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## Fourth year of LA County Fair in May keeps temperatures down, attendance – and smiles – up!

The LA County Fair started with a bang this month in its new cool-weather May time slot – only the fourth Fair in May since the switch from September – and officials said attendance this year has been climbing ever since.

And while we're at it, by the way, there's lots more happening at the Fair than cool weather – this year's theme is "LA County Fair – Art Unleashed," and there

is art of every description literally everywhere you look with something for everyone.

But that cooler weather, a result of a series of year-long brainstorming sessions with the community as part of the development of the Fairplex strategic plan, was high on the list of desirable features and went into effect in May 2022 as the Fair celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Pro Tem Hilda Solis told 200 participants at an opening day ribbon-cutting that the Fair is "one of the most enjoyable places for me in my lifetime."

"Growing up as a kid in elementary school, we would wait for those tickets to be given and distributed in our classrooms," she said. "I would run home and tell my mom, 'Mom, I got my tickets, so we better go to the Fair.'"

Solis pointed out that while the Fair is in her first supervisorial district, many people come to see this "historical treasure for L.A. County" from other parts of the region, from San Diego, from the Inland Empire and more.

"Fun and music, culture, creativity, efficiency and local businesses – it all comes together here at this beautiful location," she added.



Photo by Martin Zamora, Photographer, County of Los Angeles

**L.A. COUNTY DAY** -- Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, high atop the Budweiser beer wagon, waves to the crowd on L.A. County Day at the LA County Fair as the famous Budweiser Clydesdales pull the wagon past the grandstand in the mile-long L.A. County Day parade.

### Pomona boxing legend Sugar Shane Mosley to come out of retirement for special match in London

Pomona's own professional boxing legend Sugar Shane Mosley announced this month he will come out of retirement at the age of 53 and return to the ring on July 25 in London in a special match taking on action film star and "influencer" (internet celebrity) boxer turned pro fighter David Kurzhal.

The event, scheduled to be held at London's Indigo at the O2, an 1,800-seat entertainment venue, is being billed as a special "one-of-a-kind spectacle blending sport and entertainment" produced by Right2Fight CEO Jesse Moussa to



Photo by Jeff Schenkel  
Pomona's Sugar Shane Mosley, at left, and David Kurzhal announce special July 25 match in London.

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Los Angeles County Fair Association Board Chair John Landherr, who introduced Solis, said part of the "Art Unleashed" theme is the art of making memories.

"Who knew that was an art, but there's an art for everything," he said. "And we want you to make memories today."

"The other thing we're celebrating is . . . the art of fun," he added. "And who doesn't have fun at the LA County Fair – we

have a lot of great new things."

Fairplex President and CEO Walter Marquez told the group his job is "simply to create a space for L.A. County, Southern California, to make the memories."

And he reminded guests that Fairplex will become part of the LA28 Summer Olympics as the venue for cricket competition, the second largest sport in the world.

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“The world is coming here locally to play cricket – incredible,” he said.

Speaking two days later at a special L.A. County Day reception on Picnic Hill at Fairplex, Marquez told Solis, “It’s always a great time when we can just come together as a community, and that’s what the County Fair is all about.”

Landherr also welcomed a capacity crowd of county commissioners, local city elected officials, representatives of area non-profits and others.

“There’s a lot of great things we have this year that you haven’t seen before because we always try to keep it fresh and new,” he said, adding that it is the largest county in the country in terms of population and the most diverse.

“And this is the largest county fair in the country, as well, so we’re very proud of that,” he said.

Landherr said the largest petting zoo in the country is located in the Fair’s Big Red Barn, where he said about 10 newborns were recorded during the past week.


He said there was also a free roller-skating rink called “Skate-R-Cade” again this year in Expo Hall 9, provided by the Grand Park Foundation, along with five new rides, three new roller coasters and a brand-new Ferris wheel carrying passengers here for the first time anywhere.

He introduced Solis to the L.A. County Day crowd as Solis told her guests it was her 10th year of hosting the event.

“Los Angeles County Day at the Fair is a cherished tradition



**OFFICIAL LA COUNTY FAIR RIBBON CUTTING** -- John Landherr, Board Chair of the Los Angeles County Fair Association, cuts the ribbon to officially open the 2025 LA County Fair, this year on the theme “Art Unleashed.” The Fair opened on May 2 and continues through Memorial Day, May 26. Pictured, from left, are Pomona Unified School District Board member Dr. Roberta Perlman; Fair Association members Alfreda Smith and Jimmy Espinoza; Fair Association Board member Magarita Luna; Christine Dennis, Learning and Development Centers Board member; Brian Bustamante, Fair Association and Learning and Development Centers member; Fair Association Board member Heidi Hanson; Bob Mendez, Fair Association members; Landherr; Fair Association member Darrel Saucedo; Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis; Fairplex President and CEO Walter Marquez; Fair Association Board Secretary Linda Bosserman; Fair Association member Jon Blickenstaff; Fair Association Board Vice Chair Mike Driebe; Fair Association member Mark Warren; and Pomona City Councilmembers Steve Lustro and Lorraine Canales.



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that brings together families from every corner of our county to celebrate our shared history, culture and community,” Solis said, adding that Fairplex has served as a “long-standing hub for cultural exchange, education and entertainment.”

“The Fairplex continues to be a cornerstone of community pride, not only during the County Fair but throughout the year,” she said.

“I just want to say that the Fair just doesn’t happen on its own, there’s so many incredible people that make this happen, and a lot of people get hired just for this time,” she said. “So this is an economic engine also that helps to fuel our economy along with the vendors, the concerts and all the things that go on here to make this community vibrant.”

Solis said the Fair was opening “almost on the eve of my last term” which has about 18 months left.

“But I want to keep you informed that no matter what happens, all the challenges we’re facing right now



**Fairplex President and CEO Walter Marquez at opening day reception.**



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Pomona's Chara Swodeck and her son, Jackson, pose for a photo with LA County Fair mascots, from left, Lily the lamb, Thummer the pig, and Daisy the Cow.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE – 2025

Because of you, 2024-2025 has been another successful school year for the Pomona Unified School District.

First, we would like to honor Matthew Maizel, Special Education teacher at Diamond Ranch High School who is PUSD's "Teacher of the Year". Mr. Maizel exemplifies the outstanding dedication and commitment of PUSD's teachers and staff. We thank Mr. Maizel and all our colleagues for their outstanding work.

This year PUSD was awarded its seventh "Golden Bell Award", one of California's highest educational honors. It was awarded to the "Pomona Health Career Ladder", PUSD's partnership with Western University of Health Sciences, empowering underserved students as healthcare professionals.

PUSD received the prestigious 2024 "Exemplary School-University Partnership Award" for our collaboration with the University of La Verne's La Fetra College of Education, making educational resources accessible to families in our community.

