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## Seventy Years of the Doernings

For the Doernings, it's a numbers game. Specifically: 7, 13, 4. That's the refrain Melvin and Madeline Doerning use to remember their many offspring including seven sons, thirteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Perhaps two additional numbers should be added to the list to account for their latest wedding anniversary and their length of time in Alhambra.

The couple will celebrate 70 years of marriage on June 3, 2023. This anniversary is simply one of many spent at the home in Alhambra that they have shared for over 60 years. Originally from Emmetsburg, Iowa, the pair met while Mel was one of only sixteen students at the town's junior college and Madeline was still a high school student. Auspiciously, the two small schools shared the same building and held joint events such as formal dances.

On a snowy night following one of the school dances, Mel and a friend decided to escort the girls home since none were dressed warmly enough to brave the cold weather. In the spirit of Midwestern chivalry, Mel was tasked with scooping up each girl from his buddy's car and navigating around the snow piles until he gallantly

landed them at their front doors. By the time he reached the last girl - Madeline - he was exhausted. He lost his footing and dropped her in a snowbank. Instead of anger or dismay, Madeline offered a hearty laugh. Mel thought to himself, "hey, she seems pretty nice!"

Four years later, upon Madeline's graduation from college, Mel proposed. They spent much of their year-long engagement apart while Madeline studied on a post-graduate scholarship in Peru and Mel joined the Air Force, which at that time did not allow officers to be married. On June 3, 1953, while Mel was on a short leave, the pair were married in a small ceremony at their local parish in Emmetsburg.

After Mel was discharged from the Air Force, he and Madeline lived in other parts of the country before settling in Alhambra in 1960 where their fifth son was born. Since then, the Doernings have dedicated much of their time in Alhambra to civil service.

Madeline served on the Alhambra Public Library Board and on the board of the Friends of the Alhambra Public Library for over twenty years.

>> See **Seventy Years of the Doernings**, p12



## Your Ultimate Guide to Boba in Alhambra!

This summer, embark on a boba-licious journey through Alhambra, a city brimming with charm, diversity, and an unparalleled love for bubble tea, fondly known as boba. Over the years, it has become a hub for boba enthusiasts, who appreciate the bubble tea's Taiwanese roots and its contemporary iterations. Alhambra is not only home to a splendid spectrum of bubble tea shops but also incubates the spirit of innovation within each sip you take. The city's love

for boba is undeniable, with an array of shops showcasing a multitude of flavors, styles, and techniques in bubble tea creation. This listicle is your guide through the tempting tapestry of 18 hand-picked boba shops in Alhambra, each representing a unique facet of this delicious drink. Ready your taste buds for a flavor-rich journey, blending tradition and trend in a teacup, across Alhambra's best boba destinations.

>> See **Ultimate Guide to Boba**, p6

## At Fremont's Club Abuelitos, Community Elders Volunteer Their Magic to Spanish Language Dual Immersion Dual Learners

Los Abuelitos, Latino grandparents, brought their magic to the Spanish language dual immersion students at Fremont Elementary — and the children loved it. Kindergarten to 6th grade DI students vied to sign up for fun Club Abuelitos after school clubs like art, pickle ball, music, dance, and cooking — all taught in Spanish.

To celebrate a school year of grandparent power and DI student delight, families and friends were invited to see the children and los abuelitos in joyful Spanish-speaking action at the May 5th Club Abuelitos Showcase. The multi-generational experiment in bilingualism is a resounding success — and a model for other schools and districts.

The idea of trailblazing Latino grandmothers and grandfathers teaching Fremont DI students traditional art and mask making,

ancestral music, Michoacan dance, heritage ceramics, and pickle ball in Spanish was the inspiration of Dr. Lilia Sarmiento, language specialist and teacher consultant to Fremont Spanish DI program. It was her inventive way to get students to practice their Spanish by having fun while outside the classroom.

"We know that for our Spanish DI students to become truly bilingual, we need the whole community to contribute to their learning success," Dr. Sarmiento explained. "We realized we have a magnificent group of Latino community elders eager to teach fun after school activities in Spanish." What began last fall as a pilot program with four grandparents, los abuelitos, teaching fun activities to thirty Spanish Dual Immersion students became an instant hit. >> see **Community Elders Volunteer Their Magic**, p14

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By Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler

*What's cool about Alhambra?* We have three public high schools and one private in the City of Alhambra. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all the graduating seniors and their parents. Good luck on your new adventures and don't forget where you came from!

*What's cool about Alhambra!?* The city of Alhambra offers fixed route Transit service 6 days a week, and the service connects you with your community destinations like our parks, shopping centers, restaurants, and public facilities. The fare is only 25 cents. It connects you with the Metrolink station and the MTA bus way at Cal State Los

Angeles. All the buses or shuttles are fueled with clean burning compressed natural gas to reduce our air pollution. The shuttle vehicles are lift-equipped for the ease of our passengers with special needs. At the city council's June meeting we will have a ridership study report. I can think of other ways to use our shuttle, can you?

*What's cool about Alhambra?* Our aquatics! We have recreational swim, lap swim, and swim lessons. Our six parks are open with Alhambra and Granada having pools, and we also have a free water playground for the young.

*What's cool about Alhambra?* We

welcomed our newest restaurant, Burnt Belly, thanks to our community development director Andrew Ho and staff who recognized they needed a new home, inviting them to expand here in Alhambra. Please look for more businesses to pop up throughout summer.

*What's cool about Alhambra?* Our library has so many fun opportunities for children to learn about different cultures. Please also look for our mobile library to be visiting the parks where plenty of our children play.

Stay cool (and hydrated!) Alhambra, and have a great summer!

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# LIFE-SAVING SWIM LESSONS

## 兒童游泳課程

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## News & Notes



### > See's Candies Celebrates 65 Years on Valley Blvd.

On May 19th & 20th, See's Candies celebrated 65 years of serving the community from the same location at Alhambra Valley Shopping Center (914 East Valley Blvd.). Visitors over the two days were treated to delightful activities and sweet samples. The Chamber awarded a certificate to Sees for 65 years of continuous service, one of the longest-serving businesses in the City.



### > The Alhambra's Annual Health & Safety Expo

The Alhambra recently held its annual Health & Safety Expo, a popular two hour event bringing together the best health and safety experts to provide the community with the resources they want and need. 2023 presenters included Allied Universal, Optum, Costco, Lifesaver Education, The Ratkovich Company, Atlas Voluntary Benefits, and United Healthcare. The Alhambra gave away flashlights and other safety items at their table, and the staff really enjoyed visiting with the tenants who stopped by!



### > Ramona Convent Hosts Annual Day of Competitive Fun

Ramona Convent Secondary School welcomed over 400 students from 16 local elementary schools to compete at the Ramona Challenge, an annual event since 1993. All competitors were selected by their schools to compete in various academic, art, music, theatre, and athletic contests led by faculty, staff, teachers, and coaches with the help of Ramona student ambassadors. Additional guests on campus for the day included teachers, principals, parents, and friends. The competitive spirit was fierce, yet everyone had a great time enjoying the warm and sunny weather while cooling down with refreshing lemonade and ice cream treats. Food trucks offered a selection of tacos and burgers, and student DJs spun great music. Not all participants left with medals, but each one left with ear-to-ear smiles and a taste of Ramona Tiger spirit! If your school is interested in participating in Ramona Challenge 2024, please contact Veronica Fernandez, Director of Marketing Communications, at [vfernandez@ramonaconvent.org](mailto:vfernandez@ramonaconvent.org).

### > Bagel Exchange Curbs Food Waste

Get your surprise food bag from Bagel Exchange by using the app TooGoodToGo, a new way for restaurants to prevent food waste, while serving fresh food to customers at the end of the day. Bagel Exchange's owner Ryan explains, "Customers pay four dollars on the TooGoodToGo app to purchase a bag of that day's surplus items, and we get about 40% of that." You can add other items, too. Next time you're searching for some breakfast bagels or a sandwich, stop by Bagel Exchange located at 137 W Main St, Alhambra, CA 91801. They'll also be having a pop up on Saturday, June 3rd at Burbank's Mexipino Food Fest LA located at Saint Finbar Parish School from 10AM - 3PM.

### > Processions Expected on Corpus Christi Sunday

Sunday, June 11 is Corpus Christi Sunday, a day when the Catholic Church honors the belief in transubstantiation. This year, Churches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are celebrating Corpus Christi Sunday with Eucharistic processions, consistent with the National Eucharistic Revival initiative. Alhambra's Catholic parishes, All Souls, St. Therese, and St. Thomas More, are expected to conduct processions as they walk with the Eucharist through some streets in Alhambra. This may impact traffic. Details of routes are still being planned but impact to traffic are expected to be brief.

## All Around the Town

# Three Alhambra Men Witness (and Make) History

By Glenn Barnett

Ron Phillips grew up in the Airport Tract. After graduating from Mark Keppel, he joined the LAPD and became a Detective. On the night of June 12, 1963, he and his partner, Detective Mark Fuhrman arrived at the murder scene of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. After consulting with other officers, Phillips and Fuhrman left for the home of O.J. Simpson to inform him that his wife had been killed.

