

Pomona Mayor Sandoval, in his first 'State of the City' address, urges residents and businesses to 'take ownership of this community'

A "park ranger" program to ensure safety in Pomona parks, beginning work on a repaving of Holt Avenue and the opening of a new homeless service center this summer are among highlights of what the future has in store for the city, according to Mayor Tim Sandoval's comments in his first State of the City address this

month.

But the key to the future "is for every resident and business to take ownership of this community," Sandoval told a packed Fox Theater.

"Let's take ownership of this community," he added. "Our residents and businesses will prosper if we make this commit-

ment."

"I am confident that we are well on our way to realizing that vision," he said.

Looking back on his first year in office, Sandoval recounted some of the highlights of the city's accomplishments:

- The City Council passed an ordinance in support of the California Values Act, affirming Pomona's support "for our diverse immigrant community."

- The city received \$3.5 million to build the Phil and Nell Soto Park at Park and Orange Grove Avenues.

- The city opened the Esperanza and Alegria Park in the Angela-Chanslor neighborhood and opened Phillips Paw Park, the city's first dog park, in Phillips Ranch.

- City crews removed more than one million square feet of graffiti from more than 55,000



Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval

locations.

- Crews completed 50,000 square feet of street repairs.

- Crews cleaned up 2,000 locations of illegal dumping and collected thousands of shopping carts.

- The City Council approved a ban on new waste and recycling businesses in the city.

- Crews cleaned up more than

1,500 homeless camps.

"We recognize that one of the greatest challenges we face as a city is homelessness," Sandoval said. "Like you, I want to see our homeless service center open up as quickly as possible because we know the need and understand the frustration."

He said the facility, which will be located at 1400 E. Mission Blvd., will have room for up to 400 beds, a central kitchen, showers and bathrooms, mental health and job training services and more.

"Little by little, I'm working to restore our image and role as a regional leader," Sandoval said, adding that the city partnered with the County of Los Angeles, Cal Poly University Pomona and Pomona Fairplex to develop a proposal to bring a second Amazon headquarters to Pomona.

"And earlier this month Amazon announced that 20 metro areas are still in the running for their next headquarters, including the Los Angeles Metropolitan area, of which we are a part," Sandoval said.

"No matter where it goes, the fact that one of the biggest and

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Pomona Unified among top performing school districts nationwide in literacy 'app' achievement

The Washington, D.C., based CEO and founder of "Footsteps2Brilliance," Pomona's on-line early-learning literacy program, told members of Pomona Unified School District's volunteer literacy collaborative this month that Pomona is "really a very special place" and that the school district is "right up there" with school districts across the country.

"We are in many, many districts, that's not to say that other districts aren't doing wonderful things because they are, but this is really a very special place," said Ilene Rosenthal. "One of the things that we're seeing in Pomona that is very difficult in other places, and I honestly believe it is the number one thing,



Footsteps2Brilliance CEO and founder Ilene Rosenthal speaks to Pomona Unified School District's volunteer literacy collaborative this month.

is the quality of the writing."

She said there has been an emphasis "on the idea of having Literacy 'app' achievement... pg. 4

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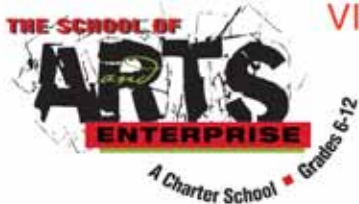
'COFFEE WITH A COP' AT MR. D'S IN POMONA -- It was time for the Pomona Police Department's "Coffee with a Cop" event last month at Mr. D's Diner (on Foothill Boulevard between Towne and Garey Avenues). It was the first "Coffee with a Cop" at Mr. D's and it was Interim Police Chief Mike Olivieri's first "Coffee with a Cop" since he was named chief. The event provides an opportunity for members of the community and police officers to get to know each other on a more personal level and discuss issues of mutual concern. Pictured at the event with a capacity crowd, from left, are Pomona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Frausto, Olivieri, Mr. D's owner Stefano Kosmides and Mr. D's manager Aristos Mantas.

Retirement and investments presentation set for March

Tom Barrett, "Ombudsman" for the California State Teachers Retirement System, will provide information on funding and benefits and explain how retirement contributions and investments are managed in a presentation next month in La Verne.

The event is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Hillcrest Meeting House, 2705 Mt. View Drive, La Verne.

Cost of the luncheon meeting of the California Retired Teachers Association Division 13 is \$19. For reservations, call (626) 963-6242 by March 9.



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ing children use language to tell their own stories and use it correctly.”

“These are budding writers,” she said. “In a world that we’re living in . . . you have a few seconds truthfully to get past the noise and convince people that whatever your idea, your vision is worth listening to.”

“And that means that your first touch point in this world is through your written work,” she said. “When you can write, you already are college and career ready.”

“This is what is going on in Pomona, it’s the level of depth that we don’t always see,” Rosenthal added. “And I really like the leadership here because nothing happens without leadership.”

“We are so impressed and I have to say proud and thankful of the work that you’re doing that there is something very special that’s happened,” she said. “We’re honored and humbled that we’re part of your success.”

It was Rosenthal’s first meet-

ing with members of the collaborative, a group of educators and representatives of businesses in Pomona who have been supporting the implementation of the district’s literacy program since it was launched here in May 2016.

Dr. Gregory Spencer, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Equity Initiatives for Footsteps2Brilliance, has worked closely with the Pomona Unified collaborative since it was created. He has explained in the past that the program helps mitigate the “30 million word gap” in which too many children come to school having heard 30 million fewer words than a child from a more affluent home.

The program “app” can be used on a cell phone, tablet or computer at any time – on line or off line.

Pomona Unified’s Deputy Supt. of Educational Services Stephanie Baker told members of the collaborative that the program has become “a real instructional component,” taking the

district’s strategic plan “off the page, off of the logo and into action.”

“And all of that leads to the final priority for our district strategic plan which is a distinguished culture of excellence.”

Baker introduced Rosenthal, explaining that she has an understanding of providing inter-



Pomona Unified School District’s Deputy Supt. of Educational Services Stephanie Baker tells literacy collaborative members that the district’s on-line early learning program has become “a real instructional component.”

ventions and support for student success academically.

