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Granada School's school dismissal sign notifies families that students are no longer in class at least until April 6 and showcases the social distancing in place as AUSD staff sets up for Curbside Emergency Meal Service. Granada, Marguerita, and Ynez Schools are the three sites for families to pick up to-go meals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday during school closures due to coronavirus. Vivien Watts, director of Food and Nutrition, and Duane Russel, director of Student Services and Activities, set up the Curbside Emergency Meal Service. Any student in the vehicle age 18 or younger is eligible for a breakfast and lunch meal.

Alhambra Unified Board declares local public health emergency

Superintendent Jaramillo authorized to take action to protect students + staff from spread of COVID-19

In an emergency session March 16, the Alhambra Unified Board of Education voted unanimously to declare a local public health emergency and passed a resolution delegating emergency authority to Superintendent Denise Jaramillo to enable her to act swiftly to take all necessary action to protect students and staff from the spread of coronavirus COVID-19. This emergency session came just days after the emergency meeting March 13 when the board voted 5 – 0 to close schools at least through April 6 and possibly longer.

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Alhambra closes city facilities as part of coronavirus 'Safer at Home' emergency response

The City of Alhambra has closed City Hall, the Utilities Customer Service Center, and parks playgrounds to the public until April 19 or further notice, to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

This precautionary measure is in effect following state and county guidelines requesting "Safer at Home" practices.

The City of Alhambra continues to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 developments. Earlier this week, the City Council proclaimed the Existence of a Local Emergency, and the City announced the cancellation of nonessential meetings, including

board and commission meetings, and events until further notice. In addition, the Alhambra Civic Library, the Joslyn Center, and Recreation programs were declared closed. At this time, the closure of city facilities is also immediately extended to City Hall, the Utilities Customer Service Center, and parks playgrounds.

City Hall: All City Hall services requiring in-person visits, the public counter assistance, including the Utilities Customer Service Center, are suspended. Individuals needing assistance can e-mail or leave messages with departments. Some services are available online at cityofalhambra.org.

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- Dine in at a restaurant
- Go to a playground
- Go to a nonessential retail store or mall
- Put seniors or those with underlying health conditions at risk

Kathryne BARGER

Mayor's Corner



By Mayor Ross J. Maza

Hello Alhambra. As we adjust to a way of life that most of us have never known or expected, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and practicing an over-abundance of caution to keep yourselves free of the COVID-19 virus.

We should all understand that we are at a very crucial moment in our efforts to slow the spread of this virus, and that we MUST do our part and abide by all restrictions set in place. It's either this or face further consequences. Let's remember that social distancing is the key to getting through this. We must respect "Safer at Home."

As of now, many still do not realize the scope of the threat among us simply because COVID-19 simply can't be seen, but its danger is REAL, and the damage it has already caused is immeasurable. Let's remember that this can be temporary, but only if we practice the necessary caution and discipline now. Again, I ask **everyone** to follow the guidelines implemented by

the city, county, and state, and cooperate with all official directions issued. The more cautious and aware we are, the quicker this will hopefully be behind us.

It is imperative that we come together as a community like never before, that we cooperate and follow the rules and guidelines set up to combat this situation, and that we treat each other with kindness, respect, and generosity in order to make it easier for all of us to overcome this. The coronavirus has disrupted life as we know it and forced us to retreat into our homes. It has forced us to be home and reconnect with our loved ones. Let's use this as a positive.

I'd like to ask that we continue to support our Alhambra small businesses as much as we can, and where we can. Our local retailers, service providers, and restaurants were the first to see the financial effects of our current crisis. Let's continue to support them in any way we can while respecting all city, county, and state restrictions.

Please remember that although this situation is new to everyone and information about COVID-19 is rapidly changing, Alhambra City staff is working hard to keep all available information current on the Alhambra City website at www.cityofalhabra.org. You can click on the **red tab** labeled "CORONAVIRUS UPDATE." All of the necessary information should be there, including "City and County Updates." Thank you to the entire City of Alhambra staff for keeping our city safe, running, and informed.

I'd also like to thank the many men and women who are helping to keep Alhambra moving forward. To our school teachers and administrative staff, our medical employees, our food industry employees, our Alhambra Police and Fire departments, the many volunteers, school PTAs, and to anyone who gives without recognition. THANK YOU!

Alhambra relaxes street sweeping restrictions, overnight parking

The Alhambra Police Department is relaxing certain parking enforcement across the city and putting a temporary halt on issuing citations as part of the emergency response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The order went into effect March 16 and pertains to the following:

- Relaxed enforcement of street sweeping restrictions in residential areas.

- Relaxed enforcement of overnight parking restrictions.

Citations issued on March 16 will be voided, and vehicle owners will be mailed a letter stating such. If a letter is not received within two weeks, please call the Traffic Division at 626-570-5119 for assistance.

The relaxed enforcement will be in place until April 5. Parking enforcement will resume April 6.

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Contact Information

City Clerk's Office

626-570-5090

Public Records requests should be submitted to lmyles@cityofalhabra.org.

City Manager's Office

E-mail communications@cityofalhabra.org.

Community Development Department

626-570-5034

For plan check information and submittals, visit this online portal: <https://gopost-transtech.eplansoftreview.com/#/login?portal=alhabra>, or check the city's website: <https://www.cityofalhabra.org/resources/building-services-division>.

Finance Department

626-570-5020 or 626-570-5021

626-308-4868 fax

Online services:

Business license renewals payment: <https://secure.cityofalhabra.org/webrenewals>.

Annual overnight parking renewals: <https://secure.cityofalhabra.org/Parking-Track/Online.app/login>.

Parking citation payment:

<https://www.cityofalhabra.org/resources/pay-a-parking-ticket>.

Alarm permits and false alarm payments: <https://secure.cityofalhabra.org/AlarmTrack/Online.app/en-us/login>.

Paramedic subscription renewals:

<https://secure.cityofalhabra.org/ParamedicSubscribers/Online.app/en-us/login>.

Fire Department

626-570-5190

Human Resources Department

626-570-5095

E-mail: Alh-HR@cityofalhabra.org.

Library

Electronic library services are available online including e-books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, streaming, movies, and TV 24/7 via: <https://alhabralibrary.org/all-databases>. A telephone Reference Librarian is no longer available.

Parks and Recreation Department

626-570-5044

E-mail coa.parksandrec@gmail.com.

Police Department

626-570-5151

Public Works Department/ Utilities Department

626-570-5067

Utilities Customer Service Center

626-570-5061

Customers are encouraged to use the online payment system at <https://www.online-biller.com/alhabra>.

Customers can use the Drop Box located on the North wall of the Customer Service Center, 68 S. First St., or the drop box located on the First Street side of City Hall, 111 S. First St., for payment.

City Hall's closure does not affect the following essential services:

- Emergency Police and Fire services.
- ACT Bus and Senior Ride.
- Trash service (provided by Republic Services, 800-299-4898).
- Water service.
- Public Works.
- Parks (open areas and restrooms).
- Farmers Market

Street sweeping restrictions and overnight parking restrictions are relaxed until April 5. Parking enforcement resumes April 6.

The city will continue to assess the situation and may make additional changes as needed.

For updates on city developments related to the coronavirus, visit <https://www.cityofalhabra.org/resources/coronavirus>.



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Planet Fitness starts with stretching

The key to stretching is to help you stay limber, remain injury-free, and get the most out of your workouts. If you stretch a cold muscle too much, you can pull it, which can cause discomfort or worse, an injury. So take it slowly and gently when stretching and limbering up your muscles for a workout. Planet Fitness recommends starting out with some activity to loosen them up. During your warm-up, it's best to avoid static stretching. Don't hold one stretch position for too long. This can negatively affect your workout. Instead, perform stretches that involve movement, called dynamic stretches, which gradually warm up the muscles while increasing flexibility and the mobility of the joints. Sounds good doesn't it? This will prepare you for the workout ahead. Here are some of the basics that you can follow:

First try the ankle circle. For this one, stand with your palms against a wall. Raise one foot at a time and gently make



Trainer Arthur Zozoya (in yellow shirt) and member Hugo Garcia demonstrate the importance of stretching before a workout.



circles with your big toe. Return to the starting position and make circles in the opposite direction. Repeat a few times, and then swap legs.

Then try some leg swings. Stand sideways to a wall and brace yourself with one arm for support. Hold your non-supporting arm in front of you and swing the same-side leg up toward your hand. Don't worry about reaching your hand because the idea is to stretch the hip muscles and loosen up the hip joint. Swing the leg gently backward and forward, gradually increasing

your range of motion. Repeat this for 5 – 10 swings in each direction before switching to the other leg.

Now try some shoulder rolls and arm circles. For this one, stand with knees slightly bent. Roll your shoulders forward 5 – 10 times, then backward 5 – 10 times. Then perform large arm circles forward 5 – 10 times, and backward 5 – 10 times. Keep your stomach muscles tight during these stretches.

Next, move upward to the neck. For neck turns, move your head to look up toward the ceiling, then

down to the floor. Repeat 5 – 10 times. Then move your head to the left and to the right. Repeat 5 – 10 times. Finally, tilt your head sideways, bringing your left ear toward your left shoulder, then the right ear to the right shoulder. Repeat this 5 – 10 times.

Just as important is your post-exercise cool-down period. This should involve movements that gradually reduce your heart rate and help the blood circulate away from the working muscles in movement such as walking. As always, please consult with a physician prior to beginning any exercise program.

For any questions about membership options, contact the Alhambra Club, located at 610 E. Valley Blvd. or call them at 626-576-8800. They are open and fully staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In other words, they are always there for you.

