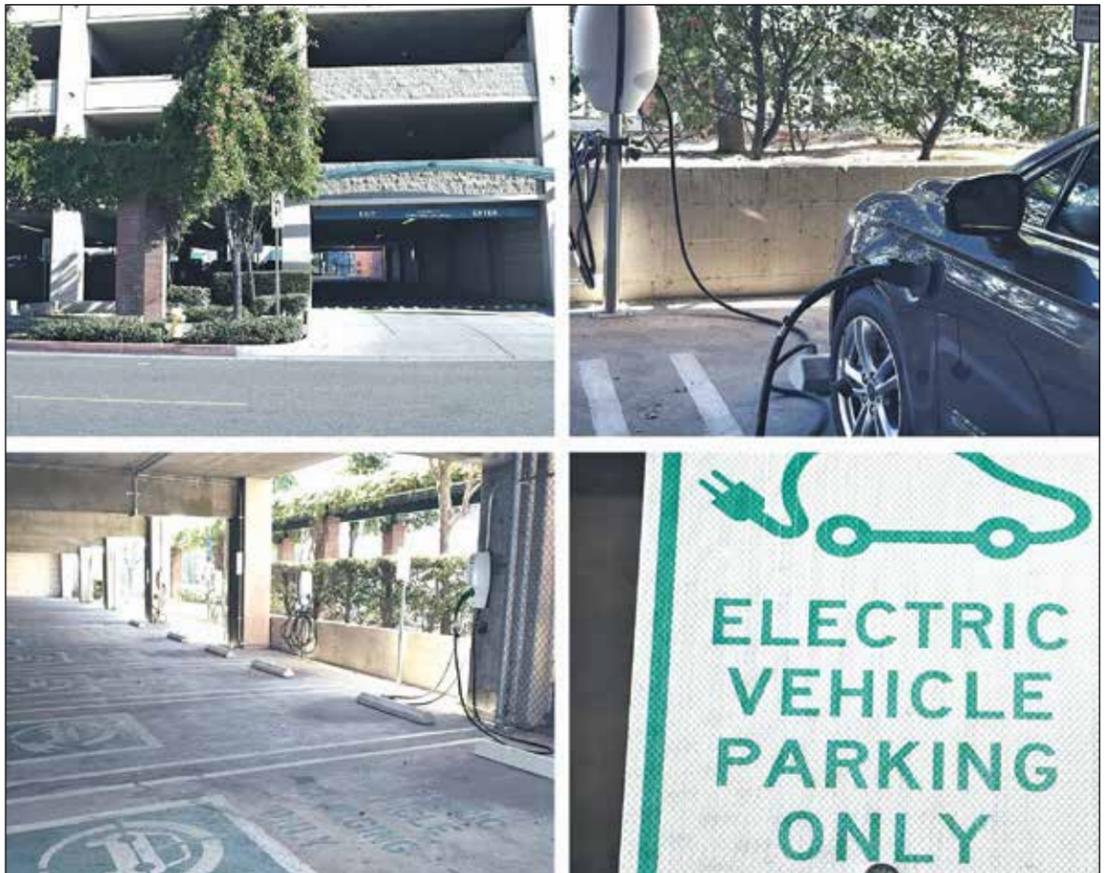
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- GE Properties, 1411 S. Garfield Ave.
- Public Works Headquarters and Annex, 900 S. Fremont Ave.
- New Century BMW, 16 N. Olive Ave.

Charging a car battery is easy. Here's how it works:

- 1) Download the EV Connect mobile app, available as a free download for both iOS and Android devices.
- 2) Log in or register to create an account.
- 3) Select the "Charge" button and scan the QR Code or type the ID number located on the station.
- 4) Plug in the vehicle and then press "Begin Charge."
- 5) Choose a connector, and then give the station a few seconds to connect to the platform.
- 6) Once charging, the screen will display the details of the session.

Once the electric vehicle is charged, please move it to a non-charging space so others may use the charging stations. After it's fully charged, a text will be sent as a reminder to move the vehicle within 15 minutes or pay \$3 an hour parking fee.

When a resident is ready for an electronic vehicle, Alhambra will be ready, too.



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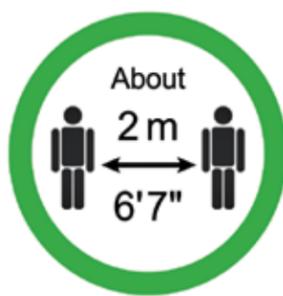
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City of Alhambra launches new Customer Service Portal

The City of Alhambra has launched a new online portal that will deliver better and faster assistance to the public. The Citizen Access Portal (<https://bit.ly/CitizenAccessPortal>) allows the public to pay bills, view business licenses, and track permits and more, all in one place.

The portal uses Tyler Technologies' EnerGov™ software, which shares information and data across departments. Currently the city's Fire Department and the Planning and Building Divisions of the Community Development Department are integrated into the Citizen Access Portal. The Public Works Department will be added to the portal early next year.

"With this powerful tool, our residents and businesses

can quickly and easily access important city information online," said Marc Castagnola, Community Development director. "It increases transparency and leads to greater efficiency."

Operations are streamlined with the new Citizen Access Portal and paper usage is reduced, leading to better sustainable office practices. The online platform is convenient because it allows people to conduct business from anywhere, reducing the need for in-person visits to City Hall.

To access the Citizen's Access Portal, visit: <https://alhambra-energopub.tylerhost.net/Apps/SelfService#/home>.

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- Submit planning applications
- Track applications and fees
- Customer online dashboard
- And more!

<https://bit.ly/CitizenAccessPortal>

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downtown, the consultant team will host two virtual community workshops on Thursday, Jan. 21. The workshops will focus on the half mile commercial stretch of East Main Street from Chapel Avenue to the eastern city limits and will include an overview of existing market and physical conditions. Participants will then engage in exercises structured to help to identify participant preferences and a vision for the future of the area.

Following the workshop, a team of planners, urban designers, architects, landscape architects, economists, and engineers will collaborate with the city to generate realistic concepts for EMC, based on community input. Key concepts will be the basis for the design guidelines and will likely include:

- Reimagining East Main corridor in response to area issues and opportunities.
- Understanding current market demands and the relationship to development potential.
- Economic development strategies to attract businesses.
- Urban design framework such as building placement, form, height, and densities.
- Streetscape concepts and beautification strategies.

Please visit <https://www.alhambrcodeupdate.com/> for information on how to participate in these community workshops and to sign up to be notified of project information by e-mail.



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Why Medicare matters

BY KATHERINE YU SIMMS

At the end of each passing year, we all wish that we could look back on the last 12 months and reminisce about all the wonderful things that happened. We'd love to rejoice in stories of individual achievements, take pride in advancements we've made as a society, and reflect on world developments that make us believe that we are in a better place now than when we started the year. But, let's be honest. 2020 was a tough one for all of us!

Although there were many events during the year that should be considered cause for concern, the one that worries me most is the COVID-19 pandemic that we are all currently facing. Why? Because statistics tell us that the oldest living generation is at the highest risk of suffering from serious health consequences as a result of contracting this virus. As someone who has been working on behalf of senior citizens for over a decade, I've made it my mission to protect and enhance the lives of people in this cherished generation. For me, that means making sure that every senior citizen that I work with is enrolled in a Medicare plan that best suits their health care needs. So, if someone asks me why Medicare matters, the answer is simple: because the people who need it, our seniors, matter.

Here are a few things to consider about Medicare for you, or your loved ones:

The Medicare Advantage open enrollment period may let you switch plans. This enrollment period runs from Jan. 1 – March 31. Here's how it works:

- If you already have a Medicare Advantage plan (an additional form of coverage that may include vision, dental, hearing, and prescription drugs), you can switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan.
- You can drop your current Medicare Advantage plan and return to traditional Medicare, then sign up for a stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.
- You generally can't make other coverage changes during this period. For example, if you have traditional Medicare, Part A and Part B, you typically can't sign up for a Medicare prescription drug plan or a Medicare Advantage plan.



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Special Enrollment Period (SEP) available to beneficiaries affected by the California wildfires effectively immediately until Jan. 31, 2021

Who is eligible?

- Those who reside, or resided at the start of the incident period, in an area for which FEMA has declared an emergency or a major disaster and has designated affected counties as being eligible to apply for individual or public level assistance.

- Those who had another valid election period at the time of the incident period.

- Those who did not make an election during that other valid election period.

- In addition, the SEP is available to those individuals who do not live in the affected areas but rely on help making health care decisions from friends or family members who live in the affected areas.

Timeframe:

- Effective immediately, individuals meeting the requirements listed above can enroll, disenroll, or switch MAPD plans until Jan. 31, 2021.

Service Areas included in this SEP:

- Los Angeles (County)
- San Bernardino (County)
- San Diego (County)
- Napa (County)
- Sonoma (County)
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Important Medicare questions

- 1 When am I eligible?
- 2 What are my choices for Medicare and supplements?
- 3 How much do the plans cost?
- 4 When and how do I sign up?

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Tax Tips

2021 tax dates

Here's some information to start off the New Year. The dates below are accurate as of writing this article. Because of COVID-19 or other events, some of these dates may change.

Jan. 28 is the estimated date the IRS will start to accept E-filed tax returns.

Jan. 31 is when your employer must either mail your Form W-2 or have the form be available to you electronically.

Feb. 15 is the earliest date the IRS can release refunds that include Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), and/or refundable portions of the American Opportunity Credit (AOC). If you're not claiming any of the above tax credits and you e-file with direct deposit, nine out of 10 tax payers will receive their refund within 21 days after the IRS receives your tax return.

March 15 is the filing date for Partnership Income Tax Returns (Form 1065) and S-Corporation Income Tax returns (Form 1120S).

April 15 is the filing date for Individual Income Tax returns (Form 1040), Trusts (Form 1041), and C-Corporations (Form 1120).

May 15 is the filing date for Tax Exempt Organizations (Form 990).

Sept. 15 is the extension deadline for Partnerships and S-Corporations.

Oct. 1 is the extension deadline for Trusts.

Oct. 15 is the extension deadline for Individual and C-Corporations.