“But what we love is that you have chosen to embrace Pomona,” Baker said. She added that Rosenthal flew to Pomona to meet with parents at Pomona’s Kingsley Elementary School following a suggestion from a Kingsley parent to invite her out for a visit.

Pre-school, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students at one school in Pomona participated in a pilot program in 2015 and, as of January 2016, had read 12,861 books, written 1,251 books, read 4.2 million words and spent a total of 1,104 hours on line.

Usage figures as of January 2017, with the program in place districtwide, were 340,296 books read, 29,289 books created, 93.5 million words read and a total of 26,814 hours on line.

By the end of January

of this year, those numbers were 351,328 books read, 82,041 books created, 104.3 million words read and 31,606 hours on line.

Comprehension last month was at 77 percent.

And the program’s key areas are 0 to 5-year-olds and pre-kindergarten through second graders.

Footsteps2Brilliance is provided free to Pomona residents through Pomona Unified School District, providing an interactive approach to learning and improving language skills.

Students – or adults – can register for the free program by going to www.myf2b.com/register/pomona.

The program was created in 2007 and was launched in California in 2014 when Napa became the first in the U.S. to take the program countywide.

Jeff Schenkel and Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz have been active members of Pomona Unified’s collaborative since its inception.

Pomona Travel again honored with top industry award

Pomona Travel Agency recently received a “top producers” award for last year from Apple Vacations – an award generally presented to the region’s largest travel agencies. Pomona Travel has won the award – the platinum award, the highest honor just below the “crystal” award

– each year for at least the last 10 years.

“We are proud of our agents and appreciate the trust from our clients in providing excellent service to many amazing destinations,” said owner Tami Farley, who has been with the company for the past 34 years

and has owned it since 2001.

She said the key to the company’s success is that it has been reputable, reliable, conscientious, thorough and knowledgeable.

Farley credited her agents for the company’s award-winning record – Yvonne Mercier, Brianna Borrowdale and her business partner, the late Wilma Matray, who died last June.

Apple Vacations is a tour operator specializing in Hawaii, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Pomona Travel, established in 1955, recently relocated its offices to Downtown Pomona near its original site.

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Burglary in Pomona's JFK Park cleans out team equipment at beginning of Pony United Youth Baseball season

An entire community is coming together for a fundraising effort in response to a break-in this month at an equipment storage unit at Pomona's John F. Kennedy Park where an estimated \$3,000 in baseball and landscaping equipment used by Pomona's Pony West chapter of the Pony United Youth Baseball League was taken.

Donations to replace the equipment immediately began coming in – from Pomona City Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, Pomona Unified School Board President Dr. Roberta Perlman and others – following an announcement on Facebook by league president Carlos Goytia, a Board member of Three Valleys Municipal Water District.

Goytia said items missing in the burglary included bags of equipment used by league coaches, such as catcher's mitts, batter's helmets, bats, balls and more.

"The only victims here are the children who are looking forward to playing ball this season," Goytia said. "We are determined to do whatever is needed in turning this travesty into a triumph for our youth here at Pony United."

He said the league, made up of kids ages 4 to 13, had just completed its "clinics," jersey sizing and sign-ups and practice was already scheduled to begin when the break-in was discovered.

Five 'Black History Month' events scheduled in Pomona

Five remaining events are scheduled in Pomona to celebrate Black History Month this month.

A black history celebration will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the multi-purpose room at the Village at Indian Hill, 1460 E. Holt Ave., Entrance 4, Pomona (downstairs), sponsored by the African American Parent Advisory Council and the Pomona Alliance of Black School Educators.

The "Peace Track and Field Games" will be held from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Pomona High School, 475 Bangor St., Pomona, sponsored by

"We at Pony United take pride in that our foundation is built on family, and that together as a family we can provide a safe playing environment and memorable experience for our kids," Goytia said.

He added that the league only recently had new lights installed on the field for night play.

League volunteers and parents revitalized the playing field at Kennedy Park when the league was organized in 2014 after some 30 years without organized baseball at the park.

Goytia himself played on the last team to play in the park at that time, playing in the old Pomona Northwest Little League.

Pomona police detectives are actively working on the investigation, according to a police department news release.

Opening day for the league's new season is set with ceremonies scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10. A special ribbon-cutting will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Pomona Police Department at (909) 620-2085. To remain anonymous, call (800) 222-TIPS and use your smart phone to download the "app."

To donate on line to help replace the equipment, go to www.gofundme.com/pony-united-youth-baseball-league.

the Diamonds Love Foundation.

A "Black History Celebration" will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Macedonia Baptist Church, 710 S. Hamilton Blvd., Pomona.

"Black History and Line Dancing" is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the African American Museum of Beginnings, 1460 E. Holt Ave., Entrance 3, Suite 188, Pomona. Cost is \$20.

And "Celebrating the Dream" is scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, also at the African American Museum of Beginnings, sponsored by the Pomona Valley Branch of the NAACP.



CAREER DAY WITH SEN. LEYVA -- State Sen. Connie Leyva visited Pomona for another career day last month, this time at Pomona's San Jose Elementary School. Pictured in the front row, at center, from left, are Leyva, Pomona Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Vita Gonzales of U.S.A. Fit Force Taekwondo, Pomona Unified School Supt. Richard Martinez, and Hellen Armijo, of Carnaval Realty. Pictured, at rear, center, from left, are Michael Thomas of America's Job Center in Pomona, Pastor Amos Young, Pomona Chamber Ambassador Frank Gonzales of U.S.A. Fit Force Taekwondo, community volunteer Alice Gomez, Pomona Unified School Board President Dr. Roberta Perlman, Salvador Armijo, also of the Carnaval Realty Team in Pomona, and former Pomona City Councilmember Paula Lantz.

Pomona Concert Band sets winter concert

The Pomona Concert Band will present its annual winter concert in a "Meet the Band" program scheduled for next month.

Sponsored by the City of Pomona Community Services De-

partment, the concert will feature individual soloists and sections as well as the whole band.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, in

the Palomares Park Community Center, 499 E. Arrow Highway, Pomona.

Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval will serve as master of ceremonies.

