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Azusa Police "Heroes" Brighten Children's Holidays

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - The Azusa Police Department received a \$1200 grant from Target for its annual "Heroes and Helpers" event and the Azusa Rotary Club joined in the event with an additional \$500. The program brings together local law enforcement and local Target representatives, and in these instance members of the Azusa Rotary Club, to help the families of in-need youth.

Target's December "Heroes & Helpers" events are another way Target teams support and bring joy to their local neighborhoods. These events promote positive interactions between youth and the public safety officials from their neighborhoods by pairing them together for holiday shopping sprees in many of their stores. As part of the program, public safety and city agencies work together to select the children participating in the events. The youth are then provided with donated funds by Target and funds raised by the partner organizations to help them get gifts and other items they may need.

The event in Azusa's Target took place on Saturday, December 8. Doors were opened one-half an hour before the regular 8:00 a.m. time to allow families and the youth to gather inside the store and meet the



Azusa Police Detective Sloniker with her designated child after a quick and great value purchase at Target Azusa with a \$100 gift card. A smart purchase because the \$119.99 bike was on sale for \$84 and the boy had money left to buy another toy.

officers who would accompany the youth shopping. Families and a total of 17 youth, each programmed to receive a \$100 Target Helpers & Heroes gift card, were selected by the Azusa Unified School District from several of the 11 elementary schools. While the families waited for the police officers to arrive Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived to greet the children and their parents and

they all were provided with refreshments, coffee, donuts and cookies.

The event was coordinated by Lt. Landeros and Detective



Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt with his designated child after they completed their shopping with the \$100 gift card provided to the child by Target Azusa under the nationwide "Heroes & Helpers" program and all purchases were gift wrapped at the child's request by store employees and Rotary Club volunteers.

Ferrari for the Azusa Police Department with Tim Suisa, Loss Prevention Manager for Target Azusa and Rae Jo and Frank Kearney of Azusa Rotary Club. "We are honored to partner with Target to assist in spreading Christmas joy," said Lt. Landeros. This project gives the men and women of the Azusa Police Department the opportunity to assist our community and strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the citizens we serve."

The children were paired up with a police officer, who chaperoned the child when shopping for gifts. Officers who participated besides the two coordinators, Lt. Landeros and Detective Ferrari, included Chief Hunt, Captain Bertelsen, Captain Grant, and Detectives Beaver, Corona, Parra and Sloniker. Children had the option of having their shopping selections gift wrapped by Target employees or Rotary personnel.

2018 Holiday Party for Foster Children

By Feli Gutierrez
DCFS Adoption

COVINA - On December 7, 2018, the Asian Pacific Program and Deaf Services Unit of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hosted its sixth annual holiday celebration for foster children. Supervising Children Social Worker Richard Kwong and Mari Nakayama, with the guidance of Assistant Regional Administrator Robert Rodriguez and Administrator Frank Ramos, oversaw the preparations and year-round fundraising held by the Covina DCFS Staff, allowing children serviced by their office to experience a brighter holiday season. The event was held at the Child Advocacy Center through the generosity of Masonic Homes in Covina. The hall was decorated and refreshments were served by the Holiday Party committee and students from local high schools and colleges. Cristina Lim and Sharry Lu led the singing of holiday carols in which there was great enthusiastic participation from the children.

Trent of TDang Photography took beautiful instant photos of the guests with Santa Claus.

The youths in attendance were delighted with face painting by Elizabeth, manicures from Jill and Grace of Getting Nailed, magic tricks from Joseph Yao, Dimitri's balloon artistry and caricatures by Jared. The main entertainment was the magic performance of Minh Tran. Seventy-four children, fifty resource parents and foster siblings enjoyed a variety of food consisting of numerous Chinese, Hawaiian, Korean, Italian entrees, pizza, chips, cookies, juice/soda and



Santa Claus Juan Cabrera listening to the kids wishes.



