



Veteran's Day observance returns to Alhambra Park

After a year's absence the annual tribute to our nation's veterans returns to the Northwest corner of Alhambra Park. The observance is presented by the City of Alhambra and American Legion Post #139. Join our local veterans and their families and friends this year in the park on November 11th at 11:00 in the morning. Refreshments will be provided.

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Organics recycling changes ahead

California Senate Bill 1383, which was signed into law in 2016, will be bringing changes to how residents and businesses dispose of organic waste beginning January 1, 2022. SB 1383 establishes a goal of reducing the volume of organic waste disposed in California landfills by 75% by 2025. Organic waste includes lawn and landscaping debris, wood and lumber, food, food-soiled paper, and other paper and cardboard products. Currently, two-thirds of this material is landfilled. As organics break down in landfills they create methane, a powerful greenhouse gas which the state of California has identified as a



factor in climate change.

The City of Alhambra and Republic Services are implementing programs that will help us meet the goals of SB 1383. Here is what you can do:

- Recycle all clean, dry paper and cardboard products in your blue cart.
- Keep lawn and landscaping debris, food scraps and food-soiled paper separate from trash and recyclables and place this material into your green cart.
- If you operate a business or manage a multi-family property, ensure that you have both recycling services and organics

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SGHS's Virginia Vasquez named 2022 California Teacher of the Year: she is now a Triple Crown Winner

In an unforgettable October 14, 2021, evening phone call from State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, San Gabriel High School's Virginia Vasquez learned that out of the 319,000 California teachers, she is one of five named 2022 California Teacher of the Year.

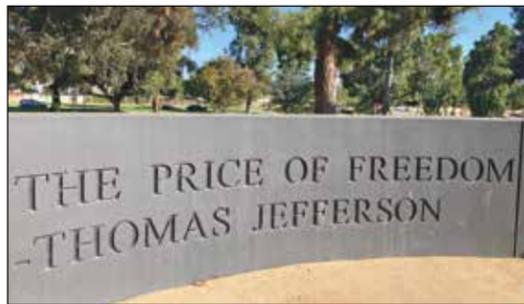
Also awarded AUSD Teacher of the Year and Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year, Vasquez is the only LA County teacher to be named 2022 CA Teacher of the Year.

Vasquez, an All Levels English and PODER teacher, is beginning her 11th year of empowering

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Mayor's Corner *By Mayor Katherine Lee*

The price of freedom *is* eternal vigilance



I often pass by this monument (see photo) on the way home, and I finally decided to spend some time researching this quote.

Both Thomas Jefferson and John Philpot Curran said it in their speeches, and so did Wendell Phillips, an abolitionist. Many others used this quote to make certain points; it can be interpreted in various ways. In my opinion, freedom is never guaranteed; it has to be defended through the constant efforts of all those who want it. The U.S. military men and women had protected this country and defended freedom for citizens of other nations in the past, and I thank them for the personal sacrifices they had made.

Directly in front of this monument is the City of Alhambra Veterans Memorial which was "dedicated to all veterans, in all services, and from all times". The City of Alhambra has been honoring the veterans with the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the memorial in Alhambra Park. This year, the ceremony will held in-person again on November 11, starting at 10 A.M., serving continental breakfast.

Following are some facts based on the latest U.S. Census about the U.S. veterans:

- The number of veterans in the nation decreased from 26.4 million to 18.0 million between 2000 and 2018.
- There are 2,109 veterans in the city of Alhambra (2015-2019).

- The post-9/11 veterans are more diverse than their predecessors. More than 46% have some college education and 32% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. About 17% are women.



Earlier this year, I was invited to speak to a group of future soldiers. Several of them graduated from Alhambra High School recently. In this photo was a young woman about 19-years-old who probably weighed 100 pounds practicing pulling a wounded soldier off the field. Weeks later, this group of future soldiers attended a training camp.

Some Resources for the Veterans:

U.S. Vets Women Vets on Point
<https://womenvetsonpoint.org/>

American Legion Post 139
 24 N Stoneman Ave
 Alhambra, CA 91801
 (626) 458-2723

East Los Angeles College Veterans Resource Center
 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez
 Monterey Park, CA 91754
veteranservices@elac.edu
 (323) 415-5052
www.elac.edu/veterans

East L.A. Vet Center
 5430 E. Olympic Blvd.
 Commerce, CA 90022
 (323) 728-9966

East Los Angeles VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
 5426 E. Olympic Boulevard
 City of Commerce, CA 90040
 (323) 725-7372

TELACU Veterans Upward Bound
<https://telacu.com/telacu-education-foundation/college-readiness-programs/veterans-upward-bound/>
 (323) 721-1655

Veterans Crisis Line, 24/7 Crisis Support
 1-800-273-8255, Press 1 OR Text 838255



By Mayor Katherine Lee

Happy Thanksgiving

I want to thank our residents, businesses, and city staff for working together to make Alhambra a community where people care and are willing to help those who are in need. During this holiday, there might be some workers who lost pay due to the vaccine requirement by their employers. There are Alhambra churches and local organizations that give out free food to our residents and workers who are in need. Anyone who wants more information on how to receive free food, please contact me at: klee@cityofalhambra.org



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Meeting and greeting at the Coffee With a Cop event - Sgt. Donato, Councilmember Ross Maza, CPS Cuchilla, City Manager Jessica Binnquist, Chief Parra, and Assistant Chief Kennedy.

Coffee With a Cop returns

Coffee with a Cop has been going on for years but like everything else was disrupted by COVID last year. Now it's back and more popular than ever. In October, the event was held at the Starbucks store near the southeast corner of Atlantic and Valley. A dozen police officers were in attendance including Chief of Police Eric Parra. Mayor Katherine Lee and City Manager Jessica Binnquist were there as well, taking questions and making themselves available to the public.

The informal setting on the Starbucks patio was a great way to engage with the public. At one point Chief Parra ventured inside and met with the manager and employees. They put a Starbucks apron on him and put him to work behind the counter. He was taking orders, making change, and handing out coffee and food to customers both at the counter and the takeout window. The Chief said afterward

that he thought he had done pretty well but admitted to perhaps handing out at least one free coffee.

Also present were officers who were selling T-shirts and Pink Patches. The sale of these items brings attention to the fight against breast cancer and supports breast cancer research organizations. The project is a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association and public safety agencies in Los Angeles County.

The Alhambra Police Department goes to great lengths to be accessible and open to the public. Besides Coffee with a Cop, every year the department hosts the Night Out Against Crime open house at the station. The Police Foundation's Golf Tournament fund raiser is another chance for officers to mix and mingle with the public. Check the pages of *Around Alhambra* for future Coffee with a Cop events.

Residential utility assistance grant program deadline extended

The City of Alhambra's Residential Utility Assistance Grant Program provides financial assistance to low to moderate-income residents with an emphasis on those negatively impacted by COVID-19. This program offers a one-time grant of up to \$500 to pay delinquent water bills on a first-come-first-served basis.

Grant awards will only cover water charges for accounts that are 90 days or more past due. Payments will be applied to the applicant's outstanding balance.

Applicants are not expected to pay back this assistance.

Awards will be based on the availability of funding. Residents will need to submit an application and documentation proving eligibility. Applications are now available and must be received or postmarked by 5 pm on May 31, 2022 to the Customer Service Center at 68 South First Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/WaterBillGrant>.

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For meeting links and more information, visit our website: CityofAlhambra.org

Every ten years, districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each city councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. Learn more about Alhambra's Redistricting Process at these public workshops or visit our website cityofalhambra.org.

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More info:
<https://bit.ly/WaterBillGrant>

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Alhambra Fire Department crew helps fight Dixie fire

The Dixie Fire in Northern California started on July 13 and to date has burned 963,309 acres. Even though it is now 94% contained there are still hot spots flaring up. At the height of the fire's intensity, there were 3,000 firefighters working to halt its spread, including crews from the Alhambra Fire Department.

Three different Alhambra crews took turns on the line of the Dixie Fire. Each crew spent 14 days on the line, off and on, plus two more days in transit. Captain Josh Novella was with the third crew and explained their mission. He and his crew arrived by car and relieved the second crew on Aug. 26. That crew then drove the car back home while the new crew took over the fire engine, which was already on scene.

Captain Novella's crew became a part of a strike team that included four other crews and engines from Beverly Hills, Culver City, Pasadena, and Monterey Park. A Battalion Chief from Glendale led the team. They were assigned to structure protection and were given 60 homes to protect from the raging Dixie fire.

The five crews conducted brush



Firefighting personnel who participated in fighting the Dixie fire include Captain Joshua Novella, Engineer Heather Blais, Firefighter Joseph Shiraiishi, and Firefighter Glen Rodriguez.

removal and laid out hoses at strategic points for immediate use if fire threatened. Because of the drought and demand on the system, no water was available on site. So reservoirs called pumpkins were set up at accessible locations. Pumpkins are like above ground pools containing 3,000 gallons of water brought in by tanker truck or pumped from nearby streams. Fire engines filled their internal tanks from this source to use against encroaching blazes.

Typically after a long shift, firefighters find refuge at command centers, where they can get something to eat

and find a place to sleep. However COVID protocols called for the dispersal of the hundreds of firefighters to find off-site resting areas. Lake Tahoe was off limits due to the fires that threatened that community. Alhambra firefighters found motel rooms in Reno, where they could shower, clean their gear, eat, and rest.

As the Dixie fire was brought under control, the third crew finished their two-week assignment on Sept. 10 and came home. Alhambra can be proud of its fire department for being in constant readiness for emergencies both local and statewide.

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(yard and food waste) collection services in place. If you don't have the proper carts or dumpsters, contact Republic Services at 800.299.4898 or alhambra@republicservices.com.

- Donate excess food to food

pantries and other food rescue agencies to feed the hungry rather than tossing it into the trash. SB 1383 also establishes a goal of increasing edible food recovery by 20% by 2025.

If you have additional questions, please call 747.245.9152 or visit <https://www.cityofalhambra.org/295/Organics-Waste-Recycling-Program> for more information.



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Alhambra Police Dept Assistant Chief Edward Elizalde promoted and will oversee Field Services Division

Congratulations to Assistant Chief Edward Elizalde, who was promoted on, Thursday, October 14, 2021, and will oversee our Field Services Division.

Assistant Chief Elizalde began his career with Alhambra as a Police Dispatcher in May 1995. Assistant Chief Elizalde was sworn in as a Police Officer in September 1999. During his tenure with the Department, he promoted to Corporal in September 2006, Sergeant in November 2012, and Lieutenant in November 2017.

He has extensive experience in patrol, investigations, and personnel, and training. Assistant Chief Elizalde has over 25 years of experience in law enforcement. He has worked, supervised, and managed several teams and sections within the department during his time.

Assistant Chief Elizalde worked both the burglary and gang suppression team.

He was a use a force instructor and a tactical flight officer with the Foothill Air Support Team. In addition, he was a presenter and trainer for the Below 100, a law enforcement officer safety program that focuses on reducing the number of law enforcement-related deaths to below 100 per year, a number that has not been reached since 1943.