We would like to thank our Board of Education for their support of our Music and Band programs. This year, every returning fifth and sixth grade student in the band program was provided an instrument. As a result, music enrollment jumped more than 50 percent.

Our Child Development program received its five-year accreditation as a "Program of Excellence", making it one of the best "Head Start" programs in the nation.

Thirty schools won "PBIS" awards (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports).

Alcott, Arroyo, Garey High, and Park West won "RAMP" awards (Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program) from the California Association of School Counselors.

Golden Springs and Pantera Elementary became "California Distinguished Schools".

Cortez Magnet and Marshall Middle became "AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Schoolwide Sites", while Simons Middle is an "AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction". For the last two years, 100 percent of Garey High's AVID seniors have been accepted to a four-year college or university.

Most TK-3 elementary students received a 10-week visual art session from credentialed teachers, and students had their work displayed at their site.

Our students volunteered over 21,000 hours to the "Realize the Dream" campaign, demonstrating commitment to unity, community, and service.

It is because of your work and commitment that we have reached these achievements, and more importantly, that we have taught students the importance of giving back to their community. If our job in education is to touch both the minds and hearts of the students in our classrooms, this school year proves we are succeeding.

Thank you all for everything you do.



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Photo by Renee Barbee



**CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY FOR NEW CHURCH FOOD BANK BUILDING** -- Construction is well under way for a new nearly \$1 million facility for a popular weekly food bank distribution program at Newlife Pomona, a church at 275 E. Foothill Blvd. The food bank started 20 years ago with a single minivan full of bread, according to a news release. Today, it is operating out of the church parking lot (and storing the food inside the church) every Friday and serves about 760 families, although during the pandemic the number averaged 800 families each week, becoming one of the largest food banks in Los Angeles County. The program was honored in 2023 by the LA Regional Food Bank with the "Community Spirit Award." The new building is expected to be completed by late June or early July and will double storage capacity from 45 to 90 pallets.

**Assemblymember Rodriguez’ human trafficking bill advances to Public Safety Committee**

A measure introduced by Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez to aid law enforcement in protecting victims of human trafficking and making it illegal to loiter with the intent to commit prostitution has advanced to

the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

Assembly Bill 63 seeks to reinstate the prohibition against loitering in public with the intent to commit prostitution, making it a misdemeanor offense.

The measure also includes critical safeguards such as prohibiting law enforcement from making arrests based on gender identity or sexual orientation, and it requires officers to document efforts to offer supportive services before making an arrest.

This balanced approach prioritizes both community safety and the protection of individual rights, according to a news release.

Rodriguez also said Assemblymember Nick Schultz, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, plans to convene an informational hearing this fall in her 53rd Assembly District.

“The unfortunate truth is with the implementation of Senate Bill 357 (in 2022), law enforcement agencies lost their ability to effectively investigate and prosecute human trafficking and solicitation cases,” Rodriguez said. “It is time we once again support our law enforcement by restoring their ability to protect and serve our communities.”

“The overwhelming passage of Proposition 36 made it clear – Californians want stronger protections against these crimes,” she added.

According to her news release, AB 63 has received support from Salinas City Councilmember Gloria DeLaRosa, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, and the California Police Chief’s Association.



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**LIONS CLUB MEMBERS SEE 357 PEOPLE IN 'FRIENDS IN SIGHT' PROGRAM** -- At least 100 community members lined up early well before an 8 a.m. starting time this month for a free vision screening and free recycled eyeglasses, courtesy of the California Lions Friends in Sight members, Lions from Pomona, Chino Valley, Diamond Bar and Western University of Health Sciences, University of California - Riverside "Leo's" (student Lions), SCE, Project Horseshoe Farms and others. In all, there were 95 volunteers at the event in Pomona Unified School District's Village at Indian Hill conference center, according to Pomona's Anne Henderson, community service director for the Lions who coordinated the program. Helping out at left is Henri Mascorro, a nurse who retired from Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center 10 years ago and immediately went to work at the hospital as a volunteer, where she has served for 1,500 hours. At right, testing those over 40 for glaucoma is Mike Preston, a member of Chino Valley Lions, who volunteers for the event every year.



**Former Pomona Lions member (and now Seal Beach) Denny Mosier hands out just the right pair of glasses to Justo Barbosa of Pomona.**



**RIBBON-CUTTING AT GALIBERTO'S** -- A Pomona Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting was held last month to officially open Pomona's newest restaurant, Galiberto's Mexican Food. And the carnitas tacos and taquitos are amazing, and they even have a breakfast special! Pictured cutting the ribbon are the owners' daughters. From left are Pomona Chamber Executive Board member Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz, Pomona Chamber President and CEO Monique Robles, Genesis, Valeria, Giselle and Zoe Aleman, owners Jose and Debbie Aleman, and Kamille Hemsworth, representing Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez. The restaurant is located at 877 E. Mission Blvd. For information, call (909) 729-5005.



**Don Martens, at left, and Duane Smith, both of Pomona Lions Club, pick out the right prescription glasses for the next patient at this month's free vision screening and free recycled glasses event. Members of five area Lions clubs and other volunteers helped out with this year's program in Pomona.**





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benefit the Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary in South Africa and the Mosley Foundation of Love, among other charities.

“It’s an honor to share the ring with Shane,” said Kurzhal, who is 40. “I know this is his hometown. I got a lot of people supporting me here, though.”

“Shane has 41 knockouts, so after this fight, my nickname is either going to be ‘42’ or it’s going to be ‘King David,’ because, like, people tell me, ‘Oh, you know, just like, play it safe, just survive until the end,’” he added.

Kurzhal said he has been “training with so many amazing boxing coaches.”

“So, after I beat Shane not only will I get the Right2Fight belt, I’m going to get my sixth-degree black belt,” he said.

Asked what people will be seeing when Mosley gets back into the ring, Mosley assured the crowd that they “would see greatness again.”

“Dave doesn’t understand what type of person . . . I am when I’m in the ring – I’m a nice guy outside the ring (but when I get into the ring is different,” Mosley said. “I’m not sure what faith he believes in but pray so that . . . you turn out safe and I’ll do the same thing.”

“Look, man, I only signed up for the full experience, so like I said, man, it’s either get knocked out or knock him out,” Kurzhal said.

The announcement this month at Pomona’s “The Union” was something of a spectacle itself – the kind of event possible only in the world of boxing that evolved into a couple of good-natured shouting matches between boxers billed by organizers as a news conference.

And while there were plenty of cameras and cell phones recording the event and even a couple of video cameras among the 100 boxing fans in the room, it appeared there was no actual news media on hand at the news conference other than La Nueva Voz.

