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Pomona Chamber members learn federal funds coming to help homeless, median home prices in county approach \$900,000

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis told members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce this month that the county is receiving more than \$480 million in federal American Recovery Plan Act funding that will be going toward housing the homeless, and County Assessor Jeff Prang said recent increases in property values have bumped the median sales price of a single-family home in the county to nearly \$900,000.



Assemblymember
Freddie Rodriguez



Los Angeles County Assessor
Jeff Prang



State Sen. Susan Rubio



Los Angeles County
Supervisor Hilda Solis



Congresswoman Norma Torres

These updates and more were

included in the Pomona Chamber's annual "Legislative Luncheon" which brought some 250 representatives of the local busi-

ness, educational and political community to Pomona's Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center for the first time in a very long time.

The solution to the homeless crisis was a topic addressed by all five guests at the event.

"I think it's multi-pronged," So-

lis said, "and one of the things that people should understand is that housing the unhoused is a very difficult process."

Roundtable honoree even as child in Mexico asked questions like how a Latino male fits in society

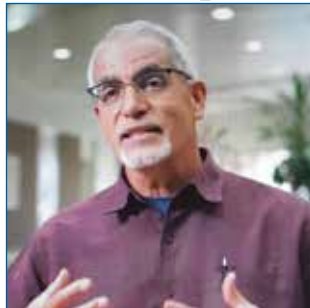
Dr. Daniel Loera, Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University of La Verne, told participants at last month's 18th annual Latina/Latino Roundtable Cesar Chavez Breakfast that he learned at an early age in Mexico that it was "always about doing what you had to do to survive."

"What I knew was growing up in the neighborhood," he said as he was recognized as an honoree at this year's event, at a time he was asking questions like how a Latino male fits in society and "what does the society put on us."

"We all need to keep fighting for our own self-determination, find our space, and to be authentic in those spaces," Loera added. "And that does require that others also be uncomfortable with us because sometimes they're not used to us."

He said it is important to "find out how to work together and learn about each other in the process."

Loera works to create learning opportunities at the University of La Verne around



Dr. Daniel Loera



Rosa Martha Zarate



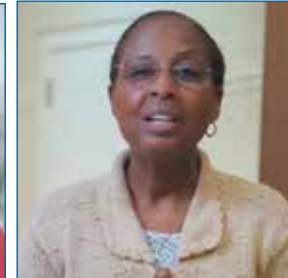
Nora Garcia



Ignacio "Nacho" Montes



Rosemary Rodriguez



Dr. Krystana Walks-Harper

She said part of the pass-through federal funding will go for "wrap-around services" like mental health funding, health care, self-training and more.

And she said staff is working on ways to address credit reporting issues that impact the homeless and their credit, prohibiting them from establishing credit and getting an apartment.

"Unfortunately, with the pandemic, we've seen more people fall into homelessness and particularly, I want to point out, women - elderly women, women who are widowed, through no fault of their own, they are not drug addicts, they are not convicts, and many of them are on the street," Solis said.

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Limb Preservation Program

Pomona Concert Band presents annual spring concert May 1

Members of the Pomona Concert Band will present their annual spring concert, “Diamond Jubilee Celebration,” next month in Pomona’s Ganesha Park marking the 75th anniversary of the band founded by former Pomona Mayor G. Stanton Selby in 1947.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, in the G. Stanton Selby Bandshell in Ganesha Park.

Included will be “Tubby the Tuba,” a 1945 song about a little tuba who is sad because he never gets to play the melody, and “Gabriel’s Oboe,” performed by Viki

Bertram on her English horn.

Also featured will be “Theme and Fugue from the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra” by Benjamin Britten, and music from “The Wizard of Oz.”

In celebration of the band’s 75th anniversary, the band will perform Karl King’s “Diamond Jubilee March.”

The Pomona Concert Band, conducted by Linda Taylor, has represented Pomona in countless events and performances over the years, including tours of Europe and Japan in 1985 and 1988.

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

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Pomona Redistricting Commission goes final with revised council district map

Members of the Pomona Independent Redistricting Commission completed its redistricting process this month by adopting a resolution establishing a new map of the city council districts.

City councilmembers will continue to serve under the same election cycle with seats for districts 2, 3 and 5 up for election in November. Districts 1, 4 and 6 and the mayor's seat will be up for reelection in 2024.

The city began the redistricting process in March 2021 after the city council established the commission made up of seven residents to determine the final map.

National Demographics Corp. was hired to serve as the demographer, and Tripepi Smith was brought on board to assist with outreach efforts.

The city recruited residents to serve on the commission and launched its dedicated redistricting web site, providing background information about redistricting, a schedule of meetings, mapping tools, draft maps throughout the process, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Regularly scheduled meetings

were held on the fourth Wednesday each month to gather public input.

A total of five public hearings, five public meetings and two virtual community workshops were held between June 2021 and April 2022.

"The commission worked hard to adopt a map that incorporated the submitted public comments and identified communities of interest," said Commission Chair Aldo Yanez Ruiz. "I am grateful to the hard work of my fellow commissioners and the dedicated public who attended our 12 meetings and workshops to help create our final map."

The commission unanimously approved the resolution which, Ruiz said, "further proves that we believe that this map is the most representative of our unique city and various communities."

Outreach on the on-going effort included the web site, e-mails, telephone calls and texts to community-based organizations and subscribers, social media posts, newspaper and social media advertisements, flyers and press releases.

The six-district map can be reviewed online on the city's web site at DrawPomona.org/Selected-Map.



HONORING DAVID MCELWAIN WITH 'LITTLE FREE LIBRARY' -- Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval presented a special certificate to Amy McElwain and her daughter Lindsay McElwain last month at the official dedication in honor of her late husband David McElwain of a new "Little Free Library" (take a book, leave a book) in the Westmont area of Pomona. McElwain, a past president of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce who served as career program supervisor for the GAIN Division of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, has been credited with bringing the "Little Free Library" concept to Pomona. McElwain died last August following a lengthy illness. Pictured, from left, are Michael Deliman, a friend of the McElwain family; Amy McElwain; her daughter Lindsay; granddaughter Luna Rodriguez; Pomona Chamber Executive Board member Renee Barbee, of La Nueva Voz; Sandoval; Pomona City Councilmember Victor Preciado; and Nef Cortez of Re/Max Realty, also an Executive Board member of the Pomona Chamber.



'SELFIE' IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY -- Susie and Angel Perales snap a selfie in front of the "Little Free Library" they were happy to place in their front yard to honor the late David McElwain. The project was a collaborative effort with various supporters buying the library "kit," building the foundation, painting the library and filling it with books. Susie and Angel were unable to attend the ceremony when city officials dedicated the library to McElwain.

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“And we have an enormous problem that we have to face and we also have to deal with the children who come alongside with some of these families, and I would really encourage the cities, if you can open up your hearts and understand that many of these homeless individuals actually come from our communities,” she added.

In many of those cases, she said, they don’t want to go to a conventional “skid row” where a majority of the service facilities are located.

“We need to build that infrastructure here,” she said, “but do it in a compassionate manner working with a lot of the providers that are here.”

She said there are tremendous opportunities in Pomona.

“They’ve helped to demonstrate already how you deal with the homeless challenges . . . that we all have, because we’ve seen many of our friends and neighbors that are falling into homelessness,” she said. “We want to prevent that. And part of it is using our own resources, our Measure H initiative also that provides funding, now we are going out and providing more funding to our cities.”

She said many cities in the local area are looking forward to receiving that funding, so the county wants to help with technical assistance and giving them ideas.

“Some want to build tiny homes, some want to buy hotels and motels and have Project Roomkey (temporary housing) funding come in from the feds and the state,” she said.

Solis said the county is in the

process of evaluating a “blue ribbon commission on homelessness” on how they can accomplish all of this and better collaborate and coordinate and have input from the cities.

Assessor Prang said his office provides “a lot of research and data about what is going on in the real estate market as it affects the local economy,” and he said that median sales price of a home increase over the last 24 months has enabled homeowners to make a lot of money in equity in their home.

Yet for a young person, he said, it makes it more difficult to purchase a home as a first-time buyer.

And he said his office is still seeing bidding “wars” across the county on property.

As an example, one realtor told him just this month that a winning bid was \$400,000 over the asking price for a home for sale.

But on the other end of the spectrum, Solis said one of the major priorities coming out of the pandemic is housing affordability.

“We know that we need right now in L.A. County about 500,000 units of housing,” she said, adding that not enough cities in her first supervisorial district are even getting near that figure.

So, to attempt to remedy that, the county is “pushing forward” with its own trust fund of \$400 million already established seven years ago.

She said more than 9,000 units of housing have been provided to date.

“I just hope that cities would work with us so that we can help



Jeff Keating
Moderator

extend that,” she said, and expand housing – not just concentrating on low-income and affordable in one area but spread it out, even using existing county properties where possible.

Prang told the group that part of his job is to make sure county supervisors have the information they need on property tax numbers to make decisions on budget and spending.

He pointed out that Pomona’s own general fund budget of about \$121 million includes nearly \$40 million that comes from property taxes.

Then what is the county doing to help boost economic development, especially in light of the effect the pandemic has had on business?

Solis said the county has created a new department called the Economic Opportunity Department.

“It is actually part of a workforce investment program and part of our economic development program,” she explained.

The two have been merged, she said, because during the pan-



Staffers at this month’s Pomona Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon kept things moving smoothly as always. Pictured, from left, are volunteer Ruby Jung, Chamber administrative assistant Heidi Ortega, and Dolores Alba, also a volunteer.

demically they saw “that we have to streamline and really get sending out and resources to provide technical assistance to medium as well as small business and minority owned and all the other qualifications that people otherwise aren’t fully aware of services the county can provide.”

Solis said the county is even going door to door to get information on available funding out to the smaller businesses that otherwise would not be aware of it – and then helping them apply for the funding.

“I think the pandemic really changed the way we do business,”

Solis said, adding that the Pomona Valley has done some “outstanding work with the county.”

She pointed to COVID patients quarantined at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel at the peak of the pandemic, along with residents driving through Fairplex for both COVID testing and vaccinations. Vaccinations also were offered during the peak period at Cal Poly University Pomona.

