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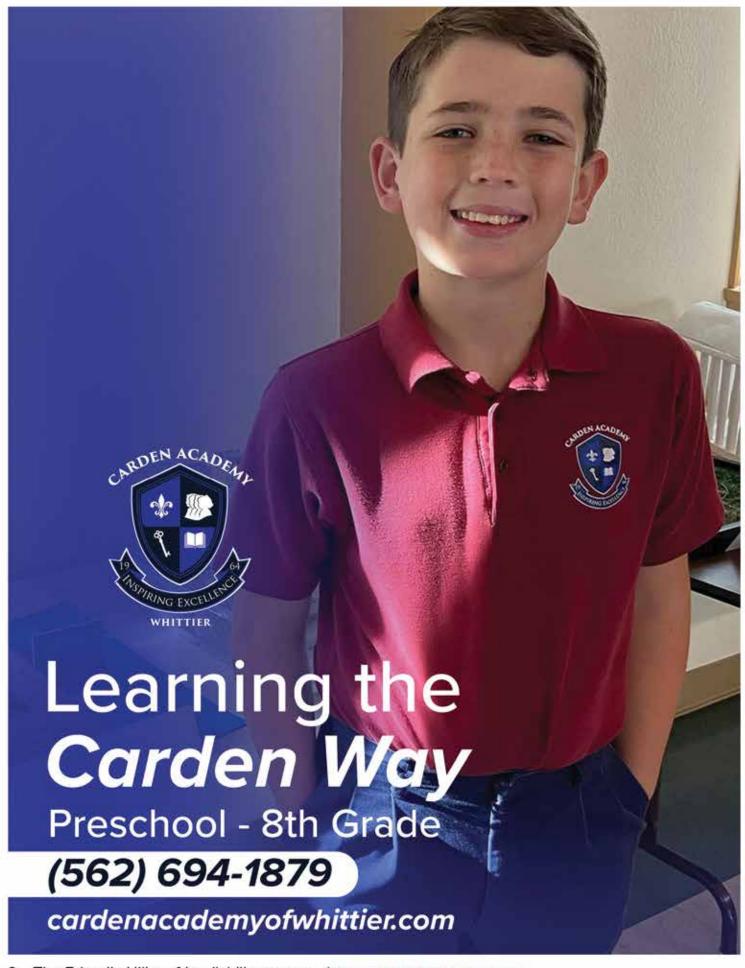
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





#### Luis Carrion, CCIM

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I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you better as we work together to make our community the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Luis Carrion

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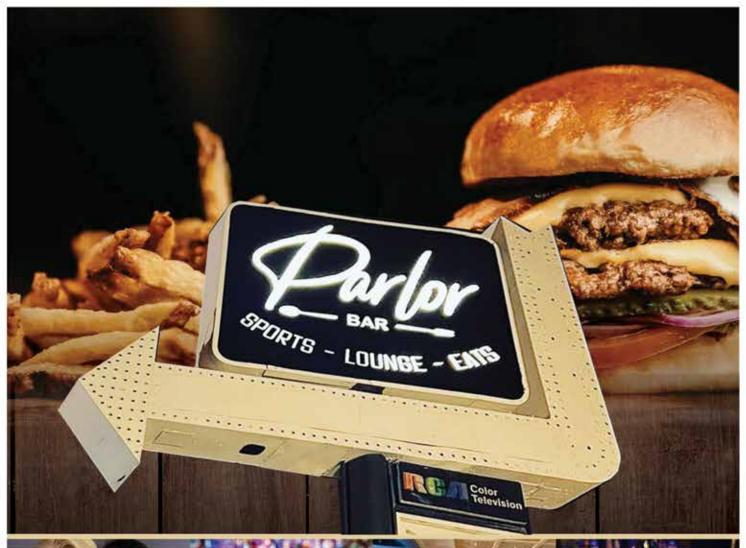
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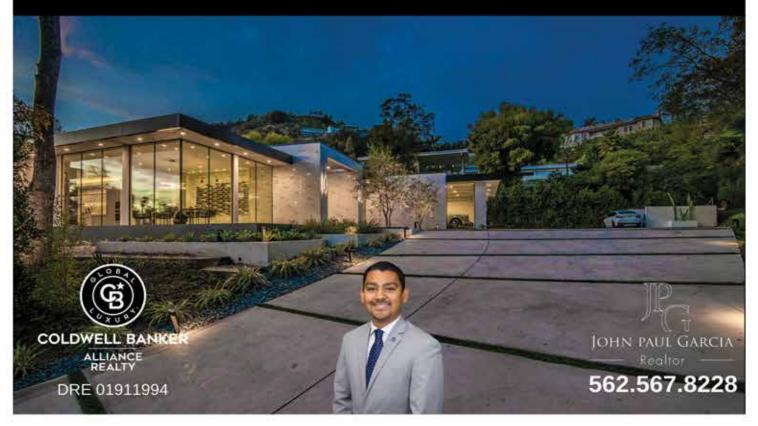
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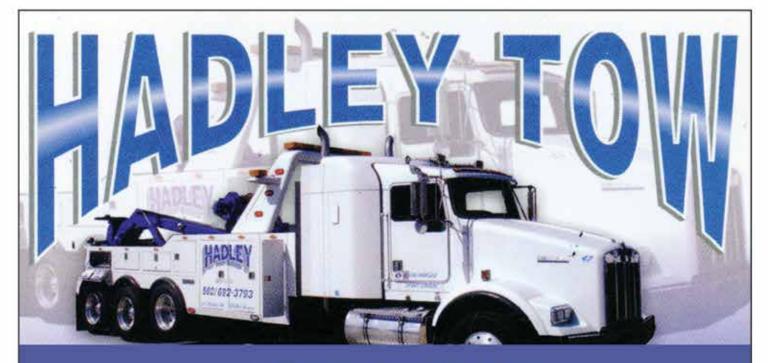
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# Boys & Girls Club Presents 2023 Youth of the Year

