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Fremont Academy's Irlanda Gabriela Mora crowned Miss Pomona 2015

Irlanda Gabriela Mora, crowned Miss Pomona 2015 Sunday in the annual competition at Pomona's Fox Theater, told the audience that 25 years from today it would have been an honor for her to have been politically involved in her city – and that the city would have approached her vision for Pomona – “one of unity and respect.”

Mora, an honors student at Pomona's Fremont Academy of Engineering and Design where she maintains a 4.2 grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Associated Student Body, was selected from the three finalists in the annual competition produced each year by

the Downtown Pomona Owners Association.

The two runners up were Lauren Alissa Marinero, who attends Diamond Ranch High School and maintains a 4.0 grade point average, and Cassandra Martinez, who attends Pomona Catholic High School and maintains a 3.8 grade point average.

The two runners up will serve as Miss Pomona's court for the coming year.

Fast forward to Pomona of the future

The theme of this year's speech in the competition



Irlanda Gabriela Mora...
... named Miss Pomona 2015

was “Fast forward 25 years from today – describe the City of Pomona's built spaces, culture and prominent influences” and, assuming the contestant is still in Pomona in 2040, contestants were asked to describe their role in the community.

Mora said, however, that there is no need to romanticize what the city will look like in 25 years.

“We are living a progressive evolution into a city that thrives on a collective community effort – one that seeks to create a city that is inclusive and mindful of the

challenges that our country faces today,” she said.

“Pomona today and 25 years from now will continue to serve as a microcosm... fueled by a diverse community, composed of individuals of divergent ethnic, racial and gender identities,” she said.

She said Pomona will bring to the center those who are denied their humanity to demonstrate to the world “just how beautiful, enduring and creative the human spirit is when channeled into building” a thriving and unified city.

Mora spoke of the economic, social justice and educational realms and their roles in the development of

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Founding board president of School of Arts and Enterprise credits executive director at public grand opening of new middle school campus

Ed Tessier, founding president of the board of directors of Pomona's 12-year-old School of Arts and Enterprise, this month told representatives of the community, parents and students that he credited Executive Director Lucille Berger with convincing everyone that building the school “was probably the most important thing we'd ever do.”

His comments came at the public grand opening and ribbon cutting of a new \$3.5 million middle school campus in Downtown Pomona serving grades six through eight.

“I don't mind being called a visionary,” Tessier said following his introduction by current Board President Derrick Chau. “It's much better than delusional.”

But he said there were a lot of visionaries working in the Downtown



Ed Tessier...
... founding board president,
School of Arts and Enterprise

Pomona area.

Tessier said a friend convinced his dad (Victor Tessier) to turn his
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Pomona meets new Cal Poly President at ribbon cutting for new brewery on campus

The City of Pomona had its first chance to meet the new President of Cal Poly University Pomona last week as Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman joined with Cal Poly President Dr. Soraya Coley to cut the ribbon at a grand opening celebration for Innovation Brew Works, a “learn by doing” brewery laboratory and restaurant located in Cal Poly's Innovation Village Center for Training, Technology and Incubation.

The brewery, which had a “soft” opening last September and started brewing beer in December, sells a selection of craft beers produced on site – all named

after university and Pomona Valley historical figures and places – along with several additional “guest” beers produced by local brewing neighbors.

Cal Poly is the first university to

have a genuine educational brewery-restaurant on campus.

“It just extends our focus on, first of all, learn by doing, so our students get a chance to work here and

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RIBBON CUTTING AT NEW CAL POLY BREWERY -- Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman and new Cal Poly University Pomona President Dr. Soraya Coley teamed up last week to cut the ribbon and officially open the new Innovation Brew Works brewery and restaurant on campus -- making Cal Poly the first university to have a working educational brewery-restaurant. Pictured, from left, are Pam Rothman, Stephanie Rothman and Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, Cal Poly Pomona Foundation Board member Lowell Overton, Cal Poly President Soraya Coley, Eric Simison of Sea West Enterprises, Inc., of San Dimas, contractor for the brewery, Cal Poly Pomona Foundation Executive Director Paul Storey, Saeid Shantiyai of LA Design Group, Inc., of Pomona, architect for the project, Pomona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Frausto and, at far right, Sandy Cain, assistant director of retail operations for the brewery and Aaron Neilson, dining services director for the Foundation.



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IRS-certified student volunteers at Ganesha High School offer free tax return preparation services

Business and accounting students at Pomona's Ganesha High School will offer free tax return preparation services to community members on Saturdays during tax season.

This is the third year the students – all Internal Revenue Service certified volunteers – will be offering the services.

The students have been officially trained and tested in current tax law and can provide assistance with a variety of IRS forms and schedules.

Sessions are held from 8 a.m. to noon in Room 12 at Ganesha High School, located at 1151 Fairplex Drive, Pomona.

Remaining dates are Feb. 28, March 7, 14 and 21, and April 11.

The service is part of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and is open to those whose annual income is \$53,000 or less. Appointments are not required.

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HONORING 100 YEARS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL -- Pomona's Kiwanis Club received a certificate of recognition from the Pomona City Council last month at its celebration of the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International. Both current members and members from the past filled the meeting hall at the anniversary lunch in the Ganesha Park Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Club President Linda Olin, Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, and Pomona City Councilmembers Debra Martin and Paula Lantz.



CUTTING THE CAKE -- Cutting the cake at last month's celebration of 100 years of Kiwanis International are past Pomona Kiwanis President and past Lt. Gov. of Division 15 Juan Gamboa and current Pomona Kiwanis President Linda Olin.

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Pomona’s business, civic leaders sit in with ‘real’ principals for annual ‘Principal for a Day’ program

About 30 Pomona Chamber of Commerce members and others – sitting in with “real” principals of schools throughout the Pomona Unified School District – became “Principal for a Day” this month in the annual “educational partnership” program to give business and community leaders a hands-on look at the needs and issues facing schools today.

The principals for a day reported to their selected school sites to meet with and observe the “real” principals before heading to the Village at Indian Hill where many reported what they learned at a concluding luncheon.

Matthew Henry, CEO of the Pomona Valley YMCA, selected Pomona’s San Antonio Elementary School for his school and spent the morning with Principal Selene Amancio.

La Nueva Voz stopped by the school briefly for an interview and photos and learned it serves about 500 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Henry said he took advantage of the opportunity because the YMCA works with a lot of schools and is always interested in what is going on in education today.

“It’s important that we know



COMMUNITY TURNS OUT FOR 'PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY' -- Business and civic leaders turned out for the Pomona Chamber of Commerce annual "Principal for a Day" program this month to give the community a better understanding of needs and issues facing those working in education today. Pictured are this year's participants -- the principals for a day and the "real" principals. Included in the group photo are Pomona Unified Supt. Richard Martinez, front row, fourth from left; Pomona City Councilmembers Cristina Carrizosa, second row, fifth from left, and Ginna Escobar, third row, fifth from left; Pomona Unified school board members Dr. Roberta Perlman, front row, fifth from right, and Frank Guzman, back row, fifth from right; Pomona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Frausto, front row, second from right; and Dr. Enrique Medina, Jr., director of Pomona Unified's adult school and a Pomona Chamber board member who represented the chamber board at the event.

what schools need and what their challenges are,” he said.

For example, he learned there are not enough books at the lower levels.

He also learned the principal’s job is pretty much non-stop.

Amancio, who has served in the Pomona Unified School District for the past 15 years, is a former Pomona resident whose husband, Jorge Amancio, also was born and raised here. He also served as a principal, working at Pomona’s San

Jose Elementary School.

She added that as a native of Mexico she feels she can relate to the community which is more than 80 percent Hispanic with 97 percent of her students on a free or reduced cost lunch program.

Similar comments were repeated during the concluding luncheon.

And Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman turned it around from the perspective of the kids.

“It gives the kids a different

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law office into a coffee house 23 years ago, that Dr. Phil Pumerantz turned “a bunch of empty department stores into a world class university called Western U,” and that Dave Armstrong “turned the great recession into a ceramics museum.”

But he said it was Berger who was “an educator that convinced developers and academics and teachers and families and cynics that not only do we start... the school here but that it was probably the most important thing we’d ever do.”

Tessier took the opportunity to announce that a new 100-yard-long art gallery at the school, the largest exhibition space in Downtown Pomona – which will become part of Downtown Pomona’s Second Saturday Artwalk – now will be known as the Lucy Berger Gallery and will be full of student art, faculty art and the work of visiting artists.

Campus to serve as center of community

He added that the new middle school campus – located in the center of Downtown Pomona – will serve as a center of the community “that brings people together, that connects surrounding neighbors to the energy downtown, that connects students with the optimism of the arts and a higher education.”

And, he said, it “connects all of us with the future Pomona that is peaceful, prosperous and proud.”

Tessier introduced Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman who said “the success of the high school is immeasurable.”

And, referring to the school’s recent addition of middle school grades, he said, “I feel that having kids start at a younger age... would definitely contribute to the well-being of the citizens of Pomona.”

“One thing about the arts – it is good for the City of Pomona, it is good for the residents here, it’s also for the visitors that come,” Rothman said. “When they come to Pomona they look at all the different art work that we have.”

“It’s good for Pomona but it’s also interesting and it gives us another something to look at and it makes the beautiful City of Pomona more beautiful,” Rothman said. “It’s a great re-use of the building.”

Berger said it was 12 years ago that the school opened its first location and first class of 120 students – high school freshmen – at the Downtown Center just across the street.

Shortly after that, the school purchased the property at Garey and Monterey Avenues which today constitutes the school’s main campus and serves grades nine through 11. High school seniors now are housed

at the Downtown Center at 2nd and Main Streets.

The new middle school, formerly a two-story office building, is located at 375 S. Main St.

School has grown from 120 students to more than 700

And today, the school’s combined enrollment is more than 700 students “and our graduation and college admissions rate soars near the 100 percent mark,” Berger said.

“We thank you all for the commitment that you have demonstrated to our school and to this community,” Berger said. “Your vision for Pomona, our school and our family is immeasurable and unmatched.”