Minh Tran delighted the kids with his magic.

cupcakes. This year's holiday celebration saw more participation of community partners. The Korean American Family Service Center (K Fam), donated Target gift cards. Assorted toys, trinkets, gift cards and food items came from the Mandarin Baptist Church, Esterglobal, Dr. Kanonknuh Shifleft, Dr. Dan Banh, Trieu Dentistry, Dr. Gloria Romero, Atty. Melissa Searle and food trays from Avolio's Italian Restaurant. The photo booth with all the funny accessories was provided by adoptive parents James and Bill Lau and their sons Barry and

Will. Those interested in helping bring more holiday cheer to our foster youth, can contact Richard Kwong or Mari Nakayama at 626-938-1601. With your help, we can provide holiday cheer for more deserving children.

The Asian Pacific Program and Deaf Services provide care for dependent children placed in foster homes throughout Los Angeles County. Anyone interested in becoming a resource family for foster care or adoption, please call 1-888-811-1121 or visit fosterLAKids.org.

She Ran Over 2,500 Miles For Veterans

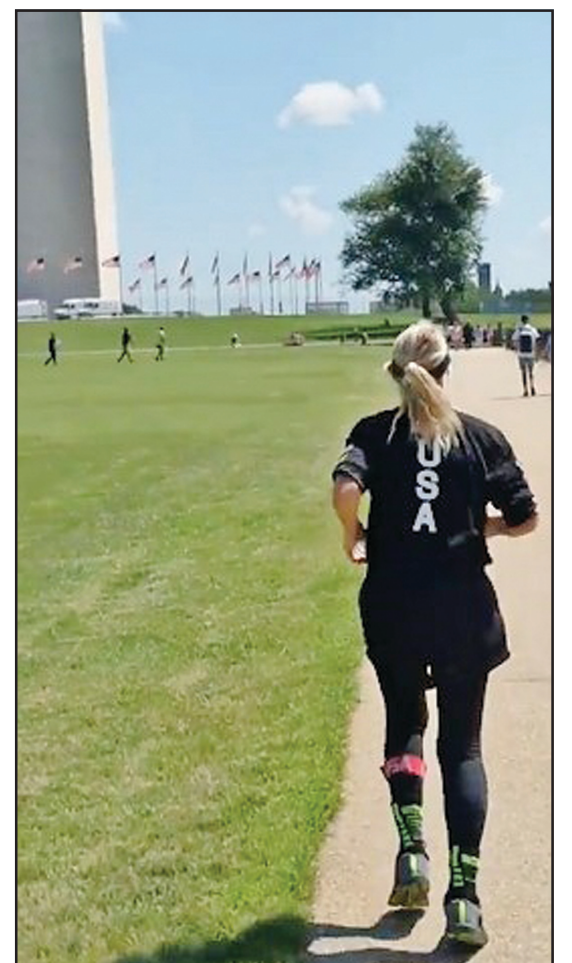
GLENDORA - Katie Strong of Glendora, CA has been a runner all her life. This summer she ran over 2,500 miles from Oregon to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. averaging close to 30 miles each day to raise money and awareness for veterans' mental health. At the end of each day's run, Katie planted 22 flags in the ground for each veteran lost. She was not just running for awareness, but to raise money for one specific treatment: service dogs for veterans.

Katie Strong (A clinical Psychologist): "On average, 22 veterans commit suicide each day, often due to PTSD. I believe the suicides are due to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for some veterans, and for others Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) that occurs through the repetitive brain exposure to explosions (weapons discharge, Improvised Explosive Devices etc.)."

Two studies from Purdue University in 2018 have proven a statistically significant improvement in veterans' sense of well-being after being paired with a service dog. The service dog's assistance can help ease the depression and anxiety veterans feel due to PTSD, traumatic brain injury or other issues. Also, research showed higher life satisfaction, greater likelihood of going out into the world to socialize, go to school, go to work and participate in normal activities of daily life as compared to veterans that were not paired with service dogs.