By Cynthia Nickell

The Boys & Girls Club of Whittier recently held its 2023 Youth of the Year event - an evening filled with inspiring stories of strength, resiliency and perseverance.

Local elected officials, community leaders, school district officials, club staff and proud families gathered at the Ruth B. Shannon Center at Whittier College to hear moving speeches presented by three finalists: Jeremiah Parra, Allias Batalla and Julian Alonzo. Parra of Pioneer High took top honors. He will go on to compete against other clubs' winners at the county, state and national levels.

Parra shared the grief he felt after the recent loss of both parents. Yet, as the eldest sibling, he had responsibility to help guide his brothers and sister when they moved in with their aunt. With support from Boys & Girls Club staff, Jeremiah refocused on pursuing a positive future, and has becme a role model to others at the Club.

All three youths are members of the club's Leaders-in-Training programs, and have generously given back by serving as Teen Tutors, as Sports Coaches, and through Cyber Seniors — a program at Parnell Senior Center where Teens teach cell phone and laptop skills to local residents.

In addition to the three finalists, 13 young people in grades 1-12 were honored with Outstanding Club Member awards. Two exceptional club staff--Nicole Miller (Laurel School site),

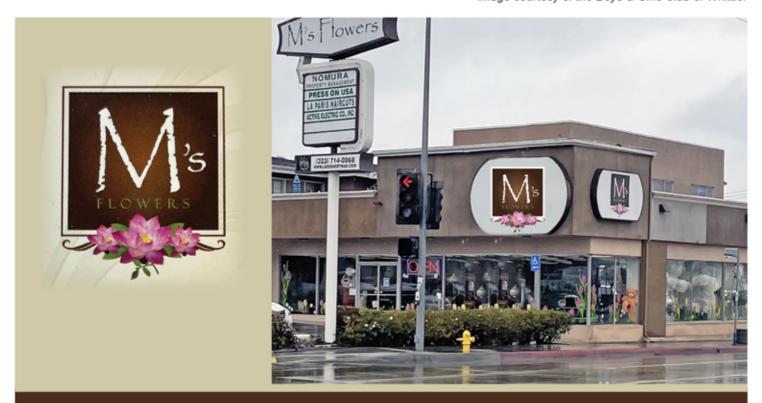
Ashley Ruiz (Loma Vista site) received Norm and Theola Kirschenbaum Service Awards.

The Youth of the Year Awards Program is a testament to the positive impact that the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier has on the lives of young people in the community. The Club currently serves 2,500 boys and girls daily at 31 locations across six school districts. Youth development specialists staff provide enrichment programs that guide young people toward academic achievement, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship. To learn more, visit www.bgcw.org.



Jeremiah Parra was selected this year's Youth of the Year at a ceremony in February at the Ruth B. Shannon Performing Arts Center. Parra will go on to compete against other clubs' winners at the county, state and national levels. Here Parra stands with club Director Oscar Hernandez.

Image courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier



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# FRAN SILVER SHIELDS Full House Packs 'Palms' to Honor Whittier PD

By Tim Traeger, Editor

A packed house of 530 honored the courage and valor of Whittier's thin, blue line on Feb. 24, 2023 during the 23rd Silver Shield Awards at the Pacific Palms Resort, but it was Fran Shields, at 4-foot-nuthin' with an indelible smile, who stole the show.

"I got a standing ovation?" Shields said by phone four days after the event. "It was such an honor to be recognized by the Police Officers Association. I worked with them for almost 50 years as an executive director and created a lot of wonderful relationships and friendships over the years that I'll never forget."