School director Germaine Nesbitt, who has also been on board since the school’s beginning, said



Emerson Elias...
... eighth grade student body vice president

the school has a “big mission to fulfill.”

“We have a commitment to teach college prep” and to ensure that “every student has an outstanding arts education grounded by the business and technical skills,” she said.

The result is that the school has an ability to produce students who are self-confident, creative, and “amazing problem solvers.”

“We produce students that respect and appreciate differences in others,” she said. “More importantly, we produce a community of leaders... which we know that is the recipe for success.”

Nesbitt introduced student Emerson Elias, an eighth-grader at the school and eighth grade associated student body vice president who has been there for the last two years and calls the school “my second home.”

“Coming here allows me to form friendships with exceptionally talented people,” she said. “I have been exposed to so many opportunities. I have flourished to the person I am today because I attended the SAE,” she added.

Cathy Tessier, President of Friends of the SAE, spearheaded the



CUTTING THE RIBBON FOR NEW SCHOOL OF ARTS AND ENTERPRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS -- Mayor Elliott Rothman cuts the ribbon to officially open the Downtown Pomona campus of a new middle school for Pomona’s School of Arts and Enterprise. Pictured at this month’s grand opening of the new \$3.5 million facility are, from left, School of Arts and Enterprise Board President Derrick Chau, Wells Fargo Eastern Gateway Division Area President Darryl Montgomery (a member of the school’s advisory board), Wells Fargo Pomona branch manager Juan Mora, Friends of the SAE President Cathy Tessier, Pomona City Councilmembers Debra Martin and Paula Lantz, school director Germaine Nesbitt, school executive director Lucille Berger, Pomona Chamber of Commerce President Jill Dolan, Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, and Pomona City Councilmembers Adriana Robledo and John Nolte.



THE LADIES OF THE CHAMBER -- The Pomona Chamber of Commerce turned out in full force this month -- including board members, ambassadors, members and more -- to support the grand opening of the new middle school campus of Pomona’s School of Arts and Enterprise. Pictured getting into the spirit with all of the “creative” props at the photo booth are, from left, Chamber Vice President Stephanie Benjamin, of OPARC; Chamber Executive Director Erica Frausto; Chamber President Jill Dolan, of Mt. SAC; and Chamber board member and past president Jill Reiff, of Valley Vista Services.

construction of the site and said the property closed escrow in mid-April and the school was ready to occupy the building by mid-November.

Students often don’t want to go home after school

“The project based learning coordination of performance and other activities classes and the teacher enthusiasm really engage the students, many of whom don’t want to go home after school,” she said.

Board President Derrick Chau, Ph.D., a secondary instructional director for the Los Angeles Unified School District, previously served as a principal at another award-winning charter high school.

“From my vantage point at Los Angeles Unified, I can tell you that the program that the school offers, the curriculum and instruction are very, very powerful and it’s one of the reasons why I wanted to join the board in the first place,” Chau said.

The new campus includes 13 classrooms, a cafeteria and an elevator along with facilities for physical education, dance, art, music and digital media development.

LA Design Group, Inc., of Pomona was the architect for the



THANKING WELLS FARGO OFFICIALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT -- Students at Pomona’s School of Arts and Enterprise middle school created original works of art -- depicting the classic Wells Fargo stage coach -- for Wells Fargo officials at a grand opening of the new campus this month to recognize the bank’s support of the school. Pictured receiving the art work from Friends of the School of Arts and Enterprise President Cathy Tessier are Juan Mora, at left, Wells Fargo’s Pomona branch manager, and Darryl Montgomery, Wells Fargo Eastern Gateway Division Area President. Mora is a board member of the school and Montgomery is a member of the school’s advisory board.

project.

The School of Arts and Enterprise is a State Board of Education authorized Public Charter High School serving grades six through 12 and embracing and encouraging artistic

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COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER TO WORK ON RACE RELATIONS, INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT -- Jeanette Royston, President of the Pomona Valley Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, facilitates the third in a series of community dialogue meetings last month of various community groups working to develop a position statement to enhance race relations and interaction with law enforcement and to "change discrimination against human beings." Mona Sparks Johnson, President of the Pomona Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women, said more than 50 people have been killed nationwide in recent incidents with racial overtones, although not necessarily incidents involving law enforcement. Royston said a goal is to develop a local resolution to go hand in hand with a recent 10-point justice plan developed by the National Urban League that will become part of a statewide and nationwide initiative. The event was held at the headquarters of Pomona's Kennedy Austin Foundation.

Pomona police to host blood drive in honor of Officer Shaun Diamond

The Pomona Police Department will host a blood drive in honor of fallen SWAT Officer Shaun Diamond next month.

The blood drive is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March

11, in the Civic Center Plaza in Pomona.

To schedule an appointment, visit the web site at www.workforce-health.com and enter the pass code shaundiamond or call (626) 676-6881.

Adventurer and amputee Aron Ralston, whose book inspired the film '127 Hours,' to speak at Casa Colina gala fundraiser Saturday

Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare will hold its annual "Tribute to Courage" gala – honoring some of Casa Colina's present and past courageous patients – on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center in Pomona.

The event will be hosted by film actress and television personality Bonnie Hunt with guest speaker adventurer and amputee Aron Ralston, best-selling author of "Between a Rock and a Hard Place."

Casa Colina's President and CEO Felice Loverso said the stories of the courageous patients honored "are full of triumph,, determination and an exceptional will to live life to the fullest, despite setbacks."

"It is an honor to be in the presence and celebrate their achievements," Loverso added.

Ralston, whose book inspired the Oscar-nominated film "127 Hours," survived a canyoneering accident in Utah in 2003 in which he amputated his own right fore-

arm to extricate himself from a dislodged boulder.

He continued his adventures and, in 2005, achieved his goal of climbing all 59 of Colorado's peaks more than 14,000 feet high – solo and in winter conditions – a feat that had never been recorded.

The "Tribute to Courage" gala is Casa Colina's primary fundraising event each year with all proceeds benefiting the hospital's free and uncompensated care fund which helps provide care for under-resourced patients and, in some cases, temporary housing for patients' families so they may be near their loved ones during the often-lengthy rehabilitation process.

The black tie optional reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and is followed by dinner, a program and dancing at 7 p.m.

For more information on the event, including sponsorship, donations and tickets, contact Casa Colina Foundation at (909) 596-7733, ext. 2223.

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Deadline approaching for second annual art show competition at 23rd annual Ohlone 'Big Time' Gathering and Pow-Wow

The deadline is approaching for students and adults interested in participating in the second annual "Pow-Wow Art Show," according to representatives of the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe of Native Americans, based in Pomona.

Winners will be announced at this year's 23rd annual Ohlone "Big Time" Gathering and Pow-Wow in April in Pomona's Tony Cerda Park at Park and Grand Avenues.

The competition is open to all students in the Pomona Unified School District, college students and adults. Any drawing, painting,

sculpting or mixed media custom art design can be submitted.

Judging for the art competition will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, during the three-day Pow-Wow scheduled this year from April 24 through April 26.

Winners will be announced at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Pow-Wow.

The five age groups for the art competition are kindergarten through second grade (no entry fee) and third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, ninth through 12th grade and college or adults over 18, all with \$5 application fees.

Deadline for mail-in entry forms is 5 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the tribal office, located at 244 E. 1st St., Pomona, CA 91766. Fees must accompany application forms.

Participants must turn in all artwork for judging no later than 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25th at the Pow-Wow. Entries can be picked up at the Pow-Wow at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Only one entry per person may be submitted. Entries must be no smaller than 8 by 11 inches and no larger than 11 by 17 inches. Any medium is acceptable.

Thousands of visitors attend the Pow-Wow each year to see authentic tribal dances passed down through the generations, and the sights and sounds of Native American dance and music.

Authentic Native American foods will be on hand along with exhibitors offering Native American musical instruments, fashion,

jewelry and accessories.

For Pow-Wow information, contact Tony Cerda at (909) 623-7889 or e-mail rumsen@aol.com. For exhibitors information, contact Pete Whitehorse at (760) 953-7010. And for art show information, contact Henri Mascorro at (909) 480-6586, or visit the web site at www.costanoanrumsen.org.

Second annual 'JP Group' Golf Tourney to benefit House of Ruth, Boys and Girls Clubs set for next month

The second annual "JP Group" Charity Golf Tournament to benefit House of Ruth, which assists women and children exposed to domestic violence, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pomona Valley is scheduled for Friday, March 20, at Mountain Meadows Golf Course in Pomona.

Cost for singles is \$125 and four-somes are \$400. Spectators are \$30.

Registration is on line at <http://www.jpgrouppla.com/#!2015/c3gv>.

Sponsorships are still available. For information, contact Pat Bell at pbell@houseofruthinc.org or (909) 868-8007.

Pomona Valley Hospital to name new physical therapy and rehabilitation center after facility's original director

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center will honor pioneering physical therapist Charles Magistro – who served as director of the hospital's physical therapy and rehabilitation services department for 35 years – by giving his name to the Charles M. Magistro Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center in the soon-to-be-opened Robert and Beverly Lewis Outpatient Pavilion.

Magistro led the effort in establishing the hospital's physical therapy and rehabilitation services department more than 60 years ago. Built in 1954, the original facility was the first of its kind in Southern California and today is one of the largest outpatient rehabilitation programs in the tri-county area, serving tens of thousands of patients each year.

"We are delighted to honor Charles Magistro for his long-standing professional relationship with Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, as well as he and his family's

generous philanthropic support for the hospital over the years," said Richard Yochum, hospital president and CEO. "It is absolutely fitting that the Rehabilitation Services Center will bear Charles Magistro's name."

The new center is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, designed to deliver the very best in treatment and patient experience.

"I am proud of the physical therapy department at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, and the tremendous impact it has had on the region," Magistro said. "The department has always stayed on the cutting edge of what the profession is doing as a whole, with the singular goal of providing exemplary services to inpatients and outpatients alike."

Magistro remains active in the field of physical therapy and at the hospital, both in a professional ca-



Charles Magistro

capacity and as a benefactor.

Asked what inspired him to give back, he said the hospital provided him "the opportunity to accomplish all that (he) did over the years. It seemed right to contribute where there was a need."