(Plenty of segments are available on YouTube, however, and World Boxing News broke the story on May 5 four days before

the news conference.)

Long a legend in Pomona, Mosley – who now lives in Puerto Rico – started boxing at the age of 8 and launched his professional boxing career in 1993. He fought until 2016, when he “retired” for the third time.

His professional boxing debut at the age of 21 was a scheduled six-round fight at the Hollywood Palladium against opponent Greg Puente, who he knocked out in the fifth round.

“This is more than just a fight, it’s a statement,” said Moussa. “Sugar Shane Mosley is a legend,



Tony Cerda

and to have him return to the ring with his speed and dynamic fighting style, against a rising crossover star like David Kurzhal, a fifth-degree black belt expert, for such a unique event is monumental.”

Mosley, a native of Lynwood, fought with the U.S.A. Olympic Boxing Team at the age of 16, won the World Boxing Association lightweight title in 1997, shifted to the welterweight division in 2000 and defeated Oscar De La Hoya to win the WBA welterweight title.

Highlights of his career included seven World Championship titles in light welterweight, welterweight and light middleweight classes. His record includes 49 wins with 41 knockouts, 10 losses and 1 draw.

Pomona’s Tony Cerda, longtime leader in the local Indigenous community who coached youth boxing for years, was honored at

the event and recognized for his work training Mosley.

“There’s another hero here that when I started, when I was 8 years old . . . Tony Cerda . . . he got so many champions in Pomona,” Mosley said. “He’s definitely a hero here in Pomona and people need to know that.”

The event at The Union, formerly the Pomona YMCA, was held in “The Cathedral,” originally the main gymnasium at the YMCA and now used for everything from weddings to fundraisers. But back in the day the room itself saw a little boxing from time to time (and a lot of basketball), and in the 1980s and 1990s Pomona’s “Fist of Gold” youth boxing was based there.

Officials announced at the event this month that Mosley also will be inducted into the World Boxing Council (WBC) Hall of Fame on June 22 in ceremonies in Pomona. And he will be inducted into the California Sports Hall of Fame on June 29.

Mosley also is known locally for his work through the family foundation, Mosley Foundation of Love, that focuses on at-risk youth and the promotion of physical fitness in underprivileged communities.

“The foundation wants to help the kids and, you know, help people to be stronger, to be better and in the community, both here in Pomona and in Puerto Rico where I’m actually residing,” Mosley said. “The Mosley Foundation is definitely about the kids and definitely about the people helping and uplifting the community.”

Kurzhal, known as the “Viking Samurai,” is a film actor, fashion model, screenwriter, YouTuber, natural bodybuilder and lifetime martial artist.

He holds a fifth-degree black belt in karate.

Interested in the fight? You can see it on a special Right2Fight social media app and tickets went on sale online last week for seats at the Indigo starting at 179 pounds sterling (\$238).



‘STRIDE TO END THE CYCLE’ WALK-A-THON -- Pomona’s House of Ruth this month celebrated Mental Health Awareness Month with a “Stride to End the Cycle” Walk-A-thon as volunteers and board members walked laps around the track at Bonita High School in La Verne. The event raised more than \$30,000 in support of House of Ruth programs and services for survivors of domestic violence. House of Ruth is dedicated to preventing domestic violence and ensuring the safety and well-being of those impacted. To donate items to survivors in emergency and transitional shelters, contact (909) 623-4364 to schedule a drop off time during business hours.

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## Tri-City Mental Health kicks off campaign to promote collaborative approach to addressing mental health

Tri-City Mental Health this month announced the launch of “Be a Voice for Change,” a new community awareness campaign aimed at encouraging residents of Claremont, Pomona and La Verne to get involved in activities that strengthen mental health and wellness across the region.

At the heart of the bilingual campaign is helping people understand they can play a role in improving community mental health – and that their collective action can lead to meaningful change.

Through public input at meetings, events, and educational opportunities, the initiative invites community members to speak up, get involved and help shape a healthier, more supportive environment for all.

“Taking a collaborative approach to the mental health of our communities is a powerful way to make a change,” said Tri-City Executive Director Ontson Placide. “This campaign is about lifting every voice – whether you’re a person living with lived experience, a caregiver, a service provider or just someone interested in mental health, you can be a voice for change.”

Tri-City has been helping residents take care of their mental health needs for more than 60 years, working closely with individuals and families experiencing mental health challenges.

### Pomona, county fire at odds over ‘cost recovery’ mid-way through contract

Pomona city officials have received formal notice from the Los Angeles County fire chief indicating the fire district’s intent to terminate fire services in Pomona “unless significant amendments are made to the existing contract to allow for full cost recovery by the district,” according to a city announcement.

The city and the fire district have been in ongoing discussions regarding this request, the city reported in a statement last month.

“Like many government agencies right now, both the city and the district are facing serious financial pressures that challenge

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As part of the campaign and the current on-going transformation to requirements of the new statewide Behavior Health Services Act (BHSA), Tri-City is launching a community group in July.

“Our newly formed ‘Together for Change’ group gives people the opportunity to share valuable feedback to help shape how programs and services related to mental health, substance abuse and housing will be designed for our communities in the coming years,” said Paulina Ale, Tri-City’s Mental Health Services Act program coordinator for innovation.

“Anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Claremont, La Verne or Pomona can apply to become a member,” she added. “Participants are required to attend one monthly meeting for one year and will receive a stipend for their time.”

Since 1960, Tri-City has been the public mental health and primary provider of outpatient services for the residents of Claremont, Pomona and La Verne, working to deliver high-quality, accessible mental health services for individuals of all ages and their families.

For more information, visit [www.BeAVoiceForChange.com](http://www.BeAVoiceForChange.com).



**LITTLE ART GALLERIES AT THE FAIR** -- Harvey Swodeck, 18, daughter of Pomona's Chara and Joshua Swodeck, poses next to her "Little Art Galleries" gallery box creation on exhibit at the LA County Fair. Swodeck, who graduated from Pomona's The School of Arts and Enterprise in 2023, created her own display and 10 other artists created their own, all on display along the walkway above The Lagoon. Swodeck also curated the entire exhibition by selecting students for the project. Five were students at The SAE and one was her junior high school visual arts teacher at The SAE, along with four friends and fellow Los Angeles area artists. Harvey's design was based on the interior of her grandparents' home. Theme of the Fair this year was "Art Unleashed."

## Mr. D's unveils fresh, flavorful new menu!

Mr. D's Diner, formerly in Pomona on Foothill Boulevard and now just down the street over the line in La Verne, is inviting everybody back in to try an exciting, brand-new menu while holding true to its tradition of offering nostalgic comfort food with a modern touch.

The restaurant, best described as a true classic bringing fresh flavors since 1978, always has been known for its top customer service and top quality food at affordable prices.