“I want to say how profoundly important that is that we have these public/private partnerships, and we continue to provide that safety net with all of our friends,” Solis said.

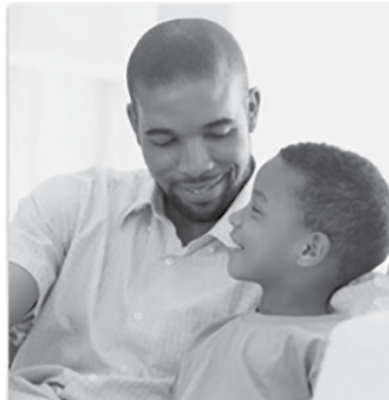
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MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

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Western University student photo

STREET DOG CLINIC -- Students and faculty from the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine held a free veterinary clinic at Pomona's Hope for Home Homeless Services Center this month for pets of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. A total of 66 dogs and cats received free wellness checks, vaccinations, deworming and more throughout the day. Other partners included the City of Pomona and The Street Dog Coalition, a Colorado-based national non-profit that provides services to the homeless and pets that are living, well, on the street. Pictured, at left, is Western University assistant professor Dr. Gillian Angliss Glaser examining Mocha, a German Shepherd puppy, with assistance from second-year veterinary student Jewel Randolph.



SWEATSHIRTS, SHORTS, SHOES AND MORE! -- Pomona Chamber of Commerce and city officials helped cut the ribbon this month to officially open Ten15, a new store with a little of everything, at 1015 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona. The store specializes in two brands -- Clutch Worldwide and Forever Rich -- each a creation of one of the two business partners. Pictured, from left, are Pomona City Councilmember Victor Preciado; owners Quijon Long, originally from Watts but now from Fontana; Marques Dukes, originally from Long Beach but now from Chino; Pomona Chamber President and CEO Monique Manzanares; Marco Argote, of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association; and Pomona Chamber Executive Board Member Renee Barbee, of La Nueva Voz. The store offers everything from t-shirts and sweatshirts to shorts, athletic shoes and hats. A web site with additional items for sale online is under construction. For more information, call (909) 417-5025.



Marco Argote, at left, of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association does a little shopping at the ribbon cutting for the new Ten15 store, located at 1015 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona.

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Prang spoke of a partnership of his own that his office created in which new employees for the assessor's office are being trained in an innovative program with community colleges – both Rio Hondo and West Los Angeles Colleges.

He said his office with a staff of about 1,300 loses 25 to 35 a year through retirements and attrition and the community college partnerships relieve his office of the burden of training new hires.

Solis agreed that it is “so important and critical to have the community colleges involved.”

Congresswoman Norma Torres, part of the first panel of a two-panel presentation, said that Congress “is not that broke as you hear – no matter what your favorite cable news channel is, we manage to get a lot done.”

As an example, she referred to the millions and billions of COVID dollars Congress has sent to the states to pass on to the counties and cities.

“We’re really proud that we have been able to meet that need and put money directly into the pockets of people when they needed it the most,” Torres said. “In the new Biden and Harris administration over the last little more than a year, the president came in with one vision, and that was ‘let’s work on this pandemic, let’s get back on track, let’s get people working again, but number one, let’s simply work to save the lives of the American people.’”

“We’re close to now a million Americans that we will have lost due to this pandemic,” she added.

And she encouraged people to do everything they can do to save not only their lives but the lives of others in their community.

“If we truly care about our community, then we have to follow the advice of our health care providers that know so much more than any one of us here,” she said.

State Sen. Susan Rubio echoed Torres’ statement that legislators are continuing to do their job.

“We’ve been working really hard even during the pandemic,” she said, adding that she still flies to Sacramento twice a week. “And we still have to provide services, so our work never stops.”

Even so, she said it was difficult during the pandemic when they were restricted from having their staff working.

“So a lot of the times we had to make do with what we had,” she said. “I got family members to help out either giving out advice for food or whatever the need was.”

She added that she was going back the following Monday (March 18) “and that’s the first time we’re going to be allowed our entire staff since March of 2020, and so that’s been a challenge.”

Even so, she said she feels they’ve done a good job in terms of collaboration with local leaders and their federal partners.

Panelists were asked what relief is in sight for the dramatic increase in the cost of living.

“It’s important I think to recognize that it is not just an American problem, it is not just a California problem or an L.A. County or San Bernardino County problem, it is a global problem,” Torres said. “I think that some folks have forgotten that we were shut down for quite a bit of time. Most of the supplies that come in, disposable goods that we use, come from China, India, other parts of the world.”

“This is why the president is so committed to making it in America and bringing back manufacturing to the United States,” she said, adding that Congress is working on a bill that “would help increase the manufacturing footprint in all of our communities.”

She said 431,000 new jobs were added last month and unemployment dropped to 3.6 percent.

“So right now, if you want a job, you can get a job,” Torres said.

Basic skills are important, but local training institutions are working with business and government in another public/private partnership “training workers for jobs that are available right now.”

“Really, displaced workers just need some basic skills,” she said.

Rubio thanked Torres for what she is doing at the federal level but added her concern for “stay at home” moms.

“Right now, the only way you are eligible to receive that credit (as a stay at home mom) is if you have income,” Rubio said. “We have a lot of mothers and families that were not able to go back to work, either because they lost their jobs or they are just having a hard time with health care.”

“My bill will bring that eligibility to zero – that means that anyone

that stays home, I think that it’s time we tell mothers and caregivers that their work also matters,” whether they have income or not, she said.

Rubio also said she co-authored a bill last year that provided small business grants that should be trickling down to small businesses.

“Please be assured that we’re working really hard to support our small businesses,” she said. “This year we’re still pushing for more.”

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, who said his daughter is a respiratory therapist and a single parent with two young boys at home, understands what is happening with the cost of living.

“It’s going to take a lot of us to come together to find new money at the state level and the federal level,” he said, adding that “people say they want relief now.”

He pointed to the state’s proposed budget which includes a \$9 billion program to get some money back to Californians so they can have a registered car at their home, offering \$400 per vehicle up to two vehicles per resident.

“So that’s the way we’re going to get some money back to Californians if they need money now,” he said. “We need some money now if we can – it’s going to take a little bit of time, but we are working on getting some money back to people’s pockets and help them through this very difficult time.”

Rodriguez said the governor also is working on a plan for businesses and is proposing to pay more than \$3 billion to pay down a portion of the state’s unemployment insurance debt.

“So that should be able to help a lot of businesses,” he said.

On the homeless crisis, Rubio said a lot of people are on the street because of domestic violence.

“It is important that we differentiate, that we not have one solution that fits all,” she said.

Rubio said she has two bills focusing on domestic violence survivors, pointing out that women on the street without a husband or children go to the back of the line and might take 10 years to get housing.

In another scenario, she said homeless individuals often don’t want to help themselves – perhaps not because of a substance abuse issue but because of mental health.

“And you can’t do anything

about it unless the person consents,” she said.

Rubio said the governor is working on an approach to get back to the families of the homeless to get them involved to help bring their loved one into services.

Another issue, she said, is sustainability – homeless people complain, she said, that “vouchers” are for temporary housing only but some won’t take it because it is not sustainable.

“They want permanent housing and mental health services,” she said.

Rodriguez pointed to the \$8 million he has been able to obtain from the state for the Pomona Po-

lice Department where programs are in place for officers specifically assisting the homeless – something he said is important since police often are the first ones dealing with the homeless on the streets.

And on housing, Torres said last year’s budget at the federal level included \$53.7 billion for housing – an amount that should give states, counties and cities an opportunity to be able to apply and actually build housing, she added.

“This is a community issue that never should have been dumped on our police department,” she said.

Because of the pandemic, it was the chamber’s first legislative luncheon since 2019.

Assemblymember Rodriguez names Deborah Clifford ‘Woman of the Year’



Photo courtesy of Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez. Deborah Clifford, president of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, at left, receives her “Woman of the Year” commendation from Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez outside the Historical Society offices in the Pomona Ebell Museum of History.

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez this month named Deborah Clifford as the 52nd District Woman of the Year for 2022, calling her an active and well-known member of the community.

“I am honored to have selected Deborah Clifford as this year’s Woman of the Year,” Rodriguez said. “Deborah has been an outstanding member of our community, serving as a teacher for 28 years with Diamond Bar High School and as president of the Historical Society (of Pomona Valley) since 2018.”

“As a lifelong resident of Pomona, I am inspired by her dedication to preserving our city’s history and help in making our region welcoming to all,” Rodriguez said.

Clifford, a graduate of UCLA and Claremont Graduate University, holds a master’s degree in education. She served as a banker at Security Pacific Bank before transitioning to high school English teacher.

During her tenure, she was named “teacher of the year” twice and once was named “teacher of the year” for the entire school district.

She was named Pomona Community Hero at the LA County Fair in 2018 and currently serves as the announcer for the annual Pomona Christmas Parade.

The 52nd Assembly District includes the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona and portions of unincorporated Fontana.

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issues of diversity, inclusion and equality. He co-chairs the Student Outreach and Leadership Development Committee that oversees the Student Leadership Institute, along with the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators student scholarship program.

Loera and three other honorees were recognized this year, along with two “community star award” recipients and five scholarship recipients.

More than 100 viewers signed on to the virtual event.



Jose Calderon
Roundtable President

Pomona City Councilmember Nora Garcia, also an honoree this year, said she has lived in Pomona since she was a 3-year-old when her parents moved here “to build us a better life.”

“When I went to college, to St. Mary’s College of California and became part of the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action, I took those early life lessons and I applied it to the outside world,” she said, adding that she began volunteering with various community groups.

“And when I became a teacher, all of the jobs connected because I saw that same need here, because really there’s need everywhere,” Garcia said. “We as a community owe it to ourselves, in the words of Dolores Huerta, to make the world a better place.”

“I encourage everyone to mirror the wonderful efforts that I have seen here in our community,” she said, particularly through the pandemic where “the community has really come together . . . and I hope that we learn that it is something that needs to continue.”

Garcia has been a part of the Save Our Pomona Public Library and the One Pomona campaigns as well as the Friends of the Po-

mona Public Library. She has participated in toy drives, food distributions, and the Mayor’s COVID-19 Action Committee.