'STUDENTS OF MONTH' NAMED BY BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS -- Four students from San Jose Elementary School were recognized as students of the month this month during the monthly awards dinner of the Pomona Breakfast Optimist Club. Each year, the club selects an elementary school in the Pomona Unified School District and honors students in classes at that school throughout the year for outstanding examples for other students to emulate. Pictured, front row, left to right, with their certificates, are Helen Dang, fifth grade; Taylor Dang, second grade; Angela Coronado, fourth grade; and Miguel Coronado, third grade. Back row, from left, are Pomona Breakfast Club President Margarita Silva, San Jose Principal Jorge Amancio, and Pomona Unified School District Supt. Richard Martinez.

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Name change announced at Pomona's Casa Colina

Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation, a leading rehabilitation hospital and specialized healthcare service provider, has changed its name to Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare to better reflect the breadth of its current and projected services.

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mal environment to regain physical and cognitive function and reclaim the ability to live life to one's fullest potential."

The facility's new 31-bed medical/surgical hospital, currently under construction next to its acute rehabilitation unit, will provide additional specialized surgical capabilities in a 38,220-square-foot hospital with six surgical intensive care unit beds and 25 private medical/surgical beds, three surgical suites and a gastroenterology procedure room.

For more information, visit the web site at www.casacolina.org.

Pomona Concert Band 'Meet the Band' concert set for next month

The Pomona Concert Band will present its annual winter concert of solo and ensemble music titled "Meet the Band" next month in a free event open to the public in the Palomares Park Community Center.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the community center, 499 E. Arrow Highway, Pomona.

Featured will be the flute section in "Flutation" by Clare Grundman, the trumpet section in "Trumpets Wild" by Harold Walters, the clarinet section in "The Clarinet Polka" arranged by David Bennett,

the trombones in "76 Trombones" by Meredith Wilson and the French horns in "Holiday for Horns" arranged by Jack Jarrett.

Soloists will include David Schaafsma playing "Requiem for a Tuba Player" and Lucas Critchfield performing "Flight of the Bumblebee" on the xylophone.

And Tom Hill as "Elvis" will perform "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Jailhouse Rock."

Refreshments will be served at intermission.

For more information, visit the web site at www.pomonaconcertband.org.

Registration open on line for 9th annual Pomona Beautification Day

Registration is now available on line to participate in this year's 9th annual Pomona Beautification Day, scheduled for April 11 as Pomona's annual clean-up event just in time to serve as a "pre-launch" of National Volunteer Week April 12-19.

The Pomona Beautification Day Committee is still accepting ideas for projects from the community and organizations.

The annual event brings thousands of volunteers together scouring the city with paint brushes, rakes, garbage bags and shovels.

Projects will include everything from planting trees at schools and painting areas at local parks to cleaning up alleys, painting murals over graffiti-tagged walls and helping a disabled senior clean up an overgrown front yard.

Co-chairs for the event again this year are Pastor Rick DeBruyne of Lincoln Avenue Community

Church and Nancy Matarrita of Pomona First Baptist Church.

For the first time this year, the location of the afternoon barbecue and party has been changed to Thomas Plaza in Downtown Pomona to make the event more centrally located. The event previously has been held at Pomona's Fairplex, which is continuing as a major sponsor of the community event.

The Inland Empire United Way again will coordinate on-line registration of participants.

To register, visit the web site at www.pomonaproud.org. To suggest a beautification project, contact DeBruyne at laccpomona@msn.com.

For information on sponsorship or in-kind donations, contact Matarrita at nancym@pfbpurpose.com.

And to join the planning committee, contact Shanell Fuquay at fuquay@fairplex.com.

Pomona's Project: Caring and Sharing offers academic mentoring working with volunteer college students

Pomona's non-profit Project: Caring and Sharing is offering its academic mentoring program using volunteer college students to tutor and mentor at-risk children who are academically challenged, have behavior issues, have emotional trauma or have a parent who is currently incarcerated.

The program uses a one-to-one

ratio to focus on three primary areas of support – homework support to help boost poor grades due to incomplete homework assignments; academic deficiency support to help provide solid foundations in specific academic areas of study; and socialization in cases where students have never had a significant individual in their lives.

Students meet from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Pomona College's Hahn Hall, Room 101, in Claremont.

Pastor Ivory Brown of Pomona's Brown Memorial Temple is executive director of Project: Caring and Sharing.

For more information, contact (909) 293-8265.

Family Motor Coach Association to set up camp at Fairplex next month

The Family Motor Coach Association, an international organization for families who own and enjoy the recreational use of motorhomes, is registering families and exhibitors for the group's event next month at Fairplex.

The 91st Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, which has been dubbed "California Gold," is expected to attract thousands from March 26 to 29 as families arrive and stay in their recreational vehicles forming a small city on wheels.

Three events are held each year across the country. Next month's Pomona event will be the sixth visit here – the first one since 2008.

Included will be a motorhome exhibition bringing together manufac-

turers and dealers, as well as distributors of recreational vehicle accessories, components and supplies.

Seminars will be held on a variety of topics related to motorhomes, travel tours and more.

The event is open to the public. Cost of viewing the exhibition only is \$7 per day plus parking, with children 12 and under free. Those with an active military ID also are admitted free.

Admission for exhibits, seminars and entertainment is possible under a "daily passport," available for \$75 per person or \$65 for association members.

Recreational vehicle owners interested in staying in their vehicle on site and participating in all the ac-

tivities can do so for an admission of \$225 for members or \$275 for non-members.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: "Hope & Hurdles," an on-going feature appearing in La Nueva Voz, was created by artist Evy Schuman as an attempt to "poke fun" at the little things that trouble us all from time to time. Evy, who is also a published writer on the subject, created the cartoon series to show her work at a creative writing class she co-facilitates at Pomona's Tri-City Wellness Center.

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New brewery on campus... from pg. 1

they get an understanding of how from beginning to end in terms of the operation, how that works," President Coley told La Nueva Voz in an exclusive interview immediately following the ribbon cutting.

"It also provides another opportunity for people to come to the campus, so it is a place where people from the community can enjoy a brew," Coley added. "We have . . . a strong agricultural program and other activities that really help us to extend the learning for students, plus it's a revenue generator."

"As you know, we've really had challenges in terms of creating resources and other support for public higher education, so this also becomes another avenue for us to maintain access for higher education," said Coley, who took over the reins at Cal Poly last month. She succeeded Dr. Mike Ortiz, who retired after serving as president for the past 12 years. Coley is the sixth president of the university and the first woman president.

Aaron Neilson, dining services director for the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, provided background at the ribbon cutting, explaining that it takes a lot of people to get a project like this completed.



FROM BREWERY TO BEER -- Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman gets a lesson on the craft brew process from Sandy Cain, assistant director of retail operations for the new Innovation Brew Works brewery and restaurant at Cal Poly University Pomona. Pictured in front of the brew house, where the grains go before going into the fermentator, are, from left, Eric Simison of Sea West Enterprises, Inc., contractor for the brewery; architect Paul Wheeler of Claremont, Rothman and Cain.

"It started with my boss, when Paul (Storey), who is the executive director of the Foundation, maybe about two years ago stopped me in the hall and said 'I want to build a brewery,'" Neilson said.

He added that while he has been in food service for about 20 years, he really wasn't sure at that point what would go into a brewery operation.

He thanked Storey, the members of the Foundation Board and the President for their support of the project.

The Foundation, which hosted the grand opening celebration, oversees the operation of the brewery along with housing services, dining services, Kellogg West, Bronco Bookstore and other facilities on campus.

The restaurant also offers signa-

ture pizzas, gourmet salads, sandwiches and desserts, all made to order.

And the brewery includes a 3.5 barrel system capable of brewing up to 108.5 gallons of beer at a time, as well as four smaller 10-gallon capacity systems.

A four-week course in the culture of micro-brewery and handcraft beers aimed at adult learners begins in April. Visit the web site at www.ceu.csupomona.edu/go/mbb110. Cost is \$150 per student.

Innovation Brew Works is located on the Cal Poly campus at 3650 W. Temple Ave., Pomona. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (909) 979-6197.

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- Pomona Youth and Family Master Plan
- Partnership for a Positive Pomona (P3)
- Pomona Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Pomona Owners Association
- Parent Teacher Associations
- Parent Teacher Organizations
- Family Support and Resource Center
- Parent Leads Community Engagement Group
- Family Support and Resource Center
- Kennedy Austin Foundation
- The Network (formerly AOD - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
- Day One
- Assistance League of Pomona Valley
- NAACP Pomona Valley Branch

Service Organizations:

- American Legion
- Rotary Club
- Kiwanis Club
- Pomona Host Lions Club
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- Elks Club
- Optimist Club

Gang Prevention/Intervention:

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Domestic Violence:

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Mental Health:

- Tri-City
- Nami
- Faith-Based Mental Health Collaborative

Foster Care:

- Pomona Valley Children & Family Collaborative
- Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services
- Children, Youth and Family Collaborative

Faith Based Coalitions:

- Inland Valley Council of Churches
- Superintendent's Faith-Based Roundtable

If you would like to have your club or organization listed above, please contact: Renee Barbee at 909-762-1446 or by email at reneebarbee7@gmail.com



FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER -- Friends of Pomona Public Library hosted the 48th Laura Ingalls Wilder Gingerbread Sociable this month at the Pomona Public Library including presentations on the period in history of 1869 to 1879, the period that was the subject of Wilder's work. Also included were songs, dances, games, crafts, costumes and more. Wilder was known for "Little House on the Prairie" and the "Little House" series of children's novels, all based on her memories of her childhood growing up in the Midwest. Pictured, from left, are Friends President Gwen Robinson and library volunteer Marlene Pinedo of Pomona, a Garey High School graduate who graduated last year from Cal State University Fullerton, dressed as Wilder.

Claremont 'think tank' to present two-part public forum on 'Economic Inequality in America' at Pomona College

The American Institute for Progressive Democracy will sponsor a two-part public forum on "Economic Inequality in America" next month in the Rose Hills Theatre at Pomona College in Claremont.

