



There will be photo opportunities with the bunny at the Eggstravaganza April 20.

Eggstravaganza to offer morning full of fun

This year's Eggstravaganza celebration will take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Almansor Park, 800 S. Almansor St. The Alhambra Parks and Recreation Department and the Alhambra Little League are sponsoring a morning full of fun for the kids. This annual celebration has been a part of Alhambra since at least the mid 1950s.

There will be two separate egg hunts. The first one will be at 8:30 a.m. for boys and girls between the ages of 0 to 4 years old. The second one will be at 10:30 a.m. for kids from 5 to 12 years old and for children needing adaptive support. Last year, the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department purchased 20,000 plastic eggs. Half of them were filled with candy, and the other half contained small toys. This year should be even more exciting.

There will be more in store than just hidden candied eggs. There are plans for photo opportunities with the egg bunny, games, face-painting, crafts, and more. There is no cost to attend this event.

For more information, call 626-570-3242.



Powerful precision athletes, MKAM Dance Team members are capturing national attention and winning hearts as they show their dedication and determination to win.

Mark Keppel's All Male Dance Team wins hearts on *World of Dance* Moves to next round

The underdog at any competition, Mark Keppel High School's MKAM Dance Team, against all odds, competed on NBC's *World of Dance* March 10. The only all male high school dance to ever appear on the show, MKAM won its duel and is qualified for the next WOD round, chasing the \$1 million prize. Air date to be announced.

None of the kids, who among them speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Tagalog, Spanish, Korean, and English, ever had a dance lesson before they joined MKAM Dance Company as ninth graders. Every other tween or teen competing on WOD (or any television show for that matter) is the product of years of dance studio training combined with home schooling on a set.

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You Can Read Anywhere Family Fair to celebrate reading April 13 at Alhambra Park

Students and families are invited to participate in the second annual You Can Read Anywhere Read Across America Family Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Alhambra Park, 500 N. Palm Ave.

Co-hosted by the Alhambra Teachers Association, Alhambra Unified School District, and the Alhambra Educational Foundation, the Family Fun Reading Fair expects a crowd of more than 900. Every child receives at least



Read Across America 2018 student volunteers at ATA's first You Can Read Anywhere Family Fair, which a crowd of 900 attended. More are expected at this year's fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 13 at Alhambra Park, 500 N. Palm Ave. Photo by Liezel Gutierrez.

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Alhambra was once promoted as The City of Homes



By Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler

Women's History Day with a luncheon. March also finds literacy at the top of the list with Read Across America. I had the opportunity to read a Spanish book to Ms. Urea's first-grade class at Fremont Elementary School in the Spanish immersion program. On Saturday, April 13, at Alhambra Park, Alhambra Unified and the Alhambra Teachers Association will host a You Can Read Anywhere book giveaway and more at Alhambra Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be live performances and snacks.

We are celebrating the retirement of some of our hard working police officers: Richard Aguayo, Elliot Kase, Joseph Mallette, Raul Saldana, Robert Torrance, and Jennifer Weise. Congratulations to them, and thank you for keeping our community safe.

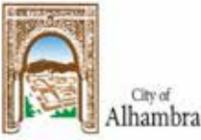
Did you know that Alhambra was incorporated in 1903, and the first school in Alhambra was Ramona Convent? Soon came the fire department in 1906, and the city was promoted as The City of Homes. Today's homeownership rate is 40.8 %.

Please watch as your City Council is hard at being proactive with respect to the potential removal of the 710 freeway valley access. We are asking for traffic studies that will help determine what to do in the area. We understand that traffic congestion is one of the main issues for our families and businesses along the corridor. Please remain engaged.

Hello Alhambra!

Spring is officially upon us as noted by our turning the clocks forward along with the many varieties of flowers blooming all around.

March found the city celebrating Women's History Month with Soroptimist of Alhambra San Gabriel and San Marino honoring women as heads of households receiving scholarship donations from the Live your Dream Program. In addition, the Alhambra's Woman's Club celebrated





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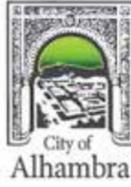
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Smith machines offer several options for safe, effective workouts



The Smith machine was invented by American fitness guru Jack LaLanne, improved by Rudy Smith (hence the name), and first used in the Vic Tanny Gyms. Planet Fitness is heir to this rich history with its own Smith machines.

The equipment was designed for weight training. Yet newer gym members sometimes shy away from using the machine because it can appear complex and intimidating. Actually, it is a great choice for beginners and veteran members. All members are always encouraged to ask the staff at Planet Fitness to explain and demonstrate equipment that is new to them.

Smith machines offer several options for safe, effective workouts. Many of the exercises you would do with free weights can be accomplished on the Smith machine. The machine includes safety and stabilization features that can help you push your limits with confidence. There are safety hooks along the bar that serve as spotters, which can relieve you if you need a rest while working out. The bar remains fixed along the sliding plane of motion, reducing the risk of dropping it to one side. That helps you focus each exercise on the intended muscle group.

Before you begin a Smith machine workout, make sure you have an adjustable bench available so that you can adjust the machine between exercises. Afterward, Planet Fitness recommends doing some work with the cardio equipment so you maintain a balanced fitness routine.

Here are a few beginner exercises to try. First, start with no weight on the Smith machine bar. Stand with feet at shoulder-width distance and grip the bar at a



Planet Fitness certified trainer Nadine Munoz trains staff member Ana Arroyo on the Smith machine.

distance slightly past your shoulders, resting it comfortably across the top of your upper back. Then slowly lower yourself to the squat position and raise yourself to a standing position. Once you're comfortable with the basic movement, add weight to the bar. If you overload the bar and can't complete a rep, quickly lock the safety hooks by rotating the bar forward.

Next, start with no weight on the bar and place a flat bench beneath it. Center the bench so that the weight of the bar will be evenly distributed across your body. Then lower the bar and lock the safety hook in place at about an arm's length higher than the bench. This will allow you to lie on the bench and easily hold onto the bar above you.

When you are ready, lie on the bench with your back straight and the bar located above the middle of your chest. Grip the bar with your hands a little wider than shoulder-width distance. Then lower the bar with your elbows flared out and your back straight. Raise the bar until your arms are almost straight and repeat. Once you are comfortable with the movement, add weight to the bar. If you can't complete the movement, simply lock the safety hook in place and slide off of the bench.

Next, start with no weight on the bar, and stand close behind it with your knees slightly bent. Lower the bar slightly past your hips and hold it with an overhand grip with your hands shoulder-width apart. Center your body within the machine and hold your hands equidistant from the lines on the bar. Keeping your elbows straight, shrug your shoulders up and down as you lift the bar slightly and repeat, feeling your shoulder blades come together with each repetition. Once you are comfortable, add weight to the bar. If you get tired or can't complete a full shrug, just lock the safety hook in place and rest.

Now that you have some basic knowledge of the Smith machine and some exercises to try, you can get started. As always, please consult a physician prior to beginning any exercise program. And remember Alhambra Planet Fitness certified trainer Nadine can help show you around the gym and provide instruction on how to use the smith machine. She can also help design an exercise program to help you meet your goals and get the most out of your workouts.

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City Clerk Lauren Myles administers the oath of office to new Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler and new Vice Mayor Ross Maza.

City Council reorganizes

On Feb. 25, a changing of the guard took place at Alhambra City Hall. Every nine months the duties of mayor rotate among the five council members so that everyone has the experience of leading the city.

On this evening, council business was suspended by outgoing Mayor Jeff Maloney, who made brief remarks about his own time as mayor and his accomplishments. Next, the outgoing mayor received recognition from luminaries in the community.

These included presentations from the mayor and two council members from Monterey Park, a representative from the city of Rosemead, a representative from the office of State Assembly member Ed Chau and State Senator Susan Rubio, Christian Daily of L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Bargas' office, and Mike Eng on behalf of his wife, U.S. Rep. Judy Chu.

City Clerk Lauren Myles administered the oath of

office to new Vice Mayor Ross Maza and new Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler. Each of them made a few remarks about their goals and introduced their guests in the packed council chambers.

Among the problems Mayor Andrade-Stadler wants to address are transportation issues, which include safety for pedestrians, bike riders, and drivers. In addition, she wants to use her extensive background in the Alhambra School District to partner with the schools to maximize open space for use by the public. She wants to appeal to new businesses that cater to younger people while focusing future development that includes affordable housing. She also expressed concern and the willingness to support the homeless population.

An informal meet and greet took place after the meeting in the City Hall lobby where citizens could meet and speak to their council members and the incoming and outgoing mayors.

Plan now for Camp Alhambra 2019

Last summer, Camp Alhambra was a huge success. The summer program was almost filled to capacity. The Parks and Recreation Department aims to serve every child they can in this summer camp of 10 great weeks of fun, each with a different theme and field trip. The camp will be offered June 3 to Aug. 8.

The objective of Camp Alhambra is to provide the community with a safe quality summer camp experience led by trained counselors who know that being active and curious is the cure for the summer blues.

This is an opportunity for children to develop self-confidence. Camp Alhambra offers children

the opportunity to develop lifelong skills, keep physically active, unplug from today's technology, forge new friendships, and have fun they will always remember.

Camp Alhambra will be held at Granada Park Gymnasium, 2000 W. Hellman Ave. The program is for children 7 to 12 years old. The price per child is \$100 per week for each resident child and \$115 for non-residents. Days and times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Late fees apply. Extended care hours are available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for \$25 each hour.

For more information and to register for the program, call 626-570-5081, or register online at www.cityofalhabra.org.



People wait to get into the library's new Discovery Center Feb. 28. The center is jam packed with new technology for library patrons to experience and even have a hands-on experience in the latest Brother sewing machines, Lulzbot 3D Printers, a Cricut Maker, Oculus Go Virtual Reality, and other robotics and creative equipment. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations to use the equipment should be made at least a day in advance at the teen desk or by calling 626-570-5008, ext. 5608.