Honoree Dr. Krystana Walks-Harper, Assistant Supt. for Pupil and Community Services at Pomona Unified School District, told the group she attended elementary, middle and high school in Pomona, “and so this has always been home for me.”

“I am a child of immigrant parents” who came from South America, “and so I understand the concept of hard work.”



Mayor Tim Sandoval

“I’m so honored to be connected in any way to Cesar Chavez, for improving working conditions and pay for our farmworkers is commendable.”

She also reached out to Pomona’s parents to make certain they know “we are here for you – it doesn’t matter whether you speak Spanish, English, Mandarin, whatever, we serve up to 18 languages in our district.”

“What we don’t know we want to learn, and when we are at our best, your students will get their best, parents will get their best,” Walks-Harper said. “So please come in, talk to us, share with us and help us to do our best work for you.”

Walks-Harper, who has worked in the Pomona Unified School District for 31 years, has served as a classroom teacher, mentor teacher, teacher specialist and principal. A graduate of the University of Maryland, she earned master’s and doctorate degrees at Claremont Graduate University.

She is an advocate for students and families and works to ensure the school district remains focused on the academic as well as social-emotional needs of students and families.

Honoree Rosa Martha Zarate,

a singer and songwriter, told the group she was born in Jalisco to a father who was an activist and a mother who was very community minded.

When her parents sent her to the United States, she played her guitar in San Ysidro where she was able to meet undocumented youth.

She said even Cesar Chavez once heard her playing the guitar and invited her to play at a strike, saying “People are very excited, come and cheer them up.”

And, while at the time she didn’t even know who Chavez was, she said she was invited into the national movement.

She said she has been supporting the binational social movement of the Ex Braceros for more than 20 years, working to recover a historical memory through those who have already disappeared in their fight for justice.

Zarate thanked the Roundtable for the recognition “because here is where I learned to fight.”

She has lived in California since 1966.

Community Star Award recipients

Community Star Awards are presented each year to individuals who provide exemplary service inside the Roundtable.

Ignacio “Nacho” Montes, one of this year’s winners, was an original founder of the Roundtable who, as a small businessman, has been washing windows for the last 20 years and, according to Roundtable President Jose Calderon, has been listed on Angie’s List as one of the top-rated businesses in the Inland Empire.

Montes, speaking in Spanish, said he started looking for immigration reform “because I was undocumented as well.”

And, while he said marches, pilgrimages and protests are fine, “if we want to have politi-



Angela Sanbrano
Roundtable Vice President

cal strength, we have to come out and vote.”

And Rosemary Rodriguez, also a Community Star Award recipient, said she has been a member of the Roundtable since 2009 where she has experienced a group of people who take action for everything they do in the community.

“Everyone works unitedly to take on a cause, and I’m really proud of them and I’m proud to be honored,” she said.

In addition to her work as an activist and fighting for the rights of people, she said she is involved with Teatro Urbano, the theater group her late husband started in 1974.

“We have taken our plays wherever is needed – it doesn’t matter if we made any money or not, our main goal was to educate our audiences,” she said. Even though my husband is no longer here, I hope to continue that task.”

Scholarship recipients

This year’s scholarship recipients were Narlyn Rodriguez-Gonzalez of Pomona’s Village Academy High School, Luis Castro-Limon of Pomona’s Diamond Ranch High School, Samantha Batres of Bonita High School in La Verne, and Josue Vazquez Manriquez of Montclair High School, along with Julian Ibanez



Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis

Mandujano, a student at Mt. SAC.

Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval congratulated the honorees and announced that as part of the COVID-19 recovery, the City of Pomona will be making a \$20,000 donation to the Roundtable “in your effort to continue to serve the community as part of the recovery as well as to bring a community center to the Cesar Chavez Park in the City of Pomona.”

He said he and City Councilmember John Nolte have allocated the funds to bring that community center that the Roundtable has requested for many years.

“It’s a tremendous gift and we thank you,” Calderon said.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis also congratulated this year’s recipients.

“Like Cesar Chavez, I think our honorees know that change never comes easily,” she said. “It takes all of us, people coming together that have each other’s backs when it comes to our work, our lives and the struggle.”

“The Latino Roundtable of the San Gabriel Valley and Pomona Valley exemplifies this coming together through their work on COVID-19, immigrant rights, mental health, education, environmental justice, as well as their vision for a new economy that works for all people,” she added.

Million Mothers March returns for 16th year

The 16th annual “Million Mothers March,” scheduled for Saturday, May 21, in Pomona’s Ganesha Park, is looking for vendors and food trucks for a free event that is open to all members of the family.

The event, presented each year by the Kennedy Austin Foundation, will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the park, 1575 N. White Ave., Pomona.

It will include a two-mile walk, music, food, guest speakers, and a balloon send-off.

The Kennedy Austin Foundation was founded by Ethel Gardner after her only son, Damon Jermaine Jones, was killed in 1992 in a single car rollover on his way home from a weekend trip in Lake Havasu at the age of 17. Gardner founded her first group a year later.

Today, the non-profit organization serves communities with mental health and crisis intervention services, working to educate, equip and empower families and mothers who have suffered the loss of a child.

For more information, visit the web site at www.kennedyaustinfoundation.org or call the office at (909) 808-6866.



Augusto Vivanco of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association looks like he went into a telephone booth and changed into his clown costume where, judging from the reaction, he was doing an amazing job of entertaining the kids with a magic act at this month's Promenade Festival in Downtown Pomona.



Photos by Renee Barbee

PROMENADE FESTIVAL COMES TO DOWNTOWN POMONA -- The first-ever "Promenade Festival," featuring a stage, music, games, food booths, resource booths and more, was held this month in the parking lot of Downtown Pomona's Mission Promenade, courtesy of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association, the Pomona Chamber of Commerce and John Pena, Downtown Pomona business owner, investor and owner of the Mission Promenade. Pictured, from the left, are Heidi Ortega, Chamber administrative assistant; John Pena; Chamber President and CEO Monique Manzanares; and Marco Argote, of DPOA.



There was something for everyone at this month's Promenade Festival in Pomona -- even for this young man who, apparently was trying to see how long he could just, well, hang around.

State Sen. Leyva picks Cal Poly's Soraya Coley as 'Woman of the Year'

State Sen. Connie Leyva has selected Cal Poly University Pomona President Dr. Soraya Coley as the 2022 "Woman of the Year" for the 20th State Senate District.

Coley, the first female president of the university, has distinguished herself as a strong advocate for students and other members of the Cal Poly community and the greater Inland



Dr. Soraya Coley

Empire region, according to a Leyva news release.

"Since President Coley arrived at Cal Poly Pomona, she has certainly been an unrelenting and passionate advocate for students, staff, faculty and the community," Leyva said. "My office has worked closely with her and the polytechnic university throughout her tenure and we have built a strong relationship that I know has served the Cal Poly Pomona community and my entire Senate district and region well during all these years."

She said Coley, among other things, delivered the keynote address to hundreds of young women at Leyva's first Young Women's Leadership Conference in

Chino and has worked with her office to expand educational opportunities for Cal State students.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this recognition from Sen. Leyva, who is herself a fierce advocate for women and women's issues," Coley said. "Women are essential to our society and our economy, and if the last two years have shown us anything, it's the need for more holistic support to women, from their physical and mental well-being to policies that provide protection for their work. How women fare will have great repercussions on our society."

Leyva recognized Coley as "Woman of the Year" at a recent ceremony in Chino.



OPEN HOUSE AT POMONA'S HOUSE OF RUTH -- Pomona's House of Ruth held an open house last month to provide information to the community about their programs and quality care provided to survivors of domestic violence. Pictured, from left, are House of Ruth Chief Program Officer Melissa Pitts, Chief Financial Officer Krystal Minniefield, Executive Director Pat Bell, Board members Ehmandah Ramsey of Chino Hills and Debbie Lopez of Glendora, and House of Ruth Chief Development Officer Rhonda Beltran. House of Ruth received a certificate from State Sen. Susan Rubio's office at the event.



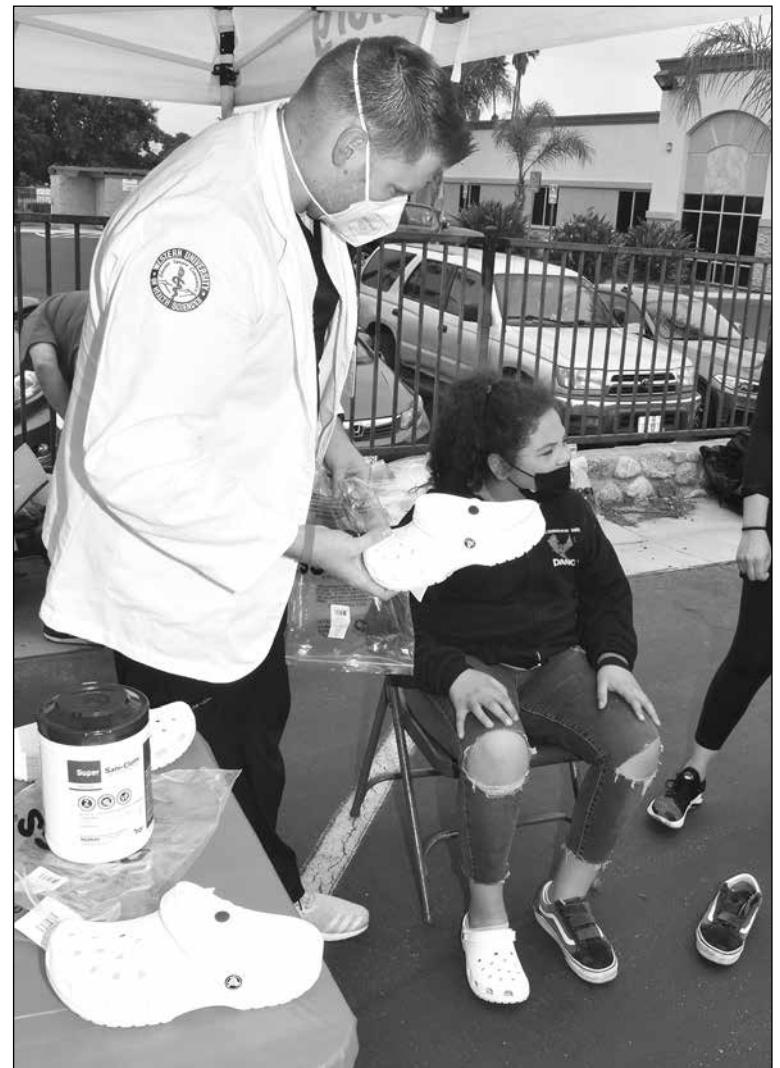
GETTING TO KNOW HOUSE OF RUTH -- Members of the community stopped by Pomona's House of Ruth last month during an open house to get to know the organization and learn more about the services offered to domestic violence survivors.



