



## Martin Luther King Project speaker Ron Bolding tells student award winners 'hope is a prerequisite for success'

"Hope is a prerequisite for success," the former president and CEO of Pomona's Inter Valley Health Plan told an audience of several hundred at Sunday night's 37th annual Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King Jr. Project celebration.

Keynote speaker Ron Bolding, speaking directly to this year's six Youth Social Justice Awards winners seated in the front row at Pomona's Pilgrim Congregational Church, said "Hope is a requirement because the world is not always fair nor easy."

"We are all going to face dif-

ficulty and challenges," Bolding said, adding that life is not always going to be easy.

"So, stop thinking there is something wrong when you encounter problems or conflict," he said. "There is supposed to be conflict because it's necessary for strong growth."

"You might ask, 'Well, how can I develop and maintain hope in a world that is full of conflict and not always fair, how can we keep our dreams from sagging like a heavy load,'" he said. "You can remember what has gone before you and look accurately at progress made so far."

He pointed to Congressman John Lewis of Georgia who was with Dr. King throughout the struggle leading to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"As a current member of Congress, (he) speaks hopefully of the progress made so far through the work of countless individuals who followed the lead of Dr. King, Rosa Parks and others," said Bolding, who retired last year from Inter Valley Health Plan. "He calls on us to remember and celebrate the accomplishments of foremothers and forefathers because it fuels hope for what you can accomplish to-

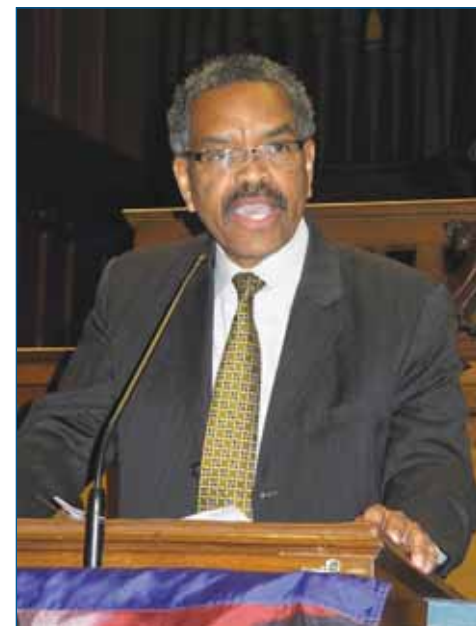
morrow."

"Don't let anyone tell you that you can't live a successful, fulfilling and significant life because of where you are from or what you look like," he added. "Hope is not bound by your immediate circumstance but is only limited by your dreams. So, dream high, and the progress of the past will provide energy and fuel for your tomorrows."

"But you have got to have a plan to support your dreams," Bolding said. "Before any building is constructed an architect develops the design and lays out the plan that serves as the pattern for a sturdy structure – a blueprint."

"Each of you is in process of building your lives and must have a good blueprint for future growth," he said.

He told a story about a 70-floor skyscraper in New York that developed a crack on the 67th floor. He said the architect came



**Ron Bolding**  
Keynote speaker

## Mayor Sandoval appointed to troubled Gold Line board, immediately elected chair, in political maneuver that may help get trains to Pomona

In what appears to be an unusual move, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval has been named to the board of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority and, in the same meeting this month, has been elected by his new fellow board members to serve as chair of the nine-member body.

La Verne City Councilmember Robin Carder, the second new member to join the board, similarly was elected to serve as vice

chair.

Interestingly, Pomona and La Verne in November were among east end cities learning their Gold Line service would be delayed at least an additional two years – if they are ever to receive service at all – due to increasing costs of construction representing "hundreds of millions of dollars more than the secured funding available," Gold Line officials said at the time.

La Nueva Voz asked Gold Line

officials if the move was an effort by the board to appease representatives of the two cities due to the delay in plans, but a spokesman said "as staff, it's not our place" to comment on "this decision that was made by the board."

Albert Ho of the Gold Line's media relations department said, however, that Sandoval and Carder had served on the Gold Line's Joint Powers Authority advisory

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over right away when the building owner called and, after surveying the crack, the architect went down to the basement's sixth sub-floor.

"When the owner called to inquire why he was in the basement when the crack was over 70 floors above, he replied that while that's where you could see the crack, the cause was in the

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*Sarah Ross*

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basement,” he said. “To maintain your hope, you need a solid blueprint and a strong foundation.”

Bolding, a retired Navy captain with 28 years of service, said that because of this year’s theme “Out of the mountain of despair there is a stone of hope,” he said he was reminded of a time 50 years ago – when he was about the age of the award recipients growing up in Watts – that he awoke one morning “intending to meet my friends at Fremont High School in Los Angeles.”

“I had been attending summer school . . . class had ended, and my friends were going to meet in the gym for basketball,” he said. “But this morning was different. As I walked from my house to the bus stop, I could see and smell heavy smoke in the direction of 103rd Street and Compton Avenue. The bus would pass right by there on the six-mile trip to Fremont High, so I thought I’d be able to see what was going on.”

“I waited until a passer-by said ‘ain’t no bus today brother,’ and for the next few days and nights the buses didn’t run because a day or so earlier a rebellion had begun, an event the newscasters called the Watts riots,” he said.

“Hope had been lost in my community of Watts – it was replaced by despair, and the despair was expressed in frustration and anger,” Bolding said.

He provided the students with a 14-point blueprint for their life, beginning with the need to “start with a deep belief in your own somebodyness.”

He urged the students to be fearless, and to “fight for and believe in yourself,” adding that “Dr. King notes that no one can do this for you.”

And he encouraged the students to follow their morals, act now, and be determined to achieve excellence.

“Stand for something,” and “have a dream,” he added.

“Be relentless in pursuing your goals – persistence and determination are required for suc-



**YOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD WINNERS** -- The 2019 Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King Jr. Project Youth Social Justice Award winners are, from left, Kevin Olarte, Maria Inzunza and Rebecca Roman, all of Pomona’s Garey High School; Ryan Houston, of Pomona’s Diamond Ranch High School; Suhailah Edwards, of Ruben Ayala High School; and Kerra Conley, of Colony High School. At right is Sherie Rodgers, Board President of the Martin Luther King Jr. Project and the mistress of ceremonies for the event.

cess – nothing takes the place of them – not talent, not genius, not education alone,” he said. “Stay on task and as Dr. King would say, ‘keep moving.’”

“Doors are open now that were not available to your parents, even keys to the White

House,” Bolding said. “But you have to be ready to walk through the doors when the opportunities come.”

“Make these things a part of your life’s blueprint and when you do, you’ll be able to sing that old Negro spiritual, ‘free

at last, free at last, thank God almighty we’re free at last,” he said.

Bolding was introduced by Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz, a board member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Project.

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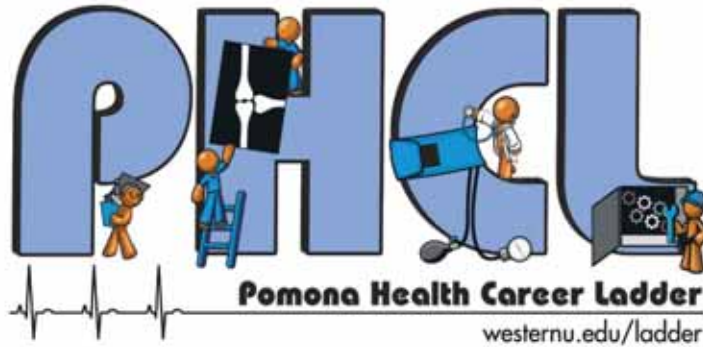
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### Zennie Cummings Award

This year's Zennie Cummings Award was presented to the City of Pomona by Maggie Green, a member of the Martin Luther King Project committee.

She said Zennie Cummings, a long-time member of the project, was a personal friend of hers.

"We do this to recognize

groups and individuals who have contributed to this organization over the years," she said.

Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval accepted the award on behalf of the city, along with Pomona City Councilmembers Rubio Gonzalez and Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole.

The program also included a



**CITY OF POMONA RECOGNIZED** -- The City of Pomona was honored Sunday night with the Martin Luther King Jr. Project's Zennie Cummings Award. Pictured, from left, are Pomona City Councilmember Rubio Gonzalez, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, Maggie Green, who presented the award, and Pomona City Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole.

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timely tribute entitled "A look back" honoring the late singer Aretha Franklin. The tribute, presented by project Vice President Tonisha Rowan, acknowledged Franklin's history in which she "raised her voice" for civil rights.

