MEMORIAL DAY AT MONTEBELLO CITY PARK

By: Ken Robledo, CPO, USN (Ret.)
Contributing Writer

Memorial Day, originally called “Decoration Day” in 1868, is a time to honor and remember those who died in our nation’s wars and reflect on their sacrifice. Their lives’ forfeiture in the line of duty is marked with headstones and memorials across our nation and on distant shores. All Veterans gave some, and some gave all. And this singular day commemorated our departed heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice toward the service of our country for the freedoms that we all enjoy and may sometimes take for granted today.

Moina Michael wrote in 1915: “We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led. It seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies”. Thus, the price paid for liberty has continued to grow from the first shots fired at Concord and Lexington to today’s battles in Iraq and Afghanistan. On May 25th, we honored and revered those who gave their lives so that we all may live in freedom at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony held at Montebello City Park. Appropriately, this writer would like to commend Ms. Janine Andrade of Montebello Parks & Recreation for her tireless coordination, professional execution, and continued hospitality that facilitated all participants and attendees to gain a better appreciation, deeper insight, and come away better Americans for it.

RECOGNIZING MONTEBELLO’S FALLEN HEROES

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Grant Red, U.S. Army Air Corps, WWI, Aircraft missing over the South Pacific 1944.
Robert Allen Agar, U.S. Marine Corps, Died Sept. 24, 1950, Korea
Stephan W. De Arco, U.S. Army, Died May 12, 1969, Cu Chi, Vietnam
Donald Hester, U.S. Navy, Died Sept. 6, 1964, Aircraft lost over the North China Sea.
Reginald J. Rodriguez, U.S. Marine Corps, Died Feb. 17, 1949, Quang Tri, Vietnam
Alphonso R. Castro, U.S. Army, Died Nov. 4, 1969, Nha Trang, Vietnam
William Parish, U.S. Marine Corps, Died June 3, 1969, Quang Tri, Vietnam
Charles G. Vargas, U.S. Army WWI, Died October 24, 1944, Southwest China Sea
Joe F. Gayoso, U.S. Army, Died May 21, 1971, Quang Tri, Vietnam
William D. Moreland, USMC, Died August 5, 1974, Vietnam
Raul Antonio Guerra, US Navy, Died October 8, 1967, Da Nang, Vietnam
Salvador Bazulto, USMC, Died October 12, 1967, Quang Tri, Vietnam
Michael Ward Herrera, USMC, Died April 10, 1976, South Vietnam

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**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

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1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

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**July 6th – August 21st**

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Monday, July 6th through Friday, August 14th

*Cathy Hensel Youth Center & Washington Elementary*
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“Thanks to easy access to training, Citizen CPR is rapidly growing as a way to empower bystanders to save a life when someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest,” says Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Miller. “We are glad to team up with the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency and the American Heart Association to bring Sidewalk CPR to our local community. With 80 percent of all cardiac arrests occurring at home, we need to help family and friends learn how to double or triple their loved one’s chance of survival.”

Learning hands-only CPR helps local emergency responders by focusing on the first few critical minutes following a cardiac arrest. Since the lungs and blood contain only enough oxygen to keep vital organs healthy for that amount of time bystanders become heroes until emergency responders arrive on scene. With each chest compression using hands-only CPR, ordinary citizens can easily provide the ongoing blood flow needed to give the patient a much better chance of survival once responders arrive.

Once trained, citizens are encouraged to download the PulsePoint app, which was activated in Los Angeles County last August. More than 33,000 CPR-trained citizens have downloaded this lifesaving app to receive notifications that someone nearby is in need of CPR. To learn more, visit the PulsePoint Foundation website at www.pulsepoint.org. 32 percent of victims receive CPR from a bystander. Don’t be a bystander in a cardiac emergency – be a lifesaver! For more information about this upcoming training, contact Justin Miller at (323) 480-8000 Ext. 520 or jmiller@cityofmontebello.com.

Training to be held at Montebello Fire Headquarters Station
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LONG TIME RESIDENT BEATRICE CORTEZ CELEBRATING 100 YEARS YOUNG

On June 5th, 1915, Beatrice Cortez was born as an only child in El Paso, Texas. A descent of the Machado family from Mexico, her parents decided to re-locate to Oxnard California when she was four years old.