EAGLES HOST SPECIAL OLYMPICS 'HEALTHY ATHLETES' SCREENINGS

— The Pomona Eagles, who have hosted golf tournaments and other events to raise money to support the Special Olympics, turned their parking lot over to the group this month for a “Healthy Athletes” for screening the young athletes in areas of “Fit Feet” (podiatry), “MedFest” (general medical) and “Special Smiles” (dental) programs. The event, organized by Special Olympics Southern California, is part of a worldwide

effort to address health conditions among the athletes. Sean Lee, a Western University of Health Sciences student, checks the walking characteristics of a Special Olympics athlete. Special Olympics Southern California enriches the lives of 35,000 athletes -- both children and adults with intellectual disabilities -- and their communities in Southern California through sports, education and athlete health.



Derek Jackson, a student at Pomona’s Western University, helps select just the right shoe for a young Special Olympics athlete in a “Fit Feet” review at the Pomona Eagles. Janet Portilla, manager of health initiatives for Special Olympics Southern California, said about 60 athletes from Los Angeles and Orange Counties as well as local residents of Pomona and the San Gabriel Valley were being screened at the event. Jesus Cabrera, director of corporate programs for Special Olympics Southern California, said no date has been set for the next competition as organizers want to make sure the athletes first are properly trained.



Maryam Haque, a first-year dental student at Western University, goes over the proper technique for brushing your teeth with a Special Olympics athlete using, well, a couple of almost life-like props. Volunteers from Kaiser Permanente also participated in the day-long event designed to get athletes ready to return to competition after a break due to the pandemic.

Cal Poly Pomona’s landmark tower to be demolished

Cal Poly Pomona’s iconic CLA tower (Classroom-Laboratory-Administration tower, long known by students as the “pointy” building), the limestone-clad obelisk visible from the 10 and 57 free-ways, is slated for demolition this summer, according to a Cal Poly news release.

Opened in 1993, the soaring campus landmark has appeared in the movies (Gattaca and Imposter) and television commercials.

Unfortunately, the structurally flawed tower and adjoining registrar building are situated on an earthquake fault and have construction flaws and mechanical system problems. Retrofitting the building is not fiscally feasible due to prohibitive costs.

Landmark tower... pg. 16

Photos by Renee Barbee
An estimated 200 marchers organized by The Way World Outreach leave Pomona City Hall this month with signs, banners and a bull horn for a walk around the entire block along Mission Boulevard to Park Avenue to 7th Street and back to Garey Avenue as city officials and community members participated in a “prayer march” for Pomona to “come together in unity to pray over our city” after a rally and prayers on the steps of City Hall.

More than 1,000 bags of food and resources were lined up in the Pomona Civic Center and were distributed to 2,000 families at 12 different locations in Pomona by volunteers in this month’s prayer march and food give-away, coordinated by The Way World Outreach. The group’s Pomona campus is led by Pastor Chris Morgan. World Way Outreach, which operates its own food pantry, provided part of the food through its “Adopt-A-Block” outreach. The group partnered with Pomona’s God’s Pantry, where workers delivered food the same day to the Pomona swap meet.



‘Homes of Promise’ hard at work in Pomona operating transitional sober-living homes

Ready for another one of Pomona’s best kept secrets? Homes of Promise, an organization working to provide a safe environment for those who are seeking a healthy lifestyle, is operating 10 transitional sober-living homes in Pomona that are doing such a good job that co-founder Ray Adamyk told La Nueva Voz “You wouldn’t even know they are there.”

The 10 homes, all leased properties, have a total capacity of 90 beds and, at last check this month, had only 14 beds available, according to Paul Chambers, an associate with the organization handling operations, accounting functions, social media and the like.

The group serves those dealing with drug and alcohol addiction, prison re-entry and homelessness and even works with sex trafficking victims, according to the web site.

And the homes have been designed to foster community and accountability for those seeking that healthy lifestyle.

“Our mission is to provide those who are broken with a safe environment of love, grace, support and accountability,” the message



Photos by Renee Barbee and Spectra Company

continued. “We believe that our homes play an important role in the early stages of recovery.”

The “program attendees” who pay a program fee find the homes through the web site, Facebook and word of mouth, as well as referrals from local drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities or groups helping those in prison find transitional living options.

Some of the homes are for men, some are for women, and there are even two faith-based homes for men, according to Chambers. The cost of the program is \$600 a

month for a top bunk and \$650 for a bottom bunk.

In most cases, the resident pays the program fee, although in some cases a government agency or rehabilitation facility will subsidize the program fee for a brief period of time.

Residents also are required to attend four recovery meetings each week.

Then how did the concept come about?

It really was the result of an idea of Adamyk, who lives in Pomona

Sober-living homes... pg. 18



Pictured are several views of two of the 10 transitional sober-living homes in Pomona operated by Homes of Promise, an organization working to provide a safe environment for those seeking a healthy lifestyle.



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RIBBON CUTTING AT OVERSPRAY ART SUPPLY -- Members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce, Pomona city officials and others joined together this month to cut the ribbon and officially open Overspray Art Supply & Gallery. Owner Justin Manriquez, who also owns 3rd Street Graphics just next door, said he and his business partners wanted to connect the community with art. Pictured, from left, are Jenny Macias, representing Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez; Pomona City Councilmembers Victor Preciado and Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole; Pomona Chamber President and CEO Monique Manzanares; Overspray owners Gabby Leyva, Justin Manriquez and Dominic Roman; Jacqueline Elizalde, representing Congresswoman Norma Torres; and Pomona Chamber Executive Board Member Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz. Overspray is located at 478 E. Holt Ave., Pomona.



A participating artist working with a can of spray paint puts a little last-minute overspray on an outdoor mural on a patio out back at the new Overspray Art Supply & Gallery.



A guest at this month's grand opening and ribbon cutting at Overspray Art Supply & Gallery takes a close look at some of the artwork on display at the new store.

Reminder -- Lions free vision screenings in Chino

The Pomona Host Lions Club and the Chino Valley Lions Club are co-sponsoring a free vision screening Saturday in Chino.

The event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chino Community Building, 5443 B Street, Chino.

No identification is required. "Recycled" eyeglasses will be

available at no cost. The screening will be conducted by California Lions Friends in Sight.

The group also is collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids during the event.

For more information, contact Mike Preston at (909) 573-3600 or mpreston7@verizon.net.



Pomona Valley Hospital photo

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS HOSPITAL BREAST HEALTH FUND -- In an effort to increase public awareness about the early detection of breast cancer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Chief Laura Lecrivain, representing Sheriff Alex Villanueva, last month presented a check for \$14,000 to the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation's Breast Health Fund. Proceeds were generated through the "Pink Patch Project," a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association and more than 500 public safety agencies throughout the United States in which agencies sell their commemorative pink patches to employees and the community to raise funds for breast cancer education, research and treatment. A hospital spokesperson said it is estimated that there will be nearly 300,000 new breast cancer cases this year, and that early detection and immediate treatment is the goal. Pictured with the check outside the hospital's Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Cancer Care Center are, from left, Hospital Vice President of Philanthropy and Marketing Jim Dale, Chief Lecrivain, and Hospital President and CEO Rich Yochum.

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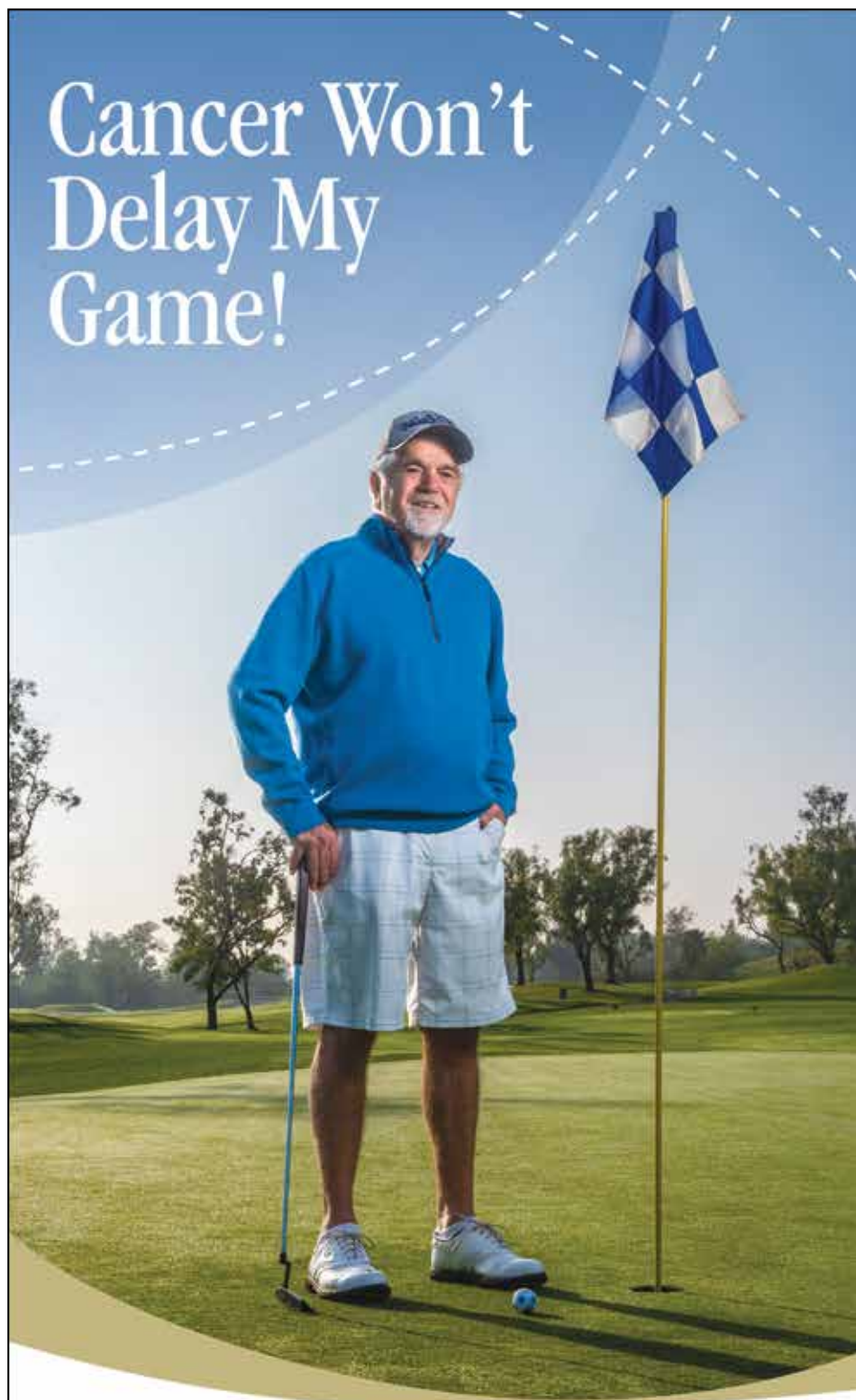
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Sen. Leyva asks young ladies going on to college to ‘be bold’ and ‘take charge’