"The musical icon, who passed away at the age of 76 in Detroit, Michigan, was also an integral part of the civil rights movement, using both her platform and her voice to advocate for racial equality," Rowan said.

"In 1967, Franklin released 'Respect,' arguably her most famous song, which became an anthem for the racial and gendered political movements of the time," she added. "According to a Detroit Free Press interview with Rev. Jesse Jackson, Franklin often used her talents to help further the civil rights movement, even going so far as to tour with King and fellow singer/activist Harry Belafonte," she said.



Joining hands at the end of the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, during the singing of "We shall overcome," are, from left, project treasurer and past president Gayle Claiborne, project committee member and historian Rabbi Zev Feyer, and project committee member Rev. Natalie Shiras, of Pilgrim Place.

### Youth Social Justice Awards

This year's Youth Social Justice Awards winners were Kerra Conley, of Colony High School; Suhailah Edwards, of Ruben Ayala High School, Ryan Houston, of Pomona's Diamond Ranch High School, and, from

Pomona's Garey High School, Maria Inzunza, Kevin Olarte and Rebecca Roman.

All have been good students, active in the community and representative of the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"As (King) saw that change was greatly needed, he was willing to take that first step towards equality among all races and making a difference," said Houston, whose brother, Melvin Houston, was an award winner last year and introduced this year's winners. "I owe much to him (King) and I appreciate the opportunities and great life that I have today. Just as Dr. King, I strive to promote unity, social justice and end discrimination in my school and community."

Sherie Rodgers, Board President of the Martin Luther King Jr. Project, served as mistress of ceremonies for the event.



**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY SUNDAY SUPPER** -- A total of 93 participants enjoyed Sunday's eighth annual Martin Luther King Day Sunday Supper, an event held each year in the tradition of similar meetings King himself held in local communities, held at the Claremont Graduate University and sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha's Epsilon Eta Omega and Sigma Rho Chapters. The group shared supper and reflected on community issues before presenting scholarships to Sulailah Edwards, a junior with a 3.57 GPA, and AmenRa Porter, a junior with a 3.93 GPA. Closing remarks were given by Epsilon Eta Omega's new President Andrena G. Dancer, Esq.

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Cost for players ages 4 to 6 is \$95 and for players ages 7 to 12 \$120.

The cost includes jersey, hat, insurance, pictures and trophy.

Free clinics with practice for all ages begin Saturday, Jan. 26, and opening day is Saturday,

March 9.

Parents must bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of address such as a utility bill or driver's license. Registration continues from 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday.

Kennedy Park is located at 1150 Fairplex Drive, Pomona.

For more information, call (909) 541-1118, e-mail pony-west@verizon.net or visit the web site at www.ponyunited.com.

## Bliss Wisdom Youth donate to Pomona's homeless center

Operators of Pomona's new homeless service center have expressed their appreciation to the Bliss Wisdom Youth Club for donating undergarments and chips for the men and women homeless participants.

"We appreciate you for partnering up with Volunteers of America Los Angeles, Pomona," said Reggie Clark, program manager for Volunteers of America's Pomona office.

Volunteers of America operates "Hope for Home," as Pomona's new homeless facility is known.

The facility is a 90-day crisis program housing 100 participants and assisting them in finding housing. It also operates a 14-hour cold winter shelter program that serves more than 115 single men and women each night from December through

### Essay contest deadline nears for former foster care kids

Youths ages 18 to 24 with experience in the foster care or juvenile justice systems are eligible to enter the Youth Voice 2019 writing contest.

Participants must submit a 1,000 to 2,000 word essay on

March. Participants receive meals and are able to shower before leaving with a "to go" lunch.

For more information, contact Volunteers of America at (909) 593-4796 or visit the web site at www.voala.org.

a variety of topics and can win prizes ranging from \$500 in cash down to \$50 gift cards.

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board “for a few years” so “they aren’t new to our project.”

“The board just believed it was the right decision to make Mayor Sandoval the chair and Councilmember Carder our vice chair,” he said. “That about summarizes the fairly brief board discussion.”

In contrast, however, in another news release La Nueva Voz received by e-mail the same day, downtown in Los Angeles the Southern California Regional Rail Authority board of directors, the governing body of Metrolink, reported unanimously electing Ventura County Transportation Commission representative Brian Humphrey as its chair for a one-year term.

The Metrolink news release boasted that Humphrey is a 33-year member of the City of Los Angeles Fire Department, currently serving as its public information officer, and, interestingly, is the longest-serving current Metrolink board member.

The release noted his experience on the board dates to his becoming a member in 1997 – some 22 years ago.

On the Gold Line board, Sandoval and Carder replaced Doug Tessitor and Sam Pedroza who retired from the board last month. The two had served on the board for nearly 10 years.

It is obviously unclear what impact, if any, the positions of Sandoval and Carder on the board will have on efforts to get trains to Pomona and La Verne.

“It is an honor to have been

chosen by my colleagues to lead the board as we work to make the Foothill Gold Line dream come true for the tens of thousands of future riders that live and work in the eastern San Gabriel Valley and western Inland Empire,” Sandoval said in the Gold Line news release. “Hundreds of thousands of people travel through this corridor every day and they are eager to have the reliable, sustainable transportation option provided by the Gold Line.”

Carder echoed Sandoval’s sentiment, pointing out that “we are going through an exciting but challenging period for the project.”

“I look forward to working with my fellow board members and the agency’s excellent staff to ensure that the construction ahead is successful and that we do everything in our power to complete the project to Montclair as soon as possible,” she said.

Sandoval emphasized to La Nueva Voz, as Gold Line staff pointed out, he had served on the Joint Powers Authority for two years.

In addition, he said he was recommended by members of the Joint Powers Authority and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments appointed him to that position.

He said if board politics were involved, it was before he was named to the board.

Besides, he said, when he was asked to serve, he said it was a “no brainer” because it gave him an opportunity to work to better both

Pomona and the region.

Gold Line authority CEO Habib Balian did not respond to a request from La Nueva Voz for a comment on his board’s reorganization.

Internal board politics aside, the Gold Line currently begins at Union Station in Los Angeles and ends in Glendora on the Citrus College campus.

Plans to resume construction of an additional 12.3-mile segment – all the way to Montclair – with stops along the way in both La Verne and Pomona – were bumped back two more years in November when Balian learned that cost increases from all four design-build teams competing for the extension project resulted in an anticipated project cost well beyond original estimates.

What La Nueva Voz called at the time “a surprise reality check” came following a two-month review of proposals which were received from the four “short listed” bidders.

“We learned that all four bids reflected a significant unfavorable shift in market conditions since the project estimate was completed two years ago,” Balian said at the time. “When added with current unknowns and risk within the construction industry locally and nationally, these factors resulted in the eight-year construction project costing hundreds of millions of dollars more than the secured funding available.”

Critics of the Gold Line Authority effort, some of whom have suggested future Gold Line riders

can imagine Balian’s surprise at missing the estimate by a few zeroes, have suggested that part of the problem is that his agency to date has gone after only the low-hanging fruit – the easier state and local grants – to fund the project.

The Gold Line reportedly has not pursued federal funding, apparently because of the difficulty in complying with additional environmental review requirements, although those close to the project have pointed out that federal funding would be readily available, particularly since “matching funds” are already in place.

A spokesman for the City of Pomona said that city is working to encourage the Gold Line to go after federal funding, especially in light of the curve ball that came in the form of dramatic cost increases late last year.

While plans are changing rapidly and discussions are continuing, Gold Line officials last November were talking in terms of getting the project to Glendora, San Dimas and La Verne – completing about 70 percent of the project two years ahead of the original schedule – to avoid tens of millions of dollars annually in market escalation.

That same proposal would call for getting the line to Montclair by 2028, or two years later than originally planned, assuming funding becomes available.

That section of track would include Pomona, Claremont and Montclair stations.

In terms of dollars and cents, the latest wrench in the works means the six-station extension will be increased by \$570 million to a total project budget of \$2.1 billion – and this from an agency that previously boasted in news releases that it completed each segment on time and under budget.

The project is being funded by Measures M and R in Los Angeles County, Measure I in San Bernardino County and the State of California’s Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, an SB1 program that receives proceeds from the Cap and Trade auction and the recent gas tax increase.

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority is an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1998 by the state legislature to plan, design and build the Metro Gold Line light rail system from Union Station to Montclair.

The first segment was completed from Union Station in Los Angeles to Pasadena in 2003 and the Pasadena to Azusa segment was completed in 2015.