They settled into a big house that accommodated much of the extended family which resulted in Beatrice growing up with cousins as siblings. It was all good; it was a small town and Beatrice was friendly and had an infectious laugh. When Beatrice was twelve years old, her mother moved to Los Angeles in hopes of finding work. While continuing her schooling, Beatrice found her passion in dancing. She learned many styles that included the Charleston and the Lindy.

Eventually she married, and in 1955 re-located to Montebello following a friend who had bought a lot on Montebello Blvd. to build a home. Beatrice and her husband fell in love with the area and bought their own home nearby on Carob Way for $13,000.00. They settled in and raised four children; Elva (deceased as an infant), Rosella, Joseph and Christina. Beatrice also involved herself in local politics, usually helping with the Ed Roybal campaign.

Beatrice was a stay-at-home mom until the 1960’s when she accepted a job at May Co. in downtown Los Angeles. Learning hands-only CPR helps local emergency responders by focusing on the first few critical minutes following a cardiac arrest. Since the lungs and blood contain only enough oxygen to keep vital organs healthy for that amount of time bystanders become heroes until emergency responders arrive on scene. With each chest compression using hands-only CPR, ordinary citizens can easily provide the ongoing blood flow needed to give the patient a much better chance of survival once responders arrive.

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SAAKYAN FCC/LEARNING STARS ACADEMY

by Anne Donofrio-Holter Contributing Writer

“Saakyan FCC (Family Child Care)/Learning Stars Academy does a great job in preparing students for grade school and we often find that they are so well prepared here,” said Asik Saakyan, founder, director and lead teacher.

Saakyan FCC/Learning Stars Academy, a licensed child care provider established in 2013, is a member of Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) Race to the Top, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing support to quality preschools.

According to Saakyan, the school’s learning centers vary in topic and are age appropriate for the children.

“The different indoor and outdoor areas support our school’s curriculum of language, reading, mathematics, music, art, science, culture, and imaginary play,” she said. “Our school provides language classes, namely Spanish and Armenian, and we are fortunate that two of our parents are teachers in the Montebello Unified School District and provide Spanish language instruction to our students.”

The school stocks a plethora of books, making reading fun and engaging for the children.

“I believe if we teach them to love books at an early age, they will remain that way throughout adulthood,” said Saakyan. “Our students know their alphabet, shapes, colors, numbers and can even write their full name before going to kindergarten.”

A member of Angeles Food program which ensures children eat healthy and nutritious food, the children at Saakyan FCC/Learning Stars Academy eat only organic foods at school.

“We believe that one of the most important lessons we can teach our students is the importance of healthy eating,” said Saakyan.

In the school’s garden, students and teachers plant fruits and vegetables together and when ripe, pick the fruits and vegetables themselves, enjoying them at lunch or snack time.

According to Saakyan, the students love playing outdoors and are encouraged to exercise as much as possible and engage in an active lifestyle.

Located at 233 South Greenwood Avenue in Montebello, the preschool employs four teachers with an average class size of 14 students.

“We have some students which are part-time/weekends, and for parents going to college, we have an evening program,” said Saakyan. “We accept children of all ages ranging from infant to school age.”

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MONTEBELLO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION SHARES LOVE FOR THE GAME WITH YOUTH
BALL PLAYERS FROM SONORA, MEXICO

Three teams from Mexico, ages 9-14 years old, attended the Memorial Day Tournament in Montebello.

Montebello Baseball Association and the City of Montebello welcomed Liga de Beisbol El Coloso from Sonora, Mexico to the Memorial Day Tournament, offering a cross-cultural exchange like no other in local youth baseball. The player and coaches from Team Mexico arrived in a Montebello bus and were welcomed by Mayor Pro Tem Art Barajas and Councilwoman Christina Cortez, MBA players, families, Fire Department and sponsors.

Teams played all day Saturday and Sunday. On Monday the team from Mexico attending the Dodgers game and on Tuesday they were at the Angels game in Anaheim and from there department back to Mexico.

The partnership with El Coloso started last year when MBA learned about the dire situation of the most impoverished neighborhoods in Hermosillo, where the kids would show up to the baseball field with no shoes or equipment to play. MBA truly wanted to give back, thus last year the league organized an equipment drive and hundreds of pieces of equipment landed in the hands of these players.