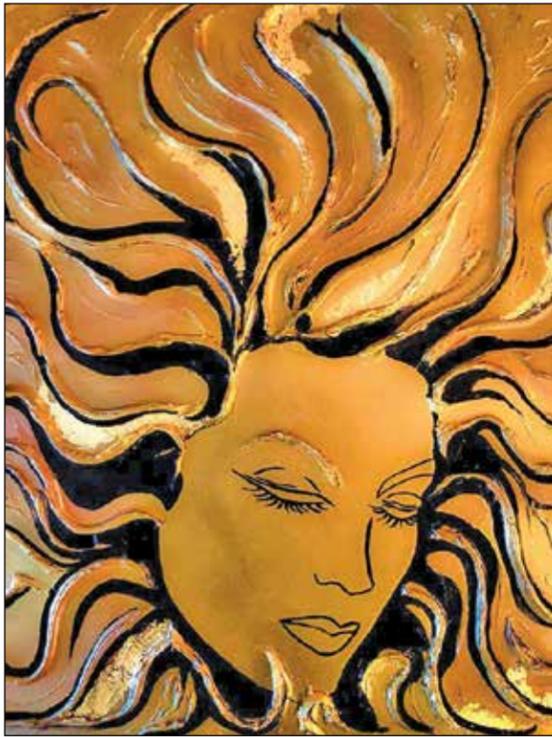
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Three artists featured in City Hall Art Gallery in April

Michael Dergar and the team of Myrick Atanay are the featured artists for April in the City Hall lobby, 111 S. First St.

As a child in his native Mexico, Mr. Dergar endured a neurological condition that left him unable to walk. Fortunately, he was determined to walk without pain in his legs and he succeeded. Now living in Pasadena, he works to encourage the artistic expression of other individuals with disabilities.

As an artist himself, he has made it his mission to bring public awareness to those with special needs. To that end he founded the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation. The foundation works to further his goal of supporting artists in the special needs community. The City Hall Art exhibit in February included works by students with disabilities at Alhambra High School that was



"I use colors to bring to life the texture in painting in a representation of physical objects and the relation of life and inner feelings," said artist Michael Dergar.

encouraged by Mr. Dergar's foundation.

"Michael is an amazing individual who puts his entire heart into supporting students in the Alhambra Unified School District," said Wendy Ozawa, an education specialist at Alhambra High School. "His work is invaluable as he supports young adults with disabilities pursue happiness through career awareness and art."

Mr. Dergar said his own art represents the freedom and equality of his inner soul and creation of the universe. "I use colors to bring to life the texture in painting in a representation of physical objects and the relation of life and inner feelings," he said.

Mr. Dergar is looking forward to his first international exhibition in July in Oaxaca, Mexico, in collaboration with famous Mexican artist Maru Pombo.

Myrick Atanay are two people who paint together. She is a mixed media artist. He is an illustrator and painter. Myrick Atanay's Spiritual Physicalist art engages modern mindfulness and explores the themes of compassion and awareness.

The City of Alhambra is proud to display the work of talented local artists in the lobby gallery at City Hall. The community is always welcome to view these exceptional works of art.

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Myrick Atanay's Spiritual Physicalist art engages modern mindfulness and explores themes of compassion, awareness, and suffering. Spiritual Physicalism is their form of abstract expressionism.

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Spring Eggstravaganza

City of Alhambra

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Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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- 9:30 am: 0-2 years and 3-4 years
- 10:30 am: 5-7 years, 8-12 years and adaptive

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Unicorns, music, fun at library in April

Come to the Civic Center Library, 101 S. First St., for youthful adventures. First of all, visit the new Discovery Center. Ask at the reference desk how to try out the new state-of-the-art technology.

For teens this month, the library is celebrating unicorns. Teens are invited to make and take home colorful bath bombs and unicorn sleep masks. Join in the fun at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in the library's Homework Center. No registration is required for this creative activity.

For the children, the library also has unicorn related activities. In the joyous spirit of these legendary creatures, the children can create a unicorn garden. This

activity is part of the children's program called Unicorn Habitats and will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

There is something for everyone at the Alhambra Civic Center Library. The month of April will wrap up with a musical performance at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20, by the Los Angeles Children's Orchestra. This ensemble of young people has participated in the Los Angeles Chinese New Year celebration, the Tournament of Roses Parade, and PBS's internationally broadcast Holiday Celebration program. Last year, they were invited to audition and perform on two rounds of the popular television show *America's Got Talent*.



The Alhambra Public Library Friends Foundation's Annual Fundraiser is the best party in town.

Spend 'An Evening at Hogwarts' at library's annual fundraiser

There is a secret that everyone should know. It is that the Alhambra Public Library Friends Foundation's Annual Fundraiser is the best party in town. Each party has a theme, and this year's Table of Contents Dinner: Chapter Five is An Evening at Hogwarts, which will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Alhambra Civic Center Library, 101 S. First St.

The event will celebrate more than 20 years of Harry Potter Magic from the series of books, films, theme park attractions, and more by world famous author J.K. Rowling.

The evening will feature a unique din-

ing experience in Hogwarts (the library's Great Hall and feature visits to Diagon Alley and the Sorting Hat. There will be a chance to obtain Opportunity Baskets. The entrance fee to Hogwarts is \$75 per person or \$130 per couple.

The proceeds from the evening will be used by the foundation to benefit library programs such as the popular summer reading clubs for children, teens, and adults; new library collections; educational and family programs; and cultural programs for all ages, etc.

See more about An Evening at Hogwarts in the May issue of *Around Alhambra*.



Drill Team is a great place for kids to make friends and learn cooperation and teamwork while building their bodies and self-esteem.

Not too late to sign up for Drill Team

The annual spring Drill Team training offered by the Parks and Recreation Department began in March, but kids can still sign up for it. The City of Alhambra is looking for students from the third grade through the eighth grade to be a part of a team, while increasing their strength and stamina. They will learn the basics of synchronized marching, performing precision drills to music, while learning dance like choreography and showmanship.

Practices for the Drill Teams are taking

place at the after-school sites on weekdays during regular After School Program times. The Drill Team training leads up to a team championship Saturday, May 11.

There may be an additional cost for uniforms. To find out more about the details of uniforms, practices, locations, clinics, rules, bus transportation, and the parent/player handbook and to register, call 626-570-5081, or check out the web site at <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-alhambra/catalog>.

CITY OF ALHAMBRA POLICE REPORT

March 11

The Alhambra Police Department sends out a big thanks to the person who called to report seeing two men in the area of Fremont Avenue and Valley Boulevard acting suspiciously and one of them handling a firearm. Alhambra Police Officers converged on the area and found two subjects matching the description given walking down Fremont Avenue. During the investigation, a 17-year-old was found with a loaded 9mm semi-auto handgun and a large quantity of marijuana inside his backpack. The 17-year-old was arrested on multiple charges and is currently being housed at juvenile hall. The 19-year-old was not in violation and released.



March 5

Officers responded to 88 S. Garfield for several reports of a subject who was seen entering several apartments while the residents were sleeping (cat burglary). The apartment manager of 88 S. Garfield saw the same subject walking through the apartment complex. The apartment manager was able to follow the subject to a residence in the 400 block of North Monterey where he notified detectives of the circumstances. The subject was seen leaving the residence a short time later at which time he was detained by detectives of the Alhambra



Police Department. The subject had several victims' property in his possession and was subsequently arrested. A search warrant was obtained, and investigators recovered numerous stolen items.

During the course of their investigation, a second subject was identified as an accomplice in the crimes. The subject was located at a residence in the 400 block of South Russell in Monterey Park. This subject was arrested, and items of evidence were also recovered.

Subject 1 is Dillion Welsh, 25 years of age

Subject 2 is Alejandro Garcia, 23 years of age

Please remember to lock doors and windows even in a secured complex. If someone has been a victim of a theft and have yet to report the incident, please contact the police so they can complete a crime report. The dispatch number is 626-570-5151.

March 4

The Alhambra Police Department is looking for assistance in identifying the suspect who recently stole a package from a porch. If anyone has seen the subject in the area of Alhambra, please call 626-570-5151. If someone knows who the subject is, please call the Investigations Unit and leave an anonymous message with the subject's name, date of birth, and where the subject is living. Help is greatly appreciated. Remember the police have a partnership with Ring. They use and follow the Ring Neighborhood Apps. Their goal is to use the videos the user captures and upload to the application to solve more crimes. See video of suspect at https://www.facebook.com/alhambrapolice/videos/940783782776779/?epa=SEARCH_BOX or Alhambra Police Department's Facebook page.

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New bill to modify privacy law will hurt small businesses, kill jobs

BY CALCHAMBER

A new proposal to modify the state privacy law that is still being modified will create a litigation nightmare, the California Chamber of Commerce warned this week.

The bill, SB 561 (Jackson; D-Santa Barbara), was introduced Feb. 22 to expand the reasons a consumer may file a civil lawsuit to enforce the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA).

The CCPA was rushed through the legislative process in the summer of 2018 without the benefit of input from numerous crucial stakeholders and as a result is deeply flawed. A CalChamber-led coalition worked on legislation passed last year to fix some of the problems with the CCPA and is continuing to seek more adjustments to make the law more workable before it goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

In a Feb. 25 press release, the CalChamber said SB 561 proposes to add significant costs to small business employers.

The goal of the CCPA “should be compliance,” the release stated. “Yet the goal of SB 561 ... appears to be lawsuits and

attorney’s fees.

“The bill removes the opportunity for small businesses to seek clarification from the Attorney General on how to ensure they are complying with the law and instead opens up significant new avenues of litigation that will primarily benefit trial attorneys.”

If a business has an inadvertent misstep because it does not have the benefit of clarifying regulations or direction from the Attorney General’s office, it will have no opportunity to resolve the issue before costly litigation ensues, the CalChamber noted.

“Compliance, not punishment, should be the goal of government to enforce laws and regulations,” the CalChamber stated. “Punishment may be an incentive to increase compliance, but — especially where a law is new and vague — eliminating a right to cure does not promote compliance.”

SB 561 “will not only hurt and possibly bankrupt small businesses in the state; it will kill jobs and innovation.”

7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

Alhambra - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money. This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market.

The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market. As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars.