The Gold Line Authority currently is undergoing environmental review to evaluate impacts associated with the La Verne and/or Pomona station becoming a potential temporary terminus while the shortfall in funding is sought.

The Gold Line Authority board is made up of elected and appointed representatives from throughout the project corridor.

## Pomona Catholic seeks presenters for ‘Career Day’

Are you willing to share information about your career with students?

Pomona Catholic School’s Career Day 2019 will be held Friday, Feb. 22, at the school and presenters who enjoy their work and like to share their enthusiasm are invited to participate.

Participants typically include parents, alumni, friends of the school, community members

and others.

The event, scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon, will offer students an opportunity to attend three to four 30-minute sessions with all presentations in a classroom setting with faculty members present at all time.

Media equipment will be provided.

Following the last session, an “all school” question and answer

session will be held.

Presentations typically include topics like educational background, salary, training opportunities, future trends in the field, career projections, specific skills, a typical work day and current job opportunities.

A coffee reception will be held at 7:30 a.m. with presentations beginning promptly at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for all presenters.

For more information, contact osalas-tapia@pomonacatholic.org.

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## Monique Manzanares named president and CEO of Pomona Chamber

Pomona native Monique Manzanares was selected by the board of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce last month to serve as its president and CEO.

She replaces Erica Frausto, who served as executive director for four years before leaving last month to become executive director of the San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross in Arcadia.

Manzanares left her position with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps to take over the helm of the chamber.

She had just joined the chamber board in July.

A Mt. San Antonio College graduate, Manzanares worked as a correctional officer for the State of California. After receiving a bachelor's degree in human services from the University of Phoenix, she went to work as an employment specialist with Social Vocational Services, Inc., a statewide non-profit serving individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Most recently, she served as



**WELCOMING A NEW POMONA CHAMBER PRESIDENT AND CEO** -- Board members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce pose for a photo op with their new president and CEO, Monique Manzanares, center, immediately after the board confirmed the selection of the chamber's executive committee. Pictured in the chamber office are, from left, Kirk Pelsler, of the City of Pomona; Larry Egan, of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association; Daniel Thomas, of Forest Lawn; Renee Barbee, of La Nueva Voz; Jeff Keating, of Western University of Health Sciences; Michelle Lemoine, of Chaffey Federal Credit Union; Monique Manzanares; Chamber Board Chair David McElwain, of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Pomona GAIN Job Services; Tammy Roush, of Fairplex; Nef Cortez, RE/MAX Universal Realty; Jim Dale, of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center; Michael Thomas, of Pomona Valley America's Job Center; and Dr. Enrique Medina, of Pomona Unified School District. Manzanares, who joined the chamber board in July, is stepping down from her position at the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps.



**HER FIRST CHAMBER NETWORKING LUNCHEON** -- Monique Manzanares, a board member of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce who was selected last month to replace Erica Frausto as the chamber's new president and CEO, is welcomed to her first networking luncheon in her new capacity by Chamber Board Chair David McElwain as McElwain explains new rules using an hour-glass to keep time during member comments. Manzanares left her position at the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps to go to work for the chamber. The event was held at Pomona's Metro Ale House.

director of community relations for the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, helping those in the community find work and improve their lives.

"I would like to start off by thanking everyone for the warm welcome I have received as the new president and CEO of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce," Manzanares said. "As a native of

Pomona, I am honored to be able to represent our community, not only through promoting business but strengthening the relationships between community, business and local government as well."

"My vision for the Pomona

Chamber is to create a sense of community and inclusion, not only among businesses but everyone who lives, works and plays within our exciting city on the rise," she added.

## Los Angeles 'mentor' to keynote Saturday's Latino Family Symposium

Dr. Gabe Veas, a Los Angeles based public speaker and mentor, will be the keynote speaker Saturday, Jan. 26, at the third annual Latino Family Symposium 2019, presented by the Latino / Latina Education Association of Pomona in partnership with the Pomona Unified School District.

Topic this year is "Resist through Education." The event will place an emphasis on learning how to get kids to and through college.

The event, billed as a fun-filled morning of learning for families, will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school district's conference center at the Village at Indian Hill, 1460 E. Holt Ave., Pomona.

For more information, contact info@leappomona.org or visit the web site at www.leappomona.org.

For registration, visit https://tinyurl.com/lfs2019registration.

## Art of Mexico to be exhibited at Pomona's Latino Art Museum

"Map of the Art of Mexico," an exhibition representing a catalog of the artistic possibilities from all regions of the country, will open Feb. 9 at the Latino Art Museum of Pomona.

The exhibit, which will showcase the work of 37 artists, is part of the museum's work in conjunction with Fomento Cultural Mexicano, an organization that promotes

the culture of Mexico and has available art works acquired over four decades.

The Latino Art Museum, founded 18 years ago to promote and present Latin American art, is located at 281 S. Thomas St., Suite 104/105, Pomona.

For more information, call (909) 620-6009 or visit the web site at www.latinoartmuseum.com.

## 'Tierra' to appear at Pomona's Fox Theater in benefit fundraiser for children's programs, community arts

"Tierra," the band named "Best R&B Vocal Group" by four leading magazines including Billboard, will appear at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Pomona's Fox Theater in a fundraising benefit concert with proceeds going toward the second annual children's festival at Pomona's Civic Center Park, as well as local youth sports leagues, community arts programming and more.

Tickets are \$25 to \$30 and are on sale at www.eventbrite.com.

The event will be hosted by legendary DJ Jimmy Reyes of Old School 104.7 FM.

Tierra started their career in East Los Angeles with a blend of rock, pop, jazz, R&B and salsa. The group's Latin R&B rhythm produced classics like "Together," "Gonna Find Her," "Memories" and "Zoot Suit Boogie."

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## Pomona's Palm Lake Golf Course lands in a few sand traps along the way but rehab work still progressing

Attention golfers – remember that story a year ago in La Nueva Voz about the Pomona City Council approving a contract with a Chino company to revitalize and re-open the city-owned Palm Lake Golf Course?

To refresh your memory, the contract was approved in December 2017 and the story appeared in the January 2018 La Nueva Voz, on page 4, for those of you who'd like to take a look at it on our web site.

We'll save you the trouble – the golf course was expected to be up and running in three to six months.

It turns out a lot of water has run down the fairway in a year (hey, that's a good thing for a golf course, right?). And while you won't see your neighbor out there with a bucket of balls on the driving range quite yet, in a follow-up interview this month, Chino Development League spokesperson Bob Velker said the driving range should be open for business by late spring.

And his boss, developer, Celso Palafox, said it might take six to eight more months to get the entire project the way he wants to see it.

"Nothing is going to stop me – it takes a lot of money, a lot of

power, a lot of motivation," Palafox said. "I'm not a quitter."

But there were several significant obstacles that tested his motivation along the way.

The short version? He had vandals destroying equipment, about 10 break-ins in which copper pipe was removed and tools were taken and more.

"It has not been easy, but we're almost there," Palafox said. "Right now I have to demolish the existing building and put a new building on."

"We need to comply with all the new codes – it was easy for us to go ahead and get an architect and try to make the best we can out of the building, expand the building bigger, we're going first class there," he added. "We keep it nice and clean."

He said he wants to place a temporary modular office in there right away just to get the driving range open during construction.

It might take another year to



In case you haven't driven by Palm Lake Golf Course lately, here's a little evidence of the work that has been going on lately to get the course back in playable shape -- "keep out" signs and "hard hat" signs, plus the new concrete wall and La Nueva Voz even spotted a bulldozer on the driving range.



Here's a close-up look at the fairways at Pomona's Palm Lake Golf Course.

get the restaurant open, he said.

But he's spent money on the "net" to keep the golf balls on the driving range, he's invested in the walls and he's poured concrete.

"It's a completely different story today," he said.

Now golfers who have been down there already know this – those buildings are old and

in poor shape – one for the golf shop and another for a snack shop which has not been used for years.

"The place is 60 years old and nothing had ever been done to the original development – all of the sprinklers, all the electrical, all the technology, all the wiring, everything was all 60 years old and quite significantly dete-

riorated," Velker said. "So the first thing we had to do was steal it back from the homeless – that was a huge problem."

He said homeless individuals were living in the buildings and, since they tended to move back in after they were forced out, the process took several months to resolve.

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Meanwhile, his boss has installed two dozen new palm trees, refurbished the terrain of playing surface, re-installed those mounds that are “targets” on the driving range, removed dead branches, re-secured fencing all around that had been knocked down and more.

And a lot of this – missing wiring, the entire homeless issue and other problems – was a complete surprise, Velker said.