The desire to give these kids a lifetime experience and also offer our very own young players the opportunity of a cultural exchange resulted in a partnership where players from El Coloso were in Montebello playing in the Memorial Day Tournament.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors: Dodger and Angels organization for donating tickets, MBA families, Montebello Bus Union, Cook Hill, Hearts of Compassion, Montebello Batting Cages, House of Trophies, Action Designz, Ralphs, Applied Technology Center and Ponce Bakery.

BEVERLY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TO HOLD PARADISE BALL

by Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

The Crystal Ballroom of Los Angeles’ historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel will be the site of the Beverly Hospital Foundation’s inaugural Paradise Ball. Funds from the June 13 event will support Beverly Hospital, serving Montebello and nearby communities for over 65 years.

Actor Edward James Olmos will be honored as the Foundation’s Man of Distinction. A Montebello High School graduate, Olmos is being recognized for his many years of charitable work.

According to a spokesperson, Doctors Kamalakar and Savitri Rambhalta will receive the inaugural Hensel Award for their efforts “in supporting the hospital’s mission of providing compassionate care to the local communities through their efforts in establishing the NICU, their continued presence on the medical staff and their philanthropic support of the hospital.”

The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner, live and silent auctions, dancing, and music by The Wiseguys Big Band Machine.

For ticket or sponsorship information, contact the Foundation at 323-725-4264.
The Shops at Montebello recently recognized five local Montebello Unified School District students who completed a three-week We Care For Youth program meant to offer real-life training to prepare them to enter the workforce.

The Shops at Montebello recently held an Achievement Ceremony at the center recognizing 32 local high school students who completed the special program, including five students who were awarded scholarships:

- Hugo Zavaleta Rojas ($500), Alexis Serna ($500) and Francisco Ortega Lopez ($250) from Schurr High School
- Erika Garfias ($250) from Montebello High School
- Katherine Romero ($500) from Applied Technology Center

"Connecting with youth and preparing them for the real world is important to The Shops at Montebello, and to our local community partners," said Marida Petitjean, Director of Marketing and Business Development at The Shops at Montebello.

During the We Care for Youth program, a limited number of juniors and seniors attended 2-hour sessions Monday through Thursday at The Shops at Montebello for three weeks. During the sessions, which were taught by instructors Kenneth Seto and Sterling Schubert, attendees dressed in business attire and learned the best way to apply for a job, how to manage time effectively and how to professionally work with customers.

Meant to enhance students’ opportunities for future employment and education, the free program focuses on building interpersonal skills, interview skills, assertiveness and more. A partnership between The Shops at Montebello and the Montebello Unified School District, the program aims to help uncover students’ unique and natural talents and grow them into practical, real-world strengths, while building self-confidence and self-awareness.

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Montebello Municipal Code Section 17.16.230 allows garages sales in residential zones four weekends per year. No permits or fees are required of residents wishing to have a garage sale on the permitted weekends. The approved dates for garages in 2015 are as follows:

**JUNE 5, 6, & 7**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 5, & 6**

**DECEMBER 4, 5, & 6**

For further information and regulations please contact the City of Montebello Code Enforcement Division at 323 887-1486.
On May 13th, educators around the state marked the 33rd anniversary of California’s Day of the Teacher to honor them and to demonstrate their impact. CTA has chosen “California Teachers: Where School Innovation Begins” as this year’s theme. We all know our communities share our goals for quality public schools and recognize public education as being the cornerstone for strong communities. It is up to all of us to build those vital relationships with parents, community organizations, local businesses, other unions, and seniors. We are all part of that community and we will best succeed when we work together.

Receiving recognizing that evening was Liz Pacheco. Liz has been teaching for over 35 years and has been with MUSD for the past 30 years. I have enjoyed the past 35 years of teaching. It has been a very rewarding experience for me and I have no regrets. “I am blessed to have a family that has supported me over the years and for that I am grateful” Liz went on to say that she would like to congratulate all the teachers that have been recognized.
CSHM STUDENT SELECTED BY DOWN UNDER SPORTS

by Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary senior Anthony Haddad has been selected by International Sports Specialists, Inc. (Down Under Sports), along with 29 other California student athletes, to represent the state and country in an exhibition football game to be played this summer in Australia. The annual tournaments, representing a variety of sports, allows student athletes from various countries to compete head-to-head. ISSI’s goal is to “continue to provide athletes who excel in their sport the opportunity to experience the culture, beauty and grandeur of the land-down-under all within the framework of spirited and intense competition in many different sports.”