However, O.J. was in Chicago. While Fuhrman was finding a bloody glove, Phillips called O.J. to give him the bad news. Later, when he testified in court, Phillips noted that O.J. never asked a question about his wife's murder or how it happened. Ron Phillips was a participant-witness to history.

An Almansor Park area resident was also a witness to history. Hibbard "Hib" Lamkin, whose two sons, Tim and David, attended Alhambra High School, worked for the State Department. His job was to provide security for foreign

heads of state when they visited the west coast.

When President Kennedy was assassinated on Friday, November 22, 1963, it was all hands on deck at the State Department, and Lamkin was ordered to Washington, D.C. He flew there on the 23rd to help with security for the heads of state that would attend the funeral of the President. By Sunday evening, his team had prepared a list of every nation that was sending a delegation to the funeral, the head of the delegation, how many people were in the delegation, what flight and airport they would be arriving at, and where they would be staying. When Hib arrived home two weeks later, he showed me that list.

Frank Onstine also deserves a footnote in history. Following World War II, Onstine settled in Alhambra in the Midwick Tract. There, he lived quietly working as an actuary. He and his wife Alice raised four children, Frank Jr. (Tom), Roger, John, and Martha, all of



Glenn Barnett

whom graduated from Alhambra High School.

As an actuary, he was a numbers man, and during the war, he had put his skills to good use. In 1942, he joined the US Army Signal Corps and served as a cryptographer in North Africa and Italy. By 1944, he broke the German weather code using a technique he developed and which British Code Breakers at Bletchley Park dubbed "Onstineing" in his honor. The Nazis never found out. For this, he was awarded the Legion of Merit medal.

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Tax Tips

# Hobby or Business

By Michael Aston EA

Sometimes the line between having a hobby and running a business can be confusing, but knowing the difference is important because hobbies and businesses are treated differently when it's time to file a tax return. The biggest difference between the two is that businesses operate to make a profit while hobbies are for pleasure or recreation.

Whether someone is having fun with a hobby or running a business, when they accept more than \$600 for goods and services using online marketplaces or payment apps, they could receive a Form 1099-K. Profits from the sale of goods, including personal items, and services is taxable income that must be reported on tax returns.

There are a few other things people should consider when deciding whether their project is a hobby or business. No single thing is the deciding factor. Taxpayers should review all of the factors to make a good decision.

**How taxpayers can decide if it's a hobby or business**

These questions can help taxpayers decide whether they have a hobby or business:

- Do they carry out the activity in a businesslike manner and keep complete and accurate books and records?
- Does the time and effort they put into the activity show they intend to make a profit?
- Does the activity make a profit in some years – if so, how much profit does it make?
- Can they expect to make a future profit from the appreciation of the assets used in the activity?



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- Do they depend on income from the activity for their livelihood?
- Are any losses due to circumstances beyond their control or are the losses normal for the startup phase of their type of business?
- Do they change their methods of operation to improve profitability?
- Do the taxpayer and their advisors have the knowledge needed to carry out the activity as a successful business?

Whether taxpayers have a hobby or run a business, good record keeping is always key when it's time to file taxes.

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# Backyard Structures and Home Insurance

*Is your shed, detached garage, or swimming pool covered under your policy?*

By Regina Talbot

If you have a freestanding garage, shed, pool or other structure on your home's property, it may be protected under your homeowner's insurance policy.

**Sheds and Outdoor Buildings**

The amount of Insurance coverage from policy to policy, so check your policy for the specific coverage related to the structures on your property.

Remember to notify your agent or carrier of the existence of these items and keep the rebuilding cost of these structures in mind when purchasing your home insurance policy.

The items inside a shed, garage, or backyard building may also be covered by your homeowner's policy, but you might consider a Personal Articles Policy for some types of machinery or sports equipment (limitations apply). This type of policy protects items beyond the limitations and deductibles of a homeowner's insurance policy. You should review your personal property coverage with your agent or carrier to verify you have the correct coverage for your personal property.

**Swimming pools**

Whether you already have a swimming pool or are thinking about getting one, review liability coverage options with your insurance agent or carrier. Most home insurance policies include some liability protection, but you may want more if you have a swimming pool. The Insurance Information Institute recommends increasing your amount of liability protection or purchasing an umbrella liability policy.

You can also take additional safety measures



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to help prevent accidents and reduce the potential liability exposure:

- Add a high fence with a self-closing, locked gate to keep guests from entering without your knowledge, to help prevent accidents and reduce potential liability exposure. Enforce safe pool rules, such as not diving into shallow water, and only walking, not running, around the edge of the pool.
- Provide non-slip surfaces around your pool to prevent falls.
- Maintain adult supervision of children in the pool at all times.
- Keep necessary first aid equipment near the pool.
- Contact your local municipality to determine if your pool and surrounding fence meets requirements for size, depth and other safety features.

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

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## Your Ultimate Guide to Boba in Alhambra!



**85° Bakery** offers a unique boba experience with their specialty sea salt tea coffee. With a commitment to freshness, they boil their boba for two hours and only sell it for the next four, ensuring that every sip is full of flavor and quality.

**Lollicup's** popping boba is a delightful innovation that reimagines traditional bubble tea with its convenience and unique texture. With no cooking required, these neon pearls burst with fruit juice upon biting, offering an immediate burst of flavor that sets them apart from traditional boba. Lollicup's commitment to fresh ingredients and Taiwanese-inspired cuisine creates a sophisticated and flavorful experience that will satisfy even the most discerning of bubble tea connoisseurs.



**Boba Bunny** is a charming bubble tea shop that prides itself on using fresh fruit in all their drinks. The former Ding Tea shop, Boba Bunny's interior design is the perfect spot for a quick Instagram photoshoot.

Focused on special ingredients, Boba Bunny is the place for matcha, dragon fruit, and 11 types of high quality teas. And while you're there, check out their crystal boba!



**Magik Milk's** boba is a dream come true for vegans and lactose-intolerant bubble tea lovers. Their creamy Mango Sago and Ube Bae drinks are nothing short of magical, and the fact that they're non-dairy and vegan-friendly makes them even more enchanting. The boba is perfectly cooked with a satisfying chew. The staff is knowledgeable and welcoming, and the clean, spacious interior provides a great environment to enjoy your drink and hang out with friends.

**Boba Craft** is a unique bubble tea shop that offers specialty matcha from Japan, using only natural ingredients without any powders or syrups. Their love for boba shines through their creative offerings, such as the mango woodear crystal with blue boba toppings, and it's a great spot for studying or hanging out with friends, with free wifi and a welcoming atmosphere.



**Moo Tea** offers distinctive drinks, including the purple yam (ube) with cheese foam and boba. The thick consistency of the drink and the perfectly cooked boba, combined with the creamy and frothy cheese foam, create a perfect blend of flavors and textures. Don't miss the lychee with cheese foam and white peach tea.



**It's Boba Time** offers a wide range of over 140 drinks, ensuring everyone can find a favorite. Made to order with fresh fruits and customizable toppings, their boba can be added to various drinks, including smoothies, slushes, coffees, and more.



**New Tea** offers a tranquil haven for those seeking a peaceful environment. With an extensive selection of boba drinks, from classic milk teas to creative fruit infusions, New Tea satisfies both your taste buds and your need for focus. Bonus: they have a "bucket size" you can order if you want to go big.

Local and family-owned, **Bon Appetea** is a charming bubble tea shop with a warm and inviting atmosphere. Their comfortable couches and polished wood tables create a great spot to relax and unwind. A menu of curated Asian and California cuisine makes this a tasty, elegant eatery.



**Quickly** offers over 250 drinks to choose from. From classic milk teas to fruity snows and jelly juices, there's something for every adventure-seeker. And with speedy service, Quickly is the perfect spot to satisfy your thirst on the go.



Get ready for an explosion of flavor with every sip at **Cha Express!** Their tea, sourced all the way from Yunnan, packs a punch and is unmatched by any other boba shop around. The boba pearls are appropriately chewy, and their flavor varieties will keep you coming back for a different drink each time.



**Seven Leaves Boba** has mastered the art of convenience and quality with their drive-thru service. Their Green Thai Tea is a refreshing twist on a classic favorite: sweet and creamy milk tea that is made with a unique blend of jasmine tea, which infuses the drink with a fresh floral taste.

Prepare to have your taste buds blown away at **Half and Half!** This iconic boba shop is famous for originating and serving hot honey boba, a deliciously innovative concept that has changed the way boba lovers enjoy their drinks. The contrast between the iced drink and the hot boba creates a unique experience as all the elements blend together. As if you need another reason to visit: during the summer, Half and Half offers a free upgrade in the size of your drink!



**Tapioca Express**, the pioneers of boba milk tea in California since 1999, has cultivated a loyal following of regulars who swear by their delicious drinks and snacks. Come for the boba, stay for the community and the unparalleled flavor - at Tapioca Express you'll find that they just do the classics right.