“We thought we’d be able to flip on a switch and put new windows in it,” he said.

Surprises or no, Velker said

there has been nothing there that is a “deal breaker.”

“One of the reasons we took such a long lease period (it was a 20-year lease at \$1 per year) was we anticipated a need to recoup this over time,” he added.

He said the original proposal called for a \$100,000 investment, but that number jumped to half a million dollars at the last presentation.

Palafox told La Nueva Voz in an interview that he has invested nearly \$350,000 to date and he expects that figure to reach more than \$1 million this year.

Then what is his motivation?

Velker said he’s doing this “out of the kindness of his heart.”

He said his boss has lived in Pomona for more than 30 years, he has a lot of community pride and a strong love for the community.

“He’s where he is today because of the start he got when he first moved to Pomona,” he added.

And, Velker said, he’s not going to throw in the towel – “absolutely not – you can count on that.”

Of course, paying the water bill has always been a problem for others who have attempted to bring the golf course back to life.

Palafox, however, is helping broker a deal involving the City of Pomona, Caltrans

and his own com-



Plans now call for tearing down the original 60-year-old pro shop, at left, and snack shop, at right, at Pomona’s Palm Lake Golf Course and starting over again, possibly using a portable modular building on an interim basis to get the golf course up and running, according to the developer.



The driving range at Palm Lake Golf Course, obviously still under construction, is greening up and looking better. The range is expected to open by late spring.



Celso Palafox  
Chino Development League

pany to tap into a state pipeline along the 71 Freeway to bring water to the golf course to both provide irrigation and enable the state to meet its mandate to enable water to percolate back down into the underground aquifer and prevent “runoff” into the storm drain system.

Velker said his boss also has plans to upgrade the lighting in a project that will involve a mile and a half of copper wiring.

This is a subject of yet another issue – the entire facility was built using 1960 technology and, on top of that, vandals removed wires and transformers.

Even when everything still worked, it required a lot of electricity to illuminate the golf

course which stayed open as late as 10 p.m.

A replacement for the transformer that was stolen from the pro shop will require a \$70,000 investment, Velker said.

Another \$3,000 to \$4,000 in valves also was taken.

Plus the golf course already has new irrigation, things are greening up and folks are cutting the grass every 10 days.

And it all adds up.

Palafox said he has a crew of three workers on the job full time, plus he brings in a crew of 10 when he needs them for concrete work and the like.

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The fairways of Pomona’s city-owned Palm Lake Golf Course are greening up due to a combination of recent rains and work on the course by Chino Development League. This photo was taken from up the hill last week between the rains.



## Cal Poly opens new student services building featuring cutting-edge design

Have you been over to Cal Poly lately?

That new “curvaceous” (as the news release described it) building that has been under construction behind where the old parking attendant booth used to be located officially opened this month – and, according to officials at the university, it is destined to become a Los Angeles County landmark.

The new \$79 million student services building, located at Kellogg Drive and Red Gum Lane, is a 138,000 square foot structure designed by CO Architects as a new visual gateway to the campus and, officials said, was inspired by the nearby San Gabriel Mountains and foothills.

It is visually striking with an undulating roof of perforated aluminum connecting the three-story building’s two wings.

Inside, essential student services such as financial aid, the registrar, cashiers and admissions are gathered in a one-stop location.

The complex also houses the office of the president, along with

academic affairs, student affairs, administrative affairs and parts of university advancement.

It is built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) platinum standards and uses extensive daylight and solar heat gain analysis modeling to optimize the roof geometry and minimize lighting and cooling energy loads.

Its 28- to 30-foot roof overhang provides shade for the exterior low-emissions glass to reduce thermal loads and glare and maximize good quality light.

Daylight harvesting techniques include interior sensors that monitor the daylight entering the building and then adjust the amount of lighting generated by electricity accordingly.

To reduce the need for excess heating and cooling, the solid roof above the occupied spaces and each floor include six inches of insulation and another six inches of concrete.

Chilled water for air conditioning comes from the university’s chilled water plant, and the on-



An aerial photograph highlights the design features of Cal Poly University Pomona’s new \$79 million student services building.

campus high-efficiency boiler plant, located nearby, produces hot water which both warms the building and heats domestic hot water on demand.

Other sustainability features include the use of 7,560 LED lights, asphalt recycled from the site’s former parking lot and landscap-

ing with drought-tolerant plants and 150 new trees.

The project is sited on a former parking lot and because of its landscaping reduced the project area’s non-permeable surfaces by approximately 25 percent.

Lead architect for the building was Alexander Korter and

the construction firm was C.W. Driver Companies.

The building is the seventh building on campus built to LEED standards. New residence halls and a dining commons, currently under construction, also are being built to the environmental standards.

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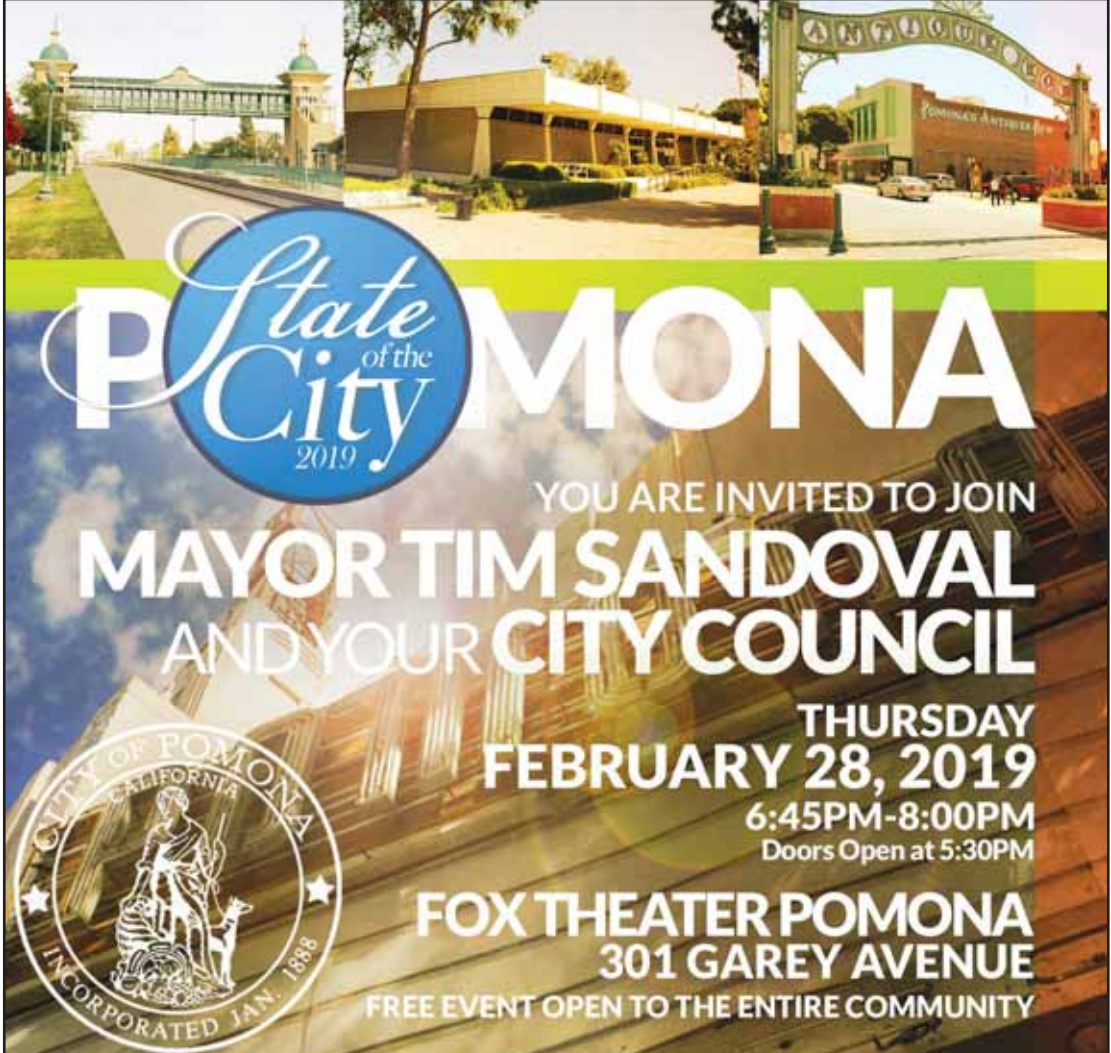
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## Pomona's Sarah Ross Science Fair set for next month

The 2019 Sarah Ross Science Fair, an annual event showcasing the work of students throughout the Pomona Unified School District and attracting several thousand visiting students and parents each year, will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Village Conference Center in Pomona.