There are no specific programs from the VA that fully fund service animals. VA healthcare will sometimes cover the veterinary costs of a service dog, but will not cover the cost of obtaining the animal, training or insurance. Because there is no government funding or private health insurance that will cover these costs, veterans who would like to have a service dog to improve their life cannot afford one.

Working Dogs for Vets, which is one of many volunteer service dog training organizations, dis-



Nearing the end of her 2,500 mile journey in Washington, D.C.

closed that they have over One Thousand veterans on their waiting list that have applied to be paired with a dog to begin the 10 to 12-month training program. They currently have over 400 vet-dog pairs in training, but here are simply not enough volunteers and not enough funding to help all the veterans that would like this opportunity.

Katie has met with senators and congressmen regarding passing legislation to assist in creating a standardized treatment program in which service dogs are included as a treatment option for veterans suffering from PTSD like symptoms. The legislation would allow for the funding of the cost of the dog and training, once the veteran has selected this treatment option. If all goes right legislation would be presented in January of the new year. What a GREAT way to start off 2019!

Currently, Katie continues to recover from bilateral metatarsal stress fractures, Achilles tendon injuries, and other assorted overuse injuries. Once recovered from this USA cross continent run, Katie hopes to complete other long-distance fund raising and awareness activities for veterans.



Katie plants 22 flags in the ground at the end of each day's run.

Upper District Marks Historical Milestones At Oath Of Office Ceremony



Director Jennifer Santana, Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem April Verlatto and Director Anthony R. Fellow, Ph.D.

MONROVIA - The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) marked history with the swearing-in of Directors Anthony R. Fellow, Ph.D., and Jennifer Santana. Director Fellow will become the longest serving board member in Upper District history, serving 27 years since first elected in 1991. Upon her election, Director Santana, is the first female director to serve on the Board of Directors.

In celebration of the occasion, local elected officials, legislative representatives, and water community members were among the guests who attended this momentous ceremony. Representatives on behalf of State Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Ed Chau, Assemblymember Blanca Rubio and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis presented certificates of recognition, as well as Mayor Andre Quintero of the City of El Monte and Mayor Pro Tem April Verlatto of the City of Arcadia.

Director Fellow was sworn into office by friend and colleague, Mayor Pro Tem April Verlatto. Following his oath, Fellow commented on his commit-

ment to ensure a safe and reliable water supply for the region's future. He also expressed excitement in celebrating the District's 60th anniversary of its incorporation next year. He will continue to serve as Upper District's representative on the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster and on the Association of California Water Agencies' Region 8 board. Fellow represents the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Monrovia, Temple City and parts of Azusa and El Monte.

Director Santana was administered the oath of office by her predecessor Director Bryan Urias of Division 5. She will now represent the cities of Baldwin Park, Duarte, El Monte and a portion of Irwindale. Santana is a certified Cytogeneticist at the City of Hope, a nationally recognized comprehensive cancer research hospital located in Duarte. She intends to use her science and research backgrounds to find innovative solutions for regional water sustainability and promote water awareness to her communities.

"This was a historic election for Upper District, in that the public made history by electing the longest serving board member and the first female board member," said Board President Ed Chavez. "We are proud to enter our 60th year of incorporation with varied representation that will benefit the District and the communities we serve in the years to come."

The Upper District is governed by five elected Directors representing geographic divisions within Upper District's boundaries. Each is elected to serve a four year term. Currently, the Board includes Directors Ed Chavez, President (Division 3), Alfonso "Al" Contreras, Vice President (Division 4), Charles Treviño, Treasurer (Division 2), Anthony Fellow, Secretary (Division 1) and Jennifer Santana

(Division 5).

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified and affordable portfolio of high quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

What Do You Want For Christmas?

