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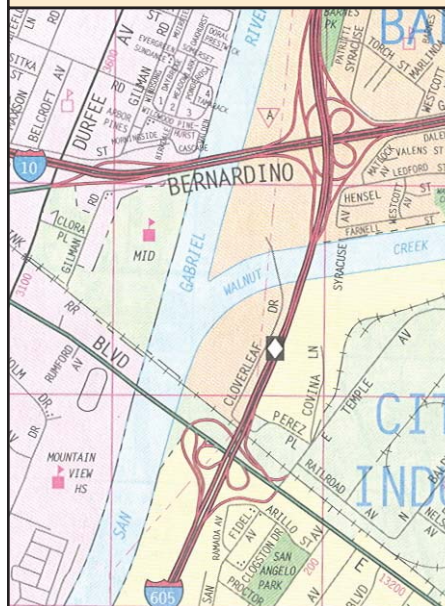
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## 10 & 605 Interchange



The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce as part of the San Gabriel Valley Coalition of Chambers (SGVCC) took an active role in letting the California Transportation Commission know how important it was to the region to have the dangerous 605/10 interchange modified. Two members of the Coalition, Irwindale and El Monte Chambers of Commerce provided funds to send a representative to take that message to Sacramento by attending the California Transportation Commission meeting. The (10 & 605-continued on page 17)

## State of the City Address



Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz

The State of the City Address and Luncheon was held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at Edison CTAC in Irwindale. Presenting sponsor was Picasso's Café, Bakery and Catering. Major Sponsor was 1<sup>st</sup> Centennial Bank and table sponsors included City of Hope, City of Irwindale, Foothill Transit, Securitas Security Services, and Vulcan Materials. Picasso's Café owner, Vince DeRosa

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- ★ **Golf Tournament** ★
- ★ **May 3, 2007** ★
- ★ Sierra La Vern Country Club ★
- ★ Title Sponsor: ★
- ★ **1st Centennial Bank** ★
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**Chief Sol Benudiz**

introduced Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz and invited the 100 attendees to raise their glasses in a toast to the City.

Mayor Ortiz began his address by recognizing Commissioners and Staff in attendance and spoke of 2006 as a year of transition, adding a new Human Resource Manager, Planning Director, Police Chief, and City Manager.

The Mayor went on to explain some of the cities accomplishments such as:

- The soon to open Passport Acceptance Facility at City Hall which will provide passport services for residents and businesses alike.
- The Human Resource Department's career development workshops that are open to residents as well as the business community.
- The construction of 41 single family detached homes and a tot lot park.
- The launch of a comprehensive Community Oriented Policing Program that includes an Intranet site that will be used to support the program while enhancing emergency response capabilities.
- The favorable recommendation of the City's General Plan will be presented to the Council and community for consideration and support within the next few months.
- The anticipated completion of Commercial and Industrial Design Guidelines that will outline high aesthetic standards that will facilitate quality development projects.
- Two redevelopment projects:
  - Speedway Business Park at 2455 Buena Vista on the City's west side which includes 4 buildings totaling approximately 85,000 square feet; 3 buildings are currently occupied and the 4<sup>th</sup> is in negotiations.
  - Future home of Hallet Boats on Rivergrade Road on the west side of the 605 Freeway, covering about 4 ½ acres for new office, manufacturing and boat showroom facilities.
- A new industrial development by McMahon Development at the southeast corner of Irwindale Avenue/Ornelas. This project will consist of one building about 55,000 square feet, and the balance of the site will be built-out

with industrial condo units as small as 3,000 square feet.

- Completed Public Works projects such as median island improvements, sidewalk and landscaping improvements, the City's beautiful entrance monuments, and the recent unveiling of the Veteran's Monument in front of the Police Department.

The Mayor reported that the City has invested \$2.98 million in the last fiscal year for infrastructure, \$362 thousand on traffic signals and streets & highways, \$1.2 million on landscaped street medians and entrance monuments, and \$1.4 million on community facilities. The current budget provides \$14.6 million for infrastructure improvements.

The City of Irwindale continues to operate a balanced budget, with a current General Fund operating budget of \$17 Million. This budget covers costs of general government, public safety, community services, and public works. City annual revenues of approximately \$17.6 million are primarily derived from Sales Taxes, Utility Taxes, and Mining Taxes, which represent 67% of the total annual revenues. Reserve funds have been established for Public Safety emergencies, Pension Cost stabilization, and Capital expenditures for public improvements and replacement of infrastructures.

The Redevelopment Agency's assessed value is now \$1.69 Billion, reflecting a 7.4% increase over the prior year. The tax increment revenues that result from the new developments that have occurred within the redevelopment project area enable the city to fund public improvements that improves public safety and enhances the marketability of the city.

The luncheon concluded with the following presentations:

- Business of the Month-Allstate Insurance Agency, Rachel Leyba
- New Member Plaque-G.E. Property Management
- Ambassador of the Month-Diane Fonseca, Artemis Concepts

Thank you to the following businesses for their generous door prize donations: Allstate Insurance, American Reclamation, Artemis Concepts, Calwax Corporation, Foothill Medical Center, Jan's Towing, Miller Brewing, Picasso's Café, Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing, Sanctuary Shack, Vineyard Bank, and Vulcan Materials.