“It’s amazing that the first opportunity I will get to leave the country for the first time will be because of something dearly important to me, football,” said Haddad. “I am really looking forward to it, training everyday nonstop to prepare for this once in a lifetime opportunity.”

According to Haddad, this selection qualifies him for All State Honors. “All-State Honors means not only are you considered a superior athlete, but you also have a significant overall grade point average (GPA),” he said.

Having played four years of high school football and four years of track and field, Haddad has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Football accolades include First Team All League, First Team All Area, Defensive MVP, and Lineman of the Year for the South Catholic League.

“My favorite and most important hobby would be weightlifting,” he said. “I love constantly putting my body through severe stress under weights and seeing the results the next morning when I wake up.”

Haddad hopes to obtain a Master’s degree in Kinesiology with a minor in strength and conditioning.

“My goal is to open a chain of international gyms training only top elite athletes from different countries and from different sports,” he said.

To contribute, go to gofund.me/Anthony-Haddad.

CSHM HOLDS FIRST RETROUNION FUNDRAISING DANCE

by Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School (CSHM) alumni enjoyed a blast from the past as the school held its first Retrounion May 16 in the school auditorium. CSHM Director of Advancement and Operations Raul Melendez came up with the catchy name after being approached by Rebecca Ramos Velasquez, CSHM Admissions Coordinator and English Department Chair, with the idea of having a fundraising dance to benefit the school’s tuition assistance fund.

“We wanted something that would encourage both the Cantwell and Sacred Heart of Mary alumni to come back and give back,” said Velasquez, a 1978 CSHM graduate.

“The name Retrounion takes us back to our high schools days, when life was easier, life-long relationships were formed, and school dances were the highlight of our time,” said Melendez, a 1981 CSHM graduate.

Cantwell High School for young men and Sacred Heart of Mary High School for young women, both founded in the 1940’s, became Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School in 1991. Graduates from all classes were invited with over 200 in attendance.

“Everyone had a blast at the dance meeting up with old friends and classmates,” said Velasquez. “There was a wonderful spirit in the air! It was like coming home.”

During the evening, alumni danced to the live music of Cold Duck, enjoyed great food and had an opportunity to win a variety of raffle prizes.

“I received so much positive feedback that we are definitely going to do this again next year,” said Velasquez.

“This event will continue to grow and current CSHM students will benefit from the generosity of those students that came before them,” added Melendez.

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MHS SWIM CONCLUDES SEASON

by Roman Contreras
MHS

With the 2015 spring sports season coming to a close, the Montebello High School Oiler swim team powered through the season all the way to preliminaries, but ultimately took 5th place, and could not make it to the CIF finals.

The season started March 6th, 2015 with a meet against El Rancho High School, and ended March 6th, 2015 for the Oilers, but officially ended two days later on March 8th, 2015.

Varsity Boys came in 4th place at preliminaries, held at Schurr High School, behind Schurr High School in 3rd place, Gabrieno High School in 2nd place, and Mark Keppel High School who came in 1st place. The JV girls came in 5th place at preliminaries, behind Alhambra High School in 4th place, Schurr High School in 3rd place, Gabrieno High School in 2nd place, and Mark Keppel High School who took 1st place once again.

"Swim Season was a lot of hard work," mentions top JV backstroke swimmer and varsity water polo goalie Megan Moreno, "but it was definitely worth waking up every morning for practice that started at 6 a.m." she adds. Moreno shows off this hard work with an impressive 38 seconds for her 50-meter back stroke.

Varsity freestyle swimmer Hervey Villegas helped the Oilers get to prelims no doubt with his amazing speed and dedication to swimming. Villegas helped rack up the points with an unbelievable 23 seconds for a 50-meter freestyle, and 53 seconds a 100-meter freestyle.

Even though the Oilers did not have the best swim season they did not fail to continuously work hard to improve their swimming skills for water polo season and the next swimming season to come. The Montebello High School Oiler swim team is excited to come back next season and hopefully take the CIF championship.