By Jenny Park

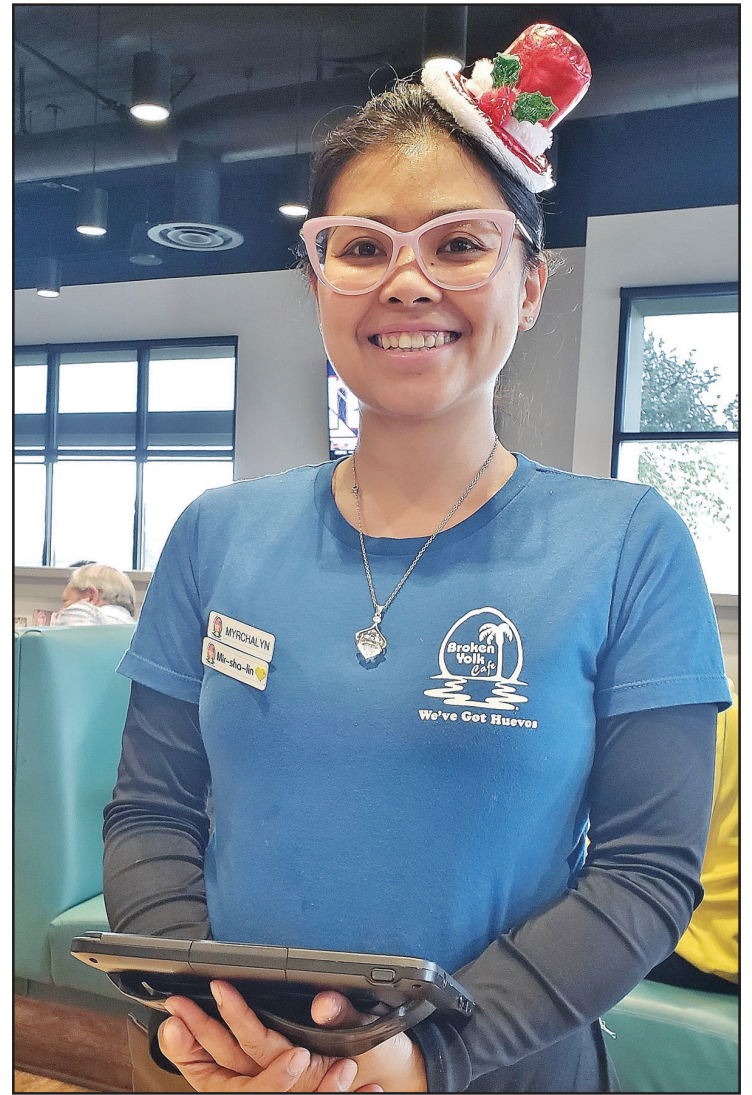
GLENDORA - For some, Santa Claus can mean different things to different people-for the elderly, the married, the unmarried, the children. We should never stop believing though in St. Nick. When I was a little girl, St. Nick was my Grandpa Bob. Grandpa Bob was a tall white man with broad shoulders who had a heart-attack in front of my mother's shop. My mother rushed him to the hospital and fed his two Dachsunds Joey and Heidi for him while he was recovering at Foothill Presbyterian.

For Christmas 2018, I want to wake up in the morning with a glass of mimosa, kids laughing and opening presents, a Christmas tree, and family surrounding me. What do you want for Christmas?

"I want health. Wealth means nothing to you if you can't enjoy it," said Judi O'Brien who was eating at the Broken Yolk Café. Wealth can come in many forms. It can come in the form of a smile, friendship, and Christmas is meant to be the best time of the year.

"Salud, dinero, y amor"-the things we all want for Christmas. Health, money, and love in that order appears to be the most reasonable. That is what my Spanish teacher taught me from St. Lucy's Priory High School. My Spanish teachers were lovely men and women. It is the class that I enjoyed the most.

I really enjoyed being served by the lovely men and women at Broken Yolk in Glendora. I was served by Myrchalyn, the kindest server at the Broken Yolk Café. I hope you get a chance to meet her. She was wearing the cutest glasses and Christmas hat. She also taught me some Tagalog. "Kuya" means brother, "Ate"



Myrchalyn serves with a smile and with her fun-fifties framed glasses and cute Santa hat. She has been with the Broken Yolk for a year since their Grand Opening last December.

means sister, and "Kumusta ka?" is how are you? "Mabuti" is very well.