And the new menu brings with it a new look with new table set-ups and plates with an “elevated experience” at the same and lower prices.

An authentic 1950s-theme silver diner alongside the original historic Route 66, the restaurant also hopes to begin hosting weekly classic car shows, so groups and car clubs are encouraged to reach out.

With its classic American flavors and family-friendly atmosphere, Mr. D's is bringing fresh flavors and exciting twists to its timeless offerings.

And the restaurant always offers the best value for the money without sacrificing quality.

A balanced menu selection of large portions of quality homestyle food prepared with fresh ingredients is served with an even better dining experience, all while offering customers timeless charm.

The new menu features signature classics and innovative additions



**Mr. D's Restaurant La Verne manager Gabriela McMeekin shows off two of the latest creations out of the kitchen from a fresh, new menu at the 1950s-style diner alongside the historic Route 66.** Even the Mr. D's clock on the wall is classic 1950s-style. The restaurant is located at 919 W. Foothill Blvd., La Verne.

including hearty breakfast selections, new specialty burgers and sandwiches, and everything from new lighter options to decadent desserts including house-made pies, hand-spun milkshakes, and a new Red Velvet Cheesecake.

Mr. D's, with locations in both La Verne and Placentia, remains

a local favorite for families, food lovers and those just looking for a great night out.

The La Verne restaurant is located at 919 W. Foothill Blvd.

For more information, visit [www.mrdsrestaurants.com](http://www.mrdsrestaurants.com), follow Mr. D's on @mrdsrestaurant, or call (909) 593-0111.

### Iris Levine named Cal Poly Pomona interim president

Dr. Iris Levine has been selected to serve as interim president of Cal Poly Pomona beginning when current President Dr. Soraya Coley retires at the end of July after 10 years at the helm.

Levine will take over the reins effective July 28, according to a university news release.

She has 32 years of experience on the Cal Poly campus as a professor and academic leader. She spent 15 years as chair of the music department before rising to associate dean of academic personnel and resources and then dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

From 2021 to 2022, she served

as interim provost and special assistant to the president before retiring.



**Dr. Iris Levine**

Among her achievements, she stewarded the music department to its first national accreditation with the National Association of Schools of Music.

Cal State University Chancellor Mildred Garcia described Levine as “a respected,

principled and dedicated educator.”

Levine holds a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of New Hampshire, a master's in choral conducting from Temple University, and a doctorate in musical arts from USC.

## Services to be held next week for Mickey Dianne Gallivan

A celebration of life ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, May 30, at Pilgrim Congregational Church for Mickey Gallivan who died last week at home in Pomona.

Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Pomona Cemetery.

Gallivan, beloved community leader, dedicated public servant, and passionate preservationist, lived a life marked by compassion, intelligence, and tireless advocacy for history, culture, and public welfare.

Born on April 11, 1945, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, she was the daughter of Mildred Irene Cain and Roy Edwin Saffel, younger sister of Roy Edwin Jr., and older sister of Kaye and Mike.

Her early education began in a two-room country school in Mississippi. Her family moved often, and she attended schools in Novice, Texas; a rural area near Midland, Texas; Garden City, Texas; Rankin Texas; and finally, Lovington, New Mexico, where she graduated from Lovington High School in 1963 as an honor student. She went on to earn a mathematics degree from New Mexico State University in 1967 on an academic scholarship. She later pursued advanced degrees, including a master's of marriage and child counseling from Cal State University Fullerton, a certificate in child welfare management from UCLA, and a master's in social work from Cal State University San Bernardino.

While at New Mexico State University, she met and married fellow student James Ray Gallivan in 1964. Together, they built a loving family and raised four daughters: Michele (Rick) Lias, Cheley (Chris Galligher) Gallivan-Galligher, Britney (William Crisafi) Gallivan, and Danielle (Oliver) Thomas who joined the family in 1995 after the passing of her mother.

She had eight grandchildren – Cosette (Harish Thangavel) Lias, Cameron Galligher, Richard Lias, Courtney Galligher, Alex Thomas, Sophie Thomas, Vesper Gallivan-Crisafi, and Vyla Gallivan-Crisafi.

Gallivan worked as a social worker for the New Mexico Health and Social Services Department from 1967 to 1972.



Mickey Gallivan

In 1972, the Gallivan family relocated to Pomona. She began her California career with the San Antonio Campfire Girls before joining the San Bernardino County Department of Social Services. Over the years, she rose through the ranks of child protective services – first as a supervisor, then district manager, and later administrator. When the Department of Aging and Adult Services was created, she transferred and became deputy director.

She served on the committee that founded the House of Ruth, a center for victims of domestic violence. She was instrumental in developing long-term care initiatives at both the county and state levels. She helped draft legislative proposals – some of which became law – including full funding for the investigation and treatment of elder and dependent adult abuse. She played a leading role in initiating the master of social work program at Cal State University San Bernardino and championed policies to enhance independence and dignity for the elderly.

After retiring, Gallivan dedicated herself even more fully to community and historical preservation. As president of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley for 19 years (and a board member for 28), she led numerous initiatives to protect, restore, and celebrate Pomona's rich history. She secured local historic landmark designations for the Casa Primera, Adobe de Palomares, Phillips Mansion, Spadra Cemetery, Pomona Ebell Building, Barbara Greenwood Kindergarten, Hugues

Winery (Comfort Inn), the entire Pomona Civic Center, and hopefully Ganesha Park. She secured a national historic landmark designation for the Pomona city stables, the oldest municipal building in California.

She founded the Pomona Museum of History, initially opening it in a suite at the Village at Indian Hill before acquiring the Pomona Ebell Building where she went on to establish the Pomona Ebell Museum of History. Gallivan also spearheaded the preservation and adaptive reuse of the Currier ranch house and carriage house, physically relocating and restoring them in Pomona. She served on numerous committees and was instrumental in the preservation of the Fox Theater.

Gallivan helped write Pomona's historic preservation ordinance and helped establish the local and national designation of Lincoln Park, Wilton Heights, and Hacienda Park Historic Districts. She was pivotal in acquiring historical materials and funding for special collections at the Pomona Public Library. And she researched and authored the popular book, "Early Pomona."

She was also a proud member of Pomona Heritage for 29 years, serving as vice president and board member. She served for nine years on the Pomona Cultural Arts Commission, including a term as chair where she established the annual "chalk walk" and worked to obtain funding for Soto Park.

She brought the Los Angeles Symphonic Orchestra and the Los Angeles Opera to Pomona for five years. She helped bring the Los Angeles Philharmonic to Pomona for many years. She served on the Pomona Public Library board of trustees, Save Our Pomona Public Library, the Pomona budget oversight committee, and the Pomona ethics commission. She chaired the Miss Pomona Pageant for many years and transformed it into a scholarship program.