ROTARIANS SPONSOR LEADERSHIP CAMP AND ESSAY CONTEST FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

by Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Montebello High School senior Maria Bello, the winner of this year's Montebello Rotary Club George R. Hensel Ethics Essay Contest.

"As Rotarians, we believe that ethics is, and should be, a part of our everyday lives," said President Bernadette Hensel. "This contest, founded and fully funded by my late husband and Montebello Rotarian George Hensel, was designed to challenge high school students to analyze ethical issues and concerns confronting them in today's complex world."

This year, the club received 30 entries with the top three presented to members at a recent meeting. Bello's entry on the consequences of cheating in school focused on the importance of not giving in to peer pressure. Montebello High School seniors Tina Germanian and Valerie Arvizu were this year's runner-ups.

Students from Montebello, Schurr, Applied Technology Center and Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High Schools spent three days courtesy of the Montebello Rotary Club at Thousand Pines Camp in Crestline, California where they participated in team activities designed to promote leadership skills, communication and problem solving, cooperation, respect, tolerance and personal growth.

The 12 students, joined several hundred of their peers at this year's Rotary District 5300 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) leadership camp designed to provide education and training for young people with outstanding leadership potential. The goals of the program are to develop leadership skills of youth with emphasis on how to motivate others, ethics of positive leadership, teamwork and group dynamics, how to deal with peer pressure and developing self confidence and self esteem.

The students were selected through interviews conducted by Montebello Rotarians and spearheaded by program advisor Gabriel Garza.

"Rotarians believe in the importance of investing in youth leadership," said Garza. "RYLA participations are exposed to values that Rotarians deem essential for those who hold leadership roles such as ethical behavior, integrity and a commitment to community service."
MUSD EDUCATOR RECEIVES SOLE $25,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES

As a Potrero Heights Elementary School site leader, Karen Ho is involved in all aspects of school leadership. She is an English Learner Program Facilitator, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Facilitator, oversees Potrero Heights’ Categorical Budget, functions as the school webmaster, and even acts as a curbside valet in the mornings. After work, Ho travels to Azusa Pacific University to complete her Doctor of Education degree, while raising a family. Recognizing her tenacious commitment to academics, Toyota Financial Services will grant Ho the $25,000 George Borst Community Leadership Award scholarship for 2015.

Ho was nominated for the scholarship by Anna Araujo, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of East Los Angeles and Potrero Heights’ principal Lili Atoyano, who upon arriving at the elementary school gained an immediate appreciation for Ho’s dedication to her students. Atoyan also contributed a letter of recommendation.

“It’s fascinating to see Karen do her job. She is confident, calm and organized,” Atoyan said. “She’s a gift – dedicated, knowledgeable, intelligent and truly wonderful.”

Ho’s dissertation subject – which examines the relationship between parent literacy practices and academic achievement in elementary through middle school education – is well-suited for Montebello Unified and its commitment to global learning and dual language immersion programs.

“I work with a lot of students who are English learners. Many of them come from households where their parent’s language skills are limited,” Ho said. “I wanted to dig deeper into how that might impact their child’s education.”

The scholarship comes from Toyota Financial Services, which created a foundation to provide scholarship opportunities for women and to honor former Toyota Financial Services CEO George Borst. In his 16 years at Toyota, Borst was known for his diversity, inclusiveness and for his commitment to advancing women leaders.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 305 MINUTE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN

The Board of Education passed a resolution adopting a 305 minute instructional day for Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten (TK/K) students at the May 7 meeting. The longer instructional day begins in the 2015-2016 school year. The District and the Association have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which guarantees assistance to Bargaining Unit members during the coming school year. The MOU applies to each teacher with one or more TKK students (General Education and/or Special Education.) The MOU concentrates on three areas: Class Size, Teaching and Preparation Time, and Transfer and Reassignment Policy.

Class Size

TKK classes will have no more than 24 students assigned.

Teaching and Preparation Time

Prep Time - TKK teachers will have 4 additional hours of preparation time during the 2-9 staff development months. The preparation time will be provided by a TKK itinerant teacher who will pull the students out. The TKK teacher will not be responsible for planning the time the students are with the TKK itinerant teacher. The TKK itinerant teacher will have no more than 33 students in any one pull out session (classes may be combined.) The schedule for the preparation time will be prepared in advance. The TKK teachers will have the schedule in writing no less than 5 days in advance.