## What is Boba, Anyway?

Boba, also commonly known as bubble tea or 珍珠奶茶 (zhēnzhū nǎichá) in Mandarin Chinese, is a unique and delicious beverage that originated in Taiwan in the 1980s. The term "boba" (波霸, bōbà) refers to the chewy tapioca pearls that are found at the bottom of the cup, which are made from the starch of the cassava root. These pearls provide a fun and distinctive texture that has made boba a popular treat all around the world. The Chinese name 珍珠奶茶 translates to "pearl milk tea," highlighting the essential components of the drink: the tapioca pearls and the milk tea base.

If you're trying boba for the first time, it's essential to know how to enjoy the drink properly. Bubble tea is typically served with a thick straw, which allows you to sip both the liquid and the tapioca pearls simultaneously. As you drink, the pearls will slide up the straw and into your mouth, providing a delightful contrast of chewy texture against the smooth, creamy liquid. Don't be surprised if it takes a few sips to get the hang of it, but once you do, you'll likely find yourself craving this unique and delectable beverage regularly.

Bubble tea offers an incredible array of flavors and variations, allowing you to customize your drink to your heart's desire. You can choose from a wide range of flavors, such as classic milk tea, fruity concoctions like passion fruit or mango, or more adventurous options like taro or lychee. Additionally, boba shops often provide a selection of toppings beyond tapioca pearls, including fruit jelly, popping boba, and pudding, to enhance the overall taste and texture of the drink. With the multitude of combinations available, there's a bubble tea to suit every palate.

**Tastea** Boba is a dynamic bubble tea chain that never stops innovating, constantly crafting new drinks and flavors to make their customers smile.

Along with their ongoing innovations, they also offer the timeless classics that their loyal fans keep coming back for. Peach Me Sweetea is the best seller; it has black tea with strawberry and peach juice with strawberry and peach morsels. On its own, it's very refreshing, and even more so when paired with their green honey boba.



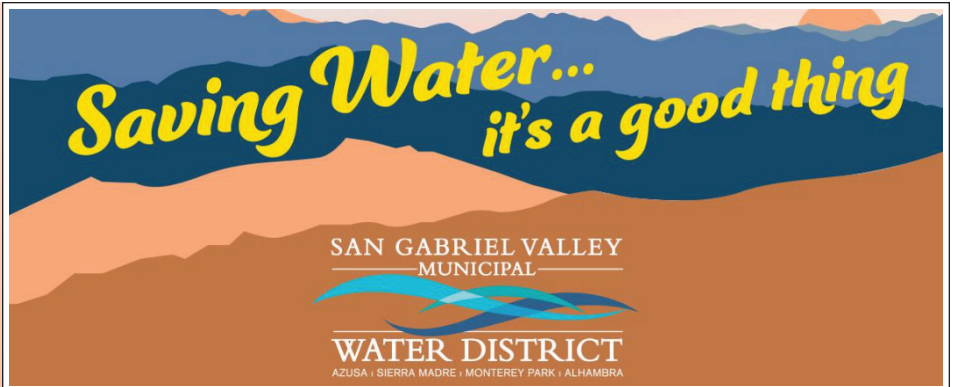
**Ten Ren's** Taiwanese-inspired boba is the perfect accompaniment to a productive study session or a relaxing hangout with friends in their modern shop. The quality of their boba is exceptional, with a chewy texture and a subtle sweetness that is well-balanced.



Are you ready to twinkle with excitement? Elevate your taste buds to the next level with **Twinkle Tea Boba**. Savor the crisp and refreshing notes of their signature honey green tea, crafted to quench your thirst, or indulge in the richness of their freshly brewed Assam black milk tea coated with their housemade brown sugar, paired with a cute playful cat design on the cup. And with the Toast mobile app, earn points for every dollar spent and redeem a \$5 discount for your next visit.



**Xing Fu Tang** is a unique bubble tea chain that specializes in stir-fried brown sugar tapioca cooked onsite in a wok each day. Their signature drink, the Brown Sugar Pearl Milk, features a generous layer of melted brown sugar, an abundance of brown sugar tapioca, fresh milk, and a milk foam topped with bruleed sugar. While the aroma of their vintage black tea milk tea is strong and complex, the taste delivers a subtle flavor.

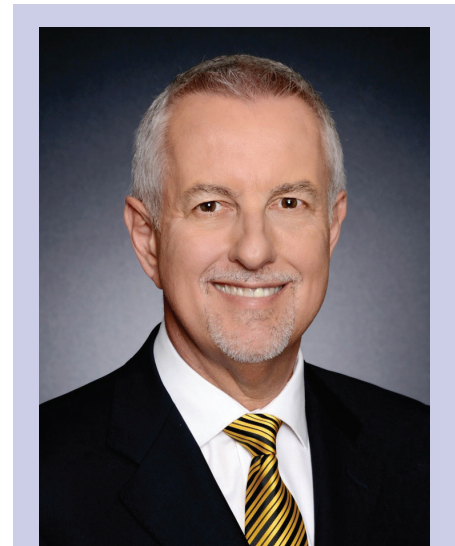


## After a Wet Winter: Let's Get Back to Water Basics

*Conservation is Smart, Environmentally and Economically Responsible, and COOL!*

By Mark Paulson, Board of Directors, Division I – Alhambra San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Just a few months ago, we were staring down a record drought, dire water supply conditions, and increasing water use restrictions. Fortunately, Mother Nature blessed California with abundant rain and snow. While most of California had been in moderate or severe drought in January, today only 10% of the state is in such condition. Local and statewide reservoirs are near capacity. Local groundwater levels have risen more than 40 feet since January. And state water contractors, such as SGVMWD, are now receiving 100% of their planned imported water allocations to help replenish local groundwater supplies.



**Mark Paulson**  
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We know that drought conditions will return, and that climate change has created extreme weather patterns that are hard to predict. The District continues to advise two critical water supply actions:

- First, we need government agencies, water agencies, voters, businesses, and residents to "stay the course" toward water supply sustainability and long-term water supply policies, funding, and infrastructure.
- Second, let's make conservation a stronger ethic and way of life. We know that a drop or gallon of water saved is water that does not need to be treated, conveyed, recycled, desalinated, stored or pumped – these solutions are complicated and expensive.

This summer and fall, as it gets hotter and drier, it's cool to save water. It's cool to save money by reducing water use. It's cool to redesign your landscapes with attractive California Native Plants, succulent plants,

rocks, and other hardscapes. It's cool to cover pools and spas to reduce evaporation. It's cool to purchase water-efficient clothes washers, dish washers and toilets (we offer rebates for such items).

I'd ask you to visit our website for more water-saving tips (<https://sgvmwd.com/water-conservation/#water-saving-tips>). And, since more than half of our water use occurs outdoors in the summer, please view our landscaping tips which are customized for Alhambra ([https://sgvmwd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CalScape\\_Alhambra\\_web.pdf](https://sgvmwd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CalScape_Alhambra_web.pdf)). The city of Alhambra has helpful water information on their website as well (<https://www.cityofalhambra.org/575/Water-Conservation>).

Thank you for helping us survive our most recent drought preparing us for the next drought!

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# Ohana Run Crew Will Run for Beer!

Summer is on the horizon, and for many Alhambra residents, their inner runner may be looking for a way to satisfy their need for speed. If you're a runner looking to be part of a cool running experience, look no further than the Ohana Running Crew (ORC) in Downtown Alhambra. Since its inception in August 2019, this community of runners has been blazing trails through the city streets with the blessing of their beloved Ohana Brewery.

On Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, the Ohana Brewery transforms into the local headquarters of the ORC. Many of its members started their love of running by joining this friendly crew for a 3 to 5 mile run followed by some great brews and tasty potluck treats. With a few routes to choose from, the runners earn an ice cold beer while replenishing their minds and souls. Whether you're a non-drinker or a connoisseur of fine brews, you'll find a place to connect and unwind with like-minded individuals. "ORC is more than running; it's being part of a community of amazing people," says member David Salinas. So runners flock to ORC not only for the love

of running and beer but also for the sense of belonging they find within this tight-knit community.

The running crew came from humble beginnings, starting with a ragtag bunch of friends who wanted to combine their love of running and brews. But then, challenges ensued: the pandemic, life changes, and meeting restrictions caused the crew to dwindle to just four consistent runners. As restrictions have lifted over the years, the running crew has grown again with 16 solid members and a sprinkling of friends and guests. Several of the ORC members have even recently accomplished their goal of running the Los Angeles Marathon.

But the fun doesn't stop there. ORC loves to spice things up with unique events such as their annual holiday gift exchange, farmers market bake-off, and upcoming sunrise hikes to Mt. Baldy and Echo Mountain. So if you're ready to embark on a new adventure, join the ORC on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Follow them on Instagram @ohana\_running\_crew and come join the fun!



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## Remembering Paul Wondries


On May 3rd, Paul Wondries, owner of Wondries Toyota, KIA of Alhambra, and Wondries Family Collision Center, passed away at the age of 80 while surrounded by close family. He was a driving force for decades in the civic life of Alhambra, and he will be missed.

While attending USC, from 1959 to 1963 Paul worked for Bob Wondries Chevrolet in Glendale. Money earned from this job went in part to pay for his education at USC.

Upon graduation from USC, Paul went to work full-time for Bob Wondries Chevrolet in insurance and vehicle leasing. He received an insurance sales and brokers license and started a leasing company called Bob Wondries Associates.