Before his promotion to, Assistant Chief Elizalde served as the Manager for Personnel and Training. He was responsible for overseeing and managing all aspects of new department hires, developing and coordinating training programs for department personnel.

Assistant Chief Elizalde has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California State University Los Angeles. He is also a proud graduate of the Drucker School of Management in Executive Leadership Institute.

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City of Alhambra

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please visit CityofAlhambra.org website for more information.

Join City of Alhambra staff, Alhambra churches and service organizations to assist with a massive one-day clean up effort to improve the appearance of our neighborhoods.

*The program goal is to help residents with trimming, clipping, mowing of landscape and removing unwanted items FREE of charge. Lending a helping hand brings residents together.

Volunteer for this fun event which is open to all ages!

What you need to know before you volunteer:

- You can register as a team, an individual or sign up your church, business or service organization.
- Remember to bring your reusable water bottle, however water will be provided. Make sure to wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate work clothes.
- If possible, please bring your own gloves and protective eyewear.
- **Due to COVID-19 health restrictions, FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED!**

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the speaking program begins at 8:00 a.m. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided.

*Register now. Program goal subject to change based on volunteer availability.









Command Post (meeting point for volunteers, resident check-in and the City's information booth): Emery Park located at 2709 Mimosa St, Alhambra, CA 91803 from 7:30 am. to 12:00 pm.

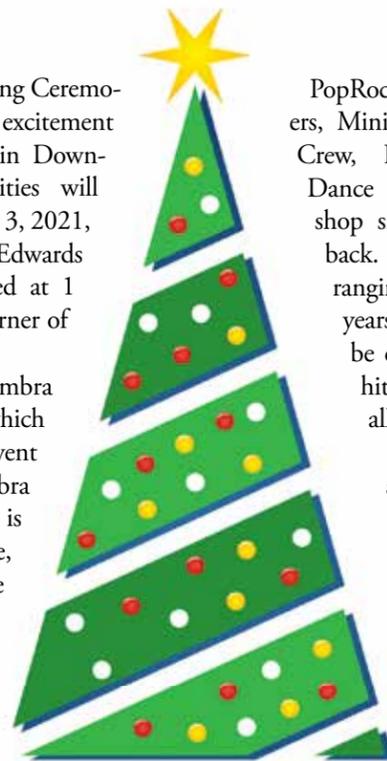
For more information please contact Code Enforcement at: (626) 570-3230 or via email Code@cityofalhambra.org

The Downtown Alhambra 2021 Tree Lighting Ceremony is back!

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony hopes to reignite the excitement for the winter holidays in Downtown Alhambra. Festivities will take on Friday, December 3, 2021, from 6pm – 9pm, at Edwards Renaissance Plaza, located at 1 East Main St., (on the corner of Garfield and Main).

The Downtown Alhambra Business Association, which produces this annual event along with the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, is thrilled to have it back live, and in person for people to physically attend. Last year, like many events, the celebration was virtual to adhere to local, COVID safety mandates at the time.

The program will have Santa riding into town via fire truck, and then lighting the Christmas tree at 6pm. After the ceremony, families can take complimentary photos with Santa during the night. Attendees also get to enjoy adjacent eateries, shopping from local pop-up vendors, and holiday-day themed entertainment from **PopRock Academy**.



PopRock Academy's PopRockers, Mini-PopRockers, Hip Hop Crew, K-Pop Troupe, Break Dance Crew, and Glee workshop singers are happy to be back. The young performers, ranging from the ages of seven years old to early teens, will be dancing and performing hit songs and holiday tunes all evening.

In the tradition of spreading holiday cheer, donation boxes will also be available on site to help support the **Alhambra Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive**.

People are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped

toy or gift certificate to cheer up kids, and help those in need.

Equally important, this year's Tree Lighting event also hopes to spotlight the area's local businesses that are still trying to recoup economic losses from last year. All are invited to have an electric night of eating, drinking, and shopping to support the Alhambra business community!



Enjoying a beautiful day at the golf course and supporting Alhambra Police Department Foundation.

Police Foundation golf tournament helps Alhambra stay safe

The Alhambra Police Foundation held its 27th annual golf tournament at Almansor Golf Course in September. The tournament was bigger and better than ever with 144 people playing. Funds were used for equipment for the officers of the Alhambra Police Department and to help the department's Crime Prevention and Community Outreach programs.

The tournament was followed by a luncheon in Almansor Court's Lakeside Room. Awards were given for the Closest to the Pin contest, and there was an auction and raffle for prizes that included contributions from local businesses. The raffle and auction were presided over by the event organizer Commander Gabriel Ponce.

Some of the items the foundation funds include iPads for enhanced police communications and investigations, protective vests for police canines, crime scene forensics equipment, automated external defibrillators, tactical vests, a bereavement fund, various police training seminars, and the departments Children and Mentors Program.

"It was a delight to support and play in the Annual Alhambra Police Foundation Golf Tournament," said Alhambra businessman Kevin Knight. "It was a great atmosphere of leaders giving back to the community and having fun doing it. Looking forward to next year's event!"

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Sephora celebrated their city Ribbon Cutting on October 7 at their newly opened store in Alhambra Place.

From left: Republic Services Francella Aguilar, Sephora Leader Megan Nguyen; Beauty Advisor Ticky Ting; Sephora Leader Selina Diego; Chamber CEO John Buarie; Mayor Katherine Lee; Chief of Police Eric Parra; Sephora Store Director Diana Muñiz; Councilmember Ross Maza; Assemblymember Ed Chau Senior Field Rep., Henry Lo; County Supervisor Barger Assistant Field Rep., Savannah Moore; Senator Rubio District Rep., Sandra Armenta-Lopez.

Sephora opens in Downtown Alhambra with beauty, wellness for all

BY JEWELYN CO

Sephora celebrated its unveiling in Alhambra with a grand opening in Alhambra Place in Downtown Alhambra on Sept. 3. The beauty and personal care products retailer was founded in 1970 in Limoges, France, and as of 1997 has been owned by the associates of LVMH (Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton).

Sephora has over 2,700 stores worldwide with over 500 expanded stores nationwide and online. They are now tapping into smaller communities to create a different type of environment for Sephora and to welcome beauty and wellness shopping experiences for everyone. Embracing Sephora's slogan of "We Belong to Something Beautiful," Diana Muniz, Sephora store manager said, "Here at Sephora, we have something for everyone. Our staff is here to assist our customers and help them with what will cater to their needs from dry, oily, normal skin, and even acne problems. Our beauty advisers are well rounded experts in skin care, hair care, fragrances, and makeup. They are unbiased in brands and will assist based on customer needs."

Sephora has a great assortment of prestige products from in-house brands to luxury brands of cosmetics, skin care, bath and body, fragrances, hair care, and nail and beauty tools. Their collection of luxury brands include Chanel, Dior, Hourglass, Lancome, Tom Ford, Versace, and many more. Sephora launched Black-owned brand campaigns with product lines by Pat McGrath Labs and LYS Beauty.

"I have been with Sephora for 6 years, and working for this company is wonderful," said Selina Diego, sales and services lead of Sephora. "We have many product brands, but our in-house Sephora collection products are great quality for an affordable price."

Sephora's licensed cosmetologists and licensed aestheticians are available to assist customers with any beauty advice

and recommendations. Beauty services for facial and full makeovers are offered by appointments only. Makeup for bridal parties can be accommodated with some limitations based on available staff and appointments. Sephora practices COVID-19 CDC safety policies and protocols, such as face mask requirements, social distancing, and sanitation procedures.

With the holidays coming, start with amazing ideas of gift giving with selections of valued gift sets and under-\$20 beauty products Sephora offers. "Our gift sets are great for the holidays and any occasion," said Logan McNair, assistant store manager. "We have many types of gift sets, and the variety in the gift sets are great to gift as a single item. It can fit in any budget with prices under \$25, \$50, and \$100."

Sephora's twice-a-year holiday savings events is exciting with discounted sales and offers in-store and online. The Sephora Beauty Insider rewards program offers exclusive access to benefits such as special birthday gifts, discounts, upcoming events, and product rewards. Registration and sign-up are available in Sephora stores and online. Customers can make their purchases online or via the Sephora app with the option for curbside pickup.

"We are very happy and grateful for the community's warm welcome, said Ms. Muniz. "We are pleased to serve the community and are looking forward to a long-term residency in Alhambra."

Sephora is located at 2 S. Garfield Ave., Suite 120. Contact the store at 626-283-6220, or e-mail sephora.alhambraplace@sephora.com for customer service and assistance. For store and curbside hours and all other information, visit their website at www.sephora.com, or download the app on the app store. Follow their social media at [@sephoraalhambra](https://www.instagram.com/sephoraalhambra) for updates, upcoming news and events, products, and beauty ideas.

InfinioLab to bring aerospace startups to Alhambra

With the launch of InfinioLab, Alhambra is poised to be the destination for Taiwanese aerospace companies looking to enter the US Market by collaborating with US companies. InfinioLab, founded by Carl Wong, works with Taiwanese startups in aerospace, tech and other industries to help them grow and build capacity in the US, providing jobs and investment in the San Gabriel Valley and across Southern California. This incubator provides technical support related to business development, marketing, financing, government relations, and local talent acquisition. This program is working in Taiwan, right now, under the moniker of Infinio Space Venture Studio and will be launching in 2022 in Alhambra.

InfinioLab began by working with SpaceX to locate competent component suppliers in Taiwan for their StarLink internet constellation project. This experience led to InfinioLab matching more US aerospace companies to Taiwanese aerospace startups. InfinioLab plans to bring these companies to Alhambra, closer to their customers and partners, in order to grow and expand.

"Alhambra is the perfect location in Southern California to attract international

entrepreneurs in the space industry, due to the City's location, diversity, and proximity to institutions like Caltech and JPL," said Carl Wong. "Since the majority of the companies that will be a part of this incubator are from Taiwan and other Asian countries, Alhambra is a great place to be. We're near Downtown LA and with the demographics of Alhambra -- it's the perfect place to enter the US market." Wong also referenced the food, cultural diversity and accessibility in Alhambra as a draw for these companies and future employees.

InfinioLab is planned for a brand new building on East Main Street that is currently working its way through the City's planning process. The first cohort of companies should arrive in Alhambra in 2023, based on the pace of approval of the company's building by the City.

This project will be a catalyst for both the expansion of these companies in Alhambra and the investment of more tech and manufacturing companies to enhance the already vibrant small business and restaurant economy that defines Alhambra. If the City wants to be more economically resilient, it must diversify its economic engines; and InfinioLab is a step in the right direction.