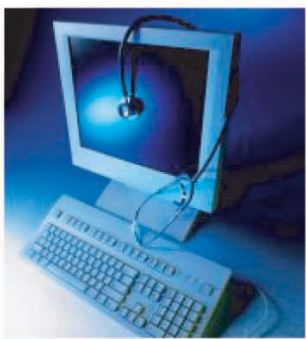
She filled my glass of water three times after a Mimosa that I had. Nothing is better than drinking at least 3:1 ratio of water to spirits. To offset the spirits, the staff at San Gabriel Valley Examiner recommend drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated this time of the year.

Broken Yolk is a relatively new, fun, friendly, and inviting American diner. They are a fam-

ily restaurant with TVs, booths, and a kitchen staff that is looking for a chef. If you are a great cook, call and ask for Randy. They are the type of restaurant that will change the channel if asked or add close-captioning for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. They will just change it back once you leave.

The restaurant has been in business for one year, opening last Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Park at (626)771-6115.

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Holiday Safety Tips From The Monterey Park Fire Department

MONTEREY PARK - The holiday season is now upon us. With that, we take out the holiday lights, shop for Christmas trees and put up holiday decorations. The Monterey Park Fire Department hopes everyone will enjoy a joyous holiday season. However, it is always of importance to stress the need to be aware of certain safety hazards that are always associated with the holiday season. The following tips will help keep you and your family safe as we pass through yet another holiday season and ring in the New Year.

Tree Fire Hazards

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Tree Selection, Care and Disposal

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk

should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. Heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Consider using a potted tree.

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

Holiday Lights

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed

by an approved testing laboratory. If there is any question as to the integrity of your lights, replace them with a new set of lights. Do not leave holiday lights on while unattended.

Do not overload electrical outlets

Follow the directions on the light sets when connecting your lights. Connect lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires, they should not be warm to the touch.

Decorations

All decorations should be non-flammable or flame retardant and placed away from heat vents. Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace. Wrapping paper can produce dangerous sparks and a chemical buildup in the home that could cause an explosion.

Artificial Christmas Trees

If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Tzeitel Paras Caracci Elected Mayor; Sam Kang Sworn in as Mayor Pro-Tem



Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras Caracci



Duarte Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Kang

DUARTE - The new, historic seven-member by District Duarte City Council was sworn into office on December 11, 2018 by invited dignitaries First District LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis and Retired LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich who jointly conducted the oath of office ceremony to the five recently elected candidates.

Duarte residents set the course for the community's new future by voting on November 6th to elect its first, seven-member, by District City Council. Twelve candidates had vied for four District based seats with residents returning long-time incumbents Margaret Finlay and Tzeitel Paras Caracci to their new District seats in District Nos. 1, and 4. The race also featured two new Districts, Nos. 6 and 7 that each had four candidates. In District No. 6, Bryan Urias, a former Director from the Upper San Gab-

riel Valley Municipal Water District was elected and in District No. 7, Jocelyn Nunez, a healthcare professional was the winner. No candidate filed against incumbent Sam Kang in District No. 5.

One of the first acts of business by the group was a unanimous vote for Tzeitel Paras Caracci, Mayor and Sam Kang, Mayor Pro Tem for 2018-19. Mayor Paras Caracci was first elected November 6, 2001, making her the first Duarte High School (DHS) alumni and the youngest woman elected to the Duarte City Council at the time. In the historic 2018 district-elections, Tzeitel Paras Caracci was elected to serve a 4-year term representing District 1. In August 2018, she opened "SEE JACK PLAY, a n indoor play space for children and families. Tzeitel is thankful for having the opportu-

nity to make a difference each day on the behalf of the City she loves and has called home for over 34 years.