The March 3 event will focus on causes, consequences and remedies. A follow-up forum on March 31 will focus on the impact of economic inequality on diverse communities.

Speakers at the March 3 event include David Grusky, director of the Center on Poverty and Inequality at Stanford University, speaking on "Is the United States the Land of Opportunity," and David Menefee Libey, coordinator of the Public Policy Analysis Program at Pomona College, speaking on "Can Education Solve Growing American Inequality."

Speakers at the March 31 event include Marybeth Mattingly, director of research on vulnerable families at Stanford University's Center on Poverty and Inequality, and Tomas Summers Sandoval, associate professor of history and Chicano/Latino Studies at Pomona College, speaking on "Latino Poverty in Historical Perspective."

Both events are scheduled for 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Rose Hills Theatre, located in the lower level of the Smith Student Center at Pomona College, 176 E. 6th St., Claremont.

The events are free and open to the public.

The American Institute for Progressive Democracy is a "think tank" based in Claremont that examines and provides public education on issues of public policy.



ALLEMANDE LEFT! -- Square dancing was popular in the era of Laura Ingalls Wilder and it was popular this month at the Pomona Public Library as Friends of the Library held their Laura Ingalls Wilder Gingerbread Sociable. Pictured teaching the basic steps, at center, are Brent Lively and Pam Duckering, of the Rancho B & B (bachelors and bachelorettes). The Rancho Cucamonga based group has 46 members and is affiliated with an international organization that begins a new class worldwide every September. For more information, visit the web site at www.bnbinternational.org.

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Principal for a Day... from pg. 3

sense of what goes on in their own city," he said, just from visiting with the principals for a day.

Pomona Unified Supt. Richard Martinez encouraged the participants to remember their experience and to come back.

"Make those contacts and make those contacts last," he said.

School board member Dr. Roberta Perlman thanked those participating in the partnership and pointed out the "tremendous job" and "incredibly important job" the principals do on a daily basis.

Victor Caceres, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pomona Valley, said he has worked in Pomona for 12 years and calls that period a "transformation" in the city.

"The climate of the campus has changed," he said.

Pomona City Councilmember Ginna Escobar said she was able to learn more about the resources parents have available to them in the schools.

And she told business owners that "you have to meet your community – if you don't know them, you don't know your city."



MAYOR SPEAKS AT 'PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY' -- Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman speaks at this month's "Principal for a Day" as Pomona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Frausto looks on.



Pomona Unified School District Supt. Richard Martinez



CHECKING OUT THE TETHERBALL COURTS -- "Principal for a Day" Matthew Henry, CEO of the Pomona Valley YMCA, and San Antonio Elementary School Principal Selene Amancio check out the tetherball courts on the playground during recess. Pictured with both "principals" are students, from left, Andrea Urquizo, April Gonzalez, Graciela Campo and Emily Rubio.



Pomona City Councilmember Ginna Escobar



GROUNDBREAKING FOR EXPANSION AT DAVID AND MARGARET -- David & Margaret Youth and Family Services broke ground last month on a project more than seven years in the making that will increase by nearly 30 percent the supportive permanent housing available to youth who are transitioning out of foster care and into independence. The expansion will make David & Margaret one of the largest supportive communities for former foster youth in Los Angeles County. CEO Charles Rich explained when foster children reach age 18, they become legal adults and begin "aging out" of the foster care system as "transitional age youth." Included will be 25 apartment homes for transitional age youth, a youth workforce training center to help these youth become more self-reliant, and a transitional youth resource center. Pictured, from left, are Wells Fargo Bank Vice President Norma Dominguez, Tri-City Mental Health Executive Director Toni Navarro, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Director Dr. Marvin Southard, Chief Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich Kathryn Barger Leibrich, David & Margaret CEO Charles Rich, A Community of Friends Executive Director Dora Gallo, Enterprise Community Partners Vice President Jeff Schaffer, and Los Angeles County Community Development Commission Director of Economic and Housing Development Corde Carrillo. David & Margaret serves more than 1,000 clients annually through a comprehensive range of services including a residentially based program for adolescent girls, shelter care for adolescent girls, a foster family agency, adoption assistance, mental health services and more.

Students celebrate Black History Month at seventh annual jamboree

Nearly 100 African American young men, parents and exhibitors observed Black History Month this month by participating in the seventh annual African American Male Jamboree to learn more about their heritage, begin mapping plans for college and view a variety and resources to achieve higher education and career goals.

The event, labeled a truly “home-grown” event by Pomona Unified School District’s Deputy Supt. for Educational Services Stephanie Baker, one of the organizers, was held at Pomona’s Village Academy High School and hosted by both the school district and the Pomona Alliance of Black School Educators.

Students in grades seven through 12 gave up their Saturday morning for the event on the theme “The Art of Knowing: Opportunities Behind the Scenes (Art, Music, Athletic and Business Industries).”

Pomona Unified school board

member Dr. Roberta Perlman told the students to remember where they came from.

“It’s all about growing and becoming the people you want to be and we’re just so proud of you that you came here today to engage in this process,” Perlman said. And, she added, after they graduate from college, “I want you to come back and give back to your community.”

Participant Tajon Brissette, an eighth grader at Cortez Math and Science Magnet School in Pomona, told La Nueva Voz he was glad he attended the event to learn more about his heritage and how college can help him “open doors” and “how grateful I can be to go to college.”

Exhibitors at the event included Bright Prospect, AVID, California University, DeVry University, Westwood College, Wright on Time Youth and Family Services and others.



CLOSING CEREMONIES AT SEVENTH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE JAMBOREE -- Delbert Duckins, fourth from right, a history and social science teacher in the Pomona Unified School District, leads the circle of participants at this month’s African American Male Jamboree in closing ceremonies as they read “Our commitment to the future” pledging to shed bad habits, nurture their gifts and abilities and work to achieve their personal goals.



Tajon Brissette



An unidentified student and his father stop by the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) booth at this month’s African American Male Jamboree.



Pomona Unified school board member Dr. Roberta Perlman addresses the group at this month’s African American Male Jamboree at Pomona’s Village Academy High School, urging students to go to college and then “come back and give back to your community.”

State Sen. Leyva to host free tax preparation events

State Sen. Connie Leyva will host two free tax preparation services events next month for taxpayers with annual incomes of \$53,000 or less.

Events are scheduled for Saturday, March 7, at Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, 696 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino, and Saturday, March 21, at Leyva’s District Of-

fice, 11780 Central Ave., Suite 205, Chino.

Both events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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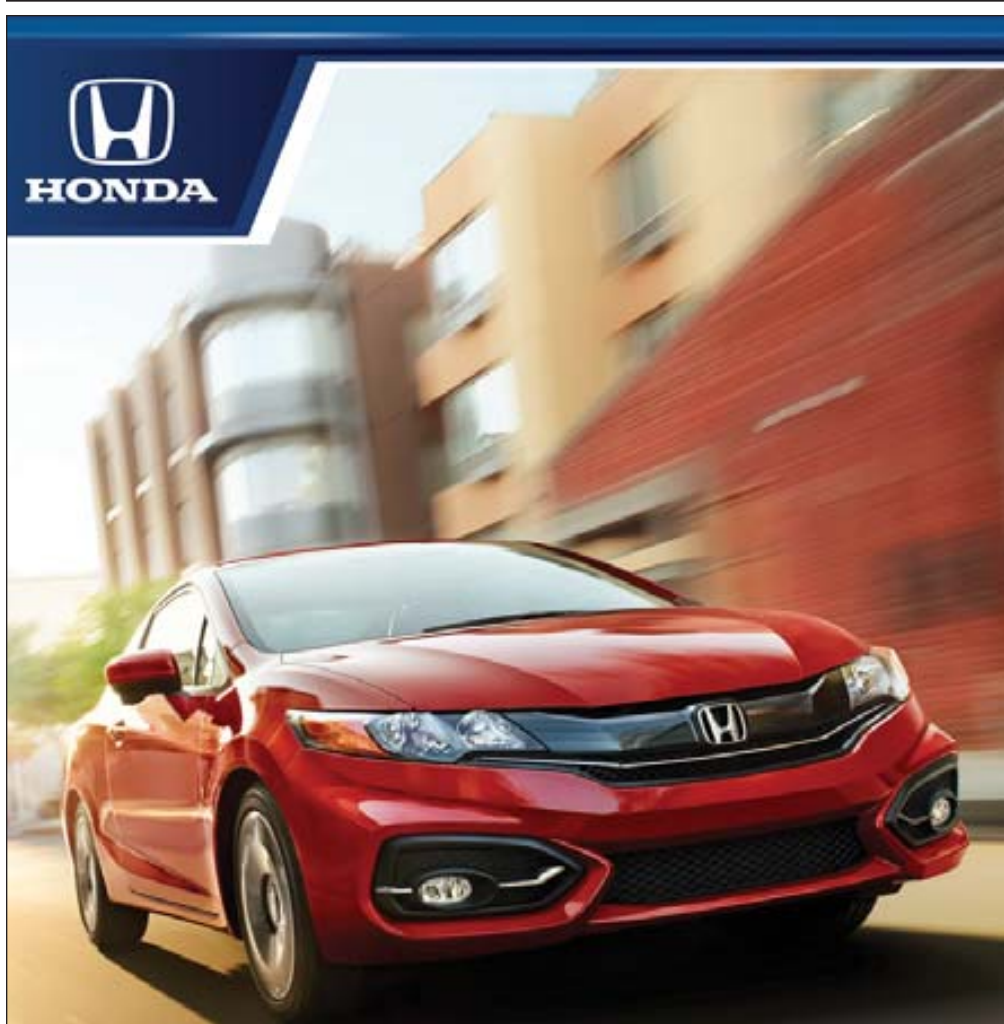
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Project: Caring and Sharing announces spring semester family support class schedule

Pomona's non-profit Project: Caring and Sharing is offering a series of 2015 Spring Semester family support classes designed to promote academic excellence, promote positive self-image and educational enthusiasm resulting in responsible productive citizens.