Due to the current emergency, Planet Fitness will be closed until further notice.



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From left are Police Chief Vu, Officer Kua, Officer Yang, Officer Ponce-Villalobos, Asst. Crime Analyst Castillo, Cpl. Montano, Mayor Ross Maza, Officer Ramirez, Reserve Officer Tran, Officer Quiroz, Officer Serrato, Cpl. Fukumoto, and Assistant Chief Parra.

First responders honored for heroic work

At a luncheon on March 3 at Almansor Court, select men and women from the police and fire departments were recognized for their extraordinary service to the Alhambra community.

The master of ceremonies of the event was Alhambra Police Lt. Elizalde. He introduced Fire Chief Tom Phelps, who presented awards to outstanding members of his department. Award of Merit went to Communications Supervisor Dalessandro. The Fire Chief Commendations were awarded to Fire Captain Lawrence, Fire Engineer Reyes, and Firefighter Orrante.

The Police Department expressed appreciation for their officers next. The Top Shot Award was presented to five officers who have been classified as Expert Marksmen. These officers are Cpl. Fukumoto, Top Shot; Sgt. Castillo, Expert; Officer Datilio, Expert; Officer Yang, Expert; and Officer Ponce-Villalobos, Expert.

Other awards were given out for Professional Staff of the Year, which went to Assistant Criminal Annalist S. Castillo and Volunteer of the Year, Peggy Russell. The Supervisor of the Year is Sgt. R. Castillo.

The presentation of the Life Saving Medal went to officers who

were involved in efforts to save a life. Working closely with Fire Department Paramedics, the awarded officers saved Alhambra residents from attempted suicide and drug overdoses, and they even saved one man from a pack of wild dogs.

These prestigious medals were awarded to Cpl. Montano, Cpl. Diller, Officer Kua, Cpl. Fukumoto, Cpl. Chung, Cpl. Tran, Officer Ponce-Villalobos, Officer Quiroz, Officer Diaz, Officer Namkoong, Officer Ramirez, Officer Serrato, Det. Lew, Officer Llamas, Cpl. Vega, Officer Yang, Sgt. Romero, and Cpl. Montano.

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Dear San Gabriel Valley Leader and Water Forum Supporter:

The 2020 San Gabriel Valley Water Forum, scheduled for April 16, 2020, has been POSTPONED to protect our communities and stakeholders from the threat posed by the novel coronavirus. As stewards of our precious water supply, your health and well-being, as well as that of the broader community, are our top priority.

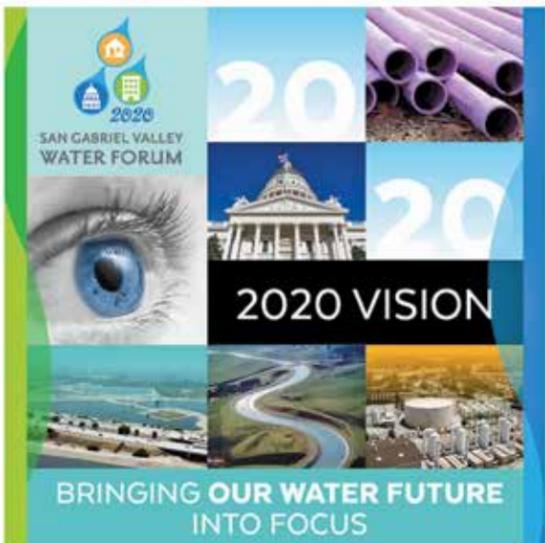
It is our desire to reschedule the Forum later this year if and only if public health and safety are assured. We will closely monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health and local health officials to inform our decisions.

We look forward to helping our communities overcome the present coronavirus challenges and to engage with you again later this year as we sit at the threshold of an exciting new decade of progress and innovation in water management. We are confident our agenda and array of expert panelists will remain largely intact, creating a tremendous educational experience for all participants.

We want to thank all recent ticket purchasers and assure you that you may have either a full refund or receive credit to the rescheduled event. We will reach out to ticket purchasers shortly to make sure you know how to exercise your option. For additional information, visit www.sgvwaterforum.com or contact us at info@sgvwaterforum.com.

Thank you for your interest in the San Gabriel Valley Water Forum and please take every precaution to protect yourself, your colleagues and communities, and those dear to you during the present health crisis.

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ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH



Each month, we highlight a Rotarian that exemplifies our values. Our April exemplary Rotarian is **David Snyder**, of Alhambra's **Snyder Optometry**.

Dr. Snyder recently chaired the Alhambra Rotary Mini-Grant project which provided over 40 AUSD educators with grants up to \$200. This is a project that Dr. Snyder has continued to champion year after year and a project that has donated over \$222,000 in Mini Grants back to our community's educators since its inception over 27 years ago.

Dr. Snyder, our club thanks you for always looking out for our community and for embodying our motto of *SERVICE ABOVE SELF*.

For more info reach us at AlhambraRotaryClub@gmail.com



The Alhambra Fire Department recently awarded the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce a Certificate of Recognition for the Chamber's participation in the Spark of Love Toy Drive. The toy drive was able to serve over 500 children during the Christmas holiday. The certificate was presented to Chamber President Helen Romero-Shaw by Mayor Ross Maza.



Learn and have fun with PopRock Academy online.

PopRock Academy offering entire program online

PopRock Academy is offering its entire program online. The academy has acting, dance, and music classes and lessons all week long for students as young as 5 years old to adults. Students will be able to interact with the staff and other students at their virtual lobby and join the classes or lessons. PopRock is offering free registration and \$28 off per hour of private lessons or term of group class.

During this challenging time, PopRock is offering a free online performing arts camp program for all their students and the community. Join them on twitch.tv/poprockacademy every week day at 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to do sing-alongs, make an instrument, storytime theater, dance-alone, author book readings, and more. It's a great way to take a break from a stressful morning for both children and adults.

Tax Day now July 15: Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline, federal tax payments regardless of amount owed

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15 to July 15.

Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15 to July 15 without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline can request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software, or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

“Even with the filing deadline extended, we urge taxpayers who are owed

refunds to file as soon as possible and file electronically,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. “Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds. Although we are curtailing some operations during this period, the IRS is continuing with mission-critical operations to support the nation, and that includes accepting tax returns and sending refunds.”

The IRS will continue to monitor issues related to the COVID-19 virus, and updated information will be posted on a special coronavirus page on IRS.gov.

This announcement comes following the President’s emergency declaration last week pursuant to the Stafford Act. The Stafford Act is a federal law designed to bring an orderly and systematic means of federal natural disaster and emergency assistance for state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to aid citizens. It was enacted in 1988.

Treasury and IRS will issue additional guidance as needed and continue working with Congress, on a bipartisan basis, on legislation to provide further relief to the American people.



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We expect interns to be strong individuals, self-starters, and leaders that perform at a professional level. We are looking for excellent team players who possess positive professional attitudes and have the skill set to manage multiple projects.

Interns will have the opportunity to learn and assist in all logistical aspects of event planning and marketing. We hope this opportunity will help you grow personally and professionally.

This is a paid Internship.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Preparing or assisting in preparation of proposal to potential companies attending the job fair.
- Developing, and compiling, promotional literature for distribution such as newsletters, brochures or flyers; coordinates process from development stage through the final printing and distribution of materials.
- Interaction and maintenance of open communication channels with vendors and outside agencies.
- Conducting research for vendors, venue selection, outsourced services, creative marketing ideas, etc.
- Creating job fair materials, such as name badges, diagrams, signs, etc.
- Accurate accounting of logistics such floor plans, attendee rosters, etc.
- Cold calling as necessary.
- Miscellaneous office support: processing documentation, filing, reporting, data entry, responding to emails, answering the phone, etc.



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Instructions for Applying: Please submit RESUME by **Friday, May 22, 2020, 5:00 p.m.** via aaedeinfo@gmail.com Subject Line: AAEDE Internship

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CITY OF ALHAMBRA CRIME REPORT

The following crimes were reported to the Alhambra Police Department in February. The areas of occurrence are listed to the nearest block – not exact addresses. By publishing these reports, it is hoped that Alhambra residents will take the necessary measures to ensure their individual safety, as well as the safety of their property.

Neighborhood Watch Works! To join Neighborhood Watch, or for more crime prevention information and safety tips, call the Alhambra Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 626-570-5177.

District One	District Two	District Three	District Four
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CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



City of Alhambra monitors coronavirus developments

The City of Alhambra continues to work closely with health officials to monitor the evolving coronavirus outbreak.

The health and well-being of city staff, residents, and visitors is of utmost importance.

To limit the potential spread of the coronavirus, the city has taken extra steps to keep employees and the public safe by following the recommendations and guidance of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the California Department of Public Health.

This includes doing things like disinfecting high traffic and high touch areas such as computers, keyboards, switches, countertops, handles, toilets, desks, phones, faucets, and sinks, at places like the library, restrooms, and counters. The city is also cleaning things like the Senior Ride buses and ACT buses more frequently.

According to L.A. County Department of Public Health, the best ways to stay healthy and reduce the possible spread of the coronavirus remain the same:

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay home if sick.
- Cover coughs.
- Avoid touching face.
- Practice social distancing from other individuals.

For more information regarding the COVID-19, please visit any of the following websites:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health – publichealth.lacounty.gov
California Department of Public Health – cdph.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – cdc.gov

Don't fall for coronavirus scams

Watch out for those who see this critical time as an opportunity to use fear to make a profit.

The Federal Trade Commission has warned people to be aware of scammers posting fake information about treatments and local outbreaks on fake websites. The scams also include using phony e-mails, text messages, and social media posts to steal personal information and money.