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School Board Vice President Frank Guzman enters race for Assembly

Pomona Unified School District Board Vice President Frank Guzman has announced plans to enter the race for the California Assembly against incumbent Assemblymember Freddie Ro-

driguez, who was first elected to the Assembly in 2013 in a special election.

“It is with great joy that I officially announce that I have entered the race for State Assembly

Member,” Guzman said. “I feel I can represent the 52nd District in a more profound way... both locally and at the state capital.”

“Pomona has always been near and dear to my heart and I feel it

consistently gets overlooked,” Guzman added. “Our neighboring cities... have experienced some of this same oversight.”

He said he will “fight for our respected cities, residents, and I won’t stop until we see changes that reflect our values and expectations.”

“Once in office, my focus will be tackling issues that have plagued our communities for years, such as homelessness, crime and air pollution,” Guzman said. “Putting more police on our streets will be a top priority.”

“We deserve to have clean air just like some of the more affluent communities,” he said.

“Education and our youth will also be top priorities,” he said. “We need to ensure our school districts are being transparent and held accountable to students and families.”

“With years of experience as

a board member, I’m ready to tackle the educational issues we are faced with,” Guzman said. “Our youth are our future and we need to do more to provide programs that encourage and keep them off the streets.”

Guzman said work in all of these areas will result in shifts in the economic development of the region, as more businesses will choose to move into the 52nd District.

“If you are ready to have a leader that is committed to fighting for you and the 52nd Assembly District, I will need your support,” Guzman said.

To visit and share his Facebook page, go to fb.me/Frank4AD52.

The election for the 52nd Assembly District seat will be held in November.

The district includes Pomona, Chino, Ontario, Montclair and unincorporated portions of Fontana.



WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER OPENS AT DAVID AND MARGARET -- Transitional age youth (with scissors, at left) Karina Barrios and Glorianna Kingsbury, and (at center, with scissors) La Verne Mayor Don Kendrick officially open David and Margaret Youth and Family Services' Youth Workforce Training Center last month. To Kendrick's left is David and Margaret Executive Director Charles Rich and to the Mayor's right is Board of Directors President Arun Tolia. The new facility exposes local foster youth to job experience in retail and culinary service through internships. The store is open Monday afternoons and all day Tuesday through Saturday. Hours of the new café are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Members of the La Verne and Claremont Chambers of Commerce participated in the ribbon-cutting.

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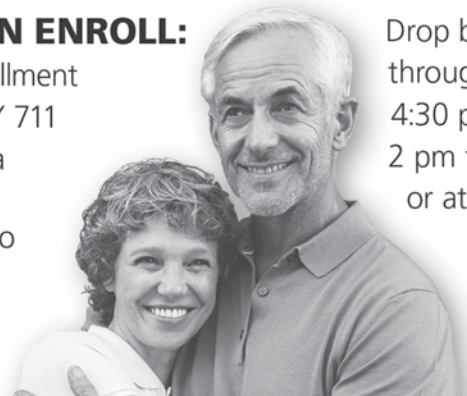
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Pomona Valley Hospital opens new community health center in La Verne

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center opened a new “Pomona Valley Health Center” in La Verne this month that will bring state of the art medical services – from primary care physicians to physical therapy and even mammography and “CT” scans – to the local community.

La Verne Mayor Don Kendrick, who toured the facility before its opening at the same time as La Nueva Voz, welcomed the facility to his city.

“Every time that there’s needs, any kind of emergency need of some kind, you have to leave La Verne in order to get care, whether it’s at another one of the health centers . . . or at the hospital,” said Kendrick, who added he was born at Pomona Valley Hospital. “We have five senior mobile home parks in La Verne . . . they are all very excited to have this opening. It can’t open soon enough. So to have this in here will be one of the absolute highlights of the year in La Verne.”

Jonathan Berends, the hospital’s vice president of ambulatory

services who oversees the hospital’s outlying facilities as well as radiology and physical therapy at the hospital, said the new health center – located in what was previously a Marshall’s Department Store and a Lucky Supermarket before that – required about a year to complete renovation.

The end result is a 35,000

square foot facility offering both primary care and urgent care services to the La Verne and San Dimas communities.

Dr. Michael Deanda, medical director for the health center, is a family physician in Chino Hills who lives in Claremont five minutes away. He has been in private practice for 17 years and has been



Robert Jacoby, Administrative Director for Radiology, poses with the new CT scan at Pomona Valley Health Center in La Verne.



Jonathan Berends, vice president of ambulatory services for Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, shows off some of the digital radiography x-ray equipment at the new Pomona Valley Health Center which opened this month in La Verne.

on staff at Pomona Valley Hospital since 2001.

“We are expanding our services and it is great to have an opportunity to work with the hospital,” he told La Nueva Voz.

Deanda, who received his undergraduate degree at Cal Poly

University Pomona and his medical degree from USC medical school, completed his residency at Pomona Valley Hospital from 1998 through 2001 and remained in the community to begin his practice.

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Physical therapist Sandy Kraemer shows off her new Biodex equipment that provides biofeedback on the screen “so you can kind of get a visual feedback” of how hard you are working. She said the equipment, only part of what she has available at the new facility, will be helpful in the testing she will use for criteria for athletes to return to play.

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most dynamic companies in the world believes that Pomona has the people, institutions and infrastructure... speaks to the strength and dynamism of Pomona and the region," he added.

"Pomona has to think big," he said. "We were the agricultural center of the region... we were the movie previewing location for major Hollywood movies.. post-World War II General Dynamics was one of the foundations of the economy in the region and vital to our nation's economy."

He cited the city's two major hospitals, Cal Poly and Western University of Health Sciences, Fairplex and Downtown Pomona.

"I believe Pomona has, once again, the cultural and economic assets to be the center of this re-

gion," Sandoval said. "Pomona, our city, is in the midst of a resurgence and a renaissance."

He cited as an example pending plans for a 12- to 14-plex theater in Downtown Pomona proposed by Maya Cinemas and its founder, Moctesuma Esparza.

In other areas, Sandoval said he wants to increase home ownership by ensuring that renters have access to programs and information, and he has asked for a "living wage task force" to be established to work on ways to improve the lives of those living and working in the city who are earning minimum wage.

And he said he will "continue to push for good governance and transparency at city hall."