(L-R) Kevin McDonald, Foothill Transit; Ambassador of the Month Diane Fonseca, Artemis Concepts; Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber; and Ambassador Chair Kim Travanty, Vineyard Bank

# Calendar of Events

## April 2007

*Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals. -Charles M. Crowe-*



|    |   |                      |                            |
|----|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 3  | Ambassador Meeting  | 8:00 a.m.            | Vineyard Bank              |
| 4  | Environmental Committee                                   | Noon                 | Veolia ES Tech.            |
| 5  | Business Development Committee                            | 7:30 a.m.            | Chamber Office             |
| 10 | Irwindale Education Foundation                            | 7:30 a.m.            | Chamber Office             |
| 12 | Let's Do Lunch<br>Presenting Sponsor: 1st Centennial Bank | 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Four Points<br>By Sheraton |
| 18 | HR Roundtable   | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Community Center           |
| 23 | Board of Directors Meeting                                | 3:00 p.m.            | Chamber Office             |
| 26 | GMI Breakfast<br>Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe       | 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  | Picasso's Cafe             |

## May 2007

*"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." -Benjamin Disraeli-*



|    |  |                       |                                 |
|----|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Ambassador Meeting   | 8:00 a.m.             | Vineyard Bank                   |
| 2  | Business Development Committee   | 7:30 a.m.             | Chamber Office                  |
| 2  | Environmental Committee  | Noon                  | Chamber Office                  |
| 3  | 27th Annual Golf Tournament<br>Presenting Sponsor: 1st Centennial Bank | 10:00 a.m.            | Sierra La Verne<br>Country Club |
| 8  | Irwindale Education Foundation   | 7:30 a.m.             | Chamber Office                  |
| 10 | Let's Do Lunch   | 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  | TBD                             |
| 28 | Board of Directors Meeting   | 3:00 p.m.             | Chamber Office                  |
| 24 | GMI Breakfast-Mini Expo<br>Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe          | 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.   | Picasso's Cafe                  |
| 28 | Memorial Day   | <b>CHAMBER CLOSED</b> |                                 |

## June 2007

*"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." -- Anne Sexton*



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|----|---|----------------------|----------------|
| 5  | Ambassador Meeting                                  | 8:00 a.m.            | Vineyard Bank  |
| 6  | Environmental Committee                             | Noon                 | Chamber Office |
| 7  | Business Development Committee                      | 7:30 a.m.            | Chamber Office |
| 12 | Irwindale Education Foundation                      | 7:30 a.m.            | Chamber Office |
| 14 | Let's Do Lunch<br>Business Card Bingo               | 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | TBD            |
| 25 | Board of Directors Meeting                          | 3:00 p.m.            | Chamber Office |
| 28 | GMI Breakfast<br>Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe | 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  | Picasso's Cafe |

**Save the Date**

**Irwindale Educational Foundation BBQ**  
**Friday, July 20, 2007**  
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The foundation has awarded \$140,000 to  
 107 applicants since 2002.

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## Member News



(L-R) Mercedes & Steve Castro, Eagle Photography

Eagle Photography, is a new member to the Irwindale Chamber but not to the world of award winning professional photography. Steve Castro was trained as a photojournalist in the United States Air Force and has worked as a professional photographer for more years than he would care to remember. If you are looking for a professional photographer to provide your company with portraits of those valued employees, photographic memories of that special event or to provide you with photographs of your latest product for a new brochure, look no further. Mr. Castro's work is featured in the sales office of the new Rosedale Housing Development in Azusa as well as in numerous newspapers though the Valley. Weddings are a labor of love for this gifted man having captured 100's of happy couples on their special day. Give him a call and let him make your special event more than a fond memory. Steve can be reached at 626-367-6123



(L-R) Kevin McDonald, Foothill Transit; Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz, G.E. Property; and Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber of Commerce

**G.E. Property Management, Inc.** is a local commercial developer, manager and leasing firm. We specialize in small strip centers and we represent banks, restaurants and a variety of mom & pop tenants in locating their sites. We constantly look for development sites from 1-2 acres for strip centers.

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**10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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## Business of the Month



### February Business of the Month: Pro Printing

Pro Printing is owned and operated by Roger Ellenson and his wife of 30 years, Shelly. Pro Printing has been in business since 1980. Roger first joined the Chamber in 1984 and was an Ambassador back in the Joe DiShanni days. With great regard for community service, he founded the Arcadia Sunrise Rotary in 1986 and was treasurer for four years. He has also served on the Lincoln Center Board of Directors. Pro Printing supports many worthwhile nonprofit organizations with their printing needs. Roger has fast turnaround time and the quality of his work is outstanding. He and Shelly are a pleasure to do business with.



### March Business of the Month: R. Leyba Insurance Agency/ Allstate Insurance

**Business Accomplishments:** She is a franchise owner of the Allstate Insurance Agency located in Irwindale, CA. She has been an Allstate Insurance agent for 26 years. At Allstate she has earned Honor Ring, National Conference, and Quality Agent awards.

**Community Service:** Rachel's volunteer service to the community include: serving as a den leader, troop treasurer, and popcorn chairperson with the Boys Scouts; she has volunteered numerous hours to her children's schools, and she has participated in job shadow for the Azusa School District.

**Chamber Activity:** Rachel has earned ambassador of the month, ambassador of the year, and was Ambassador Chairperson. She has served on the golf committee for the last three years, makes calls to secure silent auction and raffle items, has helped with Heartbeat for Irwindale, and is currently a Chamber Board Member.