Registration for the eighth annual event is due by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, via Google Form, with on-site check-in from 8 to 9 a.m. the day of the event. Late projects will be unable to participate in the judging, which

takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. An awards ceremony with cash prizes awarded is set for noon.

The event includes both a junior division for grades six through eight and a senior division for grades nine through 12.

Students qualifying to go on to the Los Angeles County Science Fair will have an opportunity to register on line following the awards ceremony at 1 p.m.

Research involving tissues, human subjects, vertebrate animals, hazardous materials and/or microbes (bacteria) must have

approved paperwork in order to participate. Projects without required paperwork will be moved to the exhibition room, where projects are not judged and not eligible for prizes.

Projects submitted by students in grades kindergarten through five also will be displayed in the exhibition room.

The Village Conference Center is located in the Village at Indian Hill, at 1460 E. Holt Ave., Pomona.

For more information, contact [bridget.gardea@pusd.org](mailto:bridget.gardea@pusd.org).

## Annual Laura Ingalls Wilder celebration to be held next month at Pomona Public Library

The 53rd annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Gingerbread Sociable will be held at the Pomona Public Library next month featuring everything from costumed participants to crafts and a discussion of pioneer living.

The sociable will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 in the Children's Room at the library.

A special craft will be provided by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Pomona Public Library.

The event is sponsored by the City of Pomona and Friends of the Library.

Wilder (1867 – 1957), an American author, was best known for the "Little House

on the Prairie" children's book series, released from 1932 to 1943 and based on her own childhood in a pioneer family.

The television series of the same name (1970s and early 1980s) was loosely based on the books.

A Laura Ingalls Wilder exhibit is on permanent display at the library.



**GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT** -- Downtown Pomona Owners Association Executive Director Larry Egan, at left, was getting into the holiday spirit with a seasonal outfit last month at the DPOA's annual holiday party at its headquarters on Second Street. Chatting with Egan is community volunteer John Clifford, President of the Pomona Public Library Foundation.

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## Cal Poly's Rose Parade float wins 'Extraordinaire Award'

By Tom Zasadzinski

A pair of astronauts and their alien friends helped Cal Poly Universities capture the Extraordinaire Award at the 2019 Rose Parade.

"Far Out Frequencies" is the 71st student-built and student-designed float of Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The Extraordinaire Award, honoring the most extraordinary float, brings the campuses' trophy

tally to 59.

On the 48-foot-long float, astronauts Morgan and Sally play the guitar and tambourine with a group of six aliens, sharing a message of goodwill.

The joint effort of both campuses is a prime example of the universities' polytechnic approach to education. Less than a week before the parade, students' problem-solving skills were put



Students and members of the public have a chance to get an up close look at the float once it is back home on campus at Cal Poly University Pomona. The universities (Cal Poly Pomona and San Luis Obispo) won their 59th trophy for this year's entry.



Photos by Tom Zasadzinski

Cal Poly's float entry "Far Out Frequencies" in this month's Rose Parade in Pasadena grabs the attention of the crowd -- and, of course, of the judges -- as it works its way along the parade route with its "Extraordinaire Award" banner leading the way out front.

to the test.

Originally, the plan was to cover all six aliens in green button mums. With less than three days until the parade, it was clear that

there wouldn't be enough green flowers to cover them all.

"That's Deco Week," explained Summer Blanco, Cal Poly Pomona's decorations chair, and a

senior majoring in biology with a botany option. "We plan the whole year, and that's when the magic happens ... [But] you get **Extraordinaire Award... pg. 15**

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## OPINION

## An anonymous discussion between an immigrant and a U.S. Border Patrol agent regarding the separation of families and detention of children at the Texas borders

By Dolores Villa, USC School of Social Work Graduate Student

I am an immigrant child of 1985. I was born in 1979 in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, whereas my brother was born in Laredo, Texas, in 1974. He was born in the U.S. and I was born in Mexico. Interestingly enough, the difference in the distance of our birthplaces is only about two miles. You see, I am from the border, a place that sticks with you forever and to a certain extent defines who you are – you can ask anyone who is from the border and they will tell you the same thing.

The reason for our migration into the U.S. was that of a bigger dream and better opportunities for my brother and me by way of my Mexican mother with a third-grade education and maid jobs. We didn't have to cross the Rio Grande River illegally. My mother simply applied for our resident visas and due to my brother being a U.S. citizen we were granted residency.

We weren't being persecuted

### Assistance League to hold 20th annual Valentine tea

The Assistance League of Pomona Valley will hold its 20th annual Valentine tea next month in Pomona to help raise funds to support the group's philanthropic activities for children.

The event will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Pomona's historic Ebell Club, 585 E. Holt Ave., Pomona.

It was moved to the Ebell Club three years ago after it outgrew the capacity of the chapter house.

The afternoon tea features tea, scones, sandwiches and desserts along with an opportunity to win prizes. A spokesperson said the event often becomes a "mother and daughter" event for a good cause.

Funds raised will support the Assistance League's dental clinic for children in need and Operation School Bell which provides clothing for underserved students in schools in Pomona and neighboring cities.

Guests this year are encouraged to bring a new book which will be given to students participating in Operation School Bell in support of the "Legacy of Literature" reading support program.

Cost of the event is \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased by mail (Assistance League of Pomona Valley, 655 N. Palomares St., Pomona, CA 91767) or on line at [www.alpv.org](http://www.alpv.org).

For reservations (requested by Feb. 3), contact Lisa Frazier at (909) 268-5742 or [lisa.frazier1@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.frazier1@verizon.net).

nor were we attempting to flee violence in Mexico – my mother simply wanted a better way of life for us.

Growing up in Laredo, Texas, really did open a lot of doors for us. Although we were welfare kids, my mom worked day and night to provide for us. My brother went to the Navy and I became the first-generation college graduate in my family.

Many of my friends who I grew up with applied to be part of immigration and customs enforcement and border patrol. Many made it, some didn't – myself included.

Growing up in a border city made it very accessible to gain the knowledge it took to become one of them.

Not too long ago I reached out to a "friend" with border patrol. I wanted to see if he would be willing to discuss the current situation that was happening on the Texas borders regarding the separation of families and detention of children via the "zero tolerance" im-

migration policy as implemented by then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions under President Trump.

He hesitated for a bit but pleaded that so long as names weren't disclosed, he would be able to discuss the issue with me, as there are information officers who deal with the disclosure of this information. I gave him my word.

I asked how he felt about the current situation in our southern borders and he replied that for the most part, "They do as they are told – some border patrols are too young to understand what is going on and they simply follow orders."

I asked what has been the youngest child he has had to take away from their parents and he reported, "A two month old. The parents were devastated, but (we) were simply just doing (our) jobs."

When asked about the kinds of people that are detained, he reported, "Some are first time offenders, repeat offenders and some are kidnapers and sex offenders, among

other criminals. You don't see these kinds of stories in the media."

Asked about continued separation of families and detention of children in detention centers he reported, "We are not separating families any more. Some are detained together and some are given ankle monitors and are released until their court hearing date. In regards to the detention of children, they continue to be under the Office of Refugee Resettlement (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) care either in foster homes or detention centers like the one in Tornillo, Texas."

He further reported, "I have learned to be numb to the process of seeing the conditions some of these children are in. Some travel by themselves, some travel with their parents or even strangers. God knows what these poor children are put through. We do our jobs, we try to leave it behind, yet sometimes I get home and their images are so embedded in my

mind that I just cry."

The images of the children being separated from their parents and caretakers have traveled all over the world. We have seen them and we have cried over them including the people that are paid to physically tear families apart. Although an executive order was signed in June to stop the separation of families at the border, I wonder if you shed any tears too, Mr. President? Or were you just saving face to prevent further backlash for your personal gain?

Editor's Note: Dolores Villa, a resident of Pomona, is a graduate student at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. She submitted this opinion piece to La Nueva Voz because, in her words, of "our current misconstructed immigration policy (which) has lit a fire under many of us who are so passionate about our basic human rights and freedoms." She wrote the article in connection with her "Policy and Advocacy" class.

**CUTTING THE RIBBON** -- Officials cut the ribbon this month at a grand opening to open a new location for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Pomona Valley. At front (center) with the microphone is Minerva Hernandez, President of the Hispanic Chamber. Holding the ceremonial scissors, at right, is Vice President Roberto Arnold. At rear, from left, are Pomona City Councilmembers Rubio Gonzalez and Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, Steven Nevarez, owner of Pacific West Homes in Covina and Pomona, and Pomona City Councilmember Victor Preciado. The new offices are located at 495 W. 2nd St., Suite B, Pomona 91766.