Do not click on links from unknown senders, which can lead to malware on your devices. Be vigilant of e-mails from the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and so-called disease experts. Visit the CDC's website directly at www.cdc.gov.

These scams can come from the internet and the phone. Call law enforcement if you receive a suspicious phone call or e-mail.

Alhambra: open for business

BY GLENN BARNETT

We are all aware of the health emergency that is now worldwide in scope. Many businesses have closed for the duration, and their employees are displaced, which is crippling national economies including our own. How can we keep Alhambra financially strong while still spending most of our time at home?

Many businesses in Alhambra are still open, and some deliver. Your local pizza place may be one of them. For other restaurants, this is now the age of grab and go, which just last month we called take out. Call your favorite restaurant, coffee shop, bakery, or try a new place that you have wanted to experience. If they offer take out, place an order over the phone or online so it will be ready when you arrive. Perhaps they will even deliver. Just as important, give the people who serve you a generous tip. They have to make it through these times too.

Now would be a good time to take care of your car as well. Many of our full-service dealerships are open for parts, service, and sales. Call your dealer or independent mechanic and schedule a time to take your car in for overdue service or a tune up. You don't have to wait at the shop. You can wait at home for the work to be completed. Then just go over and pick up your vehicle. If you work on your own car, check with

our local auto parts stores and ask them to have your order ready when you get there.

Have you been saving money for a new car? Ask your local Alhambra car dealer if they can sell you a car over the phone or online. Many of them can perform this service.

Keep your membership in the YMCA or your local gym. You are going to want them to still be there when this temporary crisis is over. Here is another idea. If you are staying close to home, go through your seasonal clothing and see what can use dry cleaning. You can quickly drop those items off and pick them up when they have been cleaned. You may also find items to give to used clothing stores.

Your taxes need doing too. Organize your paperwork and drop it off at your tax preparer's office. If they have questions, you can answer them over the phone. Then go in and sign the forms when they are completed. Easy peasy.

There are many other businesses in Alhambra that deserve your support. Think of what you need and make a call or use social media to see if the business is open and how you can purchase what you need. There is a lot that each of us can do to both keep ourselves safe at the recommended "social distance" while at the same time supporting our community. Let's make this crisis as painless as possible.

Superior Court of LA County re-opens for essential and emergency functions at least through April 16

Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile announced an amended General Order that clarifies the time-sensitive and essential functions the court will handle after its three-day closure.

"The court is working with our Judicial Officers and employees on a court-wide operations plan designed to keep as many people out of our courthouses as possible

to slow the spread of COVID-19, while prioritizing our time-sensitive, essential functions," presiding Judge Brazile said. "Although 36 of 38 courthouses in Los Angeles County will re-open, our trial court operations will be downsized and scaled back substantially due to the closure of nearly 400 courtrooms March 20.

Financial Resources for Residents Impacted by Covid-19

The Department of Public Social Services is aware of the financial impact that the Coronavirus is having on the health and financial well-being of County of Los Angeles residents, leaving thousands unemployed or underemployed. The department has provided the below resources to help residents who may be experiencing financial challenges due to the pandemic:

IF YOU HAVE HAD YOUR HOURS CUT, BEEN FURLOUGHED, OR LAID OFF:

If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down operations due to COVID-19, you can file for unemployment insurance. If you are expecting to return to your job after the dust settles, you do not have to be actively seeking new work during the outbreak. But you must be "able and available to work" to get these benefits, which generally range from \$40-\$450 per week for up to six months.

https://edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Filing_a_Claim.htm

Claim.htm

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY SICK WITH THE CORONAVIRUS OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED:

Individuals who are unable to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional) can file a Disability Insurance (DI) claim.

Disability Insurance provides short-term benefit payments to eligible workers who have full or partial loss of wages due to a non-work-related illness, injury, or pregnancy. Benefit amounts are approximately 60-70 percent of wages (depending on income) and range from \$50 - \$1,300 a week.

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IF YOU ARE CARING FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS SICK:

Californians who are unable to work because they are caring for an ill or quarantined family member with COVID-19 (certified by a medical professional) can file a Paid Family Leave (PFL) claim.

Paid Family Leave provides up to six weeks of benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of wages because they need time off work to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a new child. Benefit amounts are approximately 60-70 percent of wages (depending on income) and range from \$50-\$1,300 a week.

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Tax Tips

Tax deadline extended to July 15

Federal deadline to file 2019 tax return, extensions, is July 15

There are roughly 1 million people who are owed over \$1 billion dollars in refunds for taxable year 2016. If you haven't filed your 2016 income tax return, your statute expires 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 2016.

- 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 2016 returns, the window closes April 15, 2020.

- The law requires that the taxpayer properly address and mail their return so the IRS receives it by April 15, 2020. If it does not arrive by the 15th, the IRS may deny the refund.

- 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 2016 refunds if taxpayers have not filed tax returns for 2017 and 2018. 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.



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- 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 2016 tax return and claim a refund will expire April 15, 2020.

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 2015 California return will be April 15, 2020. Just like the IRS — use it or lose it.

Due to COVID-19, the IRS and the State of California has extended the filing and payment deadline to July 15.

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Alhambra Fit Body Boot Camp, 43 E. Main St., Alhambra, celebrated its Grand Opening March 9. Alhambra Fit Body Boot Camp offers HIIT (high intensity interval training) in a small group setting and gives each client the attention and support they need to accomplish their fitness goals. The 30-minute HIIT combined with nutritional advice for each client is an unstoppable formula that produces results. From left are Mayor Ross Maza; Henry Lo, senior field rep. for Assemblymember Ed Chau; Savannah Moore, rep. for Kathryn Barger, L.A. County Board of Supervisors; Nickie Chan, Alhambra Chamber Board member; Suzi Dunkel-Soto, Alhambra Chamber Board member; Megan Moloughney, Alhambra Chamber Board vice president; Charles Green, Alhambra Fit Body Boot Camp co-owner; Derek Wong, co-owner; Francella Aguilar, Alhambra Chamber Board member; Irma Hernandez, Alhambra Chamber office manager; Jewelyn Co, Chamber ambassador; and Rosemarie Valerio, Chamber office assistant.

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Backyard structures and home insurance

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

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.

Detached structures

The coverage amount varies from policy to policy; check your policy for the specific coverage related to these items.

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 or garage may also be covered by your homeowners policy, but you might consider a Personal Articles Policy or Inland Marine 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 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 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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Business to Business



The Alhambra Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors host the Chamber's monthly Business to Business networking event March 11. The Ambassadors act as primary liaisons for new Chamber members, participate in Chamber committees, support various programs, and plan networking events. Business to Business is held 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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Michael Dergar, artist and founder of the Academy of Special Dreams, and Jessica Hayek, owner and president of Hayek International.

Artist Michael Dergar receives Humanitarian Award

Michael Dergar, artist and founder of the Academy of Special Dreams, was given a Humanitarian Award by Hayek International. Jessica Hayek, owner and president of Hayek International presented the award.

"I feel honored and humbled to receive this wonderful recognition in Mexico City," Mr. Dergar said. "I especially thank Jessica Hayek and the Hayek International Board of Directors for giving me this honor. There is a long journey to make a more inclusive society. Together we can

continue making a difference by bringing public awareness, recognition, and appreciation to our community with disabilities in the arts."

Recently, Mr. Dergar was invited by the SEP y Cultura Estatal to be part of the first-ever National Inclusive Education Congress Conference 2020 in Mexico. He is collaborating with Dory Perdomo from BAUPRES Gallery and the international artist Cesar Forero from Canada to unite forces with One Vision to make a more inclusive society in the arts internationally.

Menopause and heart disease — staying informed, being involved

Menopause is a difficult time for most women. To make matters worse, studies are confusing as to whether hormone therapy is beneficial or harmful. Many of us are unaware that cardiovascular disease (CVD, or heart disease and stroke) is the number one cause of death in women. CVD kills more women than the next seven leading causes of death combined, including cancer. Four percent of women die from breast cancer, whereas 53% die from CVD. CVD mainly afflicts women after menopause. The earlier the onset of menopause, the greater the chance of dying from CVD.

Although there is confusion surrounding the use of hormone therapy, estrogen-based hormone therapy continues to show great promise. For example, in the Women's Health Initiative (largest trial of hormone therapy) women without a uterus who were less than 60 years of age when starting estrogen-alone therapy showed less heart disease, less breast cancer, and less death than women not taking estrogen. However, most

women have a uterus that requires use of other hormones such as progestin and progesterone to protect the uterus. When combined with estrogen, these additional hormones appear to carry the greatest health risk for women.

Education and research are the best ways to counter confusion surrounding hormone therapy and to improve women's health. The University of Southern California (USC) is conducting a study to determine the cardiovascular effects of a new FDA-approved menopause therapy for women with a uterus. This therapy, known as bazedoxifene/estrogen (BZA/CE), delivers estrogen without the risks from progestin or progesterone. The Advancing Postmenopausal Preventive Therapy (APPT) study is open to women 45 – 59 years of age who have a uterus and will determine whether BZA/CE slows hardening of the arteries (the underlying cause of CVD) and cognitive aging (mental function). APPT is a way to help get answers and to contribute to the advancement of women's health in a carefully monitored setting. For more information, call 323-442-2257, or visit aru.usc.edu.



Attendees were excited to sit in the plush black leather trimmed seats dreaming of owning one of these remarkable sports cars while learning more about them after a 20-year Supra hiatus.

Wondries Toyota hosts GR Supra event, features 5 Supras in showroom

On Feb. 26, Paul and Patty Wondries of the new Wondries Toyota hosted a GR Supra event in their main showroom featuring five amazing Supras.