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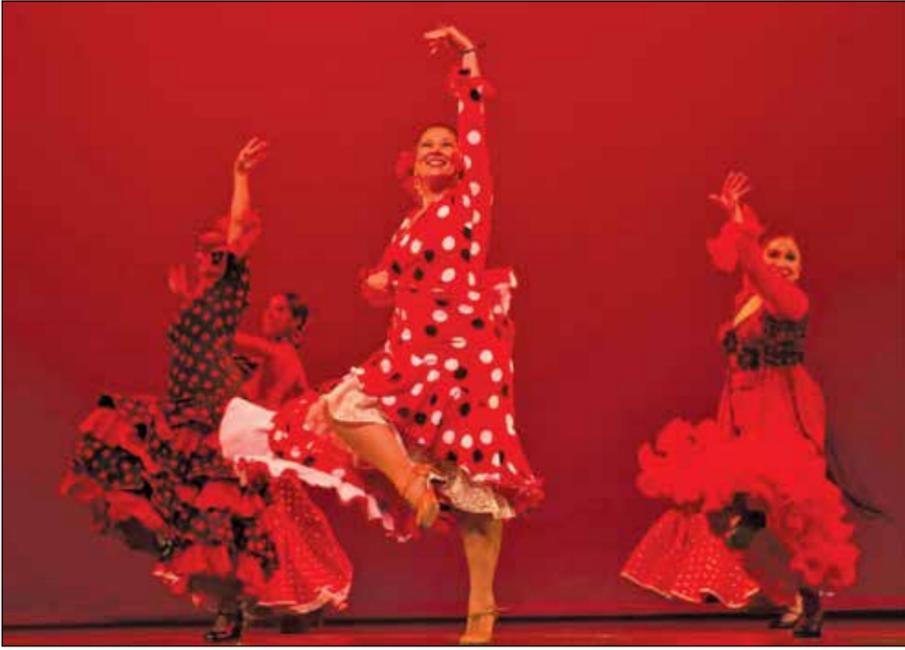
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The Arte Flamenco Dance Theatre is a professional touring dance company that teaches and performs historical Spanish classical dance, regional folk dances, and the fiery flamenco. They feature the beautiful authentic costumes that are representative of the many regions of Spain. All of their performing dancers have studied dance in Spain.

There are classes for all ages in all dance forms, including Spanish, tap, ballet, hip hop, and modern. The studio teaches students who are at every level of experience

from basic to professional. There are also after-school programs and workshops taught by international performing artists.

Clarita Corona, artistic director of Arte Flamenco, has extensive experience as a dancer, singer, teacher, and choreographer. She has a wide background in all facets of Spanish dance, which she studied in Spain where she was the only American flamenco artist to have been invited to perform for the former President of Spain, Felipe Gonzalez. Under Clarita's direction, the Arte Flamenco Dance Theatre has toured throughout the United States and Mexico and even opened for Jay Leno.

Learn more by going to their web site at <https://clarita-arte-flamenco.com> Contact them at 626-458-1234, or by e-mail at Clarita_Flamenco@Yahoo.com.

Top 5 Medicare questions and answers

BY KATHERINE YU SIMMS

1. How Do I Know What Medicare Coverage Is Right For Me?

The answer to this may be easy to say but maybe not as easy to do. You need to understand your personal health care needs and choose Medicare coverage to help meet them. For example, if you take prescription drugs right now, when you get Medicare, you need to make sure you get Part D prescription drug coverage through either a stand-alone Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage plan.

2. How Much Does Medicare Cost?

You will likely pay the Part B premium to Medicare (in 2021 the premium is \$148.50 per month). Beyond that, you may pay other deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance. The total amount you pay will depend on the type of Medicare plan(s) you choose and the health care services you use during the year.

3. What does Medicare not cover?

One of the most important things for seniors to know is what Medicare doesn't cover. Original Medicare doesn't cover long-term care, dental care, eye exams or glasses, dentures, acupuncture, hearing aids, and routine foot care.

4. Where Can I Get Help Paying for Medicare?

Financial assistance programs for people with limited income and assets include Extra Help for prescription drugs, Medicare Savings Programs and Medical, to name a few. Qualifications for each program and the level of help offered vary.



Katherine Yu Simms has supported seniors in making difficult and important decisions for many years. She can be reached at 323-854-2868, or e-mail kyusimms@rey-top.com.

5. How much do Medicare Advantage Plans cost and what does it include?

In addition to your Part B premium, you usually pay one monthly premium for the services included in a Medicare Advantage Plan. Each Medicare Advantage Plan has different premiums and costs for services, so it's important to compare plans in your area and understand plan costs and benefits before you join. Medicare Advantage Plan picks up where Original Medicare leaves off which covers dental, vision, hearing, acupuncture, chiropractor, podiatry, transportation.

Medicare Annual Enrollment Period October 15 – December 7, 2021



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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That also applies to portable ATMs for business events like county fairs, farmers markets, trade shows, concerts, conventions, and other specialty events. ATMs increase the amount of cash customers can spend without having to leave the action to get cash elsewhere.

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Tax Tips Pandemic Relief

The following is the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, signed into law December 2020.

Charitable Contributions

- The CARES Act permits taxpayers who claim the standard deduction a charitable deduction up to \$300 (Married Filing Joint \$600).
- The increased charitable contribution deduction limit of 100% has been extended through 2021.

Tax Provisions Made Extended

- Mortgage Premium Deduction (PMI).
- Nonbusiness Energy Property Credit.
- Residential Energy Efficient Credit.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

PPP Loans that are forgiven are excluded from taxable income. Expenses that are otherwise tax deductible and paid for with PPP loan proceeds are allowed a deduction on your tax return.

Payroll Tax Credit

- The Paid Sick and Family Leave Credit was extended for wages paid through March 31, 2021.
- The Employee Retention Credit was extended for wages paid through June 30, 2021. Changes to the Employee Retention Credit, effective for calendar quarters beginning after December 31, 2020, include the following

- ❖ The credit was increased from 50% to 70%.
- ❖ The \$10,000 limited applies on a per calendar quarter per employee basis, rather than a limit for all calendar quarters.
- ❖ A significant decline in gross receipts means less than 80% of gross



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receipts for the same calendar quarter in 2019.

❖ You may elect to use the immediately preceding calendar quarter preceding calendar quarter year 2019 for purpose of determining a significant decline in gross income.

❖ The 100-employee threshold is increased to 500-employees.

To determine which filing status is best for you, consult your tax professional or go to IRS.gov. This information is from Tax Material, Inc.



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What are all the different types of insurance?

From your standard policies to the types of insurance you forgot about, here's what you should know about coverage.

When most people hear the word "insurance," they first think of the standard trio of home, life and auto coverage (and for good reason — those policies are important). But many people would benefit from additional protection provided by policies they may not even know exist.

Here's a refresher on the basics as well as a few commonly overlooked policies to consider.

Homeowners insurance

It's up to you to choose the policy and limits that meet your needs, but it's best to insure your home for at least 100% of its estimated replacement cost — the cost of repairing or replacing your home to restore it to its original condition. Estimated replacement cost is different from market value or purchase price. If you select a homeowners policy amount lower than the estimated replacement cost, certain coverages may be unavailable to you. Periodically review your policy and limits with your agent and notify your agent of any changes or additions to your home.

Car insurance

Auto insurance is required in almost every state to operate a vehicle — but the cost can vary widely. This is partially determined by your vehicle type, your age as well as your car's and the coverage level you select, but it can also be affected by other factors. People who live in densely populated areas — noted for higher occurrences of crashes and theft — will likely pay more for auto insurance than those who live in rural areas, where crashes and theft are less prevalent.

Personal articles policy

While home policies typically cover many items inside the house, a personal articles policy provides even broader protection. This can include coverage for items ranging from jewelry and fine art, to cameras, musical instruments and sports equipment. In most cases, a personal articles policy has no deductible and will cover the full replacement cost of your items anywhere in the world. So if you're on vacation and someone runs over your expensive skis or snowboard with their SUV, this is the policy you need.

Disability insurance

Most people protect their family from the prospect of lost income in the event of their own death through a variety of life insurance. But disability is another important consideration. If you're unable to work due to sickness or injury, disability insurance can provide protection to help you pay your mortgage, rent, car loans and other regular living expenses. Short-term disability insurance provides funds to help you meet monthly obligations in the case of a temporary illness or injury, while long-term disability policies help replace lost income in case you become permanently disabled.

Renters insurance

Just because you don't own a home doesn't mean you don't have a home that needs protecting. And yet, well under half of tenants have one of these insurance policies. Renters insurance (sometimes called "apartment insurance") covers personal property such as electronics, furniture and clothing from loss due to factors such as fire, water damage, theft or vandalism. Renters insurance even covers your stuff when it's not in your apartment. If your laptop is stolen from your vehicle or your bike is stolen while you're at work, for example, these losses are likely covered.

Identity theft insurance

No one plans to become an identity theft victim, and yet right around 1 in 10 Americans find themselves in exactly that position each year. Cyber Event, Identity Restoration and Fraud Loss Coverage makes the recovery process easier, faster and less expensive. If you need to file a claim, a case manager will work directly with your credit card companies, credit bureaus, creditors and other financial institutions for up to a full year after a covered incident to restore your identity. The coverage also covers up to \$25,000 in reimbursements for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred to restore your identity — including credit reports, notarization and attorney's fees.

Pet insurance

While your family may have health, dental or vision insurance, those policies don't extend to your four-legged family members. Pet insurance lessens your financial burden when it comes to medical care for your pet and often includes tests, surgeries and the treatment of breed-specific conditions. That can mean fewer tough decisions and more time spent with your furry best friend.

Umbrella insurance

No, this isn't insurance to cover your collection of antique parasols. Rather, a personal liability umbrella policy provides protection in case you experience a major insurance claim or lawsuit. While underlying insurance policies such as home and auto do provide some protection, an umbrella policy can cover claims and judgments above the standard limits of those other policies — typically at a very reasonable price. Personal liability insurance also may cover against certain claims (such as defamation of character, libel and slander) that are typically not covered by other policies.

Want to know more? Enhance your knowledge of insurance by talking to your State Farm agent. Establishing an open dialogue with your State Farm agent is the best way to answer any questions you may have.

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



PopRock Academy's student is the voice of Squid Game and more

PopRock Academy congratulates our acting student, Reagan To, for her marvelous work on the English voice of the robot doll, as well as the voice of the lead character, Ga-Yeong, in the Netflix's best performing series Squid Game. Her voice work is now heard globally and we are extremely proud of her success. Her previous work includes voice over on the hit show, Sisyphus, as well as on-camera in Jimmy Kimmel Live just to name a few.

PopRock also have several other students booking Hollywood gigs. Recently, Rebecca Siu booked a national commercial and Trevis Zhang was in the short film, Magic Kingdom, that became a finalist in the 44th Asian American International Film Festival. PopRock Academy continues to train and nurture students to achieve their Hollywood dream or simply become a better version of themselves.

PopRock Academy is proud of their director, Paul Kwo, reprising his role of Martin Yip in the fourth installment of

the hit franchise God's Not Dead: We the People released on October 3 in theaters everywhere, and at Pureflix.com on October 22. The first film made over 60 million dollars in box office and was seen in over 50 countries. Paul shares his expertise and relevant acting experience with his PopRock acting students so that they too can realize their dreams and become successful. PopRock Academy teaches the necessary skills for anyone interested in becoming a professional actor.

For non-actors, acting classes help student grow self-confidence and awareness of body gestures. PopRock's acting program including their newest adult class Improv for Non-Actors is designed to help students improve their communication skills in social and networking settings.