Nov. 15 is the extension deadline for Tax Exempt Organizations.



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I would like to get the readers of my articles more involved, so if you have any tax related questions you would like to appear in this article, please e-mail them to michael@alhambrataxcenter.com.

The above dates are for a calendar year. If your entity is based on a fiscal year, please contact your tax preparer or the IRS for your due dates.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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Get the facts about disability insurance

Understand your coverage options before the unexpected happens.

If you and your family rely on your income, disability insurance can help provide financial stability if you're unable to work due to a disability. While many think their chances of becoming disabled are slim, the reality is that one in four Americans live with disabilities.

You never know when you might suffer a disability, so take steps to protect your family now.

What is disability insurance

Disability insurance is coverage that replaces part of an employee's income when they are unable to work due to an illness or disability. Disability insurance provides benefits that cover on average up to 60% of an employee's salary.

Buy at work or on your own

Work-based disability insurance is convenient to purchase and can be quite reasonable. The downside: The coverage may not be portable, and you may have to forfeit it if you change jobs. What's more, only about a quarter of private sector workers have access to short- and long-term

disability coverage.

An individual disability insurance policy may have more flexibility and give you more options. It stays in place no matter how often you change jobs, and you can choose the period of time you want coverage in place.

Coverage options

There are two basic types of policies: short-term disability and long-term disability.

• **Short-term disability insurance:** As the name implies, this type of policy makes up for lost income for six months or less. It typically kicks in after you've exhausted other workplace benefits like paid time off and sick leave.

• **Long-term disability insurance:** If your disability lasts longer, you'll need to move to long-term disability. This policy pays a portion of your income, typically 50% to 70%, for periods of a few years or until retirement, depending on the type of policy you have.

For more information, contact State Farm Agent Regina Talbot at 626-357-3401.



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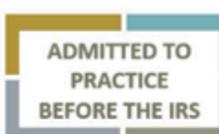
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Welcome!



Vicente Perez purchases first truck from Ken Rogge, Downtown Puente, 1957.



Manuel, Julia, Vicente, David, and Patrick Perez, Christmas at home 1949.

Valley Vista Services continues legacy

Valley Vista Services is a story of the real-life American Dream. What started as one man's investment in a single trash truck back in 1957 has now developed into a successful family-owned and operated enterprise, spanning three generations of the Perez family and over 60 years of service to the San Gabriel Valley.

Vicente Perez immigrated to Southern California from Santander, Spain, while still in his teens in the 1910s. After several years, he met his wife, Julia, and

they began their life together by opening a grocery store on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles. They later relocated to Puente Valley, which is where they started their family and weathered through the Depression years.

By the 1950s, Vicente's sons Patrick, Manny, and Dave, were getting older, and he wanted a steady business for them to take over some day. He realized that trash disposal was something that everyone would always be in need of, so he purchased his

first truck and started City of Industry Disposal in 1957. Being the clever guy he was, Vicente had No. 4 painted on it so that he could build a strong reputation fast.

Although Vicente's sons struggled to learn the business and stay competitive in the beginning, they learned to work together and were able to build upon their father's vision. After Vicente passed in 1979, Patrick, Manny and Dave continued to develop the business, advancing

it into a 21st century company. They eventually changed the name to Valley Vista Services to better reflect the company's expansion of waste and recycling services and communities being served.

Today, Manny's sons, David, Chris, Vince, and Peter, are leading Valley Vista Services. Their passion still lies in serving the Greater Los Angeles area and San Gabriel Valley communities, which is why they remain highly involved in outreach efforts and

contribute in countless ways to the betterment of the community.

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Attendees of the Rose Queen Zoom Luncheon.

Alhambra Chamber of Commerce presents Rose Queen Zoom Luncheon

Every year for the past 32 years, the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce has hosted a luncheon featuring the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Queen and Court at Almansor Court. Since this year is so different (no parade on Jan. 1 for people to wake up to, no Queen and Court, and no social gatherings), the Chamber switched to a virtual event and invited three former queens to give updates on their lives since their parade, share memories, and answer questions from attendees.



1993 Tournament of Roses Queen Liana.

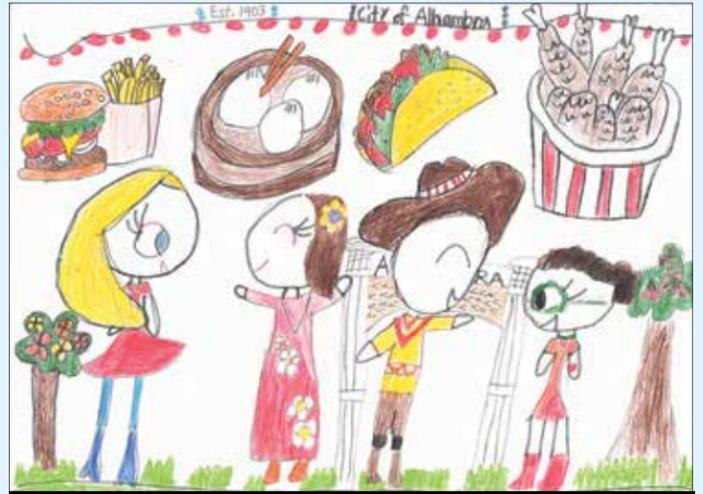
Representing the Tournament of Roses were former queens Queen Liana, 1993; Queen Courtney, 2009; and Queen Madison, 2015.

Chamber President Suzi Dunkel Soto welcomed the attendees and served as the moderator. City of Alhambra Mayor Sasha Renée Pérez gave a city welcome and announced the winners of the “What is Special About Alhambra?” art contest. The five winners were Evelyn Chan, first grade, Marguerita; Jasmine Line, second grade, Martha Baldwin; Hannah Lee, sixth grade, Monterey Highlands;

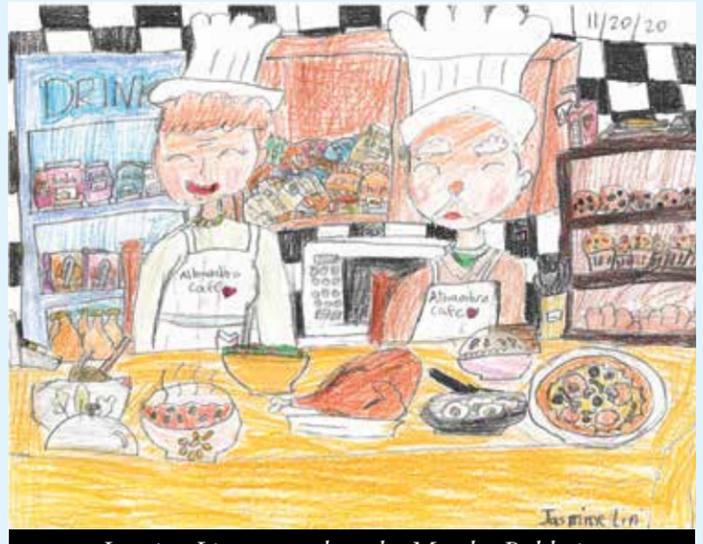
Camila Chan, ninth grade, Mark Keppel High School; and Kylie Lam, tenth grade, Mark Keppel High School.

Stephen Perry, Tournament of Roses director/chair Queen & Court Committee, introduced the former Queens and asked them questions. Sponsor for the event was Southern California Gas Co, with rep. Helen Romero Shaw ending the webinar.

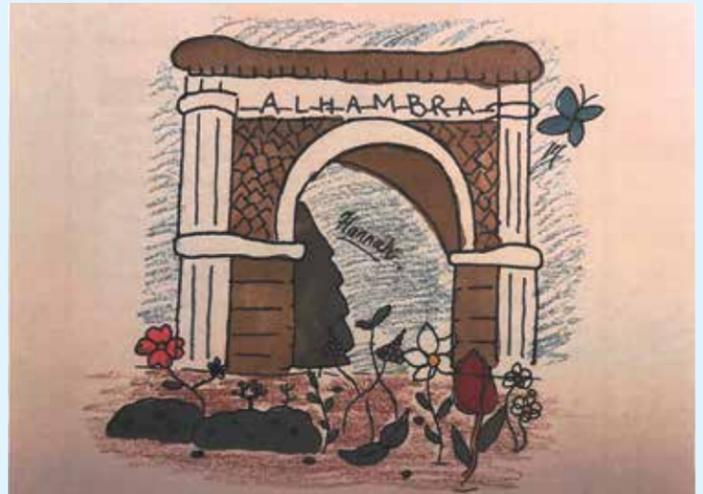
The five winners of the “What is Special About Alhambra?”



Evelyn Chan, first grade, Marguerita.



Jasmine Line, second grade, Martha Baldwin.



Hannah Lee, sixth grade, Monterey Highlands.



Camila Chan, ninth grade, Mark Keppel High School.



Kylie Lam, tenth grade, Mark Keppel High School.

SoCalGas will support state’s climate goals by delivering renewable gas to customers who opt into program

On Dec. 17, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted to approve SoCalGas and SDG&E’s voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Tariff. SoCalGas said they will be able to support the state’s climate goals by delivering renewable gas to customers who opt into the program.

This has been a nearly two-year process from application to approval. SoCalGas set a goal to deliver 5% renewable natural gas (RNG), produced from organic waste, to their core customers by 2022 and 20% by 2030. The approval of this tariff will help them achieve those goals.

There are many other clean energy projects on the horizon for 2021 and beyond.

Recently, SoCalGas announced a hydrogen blending demonstration program — the first in California and among the first in the nation. They also said they will build a state-of-the-art demonstration project to show the role hydrogen could play in attaining California’s goal of achieving carbon neutrality.

SoCalGas is building California’s 21st century energy system with investments in hydrogen, RNG, fuel cells, and carbon capture and storage. These innovations will help SoCalGas decarbonize the pipeline system and help California meet its climate goals.