"Our finance team, with the

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Pomona City Councilmembers present beautification awards at State of the City presentation

Pomona volunteers were recognized by members of the Pomona City Council at the Fox Theater in Downtown Pomona this month for their "volunteerism and community service."

The recipients of the special recognition were recognized for keeping Pomona beautiful before this month's "State of the City" address by Mayor Tim Sandoval.

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PAINT AND SIP AT KENNEDY AUSTIN FOUNDATION -- Linda Jones-Edwards, of Pomona's Kennedy-Austin Foundation, shows off several paintings produced during the organization's "Paint and Sip" program, in which participants work under the direction of a professional artist. Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Saturday at the foundation headquarters, 2501 N. Garey Ave., Pomona. Cost is \$30. To register, visit the web site at kennedyaustinfoundation.org or call (909) 480-3357. The next event is scheduled for March 17. The Kennedy-Austin Foundation serves the needs of parents and families that have lost children.

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L.A. County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, speaking at memorial services in Pomona, calls Deputy Steven Belanger a hero

Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell told an overflowing mausoleum at Pomona Valley Memorial Park this month that Sheriff's Deputy Steven Belanger was "one of our heroes, a role model, a man we can honor as a husband, father and L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy."

Belanger died this month as a result of injuries he sustained in December 1994 when he was shot by a passing suspect in Rowland Heights.

McDonnell, speaking at pri-

vate memorial services, said while it has been 23 years since the incident "we have never forgotten our fallen."

"Steve Belanger was only 29 years old on that fateful December day in 1994," McDonnell said. "He had served seven short years with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. Yet he had already developed a reputation for being an outstanding young man."

McDonnell pointed out that Belanger was a second-gener-

ation deputy, following in the footsteps of his father, Deputy Edward Belanger, who worked patrol at the sheriff's Temple Station.

"While Steve was quite young, he was also very determined," McDonnell said. "He faced a long recovery period. Yet six years after he was severely wounded he managed to return to work in January of 2000, light duty, to serve in our Temple Station until he medically retired in

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Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell kneels before Christina Anderson, widow of Deputy Steven Belanger, to present a folded U.S. flag in ceremonies this month at Pomona Valley Memorial Park. Belanger died this month of injuries received while on duty some 23 years ago.

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'Principals for a Day' impressed with Pomona Unified's 'real' principals in annual Pomona Chamber program

"Principal" John Forbing, who picked Golden Springs Elementary School in Diamond Bar for his "Principal for a Day" visit this year, told La Nueva Voz his "real" principal was "very good" and "knows her business very well."

Forbing, who picked the Pomona Unified School District school this month which is just down the street from his State Farm insurance office in Pomona, spent the morning with "real" principal Dr. Deanna Glenn.



ANNUAL PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY IN POMONA -- Participants including business owners and other Pomona Chamber of Commerce members, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval and members of the Pomona City Council, Pomona Unified School District board members and even Cal Poly University Pomona President Soraya Coley visited schools and then gathered for lunch to talk about their findings this month. Pictured are the participants posing for the traditional group photo at the Village at Indian Hill Conference Center.



'PRINCIPAL' FOR A DAY VISITS A CLASSROOM -- Principal for a Day John Forbing looks over the shoulder of two sixth graders during his visit this month to Golden Springs Elementary School in Diamond Bar. Pictured with Forbing are, from left, "real" Principal Deanna Glenn and students Amer Saad and Chris Hernandez, both 11.

"She's indicative of the quality of the Pomona school district and I'm proud to be a business person in Pomona because of the quality of the school district," Forbing said.

La Nueva Voz picks one or two schools each year to visit during the annual Principal for a Day program, presented by the

Pomona Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Pomona Unified School District.

Glenn, a Chino Hills resident who received her master's degree in counseling education from Cal State University Fullerton and her doctorate from the University of La Verne, joined the Pomona Unified School

District seven months ago after serving as an educational consultant.

Before that, she was an assistant superintendent in Buena Park for seven years. She said Golden Springs is her fourth assignment as a school principal, and she said she loves being at

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POMONA OPTIMIST CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS -- Four sixth grade students from Pomona's Philadelphia Elementary School were honored last month as "Students of the Month" for their scholastic achievement at a meeting at Mr. D's Diner in Pomona of the Pomona Optimist Club. Pictured, from left, are Benny Ayala, representing State. Sen. Connie Leyva; Pomona Unified School District Board President Dr. Roberta Perlman, an Optimist member; Philadelphia Elementary Principal Alicia Castaneda; student Diego Bernal; Optimist President Lorraine Canales of Pomona's Village Academy High School; student Rafael Delgadillo; Optimist Past President M. Joyce Bakersmith; student Samantha Garcia; Pomona City Councilmember Adriana Robledo; student Adolfo Rosales; Pomona Unified School District Assistant Supt. of Pupil and Community Services Fernando Meza, an Optimist member; and Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez. Bernal and Delgadillo were "Students of the Month" for December and Garcia and Rosales for January. The students received recognition certificates from Leyva, Rodriguez, Congresswoman Norma Torres, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, the Pomona City Council and the Optimist Club.

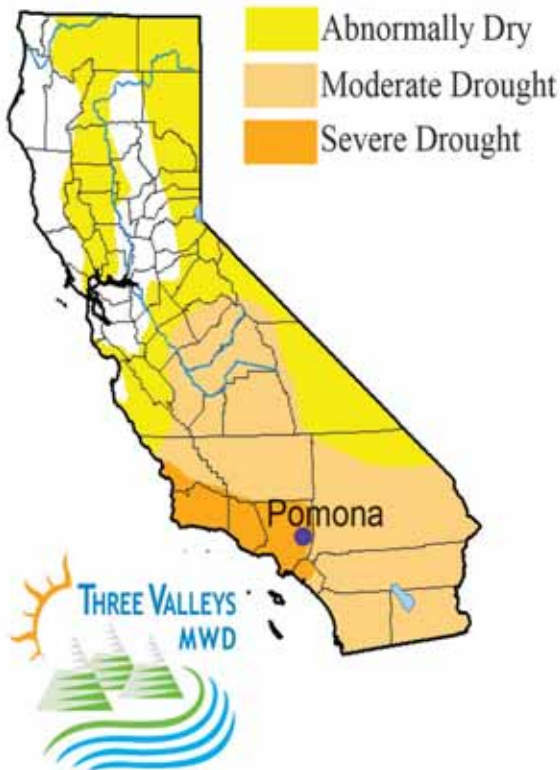
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POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S POWER OF RED -- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation's 11th annual "Power of Red" fundraiser, held this month at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel, raised more than \$5,000 to benefit the Stead Heart and Vascular Center's "Stead Heart for Women Program." More than 100 guests wore red and enjoyed a "paint night" activity hosted by the Purple Easel while learning about the cardiovascular benefits of art as a therapeutic tool. Pictured, from left, are hospital registered nurses Lena Plent, Anne Mendoza, Darlene Scaffiddi, Michele Atkins-Young, DeeAnn Gibbs, Lolla Mitchell, Martha Soto, Stephanie Smith-Raby and Kristen Stevens. The foundation hosts the event each year in support of the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign, which is part of an on-going effort to educate the public about heart disease in women.



SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOTION ON U.S. JOBS FOR METRO -- Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, at center, also a member of Metro's Board of Directors, poses with members of California Jobs to Move America last month before her "U.S. jobs for Metro" motion was unanimously approved by Metro's Systems, Safety, Security and Operations Committee. Her motion, co-authored by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, also a Metro Board member, was to adopt a permanent U.S. employment plan policy for Metro bus and rail car purchase projects above \$100 million. The measure was approved unanimously by the full Metro Board later last month. The policy provides incentives for manufacturers seeking Metro contracts to prioritize job creation, partner with community organizations to implement workforce development, and create pathways for underrepresented and excluded populations in the manufacturing industry, according to a news release. "As the Secretary of Labor under President Obama, I have a deep and steadfast commitment to maximizing job creation and career development, with a special emphasis on providing employment to low-income residents and those facing barriers to employment," Solis said. California Jobs to Move America is a coalition of labor, environmental, community, faith and workforce development organizations. The plan could support up to 22,051 jobs for billions of dollars worth of taxpayer-funded future bus and rail purchases. Pastor Amos Young, center, at rear, Director of Community and Government Affairs for Pomona's Project Caring and Sharing Family Services, said the policy helps ensure his clients and other job seekers who have difficulty securing employment can benefit from these opportunities.



SUNSET OVER THE HOSPITAL -- A sunset showcasing palm trees and the San Gabriel Mountains last month is framed by Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center as seen from near the top of the new parking structure at the rear of the hospital on the Orange Grove Avenue side.

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Downtown Pomona's Augusto Vivanco becomes U.S. citizen!

Congratulations to Downtown Pomona's Augusto Vivanco on officially becoming a U.S. citizen last month in ceremonies at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Vivanco, 59, who lives in Pomona with his wife, Rosa Isela Vivanco, also a citizen, and their daughter, Natalie Vivanco, 7, passed the citizenship test on the first time after studying for three months.

He is a maintenance supervisor for the Downtown Pomona Owners Association, where he has worked for the past 11 years. He has lived in the U.S. for the past 31 years after coming here from Chile.

"It was one of the most important days of my life," Vivanco



CONGRATULATIONS TO A NEW CITIZEN IN POMONA! -- The Downtown Pomona Owners Association's own Augusto Vivanco, at right, receives a City of Pomona certificate of congratulations from Pomona City Councilmember Rubio Gonzalez at a reception honoring Vivanco for becoming a new citizen. Pomona City Councilmember Adriana Robledo, at rear, looks on.

said, "because it was always a childhood dream to come to the United States to work and live."

His adult children are Augusto Vivanco, Jr., 23, Oscar and Jose Luis Vivanco, twins, 20, and Jean Paul Vivanco, 33, and Maximiliano Vicanco, 31, both residents of Chile.

Pomona and Downtown Pomona friends and officials celebrated the accomplishment with

a reception at the Downtown Pomona Owners Association offices on 2nd Street during a DPOA Board meeting last month.

Vivanco was presented certificates of appreciation from Congresswoman Norma Torres, State Sen. Connie Leyva, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez and Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval and members of the Pomona City Council.

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"Expanding here in La Verne is a great opportunity, it's a great community, we've been part of this community for some time, and being able to provide some excellent services along with the hospital is just really ecstatic for me," Deanda said.

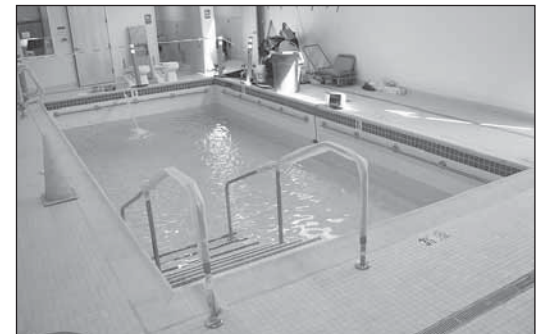
"We are really kind of striving to extend and expand our services at the hospital out to the community level like we've done in Chino Hills and Pomona or in Claremont as well so we're hoping to extend our services out everywhere," he added.

Comprehensive medical and health care services at the facility will be provided by physicians with Premier Family Medicine Associates affiliated with Pomona Valley Hospital.

"We've had the privilege of serving La Verne families for decades at our other facilities," said Pomona Valley Hospital President and CEO



Dr. Michael Deanda, medical director for the new Pomona Valley Health Center in La Verne, takes a look at the new computer system that will access patient records. Operating the computer is Monica Del Real, of Azusa, a primary care supervisor at the La Verne facility.



An indoor swimming pool at the Pomona Valley Health Center in La Verne will be used for both wellness classes and physical therapy.