State Sen. Connie Leyva, speaking last week to 49 young ladies just weeks from graduating from nine area high schools, encouraged them to “go out there, ladies, be bold, take charge and be safe.”

In her keynote address to the young ladies at last week’s “Tea for the Soul” Pomona Optimist Club scholarship luncheon at Pomona’s Ebell Club House, she thanked them for what they will do in the future.

“You’ll find your passion when you’re in college,” she said, and she asked them to pursue what they find. “Because if you work at something that you’re passionate about, you’re going to feel like you never worked a day in your life.”

“I want you to be bold in life and when you feel passionate about something, I want you to speak out about it,” she said.

“All of you . . . have a special gift and you have something to offer the world,” she said, adding that she first thought she wanted to be a cheerleader but ended up running for student government office and was elected eighth grade class president.

“Sometimes we think we want to be something but it’s really not what we’re supposed to be,” Leyva said. “So, I’m going to ask all of you as you’re on your journey into college to just, as you go, figure out and think about what is important to you.”

She said she learned when she was in college that people were important to her and that she really wanted to do something to help others.

“Enjoy the experience,” she said. “When you are there learn as much as you can learn.”

Leyva said they may not find what they want to do right away, and it may take them a little longer than four years to graduate.

But she said not to worry about that “because once you get that degree, no one can ever take it away from you – it will be yours forever.”

“Everything you do in college is going to help you later in life,” she added.

“The reason (“Tea for the Soul”)



Pictured are all the ladies at “Tea for the Soul” -- all of the high school graduating seniors, along with Optimist member Ruby Jung, front row, third from left; Pomona City Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, front row, fifth from left and Optimist Southeast District Gov. M. Joyce Bakersmith, a member of the Pomona Club, front row, seventh from left. Pomona Optimist President Lorraine Canales, at left, and Vice President Sonia Molina are pictured top row at center, and keynote speaker State Sen. Connie Leyva is pictured front row at center.



State Sen. Connie Leyva



The young ladies of Park West High School are pictured enjoying the Pomona Optimists’ “Tea for the Soul” at Pomona’s Ebell Club House last week.

is important is because this is the time when all of these ladies here have been accepted at a college,” said Optimist Club Southeast District Gov. M. Joyce Bakersmith, a member of the Pomona club. “But also, it’s important because this is the place where we show ladies how they should be treated by gentlemen.”

Servers at the event were all men and included names like Pomona City Councilmember Steve Lustro, Pomona Unified School District Supt. Richard Martinez, Pomona Unified Board member Arturo Jimenez and others. A total of 37 volunteers participated in the event.

“The ladies are being pampered the way they should expect to be pampered for the rest of their life,” Bakersmith said.

Pomona Optimist President Lorraine Canales told La Nueva Voz the event was the fourth annual “Tea for the Soul,” but the second “in person” event since the last two years were held virtually.

“This year, because we had such large donors, we will be giving scholarships to each girl but one girl from each school will get a larger sum,” she said. “The whole purpose of this program is to honor these high school girls graduating from high school and moving on to college to pursue their dreams and aspirations.”

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Pomona, Cal Poly officials open new 1.5-mile 'protected' bikeway along Valley

Officials from Pomona and Cal Poly University Pomona cut the ribbon last month to open a new \$10 million 1.5-mile-long bikeway along Valley Boulevard between Temple Avenue and Humane Way that resulted from a two-year project.

The upgrade, categorized as a

along with other funding sources, all obtained by the city, and was part of the city's capital improvement program according to a city spokesperson.

The bikeway represents the first Class IV bikeway in Pomona.

Nearly 70 cyclists participated in the grand opening of the bikeway



CUTTING THE RIBBON -- Officials from the City of Pomona, Cal Poly University Pomona and a whole lot of cyclists cut the ribbon on a new \$10 million 1.5-mile bikeway last month along Valley Boulevard. It is the city's first Class IV "protected" bikeway. Pictured, at left, is Pomona City Manager James Makshanoff (also a cyclist) and, at center, from left, Pomona City Councilmembers Nora Garcia, Victor Preciado and John Nolte.

"Class IV Protected Bikeway," was designed to increase safety for all cyclists but particularly students riding to and from Cal Poly, Western University of Health Sciences, iPoly High School and Pomona Unified School District.

The City of Pomona's Public Works Department wholly managed the design and construction of the project. It was funded by a \$2.8 million Metro grant and \$6.7 million of Proposition C funds,

at Valley Boulevard and Kellogg Drive which was coordinated in conjunction with Cal Poly's annual "Town and Gown" bicycle event.

The project included the repaving and inclusion of bicycle facilities (Class II and Class III) on other streets.

"Protected" bikeways feature a concrete buffer between the bike lane and regular traffic lanes, ensuring additional safety to bicycle commuters.



ARTS ADVOCATE AWARD -- Pomona Unified School District's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Lilia Fuentes last month became the first recipient of Pomona's dA Center for the Arts "Arts Advocate Award" for her dedication and determination to provide "all the arts for all abilities on all PUSD campuses." She was recognized at a fundraiser held at the dA in Downtown Pomona. Board president of the dA Pablo Baler thanked those who contributed and said it was because of people "who understand the power of art that we are able to carry on our mission to enrich the lives of the children and the families of our community." The dA has provided a home for artists, activists and storytellers for nearly 40 years. Pictured, at left, is Andrea Moreno, district director for Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, presenting a certificate from the county Board of Supervisors to Fuentes recognizing her for receiving the honor.



SPRING EGG HUNT IN THE POMONA CIVIC CENTER -- Just as a little news update, in case you missed it, Easter has come and gone -- and a total of 1,600 eggs in the Pomona Civic Center this month came and went -- and very quickly -- after about 250 kids and their parents heard the starting signal for the spring egg hunt. The plastic eggs were filled with candy, and some had tickets inside to exchange for prizes. The event, officially called the "Spring Egg-stravaganza," was coordinated by the Pomona Public Library whose flyers invited kids to "hop on over."

The spring egg hunt in the Pomona Civic Center included instant pictures with the Spring Bunny with kids lined up in what seemed like an endless line before the egg hunt got under way. Pictured snapping the photos nonstop, at right, is Pomona City Councilmember Nora Garcia. (And don't tell anybody but that's the Pomona Public Library's own Allan Lagumbay who volunteered to wear the bunny suit.)



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PUSD educator Fernando Carrillo coached football, helped students pursue college education

Long-time Pomona Unified School District educator Fernando Carrillo died last month in Ontario surrounded by his family. He was 70.

Born on Dec. 8, 1951, in El Paso, Texas, to Rafael and Ofelia Cordero Carrillo, Fernando lived in the Ontario/Chino area for 55 years. He attended Ontario High School, where he met his wife, Kathy, and he played fullback on the varsity football team for four years.

Carrillo attended Cal Poly University Pomona and San Bernardino State College, now Cal State University San Bernardino, earning a bachelor's degree in economics.

He worked as an educator in Pomona Unified for 35 years, teaching at Fremont High School and Garey High School. He later became the district's post-secondary education and work experience coordinator, where he



Fernando Carrillo

assisted students pursue a college education and other career opportunities.

He served as a valuable mentor to parents, friends and students alike, helping all achieve their highest potential and taking pride in their successes.

Carrillo also spent many years

coaching Garey's freshman and varsity football teams, serving as an assistant coach to Oliver Lucas, leading to the varsity C.I.F. championship in 1983.

He later became head coach but spent his last year of coaching at Don Lugo High School in Chino where his son, Paul, played quarterback.

Carrillo is survived by Kathy, his wife of 48 years; children Laura Carrillo McKinney (Mike) and Paul Douglas Carrillo (Karen); four grandchildren, Chase, Kwynn, John and Grant; siblings Lisa, Eddie, Rafael and Cruz; brothers-in-law Dennis (Kathy R.), Doug (Paul L.), and Gary.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Matilda, Rosa, Ofelia and Jeannie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

Landmark tower... from pg. 9

"The demolition of the building represents the best option from both a financial perspective and a safety standpoint," said Aaron Klemm, senior associate vice president of Facilities Planning & Management. "Being good stewards of the campus means making decisions based on what offers the most benefit to future generations of students."

The nearly 54,000-square-foot CLA tower and the 36,000-square-foot registration section are part of a four-building complex that broke ground in March 1990. The tower and registration building were shuttered in 2018.

Removal is scheduled to begin in late May after commencement (May 20-22) and will be completed by mid-August before the start of the fall semester. The site will then undergo a transformation into a green space and outdoor sitting and study areas.