**POSING FOR A PHOTO** -- Taking a moment during festivities at the grand opening of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Pomona Valley offices in Downtown Pomona are, from left, Pomona City Councilmember Victor Preciado; Hispanic Chamber President Minerva Hernandez; Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval; Pomona City Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole; and Hispanic Chamber Vice President Roberto Arnold. Sandoval congratulated Hernandez but added that he understands that no one can do it alone. He commended the organization for working to help businesses succeed. The group received certificates from the Pomona City Council, State Sen. Connie Leyva, and Congresswoman Norma Torres, who said the group's leadership in Pomona has "been a driving force for both the community and businesses."





## Sign-ups due Feb. 6 for Pomona Police 'Citizen's Academy #22'

The Pomona Police Department is accepting applications for a new "Citizen's Academy," a free nine-week course providing interested residents an insight to the workings of the police department and helping build relationships between the community and police.

Topics to be covered include forensics, traffic bureau, narcotics unit, gang investigations, dispatch, jail, records, SWAT, criminal investigations and more.

Classes are taught by Pomona police officers and members of the department's professional staff.

The department's 22nd academy begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb.

20, and the three-hour sessions continue every Wednesday night through April 17.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Pomona Police Department or in the department's crime prevention office in City Hall. Applications should be submitted by Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Class size is limited to the first 40 approved applicants.

Applicants must be 18 years or older with no outstanding warrants or criminal cases. They must be a Pomona resident, property owner or work in the City of Pomona.

For more information, contact crime prevention at (909) 620-2318.

## Extraordinaire Award... from pg. 13

a lot of curveballs thrown at you and have to make lots of on-the-fly decisions. Last year, we had to change the color of the front airplane. This year, it's the aliens."

Three of the aliens — Tuba-Head, Lucy and Mufasa were covered in more than 5,500 green button mums. The others — Ketchup, Scarlett and Lucy — were given additional colors and textures using purple, orange and yellow mums, as well as tomatillos, purple onions, lemons and jalapeños.

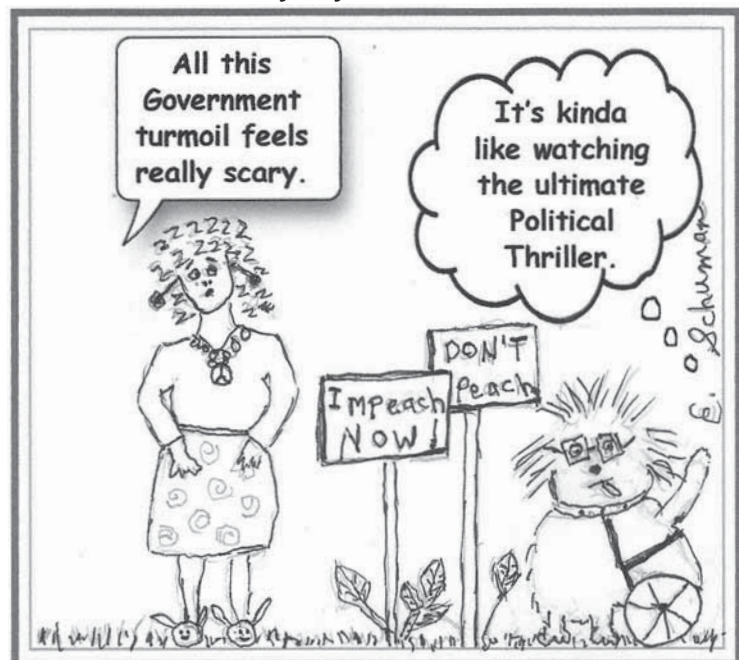
Elijah Koerner, Cal Poly Pomona Rose Float program president, thinks the creative colors and textures helped the float win the Extraordinaire Award.

"What it means to me to win the most extraordinary float award is that the entire world and the judges themselves truly appreciate the entire year's worth of energy that all these students have put into it," he said.

*Editor's Note: Tom Zasadzinski is the official photographer at Cal Poly University Pomona.*

## 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 has co-facilitated at Pomona's Tri-City Wellness Center.



**NAACP CELEBRATES WITH OFFICIAL POMONA CHAMBER RIBBON-CUTTING** -- Elected officials, members of the community and officials of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce joined with the Pomona Valley Branch of the NAACP to cut the official ribbon on the new NAACP office this month. Among those in attendance was Ruth Carter, an original member of the branch going back to 1954. The new office, known as the Solidarity Center, is shared with the Latina/Latino Roundtable and opened a year ago with an open house, music and comments. This month's ribbon-cutting was part of the NAACP's official grand opening. "Whatever success I've had wouldn't be possible without you," Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval told the group. "None of this would be possible without all of the folks who have struggled for the opportunities for us to perhaps go to college, for us to be able to live in certain neighborhoods, go to certain schools, and so while we celebrate here . . . we know that those challenges are not just in the past but they continue to exist this very day. And so that's why organizations like NAACP and Latina/Latino Roundtable are so critical at this time." Branch President Jeanette Royston accepted certificates from the mayor and representatives of other elected officials. "I want you all to remember throughout 2019 going into 2020 together we are stronger, moving forward, not one step back," she said. Pictured cutting the ribbon, front row center, from left, are Pomona Chamber President and CEO Monique Manzanares, Royston and NAACP branch first vice president James Shirley, a retired Xerox executive and a Senior Citizen Commissioner in San Dimas. The NAACP office is located in Building 2, Room 6 of the Village at Indian Hill in Pomona, 1460 E. Holt Ave. For more information, visit the NAACP web site at [www.naacp-pomona-valley.org](http://www.naacp-pomona-valley.org).



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## Food Safety

Home food safety was briefly written about in a previous column. We will now cover food safety in commercial preparation, processing and distribution. Food is the most important of consumer commodity in comparison to toys, and cosmetics which have been previously reviewed. It is the most valued commodity because nutrition is vital to human health, development and life. Food consumption affects all since everyone must eat, as opposed to toys and cosmetics which are not critical to consumers. We will address the history of government regulations, food processing and the current status of food safety.

In 1202, King John of England proclaimed the first English food law, the Assize of Bread, which prohibited adulteration of bread with such ingredients as ground peas or beans. Regulation of food in the United States began during colonial times. Some of the important events in the history of food regulation in the United States are described below.

In 1862, President Lincoln appointed a chemist, Charles M. Wetherill, to serve in the new Department of Agriculture. This was the beginning of the Bureau of Chemistry, the precursor to the Food and Drug Administration.

On June 30, 1906, the original Food and Drugs Act was passed by Congress and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. It prohibited interstate commerce in misbranded and adulterated foods, drinks and drugs. The Meat Inspection Act was passed the same day. The USDA Bureau of Animal Industry (forerunner to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, or FSIS) was established in 1884 to prevent diseased animals from being used as food. Another impetus for this agency was the concern of food producers in exporting adulterated meat and food products. The Department of Agriculture handles meat and poultry inspections at meat plant and poultry facilities. Interstate commerce regulations were important because affected states had

enacted rules within their respective state that were not adhered to by other states. It's important to note that an initial distinction is that today the Food and Drugs Act and its successive laws are primarily administered by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), whereas the Meat Inspection Act and associated laws are primarily administered by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the USDA. Keep in mind that Upton Sinclair's novel "The Jungle" (published in 1905) is considered as one of the documents describing the unsanitary conditions that led to the congressional action in 1906. An important distinction between these two 1906 laws is that under the Meat Inspection Act, government inspectors (USDA) must always be present while the meat processing plant is in operation and that each product item is inspected by a government authority, whereas under the Food and Drugs Act, other food businesses (and their products) are subject only to periodic government inspections. This distinction continues today.

The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 was passed by Congress, containing new (for the time) provisions: 1) Providing that safe tolerances be set for unavoidable poisonous substances. 2) Authorizing standards of identity, quality, and fill-of-container for foods. 3) Authorizing factory inspections. 4) Adding the remedy of court injunctions to the previous penalties of seizures and prosecutions. In effect Congress allowed the FDA the following: 1) Authorized FDA to establish identity standards for food. 2) Broadened adulteration laws - rather than FDA having to prove the food was adulterated, the industry now had the burden of proving an additive is safe. 3) Authorized FDA to inspect processing facility any time during normal working hours. 4) Prohibited false statements about the food item. 5) Addressed labeling of imitation food (e.g., margarine/butter issue); if product imitated

another food product, the label had to clearly state that fact. 6) Mandated affirmative labeling - product name, quantity, contents, and manufacturer. 7) Required additional label information for dietary food. 8) Prohibited misleading containers.