Rich Yochum. "We're pleased to now offer La Verne and San

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MODELS JUST OFF THE RUNWAY

-- Volunteer models at this month's Assistance League Valentine's Tea pose for a photo after walking across the stage at Ebell to showcase some of the clothes selected from the group's "Operation School Bell" program in which new and gently used clothes are provided to school children in Pomona and their families. The monthly give-away (each month during the school year) takes place at the Assistance League's "community closet" at 693 N. Palomares St., Pomona. The models, either Assistance League volunteers or children of members or both, pictured, from left, are Amanda Rauchfuss, Alexis Rivas, Kylie Roberts, Chloe Krechmery, Natalie Sanchez and Nicholas Sanchez. The Assistance League also offers a \$10 dental care center next door.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE VALENTINE TEA -- Organizers of this month's 2018 Valentine's Tea at the Pomona Ebell Museum of History, sponsored by the Assistance League of Pomona Valley, pose for the La Nueva Voz camera. Pictured with several of the tables in the background, from left, are Assistance League President Cathy Harden and event co-chairs Phyllis Veldman and Sharon Procsal. Servers at the event were volunteers from the Ontario High School volleyball team. It was the group's 15th annual Valentine's Tea and featured four tea sandwiches, blueberry scones, fruit, Devonshire cream, heart-shaped sugar cookies and more.

Pomona Branch NAACP, Latina/Latino Roundtable open new joint offices

Charging that “we are coming together at a time when our communities are under attack,” activist Angela Sanbrano opened the doors this month at the new joint offices of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley and the Pomona Valley Branch of the NAACP.

Sanbrano, President of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities, served as master of ceremonies at an open house in the new offices, known as the Solidarity Center, located in Room 6 of the Village at Indian Hill in Pomona.

The event focused on celebrating the many joint accomplishments of the Roundtable and the NAACP in Pomona in areas of civil rights, health, education, the environment, labor rights and more.

“There is more work to be done because... we all know that

the most reliable vehicle out of poverty is education,” said Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, adding that he is committed to making sure young people in Pomona have all the opportunities to be successful.

“Let’s continue to work together,” he said. “I’m excited for the future and I just want to



Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval congratulates NAACP, Latino and Latina Roundtable, at opening of their new office in Pomona.

congratulate you on your opening day.”

NAACP President Jeanette Royston said her branch serves 10 cities and is working with many organizations focused on a wide variety of interests.

Roundtable President Jose Calderon said his group and the NAACP have been working closely in recent years on a variety of issues, forums and marches.

He ended his comments leading the group in the refrain from the song “Together we can move mountains, alone we can’t move at all.”

Featured at the event were children in choir robes from the Macedonia Baptist Church in Pomona singing a civil rights song and mariachis from the San Bernardino Community Services Center performing traditional songs.

Also participating were As-



Jeanette Royston, President of the Pomona Valley Branch of the NAACP, at left, and Jose Calderon, President of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley, speak at opening of their new joint “solidarity center” this month at the Village at Indian Hill in Pomona.

semblymember Freddie Rodriguez, Pomona City Councilmembers, Pomona Unified School Board member Frank Guzman and Board President Dr. Roberta Perlman, representatives of State Sen. Connie Leyva, Congresswoman Norma Torres and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and Pomona Interim

Police Chief Mike Olivieri.

The new facility provides office space for both the Roundtable and the NAACP, along with a common meeting area.

For more information, visit the NAACP web site at www.naacp-pomona-valley.org or the web site for the Roundtable at www.latinolatinaroundtable.org.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS -- In case you’ve never been to a “calendar dinner,” the way it works is this -- every table competes on design and menu with its own theme and table setting selection. Plus, each table has items on the menu exclusive to that table. And, at the Eagles Auxiliary this month, while everybody had a delicious ham, green beans and scalloped potatoes (prepared by some of the Eagles’ finest chefs), everybody is really eating something different. As an example, pictured is the “May” table organized by Cleo Mondragon of Pomona (front right). In addition to having probably the fanciest dishes of the evening for her friends and family, her special menu items included Hawaiian sweet potato balls (Damn! We were just thinking about making those the other night.) and wiener wraps.



CALENDAR DINNER AT THE EAGLES -- Patty Marquez, immediate past president of the Pomona Eagles Women’s Auxiliary, was chair this month of the annual “Calendar Dinner” fundraiser, with proceeds this year going to the diabetes fund. She said the goal was to fill all 12 tables -- one for each month -- with eight to 10 people each.

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Services held for 'Aunt' Mary Alvarado in Ridgecrest

Mary Elizabeth Valense Alvarado, a resident of Ridgecrest, California since 1978 and long known in town with her husband, Al, as the owners of Jewelry to Go jewelry store of Ridgecrest, died this month after fighting cancer for the past four years. She was 67.



'Aunt' Mary Alvarado

Born in Culver City, she became both a high school cheerleader and a beauty queen early in life.

She met her husband Al when she went to work for his office business machine shop in Bishop.

The two were married in 1976, and Al eventually sold his business and joined his wife in the jewelry store.

They ran it for 30 years until retiring in 2016 when their daughter Angela Alvarado took over the business.

Mary was an active member of the Ridgecrest Chamber of

Commerce, she loved traveling and she was a devoted Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Al, daughters Tara Packer, Shanna Tani and Angela Alvarado, sons Michael and Allen Alvarado, 16 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, many of whom could frequently be seen in her home.

Mary was the last surviving sibling in her family and was the younger sister of the late Thelma Mae Barbee Cossey, mother of Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz, and Renee's aunt, the late Barbara Wilson, of Upland.

Services with nearly 300 in attendance last week filled the All Faith Chapel on the base at China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station in Ridgecrest and burial was held at Desert Memorial Park, also in Ridgecrest.

Steven Belanger... from pg. 10

August of 2001."

He said for Belanger, his work was "not just a job."

"For ever more, his sacrifice will define what it means to live a purpose-driven life," he said. "With his passing we know that Steve Belanger paid the ultimate price for service to his community."

In the 1994 incident, Belanger was on patrol duty when he was struck in the head by a round that caused bone fragmentation, according to a sheriff's department news release. The bullet lodged in his brain where it remained.

The 20-year-old suspect, who was riding a skateboard at the time of the incident, later turned the gun on himself and committed suicide in front of a church in Paramount.

Services with full military honors included a "missing man flyover" by four sheriff's helicopters, a 21-gun salute and a bugler playing the ceremonial "taps."

In addition to family members and friends, sheriff's deputies from Los Angeles, Walnut and San Dimas attended, along with police officers from Pomona and as far away as Beverly Hills.



Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell

The family pastor, Kimball Colburn, of Claremont United Methodist Church, who married Belanger and his widow, Christina Anderson, presided at the service.

Belanger and his wife were both members of the church youth group when they were young and lived in Claremont until they were married and moved to Ontario.