She served as a member of the LA County Fair community committee for 14 years. She implemented children's programming and was instrumental in the placement of a historical marker at Fairplex

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## Services held for Beth Brooks

Nearly 400 friends and family members turned out this month at Pilgrim Congregational Church when funeral services were held for Pomona's Beth Brooks who died late last month after an on-going battle with cancer. She was 70.

A Pomona native, Elizabeth (Beth) Alice Warren Brooks, a Pomona High School graduate, had strong roots in the community. A

Realtor, she spent her life working with her family – first her dad and her brother, then her son and eventually her daughter.

Beth loved owning her own business and was happy to be keeping it in the family. She was the fourth generation of her family to be a member of Pilgrim Congregational, where she served on many boards and committees throughout her life.

The highlight every year was attending Cedar Lake Camp, which she began attending in ninth grade and returned every year since, including 10 years she spent as camp director.

She was known for her love

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the ability to maintain the high standard of services our community expects and deserves," the city statement said. "At no point has the city been unresponsive – we have actively engaged with the district to find a mutually beneficial solution."

The city and the fire district are in the second year of a "rolling" five-year renewal term as provided for in their contract. City officials said the city remains fully committed to honoring the contract and funding fire services in accordance with its material terms throughout the renewal period.

"We are also steadfast in our commitment to ensuring the long-term provision of high-quality fire services for the Pomona commu-



Beth Brooks

of the City of Pomona, Pomona Police Department, and the LA County Fair. She was involved in Pomona Rotary as a past president, Fairplex Friends, and the Pomona Day Committee at Fairplex.

She is survived by her children Jason (Erin) Brooks and Mary (Ryan) Prendergast, grandchildren Andrew and Sarah Brooks, Luke and Reagan Prendergast, and brothers Mark (Pat) and Brent Warren. She was predeceased by her parents, Clyde and Marcia Warren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Cedar Lake Camp, P.O. Box 1568, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

nity," the city statement said. "It is our belief that the fire district shares this objective, though we recognize that economic conditions can place strain on such shared goals."

"The city is disappointed by the fire district's decision to issue a notice of termination at this time, and its apparent unwillingness to fulfill the existing contract through the current renewal period," the statement continued.

City officials said in the interest of public safety and "responsible governance," the city will continue to explore all available options to ensure uninterrupted, high quality fire protection services.

A request from La Nueva Voz

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CITY OF POMONA

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### Residential Trash Cart Exchange Program

Athens Services this week started the process of exchanging residential trash carts in Pomona. The exchange will be completed by **June 30, 2025**. After this exchange, only Athens Services carts will be serviced in the City of Pomona. This change is part of our commitment to ensuring that all residents receive the correct number and type of carts for their needs.

- **Who is affected?** Customers who have already received Athens carts since the start of the contract are not part of this exchange. However, if your Athens cart is cracked or damaged, please contact us, and we will provide a replacement at no cost.
- **What will happen during the exchange?** The exchange will be based on the information in our system. For example, if a customer has 2 trash carts, 2 green waste carts, and 2 recycling carts listed, they will receive the same number of carts. Any extra carts found curbside will be removed during the exchange.
- **What if you need more carts for your home?** Contact our Customer Service team at [www.AthensServices.com](http://www.AthensServices.com) or (888) 336-6100 and we will be happy to assist you.
- **What happens to the old carts?** Athens will be recycling the plastic and the metal on the cart.
- **Who is not included?** New communities added to the Athens Services contract after the initial deployment will not be included in this exchange, as they already have Athens carts in place.
- **What do you have to do?** Simply make sure all of your trash carts are accessible at the curb on trash collection days during the replacement period and we will exchange your old carts with new ones.



**If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Athens Services at (888) 314-0061.**

### Programa de Intercambio de Recipiente de Basura Residencial

Athens Services en esta semana empezó el proceso de intercambio de recipientes de basura residencial en Pomona. El intercambio concluirá el **30 de junio, 2025**. Después de este intercambio, solamente se les dará servicio a los recipientes de Athens Services en la Ciudad de Pomona. Este cambio forma parte de nuestro compromiso en asegurar que todos los residentes reciban el número y el tipo correcto de recipientes para sus necesidades.

- **¿Quién será afectado?** Los clientes que ya recibieron sus recipientes de Athens desde el principio del contrato no forman parte de este intercambio. Sin embargo, si tu recipiente de Athens esta roto o dañado, por favor comunícate con nosotros y nosotros te proveeremos con otro sin ningún cobro.
- **¿Qué pasará durante el intercambio?** El intercambio será basado en la información en nuestro sistema. Por ejemplo, si vemos que en nuestros datos el cliente tiene 2 recipientes para basura, 2 recipientes para residuo verde, y 2 recipientes para reciclaje, ellos recibirán el mismo número de recipientes. Cualquier otro recipiente extra que encontremos al borde de la banqueta será removido durante el intercambio.
- **¿Qué tal si ocupas más recipientes?** Comunícate con el equipo de Servicios al Cliente en [www.AthensServices.com](http://www.AthensServices.com) o (888) 336-6100 y con gusto te ayudaremos.
- **¿Qué pasa con los recipientes viejos?** Athens estará reciclando el plástico y el metal en el recipiente.
- **¿Quién no esta incluido en este programa?** Nuevas comunidades agregadas al contrato de Athens Services después del despliegue inicial no serán incluidos en este intercambio, pues los recipientes ya han sido colocados para ellos.
- **¿Qué te corresponde hacer a ti?** Simplemente asegurarte que todos tus recipientes de basura esten accesibles al borde de la banqueta en los días de colección de basura durante el periodo de intercambio y nosotros reemplazamos los viejos por los nuevos.

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**DIA DEL NINE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK** -- Representatives of the community came together last month to produce the third Dia Del Niño celebration at Pomona's Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, all to celebrate the rights of children. And the result again this year was a fun time in the park for the entire family. Organizers included the Latino and Latina Roundtable, Fairplex, Athens, God's Pantry, Galan Cultural Center, Just Us 4 Youth, Pomona City Councilmember Victor Preciado and others. The concept has been a cultural event in Mexico and El Salvador for years, according to Roundtable Executive Director Lina Mira, preserving for children the right to grow and the right to equality. Included were games, food, community resource materials, music and give-aways. Pictured with the microphone on stage is Preciado kicking off the event. Mira is pictured handing out information in the Roundtable booth.



