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## Hundreds line streets of downtown Pomona to see 2011 Pomona Christmas Parade

Hundreds of Pomona residents lined Second Street and Park Avenue with picture postcard weather in the mid-70s with clear skies this month to see virtually all of Pomona's finest represented in a successful 2011 Pomona Christmas Parade.

The message from Santa was equally upbeat when Santa spoke exclusively in an interview with La Nueva Voz before the parade.

"It's easy to say 'ho, ho, ho' when there's so much in Pomona to be cheerful about," said the parade's Santa, played this year by Jeffery Keating of Western University of Health Sciences, this year's President of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce.

Keating, who waved to the crowd alongside Mrs. Claus, played by his wife, Jessica, stood high atop Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine Company No. 181's "hook and ladder" fire truck.



Members of the Diamond Ranch High School marching band, above, march down 2nd Street in this year's Pomona Christmas Parade. At right, Santa arrives with holiday wishes for Pomona. This year's parade Santa was Pomona Chamber of Commerce President Jeff Keating, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, Keating's wife, Jessica.

"It's been an exciting and productive year, and 2012 promises to be even better," Keating said. "I wish everyone the happiest of holidays!"

The parade, the third annual Christmas Parade since it was moved back into downtown Pomona to its original location after more than 40 years along Holt Avenue, was presented by the Downtown Pomona Owners Association, primary sponsor of the annual event.

Theme of the parade was "Miracle on Second Street," honoring the transformation of downtown Pomona.

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parade 'pull-out' section  
beginning on page 9!**



More than 100 entrants and 2,000 participants marched or rode in the parade representing schools and organizations from throughout Pomona and surrounding communities.

Grand Marshal of the parade was legendary boxer and Pomona native Sugar Shane  
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**VOLUNTEERS SERVE THANKSGIVING DINNER TO HOMELESS** – Dozens of volunteers helped serve Thanksgiving dinner to hundreds of Pomona's homeless population last month at Pomona Valley Christian Center in Pomona. Pictured are guests enjoying their meal at one of the tables. Volunteer Saba Hafeez, of the Insan Foundation in Walnut, an educational and humanitarian mission, said volunteers this year included students from Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, students from Cal Poly Pomona, and students from Claremont McKenna College, along with volunteers from several churches. According to Hafeez, most of the guests were homeless or people with hardships, whether extreme or borderline. (See additional photos on page 6.)



**Cena del Día de Gracias a los desamparados** – Decenas de voluntarios ayudaron a servir la cena del Día de Gracias a cientos de desamparados de Pomona en el Centro Cristiano del Valle de Pomona. En la foto aparecen algunos de los invitados disfrutando de la cena. Saba Hafeez, quien represente a la Fundación Insan de la Ciudad de Walnut, una organización humanitaria, dijo que los voluntarios de este año incluyen estudiantes de la Universidad Western de Ciencias de Salud en Pomona, estudiantes de Cal Poly Pomona y estudiantes del Colegio McKenna de Claremont y congregantes de varias iglesias. (Más fotos en la página 6.)

## Desfile Navideño de Pomona 2011

Cientos de residentes de Pomona se presentaron en la Calle Segunda y la Avenida Park para disfrutar del Desfile Navideño de Pomona.

Santa Claus habló exclusivamente con La Nueva Voz para expresar su entusiasmo al ver muchos residentes de Pomona y de otras ciudades cercanas.

"Es fácil decir 'ho, ho, ho' cuando hay mucha alegría en Pomona," dijo

Santa, quien fue interpretado por Jeffery Keating de la Universidad Western de Ciencias de Salud y presidente de la Cámara de Comercio de Pomona.

"Ha sido un año emocionante y muy productivo y se espera que el año 2012 sea mucho mejor," dijo Keating. "¡Le deseo a todos las más felices fiestas!"