Those in attendance were excited to sit in the plush black leather trimmed seats dreaming of owning one of these remarkable sports cars while learning more about them after a 20-year Supra hiatus. The event was highlighted by deliciously prepared, beautifully arranged food and background music by a local three-piece ensemble.

The new Supra lineup includes:

The Supra launch edition, of which 1,500 were created, are uniquely numbered with a carbon fiber badge and have red glossy mirror caps and matte black wheels no matter the color of vehicle selected. The

335-hp turbocharged inline-six-cylinder engine and the 12-speaker JBL surround system are second to none in the Toyota line up.

The Premium 3.0 offers enhanced multimedia and larger rear brakes.

The 3.0 Edition base model offers unparalleled performance with standard active safety and next generation technology.

Available in Absolute Zero (white), Renaissance Red (red), Nocturnal (black), Tungsten (light gray), Turbulence Gray (darker gray), Downshift Blue (blue), and Nitro Yellow (yellow). Perhaps one of the challenging decisions will be what color to buy?

Wondries welcomes the community to come by and look at these vehicles while they last.

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This year's theme for the Soroptimists' Spring Recruitment Luncheon was "What Are Your Superpowers? Be Someone's Hero." From left are Nancy Quesada, Angela, Pinki Chen, Corrie Chan, Dr. Karen Chao, Josephine Yang, and Miriam Harrington.

Soroptimists hold annual Spring Recruitment Luncheon

Soroptimist of Alhambra, San Gabriel, San Marino, gathered together for its annual Spring Recruitment Luncheon Feb. 14 at the San Gabriel Hilton. This year's theme was "What Are Your Superpowers? Be Someone's Hero." Many guests and members dressed as superheroes. Fourteen new prospective members were present at the event. Membership Chair Josephine Yang presented a PowerPoint overview of Soroptimist International and the Alhambra club programs with the assistance of members Cynthia Jarvis, Angela Lee, and Jacqueline Coulette.

During lunch, two new members were inducted into the Alhambra club: Hui-Ping "Pinki" Chen and Corrie Chan. Ms. Chen, a retired event producer who organized the longtime Downtown Alhambra Lunar New Year Festival for over 20 years, and Ms. Chan, who graduated in psychology and economics from Yale last year, was recently crowned Miss Chinatown LA.

Ms. Chen said that she was very excited to join Soroptimist so she could volunteer for her community.

The group enjoyed a delicious lunch, fellowship, and door prizes.

Unemployment: An Indicator of Community Health

BY ELAINE CHEUNG

The recent coronavirus pandemic highlights the strong link between health and employment status. Several businesses and restaurants throughout the San Gabriel Valley have been impacted by the lack of economic activity and fear related to the coronavirus. As an Alhambra Affiliate Career Coach, I have witnessed individuals struggling with depression and negative thinking during the job search process.

Former employees of closed local businesses cite a string of bad luck and economic instability as the source of their troubles. Unfortunately, there are cases where individuals live paycheck to paycheck and may be one check away from homelessness. Studies from peer-reviewed health literature note that unemployment can limit an individual's mental health and overall wellness (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "How Does Employment, or Unemployment, Affect Health?" 2013). Unemployment is a social determinant of health (Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, "Social Determinants of Health: Employment" 2020).

If you are a job-seeker in today's job market, I hope that you can practice being kinder to yourself. You are not alone in the search for gainful employment. The UAW Labor Employment and Training Corporation (UAW-LETC) is a private non-profit with staff working in our local America's Job Center of California (AJCC) office



in Alhambra. UAW-LETC's mission is to foster workforce development and help individuals become self-sufficient. Fellow case managers and I care about community issues, like unemployment, and strive to support disadvantaged individuals in vulnerable situations as best as we can. I personally recognize how employment and health outcomes go hand in hand.

There are resources available and hotlines to assist with risky behaviors such as tobacco use or self-harm, especially for people who are unemployed. We also have connections to local services for veterans and people with disabilities. Maintaining gainful employment in a positive and healthy work environment can be a source of stability.

The most rewarding aspect of my role as a career coach is to work one-on-one with participants and create a personal action plan to improve their life in some small way. Although we cannot guarantee job placement, we can serve as a resource throughout a person's job search. Our ultimate goal is to strengthen healthy equity within our community by reducing the health disparities related to unemployment and increasing our community's employment rate. Take time to visit your local AJCC!

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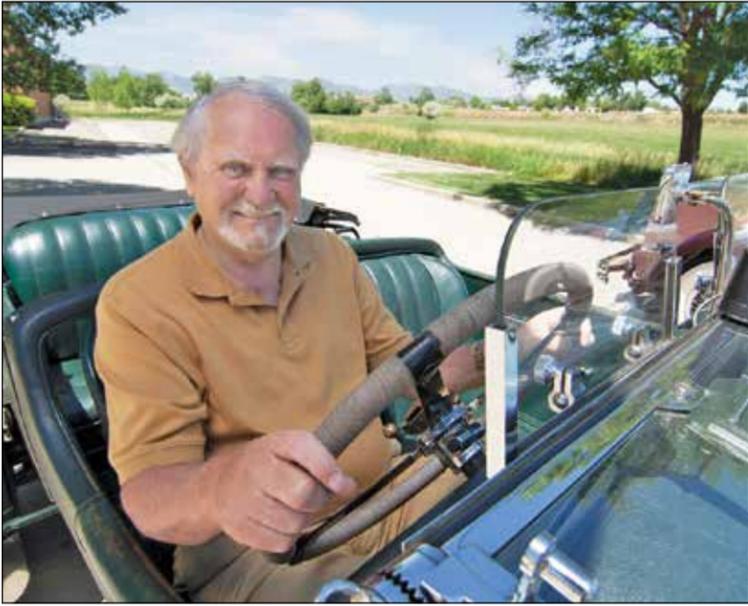
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Clive Cussler was in the ground floor of the Southern California car culture. Photo by Ronnie Bramhall.

An Alhambra original: Clive Cussler

Clive Cussler, who died Feb. 24, is known best for his prolific and profitable books of action and adventure. He was born in Illinois but grew up in Alhambra. A lot has been learned about him from his 2007 biography by Stuart Leuthner.

After elementary school in Alhambra, Mr. Cussler enrolled at Alhambra High School as a freshman in 1945 and graduated in 1949. An indifferent student, he often day dreamed in class while looking out the window. Though not adept at conjugating verbs, he was an avid reader. His mother was a member of the Book-a-Month Club, and he read, and did book reports, on several of her books.

As a senior, he and his friends signed up for course electives like typing and home

economics because they were thought to be easy and because they could meet girls. Considering his writing career, typing was probably the most valuable course he ever took in school. He was also a bit of a prankster, and as a friend of his was a yearbook photographer, Mr. Cussler was photo bombed into several of the student club photos in his yearbook.

His senior picture displayed him in his favorite attire: a black leather jacket, white T-shirt, and jeans with rolled up pant cuffs. In the era when hot rods became popular, he bought a 1936 Ford and souped it up featuring lowered tear drop fender skirts, custom hub caps, bored out V-8 flathead

engine, and racing carburetor. He got in on the ground floor of the Southern California car culture.

Mr. Cussler also took up golf, and when a friend, whose parents belonged to the San Gabriel Country Club, entered him in a tournament, the future writer showed up in his noisy hot rod wearing his leather jacket T-shirt and jeans. He shocked everyone when he finished 18 holes with a score of 68.

When he graduated from Alhambra High School, his grades were not good enough to attend a four-year university, so he enrolled at Pasadena Junior College (now PCC) followed by Army service in the Korean War. After the war, his first real enterprise was running a local two-bit gasoline station in the 1950s. He drifted off from that and eventually took up writing. For Clive Cussler, it was the best thing he could have done.

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Must:

- Demonstrate financial need (to be eligible for financial aid, applicant must have submitted a FAFSA form by the March 2020 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 AAEDE are not eligible to apply.)

Award:

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 AAEDE 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, June 05, 2020 @ 5:00 pm**

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

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

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Baja Cali Fish & Tacos 10A - 8P Daily	31 E. Main St. Alhambra	626-940-5549	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Baja Cali Fish & Tacos 10A - 9P Daily	2001 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra	626-872-0479	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Blaze Pizza Sun-Thurs -10:30A - 9P Fri/Sat - 10:30A - 10P	100 E. Main St. Alhambra	626-921-4188	✓	✓	✓						
Big T Mini Mart/Krispy Krunchy Mon-Fri - 11:30A -8:30P Sat/Sun - 12P - 8P	240 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-289-2448	✓								
Bun N' Burger 6:30A - 3P daily	1000 E. Main St. Alhambra	626-281-6777	✓								
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Chonitos Mexican Restaurant 11:30A -7P Daily	2505 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra	626-284-8601	✓								
Denny's 24 Hours	369 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-281-6701	✓				✓	✓			
Dickey's BBQ 11A - 9P Daily	8 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-381-9797	✓		✓						
Diner on Main 8A - 8P	201 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-281-3488	✓								
El Rancho 8A - 6P Daily	511 S. Garfield Ave. Alhambra	626-300-9320	✓								
El Patio Tepeyac 8A - 5P Daily	800 S. Palm Ave. Alhambra	626-308-3866	✓								
Genovese's Italian Kitchen 12P - 7P Daily	2900 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-289-5667	✓					✓			✓
Mahan Indian Restaurant Tues-Sun - 11A - 3P Closed Monday	110 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-458-6299	✓				✓			✓	
Marie Callender's 11A - 8P Daily	220 S. Atlantic Blvd. Monterey Park	626-281-9548	✓		✓			✓			✓
Panera Mon -Sat -10A - 6P Sun - 7A - 9:30P	2300 Commonwealth Alhambra	626-313-5050	✓			✓					
Savoy Restaurant M-Sat - 11A - 8P CASH ONLY	138 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra	626-308-9535	✓								
Skateshop Pizza 12P - 9P	116 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-289-9988	✓							✓	
Sushi Me M-Th - 11A -11P Fri/Sat - 11:30A - 11P	115 W. Main St. Alhambra	626-943-7872	✓							✓	
The Chicken Koop M-Th - 10A -6P/Fri-12P-10P Sat -11A -10P/ Sun-11A -9P	101 W Main St. Alhambra	323-799-8252	✓		✓			✓		✓	
The Habit 10:30A - 9P Daily	100 E. Main St. Alhambra	626-289-8851	✓					✓			
Wendy's 10A - 1A Daily	245 S. Atlantic Blvd. Alhambra	626-282-7349	✓			✓	✓	✓			
WingStop 10:30A - 11:45P	100 E. Main St. Alhambra	626-282-9464	✓	✓				✓	✓		

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Alhambra Woman's Club to meet April 1

The Alhambra Woman's Club, founded 100 years ago, invites residents of Alhambra and surrounding communities to join them at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Almanson Court, 700 S. Almanson St., Alhambra.