Classes will be held in anger management (8 to 10 a.m. Saturdays), project fatherhood (6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays), single and parenting (6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays or 10 a.m. to

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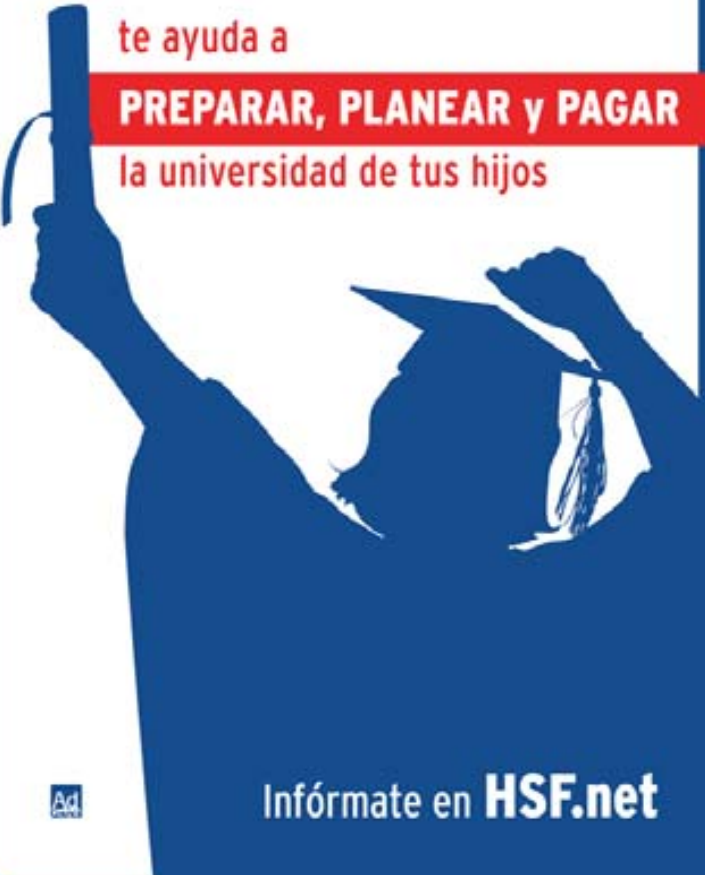
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Sen. Leyva appointed to manufactured home communities committee

State Sen. Connie Leyva has been selected by Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de Leon and approved by the Senate Rules Committee to serve as chair of the Senate Select Committee on Manufactured Home Communities.

She has also been selected as the Senate designee to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Mobilehome Park Inspection Task Force.

"As I represent approximately 25,000 residents in over 120 mobile home parks in the 20th State Senate District, I am excited to lead this important select committee as we work to improve the quality of life, safety and development of these communities throughout California," Leyva said.

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INTRODUCING THE CASINO NIGHT COMMITTEE -- Pomona Catholic Principal Sam Torres introduces the casino night committee this month at the annual fundraiser for the school. Pictured, from left, are Edith Ramirez, Lupita Lopez, Sally Alvarez, co-chairpersons Gail and Vince Maclsaac (their daughter Gina graduates this year and it is their third year chairing the event), Principal Sam Torres, Anabel Dorion, Joe and Molly Williams and Navy Phay.



PLACE YOUR BETS -- Lining up for a little blackjack at Pomona Catholic casino night this month are, from left, Navy Phay, of Pomona Catholic; Gail and Vince Maclsaac, of Glendora; Edith Ramirez of Pomona; Marina Becerra of Ontario; Molly and Joe Williams of Rancho Cucamonga; and dealer Bradford Davison of Loma Linda. Sponsors of this blackjack table were Cara and Ken Sultany,



EVERY POP IS A WINNER! -- Pop a balloon, win a prize. Putting the finishing touches on the balloon booth, one of the more popular activities at this month's 16th annual casino night to support Pomona Catholic, are, from left, casino co-chairs Vince and Gail Maclsaac of Glendora and balloon booth operators Renee and Jerry Albiar of Pomona (their daughter Aviana is a senior this year). Nearly 200 supporters attended the event sponsored by Pomona Catholic's Parent Faculty Group at the San Dimas Community Center.



he sponsored the craps table. Pictured, from left, are dealer Keith Mitchell of Long Beach, Leticia Pumphrey of Rowland Heights, Emma Huerta of Chino and Rothman.

MAYOR ROTHMAN GETS ON THE BOARD -- Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman keeps an eye on the dice at the 16th annual Pomona Catholic casino night as he gets his chips down on the board -- actually, it was his board since



RIBBON CUTTING AFTER UPGRADES AT '777 PLACE' STUDENT APARTMENTS -- Members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce and Pomona's downtown community turned out this month for an anniversary and ribbon cutting at the newly renovated 777 Place student apartments in Downtown Pomona. Owners have invested more than \$2 million in upgrades over the last two years, according to Fred Pierce, CEO of Pierce Education Properties in San Diego, a property management firm for real estate investors and developers for education. Teresa James, marketing representative for the property, said cities everywhere are trying to attract education to their downtown areas to "make for a more dynamic environment and we want to be responsive to that type of movement." The facility is nearly 100 percent occupied. Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman said opening the original apartment development was his first official act when he was elected to the Pomona City Council. Pictured cutting the ribbon are, from left, 777 Place marketing representative Teresa James, Pomona Chamber Ambassador Renee Barbee, Chamber Vice President Stephanie Benjamin, Downtown Pomona Owners Association Executive Director Larry Egan, Chamber Board member Jeff Keating, Chamber Executive Director Erica Frausto, Picerne Group Senior Vice President of Asset Management Heather Derlin (owners of the property), Chamber Board member Gary Lawson, PEP Property Management CEO Fred Pierce, Chamber Board member Victor Caceres, Chamber Ambassador Gus Arias, Mayor Rothman, PEP's Executive Director of Property Management Donte Brock, and Chamber Ambassadors Frank and Vita Gonzales.



Fred Pierce, CEO of Pierce Education Properties, speaks at ribbon cutting following two years of improvements at 777 Place student apartments in Downtown Pomona. Pierce, whose property management company handles the property, is a nationally known leader in education and educational development. He served on the 23-campus California State University Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2004.

Prestigious national scholarship program seeking 'brightest' seventh graders

The Young Scholars Program, which Jack Kent Cooke Foundation officials said is the most generous and personalized five-year scholarship and educational support program in the nation, is accepting applications, according to a news release.

The foundation seeks seventh graders from low- to moderate-income families who stand out because of their high academic ability and achievement, persistence and desire to help others.

"By enabling high-achieving, low-income students to thrive in school and beyond, we can begin to close the excellence gap in this country," said foundation Executive Director Harold Levy. "This is why our Young Scholars Program tailors its services to make sure that each and every scholar starting in the eighth grade participates in high-quality after school and summer experiences, has access to stimulating

and rigorous curricula throughout high school and gets comprehensive guidance on how to prepare for, apply to, select and pay for a college that is the best fit for him or her."

Young Scholars come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, and from rural, suburban and urban communities throughout the U.S. They are typically in the top one percent of their class academically and have annual family incomes averaging \$30,000.

Up to 65 students will be selected and paired with an educational adviser. Successful Young Scholars are eligible to apply for the foundation's \$40,000 per year college scholarship.

The application deadline is April 14. For more information, visit the web site at www.jkef.org/ysp.

Founded in 2000, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded more than \$130 million in scholarships to nearly 1,900 students and more than \$80 million in grants.

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Assemblyman Rodriguez introduces bill to ensure high school students learn CPR

Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez has introduced a bill to ensure high school students learn CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) before they graduate high school in an effort to create a generation of “lifesavers.”

The measure, AB 319, would give school districts the flexibility to teach hands-on CPR in any class that is required for high school graduation, such as physical education or health.

The bill is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross who have led the effort to pass similar legislation in 20 other states.

According to the American Heart Association, sudden cardiac arrest is one of the most lethal public health threats in the United States. Each year, nearly 424,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside the hospital and only 10 percent survive.

Only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander.

Preliminary hearing setting again bumped over for suspect in death of Pomona Police Officer Shaun Diamond

Setting of a preliminary hearing was again continued this month in Los Angeles for David Martinez, who is charged with capital murder for allegedly fatally shooting Pomona Police Officer Shaun Diamond last October.

Martinez, who is now represented by a public defender, appeared in Dept. 30 of the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center on Feb. 11. He remained in custody.

The setting of a preliminary hearing in the case now is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19, in Dept. 30.

Diamond, 45, was fatally shot while participating in a multi-agency SWAT operation in San Gabriel attempting to serve a search warrant last Oct. 28 as part of a Mongols motorcycle gang investigation. He died the following day.

The 19-year law enforcement veteran was the second Pomona police officer killed in the line of duty.

Sen. Leyva launches career and job skills education act

State Sen. Connie Leyva last month jointly authored California’s Career and Job Skills Education Act with Sen. Mike McGuire.

The measure, SB 148, appropriates \$600 million to a career technical education incentive grant program for local school districts.

Strong performance standards and oversight measures in the legislation will ensure direct investments in important career technical education programs throughout California, according to a news release.

The measure builds upon an incentive matching grant program proposed in the governor’s 2015-16 budget.

Leyva said the bill will “bolster and strengthen the on-going development of high-quality career technical education programs in California.”

“Particularly in... (the) Inland Empire, there is no doubt that we have great need for technical and job skills programs that will equip our residents with the tools they need to succeed in this ever-evolving economy,” she added.

Congresswoman Torres backs President’s request for \$1 billion investment in Central America

Congresswoman Norma Torres applauded President Obama’s budget request for \$1 billion to invest in security, governance and economic initiatives in Central America.

“The problems facing El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras extend far beyond poverty and a lack of economic opportunity,” said Torres, a native of Escuintla, Guatemala. “These countries also face extreme violence, rampant corruption and weak government institutions.”

“Without a deliberate, coordinated strategy from the United States incorporating regional partners and the governments of the Northern Triangle countries, the impact on the United States and the region will go far beyond refugees at our border,” she added. “It is in both our economic and security interests to be a leader and effective partner in the region.”

Torres said the President’s request is not a “blank check.”

“U.S. assistance will be focused on strengthening government in-

stitutions and rule-of-law, improving community security and attacking organized crime, and promoting economic reforms to encourage private investment and economic growth in the region,” she said.