In the early 1970s, Paul started looking for a dealership he could own and run on his own. This search took him to Northern California, to the town of Sutter Creek, where Paul and his family eventually moved to. A few years later in 1974 his father, Bob Wondries, requested that Paul return to Southern California to run the family Ford dealership in Alhambra (the Ford dealership Bob Wondries had purchased about a decade earlier in 1966).

In 1981, Paul bought the Toyota dealership in Alhambra, naming it Wondries Toyota. Under his leadership,



Wondries Toyota gradually increased sales volume and achieved the coveted Board of Governors Award six years in a row from 1999 through 2004. Paul was also partnered in many other automotive dealerships over the years, including the Wondries Family Collision Center, which was established in 1949 and moved by Paul to Marengo Avenue in 1999. In 2012, the current KIA of Alhambra location was purchased (it had been a Chevrolet dealership).

Paul was deeply engrained in the local Alhambra community, sponsoring numerous local charities and organizations, including the YMCA, the Police Foundation, and local schools.

Paul's spirit and impact on the automotive industry was felt by many. His legacy will live on through the numerous employees/customers he served and represented throughout his career. Please join us in extending our deepest sympathy to Patty Wondries, their dealership employees, and all that knew him.



# Assurances for Property Owners Who Partner With the LACDA

Property owners are an essential partner in the County's fight to end homelessness. According to a recent L.A. Times article, in Los Angeles County only 4.4% of apartments are vacant and available. As homelessness across the region increases and property owner participation in rental assistance programs decreases, thousands of families and individuals, including many military veterans, struggle to find opportunities to use their housing vouchers in the County's competitive rental market, contributing to the broader homelessness crisis.

In an effort to increase the number of property owners participating in the County's rental assistance programs, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), which is located right here in Alhambra on Main and Atlantic, manages a program to support property owners in providing housing to those most in need. They continue to promote a business model intended to benefit property owners financially and provide enhanced customer services, while simultaneously increasing the number of rental units available to subsidized families. Several incentives are offered by the LACDA, including:

1. Sign-On Bonus for property owners upon execution of their contract;
2. Move-In Assistance covering an application fee of up to \$50 per adult,

3. Utility Assistance to assist tenants with utility deposit and any past due amount upon first time move in;
4. Limited Furniture Assistance to assist families with refrigerator, stove, and beds;
5. Damage Mitigation for unit repairs. Up to \$2,000 not covered by the security deposit to repair the rental unit following the departure of a subsidized family;
6. Vacancy Loss Payments with one month's rent if the family vacates the unit without proper notice or is evicted for good cause; and
7. On-Time Payments and Reliable Rental Payments deposited directly to the property owner's bank account.

All property owners within Los Angeles County who have available units are encouraged to take advantage of these incentives and rent their available units to voucher holders. Contact the LACDA today to learn more via email at [HIP@lacda.org](mailto:HIP@lacda.org), or by calling (626) 586-1585.



# New Version of Villages Uses State Law to Build 790 Units with 20% Affordable

The Ratkovich Company, a Los Angeles-based real estate development company with a more than forty-year successful track record of creating residential and commercial communities that improve the quality of urban life, intends to use the "builder's remedy" provision under California state law to secure permits and begin construction on the 790-unit Villages at The Alhambra. This adds hundreds of much-needed homes that the City of Alhambra is required to provide based on state law. The 790-unit project includes 158 affordable housing units at the low-income level, which is significantly more affordable housing than Alhambra mandates under its own zoning.

The City of Alhambra has been unable to meet its mandates under California housing laws, permitting just 532 out of the 1,492 units it was required to permit under the 5th Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle, which lasted from 2013 to 2021—and just seven of the 850 very-low, low-, and moderate-income units mandated. Alhambra is still seeking approval of its housing element that complies with state law, according to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Under California law, jurisdictions without compliant housing elements like Alhambra cannot deny certain types of residential projects that include a set level of affordable housing, which is known as the builder's remedy.

"Alhambra's anti-housing policies are evidenced by the fact that the City permitted only 35% of the housing units (and essentially none for people with very-low, low, or moderate incomes) required between 2013 and 2021. What is even more troubling is that over this same period, median home prices in Alhambra have skyrocketed to nearly \$840,000," said Brian Saenger, President and CEO of The Ratkovich Company.

"The Villages at Alhambra project is a win-win-win that provides affordable homes for families, economic opportunities for businesses and a blueprint for the city of Alhambra to build housing accountability. It's not just a legal requirement for California cities to meet housing goals amid the state's affordability crisis and worsening homelessness. Local leaders have a moral obligation to support projects that put roofs over more heads," said Tracy Hernandez, Founding CEO of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, widely known as BizFed.

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# Local Sports News from AUSD High Schools

Submitted by Mike Koski, President  
Alhambra High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee

### 2022-23 Varsity Baseball

The Moors Varsity Baseball season came to an end on May 9th with a 7-2 loss to San Marino at Moor Field in the second round of the CIF-SS Division VI Playoffs. The Moors had defeated Beverly Hills in the first round, 12-1. They finished second in the Almont League and their overall record was 20-9.

### 2022-23 Varsity Softball

Mark Keppel finished their season at 16-9 and placed second in the Almont League. They qualified for a CIF-SS Division 5 Wild Card Game and beat Apple Valley 3-1 to advance to the first round. They made the trip to Oxnard and beat Santa Clara 2-0 in that game. The Lady Aztecs season came to an end with a 2-0 loss to Ocean View. They finished the year with a 16-10 overall record.

Alhambra also qualified for a CIF-SS Division 4 Playoff berth and had to travel to Placentia to take on El Dorado. The Lady Moors had their season end with an 18-8 loss.

### 2023 Almont All League Baseball

Players from Alhambra, Mark Keppel and San Gabriel were recognized when the Almont All League Baseball Team was announced recently. By virtue of their second place finish, the Moors had eight players recognized with Josh Soto, Carlos Hernandez, and Jayden Sandoval being named First Team. Jackson Akers, Ethan Ayala, and Damian Chacon were named to

the Second Team, while Marc Hernandez and Nero Navarro were named Honorable Mention.

Mark Keppel's George Castillo was named to the First Team while Kegan "Geo" Tanaka was named to the Second Team. San Gabriel's Matthew Garcia made First Team, Erik Chilpa Second Team, and Aedan Chilpa and Lucas Peng received Honorable Mention.

### Alhambra Athletic Alumni Foundation Scholar Athletes

Three graduating Moors Seniors recently received Scholar Athlete Awards from the AAAP Sports Hall of Fame Committee. Tatyanna Campos was a three-sport athlete competing in softball, basketball and volleyball at AHS. She has a 3.84 GPA and will attend Cal State LA in the fall.

Josh Soto was a standout in two sports playing football and baseball all four years at AHS. He was named All League and All CIF in football his junior and senior years and All League in baseball the past two years. This past year he was named the Moors MVP in both football and baseball. He has a 3.4 GPA and will attend Pasadena City College to play football in the fall.

Damian Chacon played baseball all four years at AHS having been named All League Honorable Mention as a junior and All League Second Team as a senior. He has a 3.69 GPA and will attend Cal State Fullerton in the fall.



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Moors seniors (left to right) Chris Jimenez, Jayden Sandoval, Josh Soto, Walter Rodriguez, Anthony Avitia, Matt Gilmore, Josh Garcia, and Damian Chacon.



Moors Varsity Baseball players Josh Soto and Ethan Ayala celebrate an outstanding season



# 8 Unexpectedly Cool Businesses in Alhambra

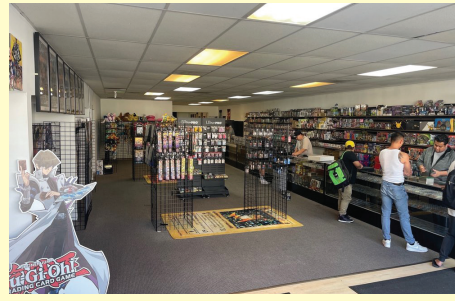
*Alhambra is home to an unexpected number of very cool businesses. Here's 8 businesses you may have never heard of, but should definitely visit this month.*

**Haldron Epoch's** bespoke stationery can be found on the shelves of Anthropologie, but their flagship store calls Alhambra home. Visit them on 979 South Meridian Avenue, or online [hadronepoch.com](http://hadronepoch.com) ▼



**Imizzu Gift Shop** just opened on 145 West Main Street, and this "live Etsy" store is a great place to find unexpected and delightful gifts. [imizzu.com](http://imizzu.com) ▶

Alhambra's premier card shop, **Project CCG**, brings players of Yu-Gi-Oh!, Pokemon, and many more together with their wide array of card selection, and live tournament play events. Visit them at 39 South Garfield Avenue, or online at [projectccg.com](http://projectccg.com) ▼



Alhambra is home to the oldest **Vans** store in operation! The store on 420 South Garfield Avenue has been open since at least 1968, and potentially since 1966. [Vans.com](http://Vans.com) ▼