For the annual Operation Gobble Turkey Giveaway event, Assemblymember Chau partnered with local community-based organizations that distributed 100 turkeys and meals to families in need throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Assemblymember Chau Hosts Eighth Annual 'Operation Gobble' Turkey Giveaway

Assemblymember Ed Chau (D- Monterey Park), in collaboration with the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, California American Water Company, and Golden State Water Company, hosted the Eighth Annual 49th Assembly District "Operation Gobble" Turkey Giveaway. For this annual event, Assemblymember Chau partnered with local community-based organizations that distributed 100 turkeys and meals to families in need throughout the San Gabriel Valley. In accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols, this year's Operation Gobble transformed into a contactless drive-thru event held outside where participating partners also received information for services and programs provided by the district office.

"This holiday season, let us do all we can to responsibly help those in our community facing challenges, due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Assemblymember Ed

Chau. "My hope is that this year's Operation Gobble will encourage others to give and help those who face food insecurity and hunger, an important issue that we as policy makers must continue addressing throughout our state."

The 2020 recipients of Operation Gobble included Boys and Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley; Home of Angels; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Greater El Monte Post 10218; the El Monte/South El Monte Emergency Resources Association; The Church of Our Savior Center; Asian Youth Center; and La Casa Community Center.

Assemblymember Chau represents the 49th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and portions of Montebello and South El Monte.

Soroptimist Live Your Dreams award winner featured at meeting

On Nov. 24, Soroptimist Alhambra, San Gabriel, San Marino hosted a virtual program meeting featuring 2015 Live Your Dream Awards first place winner Savannah Sunez. She was also the recipient of the Camino Real Regional LYD Award and the national winner. The criteria to apply for the LYD Awards is to be a single mother, be the primary financial support for their families, and continue with their education. Over half of the recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking, and sexual assault. The topic of the program was "Savannah Moves On."

For those not familiar with her story, Ms. Sunez discussed her formative years in a transient environment with a substance abusing and physically abusive parent. By the age of 17, she was an emancipated adult and worked hard to provide a stable environment for her daughter. Ms.

Sunez also talked about her educational success and how receiving the Live Your Dream Award helped her achieve her initial dream of obtaining her Associate in Science in mechanical engineering at East Los Angeles College. She went on to obtain her Bachelor's in the field. She is a mechanical engineer at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pomona/Pasadena. Prior to working at NASA, she worked in mechanical engineering at Boeing and interned at NASA. Ms. Sunez expressed how grateful she was to Soroptimist and how receiving the educational grant gave her an enormous lift to eventually work at NASA.

Soroptimist Alhambra is working on selecting the 2021 Live Your Dream Awards winners. To learn more about Soroptimist or becoming a member, visit www.soroptimistalhambra.org.

Road to White House goes through Alhambra

The Classical European Music Academy Los Angeles (CEMALA) is a comprehensive violin school, which was honored to perform at the White House in 2017 and a second time last month on Dec. 22, where they played a program of Vivaldi and Mozart.

The 15 young musicians, ranging in age from 4 to 12, play under the baton of Hungarian born and trained violinist Magdolna Berezvai, who states that one of her objectives is to identify extraordinary talent in these young people and give them the opportunity to improve their talent and to perform in competitions or concerts with the greatest orchestras of the world. Her teaching technique has molded children into amazing virtuoso violinists who will feel at home in the classical music scene anywhere they go.

These L.A., San Gabriel Valley, San Marino, and Alhambra children have also performed in Iceland, Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and an Italian concert tour that included concerts in Rome, Florence, and Venice. The European concerts open their eyes and take them back to the historical place where this quality music was born. Closer to home they have performed at the world famous Carnegie Hall in New York, for the L.A. Lakers as well as at Sea World, Universal Studios, and Disneyland.

"My teacher, Ms. Magdolna, has taught me everything I know about the violin," said Angilia Zheng, a young CEMALA violinist. "She has shown me a world of music that I am extremely grateful for. Playing at these historical landmarks really made me exposed to a world of music that I never would have dreamed of. I want to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to teaching us and providing us with wonderful opportunities."

Recently, the realities of COVID have interfered with ambitious scheduling of the academy. When the schools closed,

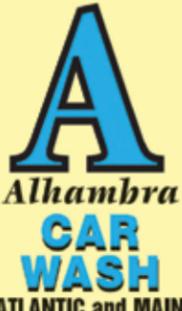


Musicians from the Classical European Music Academy Los Angeles on tour in Budapest, Hungary. The young musicians play under the baton of Hungarian born and trained violinist Magdolna Berezvai. She states that one of her objectives is to identify extraordinary talent in these young people and give them the opportunity to improve their talent and to perform in competitions or concerts with the greatest orchestras of the world.

they lost their rehearsal space. James Chou came to the rescue by inviting them to rehearse in an empty building he owns in Alhambra. After a rehearsal in mid-December, Alhambra Councilmember Katherine Lee was on hand to welcome them and pass out city pins while Mr. Chou passed out Christmas presents.

COVID has also cancelled or postponed an ambitious schedule for 2021. A return to Carnegie Hall in June was cancelled as well as trips in the planning stage to the Sydney Opera House in Australia and another tour in China.

For more information about CEMALA, see their web page at www.cemala.com or contact Andoni Zorbas at CEMALA at 323-304-8375, or e-mail andonizorbas4@hotmail.com.



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Cal State LA student-teachers interact virtually with avatar pupils in a simulated classroom. Photo credit Cal State LA.

Cal State LA receives NSF grant to enhance STEM teaching in urban schools

Cal State LA has been awarded a three-year \$586,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to train future teachers in math and science instruction using a simulation lab.

The grant will establish Simulations for Minority Interactive Learning Environments (SMILE): A Design and Development Project at Cal State LA. The project will feature a simulation lab that will help prepare elementary teachers who will work in high-need urban schools to offer a successful learning experience in math and science.

Researchers will also study the integration of the use of mixed-reality virtual simulations in teacher preparation across several courses in the university's Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Program. Faculty in Cal State LA's Charter College of Education (CCOE) will create scenarios and develop scripts specifically intended to teach STEM concepts.

"I am grateful to our education faculty who embraced the opportunity to explore how avatar simulation could be used in teacher and counselor preparation," said CCOE Dean Cheryl Ney, who is one of the grant's principal investigators. "Together, we are grateful to the NSF for this opportunity to establish a CCOE Simulation Lab and further research the impact of virtual simulation on the preparation of teachers and counselors who will go on to serve children, youth, and families in our surrounding communities."

Kimberly Persiani, a professor of education in the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, is a co-principal investigator.

Cal State LA's simulation lab will use the TeachLivE virtual reality software by Mursion. TeachLivE, which offers professional training using computer avatars that simulate pupils in a classroom and interact with users in real time. The virtual

simulations will provide future teachers with opportunities to figure out effective teaching strategies and methods before working with pupils in actual classrooms.

The three-year project will be funded by the NSF's Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Education and Human Resource Program and conducted in partnership with elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District and other districts. Cal State LA students will be placed into the classrooms for their student-teaching experience.

For the past three years, a group of CCOE faculty have used simulations that enable students to virtually practice instruction, classroom management, meeting with parents, job interviews, and counseling sessions. The simulated pilot activities were organized by CCOE through Cal State Northridge's simulation lab.

"Just as pilots spend long hours using virtual simulators before flying a plane carrying real passengers, it is now possible to provide students studying to be teachers opportunities to virtually practice teaching strategies to enhance learning before serving students in real classrooms," said Costello Brown, a consultant on the project and an emeritus chemistry professor at Cal State LA.

In a survey administered by CCOE, student and faculty participants provided positive feedback on the immersive simulated learning environment.

"The experience was very valuable," noted one faculty member, who liked that the virtual environment enabled users to collectively solve problems in a variety of classroom situations.

One CCOE student commented: "It was cool to see the avatars react to what we were saying. This made us have to think on our feet to react to what they were saying, which I think is very valuable as a teacher."



The Masonic Lodge parking lot was offered by Hugo Lara and the Alhambra Masons as a staging area, and up to 300 bags of groceries were assembled for distribution.

Alhambra teachers find new ways to serve students

Last March, City Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler and Alhambra Teachers Association President Tammy Scoria were discussing the emerging COVID-19 virus and how it could impact the city and the schools. They concluded the global disease would only get worse and that the city and many of its vulnerable school students would feel the effects of it. They were right. But they were not content to be right; they began doing something about it.

They realized the greatest need faced by many families with school age children would be having enough food. They began conducting food distributions from Alhambra High School in March for economically stretched families verified by the school district. That effort was kicked into overdrive with the added concern of keeping everyone safe from the virus as well. When the schools closed, a new site had to be found for distribution.

Supported by a grant from the National Education Association (NEA), they began marshalling the energy of Alhambra school teachers and cobbled together a growing coalition of sponsors, coordinators, and volunteers. At first an open air curb side service was opened on Second Street between Commonwealth and Main Street, the site of the weekly Farmers Market. But that proved labor intensive and snarled

traffic in the area.

So on Dec. 12 the program switched to home delivery. The Masonic Lodge parking lot was offered by Hugo Lara and the Alhambra Masons as a staging area, and up to 300 bags of groceries were assembled for distribution. All volunteers signed waivers and received temperature checks and food distribution was based on no contact delivery. The network of Albertsons, school teachers, and their friends and the Los Angeles Food Bank came through with much of the food, and volunteers filled bags with canned goods, dry goods including cereal and pastas, fresh fruit, and more.

Some of the many team members of this food distribution program include Voice of Immigrant Students of Alhambra High School, the FARMS program at Mark Keppel High School, the Alhambra Teachers Association, the Masonic Lodge, Asian Youth Center, the Alhambra Firefighters Association, the Alhambra Police Association, BMW of Alhambra, Vibiana Andrade, and Republic Services.

This monthly program can benefit neighbors from donations of food and volunteers. To help, contact either Councilmember Andrade Stadler at Andrade3@charter.net or call 626-378-4550 or Tammy Scoria, Alhambra Teachers Association, at 626 289-1933.

Emmaus Lutheran School holds Pajama Drive 2020

This is the seventh year students at Emmaus Lutheran School have participated in a Pajama Drive. Even though the children are in the midst of remote learning at the school, pajamas for infants through adult sizes were collected and competition was intense. The pajamas they collected were donated to a variety of places such as homeless shelters, orphanages, and foster care organizations.