She said as the President’s request makes its way through Congress, she urges her colleagues “to support the President’s efforts and recognize what is at stake if we refuse to help.”


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Sen. Leyva bill strengthens local jurisdictions protecting children from sex offenders

State Sen. Connie Leyva has introduced a bill that will strengthen the ability of cities and counties to build upon existing statutes protecting children from dangerous sex offenders.

Sponsored by the County of San Bernardino, Senate Bill 267 would help to limit registered sex offenders’ potential contact with children by equipping local jurisdictions with the legal tools necessary to restrict offenders from living or being present at certain locations.

“With over 3,400 registered

sex offenders in San Bernardino County and over 80,000 offenders living in communities throughout California, SB 267 is a common sense measure that arms local leaders with the necessary tools to help further protect vulnerable children and residents from these predators,” Leyva said.

Last year, the 4th Appellate District Court of Appeals, Division 3, ruled that local jurisdictions are preempted by state law from enacting tougher restrictions on the presence of sex offenders.

Claremont Symphony to present Shostakovich Symphony #5 in free concert next month

The Claremont Symphony Orchestra will present a free performance of Symphony #5 by Dmitri Shostakovich next month in a performance rarely performed by community orchestras.

Ruth Charloff, who is in her fourth year as associate conductor of the orchestra, has taken on the challenges of this exhilarating, tragic and ironic 20th century masterpiece that has a complex and multi-layered relation to its Soviet context and the difficulties the composer had surviving within the treacherous strictures of Stalin’s Soviet Union.

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 15 at Bridges Hall of Music on the Claremont College campus.

Also on the program is the Karelia Suite by Jean Sibelius, which is a folk-like and happy piece in contrast to the symphony. It was inspired by the composer’s interest in

the culture of a long-contested Finnish land on the border with Russia.

And Cantus, a short piece by Arvo Part, will be included on the program. The piece was composed in 1977 on the passing of composer Benjamin Britten.

It combines simplicity, sorrow and sonic beauty as a sympathetic and fitting companion to Shostakovich.

Doors open at 3 p.m. for the 3:30 p.m. concert on Sunday, March 15. There are no tickets and seating is open. Drop off is in front of the hall and the handicapped ramp is on the west side of the building.

Bridges Hall of Music (Little Bridges) is located at 150 E. 4th St., Claremont.

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GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF A CENTURY AGO -- Guests get into the spirit of 100 years ago at the Victorian Tea Party hosted this month by the Historical Society of Pomona Valley. Pictured, from left, are Duane Smith (pouring the tea), Shirley Smith, Alice Gomez, Cyndi Guerra, Kathy Adkins and Marian Higgins.



TICKLING THE IVORIES -- Jay Munns of Pomona, a member of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, played a "ragtime" style keyboard on stage at Pomona's Ebell Museum of History this month during the annual meeting and Victorian Tea Party of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley. **Editor's Note:** If anybody ever needs an old-time piano player, Jay is the real deal!



DRESSED FOR THE PART -- Lydia Gutierrez of Pomona, a sophomore at Pomona's School of Arts and Enterprise, volunteered to help serve at this month's Victorian Tea Party hosted by the Historical Society of Pomona Valley. And she was dressed for the part. Board members were installed by Pomona City Councilmember Debra Martin at the event. Members of the 2015 Board are Kathy Adkins, Deborah Clifford, John Clifford, Jim Gallivan, Mickey Gallivan, Alice Gomez, Rubio Gonzalez, Bill King, Gayle King, Di Di Smith, Kate Valdez, Eileen Wallis and Jennifer Williams.



DRIVING NAILS -- Jocelyn Rodriguez, 4, of Pomona, is getting the hang of it by learning how to hammer nails into a class building project this month as a learning experience for both the kids in child development classes and their parents practicing their English skills with their children. Suggested questions included "tell me about your project," "how did you make your project," "what materials did you use" and "why did you choose to make this project." Her father, Jesus Rodriguez, at left, looks on. Child development teacher Sheila Twaddell, a California early child development mentor, explained five classrooms with five teachers and about 180 students were involved in the project. She said the kids were either in Head Start, LAUP (Los Angeles Universal Preschool) or California State Preschool, depending on income ranges. She said the project tied in with class studies of buildings and incorporated student skills in vocabulary, books, math and science.



LEARNING BY DOING -- Pomona Unified School District adult school students in Judy McFadden's English as a Second Language classes teamed up with their kids in the Madison Child Development Center (behind Pomona's Madison Elementary School) this month to, well, build "buildings" as a class project. The parents helped their kids build the buildings and then the adult students practiced their English skills by asking the children about their projects. Pictured is Omar Perez, 4, with his parents Leo and Emma Perez, posing next to their project which, of course, is the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Omar's mom said they built the Washington Monument after visiting the landmark last July 4 when they were in the nation's capital to see the Independence Day fireworks.



TWO FOR TEA AT A VICTORIAN TEA PARTY -- Bill and Gayle King of Pomona, Board members of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, pose for La Nueva Voz in appropriate 1900s attire and with tea cups in hand at this month's Victorian Tea Party and 99th annual meeting of the society. The event was held at Pomona's Ebell Museum of History.

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ARROYO ELEMENTARY ALUMNI RETURN AFTER 60 YEARS TO OPEN TIME CAPSULE -- Students who attended Pomona's Arroyo Elementary School in 1955 returned to school this month to open a wooden time capsule they "buried" inside a wall of the school cafeteria. Students in the current sixth grade class were on hand to bury their own time capsule in the same spot in the cafeteria behind a bronze dedication plaque. On hand at the event were alumnus Bruce Asper, the oldest son of the school's first principal, Alf Asper, and Joe Williams, who attended the school as a child and now works for Pomona Unified School District. Pictured reviewing documents that were buried in the time capsule are Jack Dotts, now of Carpinteria, who alerted the school that the time capsule was in the building, and his fellow students from 60 years ago.



TAKING A LONG LOOK BACK -- Pomona Unified School District Supt. Richard Martinez and Arroyo Elementary School Principal Claudia Ruiz read items found in a 60-year-old time capsule that was opened at the school this month. Alumni present at the event from the 1950s and 1960s included Jack Dotts, Ronda Lewis, Betty Grady, Fred Montaldo, Denny Hobbs, Gover Long, Bety Moore and Kathy Dotts.

County fire offers emergency response team training for disasters

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has announced community emergency response team training to help the public learn how to prepare for a major disaster in free sessions scheduled for March and April.

The three sessions, each seven hours in length, are scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturdays March 28 and April 4 and 11.

They will be held at the fire department's East County Regional Training Center, Fire Station 187, at 3325 Temple Ave., Pomona.

All three sessions must be completed in order to receive a certificate for the course.

Registration is on line at www.fire.la-county.gov/CERT.

For information, call (909) 620-8327 or e-mail leticia.pacillas@fire.la-county.gov.

Students must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

Assemblyman Rodriguez introduces bill to prevent workplace violence in the emergency room

Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez has introduced a bill to prevent workplace violence in the emergency room and guarantee stronger protections for health care workers.

The measure, AB 172, sponsored by the Emergency Nurses Association, would close a loophole by increasing penalties for violence committed against all health care workers engaged in providing services in the emergency room.

Under current law, an assault or battery against a physician or nurse rendering emergency medical care outside a hospital, clinic or health

care facility is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 or one year in jail or both.

A similar offense inside the health care facility is punishable as a lower misdemeanor with jail time of up to six months.

A 2007 National Emergency Department Safety study found that 25 percent of workers in emergency departments surveyed felt unsafe at work.

And according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, healthcare workers accounted for more than 10 percent of the two million reported cases of workplace violence each year.

'World class' magician appearing at House of Wings in La Verne

Here's a little magic we're doing here at La Nueva Voz – head on over to House of Wings in La Verne on a Tuesday night and we'll make a magician appear at your very own table!

Actually, "world class" magician Stephan Wood, a magician for the past 20 years and a member of Hollywood's famed Magic Castle, has been appearing right here in La Verne for the past three months.

And his act seems to be catching on.

Wood, who performs what he calls "close up magic" using cards, coins, silks, rubber bands and dollar bills, transforms dinner out into a very intimate style of entertainment – every show is a personalized form of entertainment.

"You'll come in, have dinner, and I'll come to your table and do magic two feet from your face," Wood said.

And you'll decide for yourself if Wood is performing the mastery of an illusion that delights and amazes audiences – or if he is performing magic.

He has performed for actor Harry Anderson, actress, singer and songwriter Katy Sagal, and actress, producer and author Marilu Henner.

Even comedian Sinbad said, "Your show was fun, man, we had a great time!"

Wood is also available for birthday parties, fundraisers, trade shows, holiday parties and corporate events.

Interested? Wood is appearing from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at House of Wings, 2317 D St., La Verne.

Congresswoman Torres to hold 'listening tour' on jobs, the economy

Congresswoman Norma Torres has announced the launch of a districtwide economic listening tour over the next several weeks to convene meetings with a cross-section of constituents to hear their ideas on creating jobs and growing the region's economy.

"As I begin my first term in Congress, it is my priority to make sure my work on Capitol Hill effectively addresses the needs of my community," Torres said. "I want to hear their recommendations and their concerns so that we can work together to help the Inland Empire reach its fullest potential."

"We're at a crucial point in this country's economic recovery, and I will fight to ensure the Inland Empire doesn't get left behind," Torres said.



POMONA VALLEY REENTRY COALITION RESOURCE FAIR -- Mario Rodriguez, of South Bay Workforce Investment Board, at left, one of about 15 speakers and exhibitors, tells nearly 100 participants at the second monthly Pomona Valley Reentry Coalition Ex-offender and Reentry Resource Fair how his organization can help ex-offenders recently released from prison or jail in the reentry community find jobs with non-profit organizations. He said his organization (www.southbay1stop.org) becomes the employer of record and pays wages and taxes for up to eight months free. Pictured at right is Pastor Nora Jacob, Chair of the Pomona Valley Reentry Coalition. The resource fair is held from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Wednesday each month at the new location of Pomona's Brown Memorial Temple, 1761 W. Holt Ave. Various resource groups were on hand providing everything from job training, housing, clothing, food, financial literacy, insurance and health care. Included were Tri-City Mental Health, Project: Caring and Sharing, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, Volunteers of America, the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, Urban Mission and others. For more information, contact info@pomonareentry.org.