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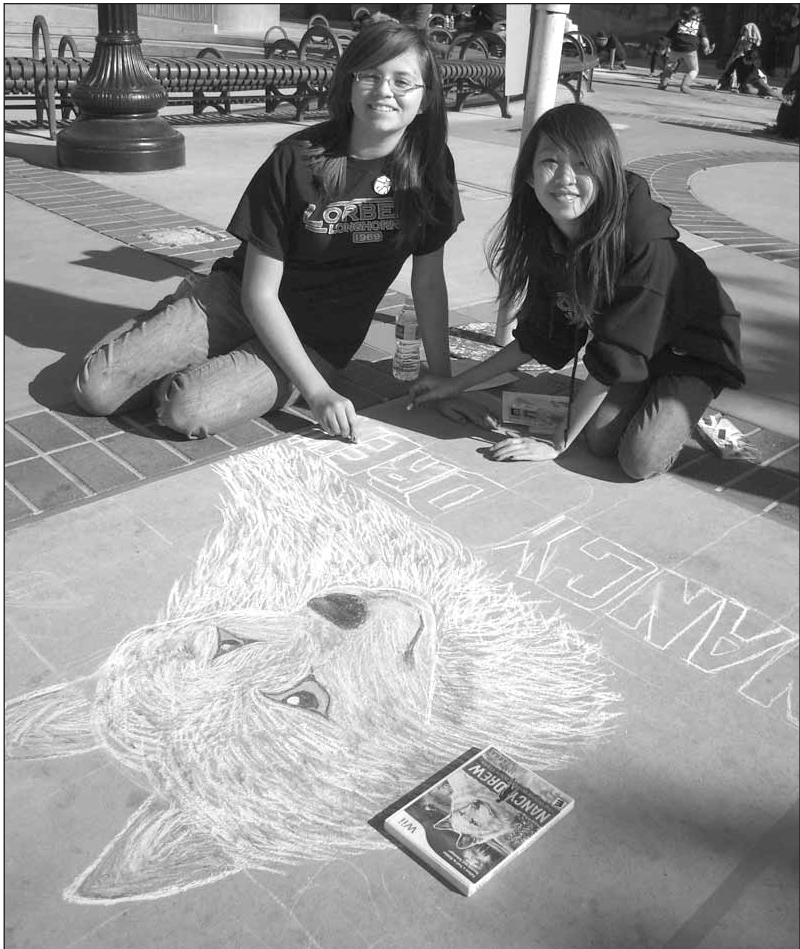
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**FIFTH ANNUAL CHALK ART FESTIVAL** – Some 200 amateur and professional artists participated in this month's fifth annual Pomona Cultural Arts Commission Chalk Art Festival in Downtown Pomona's Thomas Plaza. The event, part of the Pomona "Big Read" festivities, was held on the theme "The Maltese Falcon." Pictured (above) reproducing the cover of the paperback version of "The Maltese Falcon" is Gerardo Arreola, Jr., of Pomona, a sophomore at Pomona's School of Arts and Enterprise.



**NANCY DREW FANS TAKE THE ART OUT OF THE MYSTERY** – Grace Valencia, 12, at left, and Elaine Tran, 12, both of Pomona and both seventh graders at Lorbeer Middle School, get to work on their reproduction of a wolf from the cover of their Nancy Drew tale "The White Wolf of Icicle Creek." Participants included students from elementary, intermediate and high schools throughout the Pomona Unified School District, along with participants in a "family" category and adult school students, according to Vicki Tessier, a teacher specialist for the arts and the school district's liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission.



**FINAL LINK IN MISSION BOULEVARD OVERPASS AT SR 71 OPEN FOR BUSINESS** – Officials from Caltrans, Pomona's Department of Public Works and several contractor crews moved the barriers, changed the signs and opened the last two on and off ramps for business this month at the Mission Boulevard overpass at State Route 71. The southbound off ramp and the northbound on ramp were opened – this time without ceremony – to full traffic. The bridge, the southbound on ramp and the northbound off ramp all were opened in August with full ceremony and numerous elected officials and city and state personnel on hand. Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman called the project "the single largest public works project in Pomona's history." It was the key element in a \$40 million grade separation project. Pictured working on opening day on the new southbound off ramp (looking north) is Jeff Quiroz, of Alcorn Fence Co. in Riverside.

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**CHALLENGER GARCIA GOES TWO MINUTES WITH SUGAR SHANE** – Challenger Frank Garcia (his day job is executive director of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce), at right, climbed into the ring this month for a two-minute round with Pomona native and boxing champion Sugar Shane Mosley as the main event for a ribbon-cutting at the Diamond's Love Foundation. In the interest of Sugar Shane's safety, both contenders were required to wear oversized gloves. Asked by La Nueva Voz after the bout how he felt, Garcia replied, "Good!" Asked if he hurt Mosley, Garcia quickly replied "no." Garcia claimed he trained for two weeks for the event. Sugar Shane, a Pomona High School graduate, once trained under boxing coach Tony Cerda, chief of the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe of Indians.



**REBBIION CUTTING AT DIAMOND'S LOVE FOUNDATION** – Members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce climbed into Sugar Shane Mosley's training ring in Pomona this month to cut the ribbon for Diamond's Love Foundation, founded by the Mosley family in 2010 as a non-profit organization providing support to community-based organizations that promote child safety programs through education, physical and mental health, fitness and nutrition and improve the quality of life for the community. The organization's training program for boxing serves kids as young as eight years old. Pictured, from left, are Cerena Mosley, foundation CEO; Pomona City Councilmember Paula Lantz; Pomona Chamber Board member and Vice President of Networking Stephanie Benjamin; Chamber Board member Roberto Flores and his wife Judy, of Casa de Salsa in Claremont; Sugar Shane Mosley; Pomona Chamber Executive Director Frank Garcia; Jack Mosley, Sugar Shane's father; and Victor Caceres, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pomona Valley. For more information, call the foundation at (909) 622-9092 or visit the web site at [www.diamondslovefoundation.org](http://www.diamondslovefoundation.org).

**POMONA EAGLES CHRISTMAS TREE LANE FUNDRAISER** – The Pomona Eagles' annual Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser this month resulted in more than \$6,500 that will be donated to Inland Valley Hope Partners, with 100 percent of the proceeds from the dinner going to providing food, shelter and supportive services to those in the Inland Valley, according to Eagles President Frank Howe. Inland Valley Hope Partners, in Pomona for 42 years, serves nearly 80,000 people a year. "We couldn't do it without the partners like yourself," said Wade A. Kyle, Program Director. Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman said staff members at Inland Valley Hope Partners "are valuable partners of Pomona." He also thanked the Eagles for all the work they do. More than 300 people attended the event. Pictured, from left, are Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, an Eagles member for the past 15 years; Janet Homonay, co-chair of the event; Eagles President Frank Howe; and Wade A. Kyle, of Inland Valley Hope Partners in Pomona.



**GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES** – Members of the "Hi-Tappers" dance group, dressed in holiday gift-wrapped boxes, danced and sang "Good things come in small packages" at this month's Pomona Eagles annual Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser. Pictured, from left, are Hannah Van Ginkel, 6, of Claremont; Sierra Pohjola, 7, of Upland; and Ashleigh Neu, 7, also of Upland. For more information, visit the Pomona Eagles web site at [www.2215.foe.com](http://www.2215.foe.com).

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### Tri-City Mental Health offers free mental health 'first aid' trainings

Tri-City Mental Health, provider of mental health services to residents of Pomona, Claremont and La Verne, has scheduled a series of free mental health first aid trainings between January and March in the three cities they serve.

According to Tri-City officials, residents are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental health first aid teaches a five-step action plan to offer initial help to people with signs and symptoms of a mental illness or crisis and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self help care.

The 12-hour mental health first aid course is open to anyone including first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals and individuals.

Classes in Pomona will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays on Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at the Garfield Park Neighborhood Center, 563 N. Mountain View Ave., Pomona.

Classes in Claremont will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays on Jan. 21 and 28 in the Joslyn Annex

Building, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont.

And classes in La Verne will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays on March 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the community center, 3680 D Street, La Verne.

The class includes the necessary materials and manuals, also at no cost.

Participants completing the course will receive certification.

Advance registration is requested.

For more information, contact Tri-City at (909) 784-3249 or by e-mail at MHFA@tricitymhs.org.

### Bader elected Mt. SAC Board president, Baca to serve as vice president

Mt. San Antonio College Board member Rosanne Bader was elected president and Board member Dr. Manuel Baca vice president at the board's annual reorganizational meeting this month.

Board member Fred Chyr will serve as board clerk.

The three will serve a one-year

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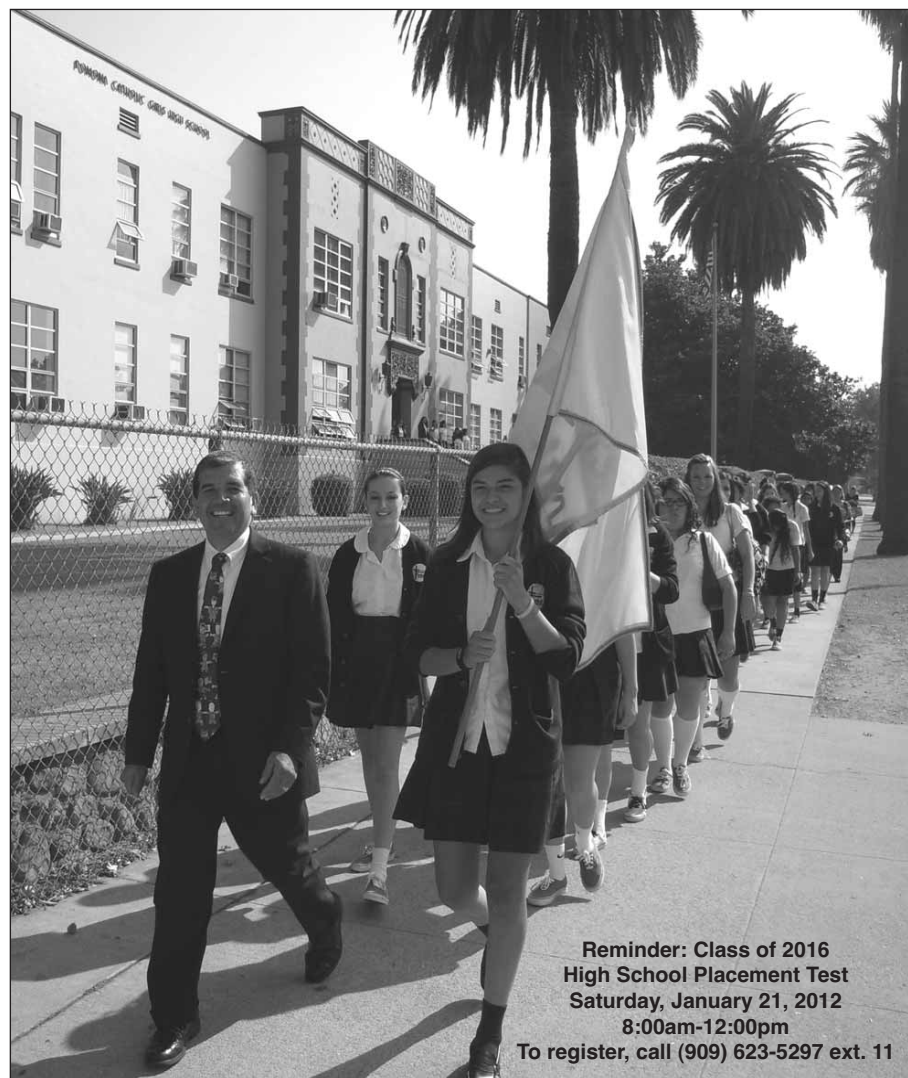
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**HELPING OUT AT POMONA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTER** – Pitching in at the annual free Thanksgiving dinner at Pomona Valley Christian Center are, from left, Jerry Gomez, of the Christian Center; Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman; Sister Carol, and Sister Therese, both of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pomona. The two work regularly with the homeless at the church.