Kang, the new Mayor Pro-Tem, is a successful entrepreneur and graduate of UC Irvine with a BS in Chemistry and Azusa Pacific University with an MBA in Finance and a MS in Computer Science. He has been on the Council since 2013 and has previously served as both Mayor and Pro Tem. Sam and his family have a vested interest in seeing the City of Duarte become one of the best Cities to raise a family and works hard to accomplish this by being proactive with City beautification, economic development, supporting existing businesses, developing quality, 21st century jobs, creating a "Smart City" initiative featuring free community Wi-Fi and working tirelessly to build a quality hotel in Duarte.

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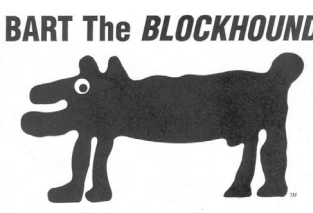
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Baldwin Park Police Department Helping Keep Roadways Safe Over Christmas/New Year's Holidays

BALDWIN PARK - The Christmas and New Year's holidays are ways to spend time with family and friends ringing in another year, but also a time when people can make poor choices that put themselves and others at risk on the road.

To help spread the message about the dangers of drunk and drugged driving, Baldwin Park Police Department is partnering with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to get impaired drivers off roads.

During the high-visibility enforcement campaign Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, which runs from Dec. 14-Jan. 1, The Baldwin Park Police Department will have more officers on the road conducting saturation patrols looking for drivers

suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

"Whether you are home with family or at the bar, it is important that you find a sober ride home after drinking," said Michael Taylor, Chief of Police. "As an adult, it is up to you to make adult decisions and drive sober or use a ride share service. There are no excuses for driving impaired

The Baldwin Park Police Department also reminds drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Marijuana, prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

During the 2017 Christmas (Dec. 22-25) and New Year's

(Dec. 30-Jan. 2) holiday periods, 25 people were killed and 643 injured on California roads, according to data from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS).

Drunk driving continues to be a huge problem in this country, and more recently, marijuana and drug-impaired driving. People are out and about shopping for the holidays and going to or hosting parties, so it is important that everyone acts responsibly behind the wheel

Funding for impaired driving enforcement operations are provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Residential Refuse & Recycling Rates Increase 6.4% Beginning January 1st

DUARTE - Duarte residents can expect to begin paying more per month on their refuse and recycling bill effective January 1, 2019. This 6.4% increase is the first increase to residential refuse service rates since January 1, 2018. Over the last year, the factors that make up the rate have changed; especially the recycling credit due to the China National Sword policy that has now been in effect for approximately 12 months.

Under the City's contract with Burrtec, annual rate adjustments for refuse collection and recycling are permitted based upon a specific formula including the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, waste disposal tipping fees and fuel costs. Specifically, the most common form of service utilized by residential customers is the 90-gallon trash container, 60-gallon recyclable container, and 60-gal-

lon green waste container. This rate will increase from \$22.45 to \$23.89 a month. Burrtec also requested a slight \$0.07 cents increase for residential street sweeping raising the fee from \$1.77 to \$1.84 per month.

Commercial customers will also experience rate increases. The percentage increase over the various service levels will range from 9.7% down to 6.4% with the most common level of Refuse Service, one 3-yard bin serviced once per week increasing by \$12.62 per month or from \$170.16 to \$182.78. The Commercial Street Sweeping program will also see a slight increase in 2019 by 13 cents going from \$3.41 to \$3.54 per month.

Duarte has historically maintained some of the lowest rates in Los Angeles County. In fact, Duarte residents still have the

lowest refuse and recycling service rates of all the cities surveyed for the most common service with Commercial rates for a 3-yard bin serviced once a week falling in the mid-range.

Burrtec Waste Services began providing franchised refuse collection and recycling services in the City of Duarte in 1996, with the most recent contract extension approved in 2018. In recent years, Burrtec completed the conversion of the diesel fleet to alternative fuel trucks, implemented a used oil curbside collection program and integrated free paper shredding and compost giveaway at Community Cleanups, a construction and demolition processing option, and most recently a new commercial food recycling program. For more information on Burrtec Waste Services and the cost increases, call 1 (800) 325-9417.