The couple's daughter Nicole was 15 months old at the time of the shooting.

Belanger will rest near his late father in the Pomona mausoleum.

Gloria Avila Rodriguez Dec. 14, 1928 – Jan. 14, 2018



Services were held this month at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Rowland Heights for Gloria Avila Rodriguez, who died in December at the age of 89.

Rodriguez, who was the sixth of eight children, grew up in the old "Chavez Ravine" neighborhood before it became Dodger Stadium.

She worked for the former French Company of Covina, a luggage manufacturer, and as a teaching assistant and later returned to school herself to study art.

Rodriguez is survived by five children including Carolyn Jean, a long-time friend of Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz. Carole and Renee have known each other since 1976 and Renee has fond memories of Carole's mom.

She is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, George V. Rodriguez, died Oct. 26, 2014, at the age of 85.

Golden State Open Taekwondo Championships set for Cal Poly

The 22nd annual Golden State Open Taekwondo Championships will be held Saturday, March 24, at Cal Poly Pomona University with 10 entries selected to earn scholarships of \$500.

The event is sanctioned by California Taekwondo United and will include team demo

competition. Winning school teams will receive prizes up to \$1,500 and a trophy.

It is the first time the Golden State Open is offering scholarships.

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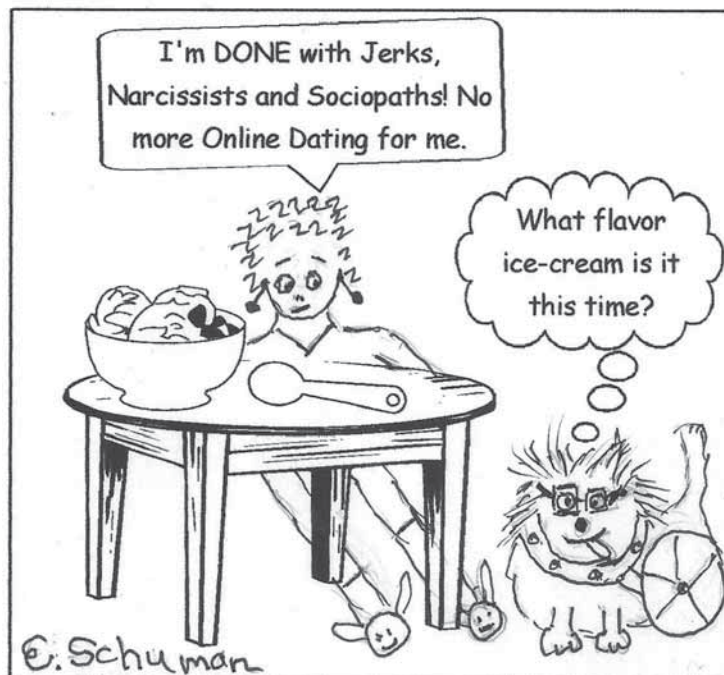
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Hope & Hurdles

By Evy Schuman



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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Principal for a Day... from pg. 11

the school site again.

And apparently she really does – Forbing told La Nueva Voz she stands at the front gate every morning and “high fives and hugs every kid that comes in.”

Glenn, a second generation educator (her father was a teacher for 44 years at Troy High School in Fullerton), also spends a lot of time walking through classrooms to see what students are learning – and then typing her comments in a special review program, known as “digiCOACH,” in her cell phone. The results later go back to school district headquarters where school administrators all the way up to Deputy Supt. Stephanie Baker have an opportunity to review and comment on the school site input.

Then how is it all working for the kids in terms of their education?

Based on testing of her students from grades three through six, Glenn said they are generally above average in the district for both English language arts and for math.

And, she pointed out, English language learners also are included under state testing, and those numbers at the school have been increasing – from 31 students last year to 50 this year.

“So our students are actually doing quite well,” Glenn said.

She said the Principal for a Day program is “awesome” because she loves reaching out to

the community.

“I have the best PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) on the planet at this school site,” Glenn said. “They are absolutely phenomenal, amazing.”

Glenn’s approach toward education seems to be rubbing off – she said her 13-year-old daughter has already decided she wants to be a special education teacher.

And, she added, she has 321 of the “best kids you’ll ever meet in your life and 14 teachers that are amazing, classified staff that are supportive, driven for the kids.”

And, while she has “great parent involvement,” she said she always wants to increase it.

“The more parent involvement we have, the better for our kids – we need to work together,” she said, “because parents are the first teachers and they know their kids better than anybody.”

“And if we work together, we can make it so that they have the best opportunities possible,” she added.

Following the school visits, all 40 participants in this year’s Principal for a Day and their “real” principals got together for lunch at the Village at Indian

Hill, where some of them took the opportunity to describe their experiences.

Pomona Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Sandra Vaughan-Acton, Director of



Golden Springs Elementary School Principal Deanna Glenn, at left, “high fives” two students on a sidewalk at school between classes during Principal for a Day activities.

Real Estate Development for the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, thanked participants and encouraged them to continue the relationship with their principals year-round to see what they need.

Pomona Unified School District Supt. Richard Martinez said that every day “we are nurses, counselors, social workers, parents . . . we are everything to every child.”

“It’s nice to have you as partners,” he added. “The partners in business really help our kids get excited about where they are going to land.”

“We can’t do it alone – we

need the help of our community,” he said, adding that the principals are doing amazing things.

Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, who spent the morning driving around with Martinez and Pomona Unified Board President Dr. Roberta Perlman, said he imagined being a school principal is “similar to being a mayor.”

He thanked all participants in the program for all they are doing in the community.

And Three Valleys Municipal Water District Board member Carlos Goytia said the program

is part of an on-going effort to change the perception in Pomona.

“We together can do that by investing in our youth,” he said. “These kids are our future.”

Principal for a Day is designed to enhance involvement of the business community in Pomona’s educational system and, by extension, the future work force.

Business leaders and educators have an opportunity to exchange ideas as Pomona Chamber members see first hand what is happening in today’s schools.

Registration opens, sponsors needed for annual Eagles golf classic to benefit Special Olympics

The Pomona Eagles 26th annual golf classic to raise funds for the Pomona Valley Special Olympics Southern California will be held Friday, May 18, at Mountain Meadows Golf Course in Pomona.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a “scramble” or “shotgun” start at 12:30 p.m. A banquet reception is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Eagles Aerie,

954 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona.