PopRock Academy has resumed in-person instruction at their new location at 9657 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City, CA 91780. Check out ww.poprockacademy.com for their latest acting, dance, and music programs.



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2022 Tournament of Roses Royal Court



2022 Royal Court, from left: Jeannine Briggs, John M. Marshall Fundamental High School; Abigail Griffith, Pasadena High School; Nadia Chung, La Cañada High School; Jaeda Walden, La Cañada High School; Swetha Somasundaram, Arcadia High School; Ava Feldman, South Pasadena High School; and McKenzie Street, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy. (Photo by Sarah Reingewirtz, Los Angeles Daily News/SCNG)

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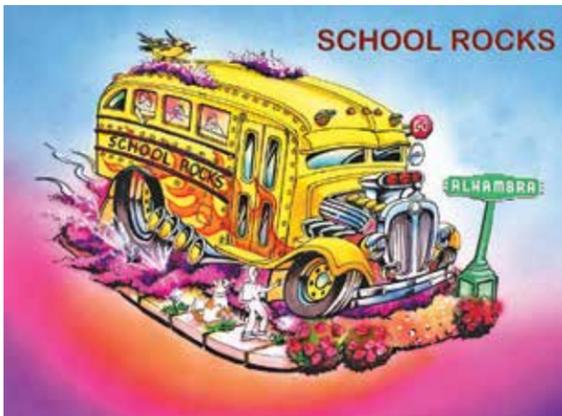
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Ramona Convent President receives Cesar Chavez Legacy Award

Ramona is proud to announce that President Sister Kathleen Callaway was one of the recipients of the 2021 Cesar Chavez Legacy Award. She, along with musician Jose Hernandez, lawyer Jose R. Padilla, and Senator Raul Grijalva, were recognized in a virtual awards ceremony on September 23rd.

The event brings together national and local leaders from every sector of business, government, labor, and education to remember the life and work of Cesar Chavez and honors distinguished individuals for their commitment to social justice and their positive contributions to their re-

spective fields. The awards are presented to individuals who exemplify excellence and commitment to community and advocacy.

As a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Sister Kathleen is committed to the core values of the Order. Two of these core values, *Dedication to Justice and Full Development of the Human Person*, take on particular significance in light of the Cesar Chavez Legacy Award. She is an advocate for the right to quality education, especially for young women. She supports and participates in the Ramona Social Justice program, projects, and service opportunities.

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Sister Kathleen was Principal of Ramona's Junior School from 1967 – 1973 and Dean of Students at Holy Names High School in Oakland from 1978 – 1987. She then served as Principal at St. Anthony's Elementary School in San Gabriel from the fall of 1987 – 2000. She returned to Ramona as their first President in 2000.

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Dine Alhambra

2021 gave participating restaurants a boost

The local community, visitors and foodies came out to eat during this year's Dine Alhambra Restaurant week, which took place from September 24 – October 1, 2021.

The over-arching message for this year's event, aside from great tasting and diverse food, was to support the restaurant community, who have survived a challenging couple of years due to the economic challenges brought out by the pandemic.

Restaurants had a chance to spotlight their cuisines through specially priced, 2-3 course, prix-fixed menus that ranged from \$15-\$150. Though the promotion is now over, people can continue to support by dining out, or taking out. Here is a recap of the delicious line-up of Dine Alhambra restaurants that participated this year:

Alondra's Alhambra

Cuisine: Comfort Classics
Serving and specializing in handcrafted Hot Wings, pizza, pasta, and craft beer. This casual spot is known for its wings (mild to "atomic"-level spicy), burgers and beers. Enjoy indoor dining against a backdrop of mob-themed décor, sports, and TVs.
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Telephone: (626) 576-7119
Instagram: @alondrahotwings

Bon Appetea Cafe

Cuisine: Multi-Cuisine
Noted for Coffee and specialty teas including their Red Velvet Latte, Hokkaido Milk Tea, Lavender Milk Tea, and more. Popular eats include Truffle Egg Sandwich, Curry Chicken Salad, Popcorn Chicken, Taiwanese Sausage, and Bursting Fish Balls! Plus, sweet treats and baked goods.
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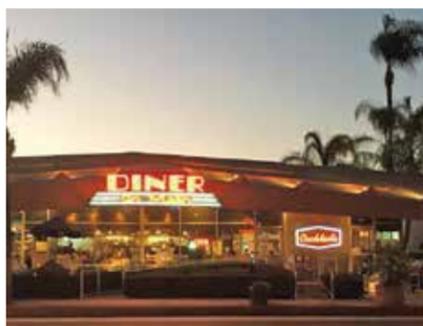
Charlie's Trio Cafe

Cuisine: Family-style Italian
Noted for North Beach Cioppino, Linguini and Clams, Pan-seared Tilapia, Mac'n Cheese, Pasta Bud, artisan pizzas and more!
Address: 47 W Main St Alhambra, CA 91801
Reservations: (626) 284-4943
Instagram: @charlietriocafe



Baja Cali Fish & Tacos

Cuisine: Mexican
This popular, casual dining establishment is known for its signature "Baja Cali" style fish tacos and delicious agua frescas; but their menu also includes other classic Mexican staples like burritos, tostadas, quesadillas, nachos, caldos, and sopes offered with seafood, meat and vegetarian options. Known for using the freshest ingredients, generous portions, and affordable prices, this is a favorite for locals.
Address 1: 31 E Main St Alhambra, CA 91801
Address 2: 2001 W Valley Blvd Alhambra, CA 91803
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Cuisine: American Continental
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Address: 201 W Main St Alhambra, CA 91801
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Big Catch Seafood

Cuisine: Asian Fusion/ Seafood
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Cuisine: Modern Japanese
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Cuisine: Artisan Pizza
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Noted for being a chic, modern wine bar offering tasting flights, artisan pizzas, small plates, and cheese & charcuterie boards. The restaurant features a large selection of boutique wineries from California and Italy.
Address: 47 W Main St Alhambra, CA 91801
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Mayor Katherine Lee joins church and school dignitaries for groundbreaking for the new All Souls language building.

Cal State LA awarded Amgen Foundation grant to boost careers in bioentrepreneurship

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Cal State LA has received a \$100,000 grant from the Amgen Foundation to establish the community education component of the Cal State LA BioSpace incubator, which is leading the university's efforts to promote a thriving bioscience ecosystem in the heart of Los Angeles.

Cal State LA BioSpace will partner with the California Community Colleges Statewide Offices of Life Sciences/Biotech and Business & Entrepreneurship, in order to educate and inspire women and ethnically diverse community college students to pursue leadership careers in biotechnology through bioentrepreneurship.

"The goal is to give students insight into the biotechnology industry as well as to provide them with the necessary tools to create innovative business plans and launch early-stage startups," said Howard Xu, director of incubator development and programming and professor of microbiology at Cal State LA.

Funded by the Amgen Foundation, the main philanthropic arm of the global biotech Amgen, the online bioentrepreneurship training program will enhance the existing curriculum at Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Los Angeles Pierce College, and Rio Hondo College.

"Reflecting the foundation's mission, this project aims to advance excellence in science education and inspire the next generation of innovators," Xu, an Alhambra

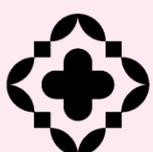
resident added.

The Cal State LA BioSpace initiative was created to address critical shortages of bioscience entrepreneurs and of lab space for startup companies, and promote the bioscience industry in Los Angeles. The incubator, housed in the university's Rongxiang Xu Bioscience Innovation Center, is developed by grants from Los Angeles County and the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

California State University, Los Angeles is the premier comprehensive public university in the heart of Los Angeles. Cal State LA is ranked number one in the United States for the upward mobility of its students. Cal State LA is dedicated to engagement, service, and the public good, offering nationally recognized programs in science, the arts, business, criminal justice, engineering, nursing, education, and the humanities. Founded in 1947, the University serves about 27,000 students and has more than 250,000 distinguished alumni.

Cal State LA is home to the critically-acclaimed Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center, Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility, Billie Jean King Sports Complex, and the TV, Film and Media Center.

As the principal corporate philanthropy channel for leading biotechnology company Amgen, Inc., the Amgen Foundation advances excellence in science education, inspires the next generation, and invests in strengthening the communities where Amgen staff members live and work.



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All Souls Catholic school expands dual language programs

All Souls Catholic School, 29 S. Electric Ave., broke ground Sept. 23 on a new two-story building that will expand its dual language program.

All Souls School is at the forefront of dual language education in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. As early as 2012, its parochial school began dual language classes in Mandarin/English and Spanish/English, where subjects are taught in two languages. Twenty elementary school students from TK to eighth grade were served that first year. Today there are nearly 400 students in the program, the first of its kind in the country.

"Biliteracy and biculturalism are hallmarks of an education at All Souls," said Principal Maria-Elena Navarro. "All Souls is a pioneer of this new and growing educational goal."

The building will house seven classrooms, a performing arts and

music room, and a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) room along with faculty offices, storage rooms, and restrooms. The entire school community raised funds, and the Shea Family Foundation made the donation that allowed construction to begin.

Parents, students, and faculty were in attendance as well as representatives of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. "Alhambra is excited to see this wonderful little school grow into a world class academic center," said Alhambra Mayor Katherine Lee, who also attended.

More funding will be needed when the construction is complete. Tax deductible sponsorships are being sought to provide capital funding for the new building. For more information, call 626-282-5695, or learn more online at <https://www.allsouls.org>.

The All Souls dual language program is a journey of learning through language and faith.

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Long-time Alhambra business Perfectly Sweet hosted the October Good Morning Alhambra Networking event.

Alhambra Woman's Club to meet Wed. Nov. 3

We have been an organization for one hundred years, providing mature woman an opportunity to make new friendships, experience, excellent food, lovely view and grand entertainment. Sean Martin (Elvis) is this month's entertainer. Come prepared to dance!

We will meet on Wed, Nov 3 at 11am at Almanson Court, 700 South Almanson St., Alhambra. The price of the luncheon is \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members. Please call (626) 289-9307 for a reservation by Mon., Nov. 1.