**VOLUNTEERS FILL PLATES TO DELIVER TO THE GUESTS** – Volunteer Sharon Karaelias of Brea, at right, fills another plate for a Thanksgiving guest at Pomona Valley Christian Center. Her niece, Debra Nagy, is studying nursing in a master's program at Western University of Health Sciences and was also a volunteer on Thanksgiving.



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**ROTHMAN SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM, ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT** – Jason Rothman is sworn in by his father, Mayor Elliott Rothman, at this month's Pomona Unified School District board meeting. Rothman was re-elected last month to a four-year term. It is his second term in office. Following the swearing in, board members elected Rothman board president for the coming year. Board member Dr. Roberta Perlman was elected vice president. Pictured, from left, are Stephanie Marin of Pomona, Rothman's girlfriend; Rothman; his father, Elliott Rothman, administering the oath of office, and his mother, Pam.

**NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FRANK GUZMAN SWORN IN FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM** – Frank Guzman, at left, elected to the Pomona Unified School District board in last month's election, is sworn in at this month's board meeting by LaRonda Molles, his former ASB advisor when Guzman was a student at Garey High School. Guzman replaced Richard Rodriguez on the board.



Photo by Peter Dumauval

**POMONA'S OWN OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS DON CARLO** – Repertory Opera Company, Pomona's own opera company, presented a "highlights" concert of the opera Don Carlo this month at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Pictured is Steve Moritsugu, tenor, singing the part of Don Carlo, the Spanish prince who the story in the opera suggests was the "unstable" son of Spain's King Philip II. Upcoming performances include Don Pasquale in February and Don Giovanni in May, both at First Christian Church in Pomona. For more information, call (909) 230-4949 or visit the web site at [www.repertoryoperacompany.org](http://www.repertoryoperacompany.org).

**POMONA GOES TO THE OPERA** – Residents of Pomona and surrounding communities were able to go to the opera once again this month, courtesy of the Repertory Opera Company, Pomona's own opera company. Pictured is Joel Huanca, bass, singing the part of Il Frate (or, as it turns out, Charles V, the father of King Philip II of Spain). Other cast members were Steve Moritsugu (Don Carlo); Raul Matas (Rodrigo); Herve Blanquart (King Philip); Coril Prochnow (Elisabet); LizBeth Lucca (Princess Eboli); John Hansen (Grand Inquisitor); and Lawren Donahue (Tebaldo).



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## Pomona Eagles thank community for support at Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser

By Frank Howe  
President

The Pomona Eagles would like to thank all of our community supporters for a very successful Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser this month that resulted in more than \$6,500 that will be donated to Inland Valley Hope Partners, the benefactor of this year's fundraiser.

And 100 percent of the proceeds will go to providing food, shelter and supportive services to those in the Inland Valley.

The event marked our first partnership with Inland Valley Hope Partners and we look forward to partnering with them in the future.

The Eagles joint committee did a great job with this joint function of both the men and women of The Fraternal Order of Eagles #2215.

More than 300 people attended the event at the Eagles hall, and a total of 19 trees with values of \$250 or more (including the gifts under the trees) were donated for our silent auction – including a tree with a tool theme donated by Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, an Eagles member for the past 15 years.

Other tree themes were culinary,

Mary Kay, gift certificates, sports, money, lotto, toys, pets and more.

In addition, many local businesses donated to the event in the way of cash donations, and others helped by donating the gift cards for the gift certificate tree.

Two students from Mt. San Antonio College – Thomas Chen and Florinda Kasten – donated their time as volunteers. We feel like both are now part of our Eagle family.

Thanks to all who donated, volunteered and attended, for it is the public's support that makes these events successful.

And we look forward to presenting our check to the Inland Valley Hope Partners and Wade Kyle, its Program Director, a fine organization based right here in Pomona.

For more information on Inland Valley Hope Partners, visit the web site at [www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org](http://www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org) and for more information on the Pomona Eagles, visit our web site at [www.2215.foe.com](http://www.2215.foe.com).

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**FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS** – Representatives of Tzu Chi Mobile Dental Clinic provided free dental screenings and dental education at this year's "Project Homeless Connect" this month at the Pomona Armory. From left are Judy Lee, Joyce Shih and Susan Huang.



**TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH OFFERS SERVICES** – Representatives from Tri-City Mental Health, providing mental health services in Pomona, Claremont and La Verne, were on hand at this month's "Project Homeless Connect" to provide information about the many services they offer. Pictured, from left, are Tri-City's Monica Valencia; Isela Mareno, coordinator of Pomona's "navigation team" which helps provide referrals to residents; Ann Diallo, community navigator; and Henry Cabrera, of Pomona's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which provides food banks for the homeless and needy families. Other participants included everything from an HIV mobile clinic and officials from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services providing food stamps to a veterans' services mobile office and free haircuts.