Shields, who just turned 69, said she retired from the city of Whittier in 2015 after serving 13 years as director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. When she's not recruiting victims to serve as "Dancing with the Whittier Stars" contestants to benefit the Whittier Community Foundation, Shields said she takes great joy in helping raise her great-granddaughter "and the boys are keeping me out of trouble."

"It was a wonderful event. The Chamber does such a great job of organizing it and making it all run smoothly," Shields said. "The Whittier Police Department is family I will always remember."

"Fran has been an inseparable part of our department's fabric for over 40 years," Whittier Police Chief Aviv Bar said. "She was the dispatcher on duty in 1979 when Detective Mike Lane was shot and killed and her heart remained with our law enforcement family even after moving to city hall and eventually retiring as the Director and Parks, Recreations and Community Services."

Bar presented Shields with a bouquet of red roses.

"Fran is a caring and loving person who dedicated her life to supporting the men and women of our department," Bar said. "We really love her."

Carol Crosby, president and CEO of the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce, said this year's Silver Shields was the best attended in 23 years.

"For 23 years the Whittier Chamber has hosted this event on behalf of our business community," Crosby said. "It's our chance to honor those who serve and protect our homes and businesses, and we are grateful to the sworn officers, civilian employees and volunteers who make decisions daily that lead to a better life for all of us."

Crosby said the awards represent "pride, dedication, respect and partnership – four words that describe both the Chamber and our Police Department."

"She was recognized for her work with the Whittier Police Officers Association over the last 42 years" Bar said. "Everyone loves Fran."

Crosby said, "This Silver Shields ran smoothing, was well supported and attended by community members, business owner, state, county and local elected officials."

She said it was the event's second highest attendance following the murder of Officer Keith Wayne Boyer in 2017.

"I think people were excited to get out and get back together again for this event. It was missed during COVID," Crosby said.



Longtime Whittier Police dispatcher Fran Shields gets roses from Chief Aviv Bar and a standing ovation at the 23rd annual Silver Shield Awards on Feb. 24 at the Pacific Palms Resort.

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By John K. Sudick, DDS

#### WHITTIER'S FRIENDLY FAMOUS, SPORTS ATHLETES: FOOTBALL

Vhittier has produced some incredible athletes over the years. Because the list is fairly long, we are going to break it into three segments. Most people first think of football and baseball when considering national sports. Turns out Whittier College had a history of football greats that started in the early 1900s. Whittier, which began playing football in 1907, is famous for having former President Richard Nixon play as a tackle for the 1932 squad, and also for having NFL Hall of Fame coach George Allen lead the Poets from 1951-56. Allen left Whittier to become a Rams assistant coach in 1957, and after bouncing around as an NFL assistant, he

was named the Rams' head coach in

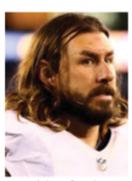
1963.

Our most Famous Whittier Football player is Bob Chandler. Chandler was raised in Whittier and graduated from Whittier High School in 1967. Chandler played college football at USC, was a captain and the team's leading receiver during his senior year as a Trojan in 1970. He played in two Rose Bowl games and, as a junior, was named Most Valuable Player of the 1970 Rose Bowl. A seventh-round pick in the 1971

NFL draft, Chandler played nine seasons with the Buffalo Bills (1971-1979) and three with the Oakland Raiders (1980–1982). He led the NFL in receptions from 1975–1977 with 176, and was named Second-team All-Pro in 1975 and 1977. He also caught four passes for 77 yards in the Raiders' 27-10 Super Bowl XV victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in January 1981. Bob's father was Whittier's own council member and Mayor, Gene Chandler. Chandler married his college sweetheart, Marilyn, and had three children: Marisa, Justin and Emma. Chandler went on to work in sports broadcasting as well as earning a law degree from Western State University College of Law. Bob died of lung cancer at 45 in January 1995. In 2023, Chandler's nephew, Jake George, La Serna HS 2022, is a wide receiver No. 81 for the University of Arizona Wildcats. Whittier High School's sports facilities are named the Bob Chandler Sports Complex.

Another Whittier pro footballer was Adam Snyder who attended La Serna High School and was coached by Ken LaVigne from 1999 to 2000. During college, Snyder played for the Oregon Ducks the final 11 games of the 2001 season. Snyder departed as one of Oregon's most decorated linemen of all time, becoming the Ducks' third Morris Trophy recipient as the Pac-10 Conference's top lineman.

Snyder's professional career led him to play two separate stints with the San Francisco 49ers. Snyder played often throughout his first three years with the 49ers, fielding every position on the offensive line with the exception of center. His versatility and team-first mentality earned him a contract



Adam Snyder

extension in 2006 that put him with the 49ers through the 2009 season. He became a full-time starter before the 2009 season. Snyder signed a contract extension in 2009, keeping him with the team through the 2011 season. After playing a year with the Arizona Cardinals in 2012-2013, he returned to San Francisco for another year only to leave in 2014 to go to the New York Giants to play for a year. Snyder has a journalism and public relations degree. He is the son of Richard and Judi Snyder and has a sister named Bree. Adam was married in the summer of

2006 to Erika Widmark. He and his wife have two children. He lives with his family near Chandler, Ariz., where he owns a student athlete performance training facility, "VYDL Performance."