11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Home for Sale

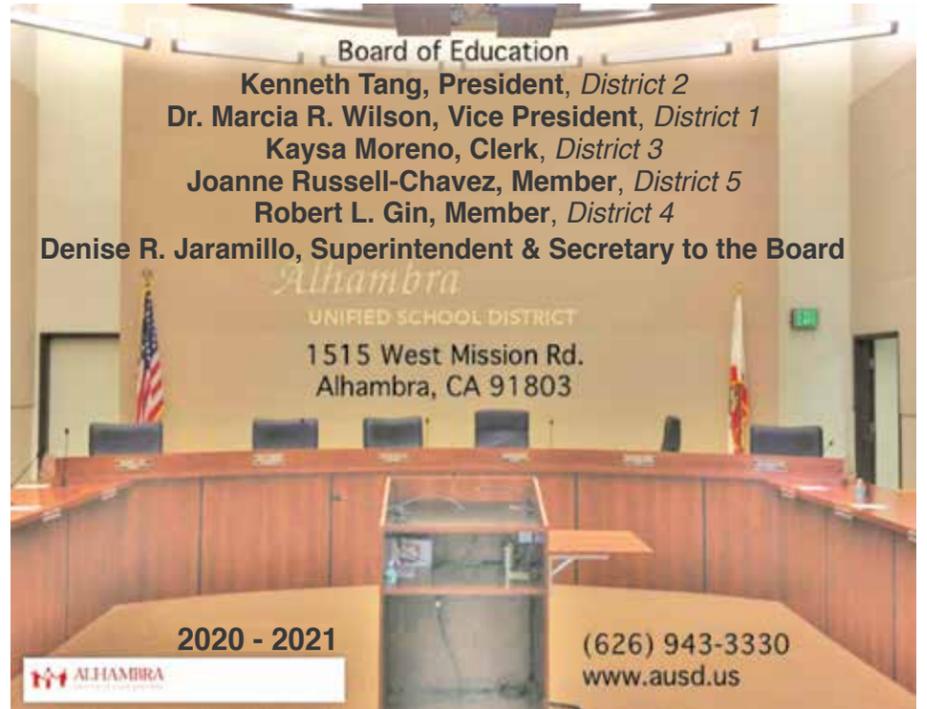
Alhambra - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away

altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved. To order a FREE Special Report, call toll-free 1-888-300-4632 and enter 1003. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn't cost you the sale of your home.

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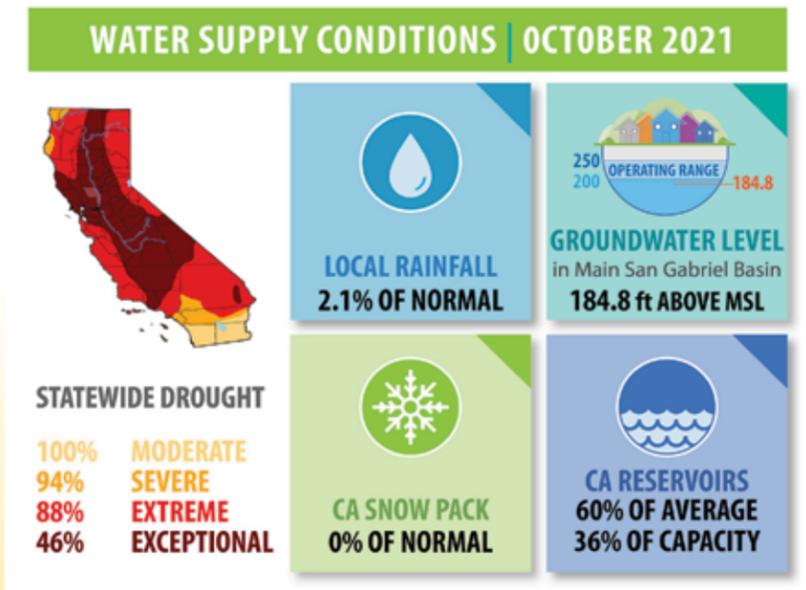
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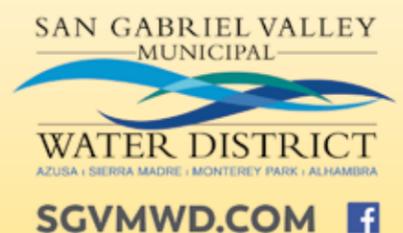
About 80 percent of the Valley's water supply is local groundwater, and we import about 20 percent of the water we use from northern California and the Colorado River. After two dry winters, and 2021 being the 3rd driest year in more than 100 years of record keeping, severe drought conditions have returned. Current water supply conditions are well below desired levels.

There are cautions at the state level about a return to mandatory water use restrictions if dryness continues this winter. With our water saving tips and rebate program, you can save water and save money. Visit our website for details.



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Install covers on pools and spas to reduce evaporation		Consider a grey water "recycling" system for your home or business
Remove turf, plant California Native vegetation and install drip irrigation equipment		

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Tzu Chi serves the community

The Tzu Chi Health Center, 1000 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra, a medical, dental, and acupuncture clinic, opened in 1989 and was the first Tzu Chi center to open outside of Taiwan.

In Taiwan a Buddhist Nun and Dharma Master named Cheng Yen had a reputation for serving the poor and gained the nickname of the Asian Mother Theresa. In 1966, she founded a charitable organization called Tzu Chi meaning "compassion relief." Tzu Chi operates 65 offices and facilities throughout the U.S.A.

An important aspect of Tzu Chi's work is food distribution. For several years, the center has run a monthly food distribution to as many as 200 families in the Alhambra area. At first they used Alhambra High School as their distribution site and now use the parking lot at Gabrielino High School.

Much of the food distributed comes from the L.A. Food Bank with donations of vegetables from local Asian farmers. All of the food distributed is vegetarian. The distribution is highly organized using only volunteers. At the October distribution, about 35 volunteers showed up, coming from as far away as Santa Monica and Hacienda Heights. Some of them checked to make sure the people in the approaching cars were registered with the program.

Cars then proceeded to one of four distribution points manned by five to six volunteers, all in the shaded parking lot. Volunteers loaded the waiting cars with boxes of dry goods, fresh produce, fruit, and hand sanitizer. The distribution lasted until the food ran out.



This is a microcosm of the work Tzu Chi does around the world. They have worked with the people of Haiti since the earthquake, bringing in food, medical supplies, doctors, and school materials. In Lebanon, after the port explosion in Beirut, they teamed with the local Foutowa Islamic Association to distribute food, blankets, gas heaters, and COVID masks in the worst slums.

All of the funds that support the work of Tzu Chi are either out of pocket from their volunteers or donations from the public. To learn more about the work of Tzu Chi and to find out how to donate to their work, see their website at <https://tzuchi.us>.



Girl Scout Troop 5371 and fellow sister troops will collect items that will be donated to Rosa and Anthony Rebamontan for care packages to be sent to soldiers who are unable to come home for the holidays.

Operation Holiday Kindness Project sends cheer

Alhambra Girl Scout Troop 5371 is continuing its Operation Holiday Kindness Project for 2021, sending holiday cheer to soldiers who are unable to go home for the holidays. This project assists local Alhambra residents and proud Army parents Rosa and Anthony Rebamontan to send care packages.

The couple's son, Thomas, joined the Army in 2014 and serves as a Sergeant for Bravo Battery 2-17 Field Artillery "Bulldogs," approximately 100 soldiers, where he is stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington State. Throughout Thomas's military journey (Afghanistan, Germany, Poland, Hungary), Rosa has sent care packages for Thomas to share with whatever battery he is assigned to. This year, Rosa began sending care packages specifically for the women soldiers and some baby care packages for mommy-to-be-soldiers.

In August 2020, while Thomas was deployed in Germany, Rosa was awarded the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher Certificate and Medal in recognition for the contributions of care packages that helped

with soldier's morale, presented by Battery Commander CPT Chase. Rosa shares this honor with all her secret agents (family friends).

Care packages are filled with donations of toiletries, snacks, medical supplies, handmade pillowcases, boot deodorizers, handwritten "thank you for your service" notes, and holiday cards from family and friends. "As a proud Army mom, sending care packages is the least we can do for our Brave Warriors," Rosa said. "To have this extra help and support from our community and local Girl Scouts is heartwarming and humbling."

Troop 5371 will once again coordinate with fellow sister troops in the San Gabriel Valley to create handwritten holiday and thank you cards and collect snacks, medical supplies, and other essential items to donate to the Rebamontans for their care packages.

To join Girl Scout's Operation Holiday Kindness 2021, please contact Troop 5371 Leader Giselle Aston at giselleaston@gmail.com.



Visit us at www.sgvhumane.org

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

The adoption fee for cats is \$99, which includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, de-worming, FIV/FELV/heartworm testing, and microchip. A \$130 - \$145 dog adoption fee includes microchip, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and

de-worming, as well as a free health check-up at a participating vet (some breeds slightly higher).

Save money with the Buddy Program. Adopt two pets at the same time for a reduced fee.

The Senior for Senior Program offers pets for \$39 each.

The San Gabriel Valley Humane Society is the local, affordable choice for spay and neuter, vaccinations, and **TNR (trap, neuter, and release) for feral cats.** Check out the website for information on the adoptable pets and adoption programs: www.sgvhumane.org.



Pit bull terrier • Adult • Male • Large

Neutron is a handsome 6-year-old gray and white male pit bull terrier. He would love someone to take him on walks and bikes, work with him on training, and sneak in a few naps with him. Neutron is a big and active boy who is looking for a family to call his own. Neutron would do best in a home without cats. To schedule a Meet and Greet appointment, call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159. Or inquire online through our website at <https://www.sgvhumane.org/adopt>.



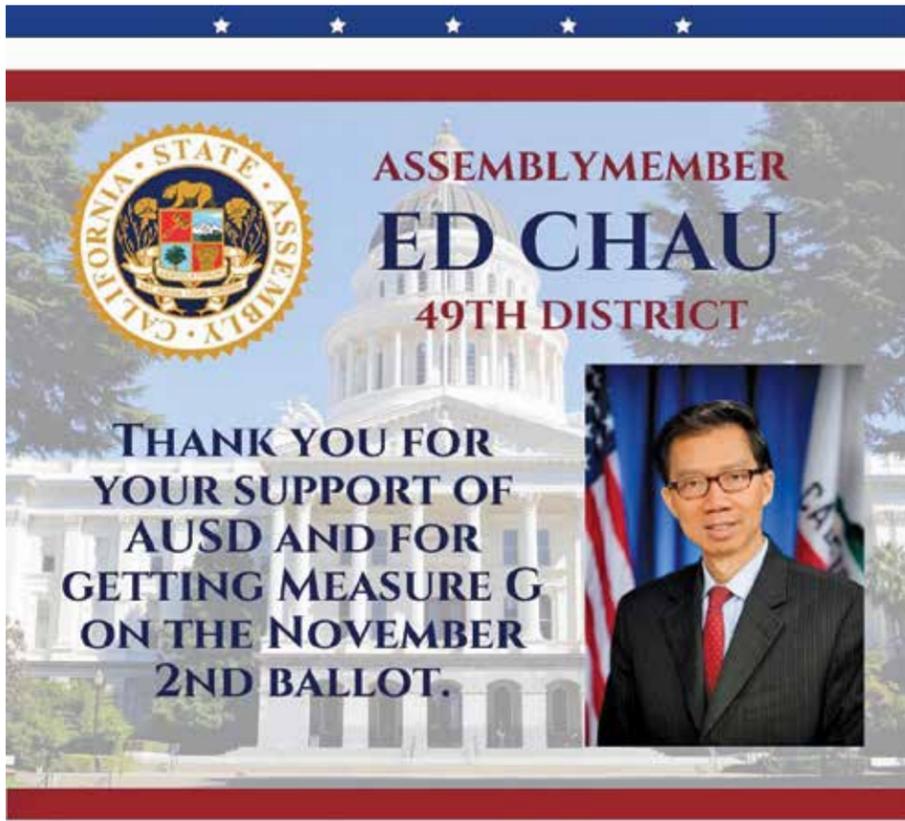
Shepherd mix • Adult • Male • Medium

Big puppy! Frozone is a 9-month-old male shepherd mix. This boy is 40 pounds with lots of puppy energy. Frozone has a handsome all-white coat. He loves going on walks and would do best with an active family. Frozone requires training so he can be the best pup he can be. To schedule a Meet and Greet appointment, call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159. Or inquire online through our website at <https://www.sgvhumane.org/adopt>.