First Month Student Transition

TKK students will have a 240 minute day during the first staff development month.

Assessment/Instructional Support

The TKK itinerant teachers will support TKK teachers in the classroom during the first and tenth Staff Development Month. TKK teachers will be required to attend only 3 of the 5 meeting hours in the first and tenth Staff Development Month.

Outdoor Learning and Recess

The TKK students will be supervised separately from 1-5 grade students. The TKK students will have developmentally appropriate outdoor equipment.

Transfer and Reassignment Policy

All Bargaining Unit Members can opt out of teaching TKK prior to the beginning the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone who does not want to teach TKK can alert the principal that this is not a good fit. If assignments are not available at the site, a transfer may be required.
With his military introduction at Roosevelt High School’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, former Army Air Force Corporal (CPL) Henry Ayala answered his call to duty in defense of our nation in support of the Second World War. He courageously served as a radio operator with the 1304th Army Air Corp Base Unit in Barrack-Pore, India onboard C47 transport aircraft carrying soldiers and material to support the war effort against the Japanese in China. And miraculously, CPL Ayala and his fellow Airmen survived an aviation disaster that, while destroying their aircraft, sustained the mission.

Subsequent to the War’s culmination, both he and fellow Veteran, Herman Waer, launched a business enterprise proudly and fittingly named “Tu-Vets Printing”. While initially serving greater Los Angeles, the company continued to thrive and expand to eventually supply customers nation-wide over a span of 65 years. Former CPL Ayala was an avid member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Optimist Club, and Benevolent and Protective Elks, while being a fervent supporter of helping others and reciprocating to the community.

Former CPL Henry Ayala was born March 29, 1920 and passed away to his everlasting post on May 5, 2015. He served honorably during WWII in the China-Burma-India Theater of operations. CPL Ayala was awarded American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, WWII Victory, and Good Conduct Medals; and qualified as a Carbine Sharpshooter and Aircrew Member. He leaves 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.
It's been said that the secret to a long successful marriage is like living in California; “When you find a fault, don’t dwell on it.” Then there’s the woman when asked what her secret to a successful marriage, answered is, “I always let him have my way.”

A short time ago a very well-known and respected couple in our community celebrated 50 years of marriage with a celebration mass to renew their wedding vows, followed by a reception dinner at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant.

The uniqueness of Rosemary and Edward Vasquez’s 50th Wedding anniversary is that they are the only married couple that have each served as Mayor of the City of Montebello. The celebration mass was held at, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Montebello. The milestone was presided over by Father Michael Meyer. The Bridesmaids were, Nancy Vasquez, Maria Halpern, Judy Vasquez and Amelia Vasquez. The Flower girl was Isabella Vasquez. Groomsmen included; William Vasquez, Lawrence Cabunoc, and Robert Vasquez. Ring bearers were; Benjamin Vasquez, Brandon Gill and Ryan Gill. Rosemary and Ed’s romance began with a first date to the movies in a little 1941 Chevy. Over the next several decades, the two flourished into a couple of the most productive, dedicated, giving citizens that this city is fortunate to have had living here for the past 43 years.

While keeping the knot tied, and raising two children Rosemarie was able to make time to be involved in community service that continued for 30 years. She served on city council for four years, becoming Mayor in 2009. She was also a board member of the YM.C.A., Chamber of commerce, Beverly Hospital, Montebello City Library and a member of the Soroptimist Club. She also was a business owner for over eighteen years owning her own Jewelry store.

Ed himself was also able to make time to serve his community while teaching at Los Angeles City College. Professor Vasquez served on city council for eight years. Also being voted in as Mayor in 2001. His also served on the Civil Service commission for eight years, planning commission for twelve years and Central water Basin Board for eight years.

Today finds Ed and Rosemarie deservedly retired enjoying time with their grandchildren and each other.
By Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

Honor a 61-year tradition, the Montebello Rotary Club was this year’s host for the City’s All Service Club Banquet held April 29 at the Quiet Cannon. The annual event recognizes those who help others in the community through their volunteer work in Montebello’s service organizations.

Although a celebration recognizing the work and dedication of all service club members, each year a highlight of the event is the selection of one member as the All Service Club Person of the Year. This year that honor went to Rotarian Gabriel Garza for his work with Rotary youth programs.