Make new friends and enjoy excellent

food. Also enjoy great entertainment, which will be provided this month by The Soul Vibers.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Please phone 626-289-9307 for a reservation by March 30.



The "1920s Roaring Ramona" theme was perfectly carried out with moms and daughters fashionably decked out in flapper dresses, fancy tops, vintage hats and headbands, and pearls.

Following successful Grand Opening, Lennar's Woodhaven in Alhambra is now open

Lennar's new townhome community in Alhambra, Woodhaven, is now open following a successful Grand Opening that saw an incredible turnout. With a central location and no Mello-Roos, this new community is attracting a lot of local Alhambra couples and young families — and phases are selling out quickly. Additional phases are in the works, as well as the community's Recreation Center and pool area, which will open in spring 2020. Priced from the low \$800s, interested buyers are encouraged to join the interest list to stay up to date on the latest releases and information.

"We could not be happier with the turnout and the positive feedback we received from buyers at the Grand Opening for Woodhaven," said Janet Price, marketing director for Lennar California Coastal. "Near well-regarded schools, entertainment, and recreation, Woodhaven is a wonderful place to raise a family. And we're noticing lots of young couples and families moving in locally from Alhambra to take advantage of this new opportunity."

Explore three unique floorplans ranging from approximately 1,598 to 1,640 square feet of living space, including three to four bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms. Designs showcase open living areas with outdoor decks for entertaining, upscale kitchens, first-floor bedrooms, and sophisticated master suites with spa-inspired bathrooms.

For added value, comfort, and style, every Lennar home comes loaded with designer features and upgrades at no extra cost through their signature Everything's Included® program. And for a more connected living experience, the program now features the world's first Wi-Fi CERTIFIED™ Home Design. By using heat

mapping and Ruckus technology, residents get a commercial-grade network that provides reliable Wi-Fi with whole-home coverage and no dead spots. A commercial-grade network also means the home is fully ready for tomorrow's innovations and new technologies.

Coming soon to Woodhaven are family-friendly amenities for residents to enjoy, including a clubhouse that provides indoor and outdoor space, sparkling pool and barbecues, as well as a community park. Best of all, this new community is centrally located in the City of Alhambra, so residents are close to schools, shopping centers, entertainment, and much more.

To tour the models and learn more about this community, visit the Welcome Home Center located between Valley Boulevard and South Marengo in Alhambra 91803. For more information, visit www.Lennar.com/LosAngeles, or contact the Lennar iTeam at 949-234-7880 or LennarITeam@lennar.com.

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Ramona Convent hosts 'Roaring' Tea Party

The Holy Family Room at Ramona Convent played the Ragtime tunes of Al Joplin and the Great Gatsby while it filled with prospective members of the class of 2024 and its "remarkable women" as guests of student Ambassadors and their amazing moms. The "1920s Roaring Ramona" theme was perfectly carried out with moms and daughters fashionably decked out in flapper dresses, fancy tops, vintage hats and headbands, and pearls. Feathered and glittery table centerpieces and gold and black balloons hung from the ceiling to add to the decor created by tea party committee members.

Ramona theology teacher and Chef Francois Laborie and his team of mini-chefs came early Saturday for kitchen prep and again Sunday morning to bake close to 600 scones, whip the cream for the scones, and make hundreds of delicious tea sandwiches. This year, fresh fruit/yogurt and granola parfaits were a welcome start to the morning. A selection of servers, dressed in flat caps and suspenders, attended to their designated tables pouring tea and serving three-tiered trays of treats.

Those in attendance enjoyed a beautiful performance by Ramona's Chamber Singers led by Director Ruth Ballenger and accompanied by pianist Hollin Liu. Catherine S. '20, spoke eloquently about her love for Ramona and her high school experience. As guests were leaving, they helped themselves to the wide array of 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 during the next two weeks as they await the admission decision letters to be mailed.

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

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



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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 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.

Visit us at www.sgvhumane.org



Riven
American bulldog and boxer mix
• Adult • Female • Medium

Riven is a striking 3-year-old white and brindle American bulldog and boxer mix. Her ear-to-ear smile and boundless energy are infectious, and she lets volunteers and staff know she is ready to play at all times! She has heterochromia, which means each eye is a different color, one light blue and one deep brown that only adds to her big personality. Riven is highly intelligent, practicing commands with one of the staff members and learning how to sit, stay, and army crawl. See here in action: <https://youtu.be/GwqqnkqXFc>. Riven needs a home with owners who will take her out for walks, jogs, and the running she needs. We recommend a household with older children and a home where Riven will be the only dog. Meet Riven at the shelter today. Her adoption fee is \$145, which includes spay surgery, microchip, first vaccinations, and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.



Connor
Domestic short hair • Young • Male
• Medium

Connor is a handsome young cat with a big personality. His brown ticked tabby coat is soft as silk with undertones of gold that glow in the sunshine. One look into Connor's stunning emerald eyes reveals his intelligence and friendly nature. He greets visitors and reaches out with an invitation to come over and meet him. When the door to his condo is opened, Connor will often climb right up into ready arms and even onto your shoulder to give you a hug. Connor is also an energetic playmate. Laser dots, dangling toys, boxes with or without toys in them, all bring out his natural hunting skills. When there isn't a human handy to play with, Connor will entertain himself. After play time, he enjoys lounging in the sun. His adoption fee is \$99, which includes neuter surgery, microchip, first vaccinations, and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.



Raider
Chihuahua mix • Adult • Male • Small

Raider is an adorable tri-colored 4-year-old Chihuahua mix boy with the most interesting facial markings, which almost resemble a raccoon. Raider can be shy at first, but once he has some time to relax he seems to enjoy being with people and playing with other dogs. Raider loves going for walks, but he does not seem very experienced with the leash, so some practice and training would benefit him. He also has fun playing with toys. See Raider in action with some of his fellow SGVHS small dog friends in this video: <https://youtu.be/qTwiJNLVh4r4>. Come to meet Raider to see if he is a good match for your family. You will be glad that you did. His adoption fee is \$130, which includes neuter surgery, microchip, first vaccinations, and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.

Community Calendar of Events

APRIL

April 2 – Thursday

Parks and Recreation Commission
7 p.m., Joslyn Center, Story Park
210 N. Chapel Ave.

April 6 – Monday

Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.

April 7 – Tuesday

POSTPONED

- State of the City Address
Registration at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch noon to 1:15
Almanson Court
700 S. Almanson St., Alhambra 91801
\$30
RSVP to the Chamber at 626-282-8481
- HCDA Citizens Advisory Committee
7 p.m. - City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

April 8 – Wednesday

CANCELED

Business to Business networking event
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Alhambra Fit Body Boot Camp
43 E. Main St., Alhambra 91801

April 13 – Monday

City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

April 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.

April 15 – Wednesday

- Lunch & Learn
“Understanding the New CalSavers Law”
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
104 S. First St.
Call the Chamber at 626-282-8481 to R.S.V.P.
- Arts & Cultural Events Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

April 20 – Monday

Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.

April 22 – Wednesday

Chamber Mixer
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Baja Cali Fish & Tacos
31 E. Main St.
Alhambra 91801

April 27 – Monday

City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

April 28 – Tuesday

Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

MAY

May 4 – Monday

Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.

May 5 – Tuesday

HCDA Citizens Advisory Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

May 7 – Thursday

- SCORE counselor appointments available
10 a.m. to noon
To make an appointment, call the chamber at 626-282-8481
- Parks and Recreation Commission
Story Park, 210 N. Chapel Ave.
7 p.m.

May 11 – Monday

City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

May 12 – 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 13 – Wednesday

- Business to Business networking event
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Hosted by U.S. Storage
2500 W. Hellman Ave., Alhambra 91803
104 S. First St.
- Transportation Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

May 18 – Monday

Planning Commission
7 p.m., City Hall, council chambers
111 S. First St.

May 20 – Wednesday

Arts & Cultural Events Committee
7 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

May 25 – Monday

City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 111 S. First St.

May 26 – Tuesday

Design Review Board
7:30 p.m., City Hall, conference room
111 S. First St.