Although much of FDA's regulations address food manufacturers and food processing, it is recognized that food proceeds through a process chain before it reaches the consumer. For example, a food product involves the production of agriculture commodities, processing of commodities into food products, transporting and storing the food, displaying and selling the food, and final preparation of the food. A food product could become unsafe at any point in this chain of events, but the danger may not be obvious until the consumer becomes ill. This amendment begins to illustrate that food safety needs to be addressed from "farm-to-fork."

In 1997 FSIS issued the Pathogen Reduction/Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems rule. The rule focuses on the prevention and reduction of microbial pathogens on raw products that can cause illness. HACCP clarifies the respective roles of government and industry. Industry [meat and poultry processing plants] is accountable for producing safe food. Government is responsible for setting appropriate food safety standards, maintaining vigorous inspection oversight to ensure those standards are met, and maintaining a strong enforcement program to deal with plants that do not meet regulatory standards. Implementation of HACCP began in January 1997. FSIS (USDA) also recognized the impact HACCP may have on producers, the importance of interagency collaboration, and the role of consumer education.

In 1995 FoodNet [an active surveillance network for foodborne disease] was established, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USDA, and the FDA.

Also, in 1995, PulseNet was

born—a computer information system linking federal and state agencies that has created a growing database of molecular fingerprints of pathogens.

In December 2010, the Food Safety Modernization Act was passed. Generally, the law directs a more pro-active approach to food safety, rather than primarily reacting to food safety problems, and a more "science-based" approach to food safety concerns. Early indications are that key points of the law include: 1) Require Food Safety (similar to HACCP) plans for all FDA firms not previously required to have HACCP plans, 2) Domestic and foreign food facilities must re-register every two years, 3) Expanded scope of FDA's authority to detain food and inspect records, 4) Establish standards for consumed-raw agricultural produce that pose high-risk for consumers, 5) Agricultural & food defense strategy, protect against intentional attack, increase domestic food safety capacity, target inspection, 6) Regulations for food transportation, 7) Tracking and tracing food, 8) Mandatory recall, 9) Decontamination plan, 10) Foreign inspection, foreign FDA offices, port shopping, smuggled food, 11) Testing labs, illness surveillance and improved training.

Food can be contaminated with bacteria, chemicals, and other substances at any point, from growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, and shipping the food, to storing or preparing it to be eaten at restaurants or at home. Though the FDA and the USDA are responsible for regulations and food safety guidelines, everyone involved in the food chain, from farm-to-fork, is responsible for the safety of food. Food pathogens and contaminants are not described in this review; but can be researched in website links below.

The FDA is responsible for regulating 80 percent of the U.S. food supply, while red meat, poultry, and processed egg products are regulated by the USDA. The FDA has worked closely with different federal, state, and local agencies to establish regu-

latory guidelines. Food safety issues continue to be a problem. According to reports by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 48 million people suffer from foodborne illness or disease every year.

Fresh produce, which the FDA defines as fruits and vegetables, has raised major concerns in recent years, with 131 foodborne illness outbreaks over a 14-year period (1996-2010), from 20 different products. These outbreaks made 14,350 people sick, sent 1,350 people to the hospital, and killed 34.

In the event of a food recall communicated through the news, when it's a product in your pantry, USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline (888-674-6854) has helped consumers for about 30 years.

Here are some tips from the Hotline:

- Identify the product, check posted announcement on Food-Safety.gov.
- Identify the reason for the recall. If it contains an allergen, and your family is at risk, return it to the store.
- If product contained bacterial contamination, or adulteration, return to store if not consumed.
- If product is consumed and it has bacterial contamination, check for symptoms of food poisoning and consult your doctor if symptoms appear. If you cooked product with safe minimum internal temperatures, and symptoms do not appear, you should be safe.
- If you still have the recalled product, you should return it to the store which will return it to the manufacturer.

• Here is how to clean your kitchen, if affected product was prepared or just for proper sanitation. Wash all cookware, utensils, and cutting boards with hot soapy water. Clear off counters and wash with hot soapy water, then wipe down the counters with dilute bleach solutions and let dry. The sanitizing solution can also be used to rinse dishes, cookware, and cutting boards. The sanitizing solution should be one tablespoon of unscented, liq-



## 'The Club' launches new teen program to help kids deal with life choices

REAL Teens Relationship Smarts, a new teen program being offered at the Youth & Family Club of Pomona Valley, was launched last month as a one-month program open to all teens to help them form healthy relationships and make sexual decisions for themselves by focusing on their futures.

The program, which just completed its first month-long run, will begin a second session at the end of January.

It is being offered under a three-year federal grant The Club received in partnership with five organizations in Los Angeles County.

"We have five staff members including myself who have been

trained in facilitating this program," said Club Executive Director Victor Caceres.

The program is offered free to The Club's senior kids ages 13 to 18.

According to Caceres, the curriculum is based on "Relationship Smarts 4.0 – Sexual Risk Avoidance Adaption," material from The Dibble Institute, a youth relationship education organization based in Berkeley, California.

"It is a lively, media-infused and activity-based comprehensive healthy relationship skills and sexual risk avoidance program for young teens," Caceres said, adding that a total of 13 lessons "embody an innovative and integrated

approach that addresses positive youth development."

And it includes everything from communication and conflict management to dating violence and sexual delay.

"This is not sex education class from high school, this is a course designed for our teens to evaluate their relationships, all relationships, with parents, siblings and friends," Caceres said.

What are the goals of the program?

"This will better prepare teens for life," he said.

And it will do that by helping teens develop healthy relationships, focusing on self-awareness, setting goals and looking at matu-

riety, friendships and peer pressure.

In the area of communication and conflict, the program will help kids look at danger signs, "time outs" and anger regulation.

Caceres said it will also include a "heart-based approach to sexual decision-making" and will look at myths and facts on STD's and pregnancy.

The concept, Caceres said, started as an effort for Boys & Girls Clubs, such as the Pomona club, "who had changed their names but not their mission to get together and see how we can collaborate with each other and find new ways to secure funding as we work together to continue our impact in our respective communities."

The program will continue month by month all year round throughout the three-year term of the grant.

"We will be seeking support from the community in relation to leveraging our grant funding so we can serve additional teens throughout each year as well as when the grant ends," Caceres said.

He said Pomona Unified School District and the Pomona Police Department both have signed letters committing to refer youth to

the program.

The program is centered in The Club's teen center but will include outings and graduation events throughout the year.

And because The Club's new name and mission also focuses on the entire family, Caceres said parents very much will be a part of the new program.

At the end of each lesson, the kids have an interview with their parents on what they learned in the program, and the parent fills out a parent feedback form at the end of the lesson.

For more information on the program, contact The Club at (909) 242-1110.

The Club is located at 1420 S. Garey Ave., Pomona.

## Golf course... from pg. 10

founder and director of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, who are pitching in as part of a new career path the Corps is providing for young adults ages 18 to 25 looking for a second chance.

So, while it may not be former Gov. Brown's bullet train or even our own Gold Line in terms of cost increases, the price of poker (or actually golf, in this instance) definitely has been increasing.

But things could change once the project is completed and it begins making money. Of course, under the terms of the contract, if the golf course becomes profitable to the point that \$150,000 is generated in net profit in any year, the city would receive 10 percent of that net profit.

The facility includes the driving range and a nine-hole par three golf course in addition to the snack shop site and the pro shop.

It closed in early 2017 after an unsuccessful three-year attempt by Pedro Gonzalez, a teacher at Pomona's Madison Elementary School, to revitalize the course and make it cost-effective.

Once open, it will be open seven days a week until 10 p.m. Green fee for nine holes will range from \$8 to \$11.

"I'm excited to see Palm Lake Golf Course making progress and I look forward to seeing it open soon for the community to enjoy," said Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval. "When the city awarded the contract . . . I don't think the city council envisioned the project taking this long, but I know (the developer) faced a number of challenges they hadn't anticipated."

"It was a huge undertaking given the condition of the property," Sandoval added. "For our residents who enjoy playing golf or live near Phillips Boulevard,

the soon-to-be well-manicured grounds will be a welcome change for the community."

Chino Development, a 25-year-old company owned by Palafox, also owns Fox Nurseries which recently completed the beautification project along Garey Avenue, the Fairplex and Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare.