**Str33t Records** is a reimagined record store that carries rock, jazz, folk, hip-hop, pop, and everything in-between. It's perfect for those who are growing, starting, or teaching the art of finding a perfect record. Visit them in-store at 111 West Main Street, or online at [str33trecords.com](http://str33trecords.com) ▼



**Burnt Belly**, Alhambra's brand new barbecue restaurant, isn't new at all! Chef Kyu Yi outgrew his space at Blossom Market Hall, and chose Alhambra as the new home for his reimagined barbecue. Visit the in-person on 1129 South Fremont Ave, Suite D. [burntbelly.com](http://burntbelly.com) ▶

Did you know **Ohana Brewing Company** fills growlers and individual cans of their craft beer? Visit them on 7 South 1st Street, or [ohanabrew.com](http://ohanabrew.com) to place your order for Father's Day weekend! ▼



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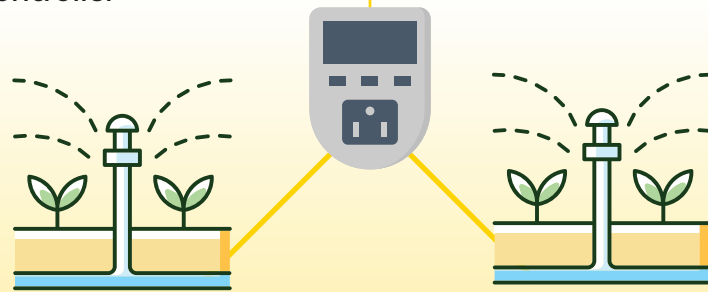


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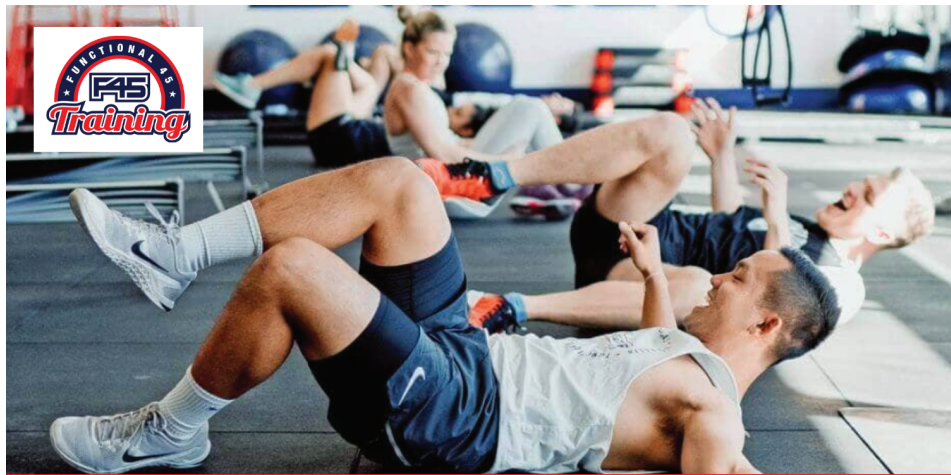
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*In Their Own Words*

On May 16, 2023, Alhambra welcomed its newest restaurant with an official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Burnt Belly at 1129 South Fremont Ave. Burnt Belly is owned by husband and wife, Kyu and Katy. Chef Kyu is the driving culinary force behind this destination BBQ restaurant. We asked Kyu to share their story.

“Burnt Belly first opened in 2021 at a food hall down the street called Blossom Market Hall. We quickly outgrew our 230 square foot stall, and the search began for a new location. To my luck, Tiffany Chew and Andrew Ho from the City of Alhambra reached out to us and invited us to consider Alhambra as the new home for Burnt Belly. I gotta say, I was sold immediately.

Going back to the city where I grew up as a kid brought back great childhood

memories. I remember cleaning tables at Pepe’s to earn free fries, riding my bike up and down Valley Blvd., and playing arcade games at the old Pizza Pub in the early 90s.

Now that I’m back in the beautiful City of Alhambra, and I hope to get involved with city events, school fundraisers, and even the Moorpark Carnival (if that’s still around).

I’d love for everyone in the community to visit us or place an order on Uber eats when you’re feeling lazy. Of course, consider Burnt Belly for catering events. We also do private dining events, and I will personally customize a menu that suits your dietary needs.

Most of all, I want to thank everyone for welcoming us back and hope to see you soon at Burnt Belly.”



Burnt Belly founders, Chef Kyu and Katy

**SEVENTY YEARS OF THE DOERNINGS**  
*from page 1*

Mel served nearly just as many on the Civil Service Commission. Both Mel and Madeline are longtime, dedicated parishioners of All Souls Catholic Church, where Madeline taught remedial reading and science and Mel heads the finance committee.

In addition, the entire Doerning family is active in Boy Scouts. Six of their sons and seven of their grandsons are Eagle Scouts. Scouting was a family affair; not just for the boys. While Mel

was a Boy Scout Master, Madeline was a den mother for their sons’ cub scout troop and accompanied Mel and her sons on their annual camping excursions. For the Doernings, family has always been paramount.

What is the secret to being married seventy years (and raising seven boys)? Mel swears by never going to bed mad at each other. Madeline’s answer unsurprisingly is a good sense of humor.



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# Decisions, Goals, and Taking Action: An Athlete's Journey

By Justin Lim, Community Reporter

When Kevin Alinyo's middle school English teacher tasked the class with a writing exercise about their future aspirations, Kevin's response was clear: he wanted to play college football and eventually turn pro. Through a circuitous route, Kevin became a strength coach at Flood Sports, training athletes in physical and cognitive skill building.

In high school, despite being a two-year starter on varsity, he did not receive any scholarship offers and was told by his coach that he was not good enough to play at the next level. Kevin used this doubt as motivation to train harder. He took control of his own destiny, putting together his highlight film and sent it to colleges.

Oklahoma Panhandle State offered him a scholarship to play division two college football. Although he was eighth string he worked his way up and played throughout his freshman year. After transferring to several schools he graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a focus on Kinesiology, Psychology, and Business.

He became a certified trainer, moving to Los Angeles to help athletes maximize their performance. From their body to mind, lifestyle, and habits, he taught his clients to have pride in preparation for their sport. It was during this time that Kevin met Jeremiah Flood, and they quickly bonded over their shared passion for sports and compe-



Coach Kevin demonstrates an exercise to an athlete. They have since become a successful coaching duo. They create an environment where failure is embraced, allowing athletes to develop the confidence and strategies needed to overcome obstacles, during practice, gameplay, and life.

Kevin Alinyo's story is a powerful example of the age-old philosophy that life is not about what happens to us, but about how we respond to it. You can find Kevin and Jeremiah by visiting FloodSports.com.

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# At Fremont's Club Abuelitos, Community Elders Volunteer Their Magic to Spanish Language Dual Immersion Dual Learners

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By the end of the school year, ten grandparent volunteers had created seven clubs and more than 200 DI students were clamoring to join Club Abuelitos activities. For the second and third sessions, so many students wanted to participate that the Fremont DI Booster parents held a lottery for the available spaces.

It wasn't only the students who loved the Club Abuelitos activities. "For these grandparents, many retired teachers, being a part of Club Abuelitos is giving them a new energy," said Dr. Sarmiento. "Our community elders love Club Abuelitos as much as our children do — which is a gift of intergenerational engagement. Our abuelitos are already planning next year's club activities."

Maria Gamboa, a grandmother and retired elementary teacher, taught DI kindergartners to dance to their favorite song *Las Hormigitas* by Jose Luis Orozoco. "It has been deeply rewarding to be part of our community's investment in the future of our bilingual

children," said Ms. Gamboa. "These students are becoming more fluent and engaged in the Spanish language and many beautiful cultures when all of us contribute to their success. We make it fun for the children to speak Spanish while they play."

To learn more and for information about becoming a grandparent volunteer for Club Abuelitos, email: [DI.FremontParents@gmail.com](mailto:DI.FremontParents@gmail.com)

*Scenes from the Fremont School May 5th Los Abuelitos Showcase:*

*Top left, Dr. Lilia Sarmiento, who pioneered the Club Abuelitos concept with her husband Salvador Sarmiento, retired educator and abuelito pickle ball coach, and their grandchildren.*

*Bottom left, Fremont principal Dr. Carly Chavez with very happy student performers.*

*Top right, Spanish DI students in traditional dress introducing their Michoacan dance performance.*

*Bottom right, DI kindergartners dancing to their favorite song *Las Hormigitas*, (the little ants) by Jose Luis Orozoco.*



## EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

MAY 3, 2023




Congratulations to our employees who reached a milestone year in 2023! Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the students and families of the Alhambra Unified School District!


## AUSD Celebrates Long Serving Staff With Milestone Decades of Employment

Alhambra Unified School District, with its history of decades of multi-generational, long serving employees, feels like a big family drawing students from four cities. In May, AUSD Alhambra celebrated 130 employees who reached a milestone year in 2023. These staff members have been with AUSD for 15, 20, 25, 30, or even 35 years. "We are so fortunate to have these wonderful staff members as part of our team, and we thank them for their years of inspiring service to the students and families of AUSD," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo.