May 27 – Wednesday

Chamber Mixer
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Shakey's Pizza
2234 W. Valley Blvd.
Alhambra 91803

Alhambra Service Clubs and Organizations

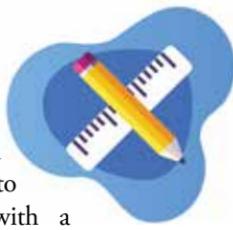
Tuesday: The **Kiwanis Club of Alhambra** meets at 6 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Denny's Restaurant, 369 W. Main St., Alhambra. The **Rotary Club** meets at noon every Tuesday at Almanson Court, 700 S. Almanson St. The **Soroptimist Club** meets at noon the first and third Tuesday 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 the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, 104 S. First St.

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

Students of all ages can benefit from perks of summer school



There are many reasons for your child to attend summer school. Has your child failed a class and needs summer school in order to graduate? Would they benefit from enrichment classes? Do they need practice in certain subjects? Also, if your students are not reinforcing what they have learned during the school year, it is likely they will forget.

Probably the most obvious reason to attend summer school is to improve the student's grades. This gives your student a better chance at having a successful school year.

If there are specific courses in the new school year that a student is unsure about,

summer school offers the chance to familiarize them with a new subject while offering a lighter workload for the new year.

Going to summer classes lets students find courses that interest them and gain experience that can help prepare them for an area of study they may have an interest in pursuing in college.

Also, summer programs can help your student develop socially by having unique experiences and learning skills for effective interactions, communication, and cooperation.

Sign your kids up for camp

Summer camp is a definite must for every kid. The amount of skills and learning experiences kids gain from camp make it the number one thing to pencil into your calendar this summer. Summer camp is a unique venue for growth, allowing kids to become independent and self-confident, while socializing and making new friends and even learning new skills.

Skills kids learn at camp will stick with them forever. The summer is the perfect time for your kids to be doing what they love while still learning.

Camp gives children the opportunity to step outside of their comfort zone and try new things. Most camps offer programs that kids can't experience in everyday life, so it can be a great chance to expand their horizons. These programs give them the chance to experiment, make mistakes, and try again all in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

Because camp offers the opportunity to try new things, it can be a huge confidence booster. When you try something new for the first time and it goes well or you work at it until you can do it, this makes a camper feel really good and really accomplished. According to the Canadian Summer Camp Research Project, over 67% of the 1,200 campers surveyed felt more confident by the end of their summer camp session. In a place where you're constantly learning new

things and receiving feedback from your peers, camp transforms kids into confident people.

A key component of all summer camps is being outside all the time. Even more urban summer camps have outdoor field trips and activities. This constant exposure to the outdoors allows for kids to appreciate nature in a new and fresh way.

Whether you attend a normal residential summer camp or a camp with specialized programming, every camp allows for kids to express themselves creatively. Being creative and making their own decisions is important to their development as people and can help them later on in the job force.

At camp, kids can interact with new people they don't see on a regular basis. Having good social skills is an important life skill, so placing your child in an unfamiliar environment can help to improve their ability to socialize.

Camp teaches new things and can help your kids grow as people, but the most important thing about camp is that it lets them have fun and be kids. Camp teaches a lot and can be very practical but it also is a time to play games, joke around, and even get soaked with water balloons. Summer camp creates once-in-a-lifetime memories that will stick with your child into adulthood because of all of the fun they had.

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Martha Baldwin eighth grader Angela L. poses as the "I" in KIND to promote the school's PBIS campaign.

Baldwin students start new positive behavior campaign

BY VAN LEE, SIXTH GRADE REP; HOPE TRAN, SECRETARY; TAYLOR TRUONG, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR; AND CHLOE SEE, PRESIDENT

During the week of Feb. 10, Martha Baldwin Elementary School's ASB held an event where students could participate in "Be the 'I' in KIND." Students posed in front of a poster that had the word KIND with the "I" missing. The students were to represent the missing letter. This was to encourage students of all grade levels to express kindness to one another.

Our activities committee has been

working diligently on this project. Our activities director, eighth grade student Katrina Nyguen, led this event. "I am honored to be a part of ASB and encouraging activities that promote kindness," she said.

We encourage PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) here at Martha Baldwin Elementary School, and we believe all students and teachers should show genuine kindness and compassion toward their peers. Both students and staff participated in this event. We hope to host more of these events in the future.

Getting more students to blast off with breakfast

Alhambra Unified School District schools celebrated National School Breakfast Week during March 2 - 6 to raise awareness of the National School Breakfast program in school communities across the country. This year's theme, "National School Breakfast - Out of This World," reinforces key breakfast benefits, reminding students that breakfast allows them to "reach the outer limits" of their potential.

Ynez Elementary School students kicked off the start of National School Breakfast Week by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. "Are you hungry? I am, I am for green eggs and ham!" Students got a taste of green eggs and ham with their morning breakfast; it was a great way to make eating fun and nutritious, especially with special theme days such as Dr. Seuss' birthday.

"A healthy breakfast at the start of the day is a great way to ensure students get the best education they can," said Judy Huffaker, R.D., director of Food & Nutrition Services.



AUSD students Chelsea Tjhai and Elliana Tan show off their Dr. Seuss hats after breakfast.

"National School Breakfast Week helps us educate parents and students about all the healthy, great tasting, and appealing choices we offer."

The district serves over 4,000 breakfast meals daily. School Food & Nutrition staff prepare breakfast and lunches every day that meet federal nutrition standards — limiting fat, calories, and sodium — while encouraging students to choose from the fruits, vegetables, and whole grains offered with school meals.

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Students and faculty hold up signs from the second floor polling place at Alhambra High School in hopes to attract mock voters.

AHS Social Science Dept. hosts mock primaries to encourage voter participation

With 2020 being an election year and many AUSD graduates finally coming of age to participate in the American Democratic Process, Alhambra High School took it upon themselves to make sure their students are ready to exercise one of the most important privileges a citizen of this country has: the right to vote.

On March 2, better known as Super Tuesday, AHS' Social Science Department hosted mock primary elections in order to raise awareness and encourage participation in the voting process. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., AHS students flooded the polling place on the second floor of the school's D building, eager to cast their votes on propositions and their ideal candidate in this year's primaries.

"I like it because it prepares you and it shows you how it's going to be in the future when you do vote and you register ... it gives us a better insight on [the process]," explained junior Lola Quinonez. Her sentiments were shared with most of the students who finished casting their votes electronically.

This wasn't the first year AHS decided to host mock elections in hopes to encourage their students to take the voting process seriously. According to Jose Sanchez, social science teacher at AHS, the original idea came from his students last year:

"My government students thought it would be a great idea to get all [classmates] to come out and vote, but [in 2018] if you remember, we had about 13 propositions, governor's elections, and senators — it was a pretty heavily loaded election. So, my students took it upon themselves to create lessons to teach students all over campus about different propositions. All the social science teachers [helped], and we had over 1,700 students vote, over 75% of the student population."

Riding on the success of winter 2018, Mr. Sanchez, his students, and colleagues were optimistic about this year's turnout, and the final numbers rewarded their hopes.

By the time the polls closed at 3 p.m., 1,650 students had casted their ballots accounting for nearly 74% of Alhambra High's student population. Although the numbers were technically down, Mr. Sanchez said that he had about 100 students volunteer at actual polling places around

the San Gabriel Valley who weren't able to participate in the school's election.

As for the students who did participate, Sen. Bernie Sanders dominated the polls with 42.6% of the primary vote, followed by former Vice President Joe Biden (16.7%), and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (8.6%). All the other democratic hopefuls scored below 7% of the student vote, including Michael Bloomberg.

In the Republican Primary vote, President Donald Trump led the way as the incumbent nominee.

With all the data retrieved from the mock primaries, the most interesting was that over 38% of students who voted chose "undecided or no party" when it came to party preference. The hesitation to choose didn't just stop at party affiliation, even students who thought they might have found a group that suits their political preferences struggled to find a candidate that they could identify with.

Senior Nicholas Macias, who is already 18, is registered to vote and helped organize this event. He said he was still trying to decide on a primary candidate that he wants to see on the ballot next winter. "Going into this year, I wasn't sure who I was going to vote for knowing the election is scheduled for November," he said. "I still don't really know who I'm going to vote for, and I'm still researching and looking into them."

When asked if the event has helped him in any way, Nicholas said yes, but that he was still trying to figure out which candidate best represented his "qualities and interests."

It's no doubt that the students are taking this process seriously, and that's all the Social Science Department at AHS is hoping for. "A lot of [our students] are seniors, and they'll probably be eligible to vote in the November election, so we're hoping that what they learned here today will carry over into the actual election and they'll make an informed decision," said social science teacher Ramy Yacoub.

AHS was recognized as a 2020 California Democracy School by the Los Angeles County Office of Education for the outstanding civic learning program they've institutionalized at their school. They will be honored publicly in May at the annual California Civic Learning Student Showcase.



Parent Ross Yoshida gives Monterey Highlands' third graders a quick intro to the book he's about to read for the annual Read Across America celebration.

AUSD elementary schools host community Read-Ins to spread joy of reading

Technology has altered every aspect of the human experience, from learning, social interactions and leisure, so elementary schools across Alhambra Unified School District dedicated the first week of March to some old-fashioned storytelling. In an effort to help students appreciate the art of reading, schools participated in Read Across America (RAA), a literary program created by the National Education Association back in 1998. RAA is considered the nation's largest celebration of reading that hopes to show children the joys of reading while also making them feel valued and welcome.

"I think it's a great event, it's so much fun," said Dr. Wendy Molina-Solis, principal at Monterey Highlands Elementary. "We get to have our community members, parents, and our kids coming together just to promote reading. Just to see the adult's faces light up reading to kids, and to see how excited they are that the kids are happy, it's really rewarding at various levels."

The idea is simple: reach out to a bunch of parents and business professionals to see if they want to dedicate their lunch to reading aloud in front of one of the most intimidating audiences ever, kids.