Duarte Museum Presents Happy Birthday Sherlock Holmes



Alan Heller is displaying his Sherlock Holmes collection at the Duarte Museum through January.

DUARTE - Happy Birthday Sherlock Holmes! The famous sleuth was reportedly born in 1884 and died in 1939. However, since he is a fictional character, where did these "statistics" originate? An estimate of his age in His Last Bow puts him at age 65 in August 1914.

The Duarte Historical Society & Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte is presenting an exhibit through January on the world's best loved detective. Books, ephemera, and other extensive memorabilia from the 50-year collection of Duartean Alan Heller are on display. Heller says that "Homes is so famous he is instantly recognized by his accoutrements alone - The deerstalker cap, Inverness cape and curved pipe." His fans are equally devoted to his trusted sidekick Dr. John H. Watson.

It was in 1887 that the first Sherlock Homes Story entitled A Study in Scarlet was published in the Beeton's Christmas Annual, a journal of cheap

fiction. Few people noticed. However, such apathy has been decisively reversed and today he is more popular than ever.

A fictional private detective created by British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Holmes is known for his proficiency with observation, forensic science, and logical reasoning that borders on the unbelievable. He employs these attributes when investigating cases for a wide variety of clients, including Scotland Yard.

The first set of Holmes sto-

ries was published between 1887 and 1893. In order to make more time for writing historical novels, Doyle killed off Holmes in a final battle with the criminal mastermind Professor James Moriarty, set in 1891. With fans furiously upset with Holmes' demise, Doyle gave in and eventually wrote Holmes back into his stories, explaining "to a stunned Watson" that he had faked his death to fool his enemies. The Adventure of the Empty House marks the beginning of the second set of stories which Doyle wrote un-

til 1927.

After visiting 221B Baker Street in England in 1972 and downing a drink at Moriarty's Bar, Heller began to furiously add to his Sherlock Holmes collection until it began to dominate his home. "I am happy to move it to the museum to be enjoyed by fellow Holmes fans," he said.

The Museum is open Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, check www.RanchoDeDuarte.org.

Senator Chang Earns "2018 Champion of Manufacturing"

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) joined in the ceremony to welcome 9 new freshman members to the California State Senate. In the 2019 legislative session, Senator Chang will continue her work to keep manufacturing jobs thriving in Southern California. For the 2018 legislative session, Senator Chang earned the title of "2018 Champion of Manufacturing" from the California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA). Senator Chang received this honor for her work to promote and protect California's manufacturing sector during the 2018 legislative session.



Senator Chang Earns "2018 Champion of Manufacturing"

With more than 30,000 manufacturers in California, CMTA represents businesses from the manufacturing community - an economic sector that generates more than \$250 billion every year and employs more than 1.3 million Californians.

"I'm honored that the California Manufacturers & Technology Association has recognized my efforts to support the manufac-

turing economy through encouraging innovation, investment, and job creation," said Senator Chang. "I look forward to continuing my work with organizations such as CMTA to champion regulatory reform. We need to provide a more competitive business climate and make sure that California remains a global leader."

CMTA recognized Senator Chang for her votes on bills that it believes have a significant im-

act on manufacturers and technology companies. For example, Senator Chang joined CMTA in opposing SB 100 which would increase energy costs and make California even more unaffordable for many families. She also supported bills such as SB 237 which helps manufacturers by increasing choices to pursue lower cost electricity and creating more opportunity for investment.

Senator Chang has earned high scores from the CMTA since her time in the Assembly. This third "Champion of Manufacturing" honor further solidifies her record as a pro-jobs and pro-manufacturing legislator. Earlier this month, Senator Chang earned top marks from the California Chamber of Commerce in its 2018 Vote Record for her work on economic development and affordability issues.