The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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Tax Tips

Tax deadline, unclaimed refunds

Deadline to file 2018 tax returns, tax extensions, is April 15

There are roughly 1 million people who are owed around \$1 billion in refunds for taxable year 2015. If you haven't filed your 2015 income tax return, your statute expires on April 15. That means you lose the refund.

According to the IRS bulletin, here are some facts about unclaimed refunds:

- The unclaimed refunds apply to people who did not file a federal income tax return for 2015.

- Some people, such as students and part-time workers, may not have filed because they had too little income to require them to file a tax return. They may have a refund waiting if they have taxes withheld or if they qualify for certain tax credits.

- The law generally provides a three-year window to claim a tax refund. For 2015 returns, the window closes on April 15.

- The law requires that taxpayers properly address, mail, and postmark their returns by April 15 to claim their refunds.

- After three years, unclaimed refunds become the property of the U.S. Treasury. There is no penalty for filing a late return if the taxpayer is due a refund.
- The IRS may hold 2015 refunds if taxpayers have not filed tax returns for 2016 and 2017. The U.S. Treasury will apply the refund to any federal or state tax owed. Refunds may also be held to offset unpaid child support or past due federal debts, such as student loans.

- Taxpayers who are missing forms W-2, 1098, 1099, or 5498 for prior years should ask for copies from employers, banks, or other payers. Taxpayers who can't get these copies can request a wage and income transcript either at www.irs.gov or by mail. Taxpayers can also file a Form 4506-T to get a transcript.



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

- The three-year window usually applies to a refund from an amended return. In general, you must file a form 1040X Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return within three years from the due date you filed the original return. That means the deadline for most people to amend their 2015 tax return and claim a refund will expire April 15.

The State of California has a four-year statute, and the IRS has a three-year statute. The deadline to file for a refund for your 2014 California return will be April 15. Just like the IRS — use it, or lose it.

For more information, you can go to www.irs.gov for the federal return, www.ftb.ca.gov for the California return, or speak to your tax professional.

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The Alhambra Chamber of Commerce held a New Member Breakfast March 13 at the Chamber office. The New Member Breakfasts offer new members a chance to meet the Chamber staff, speak about their businesses, and learn about Chamber services and activities. City services are also discussed. The breakfast is free to Chamber members and members who have not previously attended.



The Chamber's March 14 monthly Business to Business networking breakfast was hosted by the YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley, 401 E. Corto St., Alhambra. The YMCA's commitment to meeting community needs is continually demonstrated in programs ranging from child care, after-school enrichment, youth leadership and development, mentoring and tutoring, youth and adult sports, fitness, camping, and family support activities. Business to Business takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. It offers opportunities for members of the business community to get to know each other and promote their businesses.



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The City Council and the Chamber celebrated the Grand Opening of The Shredded Carrot, 2428 W. Valley Blvd., Unit D., Alhambra, March 18. The Shredded Carrot is a family-owned artisan bakery specializing in traditional recipes. From left are Sandra Armenta-Lopez, district rep. for Sen. Susan Rubio; City Manager Jessica Binnquist; Vice Mayor Ross Maza; Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler; The Shredded Carrot owners Suzanne Eggli, Brent Bullock, and Jonah Eggli; Councilmember David Mejia; and Chamber Ambassador Jewelyn Co.



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The future for drivers, self-driving cars

If experts are right, our roads and our driving experiences will be vastly different in two decades. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) predicts that the majority of cars will be autonomous by the year 2040.

While you might have to wait 20 years for everyday interactions with self-driving vehicles, self-driving vehicle technologies have already made an impact on our roads, our daily driving, and our expectations of vehicle possibilities. Here's what the future might look like for drivers, cities, jobs, and the economy.

The automation scale

Most modern passenger cars already include at least one advanced driver-assistance feature such as adaptive cruise control or lane assist. Vehicles with these assistance features qualify as a Level 1 on the Society of Automotive Engineers' six-point automation scale. For Levels 0 through 2, you do all the driving with partial automation assistance. For Levels 3 through 5, your car handles all the driving, in certain circumstances, with limited to no human assistance needed.

Some manufacturers have rapidly pushed the envelope with semi-autonomous features that can put cars on autopilot, though still requiring an attentive human driver to be ready to take control. This would be considered a Level 3 on the

automation scale.

The present: drivers and driverless cars

Some theorize that driverless cars will ultimately be much safer, as human driver errors account for more than 9% of traffic accidents, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, the mileage, accident severity, and accident type of driverless versus human-driven cars is still being studied as autonomous cars rack up more and more miles.

The future: changing roads and more

Fully autonomous cars may be able to drop passengers off right at their destinations, and their rise could be accompanied by a decline in parking, said research by the University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering. That could lead to large garages repurposed as housing, commercial buildings, and public spaces. Driverless cars may lead to a reduced need for professions such as truckers, bus drivers, and chauffeurs, but new technologies hold the potential for job creation. In fact, some economists predict that through crash reductions and quality-of-life improvements, autonomous vehicles could save drivers (or, more accurately, former drivers) billions of dollars a year by 2050.

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



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David Finstrom of HUTdogs presented the Chamber's Lunch & Learn program March 21. He emphasized that social media marketing is a very powerful tool to stay top-of-mind with potential customers and influencers and looked at Facebook and other social media to show real-world examples to help the audience generate ideas for their businesses.



Basketball class with Coach Marquis, Sr.



At Play Smarter Basketball camps, students learn basic fundamentals of basketball, such as shooting, passing, lay ups, dribbling, ball-handling, and all basic game moves.

Play, develop at higher level with Play Smarter Basketball

By JEWELYN CO

Play Smarter Basketball conducts basketball classes in Southern California, predominantly in the San Gabriel Valley with locations in Temple City, San Gabriel, and Alhambra. Founded by Coach Richard Marquis, Play Smarter Basketball was established about 30 years ago to teach kids about the whos, whats, whys, whens, and hows of basketball.

At Play Smarter Basketball camps, students learn basic fundamentals of basketball, such as shooting, passing, lay ups, dribbling, ball-handling, and all basic game moves. They are placed in teams based on skill levels and age groups from 6 years old to high schoolers. Students can start at beginner's level and increase their proficiency to a more advanced level. When students have exceeded and demonstrated higher developed skills, they are placed in the Cream of the Crop program where they have the opportunity to further their skills to becoming professional players.

"There is no one way to do it; all ways are encouraged," Coach Marquis explained. "The objective of the games and competitions are for everyone to have fun. The most valuable player is recognized not based on the skills, but based on the effort performed."

Coach Marquis had travelled to many countries as a player and a coach for over 60 years. He also contributed great achievements to some of the international basketball leagues in Asia, Europe, and the United States. He worked and built

relationships with the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Molten Basketball Company, which led him to organizing this basketball program. "In Play Smarter Basketball, we want the students to make steady progress and develop their own personal skills, while having a great time bonding with other teammates," he said.

Play Smarter Basketball coaches and staff are qualified with credentials and were former basketball players who played for accredited local and national universities. "You can't find more experienced coaches and staff," Coach Marquis said. "Our staff and coaches are loyal and dedicated workers."

Classes are organized with co-ed team players of 30 kids in each class and a minimum of three coaches per class. The program conducts training leagues at least three to four times a year and runs six to eight weeks. Training and classes are held in the indoor gymnasiums of the site locations at Nazarene ICON Church, Temple City; Emmaus Lutheran Church and School, Alhambra; and San Gabriel Academy, San Gabriel. Team arrangements are based on age and skill levels where they compete with other divisions from other PSB locations. Each team is categorized as Mini Division, Silver Division, and Gold Division. Competitions are held on weekends, sometimes on weekdays, and four times a year at each location.

For more information on classes, registration, and schedules, visit www.play smarterbasketball.com.

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Ritter's Steam Kettle Cooking, 1800 W. Valley Blvd., Alhambra, hosted the February Chamber Mixer. Ritter's Steam Kettle Cooking adds a new kind of variation of dining in Alhambra with its style of Cajun-Creole steam kettle cooking. With a bar style of steam kettle cooking and a large dining area, Ritter's is an excellent place to enjoy a good meal. The Chamber Mixers are offered on the fourth Wednesday of every month and provide an opportunity for members to get to know each other and share business contacts all in the friendly confines of a member business. A benefit to all Chamber members, these networking events provide the opportunity for the host to showcase their businesses and show off what they do. From left are Mila Anderson; Nancy Quesada, Home of Angels; Cindy Ho, Farmers Insurance and Chamber ambassador; and Patrick Ding, Adiva Intimates.



The Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF) hosted the March 20 Chamber Mixer at 38 Degrees Ale House & Grill. The mission of AEF is to raise funds to support and enhance the educational programs of the Alhambra Unified School District, benefiting all schools and all students. 38 Degrees Ale House & Grill has served the Los Angeles area with one of the most diverse selections of ales and lagers accompanied by some of the most creative and well executed food menus of New American cuisine in the area. The Chamber Mixers are offered on the fourth Wednesday of every month and provide an opportunity for members to get to know each other and share business contacts all in the friendly confines of a member business.



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Celebrating 100 years of Fosselman's ice cream

In 1919, Prohibition hit some businesses hard. One of those was the brewery of Christian Anthony Fosselman in Waverly, Iowa. But he was adaptable. His bottling plant switched to soda pop, and he added a line of ice cream that became very popular. The company soon moved to Southern California and is still run by family: his grandsons John and Chris Fosselman.

From his plant on Fair Oaks in Pasadena, Mr. Fosselman not only made and sold ice cream, he also sold and delivered milk and butter with a fleet of 20 trucks. The Depression was another hit to the business, and Mr. Fosselman lost his trucks, dairy business, and building. But he did not give up on his premium ice cream, establishing stores in South Pasadena and Highland Park. In 1941, happily, he opened a store in Alhambra.

After his death in 1946, three of his sons, Jim, Bob, and Bill, each took over and ran one of the three stores. In the early 1970s, the business was scaled back to just the Alhambra location. Over the years, working at Fosselman's was a popular summer job for generations of Alhambra high school and college students and still is today.

In the 1980s two of Bob's sons, Chris and John, began working in the store, and when their father and uncles retired, they bought them out, becoming the third generation to make and sell ice cream.