**HOT DOGS WITH ALL THE FIXINGS** – Volunteers coordinated by Pamela Lynn, of Angels Who Care, Inc., of Pomona, which cares for children and families in need, provided lunch for all at this year's "Project Homeless Connect" at Pomona's Armory this month. Pictured, from left, are volunteer Fatima Chavarria; Pamela Lynn; Darren Church of Diamond Bar, a junior at Damien High School in La Verne; Steven Hernandez, of BHS Treatment Center; and volunteer Bocar Diallo.

**KICKING OFF ANNUAL PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT** – Gilbert Saldade, of Tri-City Mental Health and coordinator of the annual National Project Homeless Connect, kicks off the event this month with opening comments to representatives of participating agencies before opening the doors to the public. The event, held each year at the California National Guard Armory in Pomona, showcases organizations providing services and support to the area's homeless population and connects the homeless with community resources. Saldade thanked all of the volunteers and participants "once again this year for making it successful," adding that several organizations are working on getting homeless shelters in the area.



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**BINGO NIGHT AT POMONA'S AMERICAN LEGION** – Players mark their bingo cards at Charity Bingo last month downstairs at American Legion Post 30. The "remote caller bingo" (on the television screen behind the players) calls the numbers for players statewide from a studio in Ontario. Bingo officials notify the entire network of a local bingo by pushing a button to announce the bingo, according to American Legion bingo committee member Chuck Carr of Ontario. Three sessions of bingo are played every Tuesday night. Each bingo pays \$250 to \$800. The remote caller bingo started eight months ago. Previously, the American Legion hosted electric "popper" bingo, popping up balls for the bingo numbers, for more than 10 years. American Legion Post 30 is located at 239 E. Holt Ave., Pomona. For more information, call (909) 620-0943 or see ad on page 6.





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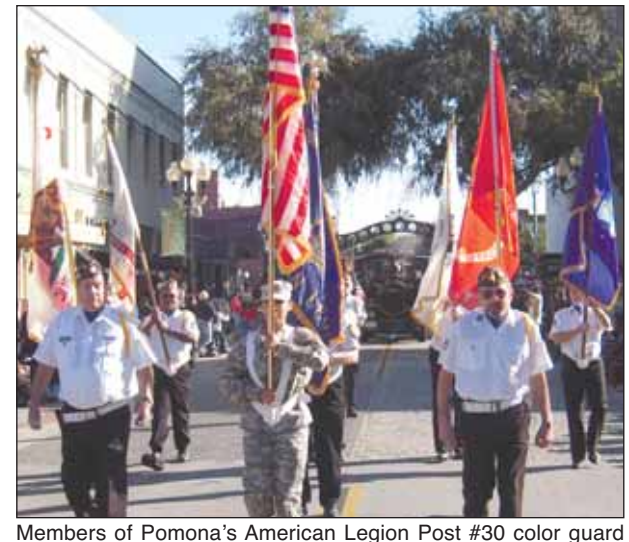
The Valley Vista Services parade float entry won the "community award" for "best float."



Garey High School marching band



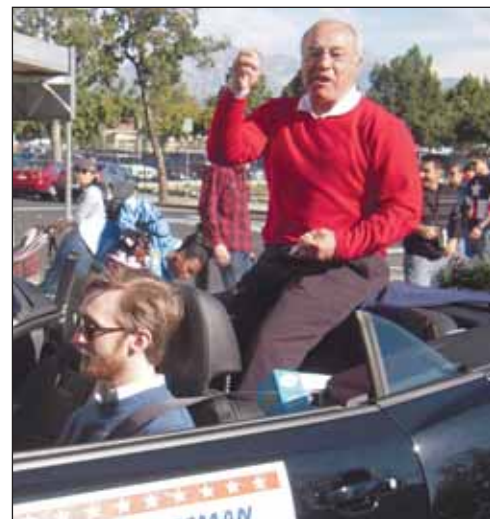
Pomona Police Chief Dave Keetle steps down from a SWAT vehicle to hand a police badge sticker to a young parade viewer.



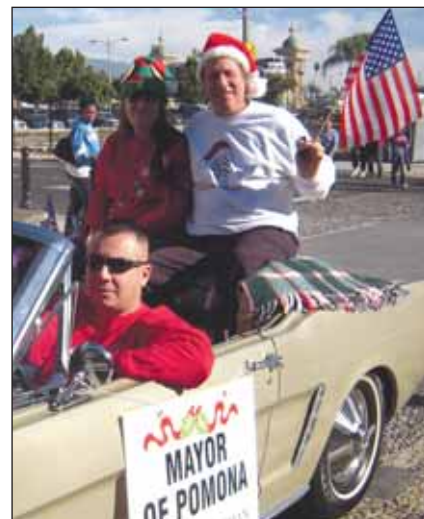
Members of Pomona's American Legion Post #30 color guard march at the front of the parade.



Assemblymember Norma Torres



Congressman Joe Baca



Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman







# Special Valley Vista Services "pull out" section -- The 2011 Downtown Pomona Christmas Parade



Above, Ganesha High School marching band. At right, State Sen. Gloria Negrete McLeod.



At top, members of Pomona's Boys and Girls Clubs. Above, the Pomona Rotary float.