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By Susie Perales

Editor's Note: The following true story, submitted by the author, was related to the author by her friend, Louis Castruita, about an incident his father, Jesus, told him happened to him when he was 12 years old. The author – then a paraprofessional teacher who also wrote for the old La Voz, the predecessor of La Nueva Voz – and her friend – also a teacher – worked together at Pomona's Garey High School in the 1980s. The story was written in memory of his father.

Jesus Castruita, a young boy of 12, sits in a classroom, deeply engrossed in his studies. His concentration is broken by the sound of the door opening. The classroom is silent, except for the squeaking of the principal's shoes. Mr. Garcia walks up to the professor and whispers a few words, then with his forefinger he motions for Jesus to come with him. Ordinarily this interruption would not have bothered Jesus, because he was accustomed, along with a dozen other Mexican boys, to being dismissed early in order to prepare their newspapers for sale in town. The tall, skinny youth nervously arose from his seat. His pale young face seemed to grow paler. He couldn't understand why Mr. Garcia had specifically called out his name and asked him to follow him to his office. He tried to remember. What had he done? What rule had he broken? He couldn't recall what he had done to deserve a visit to the principal's office. This action was primarily used in severe cases of discipline and when it came to giving swats, Mr. Garcia yielded no mercy.

Jesus rubbed his behind as if to soothe the pain from old welts left by the thick 'Sam Browne' belt that hung in the principal's office. They were harsh reminders of the swift and relentless swats he and his friends had been through before, and as he drew closer to the main office Jesus' knees grew weak. Then, as the door opened, it all became clear to him. A stranger sat on the worn leather couch and right beside him sat Jesus' father. Jesus stood there stunned with disbelief in his eyes. He hadn't seen his father in nearly

three years. In fact, he had only seen his father four times since they had fled from Mexico at the height of the Revolution. He could still recall those frantic, bloody days.

They walked miles and miles through fields filled with bodies of men, women, and children. The women clutched their dead children close to their hearts. He recalled how his mother had cried out to them to cover their faces. But his curious and innocent eyes had to see what his parents were running away from. He took one quick glance and his eyes never forgot what they saw. Some of the people had been robbed and brutally murdered, while others had died from disease, hunger and exhaustion. This traumatic experience left Jesus' tender young mind scarred, but much more mature for a boy of his age.

Six years had passed since his father, Don Adolfo Castruita, and his mother, Concepcion, had fled with his brothers and sisters to come to El Paso. They had traveled by train and as they rushed through the city of Chihuahua Jesus remembered counting the bodies that swayed in the wind from the noose of a cruel, cutting rope. He thought of those grotesque looking men, with their blue tongues hanging out and wondered what kind of life each had left behind. He felt sorry for them, but lucky he hadn't been left behind among the dead victims of the Revolution.

They had finally settled on Oregon Street, across from the old Sacred Heart Church which stood near his favorite bridge. Soon after, his father left in search for a better job. Don Adolfo was a man of few words. He spoke very little to his wife and even less to his children. His sullen attitude was marked by his infrequent visits. But this particular visit was different. Jesus, his father and the stranger silently left the school. They boarded a street car and headed for downtown El Paso. Jesus was wishfully hoping that his father would stay longer this time. Indeed, he felt that this would be a day to remember.

Don Adolfo spoke to the stranger in hushed tones. Jesus tried to listen, but he couldn't hear what they were saying. Impossible as it may seem,

A suit of clothing

his father never once spoke to him.

The three climbed out of the street car. They walked along the streets in search of a shop. Finally, they stopped at a tailor's shop. Don Adolfo spoke to the tailor and asked him to fit his son for a suit with long pants. Jesus couldn't believe his ears. A brand new suit for him. Why? Would he wear it to church? He was getting a suit with long pants. Knickers were for boys, but soon he would own a suit for a young man. He thought to himself, what a wonderful father he had, who would take time to come home to buy a new suit just for him. He felt elated and special and sure to remember this day. The tailor took hold of Jesus. He spun him around, lifted his arms, checked the length of his leg, and it tickled his waist as he measured him there. As he finished his job, the tailor told Don Adolfo he would have to return in an hour.

Don Adolfo and the stranger took Jesus to have an ice cream. This was, indeed, a perfect day. An hour

had passed, so they returned to find a beautiful brown, pin-striped suit. The tailor carefully placed the new suit in a shiny red box which was filled with fluffy white paper. Don Adolfo placed the box under his arm and the three made their way back to the house. Don Adolfo placed the box on the table. Jesus kept eyeing the box. It was on the table just taunting him. He waited and waited for his father to tell him to open the box, but instead Don Adolfo said good-bye to his wife and his children. He picked up the box and went away with Jesus' new suit. Jesus felt his eyes fill with tears, he went to his room and silently cried. His mother went into his room and tried to soothe him. But the ache in his heart was too great. She explained to her son that his father had merely needed a model, since the suit had been for the son of the stranger whose age, height, and weight were almost the same as his own. His son had passed away and a suit was needed for burial. In spite of this ex-

planation, Jesus cried himself to sleep that night.

The following morning Jesus sat in his class and the monotonous drone of the teacher's voice caused him to day dream a bit. Although he usually enjoyed ancient history, today's lesson seemed unimportant as he thought of the events of the previous day. Had it all been only a dream? Had there really been a new suit? Maybe, just maybe his father would return. Then he would buy him a suit of his own. Jesus' thoughts are suddenly interrupted as he sees the door knob slowly starting to turn. Jesus' heart stopped pounding for a few seconds. He thought, "maybe it is my father, HE HAS PROBABLY COME BACK!" Just then, Mr. Garcia opened the door. Mr. Garcia turned his head and searched for Jesus. Jesus looked up and their eyes met. Gesturing with his forefinger in the usual way, he said, "Jesus, you and the other boys can go now, it is time to go sell your newspapers."



FIFTH GRADERS AT ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY IN COSTUME - The entire fifth grade (actually two classrooms) at Armstrong Elementary School in Diamond Bar pose for La Nueva Voz in costume during last month's "Living Museum of Historical People." According to Principal Cynthia Sanchez, this year's project -- the second year for this new tradition -- divided the fifth and sixth grades into periods. Sixth graders focused on inventors (Ben Franklin, the Wright Brothers and others) and ancient civilization (Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, etc.), while the fifth grade took on westward expansion (Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett) and the American Revolution (Dolly Madison, Patrick Henry, etc.). Pictured with their fifth grade students are teachers Jaime Santana, at back left, and Paula Richards, at back right. The school serves 565 students in grades pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade.

ANNUAL 'LIVING MUSEUM OF HISTORICAL PEOPLE' AT ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY -- Some 128 fifth and sixth graders at Diamond Bar's Armstrong Elementary School got into character as historical figures last month in the school's annual "Living Museum of Historical People." The school, part of Pomona Unified School District with half its students from Pomona, became an entire series of videos and exhibits (just push a button on the table and the characters come to "life" -- and they tell their story by answering questions from their own "interviewer"), all in honor of President's Day. Pictured, from left, all sixth graders of Pomona, are "interviewer" Avani Hernandez, 11; Leonardo Gutierrez, 11, playing Guglielmo Marconi; and Alfonso Gomez, 12, playing Alexander Graham Bell. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** These guys were good! Oh, and for those who may not remember such things, Alexander Graham Bell was credited with inventing the telephone and Marconi succeeded in sending wireless signals over a distance of 1.5 miles in 1895. The entire event showcased a variety of subjects that are consistent with the Common Core State Standards the students are learning in class. Students prepared their own costumes, displays, researched their characters and more during the month before the event.



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the city.

And she spoke of the importance of small businesses from restaurants to recycling plants that provide job opportunities and help reduce the city's carbon and plastic footprint.

"These businesses, small and large, will continue to not only provide job opportunities for generations to come but will reinvigorate our city's cultural, economic and aesthetic appeal," she added.

On social justice, she said recent events in America have brought into question the extent to which social justice (and) activist movements are truly respected and valued in society.

And, she said, in 25 years Pomona will continue to be identified as a city of the arts.

Pomona's image will continue to improve

"Pomona's public image will continue to improve with the ever increasing arts and cultural opportunities for our youth," she said.

Mora pointed to the chalk art festival, Christmas parade and the art walk as elements that will add to the city's art legacy.

On education, she said she is certain that Pomona 25 years from now "will boast of some of the most academically and intellectually prepared leaders... this country has ever seen."

Mora, who interned for former Congresswoman Gloria Negrete McLeod, plans to major in political science in college and ultimately hopes to become a lawyer or a judge.

Marinero was awarded a National Honor Society membership for doing community service and tutoring students. She is president of the landscape and architecture club at Diamond Ranch and is involved in track and field.

Martinez was on the principal's honor roll at Pomona Catholic last year, and is the varsity cross country team captain. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she is busy doing volunteer work for St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Semi-finalists

Semi-finalists in this year's competition were Elizabeth Flores and Angela Gonzales of Ganesha High School, Susan Lucas and Bertha Guadalupe Romero Madrigal of Pomona High School, Rosy Marie Mora Miramontes of Village Academy High School and Jennifer Monteon of Fremont Academy of Engineering and Design.

Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, who congratulated the semi-finalists



MISS POMONA AND HER COURT -- A new Miss Pomona and her court pose with their scholarship checks following coronation ceremonies Sunday at Pomona's Fox Theater. Pictured, from left, are Lauren Alissa Marinero, Miss Pomona Irlanda Gabriela Mora, and Kassandra Martinez.