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## Good Morning Irwindale

By: Michelle Bart, Helping Heroes Produciton

The monthly networking breakfast, Good Morning Irwindale in February had a new spin as the program of the day was for members to give kudos to other members. With 33 members present, the networking and compliment portion of the breakfast was fun! Members learned more about each other and the companies they represent. Cornerstone members were recognized and our presenting sponsor, Picasso's Café, Bakery, and Catering invited everyone to join them on Fresh Fish Fridays in the café.

The spotlight member was Renaissance Pleasure Faire and it was a joy learning more about this community event in our own backyard. The Fair begins in April! It was also announced that Pro Printing will be honored as the February Business of the month! Way to go Roger, we're so proud of you!

A big thank you also goes out to our Ambassadors and businesses that continue to support us by contributing doors prizes. This month's contributors were: Calwax, Diversified Transportation, Duarte Family Chiropractor, Helping Heroes, Jan's Towing, Rancho Duarte Florist, Renaissance Pleasure Faire, Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing, and SCE Federal Credit Union.

## Emotional Leakage

(Getting Mad at Peter and Taking it Out on Paul)

By: Nancy Friedman, The Telephone Doctor

We've all seen it happen. A coworker comes into work storming angry; mouth turned down in a frown; walks through the office without saying hello to anyone; sits down at his desk and starts barking orders to his coworkers; doesn't come out of his office; and when his phone rings he picks it up and bellows out: "Yea?" Sad isn't it? Something must have happened before he got to work and he carried it right inside the building. Telephone Doctor calls this "Emotional Leakage" and we cure it all the time.

Hey, it's no fun to get up on the wrong side of the bed in the morning. And it's sure not fun to get a flat tire on the way to work or to argue with someone before breakfast. It's unfortunate that some people aren't able to shake it off and move on about their business.

Emotional leakage is getting mad at Peter and taking it out on Paul. Not right, not fair, not fun. Taking a negative emotion out on someone who wasn't involved? How RUDE can you get?

If emotionally leaking on coworkers certainly isn't fair, then emotionally leaking on customers is even worse than not fair. The customer or coworker, in most cases, wasn't involved with whatever put you in a bad mood, so why take it out on them? Few things are more unfair and damaging to a relationship than emotional leaking a negative experience on someone who wasn't involved. And yet, unfortunately it happens every day. At home, in the office, on the streets, in the stores. Sad isn't it?

(Emotioal Leakage-continued on page 8)

# First Quarter Renewals



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**Wednesday, April 18, 2007**

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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(Emotional Leakage-continued from page 6)

While shopping the other day, the person helping me was obviously not in a good mood at all. In fact, I think if she smiled her face would have cracked. She gave me one-word answers and kept turning her head to see who was coming or going. (I wasn't sure.) Normally, I walk out on that type of service. It's just not worth my time to be treated like that. But this time, I was in a hurry and needed the product. So I did something I don't normally do. I asked her if every thing was all right? Was she OK? I tried to make it sound as though I was interested (even though I wasn't.) But I sure didn't want her negative emotions leaking on me any longer.

With a big sigh, and a sad face, she told me she and her boyfriend had a big fight the night before and she was hoping he'd come by and apologize. "Excuse me," I said, "was I with you?" Believe it or not she smiled and said, "Of course not." Then I nicely told her, "If I wasn't there, I don't want to be part of that argument."

She started to apologize, as well she should. Then I thought about a vase I had once. I dropped it. It broke into several pieces. My husband, Dick, and I talked about whether we should take it somewhere and have a professional put it back together. Dick said, "We can do that if you'd like, but it will never be the same. You'll always feel the cracks."

And so it is with our coworkers and customers. You can be in a bad mood. . be it an argument, a flat tire or breaking your favorite item. And you can apologize, but people still remember how you treated them. How you made them feel. And they will – for a long time, too.

So how do we cure emotional leakage? It's a quick 4-step process. Stop what you're doing. Take a deep breath. Put on a phony smile (yes, you can). Regain your professional composure. And then talk with the person – in person or on the phone. Emotionally leaking on someone is NEVER right.

And, of course, there are times when we'll get emotionally leaked on by others. Think how you feel when that happens to you. . and then remember to never emotionally leak on others.

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# The Green Pages

April 2007



## Basic Quake Planning Issues in Regard to Children

By April Kelcy, Earthquake Solutions

### Infants and Toddlers:

The most important factor is to make every environmental and activity as safe as possible. You will probably not be able to reach them and protect them during a serious quake, even if you are only a couple of feet away, due to the severity of the shaking.

- Make sure all furniture is secured to the walls correctly, and with appropriate seismic braces.
- Avoid using furniture accessories in the bedroom that are on wheels. Remove the wheels from the cribs.
- Do not place cribs or beds directly under windows.
- If the windows in the nursery are not of safety glass, consider adding after-market safety film.
- Use full coverage window coverings and be sure they are always closed when the child is sleeping.
- Set crib mattresses at low levels. It is more likely a child could be thrown out of the crib if the mattress level is set high.
- Be sure to anchor high chairs to the wall, and to always use the body straps, even when the child is physically able to reliably sit without them.
- Be ready with at least 72 hours of supplies for you and your child, including basic items like extra clean water, formula, diapers, wipes, medications and other needed items.
- Use good cabinet latches, above the countertop as well as below. It may be less than three seconds before all the cabinet cabinets have spilled out, creating dangerous shards as much as two feet deep.
- Be insistent that a good seismic strap be installed on your refrigerator. Because of the wheels, many have careened through more than one room with enough force to punch a hole in an exterior wall during heavy shaking.
- Make sure a stroller, wagon or other device with wheels is always available, whether out or at home, in case you need to quickly evacuate.