The tower will not come down with a bang like many building demolitions. Instead, the contractor will use a crane and grabbing excavator to bring the structures down. The process will produce less noise, cause fewer disruptions to nearby classrooms, and protect the Aratani Japanese Garden as well as electrical and water lines

at the basement level which feed into nearby buildings. Faculty and staff members who have offices in the classroom side of the CLA building will be temporarily relocated during the demolition phase for safety and noise considerations.

During the tear-down, the


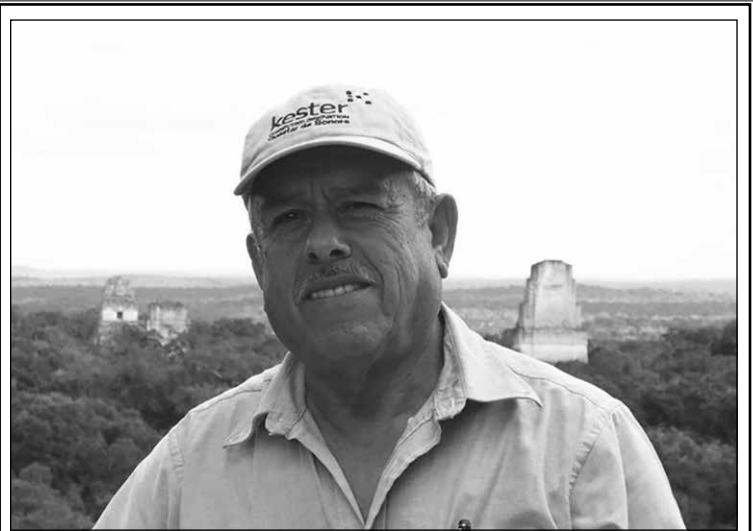
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Antonio Cruz
1936 - 2022

Services were held last month in a chapel filled to capacity at Oakdale Memorial Park in Glendora for long-time Pomona resident Antonio Cruz. He was 85.

Antonio was passionate about his faith, world issues, music, and his grandchildren. He was an avid traveler and had a strong work ethic. Antonio contributed to the growth of Pomona as a builder of several homes in the area and a church for his own congregation, Principe de Paz, at 7th and Caswell Streets. He enjoyed community events and never missed a Christmas parade or the opportunity to learn about local politics. One could see him most days on his morning walks near Park Avenue. He and Carlota, his wife of 61 years, established roots in Pomona in the early 1960s where they raised their family, and lived the American dream.

His daughter, Dora Cruz, handles layout and design for La Nueva Voz.

Jeff and Renee of La Nueva Voz extend their condolences to Dora, her siblings, their mom and the entire family.

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A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR'S JOURNEY**How a nonviolent activist struggled with Selective Service, his family, his fiancé and his peers over his beliefs – and succeeded on all fronts**

By Jeff Schenkel

First of all, if you grew up in the '60s, you need to read this book – if only for the memories of how things were here during the Vietnam War and, for that matter, for a look at how all of that compares to the current war in Ukraine.

And while it is nonfiction, the book reads like a cross between a James Patterson novel and the screenplay for Forrest Gump.

Hey, in 276 pages the author waded to (and got a wave back from) JFK, bumped into his brother, RFK, met with farm labor leader and civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, helped save “People’s Park” in San Francisco, knew and worked closely with people like Paul Newman and Neil Armstrong, and enlisted David Harris to help organize a major anti-war movement in San Diego – and Harris was able to convince his wife, folk singer Joan Baez, also well known for her anti-war activities, to sing at the events.

Even the introduction to the book was a name-dropper – it was written by singer and peace activist Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul & Mary (for our younger readers, the folk music trio was well known in the '60s for, among other things, songs of peace during the Vietnam era).

Then who is this guy and how did he make all of this – and more – happen?

Well, the book “I refuse to kill – My path to nonviolent action in the 1960s” was written by Francesco Da Vinci (Sunbury Press, 2021, ISBN : 978-1-62006-879-3, hard cover and Amazon Kindle), who grew up in Fairfax, Virginia.

The book was based on journals the author kept for 10 years. It is billed as an attempt to give voice to those who believe in countering violence with nonviolent action.

Da Vinci’s hometown was close enough to Washington, D.C., to make it easy for him to drive in for some of the anti-war activities happening there, although his story also follows his move to California.

So how does a kid from Virginia take on the nation’s entire draft system in the middle of the Vietnam War (sorry, spoiler alert) and win – a kid who does not practice any organized religion, gives up

his student deferment because he wants his “conscientious objector” draft status on principle, refuses to flee to Canada, and even turns down a chance at a medical deferment when a doctor in Oakland basically offers him one – with a wink – for what he says looks like a bit of scoliosis (curvature of the spine)?

And on top of all that, he was facing a five-year prison sentence for holding true to his personal beliefs.

For starters, he never considered himself a draft “dodger” – he was willing to serve his country in non-combatative areas and, in fact, ended up doing just that with an organization he founded.

And, for those who were not around in the '60s, it was a difficult and politically charged time with anti-war protests covered by television news almost as much as the nightly newsreels broadcasting film of the actual conflict overseas.

As just one example of mixed feelings on the subject of the war, Da Vinci tells of one U.S. Army general approaching him at an anti-war demonstration, telling him there will always be war. But he said he respected Da Vinci for standing up for what he believes in.

“Back then, my generation’s efforts to bring an end to the war seemed an impossible dream,” he said later in the book. “Today, the realization of that dream seemed closer than ever.”

One of Da Vinci’s claims to fame – nationwide, even eventually covered by Newsweek magazine – was creating the anti-war organization “Nonviolent Action,” which was centered in San Diego.

Interestingly, the group – which was founded by three people but grew to 300 and became a national “call to conscience” – was able to attract not only anti-war activists from the civilian side but also a significant number of military veterans as well – perhaps 40 percent or more, according to Da Vinci’s own e-mail to La Nueva Voz.

Da Vinci’s story takes the reader through meetings of the organization and even conversations among some of the members.

“I had a big problem with protesters – I thought of ’em as

spoiled rotten, smelly hippies on drugs,” one veteran said as another quipped, “You mean they’re not?”

We’re pretty sure they were kidding.

The book even walks the reader through Da Vinci’s interaction with the FBI, known at the time under Director J. Edgar Hoover for, well, attempting to keep an eye on things in the country.

(This was long before allegations of Hoover’s cross-dressing activities became public and when he was simply known for allegations of using the agency for political and personal purposes, in many cases reaching well beyond constitutional protections.)

“As a conscientious objector and peace activist in 1970, I was aware of Hoover’s excessive tactics, but I pushed them to the back of my mind – until the FBI called me,” Da Vinci wrote in the book.

“Shortly afterward, my CO dilemma was answered – what vividly came to mind was Shakespeare’s adage in Hamlet – ‘This above all: to thine own self be true,’” he said, and his mind was made up to continue seeking conscientious objector status.

So, he did what any red-blooded anti-war activist would do – he wrote a letter to the telephone company, explaining that he was “deducting the federal tax from my telephone bill payment because, essentially, it is a tax for war.”

Of course, that one didn’t work out so well – not long after he wrote the letter, he stopped into his Security Pacific bank branch in Pacific Beach and the manager called him over.

“Two FBI agents came in here yesterday and told me that they were taking the money out of your savings account,” the bank manager said. “I think it amounted to three dollars and sixty-six cents.”

And a short time later, he shared his suspense when he opened his latest draft card during his CO application process and found he was denied status by a 4 to 0 vote.

But one of his bigger successes came when the group he founded, “Nonviolent Action,” decided to rent a small boat to cruise by the USS Constellation (aircraft carrier) in San Diego, holding up a peace banner. And when a

Navy cutter charged their small boat in an attempt at a conversation, members of the group tried to explain that they were not protesting the ship – they were simply trying to voice their opposition to the ship’s orders to return to Vietnam at a time President Nixon was saying the war was winding down.

The group even took it to the next step and, with the help of Joan Baez and her husband David Harris (who served 15 months in prison as a draft resister), organized an entire citywide vote in San Diego (obviously non-binding) to decide whether the ship should remain here or be redeployed to Vietnam.

The short version is a team of 30 activists organized what was called the “Connie Vote” (for the Constellation).

Harris wrote in his own book “Getting Out” that the referendum received more than 56,000 votes for “Connie” to “stay home” – more votes in 1971, seven years into the Vietnam War, than were cast for the mayor of San Diego, something that was considered surprising because of the city’s emphasis on the military with bases there from every branch.

The results of the vote were covered by both the CBS and ABC evening news.

Da Vinci wrote that only 2,575 of those in the military voted for the carrier to return to Vietnam, while 6,951 voted against its departure.

(When the ship did sail, nine sailors refused to go and instead took sanctuary in a church where they were arrested by U.S. Marshals and ended up serving 30 days. Later, all nine were discharged honorably.)

And for Da Vinci, on that whole conscientious objector status effort (again, spoiler alert), he finally received his 1-O (objector) draft card in the mail after his third and final appeal was overturned by the Virginia state director of Selective Service – and after three years of appealing his case to his draft board.

He was aided by a total of nine draft lawyers during those three years, eight of whom bailed out during the process.

Today, Da Vinci, a Los Angeles-based journalist, nonviolent activ-

ist and public speaker, according to the book’s publicist, “stands in solidarity with the Russian people brave enough to protest their country’s invasion of Ukraine.”

A news release makes the point that there are many similarities between the Vietnam War and today’s conflict in Ukraine.

“Putin’s regime will ultimately collapse because loyalty to him is forced, not earned,” Da Vinci said in the release. “This is Putin’s war, not the war of the Russian people.”

His message to the people of Ukraine was that “military might does not make right. There are many of us in America that stand with you and admire your courage.”

Da Vinci once was a celebrity portrait photographer with Getty Images. His work as a photographer has been featured in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, Time and Life. He currently is working on a feature film based on the book.

Of course, it is a cliché, but this is one of those books that makes you feel like you are there with them all the way through. It is a must read.