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## AUSD Launches No Cost Student Telehealth Mental Health Services

U. S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy calls the decline in children's mental health the "crisis of our time". Near-constant social media use combined with years of pandemic upheavals and loss are significant additional stressors for students and can impede learning and thriving. The Alhambra Unified School District community is committed to providing students with access to mental health support and assistance.

The district is adding a new service, in partnership with Hazel Health, to help reduce mental health challenges as a barrier to student success. Last month, AUSD launched HAZEL HEART tele-

health mental health services. The service is available to ALL AUSD students and can be used at home. Students in summer programs on school campuses will also have access.

Parents can reach out directly to Hazel Health to sign the e-consent to arrange for services for their child. For more information or to sign up, visit: [my.hazel.co/alhambrausd](https://my.hazel.co/alhambrausd)

HAZEL HEART telehealth is offered at NO COST to our families. **Note:** Hazel Health will still need to collect insurance information and/or verify uninsured status, but they will not bill parents.

# SHGS Taps Matador Defensive Coordinator Marcus Galan as New Head Varsity Football Coach

The San Gabriel High community is cheering the announcement of coach Marcus Galan, defensive coordinator for the Matador's historic football championship 2022 season, as the new varsity head coach. Galan, who worked closely with coach Kevin Encinas on his coaching staff for four years, takes the reins of the school's football program after Encinas made a personal decision to step down to have more time with his wife and their two young children.

Galan is a well-known presence on the SGHS campus in his role as full-time physical education teacher and as an assistant coach. Galan brings a passion for the game — he played football in high school and college and has been coaching for ten years. He credits coach Encinas with teaching him what it takes to run a great program at San Gabriel.

"I played football since I was ten years old. This is my dream job," Galan said.

"I stand on the shoulders of exceptional mentors. I am ready to build on the success of the 2022 championship season by building good men with a strong work ethic who understand that great teamwork is at the heart of the game and life."

SGHS Principal Debbie Stone said, "We are thrilled to welcome Coach Galan into his new position as head coach for the Matador varsity football team. He has been instrumental in the team's successes on and off the field over the last four years, and his coaching philosophy strongly aligns with the culture of the SGHS Familia. Coach Galan's passion for the game and strong work ethic, along with his focus on teamwork and dedication is exactly what we need to reinforce the legacy of Matador excellence. I am grateful for the continuity that Coach Galan's leadership will bring and am looking forward to an outstanding future for our football program."



Coach Marcus Galan was the defensive coordinator for the Matadors historic season before being named SGHS varsity head coach. He is pictured here with the CIF 2022 southern Regional Championship plaque for Division 6A.



## Increase Student Funding

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School meals are free for all students. This means Alhambra Unified School District no longer has the free-and-reduced lunch meal application process which previously qualified the district for additional and vital federal funding. AUSD now uses the Alternative Income Form (AIF) for the same purpose but has seen a dramatic and costly decrease in the number of families who completed the form.

# Too Many AUSD Families Did Not Complete the Alternate Income Form. It Cost the District \$10 Million Loss, Severely Affecting Staffing + Services.

The drop in qualified Alternative Income Form applications resulted in a loss of over \$10 million dollars to AUSD schools, severely affecting staffing and services.

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, all families are required to respond to the AIF survey regardless of their household income.

AIF responses also determine eligibility for family services including fee waivers and Afterschool Adventures Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs. When parents access the AUSD Parent Portal, they will automatically be sent to a page that will collect AIF

information. Parents must respond to the survey on that page before access will be granted to any other portions of the Parent Portal.

"For the future of our students and our schools, every AUSD family must complete the Alternative Income Form," said Josephine Quach, assistant superintendent, financial services. "Parents have the power to ensure the district qualifies for maximum funding eligibility for staffing, schools, and services. At the same time, parents can make sure their children qualify for all eligible benefits."

# Ynez Inaugurates New STEAM Lab With Ribbon Cutting Night of Fun and Learning

Ynez School opened their fantastic STEAM Night with a fittingly spectacular ribbon cutting ceremony for their new STEAM-lab. Excited students and families crowded around 15 stations of STEAM-related activities, presentations, and performances. STEAM — which stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics — was evident throughout the campus with

presentations from student speakers and JPL, project exhibits, instrumental music concerts, math games, hands-on science, engineering, and art activities. Students loved making slime or "oobleck," "bouncy balls," and butterfly puppets and tested their engineering skills through "penny bridge," building earthquake-safe structures, and "make-amaze" challenges.



May 3, 2023



## Mark Keppel Poets Capture Classic Slam Championship Title for Second Year Running

“The oration of poetry, I consider to be its own art form and tradition,” said Amanda Gorman, America’s first national youth poet laureate. Mark Keppel High School’s SNAP team (Speak Now All Poets) can certainly be considered oratory artists after winning the annual Get Lit Classic Slam for second consecutive year. The Classic Slam is the culmination of Get Lit’s in-school program, and is one of the largest youth Spoken Word events in the country. The Mark Keppel SNAP team is pictured here with their championship trophy (left to right): Zenina Adao, Gabby/Lex Wong, Alexa Armendariz, Megan Garibay, Sammy Rios, Maryam Tall, and Tiffany To. Not pictured is Dorothy Burkhart, SNAP Advisor and Coach.



On Saturday, May 6th, Congresswoman Judy Chu (28th District) recognized eight impressive community members as Congressional Women of the Year, including AUSD Board of Education member, Dr. Marcia Wilson.

## AUSD Board Member Dr. Marcia Wilson Named 2023 Woman of the Year by Congresswoman Judy Chu

Alhambra USD Board of Education member, Dr. Marcia R. Wilson, was honored as a 2023 Congressional Women of the Year by Congresswoman Judy Chu, who celebrated eight accomplished local women on Saturday, May 6th.

Dr. Wilson was nominated for this recognition by Alhambra Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler. In her nomination, Mayor Andrade-Stadler wrote: “Dr. Marcia R. Willson’s lifelong dedication to education, civic engagement, advocacy, and volunteerism is a legacy that stems from her parents involvement in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. She earned her BA, MSW, and Ph.D. at the University of Southern California and joined the faculty at the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, where she has been an adjunct professor, teaching in both the MSW and DSW programs for over 30

years, including launching their online MSW program. Dr. Wilson also serves as Dean of Pathway Innovation and Institutional Effectiveness and is Dean of Equity Initiatives, including the Re-entry Pathway, Employment and Career Success, and Strong Workforce Programs at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. An active parent booster while her sons attended AUSD schools, Dr. Wilson held multiple PTA leadership roles after her family moved to the district in 2000. She also served on the Citizen’s Oversight Committee for Measure C and MM to oversee the bond construction at AUSD schools and on the board of the Alhambra Educational Foundation for seven years.”

“We’re so proud to have Dr. Wilson as part of the AUSD Team and we join with her friends and family members in celebrating this well-deserved honor,” said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo.

Among those participating at the family festival were San Gabriel High drama students who thrilled the crowd with children’s stories acted out. Alhambra High Dream Center Out of the Shadows students delivered powerful stories of their immigrant journeys through the lens of foods and recipes.

Local author Kristen Giang returned to ATA’s Read Across America family festival to read her just published book *Last Flight*, the true story of her family’s escape from Saigon on the last commercial flight out six days before the end of the war. “I hope the miracle of this flight inspires young readers to see the bravery and kindness in all of us,” said Ms. Giang. Her teacher, now AUSD board member, Ken Tang, purchased copies of Ms. Giang’s *Last Flight* as prizes for children.

Former AUSD employee, now local author and illustrator, Jennifer Kwan, read her book *Do Your Part with a Big Heart*. Azaliya Schultz, author of *Healthy Eating with Liam the Smart Rabbit* donated her books and coloring pages.

The Asian Youth Center shared community resources and books. Tzu Chi Foundation offered activities and books in

Vietnamese. AUSD Dual Language Immersion teachers at Fremont and Northrup read books in Spanish and Mandarin and provided free parent resources. The Alhambra Police Department and Alhambra Fire Department Engine 73 added to the celebrity readers, and the Alhambra Mobile Library gave children the chance to get their first library card and check out their first library books.

“We thank all those who helped ignite a love of books and reading in our children at the ATA Read Across America family fair,” Alhambra Teachers Association President, Ralph Hernandez urges. “We know that children who fall in love with reading succeed on every front. This event was for the future leaders of our community.”

Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo agreed, “It was a spectacular effort on the part of our community, and especially the Alhambra Teachers Association, led by President Ralph Hernandez and Read Across America chairperson Tammy Scorcio. We thank everyone who contributed and all the families who came out. The joyful faces of children were a testament to the success of this year’s event.”



These are just a few of the many highlights from this year’s Read Across America event – a beautiful gathering for the benefit of the community’s children.

## Community Unites to Spark Love of Words + Books at Read Across America Family Festival

Hundreds of exuberant families and children gathered on Sunday, April 30 at Alhambra Park for the beloved, action-packed Alhambra Teachers Association’s fourth annual festival of reading, Read Across America.

Community leaders, elected officials, city volunteers, AUSD students, employees, and board members, the Alhambra Educational Foundation, and local children’s authors joined forces with ATA to celebrate reading, offer free books, live performances, and multi-language storytelling, with the goal of sparking an early love of words, books and reading. The festival theme, Reading Brings the World Together, spot-

lighted the power of books and reading to build compassionate future leaders.