Pomona Pop Warner Football and Cheer



Chief Tony Cerda and members of Pomona's Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe of Indians.



Vietnamese Community of Pomona Valley

## Christmas Parade... from pg. 1

Mosley, who rode in the parade with his family.

Entries included everything from military veterans and junior ROTC color guards to marching bands from four Pomona high schools and several schools from surrounding cities. Also participating were floats, motorcycle clubs, car clubs, mounted horsemen, strolling mariachis, scouting troops, various businesses and churches, elected officials and non-profit organizations.

Immediately following the parade, the city's "Holiday at the Plaza" was held in the Civic Center park for the kids offering everything from rock climbing to snow sledding.

In the Civic Center, Santa and Mrs. Claus were played by Pomona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Frank Garcia and his wife, Kathy.

## Desfile Navideño... de la pág. 1

El desfile fue principalmente patrocinado por la Asociacin de Propietarios del Centro de Pomona. El tema fue "El Milagro de la Calle Segunda" que rinde homenaje a la transformacio´on del centro de Pomona.

Más de 2000 participantes marcharon en el desfile representando a escuelas y organizaciones a través de Pomona y las comunidades alrededor.

El gran mariscal del desfile fue el legendario boxeador Sugar Shane Mosley, nativo de Pomona.

Veteranos militares, escoltas, bandas, mariachis, líderes comunitarios y muchos otros desfilaron con sonrisas en el rostro.



Above, Frank and Kathy Garcia, Pomona Chamber of Commerce. At right, Pomona Planning Commission Chairman Denton Mosier and Planning Commissioner Frank Delgado.



Pomona City Councilmember and magician Steve Atchley





Pomona's Fist of Gold Youth Center



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Above, Pomona Girl Scouts. At left, Bernardo Rosa representing veterans of the Vietnam War.



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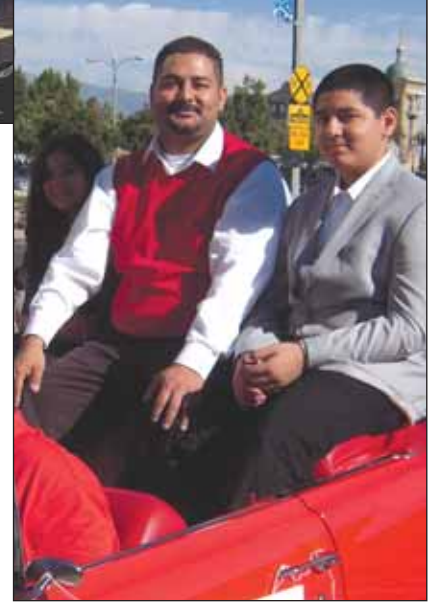




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**DEMONSTRATION AGAINST FAMILY LAW JUDGE IN POMONA SUPERIOR COURT** – Three women outside the courthouse demonstrated against Pomona Superior Court Judge Susan Lopez-Giss calling for her to be removed from office last month, claiming she is “anti-mother” and has a history of favoring the fathers in child custody cases – something the protestors said sometimes places the children in unsupervised visitation that can pose a danger to the children. “This woman is bound to get people killed,” said Irene Ortiz. “She has a tendency to force people into unsafe situations.” She cited numerous similar complaints against the judge at the robeprobe.com web site. Ortiz’ daughter, Irene Cerda, expressed the same concerns when her case was heard by Judge Lopez-Giss. Pictured, from left, are Irene Ortiz, Cynthia Jimenez and Debbie Hernandez. La Nueva Voz contacted the judge’s clerk in an attempt to obtain a comment from the judge but was told judges are prohibited by law and judicial ethics from responding to such inquiries when they involve specific cases which they have heard.



**DOWNTOWN POMONA OWNERS ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY MIXER** – Most of downtown Pomona turned out last week as the Downtown Pomona Owners Association (DPOA) hosted its annual holiday mixer in the DPOA offices on West 2nd Street. The group collected unwrapped toys from guests for donation to a local charity. Pictured with the band during the raffle drawing is Larry Egan, executive director of the DPOA, at left, and Art Jimenez, president of Laguna Technical College in Pomona, one of the raffle winners, who won a set of silverware.

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- American Legion Post #30, 239 E. Holt Ave., Pomona







**HOLIDAY LIGHTING AT LEROY HAYNES CENTER** -- More than 200 members of the community turned out again this year as LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne lit the holiday lights for the kids in the second annual "Celebrate being a kid" program. Pictured this month consulting with Director of Development Jane Woods, at right, at the "throwing of the switch" are, from left, La Verne Mayor Pro Tem Robin Carder; La Verne City Councilmember Charlie Rosales; LeRoy Haynes Center President & CEO Dan Maydeck; Superior Court Judge Robert Dukes, LeRoy Haynes Center Board Secretary; LeRoy Haynes Center Board Vice Chair Beverly Lee; and LeRoy Haynes Center Board Member Patricia Simpson. The LeRoy Haynes Center, currently celebrating its 65th anniversary, serves 350 to 400 children from throughout Southern California annually through its four basic programs -- therapeutic residential treatment, transitional housing, Haynes Education Center and mental health. For more information, call (909) 593-2581 or visit the web site at [www.leroy-haynes.org](http://www.leroy-haynes.org).