### Preschool and Elementary School-Age Children:

By about age three, children can begin to understand what an earthquake is, and you can begin to work with them to teach them how to stay safe during the shaking.

- Take the time to explain what an earthquake is in terms they'll understand. The science may not be as important for younger children to understand as to the effects. A good prop to use is the "California Canned Earthquake".

- Including children in your family discussions, planning and activities in a positive way can create togetherness and inculcate the value of safety while making the child less fearful.
- Work on making sure children understand the differences between how to protect themselves during a fire, versus during an earthquake.
- Nationwide, structure fires are still a frequent occurrence. Be sure to have a designated family meeting and safety spot outside the home, even if you will need to assist your children out.
- Teach the "drop, cover and hold" procedure in all kinds of environments, including when there is a sturdy table to get under, and when there is not.
- It is all too common an experience for emergency cards at schools not to be returned until weeks or months later, or the school emergency card is not kept up to date with current contact information. This could be critical to you and your child, so be vigilant about keeping the correct information on file at all times.
- Schools in California are required to have a written safety plan that includes a section on disaster preparedness. Unfortunately, many schools do not have adequate and up-to-date plans. Ask to see the plans, and offer your services, if possible, as a Safety Committee or Disaster Committee volunteer.
- A major earthquake threat exists at too many public schools in the region because computer monitors, televisions, bookcases and similar items do not have seismic braces. These hazards are more likely to kill or injure your child than the probability that the building will fall down. It is as important for classrooms and evacuation paths to be protected from falling hazards, as it is to wear a proper seat belt in a car. In a 7.1 earthquake, the acceleration rate can reach up to 60 miles per hour in 2.6 seconds.

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# Earth Day Network Reality Check

Submitted By: Craig Doerr, American Reclamation

## 177 billion

Number of dollars U.S. consumers saved in 2005 because of improvements in automobile efficiency since 1973

## 13.1 billion

Number of gallons saved if every American converted to one of the four most efficient cars in each class

## 8 billion

Amount American consumers lose daily because of idle electronic functions such as lit display clocks, memory chips, and remote control functions

## 495 million

Number of dollars U.S. consumers spend on gasoline every day

## 75 million

Number of dollars saved in electricity costs if all U.S. companies switched to Energy Star exit signs

## 550,000

Number of trees you would save if you recycled all the newspaper in the U.S. on one average Sunday

## 22,000

Number of pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) released by the average household each year

## 4281

Number of acres of rainforest lost every hour worldwide

## 2020

Year that Mt. Kilimanjaro's glaciers will be completely gone

## 70

Percent of world's population that lives in the tropics and will therefore be dramatically affected by climate change effects such as rising sea levels and warmer temperatures

## 50

Number of years it will take for the Greenland ice sheet to be completely eliminated at the current rate of emissions

## 30

Number of dollars saved in energy costs for every light bulb replaced with an Energy Star bulb

## 20

Percentage of total heat lost in a typical home because of poor sealing

## 9

Percentage of species facing extinction because of global climate change

## 3

Percentage of average heating bill a household would save for every degree it lowers its thermostat in the winter

## 1

Number of people it takes to start change

## The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee

E-mail your environmental questions to our committee and one of our committee members will respond to you.

### **Chair:** Celia Smith- **Pegasus Building Services**

Sol Benudiz - **Irwindale Police Department**

Ann Croissant- **San Gabriel Mountain Conservancy**

Craig Doerr- **American Reclamation**

Jayne Foote- **Veolia ES Technical Solutions**

Raymond Hamada- **City of Irwindale**

April Kelcy- **Earthquake SOLUTIONS**

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Lisa Bailey- **Irwindale Chamber of Commerce**

Dominique Yates- **Irwindale Chamber of Commerce**

### **Mission Statement**

To prepare, inform and advocate, on behalf of the business and residential community, environmental concerns and emergency preparation and response planning.

### **Join the Committee**

If you care about health and safety issues that affect community business, or the environment, you should consider this committee.

**Meeting:** 1st Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Irwindale Chamber of Commerce,  
16102 Arrow Highway, Irwindale  
(one block east of Irwindale avenue)

E-mail: [EnviroCommittee@irwindalechamber.org](mailto:EnviroCommittee@irwindalechamber.org)

Website: [www.EnviroCommittee.com](http://www.EnviroCommittee.com)

# 2007 Heartbeat for Irwindale Energy Forum



Pictured (L-R) Bob Cruz, Southern California Gas Company; Dan Tunnicliff, Southern California Edison; David Ashuckian, California Energy Commission; Jose Vergara, Metropolitan Water District; Steve Hruby, Southern California Gas Company; and Elisa Clifford, Southern California Edison.

The Heartbeat for Irwindale Energy Forum was put on by the Chamber's Environmental and Legislative Business Affairs Committee in conjunction with the Chamber's monthly luncheon on February 15, 2007. The presenting sponsor was Southern California Edison CTAC. Community Sponsors included: The Gas Company, Hanson Aggregates, Picasso's Café, Bakery & Catering, Ready Pac Produce, SCE Federal Credit Union, and Veolia ES Technical Solutions

Each panelist listed below gave a 10 minute presentation with regard to infrastructure, energy efficiency & conservation, as well as future energy challenges. These presentations can be viewed in their entirety on the Chamber's website by visiting [www.irwindalechamber.org](http://www.irwindalechamber.org), click on *Environmental Committee* and then on to *Featured Presentations*.