Giving back to the community is one of Emmaus' values, which they teach their students, and the best way of doing this is through the hands-on idea of giving projects. This project gives the children an example and opportunity to understand the idea that giving is important. The school participated in this program so they can help make a better bedtime for people who are in need. This, like other projects, is voted on by the student council.

They ended their drive by having a Pajama Day on Dec. 17. Students were

able to attend their Zoom class dressed in their cozy pajamas for that day. Emmaus students have been participating in full day Zoom classes with appropriate breaks for lunch and to rest their eyes and give them a break from screens.

The school's traditional Christmas program was held with classes singing, entertaining, and sharing Christmas joy through a Zoom presentation that is viewable on YouTube at [Rmarousek@EmmausAlhambra.org](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRmarousek). Students worked throughout the month of December rehearsing at home and on Zoom to be ready for "prime time" viewing.

The school is in the process of getting a waiver from the County of Los Angeles with the goal of reopening on-site learning for kindergarten through second grade. For information about enrolling a child in Emmaus Lutheran School, please see <https://emmausalhambra.org/enroll-now>.





Republic Services announces partnership with Nikola to develop, purchase 2,500 Electric Collection Trucks

Agreement for zero-emissions vehicles is the industry's first large-scale commitment to fleet electrification

Republic Services recently announced a partnership with Nikola Corp. to develop and purchase 2,500 electric waste and recycling collection trucks, representing the industry's first large-scale commitment to fleet electrification. The zero-emissions vehicles, which will have a range of 150 miles and recharge overnight, are expected to be integrated into Republic Services' fleet beginning in 2023. The deal is expandable to 5,000 vehicles over the life of the agreement.

"This partnership significantly accelerates Republic Services' progress in fleet innovation to drive profitable growth, reduce emissions, enhance customer loyalty and create long-term shareholder value," said Jon Vander Ark, president. "Our agreement with Nikola represents the industry's first large-scale commitment to fleet electrification. We expect to realize significant operating cost savings and environmental benefits from these trucks, and we are confident that our customers, communities and employees will benefit from our bold commitment."

The collaboration with Nikola represents a transformational step forward

in Republic Services' efforts to leverage technology and innovation to reduce emissions, increase operational efficiency and provide economical, environmentally sustainable solutions to its customers. Among the many anticipated benefits of fleet electrification are instant torque, no idling, regenerative braking, up to 90% lower emissions on a per-mile basis and quieter operation in neighborhoods, as well as significantly lower maintenance costs.

Last year, Republic Services set a long-term sustainability goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 35% and was the first U.S. recycling and solid waste services provider to have its emissions reduction target approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). The company intends to continue investing in innovation to enhance the performance, economics and environmental impact of its fleet and drive value for its stakeholders.

Republic Services provides comprehensive collection, processing and disposal services for commercial customers in Alhambra. If your business has questions, call Julian Reyes at 747-245-9152 for assistance.



As part of their theology class service project, Ramona students prepare dinner for the women and children at Alexandria House who are experiencing homelessness.

Ramona Convent students serve their community

Ramona Convent students in grades nine through 12 completed their first semester service project. Freshmen and sophomores were required to complete three service options, while juniors and seniors had to complete six options from a service project list distributed and discussed in their theology classes.

Many students chose to research and send current and relevant petitions to the Ramona Community to sign virtually. Most students used petitions from change.org, but it was also approved to include Sierra Club, Food and Water Watch, Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, Avaaz, Courage California, U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, and Human Rights Watch.

Several students chose to donate blood at Huntington Hospital and through the Red Cross.

In addition to making hygiene kits for Union Station Homeless Shelter, students also had the option to make sack lunches and drop them off.

Before Thanksgiving, Sheccid V., Mari-

lou V., Mayela R., and Isabel V. prepared dinner for women and children who are experiencing homelessness. They made three different kinds of pasta, salad, and bread for 30 people. They delivered the meals personally to Alexandria House. Sheccid shared, "It was a wonderful experience. Everyone there was so nice, and it was a super simple but an amazing thing to do. I would definitely do it again!"

Ramona is a welcoming Catholic college-prep high school for girls in grades nine through 12. Ramona graduates face the future with an extraordinary education, a global vision fueled by Catholic values, an independent spirit, confident leadership skills, the support of their Ramona sisters, and the strength of a legacy of more than 130 years of excellence.

Admission applications are now being accepted. Visit www.ramonaconvent.org by Jan. 20 to apply.

Ramona Convent Secondary School is located at 1701 W. Ramona Road, Alhambra 91803. For more information, call 626-282-4151, or visit www.ramonaconvent.org.

Wheels Up art exhibition coming this year

The Academy of Special Dreams and The Alhambra present Wheels Up, an inclusive art exhibition coming this year featuring original works by a diverse group of local and international artists who represent a wide spectrum of race, ethnicity, gender, age, and abilities.

"This exhibition underscores the principle that the struggle for social justice that has taken root in our country must incorporate everyone in society, including people living with disabilities," said Michael Dergar, CEO of the Academy of Special Dreams.

Featured artists are Diego Romo and Rafael Moreno, upcoming talents who are displaying their artwork for the first time in the USA.

"We give many thanks to our sponsors,

friends, and family for believing in our mission of empowering artists regardless of any disabilities," said Mr. Dergar.

The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation believes their mission includes educating society that disability is a natural part of the human experience, and people with disabilities should not be excluded from participating in society due to discrimination or bias based on perceived disabilities. They strive for the day that having a physical, intellectual, and other disability will in no way diminish the right of any individual to live independently and free of discrimination or bias, to enjoy self-determination, to pursue a meaningful career, to contribute to society, and to be part of a loving family.



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Opened in 1930, Marguerita School's long-needed modernization construction project, which begins in January, will require 23 out of 34 classes of students, teachers, and staff to relocate to Fremont and Northrup Schools as extended stay guests. Funded by AUSD school bonds, the construction timeline is not known but could take 15 to 18 months or more to complete.

Marguerita School begins modernization project

The modernization project at Marguerita School to begin in January is requiring the temporary relocation of 23 out of 34 classes of teachers, students, and staff to Fremont and Northrup schools where they will be extended guests for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year and a portion of the 2021-22 school year.

Spearheading the complex choreography for the moves is Marguerita Principal Teresa Johnson, who wrote parents in mid-November to detail the process by grade and program:

Non-Dual Immersion kindergarten to third grade will move to Fremont School (10 classes).

Dual Immersion kindergarten to fourth grade will move to Northrup School (13 classes).

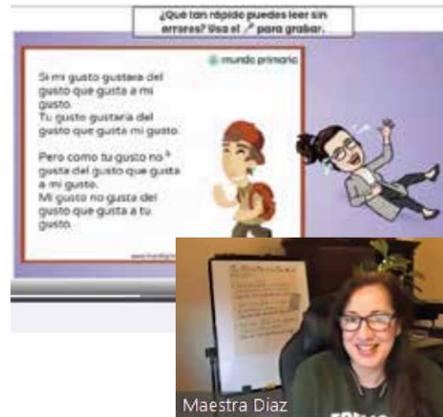
Non-Dual Immersion fourth to eighth grade will REMAIN at Marguerita School (11 classes).

"Marguerita Huskies will remain Huskies while they are guests at Fremont or Northrup Schools," Ms. Johnson explained. "Our Marguerita students

and teachers will be a school-within-a-school while they are temporary guests and will continue our Marguerita events, assemblies, spirit days, drive-thrus and other traditions." Marguerita students at Fremont and Northrup will however pick up their meals at their guest schools.

Closely collaborating with Ms. Johnson are Fremont Principal Dr. Carly Chavez and Dr. Rosa Northcott, principal at Northrup, who have warmly welcomed their Marguerita guests to smooth the transition.

The exact construction timeline is unknown, and current plans are to bring all classes back to Marguerita when the construction is completed. Any possible future consideration of moving the Dual Immersion program to larger quarters will be a thoughtful, unhurried process that will always include parents. All who are interested in an early preliminary discussion are invited to Zoom-attend the Jan. 12 Board of Education. This topic is on the agenda. Visit ausd.us/School Board / Agenda and Minutes to get the link, or follow AUSD social media.



During Fremont's Spanish Dual Immersion virtual parent presentation and tour, teacher Patricia Diaz explains how she uses "trabalenguas" (tongue twisters) to help students with their Spanish language development.



Second-grader Yuna Wang is in Jody Dowell's DI class at Marguerita School. Here, she shows off her daily journal writing where she uses the Chinese character for "together" in multiple sentences.

AUSD Dual Immersion programs give students twice the power

Did you know that speaking two languages improves brain efficiency and performance? When students think and talk in two languages they are creating new connections in the brain and find it easier to focus and switch between tasks. Bilingual people tend to be more creative and better at planning and complex problem-solving.

Parents can give their children the gift of bilingualism through AUSD's Dual Immersion (DI) programs, where the learning of academic content is taught in both English and either Spanish or Mandarin. Many DI students continue building their bilingual skills through high school Advanced Placement courses and obtain a California Seal of Biliteracy at graduation. When bilingual students enter the job market they are in high demand and have higher earning power because the demand for bilingual employees is soaring.

Marguerita Principal Teresa Johnson has been with the Mandarin DI program since its second year and has watched it grow. "It's been a privilege to witness students' engagement and excitement while learning Mandarin and English from their expert teachers. They are growing into out-of-

the-box critical thinkers with creative problem-solving skills."

Principal Dr. Carly Chavez, new to Fremont this year, is a strong advocate for DI. "I wish I had been in a Spanish DI program when I was growing up. I would have benefited from receiving the formal instruction these students are getting at such a young age. I'm so impressed with what they are doing, and I am excited to see the Spanish DI program expanding each year."

AUSD Fremont parent Ashley Fowler, whose oldest child was in the first kindergarten class of Spanish DI and is now in fourth grade, said it best: "We love our experience in the Dual Immersion program. Bilingualism is truly a gift to celebrate!"