David Merle Dalby (October 19, 1950 - August 30, 2002) was an American football center; he played 14 seasons in the National Football League, all with the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders. In his early years, Dalby was a star linemen at center and defensive end, who led the La Serna Lancers to the California Scholastic Federation AAA football championship in 1967. An all-around athlete in high school, Dalby also played basketball and baseball at La Serna and graduated in 1968.

Dalby played college football nearby at UCLA, where he became part of the Bruins' All-Century team as center, and is a member of the UCLA Hall of Fame. Dalby was the 100th overall pick of the 1972 NFL draft, selected in the fourth round by the Oakland Raiders. He played 14 seasons in the NFL,

all with the Raiders (1972-1985) and did not miss a single

In his fourth year in 1975, Dalby replaced hall of famer Jim Otto as the starting center, who retired after the previous



David Merle Dalby

season. He became only the second starting center in franchise history, as Otto had been the starter since the team's inception in 1960. For the next decade, Dalby was a part of sterling offensive lines which culminated in three Raider Super Bowl victories (XI. XV, XVIII). During that 1975–1985 window, the Raiders reached the playoffs eight times (1975-1977, 1980, 1982-1985). Dalby is the only center to have three Super Bowl rings.

Dalby suffered from alcoholism and was to have a liver transplant. He died in a car accident on August 30, 2002 at 51.

James Arthur Zorn (born in Whittier, CA May 10, 1953) is an American former professional football player and coach. Zorn was a left-handed quarterback, and is best known as the starting quarterback of the Seattle Seahawks for their first eight seasons, 1976-1983. Zorn is closely associated with his favorite passing target, Hall of Fame wide receiver Steve Largent. Largent was the first Seahawk inducted into the team's "Ring of Honor" (1989), and Zorn was second (1991). Zorn was named AFC Offensive Rookie of the Year by the NFL Players Association following the team's inaugural 1976 season. He was also the Seahawks' team MVP, throwing for 12 touchdowns and rushing for four touchdowns. In 1985-86 Zorn left Seattle as quarterback, he played for the Green Bay Packers and then the Winnipeg Bombers. He was the



James Arthur Zorn

quarterback coach for the Seattle Seahawks from 2001 until 2007. Before the 2008 season Zorn was originally hired by the Washington Redskins to serve as offensive coordinator. Two weeks after being hired, he was promoted as the team's head coach.

In Zorn's early years, he played at the junior college level at Cerritos College for two years. In 1973, he transferred to Cal Poly Pomona. As a junior that season, he registered 2,367 passing yards and 16 touchdowns, receiving Little All-American, Little All-Coast, and Southern California College Division Player of the Year honors.

Zorn and his wife, Joy, have four children. Jim and Joy Zorn are active in Medical Teams International and Pro Athletes Outreach. Jim Zorn currently resides with his wife on Mercer Island, a suburb of Seattle.

I want to thank those who contribute to Wikipedia for the resources and information about our famous folks from Whittier. If you have any contributions or comments, please write me at FriendlyHistory@gmail.com.

#### WHITTIER FAMILY-OWNED RESTAURANT REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO CHILDHOOD CANCER

By Jackie Santana, Friendly Hiller Correspondent

ancer. The six-letter word no one wants to hear and no one wants to listen to being diagnosed about their child. The Enamoto family is experiencing this difficult reality first-hand.

For the family, it all began on Christmas Day, 2022. Maya, age 10, the youngest of the family, began having painful headaches. The headaches were so severe that Maya was rushed to the emergency room, and after two weeks, the doctor pointed to the screen and said, "we found brain cancer."

Maya needs to have brain surgery immediately to address the size of the tumor. Internal bleeding, swelling, and other complications have delayed this life-saving surgery. Jason and his wife, Saori, Maya's

parents, have been unable to leave the hospital due to COVID restrictions. To keep Maya safe and prioritize her care, the family has made the difficult decision to temporarily close the doors of their small business until Maya is better.

The Enamoto family owns and operates Dakara Sushi, a neighborhood Japanese restaurant on Whittier Boulevard.

According to the American Cancer Society, about 9,910 children will be diagnosed with cancer in 2023. Sadly for the Whittier community, one of our children is part of this number.

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#### WHITTIER COLLEGE IN TURMOIL

College president Oubre' takes heat for declining enrollment, canceling football

By Tim Traeger, Editor

There's trouble brewing at Whittier College.

In the wake of the cancelation of its storied Poet football program once featuring Richard Milhous Nixon as a lanky defensive tackle a Facebook group called "Save Whittier College" met on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Penn Park in Whittier to hear College President Linda Oubre' take criticism on a number of fronts.