**ENJOYING THE LIGHTS**

-- Enjoying the lights after the throwing of the switch was an important part of the second annual "Celebrate being a kid" holiday lighting program this month at the LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne. Pictured enjoying Mickey and Minnie are, from left, Nolan Kariem, 4, of Covina; Tisha Langley, Director of Mental Health at LeRoy Haynes Center; and Anaiya Johnson, 4, of Rancho Cucamonga.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL ENDS THREE-DAY RUN IN POMONA**

– The annual Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show held its annual three-day show in Building 4 at Pomona's Fairplex this month, bringing some 24,000 items of handmade American arts and crafts to visitors from Pomona and surrounding communities. Pomona was the show's last stop on its 2011 tour. Pictured (above) is Debbie Moyer, owner of Sweet Bubble Soap Café, based in Henderson, Nevada, showing her many handmade soaps in the shape of foods. Pictured (at top left) is Carrie Johnson of Hartville, Wyoming, selling her scented oil candles at the Waxberry booth. And pictured (at left) are jugglers Scotty & Trink, of Moss Beach, California, who provided entertainment throughout the weekend. More than 300 exhibitors participated in this year's show.



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## 'Back story' of Kit-Cat Clocks Rose Parade entry showcases success story that started in an orphanage in Mexico

In celebration of the company's 80th anniversary, Kit-Cat Clocks will roll down Colorado Boulevard in next month's Tournament of Roses Parade – but it is one of the back stories to the float that is of equal interest.

One of the riders on the float, Maribel Guillen Lane, a young Hispanic woman, was raised in an orphanage in Baja California – one of 16 orphanages in Mexico supported by the Corazon De Vida Foundation which is supported by Kit-Cat Clocks.

Abandoned at the age of five, Maribel was raised in the orphanage but is ready to celebrate a remarkable achievement – right after the parade, Maribel will begin her first semester of college.

The 17-year-old non-profit foundation supports some 800 Latino orphans in 16 orphanages in Mexico. Hilda Pacheco-Taylor, founder of the foundation, also grew up in an

orphanage in Mexico.

Kit-Cat Clocks, manufactured by The California Clock Company, also is celebrating 50 years of manufacturing in California. The company is headquartered in Ontario, hires local workers and manufacturers all the parts for its clock line in South-

ern California.

In honor of the company's California roots and local farmers, all flowers on the float will be from California. Fiesta Floats in Irwindale is building the float to the company's specifications. It was the first time a commercial entry has at-

tempted to use only California flowers, according to a spokesperson for Kit-Cat Clocks.

The Kit-Cat Clocks float will feature skateboarders zipping on and off the float, a couple dancing to tunes from a jukebox, and eight riders from eight to 80 years old, rep-

resenting the children, parents, grandparents and great grandparents who have owned and loved a Kit-Cat Clock.

The name of the 55-foot-long float is "Timeless Fun for Everyone," a nostalgic look back at history.



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## Cal Poly College of Engineering ranked eighth nationally for Hispanic graduate studies

Hispanic Business magazine, in its latest look at the state of diversity on college campuses, has ranked the Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering eighth in the nation – and first among the Cal State University system – in attracting Hispanic postgraduate students and helping them succeed academi-

cally. “The faculty and staff in the College of Engineering work diligently to prepare a highly skilled and diverse workforce, and we are proud to consistently award more engineering degrees to Hispanics than any other college in California,” said Dean Mahyar

Amouzegar. “The ranking by Hispanic Business magazine affirms our efforts in our graduate programs to grow opportunities for student research and hands-on engineering experiences.”

The magazine assessed universities on four criteria – Hispanic student en-

rollment, Hispanic faculty members, degrees conferred to Hispanics and progressive programs aimed at increasing enrollment of Hispanic students.

Among the top 10 universities, Cal Poly Pomona ranked third in the percentage of Hispanic faculty in the college at 7.4 percent.

## First play of Mt. SAC student selected for production

“Maria’s Tortillas,” a comedy, completed its first four-day run at Mt. San Antonio College this month, marking an important milestone for Carole Avila, a mother of three – it



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Carole Avila

was the first play she has written.

The Mt. SAC student and resident of Walnut said her play was selected with eight other student works for production in “The Nine Lives.”

Writing under her pen name of Carole Avila, author Carole Foegen has been writing since she was a child and has pursued her interest in becoming a professional author since 1995. She returned to school last year to improve her craft.

Her fiction and autobiographical stories have received awards and have been published, and her time-travel adventure series, Eve’s Amulet, is currently being considered for publication.

Where does she get her inspiration for stories?

“I utilize a mix of ideas,” she said. “Sometimes they’re based on real life experiences, my own or others, with exaggerated characters and plot twists thrown in. Also, I dream many of the books I write.”

A part-time life coach, Avila’s goal is to become a best-selling novelist. For more information, contact Avila at [info@caroleavila.com](mailto:info@caroleavila.com).

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## Lions launch annual 'Sight for Success' campaign

The Pomona Host Lions Charities, Inc., has launched its Third Annual Sight for Success Campaign and is calling on the community to help with donations to purchase eyeglasses for Pomona Unified School District students who cannot otherwise afford vision correction.