Panelists in order of presentations:

**David Ashuckian**, California Energy Commission  
**Daniel Tunnicliff**, Southern California Edison  
**Jose Vergara**, Metropolitan Water District  
**Steven Hruby**, Southern California Gas Company

(Information compiled from notes taken during the event)

**What is MWD doing to safeguard water sources from terrorism?**

**Jose:** We would like everyone to rest assured that all the necessary safeguards are in place to protect the public. We have to keep it a secret until it is time for implementation, but, again, there are safeguards in place now in addition to the new procedures being developed.

**Has Edison considered a light bulb exchange program for residents where customers can bring in old standard light bulbs in exchange for new, energy efficient light bulbs?**

**Dan:** I know of programs with retail stores such as Costco that are similar to what you are asking but I will check into the residential programs and inform the Chamber. (For most recent information, check the Edison website [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com))

**I've seen that Venezuela's Chavez can now make changes to the country's oil, gas and electricity industries merely by Presidential decree. Assuming the worst, what might happen in our energy markets?**

**Steve:** He has some affiliations that give him a positive report with the people such as NASCAR but as far as his image in reference to gas it seems negative. I don't really see any effect as far as the perspective of the Natural Gas Co.

**Dave:** It is a global commodity and could only be affected in the interest of supply and demand, meaning they will go where they can get the best price for it.

**What new technology is on the drawing board to replace old power plants and what is the affect on the environment?**

**Dave:** The State is working to expand our portfolio of renewable energy by tapping into sources that, in the past, was too expensive for the amount of product it would yield. The best technologies, though, are the programs that we have been mentioning. They are really the most effective protector of the environment and our best bet in the interest of renewable.

**Steve:** If certain government regulations go into effect it will lower the supply of gas into California. That means that the price of gas will increase. Since electric prices are tied to gas we may see higher gas prices drive the price of electric up as well.

**Dan:** Fifty-five to sixty-five percent of our portfolio is based on natural gas so the price of gas inevitably will drive the price of electric. If nothing else, this information makes the energy efficiency programs all that much more important.

**Is the price of water rising also?**

**Jose:** We have the cheapest water in the world. That could be why we waste so much of it. I think that if the price of a gallon did rise then maybe we would waste less, but I don't see that in the projections just yet.

**Are utilities taking into account the impact of global weather change on consumption? It seems consumption will increase with the temperature.**

**Dan:** We have already developed new rules in light of legislation, and that is why energy efficiency is so important. Reduction of energy consumption can have an indirect effect on global energy.

**Dave:** According to data, it seems that though the average temperature is rising, the peaks are unchanged. Energy is based more upon the peaks so there should be that much of an adjustment.

**Jose:** We are taking measures on how to deal with the climate changes.

**Steve:** I ditto the other panelist.

# Will Your Child Wake Up When the Smoke Detector Sounds?

Submitted By: April Kelcy, Earthquake SOLUTIONS



Each year, families and homeowners are reminded by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to ensure that their smoke alarms are working properly and have fresh batteries. For daylight

saving time CPSC and USFA are adding a new message: use the time change as an opportunity to take a fresh look at your family's fire escape plan.

While smoke alarms have helped save countless lives over the past 30 years, research has shown that children younger than 16 may not reliably wake up when the alarm goes off. The fact that children may sleep through the sound of a smoke alarm must be taken into account when creating the family fire escape plan.

CPSC, USFA, the National Fire Protection Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and International Association of Fire Fighters all recommend that families conduct a fire escape drill either late at night or early in the morning. This drill will help parents determine if their child/children are awakened by and able to respond to the sound of a smoke alarm. For those children who do not respond, the traditional fire escape plan of everyone meeting at a common location outside the home may leave them at risk. The fire safety community encourages parents and caregivers to assist children in getting to a safe location when an alarm activates at a time when they are asleep.

"No community can put a firefighter on every street corner. Everyone can, however, put a firefighter on duty 24 hours a day and 7 days a week by having and using working smoke alarms in their homes," said USFA Acting Administrator Charlie Dickinson.

"Smoke alarms save lives - everyone should have working alarms on each floor of their house and inside every bedroom," said CPSC Acting Chairman Nancy Nord. "So that even more lives can be saved in the future, the fire safety community is currently working to improve smoke alarm audibility for children."

Consumers should replace their smoke alarms every 10 years since the sensors in these devices can degrade because of environmental contamination and from age. In addition to replacing batteries in smoke alarms at least once every year, CPSC and USFA recommend testing them monthly. Battery

backup is an important consideration for those alarms that are powered by your home's electrical system.

Between 1999 and 2003, there were an estimated 356,000 unintentionally set residential fires reported to fire departments annually. These fires resulted in an estimated annual average of 2,500 deaths and 14,000 injuries.

CPSC staff came to the following conclusions about children and smoke alarms in a 2004 report on this issue:

- Children under the age of 16 have longer periods of deep sleep compared to adults.
- Current smoke alarms do not reliably wake children under the age of 16.
- Various home configurations and locations of smoke alarms can limit the transmission of sound throughout the house.
- Interconnected smoke alarms can provide earlier warning of smoke and fire and placing them **inside** bedrooms may provide improved warning when bedroom doors are closed.



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## Family Leave

By: California Chamber of Commerce

Our organization has fewer than 50 employees. Must we grant an employee a leave of absence for baby bonding?

Private sector employers with fewer than 50 employees are not subject to the state and federal family and medical leave laws that require employers to provide such a leave to eligible employees.