“When children embrace a love of words, books, and reading, they gain the empathy and wisdom to flourish — at school, in relationships, in careers, and in life,” said Janet Lees, assistant superintendent of educational services.

Each child received a festival Reading Passport to fill with stamps from the dozens of read aloud stations and arts and craft activities. A fully stamped passport allowed them to select as many free books as they wished from a huge, new, donated selection in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.





## AUSD celebrates student woodwork craftsmen

Alhambra USD Career Tech Department held their fifth annual Woodworking Banquet in May, a favorite district event, with students' handcrafted work on display as guests entered.

Under the guidance of award-winning woodworking teachers Paul Lam, John Mason, and Carlos Sanchez, students developed lifelong skills by creating a variety of projects throughout the year. Congratulations to all the award recipients, with a special shout-out to Derrick Xu from Mark Keppel High School, who won the most prestigious Richard Nicholson Award.



## AUSD Administrators Honored by Peers

Alhambra Unified School District is known for its strong team of leaders helping sites and departments. Eleven of those leaders were honored recently by the Association of California School Administrator (ACSA). Two dozen family members and colleagues were on hand to applaud the honorees at the ACSA Region XV Annual Awards Banquet.

- Pat Mahony, nominee for Marcus Foster Award for Administrative Excellence
- Michele Yamarone, Alhambra Charter Award
- Viven Watts, Classified Leader
- John Scanlan, Personnel / Human Resources
- Linh Ly, Promising Administrator
- Jocelyn Castro, Secondary Co-Administrator
- Dr. Debbie Kotani, Elementary Principal
- Debbie Stone, Secondary Principal
- Dr. Angie Juarez, Special Education
- Dr. Denise Jaramillo, Superintendent
- Dr. Lily Jarvis, Valuing Diversity Award



AUSD's award-winning Food and Nutritional Services team is led by Executive Director Vivien Watts (front-center), who notes the importance of keeping students well fed, "Food is a source of comfort, security, and inclusion."

## More Accolades for AUSD Food + Nutritional Services

Alhambra Unified School District Food + Nutrition Services was one of eight state 2023 winners of the fourth annual Dairy Council of California Let's Eat Healthy Leadership Awards. The leadership award celebrates California leaders and change-makers who educate, inspire, and empower children and communities to develop lifelong healthy eating habits and have equitable access to nutrition.

"This year's leadership award recipients are making a difference by advocating for nutrition, food access and empowering children to build lifelong healthy eating

patterns," states California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross.

AUSD's Food + Nutrition Services were recognized for increasing participation of school meals by instituting grab and go meals and second chance breakfasts, and by involving the school community in sampling menu items to stay relevant to cultural needs and food trends.

For more information, visit [HealthyEat.org](https://HealthyEat.org) or watch video:

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## AUSD Names 2023 Employees of the Year

At Alhambra USD's annual Employee Service Recognition celebration in May, three extraordinary Alhambra Unified School District employees were surprised and delighted to learn they were named 2023 AUSD Employees of the Year:

Manager of the Year: Dr. Leann Huang, Career Technical Education Specialist, serving all AUSD high schools, housed at Alhambra High School

Certificated Employee of the Year: Christine Chung, Instructional Specialist for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Program, serving AUSD and the West San

Gabriel Valley SELPA, housed at Granada School

Classified Employee of the Year: Rosario (Rosie) Puentes, Elementary Campus Supervisor at Moor Field

"We are so grateful for the outstanding work and dedication of each of these formidable members of the Alhambra Unified School District team," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. "Every day these three women create tributaries of excellence with their creative and collaborative support of students, families, colleagues and the community."



WINNERS of the Academy Art Contest 2023.

## Emerging Artists Win Recognition

The Academy of Special Dreams congratulated emerging artists from Alhambra Unified School District for participating in The Academy Art Contest 2022-2023. The non-profit acknowledged The Alhambra Unified School District for their collaboration and Angie Juárez, Ed. D.

Special Education Principal Moor Field and LIFT Programs Alhambra Unified School District for supporting inclusive competition. Additional recognition went to The California Arts Council, Walmart, and supporters for their generous financial support.



## AUSD Groundskeeper honored as a 2023 CSEA Unsung Hero

Alhambra Unified School District groundskeeper Geovanny Oliva (center) was named a California School Employee Association (CSEA) 2023 Unsung Hero. In his nomination, CSEA-Alhambra 295 wrote, "Alhambra is proud to nominate Geovanny as an Unsung Hero in recognition of his steadfast support of our chapter.

He serves as a member of our Negotiations Team. Geovanny is always ready to help cheerfully and enthusiastically. With much appreciation, we honor Geovanny!" Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo agreed, "AUSD is grateful to Mr. Oliva for all he does for AUSD and CSEA."



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After a decade of struggle, the original building was sold, and in 1923, 1.5 acres were purchased on the south side of Irving Street in the Washington Irving Tract in Alhambra. “Atherton Villa” became “Atherton Court” as the leaders adopted a new style of community based around a series of bungalows. By 1930, there were 5 buildings on the small campus housing 18 people, but a new pattern was established that would flourish and grow over the decades in the fertile soil of the Alhambra community.

This year, Atherton celebrates its 100th anniversary in Alhambra. With 75

buildings on their 15-acre campus, 365 residents live there either independently or with assisted or skilled services. Today not all these residents are “aged Baptist ministers and missionaries,” but Atherton still embraces its heritage of providing “a senior living community rooted in Christian values, enriching lives and honoring all.”

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Several of my patients with immune deficient conditions report taking a lot of antibiotics when they were children. An article in one professional journal predicted an oncoming health calamity because bacteria continues to evolve greater resistance to the antibiotics created to wipe it out. Some studies have shown that children raised in households with lots of antibacterial soaps tended to have more illnesses than those in less germ-conscious environments. It suggests that children living in somewhat untidy conditions may be getting an edge on stronger immune systems.

The philosophy of challenging the body with germs or even illness is akin to challenging the muscular system with weight training, although the parallels are not perfect. We do know that presenting rich, challenging materials like giving puzzles and riddles to children do help them build stronger reasoning skills during a stage of development when new neural connections are easiest to form. Some people even believe that learning to write in complex sentences in one's youth tends to reduce the risk for Alzheimers. There's even some theories that promote the idea that stronger bodies help with better eye focusing and easier reading and learning. In any case, art, music, movement, and intellectual stimulation help make a person healthier in both mind and body.

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# How GERD Affects Your Teeth

by Dr. Krasnodara Gashparova, DDS  
(also known as Dr. Dara)

Health conditions in other parts of the body can impact your oral health in significant ways. What's happening in your gastrointestinal tract can impact your teeth and gums.

## What is GERD (Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease)?

GERD is a chronic disease that occurs when stomach acid flows up into the esophagus (the muscular tube that connects the stomach with the mouth), the throat, and even into the mouth. Heartburn more than twice a week may indicate GERD.

Normally, the ring of muscles (a sphincter) at the top of the stomach is strong and prevents acids from leaking. However, if the sphincter is not working properly, the acid can move up, causing erosion on the walls of the esophagus, mouth, gums, and teeth. This medical condition affects approximately one out of five adults in the US.

GERD symptoms include heartburn, or a burning sensation in the chest, nausea after eating, coughing, and buildup of mucus, sore throat, hiccups, and change in the voice. Acid reflux can also cause dry mouth. While many people may be aware they are experiencing acid reflux when they have all these symptoms, not everyone experiences all of them. Your dentist may be the first to notice it during a routine oral exam.

Over time, untreated GERD can damage the lining of the esophagus, causing ulcers and even cancer. In the mouth, acid reflux can eat away tooth enamel and damage gums.

## How Stomach Acid Affects Your Teeth

On the pH scale, which measures acidity, a normal, healthy pH is around 7.0 (the same as pure water). A more acidic pH of 5.5 or lower begins to dissolve tooth enamel (the tooth protective layer). Stomach acid measures pH of 2.0. That is strong enough to break down food and is also capable of causing serious dental damage.

### Be Alert for these Symptoms

- Teeth develop a yellow discoloration
- General increase of the teeth sensitivity
- Developing more than usual cavities
- Teeth becoming shorter and sharper
- Unexplained gum and periodontal disease in presence of good oral hygiene

## Your Dentist Can Help Protect Your Teeth

Your dentist can help protect your teeth from the effects of acid reflux, with these techniques.

Professionally administered re-mineralizing treatments, including varnishes, rinses, or gel. This is usually done in the dental office.

Prescribed oral rinses, gels, and

high-fluoride toothpastes for home use. If you have concerns about fluoride, toothpastes that contain ACP (amorphous calcium phosphate) can also be beneficial in preventing erosion.

Fabricate bonded restorations such as veneers or crowns to restore and protect eroded teeth.

## How You Can Help Control GERD Damage

Stimulate saliva production by chewing sugar-free xylitol gum. Saliva helps neutralize acid and contains calcium and other minerals that help build the tooth surface



Chewing sugar free gum reduce acidity

Rinse your mouth out with water often. To neutralize the acid, mix half a teaspoon



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of baking soda into a cup of water and rinse, or chew on a sugar-free antacid tablet.