The brothers wanted to expand the business. To do that they returned to their grandfather's business model of catering to the wholesale market. They found a niche in offering premium quality ice cream in small batches made to customer specifications, made fresh, and delivered quickly. They soon became a high quality independent supplier, and their retail customers proudly serve Fosselman's ice cream.

The brothers soon learned there was growing demand for Asian and Hispanic flavors. They now offer flavors such as Oaxacan Chocolate, Horchata, and Dulce de Leche alongside Taro, Green Tea, Lychee, and Mango.

Fortunately for everyone, Fosselman's continues to sell its premium quality ice cream at the Alhambra store at 1824 W. Main St. The phone number is 626-282-6533. And most importantly, the hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Air Quality Management District provides incentives to buy zero-emission commercial electric lawn, garden equipment

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) announced that \$2.5 million in incentive funds are available to help commercial gardeners and landscapers, local governments, school districts, colleges, and non-profit organizations buy new zero-emission, battery-electric commercial-grade lawn and garden equipment and scrap and replace their old, polluting gasoline- or diesel-powered equipment. Participants may receive up to 60% off the purchase price for new equipment. This program is not available to individual residents who are not gardeners or landscapers.

"With these incentive funds, we are helping to put cleaner, quieter, more efficient, and emissions-free lawn equipment into the hands of gardeners and landscapers throughout our region," said Wayne Nastri, SCAQMD's executive officer. "Gas- and diesel-powered chainsaws, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and hedge trimmers produce hazardous emissions that expose operators and residents to increased cancer risks, air toxics, carbon monoxide, and microscopic particles that can become lodged deep in the lungs."

Participants will receive significant discounts applied at point of purchase on approved equipment. For example, a leaf blower with a backpack battery and a charger that retails for \$1,400 can be purchased for only \$560 plus tax, a 60% discount.

Participants will be able to purchase qualifying equipment from ECHO, Husqvarna, Makita, Mean Green, Oregon, and STIHL from authorized dealers in Riverside, Orange, Los

Angeles and San Bernardino counties at a reduced price set by SCAQMD in exchange for an equivalent, operable piece of diesel- or gasoline-powered equipment. Manufacturers will accept and scrap the old equipment. Priority will be given to participants that are located in environmental justice or disadvantaged communities in the South Coast Basin.

According to studies by the California Air Resources Board:

- By 2020, smog-forming volatile organic compound emissions from lawn equipment engines are expected to exceed those from cars,
- 42% of engines fail CARB's evaporative emission test.

• Operators are exposed to carcinogens such as benzene and butadiene, therefore increasing their cancer risks.

"Zero-emission technology will help turn the tide against air pollution and improve the quality of life for people in the region," said Mr. Nastri. "We will partner with businesses and provide incentives to continue to put clean air products on the market and retire polluting and outdated equipment."

Please visit www.aqmd.gov/lawn-garden to view eligible equipment and dealer locations. There is no pre-registration required to participate in this innovative program.

This exchange program is funded through SCAQMD's Air Quality Investment Program and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Targeted Air Shed Grant.

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties.

Author Lian Dolan to speak at luncheon

Lian Dolan, writer and podcaster, will be the guest speaker at the Shower of Roses Luncheon to benefit the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary. Ms. Dolan is the author of *Helen of Pasadena* and has appeared on *Oprah Winfrey*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, *The Today Show*, and several local stations.

The luncheon will be held at the San Gabriel Country Club Wednesday, April 24. To make a reservation, please call Sue Fulps at 626-285-4649. Individuals or businesses wishing to make a donation of a door prize can do so by contacting Delores McAllister at dmcallister_17@hotmail.com.

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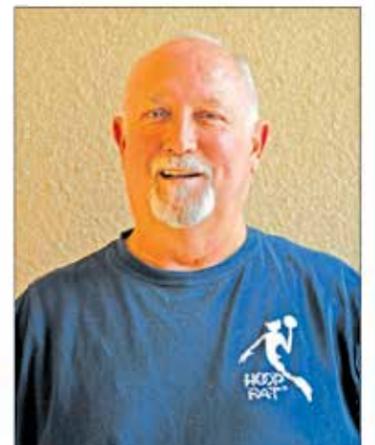
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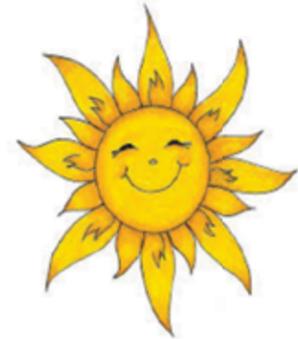
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SoCalGas seeks to offer renewable natural gas to customers

2018 study shows replacing less than 20% of traditional natural gas supply can reduce emissions equal to electrifying all of California's building stock, at 1/3 the cost

According to the University of California Davis, renewable natural gas can replace up to 20% of the fossil natural gas in California, from the state's existing organic waste supply

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) announced it has filed a request with the California Public Utilities Commission seeking to offer renewable natural gas to its 21 million customers in Central and Southern California. Renewable natural gas is a fuel produced from waste and agriculture that can be used to heat homes and businesses, for cooking, and to fuel trucks and buses. The fuel assists in helping California reduce its greenhouse gas emissions because it is carbon-neutral or carbonnegative, meaning that it can take more gas emissions out of the air than it emits as an energy source.

Under the proposed program, millions of Californians would have the option to purchase a portion of their natural gas from renewable sources, just as many today can opt to purchase renewable electricity. The program is expected to create increased demand for renewable natural gas, which should help increase supply and lower its cost over time, similar to what has happened with renewable electricity created from wind and solar power.

A 2016 study by the University of California Davis calculated that California

has the potential to produce approximately 90.6 billion cubic feet (bcf) per year of renewable natural gas from dairy, landfill, municipal solid waste, and wastewater treatment plant sources alone. This would be enough to meet the annual natural gas needs of around 2.3 million California homes. In addition, out-of-state sources of renewable natural gas are significant and growing. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. produces 1 trillion cubic feet of renewable natural gas every year, and that number is expected to increase to 10 trillion by 2030. Using even a portion of this renewable fuel would meet the needs of millions more Californians.

Renewable natural gas program details

If approved, the renewable natural gas program will be available to nearly all SoCalGas core residential and small commercial and industrial customers. Residential customers will be able to have some of their natural gas delivered from renewable sources, choosing from several set dollar amounts to be provided from renewable natural gas supplies. Commercial customers will be able to have all of their

natural gas come from renewable sources or select from a series of set dollar amounts or a percentage of their total gas use.

Each month, participating customers would see a line item on their bill that includes the amount of renewable gas they received, along with a very small program fee. To allow the utilities to enter into the longer-term contracts necessary to purchase renewable natural gas, residential customers will have to commit to one year. After one year, they would have the option to change their dollar amount or could participate on a month-to-month basis.

SoCalGas hopes to offer the program beginning in 2020 if regulators at the California Public Utilities Commission approve the proposal. Customers who support being able to purchase a portion of their gas from renewable sources and increase their use of green energy should express their support by contacting the Public Utilities Commission Public Advisor at 877-849-8390 or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

Increasing demand will encourage further production of more renewable fuel

SoCalGas has brought renewable natural gas into its pipeline system from out of state since about 2013, in large part because using the renewable fuel in vehicles is supported by the state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard, a program designed to reduce greenhouse gas

and air pollution from the transportation sector. In 2018, renewable natural gas produced in California began flowing into SoCalGas pipelines for the first time, from an anaerobic digester built and operated by waste hauling company CR&R. CR&R's facility produces renewable natural gas using organic waste collected in Southern California cities' green waste bins.

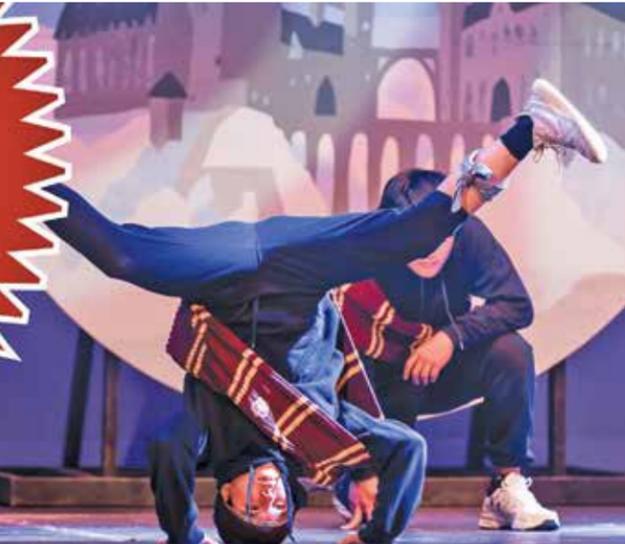
In February, SoCalGas announced that renewable natural gas was flowing into its system from a dairy digester pipeline cluster run by biofuel producer Calgren. The Calgren facility will eventually collect biogas from anaerobic digesters at 12 Tulare County dairies. Those digesters will capture and process manure from more than 75,000 cows, preventing about 130,000 tons of greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere each year, the equivalent of taking more than 25,000 passenger cars off the road for a year.

Today, there are already 24 California dairy methane capture projects either operating or in development, and experts estimate there could be as many as 120 projects funded and operating in next five years. In addition, as the state seeks to divert organic waste from landfills and capture emissions from wastewater treatment plants, more and more renewable natural gas will become available.