And that lake on the golf course, the one that gave it its name? It has been dry for a long time.

But Palafox said he's seen the old pictures and they were beautiful.

"That's what I'm trying to rebuild in the same way," he said. "It's going to impact the people, (providing) a place to eat, a place to play, and provide some entertainment the people need."

"We're going to get it done – we're going to have a nice project for the City of Pomona."

## Food Safety... from pg. 16

uid bleach to one gallon of water.

Food safety through the food chain to the consumer has evolved and improved over time. Government and industry regulations and standards, inspections, safety practices, procedures, and consumer education that put responsibility and liability on all parties in the "from farm-to-fork" system have helped. It is up to the consumer to stay informed and responsive to events of foodborne disease and adul-

teration recalls that occur.

Reference links:

- FDA - <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/>

- USDA - [http://www.ers.usda.gov/amber-waves/2011-december/us-food-safety-policy.aspx#UUU\\_9VdY3IU](http://www.ers.usda.gov/amber-waves/2011-december/us-food-safety-policy.aspx#UUU_9VdY3IU)

- Food Safety - <http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

- CDC - <http://www.cdc.gov/>  
Editor's Note: Jose Bermudez, a safety professional for nearly 40

years, has worked as a consultant and a regional safety and health manager for colleges, hospitals and an environmental engineering consulting firm, working for companies such as General Electric, Waste Management, Inc. and Quaker Oats. He received the designation of Certified Safety Professional from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. His column is presented as a public service. He can be contacted at [jsbrmdz8@gmail.com](mailto:jsbrmdz8@gmail.com).

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**POMONA GANG INVESTIGATOR HONORED** -- Pomona Police Sgt. Mike Lange, whose work in the police department combatting gangs, drugs, guns and prostitution has made Pomona a safer place with an improved quality of life for its residents, was honored last month at the Pomona Chamber of Commerce "Holiday for Heroes" luncheon. Lange worked gangs for the Los Angeles Police Department before joining the Pomona department where he was selected to join the gang unit. He was promoted to detective where his assignments continued to include gangs. He transitioned to the homicide unit and, now a sergeant, has worked for the past two years on the Major Crimes Task Force.

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**SERVING POMONA FOR MORE THAN 12 YEARS** -- Los Angeles County Fire Department Capt. Mike Pacheco, now assigned to Pomona fire station 185, has served Pomona for more than 12 years and has worked for the Los Angeles County Fire Department for the past 22 years after first working for a small department in San Diego County and the Los Angeles City Fire Department. He was honored for his service to the community at last month's Pomona Chamber of Commerce "Holiday for Heroes" luncheon. Also honored but not pictured was fire fighter paramedic David Caballero, assigned to Pomona fire station 183. He has served the Los Angeles County Fire Department for the past 24 years and has served Pomona for more than 13 years. He was promoted to the rank of fire captain in November and will be reassigned out of Pomona but hopes to return.



**HELPING THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS** -- Pomona Police Officer Timothy Dorn and clinician Bernice Martinez were honored at this year's Pomona Chamber of Commerce "Holiday for Heroes" luncheon. The two are partners and work as a team in the police department's mental health unit to provide outreach, engagement and evaluations to individuals in psychiatric or emotional crisis. The two have "taken ownership" of the program and created new solutions to problems that have previously gone unanswered.



**REALLY THE END OF AN ERA!** -- Lt. Ronald McDonald, a long-time friend of La Nueva Voz, a mainstay of the Pomona Police Department and a positive example for the Pomona Police Department and law enforcement everywhere, received a special honor at last month's Pomona Chamber of Commerce "Holiday for Heroes" luncheon following his recent retirement -- after more than 53 years of service on the job. McDonald, who joined the department in 1965 after working briefly as a dispatcher and reserve police officer for the West Covina Police Department, was assigned to pretty much every unit in the police department over the years. Most recently, he served as lieutenant watch commander in the operations division. Congratulations, Lieutenant, on a job well done!



**'SANTA BABY, JUST SLIP A SABLE UNDER THE TREE, FOR ME...'** -- Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz pulls out her Christmas list for Santa (played again this year by Pomona State Farm agent John Forbing) at last month's annual "Holiday for Heroes" Pomona Chamber of Commerce luncheon honoring the community's public safety officers. The event was held at Pomona's Mountain Meadows Golf Course.

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**THESE GUYS ARE GOOD!** -- The regular Sunday league play at Pomona's Veterans Park in the shadow of the 71 Freeway lucked out last week and got to play between the rains. It was cold -- 57 degrees at 4 p.m. -- but that didn't seem to bother anybody. And, as pictured, they had some pretty impressive moves. The City of Pomona staffs the playing field and, while most of the players are from Pomona, others come from surrounding cities.

## Registration open for next month's 'Principal for a Day' in Pomona

Registration is requested by Feb. 8 for next month's annual "Principal for a Day" event in Pomona in which business owners, professionals and members of the community receive an insight into the workings of students and teachers in today's classroom.

The event, presented by the Pomona Chamber of Commerce and the Pomona Unified School District, is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, and is designed to strengthen Pomona's schools and help build tomorrow's leaders.

Participants will "shadow" a principal throughout the morning to receive a first-hand look at Pomona's school programs up close. They will have an opportunity to interact with students and be a part of developing partnerships with the schools.

Participants and principals will share their experiences with the entire group at a luncheon following the event.

For more information on selecting a school assignment, contact the Pomona Chamber at (909) 622-1256 or info@pomonachamber.org.

## Claremont Symphony to present free concert for young people

Barbar the Little Elephant, by Francis Poulenc, will be presented by the Claremont Symphony Orchestra next week as a free hour-long concert for young people and also featuring as performers two very accomplished area students.

the flute performing Concertino, Op. 107 by Cecile Chaminade.

Cai and Tu were the 2019 winners of the Claremont Youth Symphony Orchestra annual concerto competition.

The young people's concert is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Sat-

all seating is open and the auditorium is handicapped friendly.

The Claremont Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1953, is a non-profit organization depending solely on donations. Its mission is to provide free classical symphony orchestra



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**ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SINGALONG** -- If you want "amazing," you might as well mark your calendar right now so you won't miss the annual December performance of the Claremont Symphony Orchestra and its traditional holiday community singalong of Handel's Messiah. And you don't have to be able to read music or sing -- just sitting in with the sopranos or the bass section and hearing the music fill the room will be all you need to go home feeling you got your money's worth (which may not be the best reference here since the concert is free, although they accept donations). Just remember to hold onto your seats for the Hallelujah chorus! Pictured at last month's performance, from left, are soloists Robert Perlas Gomez, baritone; Christopher Anderson-West, tenor; Elizabeth Anderson, mezzo-soprano; Jennifer Lindsay, soprano; and Robert Sage, conductor. The Claremont Symphony, in its 66th season, was established in 1953 and attracts top rated musicians from throughout Southern California coming in from as far away as Simi Valley, Los Angeles and Pasadena on the west to Riverside on the east -- representing as many as 30 communities in all.

Alexis Cai, a seventh grader at Foothill Country Day School in Claremont, has been studying music since she was five and does vocal training, piano, flute and music composition. She plans to become a professional musician.

Cai, a member of the Claremont Youth Symphony Orchestra's flute section, will perform the first movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto in A major and short compositions she wrote.

Charlotte Tu, a junior at Diamond Bar High School and a member of the Claremont Youth Symphony Orchestra's flute section for four years, has been playing flute for six years and is also an accomplished pianist. She will play

urday, Feb. 2 (doors open at 3 p.m.) at Bridges Hall of Music, 150 E. 4th St., on the Pomona College campus in Claremont.

The concert concludes with the lively Story of Babar the Little Elephant composition, narrated by Claremont Community School of Music Executive Director Matthew Keating. The piece was written by Francis Poulenc in 1940 when his young cousins asked him to "play" their favorite book. It became so popular it was orchestrated by Jean Francaix in 1962.

Reservations are not taken,



**ENJOYING A LIGHT MOMENT WITH THE AUDIENCE** -- Robert Sage, conductor of the Claremont Symphony Orchestra, takes a moment to chat with the audience last month during the group's annual performance of Handel's Messiah in a traditional community singalong as Concertmaster Gloria Cangahuala, at left, looks on. All concerts are held at Bridges Hall of Music (Little Bridges) on the Pomona College campus in Claremont.

concerts in the Pomona Valley and Inland Empire. It presents 10 concerts each year with volunteer musicians coming from more than 30 cities.

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