The final virtual meeting/tour for interested parents will be held on Jan. 12. Interested parents can RSVP and obtain the Zoom link by contacting Fremont School at 626-943-3360 regarding the Spanish program, or Marguerita School at 626-943-3620 regarding the Mandarin program. Online registration for next year's DI program is open now at www.ausd.us and will continue through Jan. 31.

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Raised by parents who met through the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee during Civil Rights marches, Dr. Wilson has the DNA for activism, volunteerism, and leadership. After earning her BA, MSW, and Ph.D. at USC, she has been an adjunct professor at the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work for over 30 years. Dr. Wilson launched USC's online MSW program. As dean of Pathway Innovation and Institutional Effectiveness at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, she is Dean of Equity Initiatives, including the Reentry Pathway, Employment and Career Success, and Strong Workforce Programs. An active booster parent, Dr. Wilson held multiple PTA leadership roles after her family moved to the district in 2000. Her sons graduated from Alhambra High School. Dr. Wilson's focus is shared evaluation of data to ensure equity.

Mr. Tang's journey to Board of Education member began as a 6-year-old with his parents and younger siblings aboard a boat fleeing Vietnam as the war ended. After 22 months of near-death experiences, his family was able to immigrate to the U. S. and even-

tually move to Alhambra. His father became blind, and his mother supported the family by working 16-hour days, earning a nickel-a-piece at a downtown L.A. sweatshop. A Mark Keppel High School alumnus, Mr. Tang graduated from USC with a major in child development and became an elementary school teacher at Garvey School District where he currently teaches and does volunteer work. His area of interest is in student mental health. He is in the process of learning Mandarin and Spanish to better communicate with students.

For college math professor Ms. Moreno, the daughter of parents who immigrated to escape violence and war in El Salvador, it was her mother who inspired her to seize education as the achievement prize. A product of LAUSD public schools, Ms. Moreno is the first in her family to graduate from high school and college. As the El Camino College mathematics department chair for online learning, she pioneered their remote program before the pandemic. She is president of the Fremont Elementary PTA and a member of Los Amigos de Fremont booster club where her 6-year-

old son is enrolled in the Spanish Dual Immersion program. With a focus on educational equity, Ms. Moreno advocates for bilingual learning. Her husband, Joshua Moreno, Alhambra High School chair of world languages, was AUSD's 2019 Teacher of the Year.

"We warmly welcome Marcia, Ken, and Kaysa," Mr. Gin told the three at the swearing in ceremony. "We embrace the opportunity to work together to build on the foundation for an equitable education and to tackle the challenges our students, families, and employees are navigating at this moment in history as well as the opportunity to create new possibilities for 21st century learning."

Mrs. Russell-Chavez added: "I believe in change, and the new ideas that change brings I look forward to getting to work with our new board members."

Every December, the five member AUSD Board elects a new slate of officers for the coming year. For 2021, Mr. Tang was elected to serve as board president, Dr. Wilson is vice president, and Ms. Moreno will be clerk of the board.

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‘Every Student Succeeding’ Award goes to Granada 6th grader



Granada sixth-grade student Jahaziel Herrera, with his mother, Noemi Herrera, celebrate his “Every Student Succeeding” nomination by AUSD for the award given annually by the Association of California School Administrators.

His journey of transformation won Granada School sixth-grader Jahaziel Herrera AUSD’s nomination for the “Every Student Succeeding” Award given by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

As a younger student, Jahaziel struggled to express himself, advocate for his needs and find his

place in the classroom and the school community.

A turning point came in fifth grade, when Jahaziel began to understand more about himself as a learner and a leader with the help of his very involved parents and his own Granada support team. In addition to his mother, Noemi Herrera, his team included fifth-grade teacher Anabel Enriquez, intervention adviser Tam Lai, bilingual school coordinator Alma Nelson, and Assistant Principal Lindsay Gilbert.

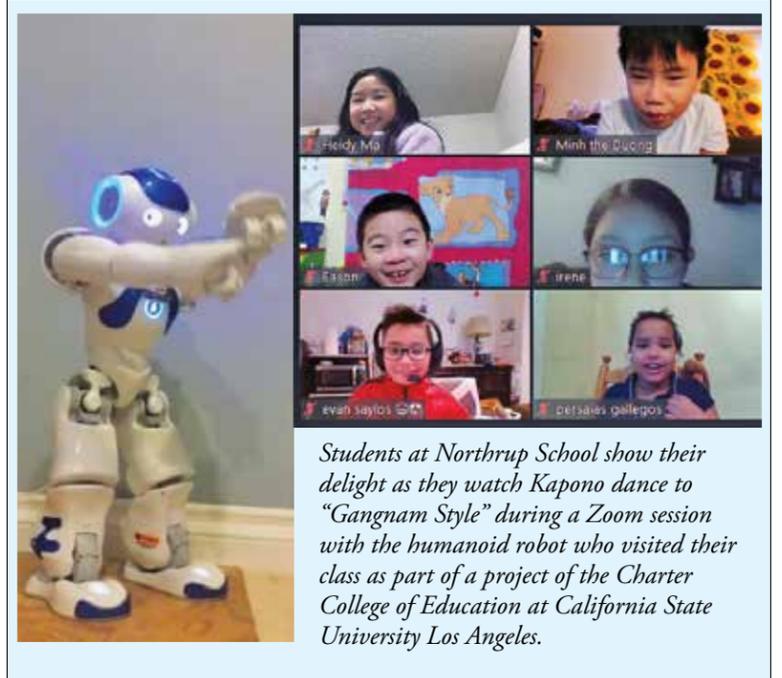
When Alhambra Police Detective Marussabel Orozco presented the six-week G.R.E.A.T. (gang resistance, education, and training) program to his fifth-grade class, Jahaziel was inspired to create a video to share calming strategies he learned that help him to acknowledge and work through his emotions, especially when he feels angry. These strategies included waiting until he feels more in control, removing himself from the situation, engaging in positive self-talk, and identifying and reaching out to an adult he trusts. Jahaziel also learned to set goals for the future. At the end of fifth grade, his goals included making new friends, graduating from high school and college, and becoming an important person in the world like his role models Leonardo da Vinci and George Washington.

Now as a sixth-grader, Jahaziel is not only able to set goals for himself and communicate his feelings, he participates and volunteers in class during Distance Learning. He loves making new friends and works to solve problems, according to Ms. Gilbert.

“What a well-deserved award!” Ms. Lai cheered. “Granada School is super proud and honored to

have Jahaziel as a student. As a member of the class, Jahaziel is always willing to share, contribute, and work with perseverance. He cares very much about his peers and the school community. When things get tough, Jahaziel is not afraid to work through his problems, approaching them with determination and a growth mindset. We are particularly proud that Jahaziel continues to work hard daily to reach his high school and college goals.”

When Jahaziel is asked what he would say to another student who needed guidance, he said, “Believe in yourself and don’t worry. Think about what you want.” Asked what he wants, Jahaziel said he loves math and science and especially robotics. Then he added, “I really want to thank everyone who helped me increase my self-esteem.”



Students at Northrup School show their delight as they watch Kapono dance to “Gangnam Style” during a Zoom session with the humanoid robot who visited their class as part of a project of the Charter College of Education at California State University Los Angeles.

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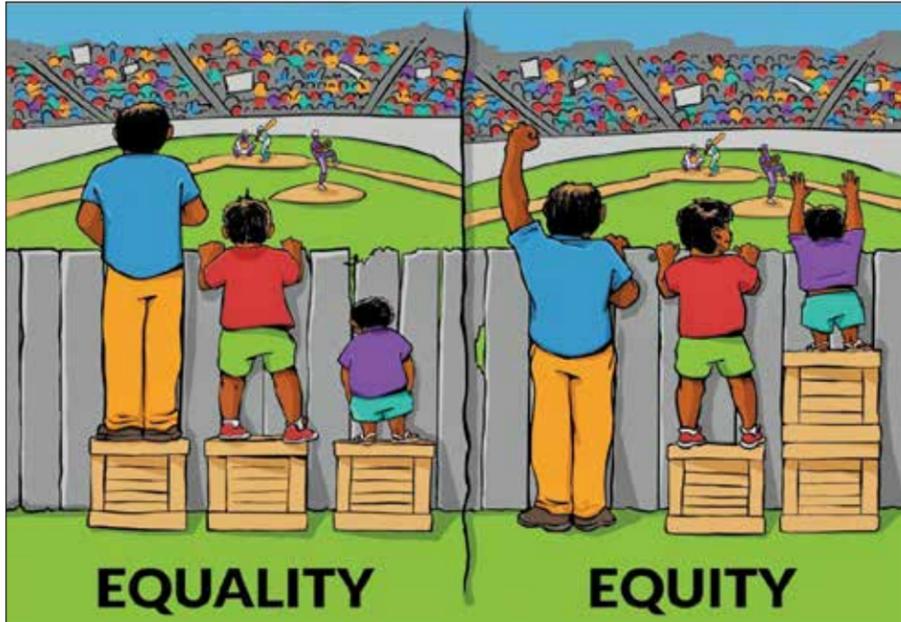
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As part the Alhambra High School Equity Initiative, students and parents are learning the difference between equality and equity. Equality is giving everyone the exact same resources, whereas equity involves distributing resources based on the needs of the recipients. On the left side, three identical boxes are given to three people of different heights — it's an equal distribution of resources, but it fails to consider that the tallest person doesn't need a box to see over the fence, while the shortest person could clearly use an extra one. On the right, the boxes are redistributed equitably so that all three spectators can watch the game. Image courtesy of Nicole Anderson and Associates Consulting LLC.



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Alhambra High School leads the way with Equity Initiative

Alhambra High School is launching a three-year initiative to build and sustain an equitable school environment, the first such comprehensive program in the Alhambra Unified School District.

“Our vision for the Alhambra High School Equity Initiative builds on the foundational work begun two years ago by a group of teachers in the Cadre Equity Leadership Team, spearheaded by Joshua Moreno and Emily Ichise, who created panels to empower staff and student voice,” said AHS Principal Dr. Marisa Palacios. “We want to add to their seminal effort by expanding the conversation to include parents, administrators, ASB Leadership, all students, and families.”