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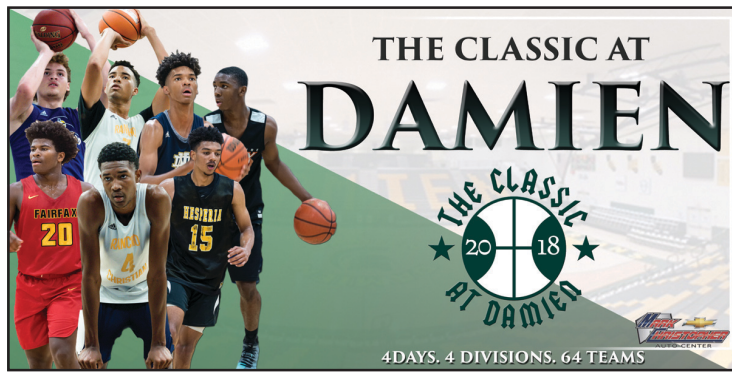
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"The Classic At Damien" Basketball Tournament Ready For Tip- Off



by Howard Palmer

LA VERNE - The third "Classic at Damien" presented by Mark Christopher Auto Center will be played December 26-29 in the Damien school Athletic Center and Event Center, as well as at San Dimas High School, Bonita High School, Ramona Middle School and Life Pacific College. Basketball fans in the San Gabriel Valley, Inland Empire and points east and west, north and south will have the opportunity to watch many of the elite basketball teams from throughout Southern and Northern California. Also in the field are teams from five other states including Arizona, Texas, Utah, Washington and Hawaii, plus a team from Canada. Four different sections of the CIF are represented - Southern, Central, LA City and San Joaquin.

The Classic has become the strongest boys post-Christmas tournament in the West and will continue in a 64-team concept with four divisions. Twenty-four of the 2018 participants were in the first two "Classic at Damien" events. Platinum remains the top division, followed by Gold, Silver and Bronze brackets which will result in four championship games being contested on the final day, December 29.

All divisions include talent

that will dazzle high school basketball fans. Six seniors who are scheduled to play have already signed with, or committed to, NCAA Division I programs.

Etiwanda will try to defend its 2017 championship as one of the teams set to play in the Platinum Division. Among the programs joining them in this elite division are:

*State and Southern Section Division 1 champion Chino Hills, led by California Player of the Year and USC bound Onyeka Okongwu

*State Division III runner-up and Southern Section 3A champion Notre Dame of Riverside

*St. John Bosco, Santa Margarita and Rancho Christian (which joined Etiwanda as part of the eight team Southern Section Open Division last year)

*Southern Section IAA semifinalist Rancho Verde

*Fairfax and Birmingham, L.A. City Open Division squads

*Southern Section 2A runner-up Riverside Poly

*St. Bernard (the Platinum runner-up to Etiwanda in 2017)

*Host Damien and Corona Centennial (returning for the third year)

*First time participant Notre Dame Sherman Oaks

*And two non-California

programs playing in the "Classic at Damien" for the first time are Buckeye of Arizona and Second Baptist of Houston (which won Texas 5A title last spring)

Among the programs competing in the Gold Division are Washington Prep and Taft (of the L.A. City Section), Pasadena, Rolling Hills Prep and Santa Clarita Christian.

Los Altos won the 2017 Gold Division and heads the field in the Silver Division and San Marcos, the Southern Section 2A champion last spring, is among the 16 squads in the Bronze Division.

Details on participating teams, divisions, brackets, game locations and times, plus additional information is available at www.theclassicdatdamen.com

Senator Archuleta Visits Veterans at West Covina VFW Post 8620



Senator Bob Archuleta talks with veterans at the West Covina VFW.

WEST COVINA - Senator Bob Archuleta visited the West Covina VFW Post 8620 during the Christmas Airborne luncheon to speak with the veterans.

He talked about how he is

working to improve veteran's benefits and to keep them in place. He also had lunch and talked one on one with many of the veterans.

VFW Post Commander George Ogden was on hand to welcome the Senator as well as

the West Covina Mayor Lloyd Johnson who made time to come down the VFW to greet and thank the senator for his visit.

Archuleta is said to be the only Senator serving California who is a veteran.



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