**REMEMBERING THE HOMELAND** -- Representatives of the local Vietnamese community convened last month in Pomona's Hoa Binh Plaza commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, which speakers identified as "the day we lost our country to the communists." And there were many solemn moments during the event which honored the Vietnamese and Americans who both fought and died and those Vietnamese who risked their lives fleeing their country by boat, many of whom died at sea. Pictured on stage presenting a certificate to Vietnamese Community of Pomona Valley President Dr. Huu Dinh Vo is Anthony Moreno, representing State Sen. Susan Rubio, as Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz and Pomona's Thich (Reverend) Chon Tri of the Phap Van Buddhist Temple in Pomona look on at right. "This is for freedom and liberty," Vo said. "We are still fighting, and Vietnam one day may be free."

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for comment was forwarded to the fire department's Acting Assistant Fire Chief William Gamble who, in turn, passed it along to the office of Fire Chief Anthony Marrone. While officials said their response was initially delayed due to top staff responding to a third-alarm apartment house fire, no further comment was received before press time.

Pomona shut down the operation of its 100-year-old fire department in 1994 and transferred fire support to the county in a still-controversial move.

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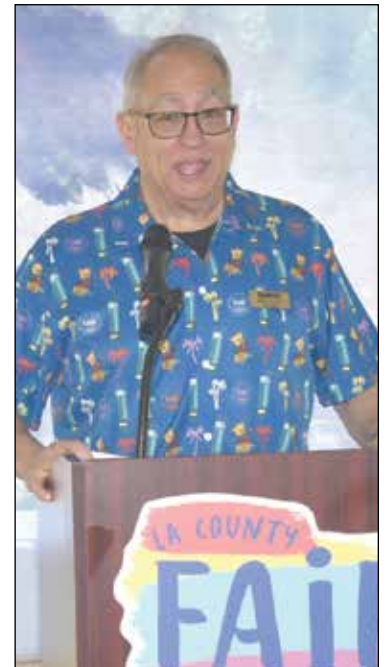
in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, and here at home because of the fires and the fact that our economy really got, how could I say, shaken up, a lot of our friends and families are still suffering,” she said. “We need to be reminded that we’re going to be here to help them and see this through and that’s really going to be all of us working together.”

Solis added that “we’ve got to get ready for 2028” and the cricket competition at the Olympics.

The LA County Fair runs through May 26 and is open on Thursdays through Sundays and on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.



The “Mini Mariachis” from Pomona’s dA Center for the Arts perform at L.A. County Day at the Fair.



Fair Association Board Vice Chair Mike Driebe at the Pomona Day at the Fair reception.



A major new addition at this year’s LA County Fair -- and one that passed the La Nueva Voz taste test -- was the “Chocolate Strawberry Cup.” And both the strawberries and the chocolate (and plenty of it) were amazing.

A lucky guest on media preview day two days before opening at the LA County Fair is handed a “Flying Empanada” at “The Veggie Box” for an advance taste test opportunity. And yes, we had to try that one out and it passed the La Nueva Voz test with flying colors.

### Pomona day at fair

Fairplex President and CEO Walter Marquez reminded guests this month at a special Pomona Day at the Fair reception that it was 103 years ago in 1822 when a group of Pomona merchants looked across a beet and barley farm and decided it would become the home of a future county fair in the City of Pomona.

He welcomed the group to Fairplex “celebrating what is community, celebrating what is fun, and celebrating everything that is fried.”

“At county fairs, we do not count calories – we count smiles,” he said. “So I dare you all as you roam

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Chicken Charlie, always a celebrity at the LA County Fair, shows off a new menu item during Fair Media Preview Day -- a meatball mozzarella corndog!



Los Angeles County Fair Association Board Chair John Landherr welcomes guests to an LA County Day at the Fair reception.



Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis at L.A. County Day at the Fair.



Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval welcomes Pomona to the Pomona Day reception.



Fairplex President and CEO Walter Marquez at the Pomona Day reception.

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**New Pomona ‘poet laureate,’ first ever ‘junior poet laureate,’ begin two-year terms**

Natalie Sierra, a poet, author and editor from Pomona, has officially started her two-year term as Pomona’s “poet laureate” – a program established by the Pomona City Council in 2019.

And this year, for an added twist, Kea Lee has been named the city’s first junior poet laureate.

Sierra’s work has been featured in “Westwind: A Journal of the Arts” (UCLA), “Medium,” the Los Angeles Times and more.

She is also the author of the poetry



Natalie Sierra

collection Medusa, of which her poem “Medusa is My Sister” was nominated for a Pushcart Prize, an American literary prize published by Pushcart Press.

Sierra is president of Café Con Libros Press, a nonprofit bookstore and literary hub in Downtown Pomona. She said her work explores themes of desire, identity and the supernatural.

During her term, Sierra will write and present original poetry at selected events and lead occasional workshops and seminars. She will receive a \$1,000 annual honorarium.



Kea Lee

Lee, who also will serve a two-year term, is a senior at Pomona’s Diamond Ranch High School, loves to read and write, and has been producing poetry for about three years.

Her biggest writing inspiration is Shel Silverstein, American writer, car-

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After all, the theme of the LA County Fair this year is “Art Unleashed” with all sorts of art modes included throughout the Fair. Pictured are half a dozen scenes playing out the theme in the Flower & Garden Pavillion.



Leading the parade on L.A. County Day at the Fair are the official banner carriers.



Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis at opening day reception for the LA County Fair. The county proclamation, at right, designated May 4 as L.A. County Day at the Fair.



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It wasn't 76 trombones leading the big parade, but when you add in the French horns, those amazing members of the Bassett High School marching band came pretty close. And they were as good or better than anybody in either the Rose Parade in Pasadena or the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York!



This year's theme at the Fair is "Art Unleashed," and art was literally everywhere you looked -- even the children's art on the wall inside Expo Hall 9 next to the indoor roller skating rink.



Fairplex President and CEO Walter Marquez rides in a classic pick-up in the mile-long parade through the fairgrounds on L.A. County Day at the Fair.

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toonist, songwriter, and musician, who she said she often sees reflected in her work.

She is currently considering publishing for the first time.

Lee will receive a \$250 annual honorarium.

The two were selected by two different ad hoc committees of the Pomona Public Library Board of Trustees in consultation with the Cultural Arts Commission.



Those of us in Pomona who watch the Pomona Christmas Parade every year know you can't have a parade without the classic cars and car clubs, and the LA County Fair "L.A. County Day" parade wasn't any different. The cars (and trucks) just keep bouncing up and down, opening and closing, lifting up those truck beds and more. They were definitely an entertaining addition to the parade.



Even the U.S. Forest Service rode in the parade with the famous Cal Fire (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) mascot Captain Cal, a mountain lion, on board. A U.S. Forest Service spokesperson told La Nueva Voz the two agencies share a space at the LA County Fair.

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## Pomona's Prototypes youth program wraps up successful school year of making a difference!