Closing education gaps begins with empowering all voices in our school community, Dr. Palacios pointed out. “We intend to create a safe space for our students, parents and families, and teachers and administrators to be heard and to heal alongside school leadership.”

To ensure that all AHS students have what they need to flourish personally and academically in order to create bold, successful futures, Dr. Palacios partnered with Nicole Anderson and Associates Consulting, LLC. Ms. Anderson said, “Our mission is to support education leaders with research-based resources and tools to build equitable schools that will shift mindsets and practices to transform lives — and in the process — our society.”

Building an equitable school environment to close educational gaps is an incremental, ongoing process, according to Dr. Palacios and Ms. Anderson, one that starts with unearthing our own unrecognized biases, discovering how they influence our behavior and decisions, and understanding the difference between equality and equity.

The AHS Associate Student Body (ASB) has been meeting with Dr. Patricia Brent-Sanco, a member of the Nicole Anderson consulting team, in a series of conversations about implicit bias, how it is learned and perpetuated, how such

thinking has personally affected students, and how bias, both overt and implicit, impacts those in their orbit and plays out in the community. “We cannot change our attitudes or our actions if we are unaware of how we think,” Dr. Palacios said. “These student leaders are opening a dialogue with all our students to begin to understand the hidden and not-so-hidden layers of belief that contribute to bias and racism.”

To begin the equity conversation with AHS parents, Dr. Palacios, together with a panel of teachers, parents, and counselors, hosted a first-ever Parent Equity Forum on Dec.3 with Ms. Anderson as moderator. AHS panel members included Mr. Moreno, chair of world languages; Mayela Del Rio, school counselor; Julie Lai, parent and member of the school site council; Liz Flores, PTA parent; and Emily Ichise, who teaches Japanese.

Seventy participants Zoom-joined the inaugural AHS Parent Forum, which opened with welcoming introductions by Dr. Palacios, Ms. Anderson, and each panel member thanking parents for making time to add their important insights and contributions to the AHS equity effort and featured a short video illustrating the difference between equality and equity. Small breakout groups met with panel members to discuss each participant’s personal definition of equity, cultural identity, and the subtle ways that racism can be expressed and has affected them. All participants re-gathered to share those conversations. The parent response was positive and enthusiastic, with many asking for more such forums.

The next AHS Parent Forum is at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 4. AHS parents with questions can e-mail the principal at palacios_marisa@ausd.us, or schedule an appointment at drmarisapalacios.youcanbook.me.

Visit ahsmoors.org for flyers in three languages.

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Our December 2020 issue included an incorrect roster of 2021 AUSD Board of Education officers. We regret the error.

Turning the page

By Rev. Craig Statton, CEO, Atherton
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In my lifetime, I have never looked forward to starting a new year more than in 2021. And it is not necessarily because of what is ahead, but because of what we are leaving behind. 2020 will be a year to remember for all the wrong reasons. We lost an L.A. legend with the tragic helicopter accident that took Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and seven others. Then the pandemic changed our lives in so many ways, and it looks like it will not be done, even though we will turn the page on the calendar. And then there were all the protests and social unrest of the early summer, the fires throughout the western part of the United States in the late summer and fall followed by the smoke that created such poor air quality. Finally, there was the election of 2020, which has been the most contentious of my lifetime. Good riddance to 2020, and let's move on to 2021.

But before I turn the page, I might want to reflect a little bit on some other news of the year. As difficult as 2020 was, our first grandson was born this year. He was a healthy baby boy, and he was born into a wonderful family with two loving sisters and a mother and father (and grandparents) who treasure him. This is a rainbow during a difficult year. And then there is the staff who I work with at Atherton. I have been absolutely amazed at their ability to adjust our organization to fulfill our mission of caring for our seniors. They have rewritten policies, reimaged

procedures, adjusted their personal schedules, and taken the same precautions at home they are taking at work. It has been inspirational to watch our team rise to meet the challenge of the pandemic. The World War II general George S. Patton once said, "Pressure makes diamonds," and I have certainly seen that in the staff at Atherton.

And then there are the residents of Atherton. This is the age group that has been most vulnerable to the pandemic, and yet to watch them adapt and thrive has been quite wonderful. Many of them are now Zooming with their families on a regular basis or engaging family members with FaceTime calls. They have figured out how to order groceries online or use Door Dash or Grub Hub to deliver a meal. They are watching church services on YouTube or Facebook. They have personally adapted to masks and social distancing like the rest of us and made the best of a bad situation. But there is a much larger narrative in this pandemic related to seniors. Dr. Francis Collins is the head of the National Institute of Health and is responsible for the development, testing and safety of the vaccines meant to combat this virus. He is 70 years old. The leading authority on the President's COVID Taskforce, Dr. Anthony Fauci, is 79 years old. The first person to take the approved Pfizer vaccine in Great Britain was Margaret Keenan, who is a 90-year-old. Like this generation has done previously, they are stepping forward to take the vaccine and assure the safety of so many others.

And one other thing, the Dodgers and the Lakers won the World Championship during the pandemic. We were not in the stadium or the arena to celebrate this achievement; a few of us ventured onto the streets, but many of us gathered with family and friends, some electronically, to bask in these wonderful moments. Hopefully in 2021 there will be parades to dance, smile, and shout with others about these victories.

I am ready to turn the page on 2020, but when I think back, not all the memories are bad; in fact, some are quite inspirational. And maybe the best message as we begin 2021 is that there are always rays of hope amid the darkest difficulties we face. We pray we will always have "eyes to see and ears to hear" Happy New Year!





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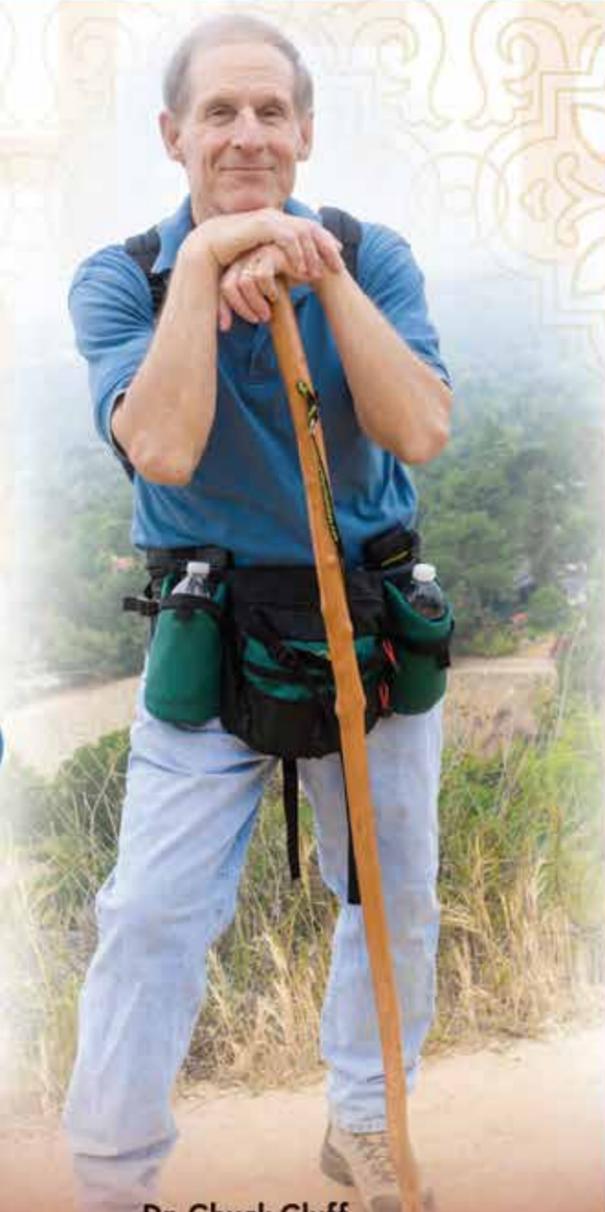


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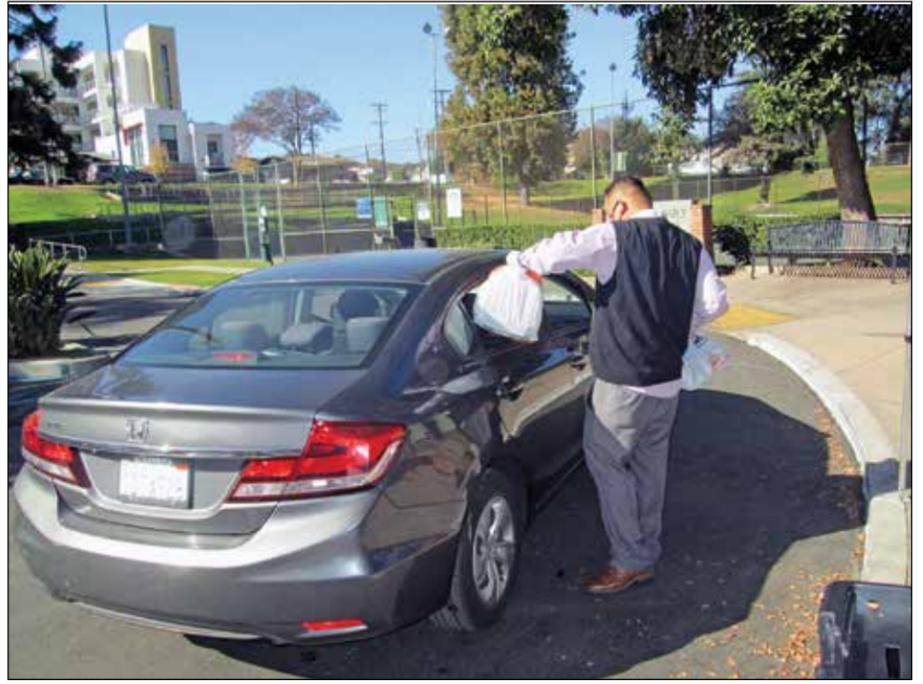


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To receive meals in the Nutrition Program, please call 626-214-9467 to enroll. The Joslyn Center has its own YouTube channel. Subscribe to view exercise clips, crafts, and more.