Registration fee for individual players is \$125 (\$115 if paid by April 1) and a foursome fee is \$500.

Deadline for registration is May 4.

For more information on sponsorships and registration, contact Russell Evans, committee chairman, at (909) 319-7693 or aucados2@yahoo.com.



SOUTH KOREA BASEBALL TEAM PLAYS GAREY HIGH SCHOOL -- The Olympics were going on in South Korea but a high school team from South Korea was right here in Pomona this month to take on Garey High School in an exhibition game. Head coach Ruben Amancio, an alumnus of Garey High School (pictured at far left), said the game ended up tied at 2-2 since the Korean team was on a tight schedule and couldn’t stick around for extra innings. “They were actually a very disciplined team,” Amancio said. “That’s one of the things we noticed right away.” He added a team from South Korea visits the U.S. each year for three weeks and plays as many schools as they can during that time. He said communication was a challenge since only one Korean player spoke English and was acting as an interpreter.

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2018 LA County Fair has 'Route 66' theme

Pomona's Fairplex officials announced this month that the theme of the 2018 fair will be "Get Your Kicks . . . at the LA County Fair" as a bit of nostalgia since most of the guests at the Fair are from the legendary Route 66 highway corridor from San Bernardino to Santa Monica.

The Fair will take visitors on a road trip of iconic highway attrac-

tions, neon signs and everything else that goes along with the vanishing American roadside.

Included will be a walking "road trip" tracing the original Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, and featuring everything from the Wigwam Motel in Arizona (and Rialto) to the Mt. Baldy Drive-In in La Verne to the Santa Monica pier complete

with "seaside" snack shacks.

"Our Route 66 theme speaks to the heartfelt love of America we all share and reflects the return to our roots that our guests are seeking," said Fairplex President and CEO Miguel Santana.

Each Fair exhibit will feature a Route 66 theme.

This year's LA County Fair runs from Aug. 31 through Sept. 23.

State of the City... from pg. 9



Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, on stage at Pomona's Fox Theater during his first State of the City address this month, stands in front of a projected image of an architectural rendering of the proposed Maya Cinemas theater complex planned for Downtown Pomona.

support of the city council, will be hosting community meetings to present our 10-year financial forecast and explore ways you can help us work through those challenges," Sandoval said.

He called on the community to continue to take ownership of the city by shopping in Pomona, and by working with the Pomona Beautiful movement to help improve the appearance of the city.

"And last, connect with our

city and its people, like 'We Run Pomona' (running group) or 'Pomona Beautification Day' or create something for Pomona that you are passionate about, whether it's children, parks, sports, the arts, the environment," he said.

"The people of Pomona make our city, and in the process, the city makes us," he said. "To ensure that we have a city that we love, let's own this city and make Pomona beautiful together."



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PRESENTING CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CENTRAL MART -- Representatives of Day One present a certificate of appreciation to Ramesh Thapa of Central Mart in Pomona for the store's participation in this year's "Operation Sticker Shock." Teams worked throughout Pomona for a week ending early this month to place stickers on cooler doors and beer packages at 10 stores in the project that also involves the Pomona Youth and Family Master Plan board, the Pomona Police Department and the City of Pomona. According to organizers, the majority of alcohol consumed by underage drinkers is purchased by those over the legal drinking age, often parents and other family members. Pictured presenting the certificate to Thapa are, from left, Day One Youth Prevention Specialist Lissette Montoya, Ivan Hernandez and Leticia Aranda (both students at Pomona High School), Elizabeth Soto, Sofia Jimenez (a student at Pomona's Marshall Middle School), and Alfredo Camacho Gonzalez, Day One's Health Community Initiatives coordinator. The three volunteer youth advocates worked with Soto, Montoya and Gonzalez on the project.

"PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO MINORS -- IT'S A CRIMINAL OFFENSE" -- Elizabeth Soto, a health policy liaison for Day One, places stickers on beer in a cooler at Pomona's Central Mart, 1498 S. Towne Ave., as part of "Project Sticker Shock 2018," an annual program designed to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors, especially during the Super Bowl season. The program is sponsored by Pomona's P3 (Partnership for a Positive Pomona) with the collaboration of Day One, an organization that empowers youth to be positive role models and ambassadors for healthy lifestyles. "We just want to spread prevention... because it is illegal and we want (to)... not have kids drinking under age," said volunteer Ivan Hernandez.



Photo by Kait McKay Photography

RIBBON-CUTTING AT YMCA EARLY LEARNING CENTER GRAND RE-OPENING -- Officials cut the ribbon this month to re-open the Early Learning Center of the YMCA of Pomona Valley's Early Learning Center, located at 22600 Sunset Crossing Road, Diamond Bar. Renovations including newly remodeled classrooms, new equipment and new outdoor play areas will allow the facility to better serve 63 children ages 18 months through pre-kindergarten. Pictured, from left, are Lauren Yokomizo, representing Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn; Angie Shaw, representing State Sen. Josh Newman; YMCA of Pomona Valley Child Care Area Manager Erin Trice; YMCA Early Learning Center Preschool Director Gabrielle Kredel; YMCA of Orange County CEO Jeff McBride; Child Care Services Director of Operations Tricia Quinn; Diamond Bar City Councilmember Nancy Lyons; YMCA of Orange County COO Dolores Daly; Jill Reiff of Valley Vista Services, on behalf of Congressman Ed Royce; and Ghazai Seino, representing Assemblymember Phillip Chen. The YMCA of Orange County, which has managed Pomona Valley YMCA facilities since last year, is in the process of acquiring operations and facilities of the YMCA of Pomona Valley. Carolyn Hemming is President of the YMCA of Pomona Valley.

New health center... from pg. 14

Dimas residents comprehensive health care services at a single location in their community."

He added that he is "delighted to welcome the La Verne Health Center physicians to our health care family."

The new facility, located at 2333 Foothill Blvd., La Verne,

is expected each year to receive 13,000 primary care visits, 17,000 urgent care visits, 10,000 physical therapy visits and 11,000 visits to radiology.

Primary care hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Urgent care and occupational medicine hours will be 8

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