The rich history of Nixon's days mostly riding the Poet bench has been canceled, along with the la cross and golf teams. A team of student journalists from USC are investigating Whittier College for a series soon to be published in the Los Angeles Times.

In her fifth year leading the Poet campus, Oubre' blamed the global pandemic on student enrollment falling from about 1,700 students to about 1,200 today. She said her and her board have been threatened on campus, although no formal threat was reported to the Whittier Police Department.

"The individuals who have been criticizing really have passion for Whittier College," Oubre' said via a Zoom broadcast set up by members of the "Save Whittier College" group of alumni on Facebook. "They have passion for the experience that they had when they were students at Whittier College. That's something we can rejoice in together. To do have to denounce, however, the personal attacks."

At least two Whittier College trustees have resigned, Chris Cross and Barbara Groce. Vincent Daigneault ('85) was at the rally and served on the Whittier College board for 15 years. He was on the board when Oubre' was hired to replace former president Sharon Herzberger.

"This is a public apology," Daigneault said. "Very bluntly in the interview process the role of the president is to raise funds for the college. That's 75 percent of the job. We had infrastructure in place to take care of the day-to-day running of the college. As we were looking at Linda, the belief was she would find alternative sources of funds for the college to take us to that next level. Our endowment in 2018 was \$100 million. Your job is to increase that to \$250 million in five years. That's the job. Nothing else. And, unfortunately as a board member we relied too heavily on another board member that was an agent endorsing Linda. I did not do my due diligence. I am apologizing for that."

Ed Schoenberg ('74) said he worked at the college from 1997 until 2019, the last three as vice president of enrollment.

"We all know that Linda has been spreading lies about the work we've been doing at Whittier for a long time," Schoenberg said. "Her statements about 'disinvesting' in local markets is a complete fabrication. We were created heavily in the cities of Whittier, Montebello, East L.A., La Mirada, La Habra, go down the list. She's made many mistakes throughout these last four years. She believes disinvesting in out-of-state markets is the right move, it's not."



"I work at Loyola High School in Downtown L.A. and the thing that pains me most is I can't recommend Whittier College to my students," Schoenberg said. "And that just makes me sad. I hope that can change in future years."

Longtime campus supporter Vincent Fraumeni listened to Oubre's presentation and found it lacking.

"It was rather vague. She didn't give any specific examples of what these 'threats' are supposed to be. Her new approaches to recruiting are kind of vague. What are they going to do to recruit and retain students here?" Fraumeni said. "As an aging alumnus we've been contributing year after year, Penny and I. We have a 45-year history of giving donations. So it makes you wonder, 'what good was our investment?"

Oubre' reassured some in the crowd who said they're worried about the future of the college.

"The good news is Whittier College is well placed to face these headwinds. The future is bright for Whittier College," Oubre said. "Because of the students we serve, the faculty, staff and alumni today have established a vision for the future of Whittier College that will serve us for years to come."



Former Whittier College trustee Vincent Daigneault apologizes to a crowd of 48 at a "Save Whittier College" rally on Feb. 18 at Penn Park for his hand in hiring Poet President Linda Oubre.'.

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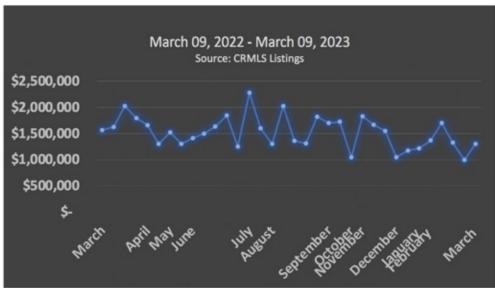
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15906 La Lindura Dr, WH	S: 08/26/22	7	\$1,819,500	\$562.44	3,235
9339 Montesino Dr, WH	S: 09/07/22	11	\$1,700,000	\$683.55	2,487
8435 Lindante Dr, WH	S: 09/20/22	28	\$1,725,000	\$589.74	2,925
8711 La Puebla Ave, WH	S: 10/21/22	18	\$1,050,000	\$537.08	1,955
9048 Chanto Dr, WH	S: 11/03/22	50	\$1,835,000	\$488.42	3,757
16043 Arbela Dr, WH	S: 11/18/22	55	\$1,670,000	\$495.84	3,368
9149 Lindante Dr, WH	S: 11/23/22	20	\$1,550,000	\$444.51	3,487
15151 Carretera Dr, WH	S: 12/09/22	56	\$1,050,000	\$403.85	2,600
15514 Janine Dr, WH	S: 12/12/22	117	\$1,180,000	\$380.65	3,100
8819 Colima Rd, WH	S: 01/20/23	68	\$1,220,000	\$507.49	2,404
8414 Enramada Ave, WH	S: 02/03/23	40	\$1,367,500	\$388.94	3,516
15726 La Lindura Dr, WH	S: 02/21/23	0	\$1,700,000	\$566.67	3,000
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# Colonial opulence by 'design'

By Tim Traeger, Editor

opoiler alert! This edition's Home of the Quarter is the best Friendly Hills has to offer.