Editor’s Note: Student deferments and draft card status, of course, were a big deal in the late '60s everywhere. La Nueva Voz publisher Jeff Schenkel was in school at the time (1966 to 1970) at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where, as the author told Schenkel in a brief telephone conversation, his brother was enrolled before dropping out of college. And to put things in perspective, Schenkel himself carried a draft card with student deferment status in his wallet almost all the way through college until his senior year when President Nixon eliminated student deferments and ordered the first draft lottery. Schenkel’s number was 252 and, while he kept his 1-A draft card in his pocket throughout his last year in college, his lottery number was never reached by the time Nixon ended the draft as things were winding down in Vietnam.

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with his wife Michelle at the “Lassie House” and is the president and founder of Spectra Company, the largest historic construction company on the West Coast, based in Pomona, that currently is working on restoring the old YMCA building here.

(Chambers also works for Adamyk at Spectra, where he serves as an administrative assistant.)

In 2013, Adamyk was involved in a 12-step program called “Celebrate Recovery” when he saw a great need for community.

As he tells the story, he would often ask attendees where they lived and responses varied from a garage, in a car, in the Walmart parking lot, couch surfing or on the streets.

He realized there was a great need for those struggling with isolative addiction, which is a direct correlation to addictive behavior,

he explained.

It was during this same period Adamyk met Izzy Farrach, who eventually became Adamyk’s co-founder of the project. It turned out Farrach had the same vision.

Just a few weeks later, the two found their first home, named it Izzy’s Place, and Izzy became the first house manager. Izzy died in 2014 but his vision lived on.

And today, after expanding to 10 homes, Homes of Promise has seen hundreds of lives changed.

The program itself includes everything from transitional housing and a sober living structure to 12-step meetings, drug and alcohol testing and job placement.

Adamyk serves as executive director and Rob Redmon serves as program director.

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

Are you a ‘Character Champion’?

By Marianne Cordova

Of course, you are a champion – sometimes. There are four basic character types. We all have all of them but tend to lean towards one or two.

There’s the adventurer who is courageous and has an enthusiastic sense of humor – but little time for rules. There are nurturers who are loving and seek harmony – but get their feelings hurt easily. There’s the organizer who is dependable and accountable and respects the rules – but is rather rigid about them. And lastly, there’s the knowledge seeker, a “nerd.” This person enjoys intrigue and problem solving – but is sometimes overly critical.

Each of these character types has a good (champion) side and a shadow side, just like all of us.

Character Champions Foundation is a non-profit founded by

Diana Ketterman, Ph.D. Dr. Ketterman created a system for these character types.

There is a survey which has been analyzed and documented as being quite accurate. The system has been presented to the American Psychological Association. The survey is available for children and adults on the foundation’s web site at www.characterchampions.org. In providing both the strengths and “weaknesses” of each character type, it is the goal to help children and adults understand themselves and others better. Understanding brings harmony and empowerment at the same time.

Dr. Ketterman and others have used this system in their practices as school counselors to remarkable success. For example, when a child finds himself being a bully on the playground (the

shadow side of the adventurer), he can draw on the nurturer within himself. Remember, we all have all character types within us; we just tend to lead with one or another.

Character Champions Foundation worked with the City of Pomona on the Cesar Chavez Park and recently teamed up with Compassionate Pomona and Compassionate California to create coloring books dealing with COVID and the California Compassion Pillars (available free on the web site). Creating balance and compassion within each person and among people is the mission of Character Champions Foundation.

Editor’s Note: Marianne Cordova is a member of Compassionate Pomona. Her story is part of an on-going series written by members the organization.

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FREE HEARING SCREENINGS OFFERED**Hearing and your health: What you need to know**

By Christopher L. Stone, AuD, C-AAA

Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare

Have you found yourself struggling to hear in everyday conversations with friends, family, or coworkers? Maybe you've noticed you can't pick up some of the dialogue in the movie you're watching. There are many reasons our hearing can decline as we age. What's important is identifying the cause of that decline and slowing its progress, so that you can get the most out of the hearing you have left. This starts with getting screened by a licensed audiologist.

It's possible you may benefit from assistive technology such as a hearing aid. Perhaps you've been hesitant to see an audiologist or even consider such a step. But here are a few reasons that might help to convince you.

Hearing loss affects relationships

When our hearing starts to decline, we often attempt to hide it from friends and family or play it off. But it's actually best to loop your loved ones in. They are important allies in helping you get the most out of the hearing you have left. Whether it's adjusting their speaking volumes, turning to make sure you can see their faces, or turning off background noise, those around you play an important role in helping you adjust to your hearing challenges.

State awards Tri-City more than \$4 million to expand mental health services for youth

The State of California awarded two grants totaling \$4,020,932 to Pomona's Tri-City Mental Health that the Governing Board approved to accept on March 16, 2022. The Crisis Care Mobile Units and Mental Health Student Services Act grants will expand behavioral and mental health services for youth and young adults ages 0 to 25 in the cities of Claremont, Pomona, and La Verne, according to a news release.

The California Department of Health Care Services granted Tri-City \$200,000 to support Crisis Care Mobile Units planning. The purpose of this year-long effort is to develop and expand mobile behavioral health crisis services (including linkages to necessary care and support) for individuals ages 25 and younger to prevent and di-

Hearing loss may precede other negative outcomes

When not addressed and acknowledged, hearing loss can contribute to social isolation, which in turn is a risk factor for any number of negative health outcomes, including depression, substance abuse, heart disease, and diabetes. Staying active and socially engaged improves your quality of life and helps you maintain better overall mental and physical health. Sometimes that requires assistive technology.

Hearing loss can contribute to cognitive decline

When you're not engaged in meaningful conversations over time, it can alter your brain's ability to process speech and communicate. People with hearing loss need to work harder to hear and process speech, and this often comes at the expense of memory. According to the American Academy of Audiology, hearing loss leads to social isolation, which is also a known risk factor for dementia.

The bottom line is that choosing to do nothing about hearing loss can cause more than just an inconvenience for family and friends – it can affect your overall physical and mental health. Don't let hearing loss dictate your future – see

vert involvement in the criminal justice system.

Tri-City also received a Mental Health Student Services Act grant totaling \$3,820,932 for a four-year, four-month planning and implementation project. This funding will be used to help foster school-community partnerships, train staff in schools and behavioral health clinics, and provide and increase access to mental health services for children/youth/young adults, students, and families in locations where they feel comfortable.

Both grant projects are currently in the planning and development phase. The Tri-City team has started work on facilitating stakeholder engagement to obtain feedback and insight that will inform subse-

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Dr. Christopher Stone

an audiologist today!

Editor's Note: Dr. Christopher Stone is the director of the audiology center at Pomona's Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare where free hearing screenings for adults who may be experiencing hearing difficulties are being offered during the month of May as part of Better Hearing and Speech Month. For more information, or to schedule a screening, call (909) 450-0304.

Juneteenth, 'Buffalo Soldiers' celebration set for June in Pomona

A Juneteenth celebration and commemoration of the legendary "Buffalo Soldiers" will be held in June at Pomona's African American Museum of Beginnings in the Village at Indian Hill.

Buffalo Soldiers originally were members of the 10th Cavalry Regiment of the U.S. Army, formed in September 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and consisting of African American soldiers. They were given the name "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Native American tribes who fought in the Indian Wars and the term eventually became synonymous with all of the African American regiments serving on the frontier following the American Civil War.

Juneteenth, observed on June 19 and also known as Emancipation Day and Black Independence Day, is a federal holiday

in the U.S. commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

It was first celebrated on June 19, 1866, the one-year anniversary of the announcement by the Union Army proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery, even though President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863.

The Pomona event, organized by Donna Jackson-Houston, founder and president of the Nogales (Arizona) Buffalo Soldiers Legacy Association, is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at the African American Museum, 1460 E. Holt Ave., Suite 188.

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CONTINUING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST WAR IN UKRAINE IN CLAREMONT -- Residents from Pomona, Claremont and beyond continued protesting the war in Ukraine this month at the corner of Indian Hill Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, this time organized by Gustavo Ramirez, Ina Martinez and Martin Magghregig. The protest was affiliated with the locally based group UPWARD (Uniting Peace with Actions, Respect and Dignity). The group first appeared at the same intersection in Claremont last month.

Almitra Rose Henderson, of Pomona, representing the women's group "One Drum," chants and beats a native American drum as part of the protest against the war in Ukraine this month. She said her organization is an intertribal indigenous women's group that gathers around the pow wow drum to sing traditional sacred songs to help heal. Henderson told La Nueva Voz her grandfather was a "Red Bone" Apache from Louisiana and, on her father's side, her grandmother was of Cherokee descent.



Peace and Freedom Party candidate for U.S. Senate John Parker gets his points across at the demonstration against the war in Ukraine this month, calling for the disbanding of NATO.

A statement from House Speaker Pelosi on César Chávez Day

Washington, D.C. – Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement in honor of César Chávez Day, which commemorates the civil and labor rights leader's birthday, March 31, 1927:

"Today, Californians and all Americans honor César Chávez, a fearless champion for justice and a tireless civil rights activist. Chávez was an icon of the modern labor movement, leading the United Farm Workers' fight for better pay and protections against exploitation. His courageous vision for a fairer future helped improve the lives of countless working families and continues to invigorate the struggle for progress today.

"Building on Chávez's legendary advocacy, the House has taken action to ensure that nobody who works to feed our country is limited to permanent second-class status, twice passing the bipartisan Farm Workforce Modernization Act to provide a path to legalization for more than one million currently undocumented farmworkers. As

Democrats advance this bill through Congress, state lawmakers must also take action to safeguard farmworkers' collective bargaining rights.

"House Democrats have also twice passed the Richard L. Trumka PRO Act to reform our nation's outdated labor laws and strengthen Americans' right to join a union. While Democrats continue fighting to enact these urgently needed reforms, our Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering historic investments to communities across the country – creating good-paying union jobs with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections.

"As Americans celebrate César Chávez's remarkable achievements, let his example inspire our shared fight to defend the fundamental rights and dignities of working people. Congressional Democrats know that the middle class is the backbone of our democracy – and that the middle class has a union label on it. Today, and every day, we proudly stand with our partners in the labor movement as we work to Build a Better America."