Siberian husky • Adult • Male • Medium

Soda Pop is a handsome 2-year-old male Siberian husky. He is gorgeous with his gray and white fluffy coat. He is a shy boy until he gets to know you. If you think Soda Pop would be a great addition to your family, call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159. Or inquire online through our website at <https://www.sgvhumane.org/adopt>.



Assemblymember Ed Chau spearheaded the efforts to get Measure G on the November 2021 ballot and to help the District rectify the County clerical error.

What do you need to know about ballot Measure G special election November 2nd?

In just a couple of days, residents within the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) attendance area will be asked to vote on Measure G, which is placed on the November 2, 2021, ballot to enable AUSD to proceed with its transition from at-large to by-trustee-area elections for members of the Board of Education, consistent with the Elections and Education Code requirements.

Currently, the Alhambra City Charter currently dictates the manner and method of the AUSD's Governing Board elections. Specifically, the City Charter requires AUSD's Board to be elected by the qualified electors of the entire unified school district at-large.

The AUSD Board first began the process on January 14, 2020, when it adopted Resolution No. 19-20-09 to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections: Resolution to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System and Authorizing the Submission of a Request to the Alhambra City Council to Place

Charter Amendment on the Ballot in November 2020 which Removes the District from the City Charter.

Measure G was then placed on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot and sought to remove all references to AUSD from Alhambra's City Charter. Measure G received over 69% support at the polls. Unfortunately, due to a clerical error on the part of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, Measure G did not appear as required on the ballot for the voters of AUSD who reside outside of the city of Alhambra's boundaries.

Assembly Bill 1546 (Chau) allowed the City of Alhambra, on AUSD's behalf, to place Measure G on the November 2, 2021, ballot as a special election item for all voters who reside within the boundaries of AUSD. If Measure G passes again, the District can complete the remaining steps within Elections Code section 10010 and begin utilizing a trustee area election method for its November 2022 Governing Board elections.



The Mental Health Matters poster contest spearheaded by Gateway counselor Ni'Kyscha Johnson, drew 188 student entries with 15 winners from four AUSD schools. The posters will be copied and shared with schools throughout the district and will feature a QR code to Gateway to Success for resources. ausd.us/gateway/



The 15 student winners of the AUSD Gateway to Success Mental Health Matters poster contest and their poster art were recognized by the Board of Education on October 4.

AUSD Gateway to Success Mental Health Matters poster contest: 188 student entries, 15 winners

The recent AUSD Gateway to Success Mental Health Matters poster contest sparked 188 remarkable student entries and 15 winners. The response to the contest, spearheaded by Jim Schofield, director of Student Support Services and Gateway counselor Ni'Kyscha Johnson, underscores student interest in mental health.

The seed for the contest began with a conversation last spring at the Alhambra Farmers Market between Board of Education vice president Dr. Marcia Wilson and Mark Keppel High graduating senior Katie Ly. Katie urged Dr. Wilson to find ways to allow students to claim mental health as an excused absence to help alert schools that students are struggling and may need help. Such a change requires a state law and there is currently such a bill making its way through California legislature that would allow this. Schofield and Katie talked about what the district could do right now to emphasize mental health and share access to resources with students — and the Mental Health Matters poster contest was born.

The winning posters will be copied and shared among the AUSD schools and will

feature a QR code that links to the Gateway to Success website ausd.us/gateway/

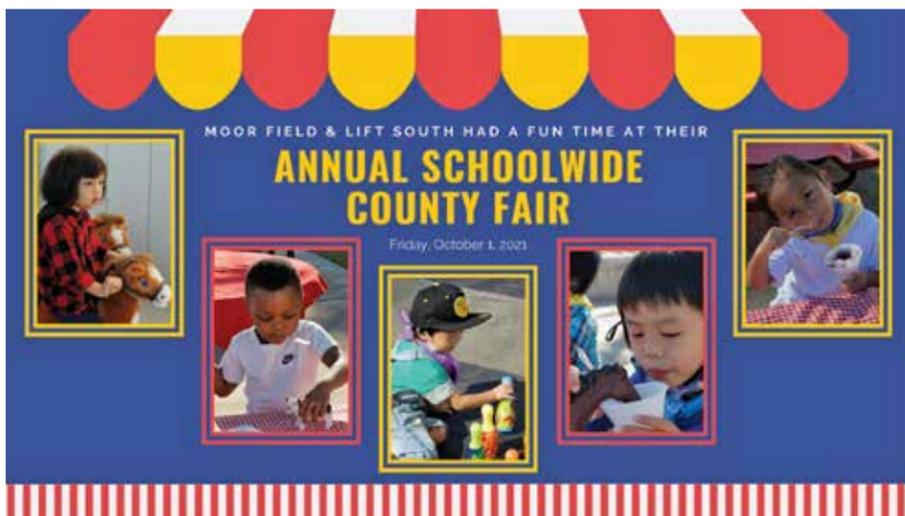
Three of the 15 beautiful winning posters were by Marguerita Elementary 8th graders Evangeline Robledo, Yingyu Vicki Tan and Ailani Murguia, thanks to the shepherding by John Chae, Marguerita's Gateway counselor.

Another set of inventive posters were created by nine 8th grade Baldwin School students with help from Baldwin's Gateway counselor Jennifer Moya. The students include Chloe Cao, Tiffany Chong, Juliet Cosentino, Yuxin Lai, Xiwei Zhang, Fiona Hang, and Diego Rivera with Charlie Van.

Eighth grader Samantha T Jiong was the Monterey Highlands winner where Mailin Chan serves as Gateway Counselor:

Two Mark Keppel High students designed winning posters: Carina Tan, a junior, and sophomore Kelly Wu. The MKHS Gateway counselor is Corinne Padilla.

MKHS Class of 2020 alum Katie Ly, the 15 student Mental Health Matters poster contest winners and their posters were honored on October 4 by the Board of Education.



County Fair Day brings joy to Moor Field + LIFT students

Moor Field Early Education Center and LIFT (Learning Independence For Transition) teachers and staff created a magical on-site County Fair for their students. Spearheaded by the Moor Field team, together they transformed the entire campus into a miniature fairground, complete with a pumpkin patch, petting “zoo” (with stuffed barnyard animals), games, rides, an art show, and a dance floor.

When students, dressed in denim, plaid shirts, and bandanas, came out of their classrooms, big smiles of joy beamed from every tiny face. They happily played games like sponge toss, fishing, and bowling. They rode a mini roller coaster and rocking horse ponies, and took hay rides through the playground. What’s a County Fair without snacks? Snow cones and popcorn made everyone happy. Students took photos with classmates in the pumpkin patch, where a sign declared them the “cutest pumpkins in the patch”!

Some students from the LIFT South program (whose campus is next door to the Moor Field Early Education Center) helped with the game booths, while others joined in the activities.

In addition to having fun, the teachers

used the event to teach through play. Students worked on math skills during a “Count the Ducks” activity, selected healthy foods at the “Find the Vegetables” booth, got their exercise dancing with streamers, and practiced turn-taking and cooperation throughout the day.

Moor Field is a special needs preschool that supports the specific needs of their three- and four-year-old students to prepare them for a successful transition to elementary school. The team of dedicated staff members work hard to ensure their young students learn academic and social skills, while also making the school day fun.

Moor Field recently underwent a leadership change when supervisor, assistant principal Jessica Carrillo, moved to the Educational Services division at the district office. Dr. Brian Wagner, coordinator of special education, is now the administrator overseeing both the Moor Field and LIFT programs. There’s no doubt that the new leadership, along with the hard-working teachers and support staff, will continue to find ways to make learning fun, build students’ independence, and expand learning enrichment opportunities.



Board of Education clerk, Kaysa Moreno (center) and president Ken Tang (right) speak with a community member about some of the District’s current job openings during a recent Sunday morning.

Meet AUSD Board Members each Sunday

The five members Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education are always seeking ways to hear directly from community members to help them make informed decisions. There are both formal opportunities (such as making a public comment during Board meetings) and informal opportunities (including AUSD’s ongoing monthly series of Community Conversations via Zoom). One of the Board’s favorite venues to talk with students, parents, and staff members occurs each Sunday morning at the Alhambra Farmers Market.

Most Sunday mornings, between 9:00 and 11:00, you will find at least one Board member and one Cabinet-level manager at

the AUSD information booth. They are there with information about the District’s programs, to share employment openings, and to listen to what people have to say. Small promotional items or sweet treats are available at the booth for those who stop to chat.

Board president Ken Tang committed to having the AUSD Board at the Sunday booth through the entire 2021-22 school year. With just a handful of exceptions, you can expect to see them there every Sunday morning. Check the District’s website at www.ausd.us and view the “Upcoming Events” to verify if the Board will be there. President Tang adds, “We can’t wait to see you and hear from you!”



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CALIFORNIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR From Page 1

SGHS students to dream bigger dreams and be the first in their families to go to college. A first generation Mexican American immigrant English Learner like her many of students, Vasquez uniquely understands the hurdles her students face and is a role model for what is possible. Her belief in her students has created such lasting relationships that graduated students ask to come back to talk to her current students. One of her past students is now her student teacher. Another student said, “Mrs. V. believed in me,” while another said, “Mrs. V. and PODER changed my opinion of myself — I began to give my best and gradually see myself as a kid who could succeed.”

SGHS principal Debbie Stone said, “Virginia’s impact on our students and their families, as it ripples out across our community, is incalculable. Virginia is often the first person to believe in them. It is no wonder her students continue to stay in touch and come back to encourage and inspire her current students.”

Superintendent Denise Jaramillo agrees, “We have watched in awe for a

decade as Virginia has quietly gone about altering the life trajectories of her students, one empowering conversation at a time, showing them they are capable of doing great things. Virginia knows the impact of having a teacher take an interest because she bloomed when a teacher encouraged her to take AP classes, telling her she would make a wonderful educator.”

Dr. Debra Duardo, Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent, which oversees 80 school districts and about a third of California’s TK-12 students in the state, could not say enough, “Virginia Vasquez used technology to perform pedagogical acrobatics. Her students took ownership of distance learning and built a community of scholars.”

As a 2022 California Teacher of the Year, Vasquez becomes an ambassador for the profession, sharing her experiences and the strategies that galvanized her students’ success in academics to heighten interest in teaching as a career and inspire students to join the profession.



Alhambra Police Chief Eric Parra, far right, shared his message of kindness with Marguerita students. He is joined in this photo by Marguerita teachers Kim Av, second from right, Tiffany Ramirez, third from right, Cameron Cordova, 8th grade Marguerita student, center, Cameron's mother Dr. Maria Hu-Cordova, second from left, and her father, Sgt Jason Cordova, Pasadena Police Department, far left. Students created cards and letters to thank the officers for keeping our communities safe.