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L.A. County Supervisor Barger announces \$188,000 grant for the Alhambra tree planting project

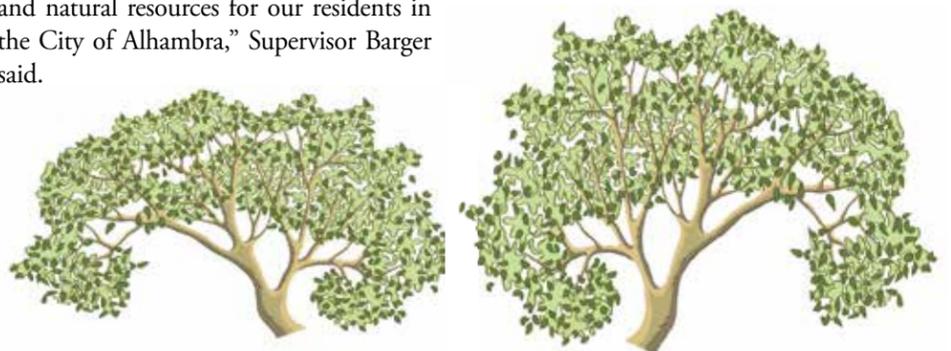
The Board of Supervisors has approved an \$188,000 allocation to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for the Alhambra Tree Planting Project, announced Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Funded with Proposition A funds from Supervisor Barger's office, the project will involve site preparation as well as the purchase, installation, and establishment of trees on the Alhambra Unified School District campuses and other locations in the City of Alhambra.

"I am pleased to support this vital project to beautify and enhance green spaces and natural resources for our residents in the City of Alhambra," Supervisor Barger said.

"Supervisor Barger and the Board of Supervisors continue their investment in our communities by providing one of our most valued elements in our parks: trees," said John Wicker, County Parks and Recreation director. "The Alhambra Tree Planting Project is a clear example of the mission of the supervisors and the Department of Parks and Recreation to serve as stewards of parklands."

Since the approval of the Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, the board has directed projects that foster resilient communities.





Ramona student ambassadors Samantha Valadez, Dominique Ruedaflares, and Arianna Gomez get ready for tea time.

Ramona Convent Secondary School hosts annual tea party for prospective students

The Holy Family Room at Ramona Convent Secondary School was filled to capacity with prospective members of the class of 2023 and their remarkable women as guests of current student ambassadors and their amazing moms. The "Come Fly with Us" theme was perfectly carried out with mothers decked out as airplane pilots and current students as flight attendants. Table centerpieces and décor were created and set-up by tea party committee members.

Theology teacher and pastry chef Francois Laborie and his team of mini-chefs came early Sunday morning to bake scones, whip the cream for the scones, and make hundreds of delicious tea sandwiches. When their task was done, a cadre of servers, dressed in flight attendant attire, traveled around the room pouring tea and waiting on the guests.

All in attendance enjoyed a mini-per-

formance by the school's Chamber Singers and piano serenades by Wendy Cao '21. Ramona senior and featured speaker Monique Rios '19 spoke about her love for Ramona as she has "traveled" through high school. As guests were leaving, they helped themselves to the wide array of yummy sweets at the extravagant candy buffet table. The shared excitement of the future tigers in the room was palpable, and it is sure to grow as they officially become Ramona Convent students.

Ramona is a welcoming Catholic college-prep high school for girls in grades nine through 12. Ramona graduates face the future with an extraordinary education, a global vision fueled by Catholic values, an independent spirit, confident leadership skills, the support of their Ramona sisters, and the strength of a legacy of more than 129 years of excellence.

CiAM receives 6-year accreditation from the WASC Senior College and University Commission

California Institute of Advanced Management (CiAM), one of the leading experiential-learning based education institutions in the world, the Best MBA Program of the San Gabriel Valley according to Reader's Choice Awards, and Southern California's leading hands-on graduate school, announced it has received a six-year accreditation, the maximum amount allowed, from the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). The accreditation means the educational programs offered at CiAM are widely recognized by institutions of higher learning in the United States, China, India, and the vast majority of western countries.

WSCUC is one of six regional accrediting agencies for public and private schools, colleges, and universities, which are authorized by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, WSCUC is widely recognized as a top accrediting body internationally, especially in Asia Pacific regions. The accreditation centers upon continuous institutional improvement and assures the membership and its constituencies, including the public, that accredited institutions are fulfilling their missions in service to their students and the public good.

CiAM started the accreditation process in the 2016-17 school year with an initial visit by a WSCUC team and received Candidacy in the same school year. Since that time, CiAM has worked diligently on curriculum development, student learning outcomes, and other important school-wide processes to enhance what they deliver to students. In September 2018, the WASC visiting committee — a team of four experienced administrators and academicians (all familiar with experiential-learning based schools) — conducted a multi-day examination of CiAM. They recognized the achievement of the MBA Program and overall operation of the school and viewed

CiAM as a quality institution of higher education with many strong features, all of which were designed to help provide quality opportunities to students. WSCUC formally awarded the six-year institutional accreditation to CiAM on Dec. 1, 2018.

"The entire accreditation process was led by Vice President Dr. Eric McLaughlin, Associate Vice President Dr. Harish Amar, and me, but the results couldn't have been achieved without the active engagement of our entire school staff and community," said Jennie Ta, CiAM president and CEO. "On behalf of myself and the CiAM Board of Directors, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our school community for their dedication and commitment to this accreditation process. Together we have achieved a significant milestone in the history of the CiAM."

"The accreditation by WSCUC, a recognized international authority for school accreditation, is emblematic of the innovative, dynamic, and student-centered nature of the CiAM's high educational standards. The accreditation will result in even greater opportunities for our students and enable us to continue to retain and attract excellent professors, trained in the state-of-art teaching methods, to join our team."

About the California Institute of Advanced Management

The California Institute of Advanced Management (CiAM) was founded by Dr. William A. Cohen (president emeritus), and Jennie Ta (president/CEO) with the encouragement of philanthropist Minglo Shao, the principal benefactor of the school. Mr. Shao has a substantial history of funding educational endeavors and programs and is owner and founder of The Peter Drucker Academy of China, which teaches Drucker courses in 32 cities in China plus Hong Kong.

Registration set for Alhambra Educational Foundation Summer High School and K-8 Summer Academy Programs

Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF) will register students for its popular Summer High School (June 13– July 17) and K-8 Summer Academy programs (June 10 – July 12), to be held this year for five weeks Monday through Friday. AEF's Summer High School program, an accredited program by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), will be held at San Gabriel High School in San Gabriel. The K-8 Summer Academy will be held at Ynez Elementary in Monterey Park.

Incoming ninth through 12th-grade students from all private and public schools are invited to enroll in classes, which range from core academic courses such as integrated math I, II, III, trig/pre-calc, biology, chemistry, U.S. history, and world history, to enrichment and elective coursework, including expository writing, speech, debate and, drawing/painting. New this year, Get

Focused, Stay Focused and CTE Exploratory Wheel will be offered for five elective credits each, UC approved. Enrichment classes offered are SAT Test Preparation and Robotics & Engineering.

"We're very excited to offer new courses in our Academy K-8 program and continue our accredited instruction for high school students," said Steve Perry, president of the Alhambra Educational Foundation. "This year we begin online registration for the first time."

Early Bird Registration began March 4 online at the website: www.aef4kids.com, for the Academy K – 8 program. High school online registration began on March 18. Early bird registration ends April 14. On-site registration is available on the first and second day of school if space is available.

For K-8 students, AEF's Summer

Academy offers a wonderful blend of academic courses and fun enrichment classes. Elementary students have a wide variety of courses to choose from this year, including Under the Sea: Marine Biology, Kitchen Science, and Essay & Expository Writing. The K-8 Summer Academy will be held at Ynez Elementary School in Monterey Park, with the music, elementary art, culinary art classes, and the popular Basketball Camp, location to be determined. The School of Rock, Video Game Design (grades sixth through eighth), soccer, flag football, and culinary arts (grades fifth through eighth) extended day courses are also available for students from 3:40 to 5:40 p.m.

AEF's K-8 Summer Academy classes focus on preparing students academically for the upcoming school year, in a fun, stress-free environment. Courses such as Getting Ready for Kindergarten, Bridge

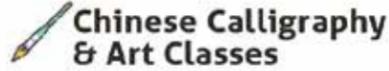
to First Grade, science and math classes for grades four to eight, and the popular music classes help students think creatively, become problem-solvers, learn new social skills, and get a jump on curriculum for the coming school year.



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Author Norma Nikutowksi to discuss new book *Turn Your Happiness On* May 25 at library

Alhambra resident Norma Nikutowksi will visit the Alhambra Civic Library, 101 S. First St., to talk about her new book *Turn Your Happiness On* at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 25. "If you are interested in how to light up your days and fill your life with joy, mark your calendar," she said.

Ms. Nikutowksi said in her book she shares the most powerful, scientifically proven, simple strategies to increase feelings of happiness right now.

"Every day, there are positive and negative events alternating in our lives," she said. "Positive psychology researcher Sonja Lyubomirsky describes happiness as 'the experience of joy, contentment, or positive well-being, combined with a sense that one's life is good, meaningful, and worthwhile. A happy person frequently experiences positive emotions such as interest, joy, and satisfaction and infrequent negative emotions such as anxiety, sadness, or anger.'" (2007, *The How of Happiness*).

"How do you know if you are happy," asked Ms. Nikutowksi. "If you feel good about yourself and your circumstances most of the time, then you are happy. I consider happiness as feeling good about yourself and others and having positive expectations most of the time."

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Obituary



Dante Batimana, who died Jan. 28, served as an event bartender for the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years.

In memory of Dante Batimana

The Alhambra Chamber community is saddened by the passing of Chamber family member and friend Dante Bautista Batimana on Jan. 28.

Dante was born on March 22, 1949, in Guam. He was the epitome of the American Dream. He immigrated to the United States in his late teens and passionately worked in numerous professions to provide for his family. Dante served as an event bartender for the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years and had developed

wonderful friendships with Chamber staff, members, and guests.

His pleasant energy and positive attitude always brought joy to his surroundings. His friendly warm smile, gentle voice, and charming presence will be very much missed. We thank you, Dante, for all your wonderful contributions and services to the Chamber.

He is survived by his son Danny, daughter Meli, grandson River James, and his beloved pups Cabo and Midnight.



From left are Assemblymember Marie Waldron, Assemblymember Ed Chau, Barbara Messina, Assemblymember Monique Limon, and Speaker Anthony Rendon.

Barbara Messina recognized as 2019 Woman of the Year by Assemblymember Ed Chau

Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) honored Barbara Messina as the 2019 Woman of the Year for the 49th District during a legislative ceremony held at the Assembly Chambers. The ceremony, as part of Women's History Month, recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to California.