Although private sector employers with 50 or more employees are subject to state and federal family and medical leave laws, employees must meet eligibility requirements to actually be protected by the law. The employee must have worked for the employer for 12 months (need not be consecutive) and for 1,250 hours in the 12 months before the need for leave.

**Company Policy:** An employer's own practice or policy will govern if the company employs fewer than 50 employees or if an employee is not yet eligible for family and medical leave.

Employers should consider whether they have permitted other employees to take time off for the same or similar reasons. If the employee was granted the time off, did the employer guarantee reinstatement, or did the employer advise the employee that the time would be granted without guaranteed reinstatement?

**Paid Family Leave:** Employees often are confused by their ability to file for so-called Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits, which are not a leave of absence. PFL benefits are administered by the state Employment Development Department (EDD).

Employees contribute to PFL through taxes, and may apply for the benefits when they are unable to work because they are needed to care for an ill family member, bond with a newborn adopted or foster care child, or care for the employee's registered domestic partner.

PFL benefits begin after a seven-day period of loss of wages, and eligible employees may receive the partial wage replacement for up to six weeks in a 12-month period.

If an employee is out for a reason that may qualify for PFL benefits, he/she should be provided with the required pamphlet about benefits and information about any leave available under the company's policy or practice.

If the employer does not offer a leave of absence, the employer should notify the employee that any absences are not protected by the employer's policy and that the person's job will not be held open.

**Resources:** Learn more about this topic with the following resources at [www.calbizcentral.com](http://www.calbizcentral.com):

- Pregnancy Disability Leave 201 Live Web Seminar-March 22;
- Paid Family Leave pamphlet;
- Managing Leaves of Absence book; and
- Leaves of Absence Primer.

## Overtime Pay

By: California Chamber of Commerce

At times we receive requests from employees who want to work a second shift performing completely different duties. For example, an employee working in an office/clerical position wants to work a second shift as a janitor. Will we have to pay overtime?

California law requires overtime payment for time worked more than eight hours or 10 hours for certain agricultural occupations in any one workday. A workday is defined as a consecutive 24-hour period starting at the same time each calendar day. The fact that an employee performs a different duty within the same workday does not remove the obligation to pay overtime. Unless an alternative workweek is established, any written agreement or waiver of overtime is invalid.

**Employee Request for Overtime:** It is not uncommon for employers to receive employee requests to work additional hours beyond their usual eight-hour shift. On occasion, the employee is persistent in requesting more work hours.

Frequently, the employer is aware of the situation and is sympathetic with the employee's plight. In an effort to be responsive to the employee's needs and with the best of intentions, the employer allows the additional work.

In these situations, the employee and employer may realize that an overtime obligation exists and in an effort to remove that obstacle, the employee voluntarily signs an agreement waiving any overtime payment.

**Multiple Businesses Owners:** In another scenario, employers who own separate businesses may respond to an employee's request for more hours by allowing the employee to work for several of their businesses. Be very careful about automatically assuming that overtime is not due. Determining the requisite overtime in this scenario is a little more complicated.

The definition of "employer" is very broad for the purposes of wage-and-hour law, and as a result there may be more than one entity responsible for the payment of wages. The Industrial Welfare Commission orders define an "employer" as any person (including associations, organizations, partnerships, corporations) who directly or indirectly, or through an agent or any other person, employs or exercises control over wages, hours or working conditions of any person.

If the businesses are not completely disassociated with respect to the employment of a particular employee, the businesses may be deemed to share control of the employee, either directly or indirectly. If this is the case, all hours worked at each business would be counted toward the total hours worked in a day, and hours worked beyond eight would result in overtime being owed.

A claim for unpaid overtime can be very costly. Not only may an employee file a claim for three years of unpaid overtime wages, but an employer is subject to civil penalties as well.

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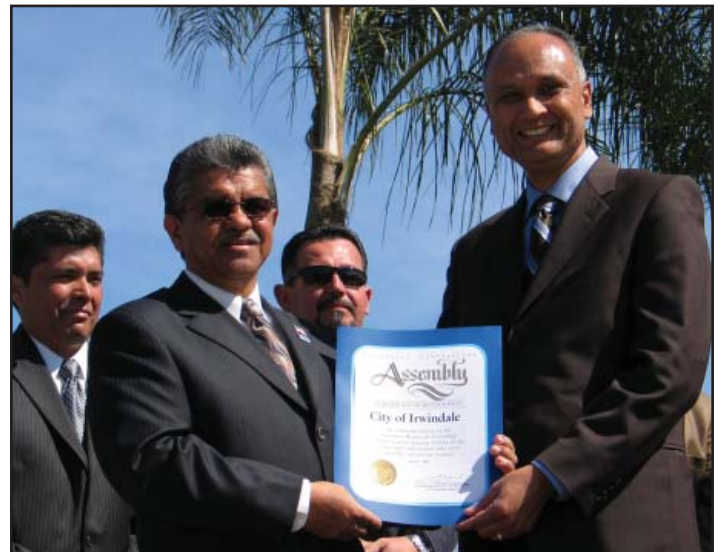


## Veteran's Monument

On Saturday, March 3rd, 2007, the City of Irwindale unveiled its long awaited Veterans Monument. Engraved on the monument were the names of persons who served in the military and who live or lived in Irwindale. This special event was of great importance to our residents and to all those in attendance. It was a moving and inspiring celebration that brought many together to honor those who helped in unifying the sacrifices that many have made in order that freedom and liberty can be enjoyed by all.



