



Man in Black: Thomas Mundy at Superior Thread Rolling in Arleta.

INDUSTRIAL SKILL GAP

Apprentice program answers manufacturers' labor shortage

By **MARK R. MADLER** Staff Reporter

Thomas Mundy faces a lack of trained machinists at his shop, but he hopes a federal labor program will help him fill those positions.

His company, **Superior Thread Rolling Co.** in Arleta, is one of eight Valley-region manufacturers taking part in the California Advanced Manufacturing

Apprenticeship Collaborative, or CAMAC program, which combines classroom training with paid, on-the-job experience. The program is run by a collaborative that includes the U.S. Department of Labor, **Goodwill Southern California**, community colleges and **ToolingU**, an industrial training and development nonprofit.

Traditionally, apprentices prepared for industrial jobs such as machinists or

electricians, but the training method has expanded in recent years to industrial maintenance workers and early childhood educators. Manufacturing is one sector that needs more apprentices, as the Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts machinist jobs should grow by 10 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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Attorneys Hear Migrant Fears

LAW: Trump talk sends workers, employers to seek counsel.

By **STEPHANIE HENKEL** Staff Reporter

Ever since the Trump administration began re-writing immigration rules, attorneys in the Valley region have been busy calming people's fears and advising clients on their next course of action.

"The number of calls (I've received) has probably tripled," said attorney **Norma Obergh**, who operates her solo practice, **Express Immigration Services**, out of Mission Hills. "I'm seeing twice as many people per day, whether walk-in or by appointment."

Ron Tasoff, a specialist in immigration law and partner at Encino-based firm **Tasoff & Tasoff**, has experienced a similar influx of inquiries.

"It's a different role now being an immigration lawyer than it was a year ago," he said. "I feel a lot more responsibility. I feel I have to give people more perspective, because there are so many rumors out there now."

President **Donald Trump** has signed several executive orders with the intent of banning immigrants from certain countries like Iran and Syria, deporting criminals from other countries, constructing a border wall and pulling federal funding from "sanctuary cities" that refuse to comply with federal requests to enforce immigration law.

"No real laws have changed – not yet," Tasoff

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Tasoff

Was Measure S A Sly Success?

By **CAROL LAWRENCE** Staff Reporter

Measure S lost the battle for voters, but supporters think they may have won the war to manage growth and foster involvement in planning.

Two days after the electoral defeat, Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti**, who opposed Measure S, signed an Executive Order outlining new rules to make the planning process "more efficient, effective, fair and transparent." In a statement, the mayor said "Angelenos have sent us a clear message."

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For Avery Dennison, It's a Promotional Wrap

TECHNOLOGY: Investment puts label maker in ad business.

By **HELEN FLOERSH** Staff Reporter

Since divesting its office products division four years ago, **Avery Dennison Corp.** in Glendale has built its business on product labels and industrial materials. But now the packaging supplies giant is moving into a new sector with a \$3 million investment in **Wrapify Inc.**,

a San Diego startup that compensates drivers for wrapping their cars in a temporary adhesive film printed with advertisements.

"Avery Dennison sees the promise in what we're building," **James Heller**, founding chief executive of Wrapify and a member of Forbes' "30 Under 30" list for 2017, said. "We've been working with them since the very beginning."

Automotive wraps are used by businesses, individuals and even the military to alter a

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Dry Run: Wrapify employee applies film.

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