If you suffer from xerostomia (dry mouth), use a saliva substitute, or chew green tea gum, which can increase saliva flow and reduce acidity in the mouth.

Lifestyle changes can also be helpful in controlling the uncomfortable symptoms of GERD. These include reducing alcohol, tobacco, spicy food, caffeine, and acidic beverages. Try to finish the last meal of the day about three hours before bedtime and avoid lying down right after eating.

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## Your Insurance

# How to Use Your Coverage and Make Financial Decisions

By Katherine Yu Simms

When you make the important decision to sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan, there are some important things to keep in mind to get the most from your plan. Here are some tips to help you take advantage of your benefits and save you time and money.

1. **Stay in network to see your providers** - if you go out of network, your portion of the medical bill may be larger.
2. **Choose a preferred pharmacy for prescriptions** - if your plan includes prescription drug coverage you can save money by signing up for mail order delivery and ordering up to 100 day supply.
3. **Enroll in a gym membership (if your plan includes this)** - if you have been paying for a monthly gym membership, you may be able to cut this expense.
4. **Take advantage of benefits such as meals after hospital stays or over the counter pharmacy allowances** - you may use this allowance to pay for things such as sunscreen, supplements, incontinent supplies, and bandages. Home delivered meals are available at no cost for post hospital stays.
5. **Use your dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic, and acupuncture**



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**benefits (if your plan includes these)** - some plans offer PPO dental and hearing aids as well as unlimited acupuncture visits

By choosing a Medicare Advantage plan, you're off to a great start! When possible, stay in network to minimize out of pocket costs. If you have questions about your current plan or want to explore other plans which may be more suitable for you, please contact me for a free consultation.

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# Alondra's Hot Wings is Now *Awsom*

By Justin Lim, Community Reporter

In the culinary landscape of Alhambra, one establishment has achieved iconic status among foodies and sports fans: Alondra's Hot Wings. With lines around the block and big bowl games making this homegrown restaurant a beloved eatery, the name change seems perfect. Alondra's is now "Awsom."

Born and raised in war-torn Lebanon during the civil war, Awsom's owners, the Kazarian brothers, endured unimaginable hardship that culminated when a missile landed in their bedroom. Their family made the decision to flee their homeland and start anew in the United States. In a story that resonates with immigrants from many countries, the family arrived with not much more than the clothes on their backs.

The family lived paycheck to paycheck. As children, the three brothers had eagerly anticipated a birthday party at Chuck E. Cheese for weeks. Unfortunately, when the day finally arrived, their father broke down in tears, unable to provide the money they needed to attend the party. This heartbreaking moment left a deep impression on the brothers and served as a driving force for their future success.

As young boys, the Kazarian brothers would dream up business ideas while walking to school, envisioning a future filled with boundless possibilities. In 2001, after graduating from college, Danny and Harout, at the age of 25, and Garo, at the age of 18, decided to take the plunge and start their own business.

The Kazarian brothers took inspiration from their parents' unique skill sets; their mother was a talented home cook and their father was a successful businessman in Lebanon. With their combined talents, the brothers set out to open a small hot wings shop in Paramount, California. Danny recalls days when they made only

\$50 in sales, with countless nights spent sleeping in the restaurant to wake up at 6 am to grocery shop to stock the kitchen for the day. Throughout their struggles, the Kazarian brothers would keep each other in check, relying on their unbreakable bond and the knowledge that everything they did was in honor of the sacrifices their parents made.

The success of the brothers' hot wings during the 2001 Super Bowl was a turning point for their business. The recognition they received from the event attracted a large crowd to their shop, resulting in a significant increase in sales. The buzz generated by the Super Bowl continued to spread, and their reputation grew as more people became aware of their delicious hot wings. This led to a surge in business during the 2002 Oscar De La Hoya fight, where they experienced another explosive surge in sales. During these surges in business, the Kazarian brothers worked tirelessly, operating like well-oiled machines as they pumped out their signature hot wings. According to Danny Kazarian, one of the brothers who co-owns the restaurant, the kitchen was "a warzone back there."

The Kazarian brothers' passion for serving food has taken them to new heights, and they have become an iconic name in every city they have opened a restaurant in. Their unwavering determination, coupled with their unique combination of skills and talents, has led to incredible success, from recognition on the Senate floors in Washington, D.C., and California to six locations and over 350 employees. The Kazarian brothers' success story is a testament to the power of hard work, perseverance, and the unbreakable bond of family. You can visit Awsom at 515 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Visit their website: [lovealondras.com](http://lovealondras.com).

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Join us for a big, free 70s event at The Rabbit Hole on Saturday, June 24th at 24 W. Main St. in Alhambra. Attendees are

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# Alhambra's Cool Log Cabin

By Gary Frueholz

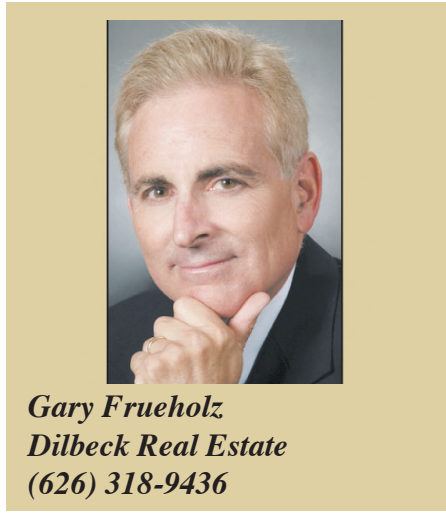
Log cabins hold a special place in American history. They are an architectural bridge between our nation's rustic past and its spirit of adventure and exploration. Log cabins symbolize the American journey from an agrarian society to the industrial behemoth it now is. These structures capture our national identity of pioneers, the wilderness, and Abraham Lincoln.

Alhambra has its own log cabin. It resides at 1919 S. Palm Avenue near an off ramp of the San Bernardino Freeway, close to Fremont Avenue. Here one can see the classic architecture that typified log cabins with horizontal logs stacked upon each other and intersecting at right angles at the building's corners. Like many log cabins there is a simple gable roof covering a porch to the front door. And the mere use of timber reinforces the historic linkage to our resource-rich country's past.

So, was Alhambra's log cabin built during the time of Lincoln or at least during the 1800's? Not really. In reality, nearly half of our city's homes are older than Alhambra's log cabin. Alhambra's log cabin was built in 1937. This unusual structure was built as a project for community service and self-reliance by one of the country's largest youth organizations during the twentieth century, the Boy Scouts of America.

Permit number 25996 was issued by the City of Alhambra on March 24, 1937, to Boy Scout Troop 16. The owner of the log cabin is listed as the "Dad's Club" of Troop 16. The permit states the dimensions of the building are 37 feet by 32 feet. The 1937 permit lists the value of the completed log cabin to be \$500. The land was donated by a local family. From its inception to the 1980s, the cabin was used for Boy Scout meetings and other youth organizations.

The interior of Alhambra's log cabin is dominated by a grey granite fireplace on its west end that reaches to the ceiling with a moose head mounted above the hearth. On special Boy Scout occasions, lights would be dimmed with the fireplace providing the only light in the room. The flickering logs created a surreal outdoor feeling with the image of the dimly lit



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moose almost coming alive.

Alhambra's log cabin would also double as the Fremont Youth Center in the decade before closing its doors to regular meetings in the early 1980s. The log cabin now shares the property with more modern educational buildings owned by Behavior, Education, & Learning Institute. BELI provides training and educational opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities and now technically owns the log cabin.

Architecture can project a message beyond the immediate building. The architecture of Alhambra's log cabin may be simple, but the implication of the construction materials is profound and powerful. The log timbers and granite stones depict our country's journey from its humble beginnings.

Throughout Alhambra's Log Cabin, there are artifacts of its creators and users, the Boy Scouts. On the southwest wall, there is an inscription composed of five-inch-tall letters carved into a wooden plaque. It reads:

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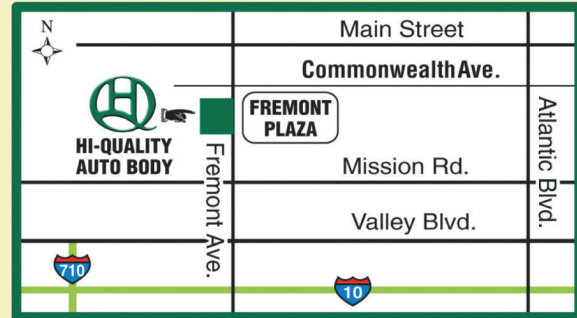
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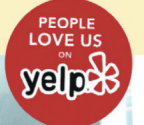
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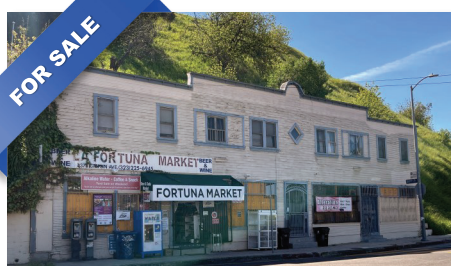
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