Read Robert Morales' story about the special event in the Pasadena Star News: <https://www.pasadenastarnews.com/2021/10/04/alhambra-police-chief-eric-parra-tells-marguerita-students-that-being-kind-is-as-easy-as-c-p-k/>

APD Chief Eric Parra brings kindness message to Marguerita students:

The 4th to 8th grade Marguerita students gathered for the early morning black top announcements, intensely focused on the words of their special guest, Alhambra Police Chief Eric Parra. He is asking if they can guess what the letters **C-P-K** mean — shorthand for the motto he tries to live by. The answer is **Courteous Polite Kind**. Parra tells the students that when we live by those words, we build our empathy muscles, make everyone feel like they belong, and we keep communities safe.

During the stress of pandemic distance learning last spring, in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer, Marguerita classmates of then-7th grader Cameron Cordova began to bully her online because her father, Sgt. Jason Cordova, is an officer with the Pasadena Police Department.

Marguerita principal, Teresa Johnson, and Cameron's teachers, Kimberly Av and Tiffany Ramirez, immediately stepped in to use the teachable moment to transform a 7th grade class reaction. The school is known for its culture of connection and trust, where social emotional learning is woven into academics. What emerged out of the situation was a powerful was lesson

in empathy and compassion.

Grateful and impressed, Cameron's mother, Dr. Maria Hu-Cordova, Clinical Associate Professor / Faculty Advisor for USC Trauma, Response and Recovery Caucus at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, wrote AUSD Superintendent Denise Jaramillo to thank her for the beautiful way the teachable moment was handled, without shaming and with kindness and inclusion.

This fall, to continue the learning circle, Chief Parra brought a message to students: When we practice **C-P-K**, we create respectful, compassionate relationships which are the foundation of community safety. He challenged the elementary students to do something kind for someone else before the end of the week. He reminded them that not only will those around them feel better, they will feel better, too. Kindness, he said, is a two-way gift.

To thank the officers on hand, Marguerita students presented Chief Parra, Sgt. Cordova, and APD School Resource Officer Marissabel Orzoco with notes, cards and speeches of gratitude for keeping the community safe.



The first AUSD Eagles SOAR Independent Study Students-of-the-Month were honored in a festive drive-through celebration with music, decorations, cheering teachers and staff waving pom-poms, and a special visit from the Alhambra Fire Department. The TK-12 Independent Study students who opted for 22021-22 virtual learning are from all AUSD school campuses. There are 255 high school independent learners and 1003 elementary students.

Independent Study students celebrated by AUSD staff + Alhambra Fire Department

On most school days, the AUSD Eagles Soar Independent Study instructional team meets their 1,233 TK-12 students through a Zoom screen. When it was time to for their first Students of the Month in-person through a drive-thru celebration, they wanted to make sure it was a memorable event. Students were greeted by the Fire Department, music, a decorated booth, cheering teachers and

staff with pom-poms. Each Student of the Month received a certificate and a bag of special treats. "We love seeing our students in person and celebrating them safely," said Dr. Marisa Palacios, Director of Alternative Education Programs. "It helps us make memories and build our connections with the families...plus we have so much fun at these celebrations. We can't wait for our next one!"

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Please sign up soon. Spaces will be limited as these meetings are intended to be small (no more than 25 people) in order to have a two-way dialogue with our parents, so we can connect and know what is on your mind. We hope you will join us for at least one Community Conversation session this year.

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Thanksgiving 2021

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

I think Thanksgiving this year will be different. We will still have the traditional turkey and dressing with green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad, and pumpkin or apple pie. But this year, we will be thankful that we are gathering with our loved ones, realizing what we experienced and missed last year was more than a holiday. As we gathered last year, we were in the midst of a COVID surge, and were both warned and encouraged to minimize our Thanksgiving with family and friends. The days after Thanksgiving led to some of the most difficult for communities like Atherton and throughout southern California, as the case counts continued to rise, and the hospitals filled up. For our community the holidays of 2020 were days of anxiety and sorrow instead of gathering and joy. But the arrival of the vaccines changed the direction of the pandemic at our community and have allowed for more peace and participation in activities through our community and greater southern California. The pandemic unfortunately is not done, but life is much better, and this year as we gather, we will remember our blessings and give thanks for love, grace, and hope in the midst of hardship.

In one sense we are like the early pilgrims. Our Thanksgiving tradition comes from their story when they gathered in the fall and invited the Indians who had helped them survive their first year to share a feast of Thanksgiving. Edwin Winslow's

account states, "And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty." The first feast was a time to give thanks for their perseverance and victory after a time of extremely difficulty. Thus, an American tradition was born.

But this theme of thanksgiving or gratitude is more important for our lives than a simple yearly ritual. The season of Thanksgiving reminds us of the importance of gratitude for all our lives. Over the last several years, scientists have begun to study the effects of gratitude on our lives. Robert A. Emmons, a professor of psychology at UC Davis, is widely regarded as the world's leading scientific expert in the study of gratitude and has noted that grateful people have "stronger immune systems, fewer noticeable aches and pains, lower blood pressure, increased energy and desire to exercise, longer and more refreshing sleep."

Dr. Emmons has also noted that gratitude is a trait which can also be cultivated. As with many things in our lives, a little concentrated effort can produce a new skill and wonderful results. Dr. Emmons suggests 4 things to help us grow in this area. First, keep a gratitude journal so that you daily write down the things you are grateful for -- large or small. Second, reminisce about good times in your life. As a senior adult, remembering those times which brought you happiness and joy not only brings a smile to your face, but can also release powerful natural chemicals in

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your body which lift your mood. Third, looking at old movies and photographs reminds us of the people, places, and stories which nurtured our lives. And finally, saying "Thank You" to someone who is helpful, and kind has a positive effect on both of you.

This year we will gather and give thanks as is our yearly ritual, but with a richer appreciation of how difficult life was in 2020. We will miss those around our table who have passed, and honor them as we pray and share, but we will also smile, laugh, rejoice, pray, and eat in a celebration of life. This Thanksgiving we have the opportunity to give thanks for so much!



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#1. You will need to wear the trays between 20-22 hours a day in order to work.

One of the many benefits of Invisalign is that the clear aligners are entirely removable. However, that doesn't mean you can take them out as you please. In fact, you'll be expected to wear them for 22 hours a day to stay on track with your treatment plan. So, you'll really only be popping them out to eat and complete your oral hygiene routine.

#2. You may experience some soreness.

Invisalign works by pushing the teeth steadily using gentle measured force. Unlike the metal braces, Invisalign used multiple trays which delivers small amount of pressure until the teeth reach optimal position. The treatment is not painful but a little bit of discomfort is expected when you first put a new tray on. As a result, you'll likely experience some soreness for day or two. The good news is that you can minimize any discomfort by starting your new trays right

before bed, and take over-the-counter pain medication.

#3. You will need to brush your teeth after every meal or snack.

Before Invisalign, you may have gotten away with only brushing twice a day. However, to keep your trays clear and your teeth free of food particles and debris, you'll need to brush your teeth after every time you eat something. The last thing you want is trapping food and bacteria under the trays. That can easily cause decay and gum inflammation. If you're away from home consider packing a toothbrush. If you are unable to brush during the day, be sure to rinse your mouth thoroughly after eating and chew a sugar-free gum for 5 min in order to wash away bacteria, acid and food.

#4. Your speech may change temporary.

Although each Invisalign tray is custom-made to fit your mouth perfectly, it will take few days to get used to your aligners. Some people may have slight lisp. Because the tongue presses against the backside of your upper teeth when talking, the thin barrier of plastic can make "s" and "z" sound more like "th." That should only last few days to a week before you begin to sound normal once again.

Try reading aloud and practicing the more difficult words repeatedly, the more your talk, your tongue will adjust to the new thin plastic much quicker, allowing your speech to return to normal fast.

#5. Kiss snacking and drinking sweet beverages goodbye.

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While Invisalign makes eating during orthodontic



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treatment much easier, unfortunately, it doesn't mean that you can snack while you are wearing your aligners. You **must** remove your aligners before you eat any type of food, even soft one. Eating with them can damage them and prevent them from working effectively. Also food get stuck between your teeth, gums and aligner trays and stay there much longer increasing the chance for caries and gum disease.

Since teeth must be thoroughly brushed before you put your aligners back in, you may need to start planning for meals and snacks a little more than usual and consider the time you need for it so you can still have good 20 hours of solid wearing time.

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How exercise improves learning

BY SHEILA YONEMOTO, P.T.

My eye doctor says that learning is affected by how an individual has trained their body to move. Movement skills affect how we use our eyes and process visual information and create the foundation for the finer control of the eye muscles and subsequent learning abilities. Since she works with children with visual difficulties, she sees how important these movement skills are.

We are all born with primitive reflexes designed to help us in the first months of life. These reflexes disappear as we develop strength, coordination and control of our bodies, but can reappear after a stroke or head trauma. Parents and teachers can help integrate these primitive reflexes by encouraging movement skills to develop strength, balance, eye-hand coordination and timing.

Adults with head trauma also have problems processing visual information which can affect reading, walking without bumping into furniture and other visual tasks. Adults age 50+ who have had physical education classes in school and played outside while growing up performed better or had an easier time relearning than those who were in their 20's when they had the head trauma. These older adults had a better foundation in their movement skill development than the younger patients who grew up with computers and video games and spent less time playing outside.

Children's outdoor activities help develop more body strength, eye-hand coordination, balance and better physical fitness. Games like hopscotch, jump rope, playing with jacks, climbing and playing with balls all contribute to balance, coordination, timing, strength and fine motor skill development. The large muscles of the



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body create the foundation for the finer skills needed for the eyes. Infants need to go through various stages of development so these primitive reflexes get integrated into the nervous system. Oftentimes, parents are anxious for their child to walk early, but there are good reasons for the crawling stage.

Especially now, in this age of computers with emphasis on intellectual pursuits, we must make sure we include a healthy dose of physical activity in our children's lives. Perhaps this would be a good thing for all of us, no matter our age.

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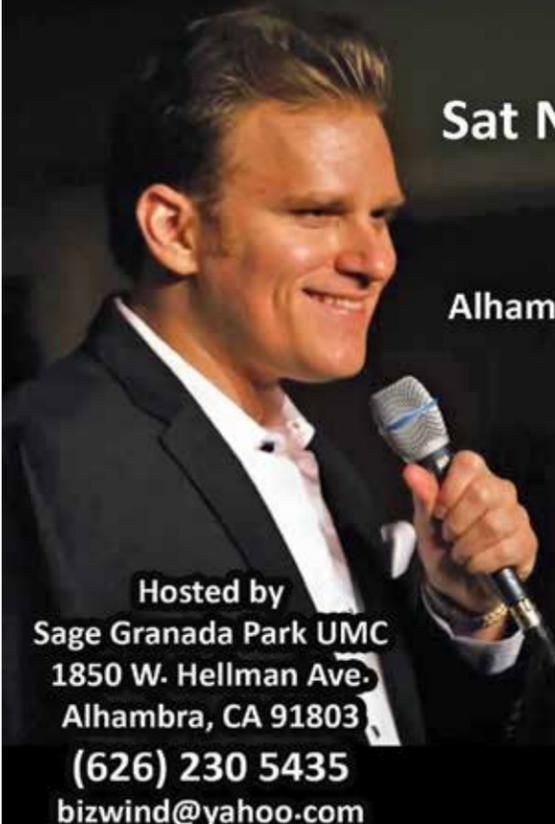
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BY JEWELYN CO

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Tastea Staff member Monique Guzman holding Pumpkin Pie Milk Tea and Ube Milk Tea drinks.