Kids are the best critics because they're brutally honest, and they don't let potential awkward interactions filter their comments. But thankfully for AUSD volunteers, there are no hecklers in this district and the kids are extremely supportive of the program.

"It's nice, it feels like the parents care, when it comes to helping us read and supporting us," said Bella Medina, eighth grader at Emery Park. "I feel like kids these days, they're all caught up in their screens and social media. Parents, when they were children, there was less screen [time] and social media, they were reading a lot and I feel like it's good for kids to learn how important reading is, and the adults can tell them that. [They can] lead by example."

Bella summed up RAA's goal perfectly. Adults showing kids that flipping through the pages of a book can be just as, if not, more exciting and fun as swiping through

photos on a screen. It's one thing to tell kids what to do, but to lead by example is powerful, and in the process, make kids feel important in daily life.

But there's another opportunity that RAA presents, and that's representation and connection. When community members from different backgrounds show up to classes to read, they also dedicate time to talk about themselves and their careers. Readers were from a wide variety of occupations like a digital producer at PBS, a graphics producer for the Dodgers, police officers, firefighters, former Air Force technicians, physical therapists, principals, teachers, building managers, mayors, and council people. Diverse professional backgrounds, but more importantly, diverse people from those backgrounds. Alhambra Unified School District is one of the most diverse student populations in the United States, and for students to see people who look like them hold experienced positions is invaluable.

Ross Yoshida, senior director of graphics design for the Los Angeles Dodgers and parent at Monterey Highlands shared his thoughts on how RAA allows kids to see the professional benefits of reading: "It's just a great time, and it's great to show the kids what the adults are doing and how they got to where they are in their career. Even the youngest kids are very curious about how adults got to the point they're at in their career, and I just think it's a really cool thing."

If you are considering volunteering to read, all past participants would encourage you to do so. Every parent, administrator, and student that was asked if they'd recommend anyone take part in this event had nothing but positive praise for the program. The impact Read Across America has on developing youth goes far beyond the joys of reading. It gives parents and community members an opportunity to connect with kids, but most importantly, it makes kids feel as if they matter in a way that doesn't rely on likes and views.

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Officers from Monterey Park Police Department bring delicious treats for Ynez Elementary's inaugural Doughnut with a Cop PBIS event. From left: Sgt. Peter Yung, Acting Capt. Scott Wiese, Officer Komi Akpawu, Interim Chief of Police Kelly Gordon, Capt. Eric Kim, Sgt. Bob Hung, and Lt. Gus Jimenez

Ynez students cash in Eagle Gold for breakfast with local cops

When Alhambra Unified School District launched the Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Program district wide in the 2018-2019 school year, the focus was to proactively teach kids proper student behavior, not only in the classroom, but outside as well. When students practice appropriate and beneficial behaviors, they're rewarded with various forms of academic currency that can be traded in for an assortment of perks or prizes. One school in particular decided to get creative and tie in some community relations opportunities for their kids.

Among fun events like office raffles, pajama movie days, and board game tournaments, Ynez Elementary decided to throw in a chance for their students to meet and mingle with some of Monterey Park's finest. Doughnuts with Cops, a play on the Monterey Park Police Department's "Coffee with a Cop" program, was created to give students an opportunity to connect with those who protect and serve the community.

"[A friend] was telling me about this positive behavior program that Alhambra Unified School District was kind of pushing out, and they were trying to do something with police officers for awards," said Sgt. Bob Hung. "So the idea came up to do Doughnut with a Cop because we do Coffee with a Cop."

The idea, though simple, was rooted in trying to provide students with an opportunity to participate in something special. "The idea came from me wanting to offer students a huge incentive that could reach many students, while also having a positive impact and not something where we just gave them something they'd soon forget, like a pencil," said Janett Perales, principal at Ynez Elementary. When she was pitched "Doughnut with Cops," Principal Perales' hope for a unique opportunity for students was fulfilled. "My first reaction was that that would be a great way to build community and partnership with our local police station, and for them, the officers to get to know our kids, whom they work with out in the neighborhood."

With the idea set, the only question was: would kids want to use their hard-earned

Eagle Gold on breakfast with police officers from their small town?

"To be honest with you, initially we thought the turnout was going to be like 15 to 20 kids" said Sgt. Hung.

One hundred sixty nine Ynez Eagles decided to skip the prizes, extended lunch and movie days in order to have a doughnut with nine members of the Monterey Park Police Department. Sgt. Hung was joined by fellow Sgts. Peter Yung and Gabriel Escarsega, Lt. Gus Jimenez, Officers Delon Lam, Komi Akpawu, and Guo Tao Zeng, along with Capts. Eric Kim and Scott Wiese, and Police Chief Kelly Gordon.

The officers arrived bright and early Feb. 20 with their black and whites full of bright pink boxes containing an assortment of circular sweets for the students to devour. The doughnuts served as the ultimate icing-breaker, as students chose their favorite pieces of fried dough and patiently waited for the event to begin.

Principal Perales started the morning with brief opening remarks, then introduced Monterey Park Police Chief Kelly Gordon. At this point, the excitement was felt in the room. Kids were standing on their chairs, raising hands for questions, and were in general awe of the nine police officers. Once Chief Gordon gave the go-ahead for students to open conversations with officers, it was an hour of humorous inquiries and biographies. Officers were asked about their required physical skills set like, "How fast do you need to run?" or, "How big do you need to be to ride in the front seat?" Every officer got, "How old were you when you wanted to be a police officer?" This rang especially true for Chief Gordon, who at one point was surrounded by eager young girls who couldn't help but notice that the person in charge of MPPD was a female just like them. Chief Gordon explained that she was about their age when she knew she wanted to protect and serve her community, and then smiles erupted from ear to ear.

Gender wasn't the only representation recognized by Ynez students. A handful of the officers are of Asian descent, and with Monterey Park and Ynez Elementary dominated by citizens of that same demo-

Park Elementary celebrates PTA donation with Kobe & Gianna Bryant Tribute

It's been over two months since the shocking news that beloved Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna, and seven other victims tragically lost their lives in a helicopter accident in Calabasas. For many Angelenos, it's still hard to process that they won't be able to watch the man who they idolized since he was a teenager evolve into the wise old man he was destined to become.

Since his passing, communities all throughout the world have expressed their emotions through murals, memorials, and tributes, and on Thursday, March 5, Park Elementary shared their memories of the Laker legend in a beautiful Mamba & Mambacita Tribute that was held on the campus basketball courts.

"This day was born out of a simple request to PTA from our TK and kinder teachers for basketballs as a way to honor Kobe Bryant," said Park Principal Carin Gasca. "Once I presented the idea to our PTA, it evolved into a tribute day."

At 8 a.m. Thursday morning, students, faculty, and parents watched as Principal Gasca, ASB students, and various PTA members spoke of what Kobe and his legacy meant to them personally. Through all the stories shared, the lessons students learned from Kobe were truly special. Audience members donning various forms of Kobe, Gianna, and Laker apparel listened as ASB representatives read aloud reasons Kobe meant so much to the students of Park.

"He taught me to always try my best."
"[He] has inspired me to believe in myself."

"He taught me to follow my dreams."
Students from first through eighth grades shared many of these same feelings throughout the morning's tribute, showing the impact he had on generations of fans. The overwhelming support and raw emotions felt worldwide could be best summed up by a seventh grader, who chose to remain anonymous:

"Kobe wasn't just a basketball player, he was a hero, leader, influencer, friend, husband, especially a dad, or as we can say a 'girl dad.' I learned to never give up and to always follow a dream. He was such a leader; he helped communities, churches, and many more. I looked up to him because he was so brave, strong, and when he played there was a beast inside. I saw that nothing stopped him. I wish I was that beast, full of strength and energy. He was light on his feet, fast like a snake. He was the Mamba and every time he smiled



Students at Park Elementary gather on the campus basketball courts to participate in the Mamba & Mambacita Tribute Day.

there was love and joy. I am going to miss him."

Kobe's death will forever be a "where were you" moment. It was sudden, it seemed unfair, and the horror of it all was hammered home knowing that not only was his daughter on that helicopter with him, but there were other mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, friends, and colleagues on it as well. That's why there are still memorials and tributes being held a month after their passing.

Park Elementary celebrated the life of Kobe Bryant, Gianna Bryant, Payton Chester, Sarah Chester, Alyssa Altobelli, Keri Altobelli, John Altobelli, Christina Mauser, and Ara Zobayan. They did it through speeches, prayers, moments of silence, and through generous donations from their school PTA. Park's Parent Teacher Association not only filled the request of TK and kindergarten teachers, they went above and beyond in the spirit of Kobe, and provided all classrooms with new basketballs, a Kobe Bryant Inspiration Quotes Coloring Book, and a copy of his children's book, *Legacy and the Queen*.

Despite the tragedy, Park Elementary and their PTA found a way to keep inspiring their students just like Kobe did. The opportunity for students to express their feelings coupled with the donations of basketballs and books will have lasting impacts on hundreds of kids who lost a hero.

graphic, students took notice. Principal Perales explained how wonderful it was to hear students genuinely get excited to see police officers that resembled themselves. "One boy said 'look, he's Chinese just like me,' and it was so sweet to see."

Representation was definitely an added bonus to an event that Monterey Park PD was really hoping to use as a bridge to the youth in their city. When asked about the ultimate goal of the partnership with Ynez, Chief Gordon explained, "I wanted to

show the relationship between [the PBIS program] and what we do because I want them to see us as helpers and being responsible. I don't want them to see us and think they can't talk to us and we're scary."