From its gaping entryway to its 4,763 square feet, spiral mahogany staircase, crystal chandelier and spyglass views of Catalina Island, this five-bedroom, six-bathroom "spec" home built in 1980 never came to market, but is the epitome of colonial opulence.

That's because Robert and Martha Chavira never sold this gem at 18526 Mar Vista St. They had offers over the years, some of more than \$1 million. Yet when the pets and

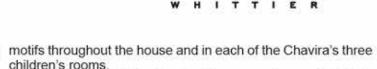
children came the urge to move dissipated and the Chaviras found themselves home for good.

The family moved to Friendly Hills in the before-times. Before a gated community called "Friendly Hills Estates" arose on the eastern end of Mar Vista, before Whittier became more than just a bedroom town, a mere DTLA sidebar.

There is no doorbell, no knocker. Perhaps because Robert Chavira is a successful jeweler based in downtown L.A.

Yet the heightened security does little to obscure the view. This home is a picture postcard atop a community with seemingly a Tesla in every three-car garage.

The home was a "Design House" in 1995 where, according to the late Valerie Marrs of the Whittier Daily News, 18 Whittier-area interior designers collaborated with the Whittier Historical Society & Museum to create a venue with differing phone was routed to the garage.



"The concept of the Design House was begun by Sylvia Foltz and Isabelle Middleton, who were on the board of the Whittier Museum," said Ginny Ball, vice president of the Uptown Whittier Improvement Association and the Museum's co-founder.

"I believe the first one was in 1985 at the home of Eleanor Neslen who lived on Friends. I believe the last one was in 2004," Ball said. She said planning for the design house took

two to three years "to find the perfect house" but was a wildly popular fundraiser.

"We were open to the public for six weeks with tours, murder mysteries, parties with some of the larger groups in Whittier, Friday night music and cocktails. Mother's was always a big day with three shifts of brunch," Ball said.

The Chaviras were wonderful to work with. That spring we had issues with weather - rain and

wind. While I was planning this Design House I was also planning the weddings of my three daughters — all three were married within 13 months — our family was busy," Ball said.

She added her 'paying job' at the time got in the way, so her



The formal dining room at Bob and Martha Chavira's home was designed by a local Whittier interior designer.



Curved banisters frame the colonial backyard balcony at Bob and Martha Chavira's Friendly Hills estate.

"The event brought in \$30,000 to \$100,000. One brought in \$120,000 and one brought in \$120,000 and a bonus of \$50,000 penalty which was used to sandblast and paint the outside of the Museum – during the opening I was living in the garage," Ball said.

Nowadays Bob and Martha have whitewashed the red brick entryway with wonderful results.

Looking back they said their three children, Austin, Ashley and Amanda, had a great time growing up in their fantasy bedrooms. They were educated through the exclusive Carden Academy. Asked "why Friendly Hills?" Martha had a ready answer.

"We came to this area and I said, 'holy moly,'" Martha said. "This is a cool jewel I never knew existed. My husband had me look for other houses and then I saw this house. It was brand new, no landscaping."



This whimsical bluebird was painted in "Amanda's Secret Garden," a room created by designers from Sher Associates as part of the Whittier Historical Society's "Design House" fundraiser in 1995.



The colonial kitchen at Bob and Martha Chavira's Friendly Hills estate.

They heard trumpets and angels.

"I heard an empty wallet," Bob mused. "I got a 16-percent loan. My plan was not to buy it and keep it. I wanted to buy it and turn around and sell it."

"But we ended up having kids," Martha said. "Back in 1983 someone knocked on the door and wanted to buy this house, a doctor and his wife from Downey. The escrow fell through on their end. So this is home."



This mahogany spiral staircase highlights the entryway to Bob and Martha Chavira's lavish home atop Mar Vista Street.



This resin elephant made it to Bob and Martha Chavir's garage in 1995 and never left.



Bob and Martha Chavira's garage got some special design love back in 1995 when a group of 18 interior designers from Whittier collaborated with the Whittiier Historical Society's "Design House" fundraiser.



Bob and Martha Chavira's family is centered around their three children, Austin, Ashley and Amanda.



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Starting the 2023 pre-season strong, the La Serna High School Boys Varsity Baseball team is relentless under coach Anthony Gonzales. With a roster of 24 talented players, seniors Manny Garcia RHP, and Nick William LHP (Long Beach State commit), along with Junior Eddie Garcia RHP, are proving to dominate and command the mound with strength and confidence. A loaded lineup of key offensive players include, Nick Allred SS/RHP (San Francisco State commit), Chase Bernal LF, Jake Long RF, and Ryan Duron 1B, and a dynamic defense. These La Serna boys are a squad full of leaders who are gearing up to battle and defend their back-to-back Del Rio League Championship title once again.