Being able to see clearly often makes the difference of a student's success or failure in the classroom, a Lions spokesman said.

The group needs donations of

\$50 per pair of glasses. In return, donors will receive a Certificate of Appreciation listing the first name of the recipient child and the grade level.

Alternatively, donors can donate one or more pairs of glasses in someone's name.

Donations may be made to the Pomona Host Lions Charities, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, and mailed to P.O. Box 3085, Pomona, CA 91769.

### Silvia Robles takes over barber shop she has run for three years, gives it new name of 'El Sol Barber & Beauty'

With the third anniversary of her barber and beauty shop coming up in February, breast cancer survivor Silvia Robles knows she has surpassed yet another hurdle – she has taken over the barber and beauty salon she has run for the past three years and given it a new name – “El Sol Barber & Beauty.”

A resident of Pomona, she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008.

“After chemotherapy, surgery and radiation treatments, I opened the barber shop,” she said. “It was difficult but having my own salon was a goal I needed to achieve.”

“I'm thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to live and fulfill my dream of owning and operating

my own business,” Robles said.

And, in addition to celebrating her third anniversary in the shop, she is celebrating three years of being cancer free and having a great business with amazingly loyal and caring customers.

The new business, formerly known as Kutz Barber Shop, is located at 440 N. Garey Ave., Pomona (just south of Holt Avenue).

The shop is open seven days a week, offers haircuts for the whole family, and accepts ATM cards. Men's regular haircuts are \$7 and women's haircuts start at \$10.

For more information, call the shop at (909) 623-3431 or e-mail Silvia at [elsolbarberbeauty@yahoo.com](mailto:elsolbarberbeauty@yahoo.com).



**LIONS 'SIGHT FOR SUCCESS' CAMPAIGN KICKOFF** – Helping to kick off the third annual Pomona Host Lions “Sight for Success” campaign are, from left, David Larson, health services program assistant for the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD); Lion member Fernando Meza, PUSD administrative director of pupil and community services; Sheila Lyons, PUSD health services director and Lion member; PUSD school board member Dr. Roberta Perlman; Dr. Stuart Mann, of Western University of Health Sciences, Lions Vision Clinic optometrist; Pomona Host Lions President Amanda Benkhe; former school board member and Lion member Richard Rodriguez; and Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman, also a Lion member.

## Compromise reached to keep adult day care centers in business, including Pomona facility serving 100 disabled adults

Pomona Adult Day Health Care Center, which has served 100 adults with disabilities since 2004, has learned it will receive the funding needed to remain open and continue to operate despite earlier concerns about state budget cuts shutting them down.

Ewa Nyczak, M.S., administrator and co-owner of the center, said their fate was decided based on the settlement of a lawsuit that challenged the elimination of the optional adult day health care benefit from the state budget.

According to the California Department of Health Care Services, the settlement provides for the continued delivery of essential health-care services to vulnerable poor and elderly residents.

As a result of this settlement, the

state will begin to immediately achieve general fund savings, which will be approximately \$28 million in the 2011-12 fiscal year increasing to \$92 million the following year.

Under the settlement, the adult day health care program will be phased out and replaced next March with a new program called community-based adult services that will provide necessary medical and social services to those with the greatest need.

It is estimated that roughly half of current adult day health care participants will qualify for the new program. Eligibility will be determined by state medical professionals on the basis of medical need, and the benefits provided will be coordinated with managed care plans.

The original benefit will be ex-

tended for an additional 90 days to allow those in need to transfer into the new program.

“I am pleased that we were able to come to an agreement that settles the legal dispute,” said state Department of Health Care Services Director Toby Douglas. “This agreement upholds the state's commitment to provide essential care and services to those most in need efficiently and economically.”

Some \$85 million funding this program was on the chopping block last summer as a part of the state's effort to balance the state budget.

Pomona Adult Day Health Care Center is located at 324 Paloma Drive, Pomona. About 70 percent of its clients live in Pomona. For more information, contact the center at (909) 623-7000.

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**Immunizations urged for young children to prevent invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD)**

A recent review by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta indicates that children younger than age five who were not immunized continue to develop invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD).

“Very often, many children have poor access to health care services, which may result in a delay in seeking medical attention when a child is ill,” said Dr. Antonio C. Arrieta, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children’s Hospital of Orange County. “This delay may result in a worse outcome of the illness, including sometimes fatal outcomes. It is therefore of great importance that we try to prevent these infections which may be sometimes very serious. It is of great importance that we immunize our children.”

According to a spokesman for pharmaceutical manufacturer Pfizer Inc., the study showed that young children who were not immunized with the supplemental dose of Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal 13-valent Conjugate Vaccine), a Pfizer product, were at risk of developing the disease.

IPD is a group of diseases that includes bacterial infections of the blood and meningitis, or infection of the tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

Cases of IPD reported in California prompted the CDC to launch a nationwide review of IPD cases. Nationwide, according to the study, 42 percent of children ages 12 through 23 months have not received the supplemental dose of Prevnar 13.

In the 2 to 5 years age group, 68 percent of children have not received the supplemental dose.

In response to this data, the CDC is renewing its call for appropriate immunization against IPD, according to the following public service ads are courtesy of La Nueva Voz:

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