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More than 420,000 households received emergency rental assistance in August

Since January, state and local governments have made over 1.4 million payments and distributed \$7.7 billion.

State and local governments have continued to increase the number of households served by the emergency rental assistance program, according to the Treasury Department.

More than 420,000 households received assistance in August, up from 340,000 in July, and more than \$2.3 billion was distributed last month, roughly three times the amount spent in May.

To encourage state and local governments to expedite this emergency rental assistance, Treasury announced seven additional policies at the end of August. These include measures and clarifications to reduce processing delays, including the ability to make bulk payments to larger landlords and utility companies more efficiently and allowing grantees to use self-attestation for documenting financial hardship, the risk of homelessness or housing instability, and income.

The Treasury Department cited the most recent Census Pulse survey, which suggests that approximately 3 million households have expressed concern about imminent eviction. Of these households, data indicates those with the lowest incomes are the most likely to be at risk. According to the survey, of the households reporting they are behind on rent, two-thirds earn less than \$35,000. Prior Treasury data shows that the emergency rental assistance funds are reaching these

households, with more than 60% of those served having extremely low incomes at or less than 30% of the area median income.

While there was little state and local infrastructure to deliver these funds when launched earlier this year, many programs have been successfully distributing the aid. According to Treasury, 119 state and local agencies have expended more than half of their first rental assistance funding allocations.

Los Angeles County has seen a large increase in the distribution of rental assistance.

The administration continues its efforts to reduce or avoid burdensome documentation requirements. Treasury is releasing new design tools to help grantees serve more eligible households. Partnering with the U.S. Digital Service, the new tools will incorporate some of the strong processes being used on the ground, feedback from applicants, as well as best practices regarding accessibility, usability, and consideration of community needs. For example, some changes will include using like language for the self-attestation of COVID-19, and incorporation of fact-based proxies for pre-eligibility checks.

With thousands of applications in the pipeline for funding, the administration also is calling on states and counties to put measures in place to ensure households are not evicted before they have the chance to apply for rental assistance and that an eviction doesn't move forward until the application has been processed.



All-New 2022 Toyota GR 86: Thrills around every corner

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PLANO, Texas (August 17, 2021) – Thrills are just around the corner with Toyota's all-new 2022 GR 86. For the next-generation coupe, the same fanatics behind Toyota Gazoo Racing's championship racecars looked to engineer even greater curve-hugging precision, with a focus on added stability, power and improved aerodynamics. The result? A track-ready, driver's car made for pure fun.

How'd they do it? To start, the GR team built upon the nimble attributes of the current generation 86 chassis by adding strategically placed high-strength steel, new cross members up front and a full-ring frame in the rear. Then, they engineered nearly 18% more horsepower and 11% more torque by utilizing a larger, naturally aspirated 2.4-liter, horizontally opposed four-cylinder engine. They tuned it so the peak torque arrives far earlier in the powerband at 3700 RPM, versus 6600 RPM on the previous generation, making for a responsive and powerful driving experience – especially when coming out of the curves and onto the straightaways. It's available in a manual transmission (MT) or paddle-shifted automatic (AT), so drivers can choose an experience that fits their style.

GR engineers knew that keeping a low center of gravity and svelte curb weight was vital for maximum fun. Constructed with a weight-saving aluminum roof and front fenders, the GR 86 base grade weighs in at only 2,811 pounds for the MT (2,851 pounds in the AT), making it among the lightest sports cars on the market. The combination of 53:47 front:rear balance, a low-slung 51.6-inch overall height and a compact flat-four engine gives GR 86 all the right ingredients for firmly planted sports car handling.

GR 86 comes in seven exterior color choices, Track bRED, Halo White, Steel Silver, Pavement Grey, Raven Black and

Neptune or Trueno Blue. With 2+2 seating for everyday functionality and a fold-flat rear seat for extra space, it's available in two grades: GR 86 and GR 86 Premium.

The Premium grade features a large duckbill spoiler, black 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels, perforated Alcantara and leather-trimmed, dual-mode heated front seating and an eight-speaker multimedia audio system. The GR 86 base model sits on 17-inch wheels and comes with black G-embossed fabric seats and a six-speaker multimedia audio system. An available 200W subwoofer adds bass to the sound system on either grade.

Power & Design for a New Generation

The Toyota Gazoo Racing (TGR) team spent late nights in the garage under flickering fluorescent lights to enhance performance on the new GR 86.

With the move from a 2.0L to 2.4L flat-four engine, the 2022 GR 86 increases its engine bore diameter to 94mm (previously 86mm) for nearly 20% more displacement, bumping up from 1,998cc to 2,387cc. The bigger engine improved zero-to-60 times from 7.0 to 6.1 seconds for the MT and from 8.0 to 6.6 seconds for the AT; manufacturer estimated fuel economy is 19 city/26 highway/21 combined MPG (6-Speed M/T) and 20 city/30 highway/24 combined (6-Speed A/T).

Toyota's D-4S dual injection technology is re-tuned to deliver more aggressive throttle input. This system combines direct fuel injection and port-injection technologies. The direct-injection system provides a cooling effect in the cylinders, which allows the engine to use a very high 12.5:1 compression ratio for maximum power. The port fuel injectors come into play during light- and medium-load conditions to help maximize combustion efficiency.

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Architectural Style

Architectural style is a combination of features that make a building identifiable. A style may include elements like shape, form, method of construction, building materials, and components of the structure like roofs, patios, floors, doors, porches, and windows. Architectural style can encompass cultural and religious beliefs.

Often in my articles I mention the architectural styles of homes. Styles such as Craftsman, Prairie, Spanish-Mediterranean, Ranch, Colonial, Tudor, and Victorian are seen not just in Southern California, but also in our city of Alhambra. There are certain basic elements of style that can help you identify and understand the personality of a home.

One element to consider in a home's style is its roof. Some real obvious characteristics of the roof will be easy to identify such as the pitch of the roof, the amount of overhang of the eaves, materials used, and the various details on the roof such as dormer windows.

Roofs are either flat or pitched. The pitch of a roof will start to give you an idea of the home's style. Victorian and Tudor homes will have a steep pitch to the roof. Smaller Tudor architecture homes are called cottages and again they will have a steeper pitch to the roof. And there is logic to this amount of pitch. Some European style homes, called Chalets, benefit from a steeply pitched roof to deflect snowfall.

Craftsman home and a related style referred to as Prairie have a very gentle slope to roofs. The eaves of Craftsman and Prairie homes will have a wide overhang from the vertical walls.

Spanish and Spanish-Mediterranean format homes also have a shallow pitch to the roof. With these styles the material is characteristically tiles and often with the color red. The other mentioned styles historically would incorporate wood or straw material for roofs and now with various fire codes often a composition fire retardant material is used.

Victorian homes have complicated roofs with ornamental objects such as weather vane, roof caps, and dormer windows to give them a somewhat "busy" appearance. Think of the Haunted House at Disneyland.

Geographical location and political thinking can affect architectural style. Colonial style homes can be often seen in Virginia and areas around Washington D.C. If you go to the north 400 and 500 block on Almansor Street in our city you can see examples of this style.

Colonial style homes became popular in the late 1700's and into the mid-1800's.

These homes are influenced by classical Greek architecture with entrances composed of large columns, stone/brick/marble construction, and white/off-white color schemes. They also display symmetry and a high degree of order. The significance here is that *as America started its experiment with democracy, it embraced the architectural design of Greece, the cradle of democracy.*

French Colonial homes originated in the same period of our country, but were designed for the hot and wet climates of the Mississippi Valley and Louisiana. These homes were elevated above the ground on posts and wide porches called "galleries". The columns on these buildings were narrower than the broad columns of the Colonial styles in Virginia and often built out of timber.

Victorian homes became popular during the late 1800's during the Industrial Revolution. And their construction tied into the Industrial Revolution. These homes have elaborate detail in their roof ornaments, wooden facades around the porches, and fanciful wooden shingles. And these ornaments became practical to use in these homes because the Industrial Revolution created ways to economically mass produce these items, which previously had been too costly to make.

A specific type of Victorian is the Queen Anne style. These homes often have towers



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or turrets incorporated into the design, wrap-around porches, wood construction, bay windows, and a mix of different style windows (rectangular, circular, and partially arched). The County Arboretum in Arcadia has a lovely example of Queen Anne architecture by a small lake which was used during first year filming of the television show *Fantasy Island*.

Architecture can reflect the individuals constructing the buildings. The San Gabriel Mission does this by reflecting the architecture of the hometown of its builder,

Father Antonio Cruzado. Father Cruzado grew up in Cordoba, Spain, where Moorish architecture creates structures that have much more of a fortress appearance than the friendly and welcoming architecture with arcades and courtyards that most other California Missions display.

Hopefully these general guidelines will help you appreciate more the local architecture you see here in Alhambra. And remember that lots of wonderful homes do not neatly fit into any one architectural style.

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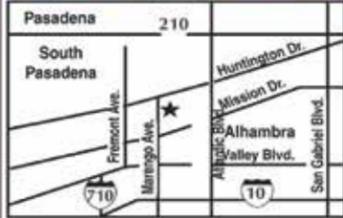
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Not too long ago, I helped a customer with some suspension work. One of their concerns with the repair price was that parts for their job costed less online. Like many, I have been victim to poor quality items branded and sold by internet retailers, and I have had conversations with other automotive professionals that have encountered inexpensive parts on vehicles and found concerning issues with them. Some do not fit properly, affecting functionality and safety. Others are of such poor quality that they require frequent replacement. I recall another instance where a motorist purchased ball joints online and within a week of installation, one failed. While the replacements were provided at no additional cost, he had to wait for them to be delivered. Hey, buddy, can I get a ride today... and the rest of this week?

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to help a friend whose car had broken down. He had recently been told that he would soon need a timing belt, so when the car stopped running, he assumed the timing belt had failed. An expensive repair was not in his budget. He waited months for the vehicle to be repaired. But once we inspected it, we found that the belt was still intact and the solution was an affordable ignition system repair. Had he chosen a professional diagnosis at the time of failure,

I recently had a conversation with a customer who brought up an old saying about things with the lowest price sometimes costing us the most. From time to time, usually when we need to spend on the essentials or a service that is not exactly a fun purchase, we do this. And I know, sadly, that automotive repair falls into that category. Because auto repair can be expensive, we naturally want to save as much as possible, right? So off we go to the internet

he would have had his vehicle back in days rather than months.

The cost of automotive repair is much more than the price we pay for it. A professional inspection or diagnosis is often less costly than free advice and unnecessary parts replacement. An experienced professional can get you back on the road faster as well. I think we can all agree that our time, safety, and convenience are priceless. If you have a concern with a particular automotive problem, please give us a call. We are happy to help.

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