"I am recognizing Barbara for over three decades of unwavering commitment to the San Gabriel Valley, but more specifically to the City of Alhambra where her dedication to public service has earned her accolades from the Knights of Columbus, Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, and the YMCA of San Gabriel Valley," said Assemblymember Ed Chau. "Barbara's tireless work to make Alhambra a family-oriented community

has produced one of the best school districts, and her love for the city has made it a wonderful place to live."

Mrs. Messina is a lifelong resident of Alhambra. First elected to the Alhambra City Council in 1986, she was mayor of the City of Alhambra six times in 24 years. She also served eight years on the Alhambra School Board. Some of her civic involvements include president of the Independent Cities Association; president of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government; member of the Southern California Association of Governments representing Alhambra, Monterey Park, and Montebello; board member of the Alhambra Educational Foundation; and currently, president of the YMCA of the San Gabriel Valley.

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YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley Heart of the Community Luncheon to be held April 30

This year's YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley Heart of the Community luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 30. A reception begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by luncheon at noon. It will be held in the Lakeview Room at Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St., Alhambra.

The honorees will be The Alhambra Educational Foundation, Reyna Del Haro Kaiser Permanente Foundation, SCE Foundation, and the Nicole Tilley, William H. Tilley Foundation. All of them have been superheroes in their support of the Y.

The Heart of the Community luncheon is celebrating the 107th year of the YMCA and will raise money to support programs like summer day camp, weekly field trips, Camp Ta Ta Pochon, Basketball League, swim lessons, and the increasingly

popular After-School Program. The first Heart of the Community Awards Dinner was held Feb. 13, 2009. It was named by the planning committee with the goal of gathering friends and supporters of the Y to recognize those who whole-heartedly serve the community through the YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley.

In that first year, the committee also recognized the need to raise money for Camp Ta Ta Pochon in the San Bernardino Mountains that has served generations of children in the western San Gabriel Valley with an outdoor, mountain camping experience. Despite the state of the economy during that time of recession, the dinner was sold out and the generosity of the supporters was boundless.

Please RSVP by April 23.



The Fit Factor offered two fundraising classes for Special Olympics Southern California March 2.

The Fit Factor raises money for Special Olympics Southern California

The Fit Factor Studio, 38 W. Main St., joined forces with Special Olympics Southern California March 2 to hold two fundraising classes for Special Olympics and hosted many of their athletes and families in the classes.

The Fit Factor Studio raised money by offering two classes to their clients, a high intensity interval training class with in-

structor Edwin Camacho and a Restorative Yoga with a Live Sound Class with Rachel Brodeur and Rita Oliveira Turner. Class donations were donated to Special Olympics.

"Thank you to The Fit Factor Studio clients and their instructors," said Joanna Vargas, Fit Factor CEO and owner. "They were able to create a fun fitness day for the Special Olympics athletes."





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Inventor credits California Institute of Advanced Management MBA Program for inspiration, help with launching product

Inventor Steven Klein of Monterey Park has patented three unique musical accessories for brass players, specifically trumpet and trombone. He owns a trademark on a fourth, patent pending approval. The Alhambra Chamber of Commerce has assisted Mr. Klein in locating a manufacturer for his inventions. "I have attended some events produced by the Chamber, and I know how deeply you are committed to helping local businesses," Mr. Klein said.

Mr. Klein also acknowledged a debt of gratitude to Alhambra-based California Institute of Advanced Management (CiAM), whose

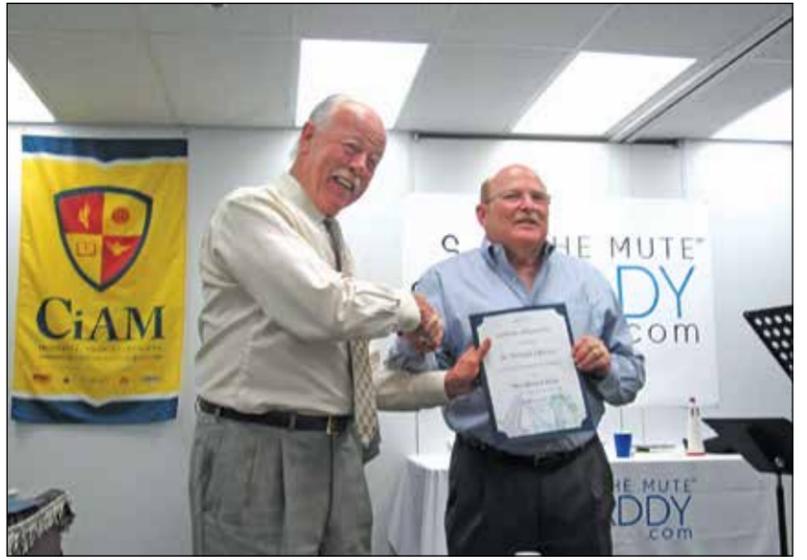
mission statement includes, "Building from the wisdom of Peter F. Drucker, we produce leaders who have a deep understanding of their management responsibilities to achieve personal and societal success." The institute has trained MBA students from all over the world using the socially responsible model.

Mr. Klein credits CiAM, "for their help, encouragement, and inspiration in helping me launch my product." See the CiAM web site at <https://www.ciam.edu/about-us/ciam-mission-and-values>.

On Feb. 26, Mr. Klein gave a demonstration

of his invention, the mute caddy, in a classroom of CiAM at its location within The Alhambra at 1000 S. Fremont Ave. Mutes are small plastic inserts that horn players hold in the bells of their instruments to change the tone and make a more muted sound.

The long-time problem with the mutes is that they are traditionally left at the musicians' feet or between the legs which has always been awkward. The mute caddy can hold the mutes attached to a music stand at a convenient height for ease of reach during



Inventor Steven Klein, right, with Dr. J. Richard Johnson, professor of management at California Institute of Advanced Management.

rehearsals or performances.

The caddy can also hold mouth pieces and, just as conveniently, a cup of water. Horn players must continually guard against dry mouth, and a cup of water within easy reach solves this problem too. A long time trumpet player himself, Mr. Klein used his extensive musical background to see the situation from a musician's point of view and come up with the solution to a long-standing problem.

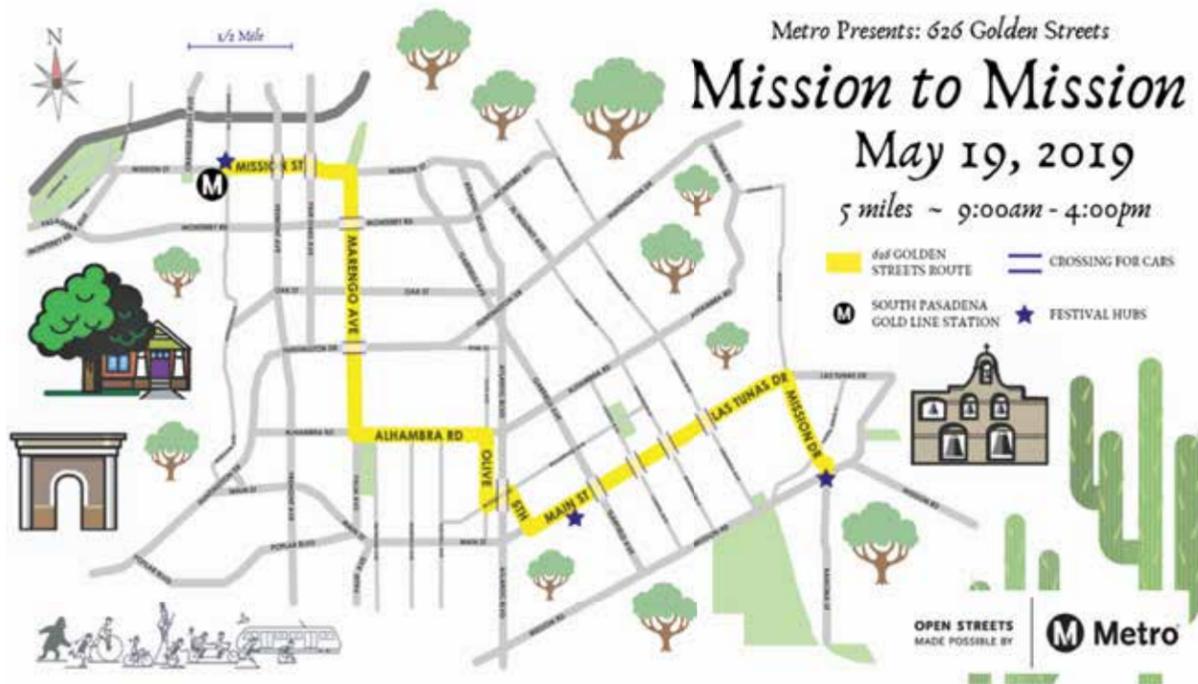
At least two prominent musical artists endorse the mute caddy, including legendary Hollywood trumpeter Rick Baptist and producer/composer/performer David Longoria. The Mute Caddy is featured on Facebook and Instagram and has its own website at <http://www.themutecaddy.com>.

Mr. Klein has more ideas for inventions. Once the mute caddy gets off the ground, he can turn his attention and experience to other innovations.



Michael Dergar, Academy of Special Dreams CEO, thanks Dr. Susan Kane, Academy of Special Dreams community ambassador, for her dedication, love, and support for the community with disabilities.

Be part of 626 Golden Streets car-free event



Alhambra will take part in the L.A. Metro sponsored 626 Golden Streets event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19. The goal of the event is to provide a car-free day on a specific route for riding transit, walking, and bike riding; to encourage a shift to more sustainable transportation; and civic engagement to foster the development of policies and infrastructure for alternative transportation at the city and community level.