Case Management services are also available. Through this program, Alhambra residents over 60 can speak to a social worker or request a registry list for help around the home. Weekly wellness phone calls are made to check up on the well-being of those signed up for this service. For information about any of these services, call the Joslyn Center at 626-570-3220.

The seminars that have been offered at Joslyn are now available through Zoom. Here are the seminars offered in January. Again, call Joslyn for details.

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- **Turn Home Equity into Cash with a Reverse Mortgage**
 Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. Presented by Rate One Financial.

- **Trusts, Medi-Cal, and Elder Care**
 Thursday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. Presented by Elder Law Attorney, Carlos Arcos.

- **Name That Tune! — Scam Edition**
 Thursday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. Presented by WISE & Healthy Aging.

The scheduled activities for Joslyn Adult Center are posted in the winter – spring 2021 issue of the *Alhambra Leisure Guide* including clubs, lunch celebrations, trips, etc. However, due to the pandemic restrictions, these events will not take place until they are able to reopen. Call the Joslyn Center to confirm that the events you want to attend are available.

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BY SHEILA YONEMOTO, P.T.

Many years ago while working at a large hospital, I was in a situation where I wasn't sure if I really wanted to be working as a physical therapist. I had been out of school for a short time and was going through an identity crisis, not really certain about my career choice. Some of my stress came from a very demanding boss, but most of it came from my own insecurities about making correct life decisions concerning work and family.

There was also turmoil in the department, miscommunication, and people not getting along as well as they could. Management knew something had to be done to create a more productive team and a happier environment. They brought in a trained facilitator, and some amazing changes took place with some very simple exercises.

We were asked to tell the group why we chose our career path. I was amazed to find out my boss had a significant family history that exposed her to a lot of physical therapy at a young age. Just that one bit of knowledge made me see her in a different light, and I understood her passion for the field instead of seeing her as a "demanding boss." She appeared more human to me, multifaceted, and more real, not just "my boss." My respect and admiration for her increased tremendously.

We also were asked to write down what we admired about each of our co-workers, and then the comments were given to each person. It was surprising to find out how your co-workers saw you and how similar many of the perceptions were. It made



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everyone feel better about themselves and about the others in the group.

While interviewing some of my staff, I was surprised to find out their different interests and backgrounds and how multi-dimensional they were. I found myself more interested in them and admiring them for their accomplishments and goals. It is quite amazing how a little communication can enhance feelings toward someone and improve understanding. Of course, I try to do this with all my patients, and it amazes me how much you can learn while enhancing self-esteem and improving your own mood when you show interest in others.

Getting to know people at work is a real key to making our lives work better. After all, sometimes a job is just a vehicle for interacting with others, and communication is a basic life force.

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The secrets your tongue can tell you



alone could create some serious dental concerns. Home to over 10,000 taste buds, the tongue is often the part of the mouth that's exposed to the most bacteria and acid. Each tiny taste bud and all those other bumps and grooves we can see and feel on the tongue's surface make a great place for food debris, bacteria, and even fungi to hide. Bacteria feed on the leftover food that is easily trapped on your tongue's rough surface and multiply quickly.



Reasons to scrape your tongue every day

- Improves the breath and oral health:**
 Removing the bacteria, food debris, fungi, and dead cells from the tongue significantly reduces the odor from the mouth.
- Improves your ability to taste:**
 Removing build-up from the surface of your tongue will better expose your taste buds. This will lead to better enjoyment of the flavors of your food.
- Improves your internal organs health:**
 The tongue has acupuncture points connecting to the entire body. By scraping your tongue, you are actually stimulating and massaging those corresponding internal organs, just like in acupressure or acupuncture.

How to care for it

Every time you brush your teeth, take a few extra seconds to clean your tongue too.

Q: I brush and floss at night, but in the morning wake up with bad breath. What else can I do?

A: Saliva production decreases during sleep, which gives odor-producing bacteria an opportunity to multiply and grow. It is considered normal to have some odor in the morning. However, if you brush your teeth in the morning and the odor returns in an hour, then you definitely need to see your dentist to check for cavities and gum disease.

In my practice we follow the following protocol: we go by eliminating possible causes for bad odor and when necessary get in touch with the patient's physician to eliminate digestion or internal problems.

First, we make sure that gums and teeth are healthy. Gum disease is the number one reason for bad breath. Dry mouth and reduced water intake are other big reasons for that.

Second, we often find that cleaning the tongue as part of the regular oral hygiene routines is overlooked, and less than 30% of people clean their tongue on a regular base.

A little tongue background

The tongue is a pretty cool part of the mouth that not only helps us with things like chewing, swallowing, and talking, but if not taken care of properly, the tongue



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You can use your toothbrush, a small metal spoon, or a tongue scraper, which is the best. I found out from my patients that a tongue scraper, either plastic or metal, makes it easier for those with a sensitive gag reflex. When you first start scraping your tongue, be extra gentle. Your tongue will get used to it quickly, and you can go farther back with time, but don't force it.

Technique: Simply stick out your tongue and place the scraper as far back on the tongue as is comfortable. Gently scrape from the back toward the front using one long stroke until you have scraped the whole surface. You will be amazed at how much stuff comes off your tongue. Rinse the scraper with hot water and do it again. Scrape firmly, but gently. Do this until the tongue feels clean and is free of coating.

If you are not able to scrape your tongue, gargling with warm salt water for 30 – 50 seconds is recommended. In addition, you can add hydrogen peroxide to the water, which makes bubbles and lifts and eliminates a large amount of the plaque concentrated on the tongue.

Interesting facts about the tongue

- Each human tongue is unique — just like your fingerprints.
- The average life cycle of a taste bud is 10 – 14 days.
- In general, women have more taste buds than men.
- Smoking destroys taste buds.



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Cotton candy was invented by a dentist ...

It is not known whether Dr. William J. Morrison (1860-1926) had an ulterior motive for inventing the soft confection, but the dentist no doubt helped ensure others in his profession continued drawing in plenty of customers.

In 1897, he partnered with confectioner John C. Wharton to develop the "Electric Candy Machine" that spun sugar into candy, which at the time was known as Fairy Floss, and it's been bringing kids cavities ever since.

In 1921, another dentist, Josef Lascaux, attempted to improve the design and trademarked the name Cotton Candy.

Dr. Lascaux sold the cotton candy to his patients.

When cotton candy is spun, the sugar can create up to a 4-mile-long string of sugar! One sticky, sweet cloud of cotton candy has less sugar than a can of soda, no fat, no cholesterol, no sodium and only has about 105 calories for a standard one-ounce serving.

The basic cotton candy invented in 1897 is still the same today and is sold worldwide. It is still one of the most popular treats at carnivals, fairs, and festivals.

Smile Talk



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Chewing gum was first patented by a dentist ...

On Dec. 28, 1869, William F. Simple (1834-1922) filed the first chewing gum patent. It was not the sweet candy that it is today. Dr. Simple hoped it would clean the teeth. His ingredients included chalk and powdered licorice root. Charcoal was also considered a suitable ingredient.

Although chewing gum can be traced back to civilizations around the world, modernization and commercialization took place in the USA.

Humans are the only animals that chew gum. If you give a piece of gum to a monkey, he will chew it for a minute and then stick it in his hair.

In the USA alone, the amount of gum sold in one year would make a stick 3.5 million miles long. Over 100,000 tons of gum are chewed each year, with consumers spending a half-billion dollars!

If you are one of the many who enjoy delicious cotton candy and chewing gum, be sure to visit your dentist regularly.

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Yang's Kitchen and Marketplace offers locally sourced fresh organic food

BY JEWELYN CO

Yang's Kitchen, 112 W. Main St., added a marketplace in late March 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis. This contemporary new generation Asian American eatery opened in October 2019 and has been receiving many acclaimed positive reviews for their signature locally sourced sustainable and organic dishes such as the beef noodle soup, roasted squash and kale salad, and the pork strozzapreti.

Owners Chef Chris Yang and Maggie Ho made a decision to temporarily close Yang's Kitchen for a week and soon re-opened in April 2020 with a modified menu and converted their dining area into a marketplace. Mr. Yang shared, "We couldn't serve our regular dishes because we had to furlough our staff. We took a week off and tried to figure out business. Since groceries were in need the most during that time, and we still have access to food and goods sources, we decided to have a marketplace for our customers and community so they could have access to fresh produce, prepared goods, and more. We did not serve any cooked dishes because we did not have the staffing and ability to prepare the food. Fortunately, we were able to rehire our staff and started to offer prepared food again."

Redeveloping and adapting to the changes has been a challenge for Yang's Kitchen. "It's tough to keep up with what we need to do and with all the updates from the government guidelines," Maggie explained. "We just need to adapt to things." Groceries were something that people needed and it was a simple thing for Chris and Maggie to manage since they did not need to prepare any food. Yang's Kitchen continues to support local farmers and small businesses by offering their merchandise in their marketplace.

Customers can order online or at their location from a great selection of organic and fresh items of dry goods, meats, poultries, seafood, eggs, beverages, prepared goods, toilet paper, and local crafted items such as homemade candles and handmade pottery. Yang's Kitchen has adjusted their food menu items for more convenience and



Maggie Ho and Chef Chris Yang.



Marketplace goods.



Cold sesame noodles.



Yang's Kitchen and Marketplace is located at 112 W. Main St.

less labor intensive to prepare dishes, yet they still have the high quality taste of freshness and healthy organic ingredients. Popular dishes such as the chicken rice bowl are served with slow cooked cage-free chicken over organic white rice and pickled daikon, sautéed cabbage, and the red wine beef cheek stew is style beef stew prepared with locally sourced beef and vegetables cooked in Vin de

California Pinot Noir red wine and served with organic white rice. Yang's Kitchen offers discounts for front line and health care workers to give back for their services.

Yang's Kitchen prioritizes safety and health for all and practices health and safety procedures and protocols. Contact them at 626-281-1035 for pick-up orders, or visit their website at www.yangskitchenla.com

for more information on hours, menu items, and online ordering. New hours of operation are Friday – Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Be up to date on their dish specials and new items on the menu by following them on instagram @yangskitchenla.