Students were not scared of any of the officers going into the event, and they definitely weren't shy by the time breakfast was over. The successful morning at Ynez ended with students rushing to get autographs and stickers with their new friends from the Monterey Park Police Department.



PTA members and honorees from William Northrup Elementary after receiving recognition for their outstanding service to their school at the 2020 PTA Founder's Day Dinner & Awards Celebration. From left: Lilia Saldivar, PTA hospitality; Marcela Barba, PTA parent; Alejandra Birrueta, PTA vice president; Dr. Rosa Northcott, principal; Stephanie Tran, seventh grade teacher/ASB adviser; Diane Peralta, assistant principal; Maria Venhuda, home school community coordinator; Sandra Villanueva, office assistant; Monica Rosales, PTA treasurer; Dorothy Morado, PTA secretary; Chris Dowell, instructional specialist.

AUSD PTA members honored at annual founder's day dinner

The Alhambra Council Parent Teacher Association has been a major partner in the district for years and they're always looking for ways to expand a child's potential through community involvement and funding. On Feb. 28, the ACPTA held its annual PTA Founder's Day Dinner & Awards Celebration to raise money for high school scholarships and to recognize the outstanding volunteers, parents, teachers, and workers who help make the schools hubs for social success.

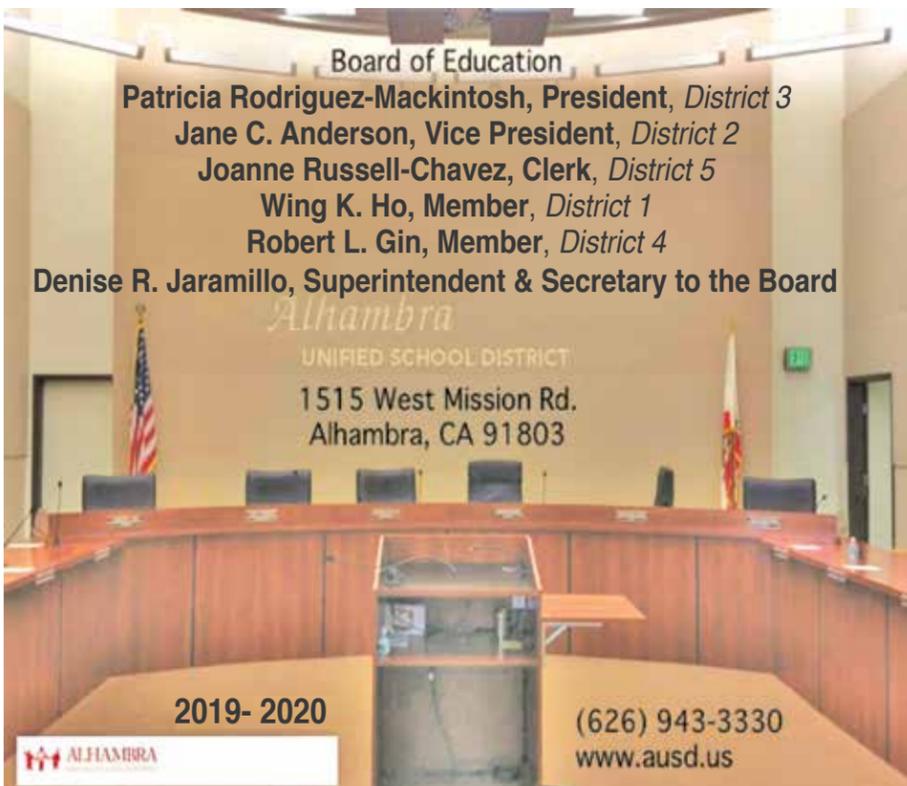
It was a night full of smiles, joyful tears, music, and drinks as various members from the schools and community celebrated each other's recognition. Over 70 people were honored by their respective schools, and the honors included accolades like the Honorary Service Award, given to those who have donated their time to helping children raise their self-esteem and academic success. Another popular award and a personal favorite of ACPTA President Christina Lerma, is the Outstanding Teacher Award. "I think my favorite is the OTA [because] after a long day of working with their students, many teachers are still willing to volunteer with PTA's after school activities," she said. "Many teachers see the

value and the positive impact PTA has at their school, and they want to help to make their school a better place for their students too."

Honorees from 14 elementary and high schools were greeted with cheers and applause as they were welcomed to the stage to be recognized for their service.

"It is so important to recognize all the amazing volunteers who positively impact the lives of children," said Ms. Lerma. "I love the quote by Elizabeth Andrews, 'Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.' This is so true; we all have busy lives, but we can all make a difference in our children's lives."

The ACPTA is dedicated to serving students in the Alhambra Unified School District, and Ms. Lerma encourages all parents and teachers to get involved because even the smallest gestures go a long way. "I always suggest for parents and teachers to volunteer by performing a small task, something they are comfortable and familiar with. Many potential volunteers are worried that if they join PTA they will be in charge of running large events. Simply joining and becoming a PTA member shows your support for all the students."





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Superintendent Jaramillo and key staff will continue to provide ongoing guidance for staff and families as the district unveils plans for providing services during this time.

"The COVID-19 emergency calls for building a complete online educational universe that would, under other circumstances, require a minimum of 12 - 24 months to create," said Superintendent Jaramillo. "We have had two months. Our wonderful staff has been working around the clock to produce the resources and supports our community will need. We ask for your patience and flexibility as we move forward together."

The AUSD declaration of local health emergency comes after a statewide emergency was declared by Gov. Gavin Newsom, with guidance from L.A. County Department of Public Health and Los Angeles Office of Education and follows the declaration of a local state of emergency by the City of Alhambra. There are two cases of COVID-19 in the City of Alhambra. There are still no cases of coronavirus in AUSD schools as of this date.

The health emergency guidelines and directives are changing by the hour; news included here is current as of March 17. The district asks parents and staff to

keep up to date by frequently checking the AUSD website www.ausd.us and the L.A. County Department of Public Health www.lacounty.gov.

Beginning Thursday, March 19, teachers began reaching out to their students. AUSD's Distance Learning Resources is on the home page of the district's website www.ausd.us. The resources and links will be continuously updated and added to in the weeks to come. Please check the website or AUSD social media @alhambrasud often.

Distance learning for K-12 AUSD students will be supplemental, and no grades will be given. The online options are not a continuation of class course work.

Visit <https://sites.google.com/ausd.us/ausddistancelearning/home>.

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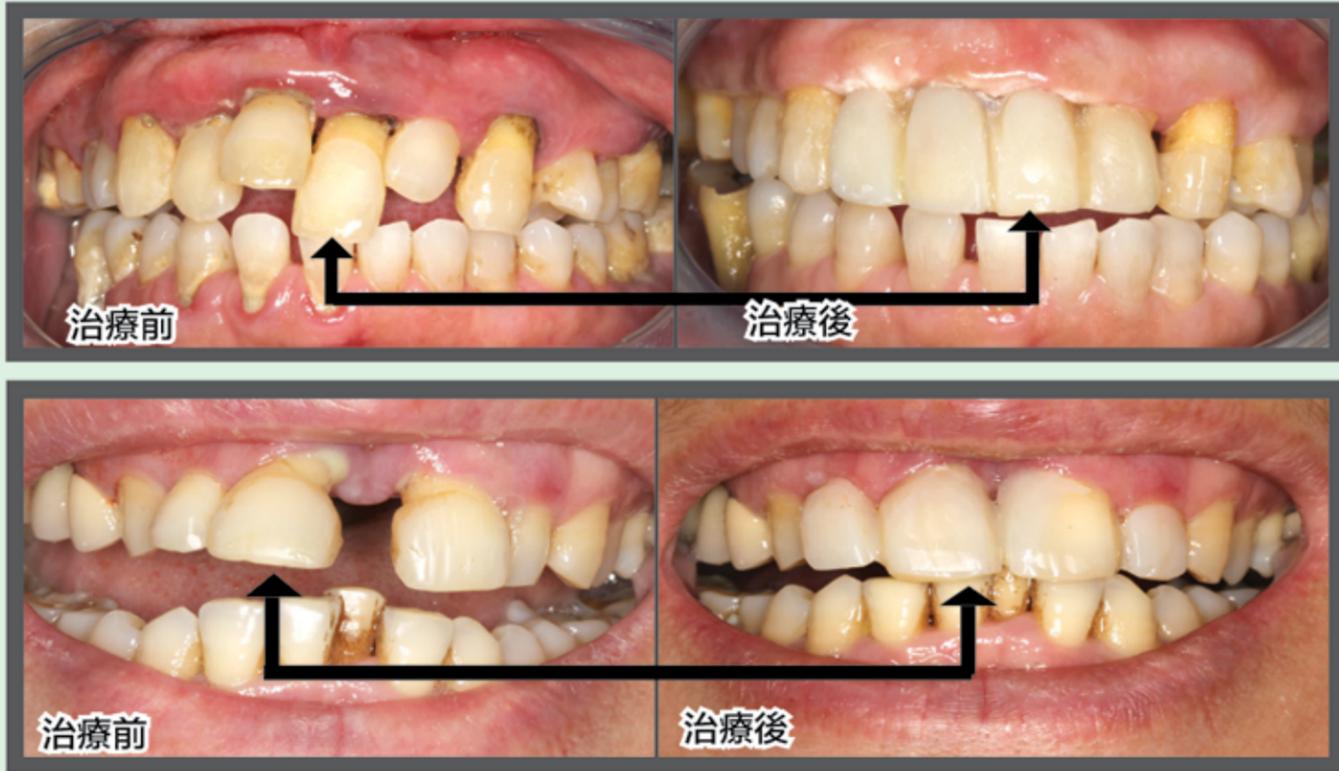
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