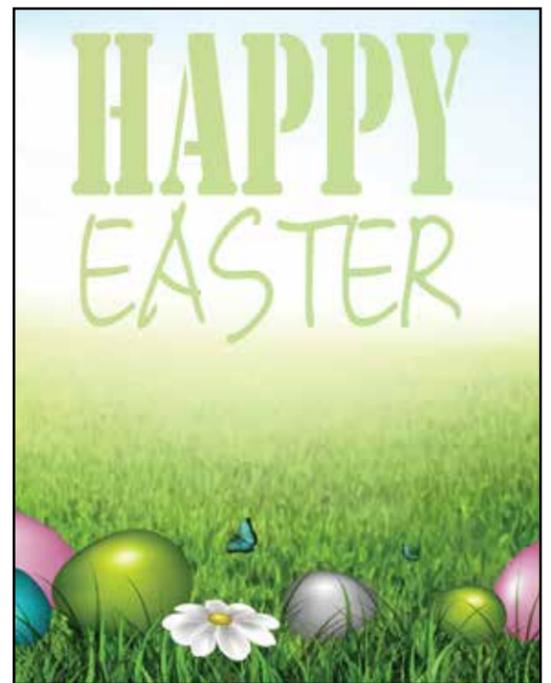
The 626 Golden Streets event is called Mission to Mission because it will begin in South Pasadena at the Mission Street entrance to the Gold Line Train Station and end at the San Gabriel Mission. To get from point A to point B on this 5-mile route, the cyclists and walkers will pass through Alhambra for much of the time.

This gives participants the opportunity to stop

to enjoy Alhambra's Farmers Market and breakfast along the way. This is not a race. It is meant to be a pleasant day outdoors using alternative and sustainable transportation.

For the duration of the event, streets along the route will be temporarily closed to automobile traffic and open to cyclists, pedestrians, and other types of non-motorized transportation.

These "open street" events are happening all over the Southland, and Alhambra is a part of it. The organizers of the Mission to Mission event estimate they will need 200 volunteers to assist with organizing and for support for the participants. To be a part of the team and to find out more, sign up at <http://www.626goldenstreets.com/volunteer.html>.





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

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 2019 calendar is available for \$10 if bought directly at the shelter or \$12.50 if mailed.

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.



Loki
American Staffordshire terrier mix • Adult • Male • Large

Loki is a pit bull terrier mix who came to the shelter as a stray from Rosemead. He is 4 years old with a unique and gorgeous cat-like calico coat, light amber eyes, and white-socks-look-alike markings on his front paws. Weighing about 59 pounds, this handsome boy is a nice size suited for sitting on laps and sitting pretty and proper on chairs. He also enjoys gentle ear scratches, long strolls in the park, squeaking toys, and chasing tennis balls. His ears are closely cropped. As he got to know staff and volunteers, Loki showed his true gentle nature. He has become a shelter favorite, and volunteers report that he is easy to walk and shows a lot of affection. This goofy boy would love to be your solo lapdog. Loki deserves a fresh start in a loving home. If you can offer Loki the life he should have, come and meet him soon.

Visit us at www.sgvhumane.org



Butler
Domestic medium hair mix • Young • Male • Medium

Butler is the perfect choice to greet visitors and take charge of the household. He is dressed to impress in a striking patterned black and white coat while his kiwi green eyes see everything worth seeing. Butler is a staff and volunteer favorite because of his loving personality. He greets people coming by his condo sticking his paws out and rubbing along the front to attract guests' attention. Once the door opens, he has been known to leap into welcoming arms. He even allows being held like a baby in arms. A lap is Butler's favorite place to be stroked, brushed, and adored. He is a great entertainer playing games with flying feathers and tossed toys and chasing laser dots. Butler will love to hang out with his humans watching TV on the couch, sharing afternoon naps, and being a good listener. He has a big personality that craves attention and will do best in a home without other cats, dogs, or children. Butler is about 1 1/2 years old.



Twinkle
Domestic short hair mix • Adult • Female • Large

Twinkle is not a little star and we don't have to wonder where she is. She is a big star at San Gabriel Valley Humane Society who quickly became the 'Official Meow Manor Greeter' because of her vocal welcoming of visitors. She is very talkative and will easily keep up her end of any conversation. If you have a lot of paperwork and you need a big paper weight, Twinkle is the cat for you. Her favorite pastimes are eating, sleeping, and being petted. Twinkle purrs in contentment when she's softly stroked, especially loving ear massages. Twinkle enjoys lying in a window watching the world go by, especially if birds are in sight. She is also stunning showing off how well a girl can look in the classic black and white tuxedo, with distinctive whiskers and facial markings. Twinkle is a 4-year-old domestic short hair mix and is currently residing at Alhambra Petsmart, a SGVHS adoption partner. If you are interested in meeting Twinkle, give the shelter a call at 626-286-1159.

Community Calendar of Events

APRIL

- April 1 – Monday**
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.
- April 2 – Tuesday**
HCDA Citizens Advisory Committee
7 p.m. - City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- April 3 – Wednesday**
Alhambra Woman's Club
11 a.m. at Almanson Court
700 S. Almanson St., Alhambra
Entertainment by the musical group Sonic Boom
Members are \$20. Non-members \$25
Please call 626-289-9307 for a reservation by April 1
- April 4 – Thursday**
 - SCORE counselor appointments available 10 a.m. to noon
Phone the Chamber at 626-282-8481
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
7 p.m., Joslyn Center, Story Park
210 N. Chapel Ave.
- April 8 – Monday**
City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St
- April 9 – Tuesday**
 - State of the City luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Almanson Court
700 S. Almanson St., Alhambra
 - Library Board of Trustees
6 p.m., library boardroom, 101 S. First St.
 - Youth Commission
6 p.m., library boardroom, 101 S. First St.

- Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- April 11 – Thursday**
Business to Business networking
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Diner on Main
201 W. Main St., Alhambra 91801
Alhambra 91803
R.S.V.P. to Chamber at 626-282-8481
- April 15 – Monday**
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.
- April 17 – Wednesday**
Arts & Cultural Events Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- April 22 – Monday**
City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St
- April 23 – Tuesday**
Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- April 24 – Wednesday**
Chamber Mixer
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Iona Work Spaces
1500 W. Alhambra Road, Alhambra
Chamber members \$10. Non-members \$15

MAY

- May 2 – Thursday**
Parks and Recreation Commission
7 p.m., Joslyn Center, Story Park
210 N. Chapel Ave.
- May 6 – Monday**
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.
- May 7 – Tuesday**
HCDA Citizens Advisory Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- May 8 – Wednesday**
Transportation Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- May 9 – Thursday**
Business to Business networking
To be announced
RSVP to the chamber at 626-282-8481
- May 13 – Monday**
City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St
- May 14 – Tuesday**
 - Library Board of Trustees
6 p.m., library boardroom, 101 S. First St.
 - Youth Commission
6 p.m., library boardroom, 101 S. First St.
 - Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- May 15 – Wednesday**
Arts & Cultural Events Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.
- May 16 – Thursday**
Multi Chamber Mixer
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
300 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena 91101
More information to come
- May 20 – Monday**
Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.
- May 27 – Monday**
City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St
- May 28 – Tuesday**
Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

Alhambra Service Clubs and Organizations

Tuesday: The **Kiwanis Club of Alhambra** meets at 6 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Denny's Restaurant, 369 W. Main St., Alhambra. The **Rotary Club** meets at noon every Tuesday at Almanson Court, 700 S. Almanson St. The **Soroptimst Club** meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at the San Gabriel Hilton, 225 W. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel 91776.

Wednesday: The **Alhambra Historical Society** presents its program meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of January, March, May, September and before or after Thanksgiving in November at the Masonic Center, 9 W. Woodward Ave. **Toastmasters** meets from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays each month at the Colonial Kitchen Restaurant, 1110 Huntington Drive, San Marino.

Thursday: **American Legion Post 139** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Legion Hall, 24 N. Stoneman Ave., Alhambra. **San Gabriel Valley New Generation Rotary Club** meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at Twohey's, 1224 N. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra.

The **Alhambra Woman's Club** meets monthly. Phone 626-289-9307 for information.

Alhambra schools, District Program win trio of 2019 CDE Awards for Excellence

State Superintendent of Instruction Tony Thurmond and the California Department of Education honor exceptional schools and programs each year. This trio of 2019 CDE awards given to the Alhambra Unified School District is testament to the superb collaborative efforts of students, staff, parents, and administrators.

Mark Keppel High School won a 2019 California Distinguished School designation for its Freshman Focus model program structure to increase ninth-grade engagement while creating a framework for college and career readiness, using data to track results.

For the second straight year, Century High School won the 2019 California

Model Continuing High School for its programs to support all students in graduating. This award was announced at the same time the visiting WASC accreditation team was congratulating the school on its exceptional leadership and school staff who work with at-risk students.

Alhambra Unified School District Gateway to Success won a 2019 California Model SARB Award, the fifth time in 10 years, for its programs supporting at-risk students facing foster care, homelessness, food insecurity, neglect, poverty, and depression to stay in school, helping them create more possibilities for success. Gateway reduced chronic absenteeism to 3.9% down in 2017-2018, from 6.9% 2016-2017.



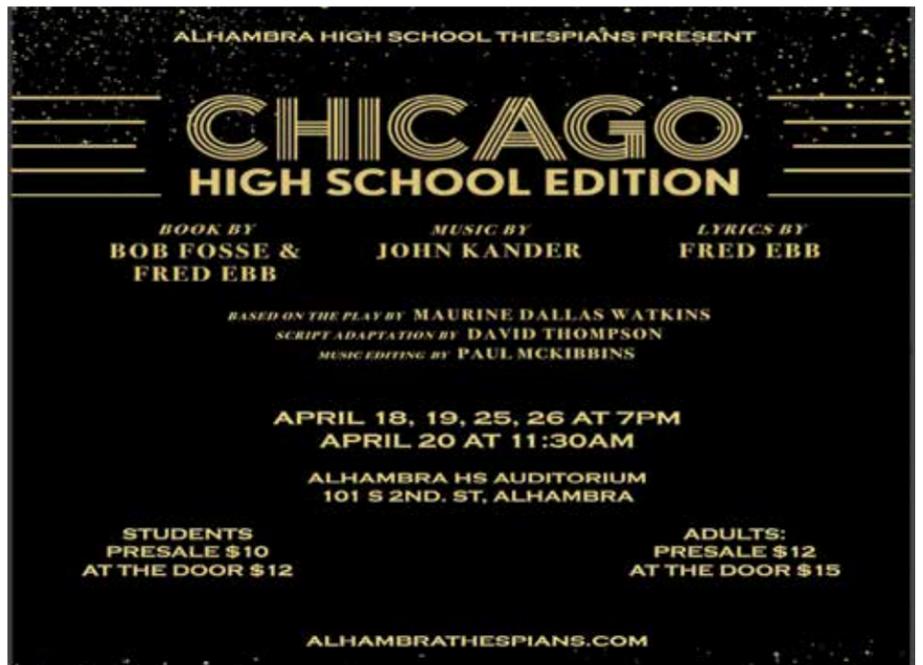
Every child will receive at least two free books and free snacks and can join in craft projects and enjoy music and live theatre organized by Alhambra High student clubs and their teacher-advisers.