Earlier in the 2024/2025 school year, a group of young leaders in Pomona prepared the city's first youth-led Reality Party, a powerful and immersive community experience. Designed, written, and performed by youth, the event recreated real-life social settings where substance use might occur, helping audiences understand the emotional, legal, and social implications faced by teens today.

"Youth voices made the difference," said one attendee. "They weren't just actors. They were storytellers, educators, and advocates."

The youth at the center of developing this creative community event are members of the Elevated Minds Youth Committee, a group of community leaders supported through the Elevate Youth California (EYC) initiative. In the first year, these youth have taken the lead on prevention education and awareness, along with civic and community engagement efforts, leaving a mark not just on their school communities, but on city leaders and policy discussions within Pomona.

The Reality Party wasn't just about awareness – it was part of a larger, strategic push to amend Pomona's Social Host Ordinance to include consequences for hosting parties where illicit drugs are present, not just alcohol. Youth have presented in front of the City of Pomona's Youth Commission, distributed alcohol counter-marketing informational flyers to local businesses, and created social media content to rally community support. And their efforts are working – 80 percent of surveyed community members now support the amendment to the Social Host Ordinance.

This kind of youth-led policy work isn't common – but the Elevated Minds team is setting a new standard. Members organized community-led holiday home decoration, participated in a regional TUPE (Tobacco-Use Prevention Education) public service announcement (PSA) competition, and even spearheaded efforts to provide a free youth dance foundations class to promote healthy alternatives to substance use.

Youth also held structured listening sessions at Pomona's Park West High School. Workshops included providing space for their peers to speak openly about substance use and the barriers they face as well as the prevalence of chronic stress in teens and the importance of mental health practices. Feedback from these sessions is already shaping future youth programming, including more individualized mentorship and flexible access to services.

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Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz does a little shopping in what was really an outdoor old-fashioned candy store at the Fair.



The carnival games -- and the huge prizes -- always are a big hit at the Fair.



Visitors to the Fair were having a blast on one of the three new roller coasters at this year's LA County Fair.



This is the big one, folks. And it is a brand-new Royal Ferris wheel, just above the lagoon, and it was making its debut at the LA County Fair -- it had never been installed or ridden anywhere else before, ever!



A brand new outdoor stage was constructed in the infield for this year's concert series with seats spread out, well, pretty much everywhere on a huge mat under the chairs assembled on top of the grass. And for those who prefer the traditional grandstand, never fear -- the 93-year-old structure was simply closed this year due to on-going renovations which got under way earlier this year. The 8,000-seat concrete and steel grandstand was built in 1932. The 12,000-square-foot exhibit below the grandstand, home to the Fair's home arts department, is part of the maintenance upgrade. It was only the third time the grandstand has been completely closed -- the fairgrounds were completely closed during World War II and the COVID-19 pandemic. A major overhaul to the grandstand and the four-story clubhouse which was added in 1964 was conducted in 1986. Home arts -- all the arts, crafts, quilts, children's competitions and culinary contests -- were moved to Expo Hall 5.



You've got to love the huge stuffed animals up for the winning in the Fun Zone. OK, this one is only a medium-sized stuffed animal.





Photos by Renee Barbee  
Native American jewelry and clothing were available for sale and ceremonial dancers performed in the circle last month at the 31st annual three-day Ohlone "Big Time" Gathering and Pow-Wow in Pomona's Tony Cerda Park. The event, always held in the last weekend in April, is presented by Pomona's own Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe.

## Bills aim to strengthen California health care as Congress considers cuts

FROM CALIFORNIA NEWS SERVICE

Groups advocating for better access to health care have introduced what they call "Care4All California," a package of 13 bills designed to shore up the health system as the state braces for the possibility of huge cuts in federal funding for Medi-Cal.

The bills aim to get more people insured, connect them to care, and make health care more affordable.

"It's crucial that our state legislature shows their commitment to advancing a universal, affordable and equitable health care system," said Chris Noble, organizing director for the nonprofit Health Access California. "This year's

package of legislative and budget priorities requires no interventions by the federal government and should be adopted to safeguard our health care system in case there are federal attacks."

One bill would make sure people with Medicare supplemental insurance cannot be penalized for having preexisting conditions. Another would require hospitals to prescreen all patients to see if they are eligible for discounted or charity care programs. A third bill would allow undocumented people access to health plans on the Covered California exchange. Opponents cited cost concerns.

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## Mt. SAC 'Rising Scholar' awarded prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarship

Megan Lohans, a "Rising Scholars" student at Mt. SAC, has been chosen to receive the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, valued at up to \$55,000 each year.

Lohans, 40, also an "Honors Program" student at Mt. SAC, was only the 13th student in Mt. SAC history selected as a Cooke Scholar.

A first-generation college student majoring in addiction counseling, Lohans is set to graduate next month. A resident of West Covina and a single mother to a 4-year-old, she serves as an associate justice on the Associated Students Student Court and received a "Student of Distinction" award in the "Personal Achievement" category.

She is one of only 90 community college students selected from



a nationwide pool of 1,600 applicants based on academic achievement, persistence, desire to help others, and leadership.

The 90 recipients were chosen from a semifinalist pool of 467 students.

Formerly incarcerated, homeless and in recovery from addiction, Lohans said her positive experience at Mt. SAC, especially in the Rising Scholars Program, led her to discover "an incredible

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## Fair keeps smiles up!... from pg. 17



Food is always an important part of the Fair and it is the grilling outdoors that plays a big part in making it taste as good as it does!



Speaking of grilling Fair food outdoors, grilling onions and jalapenos were an important part of the experience and might have given even In-N-Out a run for their money.



Fairgoers of all sizes were having a blast at the free "Skate-R-Cade" in Expo Hall 9.



Rides in the Fun Zone at the Fair, as always, had their ups and downs but folks just kept lining up for more.

## District Attorney Hochman takes aggressive action against retail theft

Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman last week announced aggressive actions to protect local businesses, deter retail theft and restore public safety in communities, ramping up joint operations with law enforcement against organized criminals and filing more than 1,000 Proposition 36 felony theft charges against repeat offenders.

"Ending the cycle of catch-and-release that sent serial retail thieves back on the streets to reoffend is a top priority," Hochman said. "My office has zero tolerance for criminals who flagrantly flout the law and repeatedly steal from local businesses, subjecting store owners, employees, customers and community members to fear and violence."

"I thank the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, California

Highway Patrol and our other law enforcement and retail partners for their collaboration in holding those who victimize local businesses accountable," he said.

"Criminals stand warned – if you attempt to steal from Los Angeles County businesses, you will be arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law," he added.

California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 36 in November to strengthen penalties against repeat retail theft offenders. Before its passage, petty thefts under \$950 could only be classified as misdemeanors and thefts could not be aggregated to meet the felony threshold, creating what Hochman called a cycle of "cite and release" that encouraged retail theft and a culture of impunity.