Lauren Alissa Marinero



Kassandra Martinez



A PAGEANT WITH ALL THE EXTRAS -- The audience at this year's Miss Pomona pageant enjoyed the cake, at left, after the ceremony. Pictured at right are bouquets, scholarship checks and goody bags presented to the three finalists, courtesy of various contributors (including La Nueva Voz).

and thanked them for their participation, presented each semi-finalist with certificates of recognition from the Pomona City Council, State Sen. Connie Leyva, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

Judges for this year's competition were Capt. Michael Ellis of the Pomona Police Department, Pomona City Councilmember Ginna Escobar, who served as Miss Pomona in 2005, Danielle Garcia, who served as Miss Pomona in 2012, Lorena Gonzalez, who served as Miss Pomona in 1997, and Pomona Unified School District Board member Frank Guzman.

Members of this year's Miss Pomona Pageant Committee were Chairperson Lorena Matarrita, Maribel Alvarez, Downtown Pomona Owners Association Executive Director Larry Egan, Sally Egan, Linda Farman, Downtown Pomona Owners Association Board President Carolyn Hemming, Blanca Loya, Christine Perez and Pomona City Councilmember Adriana Robledo, who served as Miss Pomona in 2001.

Major sponsors for the evening were the City of Pomona, the city's Vehicle Parking District, the Downtown Pomona Owners Association, Mia Belleza Salon & Spa, Pomona Fox Theater, US Bank and Valley Vista Services.


Judging in the final round of competition in the Miss Pomona Scholarship Pageant was based on speech content and presentation, personality, poise and originality. Miss Pomona received a \$3,000 scholarship and the runners up each received \$1,500 scholarships.



'FREMONT FEMINEERS' EXPLORE 'STEM' CAREERS -- STEM careers (science, technology, engineering and math) not for girls? Not so, say members of the Fremont Femineers. The group of 24 female students at Pomona's Fremont Academy of Engineering and Design, in grades 10 and 11 and the top students in their class, are breaking barriers and embracing STEM career paths -- heading in directions such as robotics, engineering and computer science. The group was created in 2013 in partnership with Cal Poly University Pomona's College of Engineering which provides funding, academic support, female engineering student mentors and college counseling for female students going into what has long been considered a male-dominated industry. Pictured are several of the Femineers working on a project to learn how to build wearable technology in which computer and advanced electronic technologies are incorporated into clothing and accessories for use in everyday life.




GANESHA STUDENT WINS POMONA HOST LIONS SPEAKERS CONTEST -- Pomona's Ganesha High School student Elizabeth Flores took first prize this month in this year's Pomona Host Lions Club's annual Student Speakers Contest. Runner-up was Joseph Orosco, a student at Pomona High School. This year's theme was "Water conservation -- How can we reduce, recycle and reclaim?" In her speech, Flores said many students are not aware there is a water shortage and that any efforts to relieve the crisis must begin with educating the public and motivating them to action. Each contestant received \$25 and the winner received an additional \$75. Flores will advance to the Lions "zone" competition next month. Winner of the statewide competition in June will receive a \$21,000 scholarship. Pictured, from left, are Darren Knowles, judge; Lions District Governor Gil Smith; Lizbeth Lucca, judge; Club President Ricky Ortiz; speakers contest winner Elizabeth Flores; runner-up Joseph Orosco; Lee Bailey, judge; Morgan Brown, contest chairman; and First Vice District Governor Ken Myers.



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Assemblyman Rodriguez introduces bill to prevent wrong-way freeway accidents

Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez has introduced a bill designed to prevent deadly wrong-way accidents from occurring on California's highways.

The measure, AB 162, would direct the California Department of Transportation, in consultation with the California Department of Motor Vehicles, to conduct a one-year study to identify solutions to reducing the number of wrong-way driving incidents. The findings would be due back to the legislature by Jan.

1, 2017.

A wrong-way driver caused a three-vehicle collision last February on the 60 Freeway in Diamond Bar resulting in six fatalities, according to the news release. Witnesses reported seeing the driver going the wrong way at a high rate of speed on both the 57 and 60 freeways before the crash.

The California Highway Patrol estimates an average of 200 wrong-way collisions occur each year on the state's freeways and highways.

'Historical Pomona' recipes wanted for 100th anniversary cookbook

Members of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley – already hard at work on a 100th Anniversary Cookbook to be published next year – are in the process of collecting local recipes to include in the book.

Included will be photos, stories and taste tempting recipes of historical Pomona.

Want to be included? Send in your own favorite family recipes to be printed alongside recipes from restaurants such as Griswolds, Sir Georges, Pomona Fish Market,

Mission Family Restaurant, La Paloma, Orlando's and others.

Organizers are still looking for the chicken and biscuit recipe from the Crystal Cafeteria.

Included will be everything from appetizers and beverages to soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads, desserts and more.

For a copy of the "recipe collection sheet" form and to reserve copies of the cookbook, contact the Historical Society at (909) 623-2198 or (909) 622-4594.



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OPARC mirrors Inland Empire as economy rebounds

What is good for the Inland Empire is good for OPARC as the region's improving economy is mirrored in the level of activity at the agency that provides workforce development for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Andrea Erickson, OPARC's President and CEO, said unemployment in San Bernardino was around 14 per-

cent – the highest in the country – when she came on board in 2011. Today, that figure is down to 8.5 percent and improving – in fact, improving at a rate faster than the rest of the state.



OPARC WAREHOUSE -- A view of part of OPARC's 22,000-square-foot warehouse shows several of the work stations where assembly and packing operations are under way on a typical work day this month.

cent – the highest in the country – when she came on board in 2011.

Today, that figure is down to 8.5 percent and improving – in fact, improving at a rate faster than the rest of the state.

"From what I've read, it seems like this area is really going to be turning around pretty rapidly, partly, I think, because of housing, because it is so much less expensive to purchase a home here," Erickson said.

Then what does that mean to OPARC?

"I think the better the economy is, the better it is for us because with our work activity program there is more work coming in, it is more varied, usually bigger projects," she said. "And then for our outsourcing for work, there are obviously more opportunities and more businesses looking to hire."

She explained OPARC receives funding both from the Regional Center system which provides services to adults with disabilities as well as the California Department of Rehabilitation.

"Our rates (for providing services) have not gone up in over 10 years and we know what has happened to business costs in the last 10 years so we do a lot of fundraising," Erickson added.

How does the process work as OPARC provides employees to businesses?

"We go out and we bid a job so we

have to do a very detailed step by step because that is how payment is set," she said. "So we do a very detailed study and we come out with a rate to the businesses. This last year we started raising our rates again which we had not done to the businesses in some cases for six years."

OPARC's goal had been to keep rates flat so the clients, or the disabled

imum wage," she said. "It could be tied to a much higher rate."

And when the minimum wage went up in the community, it also went up for OPARC's clients.

How does that impact OPARC?

It means that we have to pay the clients more, so if we're not raising our own rates to businesses, we're in trouble," she said. "And I think

sometimes people don't understand that about a non-profit. It's a business. Our product is different but we're under the same forces that everybody else is under."

According to data developed by OPARC, the need for services continues to grow – there are 29,500 children and adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities living in the Inland Empire.

OPARC, which was established in 1950, serves more than 800 individuals each month – in the communities of Pomona, Upland, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and surrounding areas – and offers programs that provide much needed family support so family members can work and contribute to their household income.

Workers are trained in areas of assembling packages, labeling, sealing, re-packing and even dishwashing, food preparation, on-site janitorial services and car washing skills.

Some 220 workers are on hand on

a daily basis in a 22,000-square-foot warehouse at the Montclair headquarters divided into eight work stations.

The agency provides \$1.3 million of cost effective production services and outsourced contract labor to local business including names such as Toyota, Chevron and Simpson Strong-Tie.

And as an "economic generator and job creator," OPARC has an annual budget of \$11.5 million spent in the Inland Empire and a payroll of \$6 million with a staff of more than 240 employees at eight locations from Walnut to San Bernardino. Annual wages to clients total nearly \$1 million.

Income in last year's budget included 83 percent from the state, 14 percent from earned income and 3 percent from fundraising, according to the OPARC annual report.

"I hope people will understand how much of an asset OPARC is to the community, both in terms of our services and also what we can provide to local business," Erickson said.

For more information, visit the web site at www.oparc.org or call (909) 985-3116.

Editor's Note: OPARC's second annual "Heart & Soul, Walk & Roll" 5K fundraiser, featuring a fun run and health fair, is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Ruben S. Ayala Park in Chino. For information or to register, contact Amanda Willis, (909) 985-3116, ext. 155 or e-mail awillis@oparc.org.



PACKAGING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY -- Jose Reyes, OPARC's Director of Employment Services, at left, and President and CEO Andrea Erickson watch as Timmy Cox, of Chino, a "client" for the past 21 years, packs building materials for shipping on the floor in the main warehouse at OPARC in Montclair.



MILLIONS OF EASTER EGGS -- Lindsey Chong of Chino Hills works on packaging some of the three million plastic easter eggs with bubble gum inside OPARC is shipping for a client.

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Congresswoman Torres appointed to Natural Resources Committee, water and Indian affairs subcommittees

Congresswoman Norma Torres has been appointed to the Natural Resources Committee, the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, according to an announcement by Natural Resources ranking member Congressman Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona).

"Whether it's tourists visiting our mountains, coastlines and national parks, our booming agriculture sector's dependence on water to feed their crops, or the needs of all Californians to have clean water to drink and air to breathe, the work of the Natural Resources Committee is vital to my state," Torres said.

"California is also home to more Native Americans than any other state, so I hope to continue the work I started in the California legislature to defend the rights and ensure the well-being of our state's tribal communities," she added.

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Marilyn M. Angelo

La Nueva Voz extends our condolences to the family of our long-time friend Marilyn Angelo who passed away this month following a battle with cancer. She was 86.

Born at Pomona Valley Hospital, she graduated as class valedictorian of Bonita High School's class of '46.



Marilyn Angelo

She later graduated from Mt. SAC and Pomona College.

Originally a resident of La Verne, she married and moved to Claremont.

She was active in San Dimas, where her office was located, and was very active in Pomona's Pilgrim Congregational Church, where she was a member. She was particularly active with the church women's auxiliary and the auxiliary's semi-annual rummage sale project.

She was a San Dimas "Community Hero" at the 2012 Los Angeles County Fair as the Fair honored her volunteer service in the community.



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