Los Angeles Times '101 Restaurants, Dishes, People and Ideas that define how we eat 2020' includes Alhambra favorites

This year so much has changed in the restaurant business with the pandemic that has closed indoor and often outdoor seating as well. Restaurants have had to adapt to the shifting priorities as everyone struggles to do what is best. It is a tribute to these three restaurants that they have been able to adopt new business models that help them stay relevant and continue to provide the public with safe dining options.

Here are the three Alhambra eateries *The Times* ranks among their restaurants that, in their words, "define how we eat."

Lunasia Dim Sum House. Located at 500 W. Main St., Lunasia always had long lines of hungry customers before the COVID outbreak forced them to change how they operate, which paid tribute to the quality of their food. Today, Lunasia operates on a take-out, curb-side pickup or delivery only basis, and some customers have reported there is still a line to get take-out. Find their menu at <http://lunasiadimsum.com/alhambra-lunch>. There is an APP to order online at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/lunasia-chinese-cuisine-alhambra-3>. Or call them at 626-308-3222.

Sichuan Impression, located at 1900 W. Valley Blvd., also made the list. As of this writing, only take-out and delivery are available. The owners, originally from Sichuan, China, have made it their goal to present the most authentic Sichuan dining experience. Sichuan cuisine is not for the timid. *The Times* describes the experience as both "pain and pleasure." This area of China is famous for its spicy hot dishes, and those who are accustomed to it are richly rewarded. *The Times* recommends the spiced rabbit. Their food can be delivered through Doordash, Postmates, or Grubhub. The restaurant's phone number is 626-283-4622.

Yang's Kitchen is located at 112 W. Main St. Perhaps more than any restaurant in town, they have been the most creative in adapting their business to the new reality of the pandemic. They began by turning themselves into a high-end grocery destination with farm fresh produce and ranch sourced meats for take-out or delivery. Now they have brought back some of their popular menu items such as the chicken rice bowl and the cold sesame noodles.

Over the holidays they offered complete meals for Thanksgiving (braised lamb shanks) and Christmas (prime rib). Look for future specials and their everyday menu at <https://www.toasttab.com/yangs-kitchen>

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The new MINI Countryman is as equipped for the challenges of everyday life as it is for spontaneous excursions beyond the city limits and adventures on unpaved terrain. Its versatile character is now enhanced with a stylish touch. An exterior finish in Deep Laguna metallic and exclusive design features for the exterior and interior make the new MINI Countryman Boardwalk stand out both on the metropolitan promenades and during trips to the beach. The model is produced as a limited edition, is immediately available, and can be ordered in three model variants.

The Deep Laguna metallic body color effectively showcases the powerfully modelled surfaces of the MINI Countryman. The high-quality shimmering blue tone was previously developed exclusively for the MINI Convertible Sidewalk edition model, also a limited edition, and sparked enthusiasm in the MINI community. Now the wish of many MINI fans to make this color available for the new MINI Countryman is fulfilled. It is combined with a black contrast finish on the roof and exterior mirror caps.

With this color combination, the new MINI Countryman Boardwalk is eye-catching from every angle. The name of the edition refers to the promenades of traditional seaside resorts in the British home of the MINI brand. The often mile-long walkways, which connect spas and serve as access to the typical English piers, were originally the preferred stage for large social performances. The characteristic pattern of the wooden beams laid longitudinally and diagonally on the promenades now serve as

the inspiration for the emblem of the new edition. A stripe pattern in Deep Laguna metallic and black metallic with the lettering "BOARDWALK" adorns the frame of the side trims known as Side Scuttles. Patterns and inscriptions can also be found on the entry bars. In addition, the side flanks of the roof at the rear side windows and the interior bar on the passenger side each bear a logo with the name of the edition model.

The new MINI Countryman Boardwalk is available in three model variants. In the MINI Cooper Countryman Boardwalk (fuel consumption combined: 5.9 – 5.6 l/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 135 – 129 g/km) a three-cylinder petrol engine with MINI TwinPower Turbo technology produces a maximum output of 100 kW/136 hp. A four-cylinder petrol engine with 131 kW/178 hp drives the MINI Cooper S Countryman Boardwalk (fuel consumption combined: 6.5 – 6.3 l/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 148 – 144 g/km) and MINI Cooper S Countryman ALL4 Boardwalk (fuel consumption combined: 6.5 – 6.2 l/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 149 – 142 g/km).

As an alternative to the standard six-speed manual transmission, a seven-speed Steptronic transmission with dual clutch is available for both the MINI Cooper Countryman Boardwalk and the MINI Cooper S Countryman Boardwalk. The all-wheel-drive edition model is equipped with an eight-speed Steptronic transmission as standard. With numerous other options, the exclusive appearance of the edition vehicles can be personalized for added driving pleasure and comfort.

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Alhambra: It's still A Wonderful Life

During the 1940s and '50s, Alhambra High School supplied an impressive level of athletic talent to the local universities. There was a pipeline to the UCLA football program from 1954 and 1960. Alhambra High sent Roger White, Bob Duncan, Dick Wallen (All American), Bill Leeka, Harry Baldwin, and Dave Dabov to play at the collegiate level for the Bruins.

Duane Allen also played at Alhambra High in the 1950s and played professionally for the Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Rams. As an adult, Allen also entertained with his pop band at various Alhambra school functions.

In the 1950s, Alhambra High gained recognition for outstanding CIF basketball teams coached by Claude Miller. One of Mr. Miller's key players was an All CIF player named Bob Boyd. Mr. Boyd later came back to coach varsity basketball at Alhambra High in the late fifties and gained his greatest attention by coaching some of USC's most successful basketball teams in the late 1960s and '70s. Perhaps Mr. Boyd's most memorable accomplishment was dealing UCLA its only two losses at Pauley Pavilion during the arena's first decade. Both victories were against John Wooden coached teams which ultimately won national championships.

Steve Kemp, my high school tennis coach, starred in basketball for Alhambra High School and graduated in 1956. Mr. Kemp followed in Coach Boyd's footsteps by then lettering in basketball three years at USC and returning to coach varsity basketball, tennis, and golf at his high school alma mater.

There are almost too many teachers in Alhambra High School's past to mention

in this short article. But teachers like John Patrick, Elmore Shipman, and Elizabeth Luttrell made the school their career home.

Joe Saltzman graduated from Alhambra High in the 1950s. Mr. Saltzman would produce landmark news documentaries such as *Why Me?*, the first nationally televised program on breast cancer, and became an award winning journalist. He also taught journalism at USC and would plant the seed of writing in my own mind through his journalism 110 class. When Alhambra High School journalism teacher Ted Tajima passed away, Mr. Saltzman wrote a tribute to Mr. Tajima and said his experience as a student with Mr. T (Tajima's respectful nickname among students) "changed my life forever."

And today, Alhambra continues to touch lives through its service clubs, food distributions, and education. The Rotary Club of Alhambra is part of Rotary International, which is on the verge of eradicating polio worldwide along with organizing various local projects such as holiday gift distributions and support of Children's Hospital. The Ratkovich Company in Alhambra generously teams with Rotary on various projects. Churches such as The First Baptist Church of Alhambra and All Souls Church serve hundreds of families on a weekly basis with their food distributions. And Alhambra public and private schools such as Ramona Convent consistently rank in California's top 20% of schools.

Frank Capra concluded his letter to Alhambra High School by quoting Clarence, George Bailey's guardian angel, "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives and when he isn't around he



Commercial Real Estate

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The coming challenges with rent collection

Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, many observers had dire predictions about what would happen with apartment rents.

"If you go back to when this started in March, people were thinking by the summer the situation would implode and rent collections wouldn't be where they were," said Evan Blau, a partner at Cassin & Cassin LLP, a NY-based law firm and the leader of the firm's agency lending and affordable housing practice. "So the can has been kicked down on a positive note continually. Everyone thought this was going to be this catastrophic event."

While Mr. Blau, who represents lenders in the financing of multifamily properties through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs, thinks that rent payments have been better than anyone could have expected, he realizes tenants have gotten some help.

"A lot of things are propping that up," he said. "Obviously, we had the CARES Act [The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act], which subsidized a lot of unemployed folks to some extent. The government has responded through various initiatives, like paycheck protection program [PPP] loans for small businesses. But those things are now starting to go away. From that perspective, I think rent collection will dip."

When rent collections fall, Mr. Blau wonders what the federal response will be. "They've done things to help people avoid evicting tenants," he said. "But if

rent collection dips, how are they going to help property owners? So that's the big one unknown."

Despite the inability to hammer out a new stimulus deal, Mr. Blau remains confident help is on the way if rent collections crash.

With evictions banned, property owners' hands are tied. Mr. Blau thinks policymakers will realize apartment owners need help.

"If there's a need or a property level or tenant-based issue, the government has responded to that," Mr. Blau said. Right. "When it flips to landlords, what is going to be the government response?"

Mr. Blau is concerned that the economic calamity predicted at the beginning of the COVID crisis back in March becomes a reality this winter without federal help.

"If things start to dip and rent collections go down and there's no response, then they're going to continue to go down until the economic effect people initially predicted becomes a reality," Mr. Blau said.

With a little more help from Washington, Mr. Blau has confidence the economic situation will improve for landlords and renters.

"I think that as long as we have slow gains, you're going to start to see economic growth," Mr. Blau said. "You're going to start to see stability in the stock market and different asset classes. People are going to start traveling and going into hotels again. I think that will help spur economic activity in all sectors."

leaves an awful hole." Mr. Capra goes on to say, "There are times in our lives, perhaps, that we may feel we are no more important than a digit in a census report. If and when that time comes, harken to Clarence's words."

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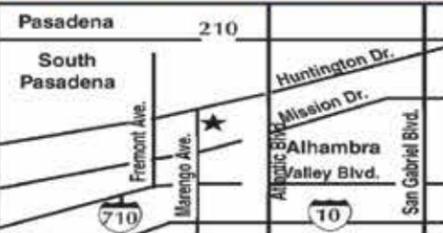
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