YOU CAN READ ANYWHERE FAMILY FAIR From Page 1A

two free books and free snacks and can join in craft projects and enjoy music and live theatre organized by Alhambra High student clubs and their teacher-advisers. Themed reading stations from campsites to castles invite families and children to read books in many languages.

In order to make this event a success, donations of new or gently used books are always welcome as are snacks or monetary donations.

Please contact the Alhambra Teachers Association at atawebsite@hotmail.com or 626-289-1933.



2019 AAEDS Scholarship Opportunity

Who's Eligible?

- ◆ Must be a Graduating High School Senior from the listed eligible SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Alhambra Unified School District • Arcadia Unified School District • Baldwin Park Unified School District • El Monte Union High School District • Montebello Unified School District • San Gabriel Unified School District • San Marino Unified School District • South Pasadena Unified School District • Temple City Unified School District • Ramona Convent Secondary School • Don Bosco Technical Institute

- ◆ Demonstrate financial need (to be eligible for financial aid, applicant must have submitted a FAFSA form by the March 2019 deadline.)
- ◆ Cumulative high school *unweighted* GPA (out of a 4.0 scale) must be 3.0 and above.
- ◆ Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply. (Please note, affiliates of AAEDS are not eligible to apply.)

Award Amount:

There will be (3) awards of \$500 each and (3) awards of \$1000 each.

A total of 6 scholarship awards will be offered.

Requirements:

- ◆ *Complete the AAEDS Scholarship application.
- ◆ *Please provide an essay (in 500 words or fewer).
- ◆ *Provide 1 Letter of Recommendation along with the recommendation form completed by the recommender.
- ◆ Provide an official sealed copy of your high school transcript.

Application Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2019 @ 5:00 pm



Scholarship winners from 2018 shown .

For more info, please contact AAEDS Scholarship Coordinator via: www.aede.info • aedeinfo@gmail.com • (626) 572-7021

All forms may be downloaded online from www.aede.info



Alhambra High Moor Thespians cast and crew have been hard at work since January getting their high energy spring musical *Chicago* ready to amaze audiences. This is the professional production for high school performers and audiences. Performances are at 7 p.m. April 18, 19, 25, and 26, and 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. April 20. For advance tickets, visit alhambraithespians.com. Photo by Liezel Gutierrez.



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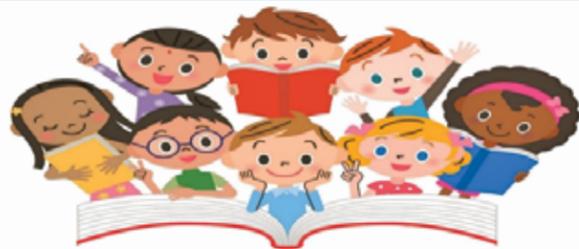
The Third Annual Alhambra Unified School District Robotics Challenge on April 6 is a chance for kindergarten to 12th -grade engineers-in-training to compete at Mark Keppel High School from 8 a.m. to 1 pm. Robotics teams include Brightwood fifth – eighth; Emery Park K – eighth; Garfield fifth – eighth; Granada K – eighth; Marguerita fifth – eighth; Northrup fifth – eighth; Park fifth – eighth; Mark Keppel High; San Gabriel High; Alhambra High. The K – fourth teams practice Dash programming to run courses and create a display board. The fifth – eighth teams build a robot and create a website display. The high school teams design, build, and program a robot and create a presentation with display board. Each challenge will be judged on how well teams program their robots to complete given tasks. Judges will use rubrics to judge teams' presentation boards and websites. High school teams will also give a presentation to a panel of judges. Photo by Liezel Gutierrez.



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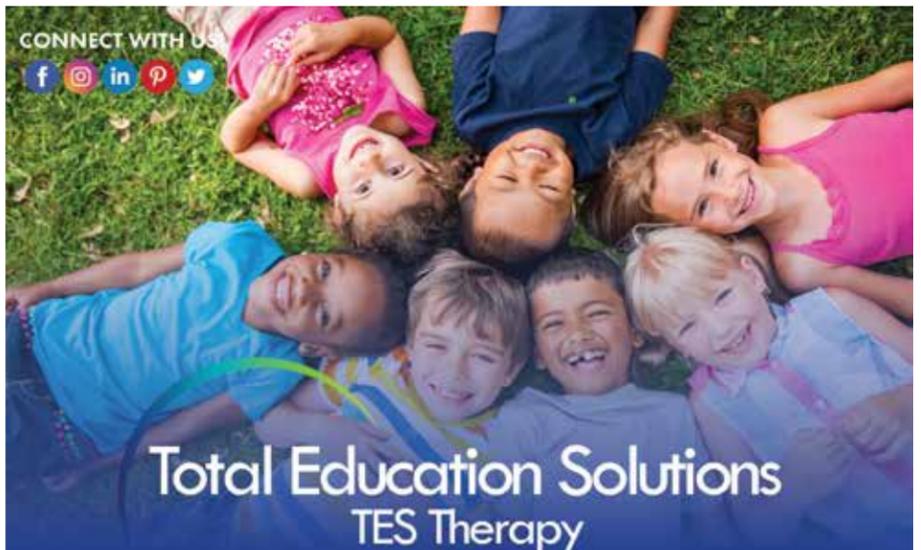
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Emery Park Elementary celebrates Reading is Magic

Community joins the fun

Feb. 28 was Reading is Magic day at Emery Park Elementary. It was a Harry Potter-themed Read Across America event designed to celebrate reading for kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Community leaders arrived early to read aloud to students, to enchant young readers, and encourage literacy.

The scene on that Thursday morning leapt to life as students spotted Principal Jeremy Infranca dressed in Harry Potter garb. They were thrilled, laughing, and guessing what character Mr. Infranca was supposed to be. Other Hogwarts, members of Dumbledore's Army, and the Department of Magical Games were walking the halls with school staff dressed up as book characters. Esteemed visitors added to the festivity. Dedicated to instilling a love of words and reading in its students, Emery Park holds this event each year.

"In the richly multicultural, multi-lingual global haven that is Alhambra USD, there is an education-first,



Parents, AUSD Board members, the superintendent, the mayor of Alhambra, ATA and CTA officers, ALA president, teachers, counselors all arrived early to help celebrate Reading is Magic by reading aloud to pre K to eighth-grade students at the Harry Potter-themed Read Across America event Feb. 28 at Emery Park Elementary. Photo by Liezel Gutierrez.

student-centered community spirit that embraces the concept of it-takes-all-of-us to help students flourish," Mr. Infranca said. "We are grateful for Emery Park's community partners and the hard work our staff, students, and parents are doing

together to promote reading and literacy."

Reading aloud to children sets them up for success. When a student reads well by third grade, they are four times more likely to graduate from high school. Third grade is when the students shift from learning to

read to reading to learn. Reading together is one of the best ways to prepare and encourage a child to read and is a secret to literacy. As J.K.Rowling said, "I do believe something really magical can happen when you read a good book."



On Friday mornings at Alhambra High, Coach Eric Bergstrom and a team of AHS staff are at the entrance at 7:20 a.m. welcoming students with a high five or a "good morning." Everyone feels more connected with such an acknowledging ritual. It is no surprise research shows that a personal morning welcome from a teacher improves a student's attitude and performance at school. Small things make a big difference in building relationships, and relationships are at the center of learning. AHS is taking the lead among high schools in the district to implement a system of Positive Behavior Supports to make AHS a place where everyone feels they belong. Photo by Liezel Gutierrez.



Parents and community supporters read to Fremont students during their March 1 Read Across America event to create a love of books among students. "We want our students to love reading, and one of the best ways to do that is to bring in these wonderful role models from our communities to partner with the students in reading," said Fremont Principal Robby Jung. Photo by Liezel Gutierrez.

MKHS ALL MALE From Page 1A

The MKAM dancers raised the money for competitions and costumes with Boba tea fundraisers.

MKAM's story is incredible determination in the face of significant obstacles that pays off in an unimaginable fairytale way. The students not only had to learn to dance (some of them were terrible), they had to continually negotiate with their parents who had envisioned their high school sons studying to become doctors or engineers, not dancers who had 25-hour-a-week practices.

Each boy has a story. Paul Im, MKAM team captain with the 4.2 GPA, was the worst dancer ever when he joined as a freshman. Now he is very clearly the best. Alan Angeles, fluent in Tagalog, is the dancer who is the team hair cutter and charges \$5 a haircut. Nathan Cao, who is of Chinese descent but born in Honduras, speaks better Spanish than Eric Moreno, the team member from Mexico.

MKHS Dance Arts Director Activate Arroyo is still another story. Never was a coach more aptly named. Thanks to Mr.

Arroyo, Mark Keppel High School is one of only 13 high schools in the state of California to offer a weighted Honors Dance program.

Both MKAM and the MKHS Dance Team just swept the March 15-16 West Coast Elite National Competition. The MKHS Dance Teams won three 2019 West Coast Elite Dance National Championships in the Large Male, Medium Female, and Small Male categories. Large Male also won Top Overall Points and Best Showmanship. The MKHS Dance Team then won Top Overall Championship. At the West Coast Elite Nationals, MKHS Dance Team alumna, now a talented freelance photographer, Jessica Chou followed the champions throughout the competition to capture their inspiring drive as representative of the immigrant community in the San Gabriel Valley. Ms. Chou's work appears in the *New York Times* and other news and magazine outlets. Watch for her award-winning work at www.jessicachou-photographs.com.



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