Left to right: Nick Allred, Ranon Sanchez, Manny Garcia, Mateo Yamato, Gilberto Rendon, Froy Sema, Jake Long, Brandon Garcia, Owen Long, Nico Ramirez, Matthew Chacon, Matthew Torres, Andy Becerra, Noah Chavez, Andrew Obregon, Chase Bernal, Nicholas Williams, Luke Clay, Ryan Duron, Eddie Garcia, Isaac Aguilar, Josh Rodriguez, Marcos Armenta, Lucas Gallegos, Ricky Ceballos.



### PARNELL PARK TO GET A FACE LIFT

Things have been busy at the City of Whittier since the start of the new year, as there are several exciting, large-scale projects under way throughout town. Thanks to the residents' support of Measure W in 2020, the City has been able to commit necessary funding toward several projects that will provide the most benefit to the community-at-large.

One of the more expansive projects on the drawing board is the planned renovation and remodel of Parnell Park. During a recent Council meeting, we received a status report on detailed design plans that will transform the existing 12.8-acre site into a multi-use park and feature amenities including everything from additional athletic fields, play equipment and upgraded lighting and landscaping.

Following extensive community outreach, the Council approved a park design that features space to accommodate up to seven soccer fields for various age divisions; two courts for basketball, including one court to be striped for pickleball; playgrounds and a tortoise-themed splash pad; an expanded Storybook Petting Zoo; a pedestrian-friendly picnic plaza with designated space for food trucks, and the future two-sided "Parnell Bowl" bandshell featuring elevated lighting for evening performances and terraced seating to better accommodate large crowds.

Other state-of-the-art site furnishings include new fitness equipment, interactive climbing stones and a pedestrian walking path, and perhaps most importantly, an increase from 175 parking spaces to 219 with installation of 44 EV-ready charging stations. Enhanced treescape, landscaping, solar panels and commissioned art will also be highlighted in the renovation process.

A former girls school site, Parnell Park has served Whittier residents since 1967, and now thanks to a generous \$5 million of state funding from Sen. Bob Archuleta in 2021 coupled with more than \$10 million in City funds, this renovation project is sure to offer future generations of Whittier families a truly enjoyable recreation experience.

City staff has also remained focused on completing an extension of the Greenway Trail to the east end of town. The project requires extensive coordination between the City, Union Pacific Railroad (UPR), and the County of Los Angeles, and there is still work to be done in order to finish the new stretch between Mills Avenue and First Avenue. Sections of the trail are being opened to the public as they are completed.

I have been asked by multiple residents about the black fencing located along both sides of the trail extension, which was required by UPR for safety reasons and installed to avoid public access to the railroad right-of-way. Staff continues to look for opportunities to enhance the experience for walkers and bike riders along the trail and our Whittier Police Department engages regular patrol to ensure safety along the trail. Watch for updates via social media and announcements as we get closer to the (Orange) County line!

The City has also embarked on another much-anticipated capital improvement project that will aim to revitalize the Uptown Whittier business district. Having established temporary outdoor dining in Uptown during the pandemic, the Council has approved designs for a future Greenleaf Promenade that would feature previously adopted Uptown Streetscape Plan elements including sidewalk widening, beautification, lighting, and landscape improvements with the addition of uniform outdoor dining enclosures and enhanced green space from Wardman Street to Hadley Street.

Most recent designs for this stretch of Greenleaf incorporate unique paving and crosswalks, modular seating, shade canopies, and interactive pocket parks with enhanced trees and plants that highlight sustainable, drought-tolerant and vibrant foliage. This stretch of Greenleaf will allow for through traffic during weekdays and close for pedestrian-friendly community events like the Friday Farmer's Market and community gathering space on popular nights and weekends. Construction proposals will be sought in the coming weeks and preliminary infrastructure work and sewer replacements will begin in Uptown later this year.

The City Council is currently working with a developer on the 3.4-acre former Alpha Beta property on Comstock Avenue, which will incorporate residential units with open space, quality retail, and unique businesses that would like to invest in Whittier. The community's vision for Uptown is coming to fruition as we create a destination attractive to residents and visitors alike.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the feedback I've received regarding Kimco's proposal to add future residential units to the existing Whittwood Town Center. Considering the significance of the shopping center, it is vitally important that residents continue to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the proposed changes during this initial phase of planning. Remember that Kimko's proposal is just that - a proposal and is expected to be in front of the City Council early next year.

This large-scale proposal will require considerable public input and the City Council has required Kimco's leadership to coordinate robust public outreach as it moves through the City's process. Our Community Development staff is available to answer questions regarding the Whittwood proposal and any other local developments at (562) 567-9320 or by email to comdev@cityofwhittier.org. I look forward to keeping you informed on the great things happening in Whittier throughout the year!