Colonel Jeffrey Robertson, Director of Staff of the U. S. 4th Air Force, was the keynote speaker at our special event. Pictured from left are Mayor Ortiz, Colonel Robertson, and Councilwoman Gomez.



## Assemblyman Ed Hernandez

Presenting the City with a Certificate of Recognition commemorating the unveiling of our Veteran's Monument, was Assemblyman Ed Hernandez who was one of the several distinguished guests in attendance. Pictured in back from left are Councilman Miranda and Councilman Breceda. In front from left are Mayor Ortiz and Assemblyman Ed Hernandez.

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### Representing Congresswoman Hilda Solis

Pictured is Brian Urias, Field Deputy for Congresswoman Solis, presenting a Certificate of Congressional Recognition to Mayor Ortiz on the occasion of the unveiling of our Veterans Monument. Also pictured in back from left are Councilman Miranda, Councilman Breceda, and Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes.



### Representing Senator Gloria Romero

Pictured is Gustavo Camacho, Field Deputy for Senator Gloria Romero who presented a proclamation to Mayor Ortiz honoring our courageous men and women who served in the Armed Services of the United States.



### Viewing the Monument

Pictured viewing our new Veteran's Monument are just some of the many who attended this momentous event.



### Baldwin Park City Council

The City Council of the City of Baldwin Park presented a plaque in recognition of all military veterans to Mayor Ortiz. Pictured from left are Baldwin Park Councilman Ricardo Pacheco, Irwindale Mayor Ortiz, Baldwin Park Mayor Pro Tem Marlen Garcia and Baldwin Park Mayor Manuel Lozano.



Showing their true patriotism were the Irwindale Tiny Tots. Their singing of "God Bless America" was a special moment during our unveiling of the Veteran's Monument.



Pictured are members of the Northview High School Band at the unveiling of our Veteran's Monument. Their performance was very inspiring and added greatly to the special day.

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## Business of the Month

At the City Council meeting of February 28th, 2007, Pro Printing was recognized for being selected as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for February. Pro Printing has been a member of our Chamber of Commerce since 1991 and very involved in our community. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success with your business. Pictured from left to right in back are Mayor Pro Tem David Fuentes and Councilwoman Suzanne Gomez. In front from left is Lisa Bailey, President/CEO of the Chamber, Roger Ellenson, owner of Pro Printing, Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz, Councilman Mark Breceda and Councilman Julian Miranda.



## American Red Cross Month

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood, workplace or school or can confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services – water, gas, electricity or telephones – were cut off? That's where the American Red Cross comes in. They are usually the first on the scene to offer assistance. To honor the Red Cross for their outstanding volunteer work, the City Council proclaimed March as "American Red Cross Month" at their meeting of February 28th, 2007. Accepting the proclamation was Annette Marquez, Event Coordinator/Financial Development for the San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Pictured from left to right are Mayor Pro Tem David Fuentes; Annette Marquez, from the Red Cross, Councilwoman Suzanne Gomez, Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz, Councilman Mark Breceda and Councilman Julian Miranda.


(10 & 605-continued from coverage)

SGVCC then invited both Assemblyman Dr. Ed Hernandez and Commissioner Torres, a former Congressman and retiring member of the California Transportation Commission to attend the Coalition's February 12<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. Both of these fine men took the time to attend and listen to the united voice of the Coalition members. The SGVCC strongly encouraged Commissioner Torres to reconsider adding the 605/10 freeway interchange upgrade back as one of the proposed projects to be funded by Proposition 1B.

Letters of support were sent to Congresswoman Hilda Solis and Supervisor Molina who were actively working on this issue thanking them for their efforts. Lisa Bailey, President and CEO of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce stated "We were very excited to learn from Supervisor Molina's office that the CTC did include in its recommendations to allocate funds for the 605/10 interchange. The Coalition really came together on an issue, was proactive and we made a difference".

The San Gabriel Valley Coalition of Chambers was formed in 2005 to serve as a public policy advocacy body on issues that impact the business and economic climate of the San Gabriel Valley. Currently Chaired by Bob Cruz of the Gas Company representing the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, membership is open to all San Gabriel Valley Chambers of Commerce. Currently representatives from Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Duarte, El Monte/ So. El Monte, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Verne, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Dimas, Temple City, and West Covina Chambers of Commerce participate.

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## Summer Discount Plan

By: Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison is currently offering an energy reduction program that will provide up to \$240 credit for business customers and up to \$200 credit for residential customers on power bills. The Summer Discount Plan allows for cost savings while also benefiting the environment and improving electrical supply during peak power periods. Southern California Edison's Summer Discount Plan is designed to be an easy, but effective way to minimize peak periods of electrical use by temporarily shutting down air conditioning compressors. These temporary curtailments, if needed, are implemented by remote control and require a simple one-time installation that is provided by Southern California Edison free of charge.

Various commercial and residential options are available within the Summer Discount Plan, allowing for maximum comfort, maximum savings, or simply a good value. Credit is based upon option selection. As an additional incentive, all residential applications received prior to March 15, 2007 will receive a complimentary \$20 Starbucks gift card.

For additional information and an application for the Summer Discount Plan, please contact Elisa Clifford, Southern California Edison Region Manager for Local Public Affairs at [elisa.clifford@sce.com](mailto:elisa.clifford@sce.com) or 626.303.8429. Please specify interest in either the commercial or residential program and provide a mailing address.