Since the measure went into effect on Dec. 18, he said, his office

has filed more than 1,000 felony petty theft or shoplifting charges against individuals with two or more prior theft convictions, including one with 11 prior felony arrests and 34 bench warrants.

Capt. Francis Boateng, commanding officer for the Los Angeles Police Department's Commercial Crimes Division, said "the days of impunity are over."

"Retail theft isn't petty – it affects

jobs, safety, and the viability of neighborhood businesses," he said.

The District Attorney's office has even produced a "warning" decal that retailers can request from local law enforcement.



**ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** -- Pomona Rotary Club members last month honored 10 students from schools throughout Pomona as "Students of the Month" for April in a presentation at Pomona's Youth and Family Club. It was the last group of honorees for the current school year. Pictured, from left, are Hailey Williams of Fremont Academy, Hoorvash Ethadia of City of Knowledge, Citlaly Aguayo of The School of Arts and Enterprise, Quintin Robles of Diamond Ranch High School, Carolyn Louis of Garey High School, Rotarian Victor Caceres of the Youth and Family Club, Rotary President Josh Landis of Foothill Transit, David Nava of Village Academy High School, Sebastian Laguna of Park West High School, Jasmar Somoza of the School of Extended Educational Options, Daniela Erandi Rodriguez of Pomona High School, and Victoria Isabel Villeda of Ganesha High School.



## Rising Scholar... from pg. 18

desire to represent the formerly incarcerated community by gaining academic success with ferocity.”

“My greatest desire is to seek a career working with criminally justice-involved individuals who are re-entering society after spending time in incarceration,” she said. “I have become determined to be a success story, and I will never go back.”

The Rising Scholars Program seeks to assist students directly impacted by the criminal justice system through education.

The scholarship program, offered through the 25-year-old Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, is designed to help create debt-free

pathways to higher education for high-achieving students with financial need.

While nearly 80 percent of community college students aspire to earn a bachelor’s degree, only 16 percent reach that goal within six years, according to a news release. The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which provides funding for up to three years, helps ease the financial burden of completing a four-year degree.

Cooke scholars also are eligible for graduate school funding after completing their bachelor’s degree, making it possible to receive an additional \$75,000 for graduate study.

## Gallivan... from pg. 8

acknowledging the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Gallivan was honored by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano as the woman hero of the year in 2008. She was the LA County Fair community hero for 2012. In 2022, the Historical Society of Pomona Valley dedicated its new garden, Mickey’s Place, in her honor. She was selected to be featured as a Pomona hero in the “hall of gratitude” permanent tile art installation in the future Pomona-North A / Gold Line station.

Even while battling cancer, Gallivan embraced life. She took up

fencing and competed in the North America Cup and national fencing finals.

For more than five decades, Mickey and Jim Gallivan lived in their 101-year-old historic home, opening it for tours, fundraisers, board meetings, garden parties, and community events. Their home was a living example of her commitment to restoration and hospitality.

Friends are invited to attend her visitation and greet family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, at Todd Memorial Chapel in Pomona.

Floral tributes in her memory may be sent to Todd Memorial Chapel.

## Pomona Day at the Fair... from pg. 13

zoo at the Big Red Barn.

And on the Fair, he said, “The food’s great, the grounds are beautiful, I love the experience, I love watching the faces of the little kids who come out every year and their eyes are just wide with wonder as they experience the Fair.”

“It’s deeply seated in the heart of Pomona – it’s deeply seated as part of Pomona’s culture, and it is a success in so many ways because of people just like you in the community who connect, who reach out on our behalf, and who work with us to ensure that we provide a great opportunity for folks to come out and have fun so that we can count smiles,” Driebe said.

Driebe introduced Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, who told of the time he was a student at Pomona High School in the 1980s and a friend’s dad drove them to the Fair.

And he compared that outing to this month when he visited the Fair with his 5-year-old son, Roy.

“He’s on the kids’ rides and the smile and the laughter is the most beautiful thing as a father,” he added. “And so I share these things because this is a place where great memories are made, great experiences happen, I mean, how can you think of the Fair and not think of the turkey leg, right? Any of you ever get caught up in a ride that just keeps going, and perhaps winning a life-sized stuffed animal?”

And, in honor of the 2028 Olympics, Sandoval told the group the City of Pomona was going to challenge Fairplex staff to a game of cricket.

Marquez said players would have to sign some waivers, but said Fairplex would have the home field advantage.

around on the grounds to count the smiles and you will lose count because there are many that are being had on our grounds today.”

Marquez introduced Los Angeles County Fair Association Board Vice Chair Mike Driebe who said he has been a resident of Pomona for the past 25 years.

“But my history with Pomona goes back a little further than that, and it starts right here at the Fair,” he said, adding that he got his start at the Fair working in 1985 at the Pomona Jaycees hamburger and beer stand at the Fair.

He told guests some of the new attractions at the Fair this year include a “Community Corner” near the Big Red Barn where local nonprofits can share their mission with visitors to Fairplex.

And he said Cal Poly Pomona once again organized the petting

### POMONA RIBBON CUTTINGS FOR PHILLIPS RANCH PARK UPGRADES

Officials held ribbon cuttings for two park upgrades in Phillips Ranch last month -- a new playground at Country Crossings Park and new exercise equipment in the neighborhood’s “riparian greenbelt” area. Cutting the ribbon in the park are, at left, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, at left, and Vice Mayor Steve Lustro. And cutting the ribbon for the exercise equipment are, from left, Sharon Lustro, Steve Lustro and Sandoval. Pomona City Councilmember Victor Preciado is pictured second from left.



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**ANOTHER LOOK AT CASA COLINA'S 'HAVANA CASINO NIGHT' GALA** -- The fun continued all evening long at the Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare annual fundraising gala at the Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center in Pomona, this year on the theme "Havana Casino Night." Pictured are photos from guests enjoying the craps tables and blackjack tables throughout the evening.



As reported in last month's La Nueva Voz, this year's honoree was physical therapist Yannick Darmon, a researcher -- and now patient -- at Casa Colina who works with research on stroke survivors and, by coincidence, spinal cord injuries, making him one of his own research participants after sustaining spinal cord injuries of his own. From left, top photo, at a lively craps table are Chris Llewellyn, Rebecca McCloskey, Sarah Delgado, Rachel Tran and Stan Tran.

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'LIVE AT THE FOX' -- Anthony Bonner, Director of Pomona's Garey High School Music Department and a graduate of Garey High School, presents students in the Garey High School Band as they take a final bow after this month's "The Oscars" following their symphonic orchestra performance bringing a sweeping cinematic tribute to the stage at Pomona's Fox Theater. The exciting program was part of Pomona Unified School District's visual and performing arts "Live at the Fox" presentation.

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