Organizer Gustavo Ramirez takes the volume up a notch using the microphone to lead the chants against the war in Ukraine.



Long-time Claremont activist Al Villanueva uses a native American drum as he leads the group of demonstrators in a children's song to make his point regarding the war in Ukraine. The group this month was chanting on the corner in Claremont for negotiation, world peace and diplomacy.



Photo by Renee Barbee

JUNIOR OPTIMISTS AT WORK -- Members of the Junior Optimist International (JOI) Program at Pomona's Village Academy High School take a moment to pose for the La Nueva Voz camera during this month's "Easter Extravaganza," a three-hour afternoon event for children that included an Easter egg hunt, an Easter basket giveaway, free jackets, a "trike-a-thon," vendors and more, all in a Downtown Pomona parking lot on North Main Street. The group has been volunteering in monthly resource fair events at the same location. Pictured, front and center, is Pomona's Cynthia Brown of Pomona's Brown Memorial Temple and Project Caring and Sharing Family Services, sponsors of the event. Also pictured are, back row, third from left, volunteer Hyyawatha Autrey, a member of Brown Memorial; back row, far right, Tanisha Booker, of Brown Memorial's Community Development Center; and, front row, far right, Nancy Rios, an intern at Village Academy volunteering with the JOI Program.



LUNCH WITH THE MAYOR -- Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval invited members of his COVID-19 Action Committee over to his house this month for lunch in the back yard to reflect on their progress during the most difficult periods of the pandemic. About half of the original group of 60 were on hand to review what Sandoval called "the difficult challenges of the past two years." He said a lot of people "have been hurting" over the past years but this committee, working in ZOOM meetings, met "valiantly every Wednesday for the last two years," a commitment he said speaks for the culture of the community as he thanked them for their efforts. Pictured with Sandoval at the event are, from left, Benita DeFrank, neighborhood services director for the City of Pomona; Lilia Fuentes, Assistant Supt. of Educational Services for Pomona Unified School District; and Andrea Moreno, district director for Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis. Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz also served on the committee's basic needs subcommittee.

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quent action and implementation plans.

Since 1960, Tri-City Mental Health has been the public mental health authority and primary provider of outpatient services for the residents of Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona. Tri-City remains a steadfast community partner, supporting and sustaining an integrated System of Care for individuals experiencing mental health symptoms and their families.

Strengthening the community's capacity for wellbeing, recovery and mental health are the foundation of Tri-City programming. Available services include, but are not limited to, prevention and early intervention services, psychotherapy, crisis support, clinical case management, medication support, peer support, linkage and referral, vocational training and support, socialization activities, and community outreach and training.

For more information, contact: Erin Sapinoso at esapinoso@tricitymhs.org or (909) 784-3091.



A PIECE OF HISTORY! -- Here's something you don't run into every day. La Nueva Voz Publisher Jeff Schenkel was dropping off papers at an art gallery (La Nueva Voz covered their art show) in the basement of the Progress Building, former home of the Pomona Progress Bulletin, when he spotted off to the side this perfectly preserved example of a Linotype, a hot metal (lead) typesetting machine used to set type in the newspaper business before "cold type" and computers came along. Actually, according to Schenkel, this "back in the day" period was not really all that far back -- he said during his two years as a reporter at the San Gabriel Valley Tribune (1971 to 1973), that newspaper had about a dozen Linotypes in the "back shop" -- each one with an operator working at the keyboard to crank out the day's pages. He's guessing the Progress Bulletin had about the same dozen or so machines. They were just being phased out in favor of cold type when Schenkel left the Tribune for a reporting job at City News Service, a local news wire service in Los Angeles. How do Linotypes work? Well, they crank out an individual "line of type" for the column in the paper which, after it forms and hardens, drops down and is used in laying out the entire page in a flat "chase." Headlines were still set by hand using individual letters. The entire page then went through a "stereotyping" process to form a plastic-like flexible page which was used to form a large, curved one-piece metal plate that actually went on the press.

State Farm claims data ranks California as first in nation for auto parts theft

Officials at State Farm have released data not only ranking California as leading the nation in auto parts theft but showing the catalytic converter theft has increased 1,171 percent nationally since 2019.

The figures are based on insurance claims submitted to the company, according to a news release.

In California, State Farm paid \$2.5 million in 2019 for 1,104 catalytic converter thefts.

But in 2020, the company paid more than \$10.8 million for 4,507 catalytic converter theft claims in the state and, in 2021, the company paid more than \$23 million for 9,057 catalytic converter theft claims.

And, company officials said, the data is even more startling at the national level.

In 2019, the company paid \$4.6 million for 2,535 catalytic converter thefts nationally. In 2020, State Farm paid \$20 million for 10,265 theft claims, and in 2021, the company paid \$62.6 million for 32,265 catalytic converter theft claims nationally.

It's spring and snakes are back – but there's no need to harm them!

By Stacy Schenkel

Springtime brings flowers and pleasant weather, and it also brings more snakes to the surface where we are more likely to see them.

Snakes are beneficial to our environment and help us control the nuisance rodent population.

However, it's always a good idea to watch where you step or where you place your hands when you are outside or in a garage or shed.

Most of our snakes are nothing to worry about and will leave once startled.

Eliminate piles of debris on your property and cut back annual weeds and grasses as necessary. Snakes are attracted to thick vegetation where they can hide out and not be in direct sunlight.

If you do happen to come across a snake, you might be interested in submitting your "find" to iNaturalist or www.

naherp.com to help researchers with the documentation of these species.

According to californianaherp.com, the only venomous snakes in California are 10 species of rattlesnakes.

However, there are a couple rear-fanged snakes which technically are venomous but are not medically significant if they bite a human. Their venom is prey-specific.

For more information on your local snake species, visit www.californianaherp.com.

Editor's Note: Stacy often relocates venomous snakes – very carefully – but she does not recommend that



A typical Southern California rattlesnake



Pictured is a Southern California gopher snake that has been cared for by Stacy Schenkel for the past 33 years.



Stacy Schenkel

to everyone. She graduated from Cal Poly University Pomona in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. A former brush clearance (weed abatement) supervisor for the County of Orange, she now works as an exotics laboratory animal technician in the Division of Comparative Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has had snakes in her room or in her home – in large professional specially equipped cages -- since the age of 11 in 1989 when she found a gopher snake she named "Poison" (obviously not

a venomous snake) at the side of the road with an apparent broken back. She nursed him back to health and continues to care for him – and her other snakes -- today. She documents all of her "herp finds" at www.naherp.com. Find a snake and want to confirm what kind it is? Text Stacy a photo at (714) 856-5745. Oh, and yes, Stacy's dad is the publisher of La Nueva Voz.

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Cal Poly University Pomona cybersecurity team wins international competition

A student cybersecurity team from Cal Poly University Pomona has won the international Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition, which challenges the world's brightest cybersecurity students to put their hacking skills to the test.

Stanford University placed second and Tennessee Technological University third among the 15 teams that had advanced from regional events in North America, Europe and the Middle East.

In the competition, teams used their hacking skills as pentesters (penetration testers) for a fictitious candy and croissant factory which "hired" the cybersecurity teams to evaluate the business' weaknesses and provide solutions to prevent future breaches.

The Cal Poly Pomona team hacked into business process and customer experience systems, including the industrial control systems in the distribution plants, customer rewards program, and e-commerce and payment processing applications.

After exposing the system's vulnerabilities, they proposed mitigating measures and presented their findings to judges and sponsors,

winning top scores for technical competency, business acumen and professional communication.

Cal Poly team members were Justin Covairt, Nathan Eberhardt, Gabriel Fok, Dylan Tran, Robin-

son Tran, and Alexey Tselevich with alternates Jacob Jayme and Taylor Nguyen.

Advisors were Ron Pike and Dan Mason, professor and professor emeritus, in computer infor-

mation systems.

The competition began in October with more than 500 students around the world and culminated in January with the final round at the Rochester Institute of Technol-

ogy in a hybrid format.

Team co-captain Eberhardt, a computer science major graduating this year, already has been hired as an incident response consultant at CrowdStrike.



GRAND RE-OPENING AT JAKE'S MARKET AND DELI -- Pomona Chamber of Commerce and city officials helped cut the ribbon last month at a grand re-opening of Jake's Market and Deli after a change in ownership in which Frank Trad, an employee at the store since 2008, became a new major partner. The store, which originally opened in 2006, will have the same staff and will continue to offer everything from check cashing to beer and wine. Perhaps the biggest change will be that Trad hopes to reach out more and become a bigger part of the community, or "just help more and just be part of it," he said. Pictured cutting the ribbon are, from left, Chamber Ambassador Aaron Serrano, of New York Life Insurance Co.; Pomona Chamber Executive Board Member Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz; Jake's cashier Jacob Trad, Frank's brother; Frank Trad; Pomona City Councilmember Nora Garcia (behind Frank); Jenny Macias, representing Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez; Rene Guzman, of ABC Liquor License Experts and a former supervising agent with the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; Aldo Macias Arellano (at rear), representing Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang; Pomona Chamber President and CEO Monique Manzanares; and Pomona Chamber Board Member Jeff Johannsen, of Pomona Hope. Jake's is located at 1175 Philadelphia Street (at Brentwood Street), Pomona.

Governor proclaims 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'

California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation last month declaring March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

"Nearly 50 years ago after the last American troops returned home from the Vietnam War, which claimed the lives of more than 58,000 U.S. service members, including 5,822 Californians, we honor the brave men and women who selflessly answered our nation's call at a time of great turmoil and strife," the proclamation said.

"Whether drafted or volunteered, our Vietnam veterans served with honor and distinction in one of our nation's most challenging wars, and amid deep social, political and cultural divisions throughout society," it continued. "Upon returning home, these veterans – many of them bearing lifelong physical and mental scars – were not met with the gratitude, respect and care befitting of their heroism and sacrifices."

"Each year we must recommit ourselves to honoring the legacy of our Vietnam veterans and upholding the lesson they have imparted – welcoming home our service members is essential, but only the first step in our duty to serve and support them," the proclamation said.

"California is proud to stand by our veterans and remains steadfastly committed to connecting them and their families with the benefits they have earned and deeply deserve," it added.

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