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## Tax Tips

By: Bill Leonard, State Board of Equalization

Independent Distributors and Sales Tax. We all know people who have a home-based business, often just a small venture based on a hobby or to help a stay-at-home mom earn extra income.

They sell jewelry or craft products or other small items, all of which are tangible personal property subject to the sales tax. I heard a story about one such business this week that was disturbing. This independent sales person buys her products at a reduced price from her distributor and pays sales tax to the company for those products. She then increases the prices for resale to customers and charges them sales tax on the higher price.

However, she is not sending that sales tax to the state and says that her accountant told her she does not have to because she earns only a nominal amount from the business. I would like to remind everyone that every penny of sales tax you collect must be remitted to the state; there is no threshold income level or net sales number or business size requirement. If you collect any sales tax for the state, you must turn it over to the state.

If you are engaged in a small business of this type and are not sure about how the sales tax on your products gets paid, I urge you to go to this link to learn about obtaining a state seller's permit and keeping yourself above the law: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm>.

### Small Business Consulting

- The SBDC is an economic development project of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the California Community Colleges, operating as a full service business assistance center. The SBDC services include one-on-one business counseling, loan application assistance, business development seminars, and onsite consulting.
- Please call the SBDC at 800-450-7232 to schedule your consultation, or to register for an upcoming workshop.

### Upcoming Workshops

#### E-Commerce & Websites for the Small Business

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

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#### Writing Your Business Plan

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

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@ Irwindale Community Center

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Louis Ornelas *Ready-Pac Produce*  
Jesus Rodriguez *Decore-Ative Specialties*  
Kim Travanty *Vineyard Bank*  
*Director* Brad Baxter *City Manager*  
**Ex-Officio:** Lisa Bailey *President/CEO*  
**Staff:** Dominique Yates *Membership Event Manager*  
Veronica Orosco *Administrative Assistant*

**CHAMBER MEETINGS**

**Ambassadors** 1st Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. at Vineyard Bank  
**Board of Directors** 4th Monday  
3:00 p.m. at the Chamber  
**Environmental Committee** 1st Wednesday  
12:00 noon at the Chamber  
**Luncheons** 2nd Thursday  
Location Varies  
**Business Development** 1st Thursday at the Chamber  
7:30 a.m.  
**Networking Breakfast** 4th Thursday at Picasso's Cafe  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
**Toastmasters** Every Wednesday at Irwindale Community  
7:15 a.m. (Visitors always welcome!)

**IRWINDALE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**Am-Vets Post 113**  
16124 Calle de Paseo, Irwindale, CA 91806  
Meets 1st Friday at Am-Vets Park (626) 338-4440 Ben Aguayo  
**Irwindale Educational Foundation**  
P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale, CA 91706-1168  
Board Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber  
**Irwindale Lions Club**  
P.O. Box 2093, Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m. at Covina Bowl  
**Irwindale-Salvatierra, GTO, Mexico Sister City Corporation**  
P.O. Box 2054, Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.  
**Knights of Columbus**  
16025 E. Cypress Ave., Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall  
**Rotary Club**  
P.O. Box 65, Azusa, CA 91702-0065, (626)969-2383  
Meets at noon every Thursday @ Shanghai Buffet, 1250 W. Foothill Bl, Azusa  
**Sociedad Progresista Mexicana, Inc.**  
(626) 337-1193 Antonio Salazar  
Meets once a month (usually Tuesday), City Council Chambers  
**V.F.W. Irwindale Post 9895**  
P.O. Box 2054, Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets 3rd Thursday at 4117 Alderson Street, Baldwin Park, CA

**City of Irwindale**

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**City Council**

Mayor: H. Manuel Ortiz  
Mayor Pro Tem: David Fuentes  
Council Members: Mark A. Breceda,  
Suzanne Gomez, and Julian A. Miranda

**City Council Meetings**

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

**City Staff**

City Manager: Brad Baxter  
Assistant City Manager: Camille Diaz  
Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer: Kwok Tam  
Finance Director & City Treasurer: Abraham De Dios  
Director of Planning: Raymond Hamada  
Human Resource Manager: Sharmeen Bhojani  
Economic Development Manager: Elaine Cullen  
Deputy City Clerk: Linda Kimbro

**Planning Commission**

Chair: Richard Chico Vice Chair: Robert E. Hartman  
Commissioners: Doloras Amador Larry Burrola and Arthur R Tapia

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

Chair: Dan Diaz Vice Chair: Belen Zepeda  
Commissioners: Erlinda Duran, Paula Fraijo,  
and Carol Hernandez

**Senior Citizen Commission**

Chair: David Martinez Vice Chair: Maggie Guzman  
Commissioners: Stella Breceda,  
Nellie Tapia and Patricia Trippy

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**Library.....(626) 430-2229**

City Librarian: Pat Sullivan  
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 430-2266

**Recreation.....(626) 430-2224**

16053 Calle de Paseo Fax: (626) 962-3022  
Recreation Manager: Dan Grijalva  
Recreation Supervisor: Carol Acosta  
Recreation Supervisor: Priscilla Zepeda

**Senior Center.....(626) 430-2283**

16116 Arrow Highway Fax: (626) 430-2275  
Senior Citizen Coordinator: Jackie Delgado  
Assistant To Senior Citizen Coordinator: Sara Ponce

**Service Yard.....(626) 430-2280**

16034 Calle del Norte  
Public Works Manager: Mike Rados  
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**Police Department**

Chief Sol Benudiz

**Emergency..... 9-1-1**

Phone (non emergency)...(626) 430-2244  
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 856-0471

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