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### **Dealing with Dementia:**

Repetitive Questioning

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#### Do you know someone who is dealing with dementia?

It's a bit of a trick question, because it's not only the person diagnosed with dementia who has their lives turned upside down: this disease affects everyone else around them.

When we realize that one in three seniors passes away with Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia,<sup>1</sup> it would seem almost inevitable that nearly all of us would have experienced how this disease changes one's life.

Even though countless online, in-person, and zoom educational resources exist, many are unaware of some of the "tools" that can positively influence dementia related behaviors.

As a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP®),<sup>2</sup> at Loving Homecare I spend dozens and dozens of hours each month equipping, practicing, and evaluating our care team's competency with weidling the strategies in their "took kit" of dementia interventions. This unique training is crucial to our ability to elevate the aging experience.

Here are a few such "tools" that you can incorporate to enhance the dignity and your enjoyment of a person with dementia (PWD):

#### Repetitive Behaviors

#### • Use a Large Dry Erase Board to Display the Daily Schedule

Tired of being asked "what time are the grandkids coming?" or "where are we going again today?" Write it down on the daily agenda! Be aware that it may not be consulted to answer their questions initially. However, when a caregiver repeatedly takes them to the whiteboard and points out how it answers the questions, with time the PWD may start referencing this vs. repeatedly asking the question as frequently.

#### Respond Gently and with Patience

How would you feel if you were scolded for something you were convinced you never did? Much friction and frustration families experience with a PWD comes when the family starts to get curt with their loved one over repetitive questions and behavior. Over time the PWD becomes more agitated and themselves respond with frustration and anger. As you would bet, the downward spiral just continues from here.

#### Avoid Mentioning an Upcoming Event Until it's time to Get Ready<sup>3</sup>

If you mention the 2 p.m. doctor's appointment at breakfast, you may hear "when is the appointment?" the rest of the day. If there is an out of the normal event for the day- especially one that may cause excitement or anxiety- wait to mention it until it's time to begin preparing for it.

#### Avoid Visual Triggers

Keep objects out of sight that could trigger repeated questioning. A birthday present or card could trigger "when is the party starting?" Keeping keys in sight may trigger "when are we leaving again?" or "wait, are you going somewhere?" over and over again.

#### • Be a Detective and Find the Root Cause

Just like you and me, there is almost always a reason beneath the surface that triggers a question or behavior. Does the PWD keep asking where a person or object that gives them personal security or comfort is located? More than just providing them the answer or object, think deeper: "why is my loved one anxious? Is there anything that can be modified in the environment to help reduce this?" Are they asking "when is dinner" because they are hungry now? If so, responding with "are you feeling hungry? Would you like a snack?" might be the real solution when hunger, not a curiosity for information, is the real root. These are just a fraction of the tools that, if practiced, can produce better relationships and better living for PWD and their families.

<sup>1</sup> https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures | 2 https://www.nccdp.org | 3 www.UCLAHealth.org

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#### SCAMPI DUMP DINNER

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#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, plus more for the casserole dish
- 12 ounces rotini pasta
- 1 pound frozen peeled and deveined medium shrimp
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/3 cup loosely packed fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup heavy cream, warmed
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Generously grease the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish with butter.
- Spread the rotini in an even layer in the bottom of the prepared dish. Scatter the shrimp over top and dot with the cubes of butter. Pour in the broth, then sprinkle with the red pepper flakes, garlic, lemon zest, 2 teaspoons salt and some black pepper. Cover with aluminum foil and bake until the pasta is al dente, about 25 minutes.
- Meanwhile, in a small bowl, toss together the Parmesan and parsley. When the pasta is done, stir in the warm cream and top with the cheese mixture.

#### SLOW COOKER WENDY'S CHILI (A COPYCAT RECIPE)



**INGREDIENTS** 

- 2 pounds ground beef (I like 90/10)
- 15-oz can of tomato sauce
- 15-oz can of crushed tomatoes
- 2 15-oz cans of petite diced tomatoes
- 2 15-oz cans of red kidney beans (do not drain) 2 15-oz cans of pinto beans (do not drain)
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 green bell peppers, chopped 4 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. cumin
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. butter\*

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Brown the ground beef in a skillet, and then drain.
   Place the beef in the slow cooker.
- Stir in the rest of the ingredients with the exception of the butter. Cook on low for 8-10 hours. Add the butter and stir until melted. Serve chili with saltine crackers.
- This makes a large batch of chili—about 16 cups. Luckily, chili makes for fantastic leftovers, and can even be frozen for another time.

NOTES: \*The butter is clearly optional, but you may notice that Wendy's chili has a silky mouthfeel to it. Adding a touch of butter to the chili gives it that same texture.

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