“It is an certainly an honor and a big surprise to receive such an award,” said Garza. “It has always been my pleasure to assist and help whenever I can. Working with youth, I get a chance to see firsthand the great kids we have in this community.”

“This evening is what Montebello is all about,” said Rotary President Bernadette Hensel. “Caring people who love this community and are dedicated to community service.”

During dinner, guests enjoyed the lovely voice of singer and guitarist Ayline Amirayan, along with the fabulous operatic voice of Charles Gavoian.

A fun highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual banquet attendance awards. A long-standing tradition held when the award for lowest attendance (based on percentage of club size) and winner of the infamous toilet seat award went to the Lions Club rather than the Rotarians. They will maintain custody of the seat for one year, passing it on to next year’s recipient. The Soroptimists received best attendance honors.

Each club president then gave a brief presentation highlighting his or her club’s accomplishments over the past year. Hensel spoke of Rotary’s ongoing service projects especially the worldwide eradication of polio, clean water projects, youth scholarships and leadership training, and the preservation of Montebello’s Sanchez Adobe.

“This annual gathering of service club members is a great tradition recognizing those of us who, as is the Rotary motto, value “Service Above Self,” said Hensel. “I want to thank all of you who volunteer your time in service to our community. The Rotary Club was proud to host this year’s banquet.”

Montebello city council members Vivian Romero and Christina Cortez then presented certificates of recognition to each club.

Hensel closed by saying, “May you continue to do good work to help make the lives of others better. There are so many causes, all you have to do is pick one close to your heart and serve as best you can.”

A special thank you to Rotarian Denise Hagopian for spearheading the event.

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WHAT IS HOLISTIC HEALTH?

By Teresa Lindmayer, CHC

As a graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition (IIIN), one of the most profound lessons I learned was that being healthy isn’t just about the food we eat; it’s about learning to integrate the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional parts of our lives. Holistic health relates to the entire person which is spirit, soul and body. It’s about being whole, complete and maintaining a positive lifestyle change.

Holistic health is an ancient healing tradition originating from India and China that began over 5,000 years ago. In India it is known as Ayurveda and in China it is known as Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Holistic health is a state of balance, not just an absence of illness. As Socrates said in the 4th century B.C., “the part can never be well unless the whole is well.” Healing is most effective when you consider the whole person, rather than focusing on specific illnesses, body parts or symptoms. The goal is to achieve higher levels or maximum well-being and wholeness as well as preventing illness and disease.

Joshua Rosenthal, MScED, Founder, Director and Primary Teacher at IIN, teaches about the forms of nourishment that truly feed our hunger for life and calls it is known as Ayurveda and in China it is called Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Holistic health is a state of balance, not just an absence of illness. When examining relationships, try to understand your personal preferences in regard to how much intimacy you want in your life. Some people love being alone, while on the other end of the spectrum, some people love being around other people. Most people fall somewhere in the middle. Where do you fall on this scale? No rules, no judgment – just find and honor what is true for you at this point in your life.

Physical Activity: Our bodies thrive on movement and quickly degenerate without it. When it comes to working out, the challenge is to find the types of exercise you most and build them into your life. Keep your body active. If you have a job that has you sitting a majority of the time, schedule a few minutes each hour to get up and move. Walk around the office, go grab a drink of water, or walk outside. Talk on the phone while “pacing” in your office. Do little stretches from time to time.

After work, plan time to play. Go for a walk, run, or swim; spend some time at the gym; throw the ball with your child or dog. Anything you can do to get your body moving as it was built to do will pay off in keeping you healthy.

Career: Most of us spend more than half of our waking hours at work. Yet how many of us really enjoy it? We don’t realize the extent to which our lives would improve if we were doing work we loved. But sometimes it’s simply not optimal to go out and create a new career. In that case, think about your job and evaluate – what is working and what is not working? By making adjustments in just a few areas, you could make your job much more rewarding. Ask for a raise, request to join a new project, redecorate your office – it’s up to you to ask for what you need.

There is no one right answer about how to find happiness in your career. Maybe you love working hard in a corporate environment, or maybe you need a more flexible, less conventional position. Be honest about what works for you and remember that we all need to nourish ourselves by the work we love and being paid fairly for it.

Spirituality: Spiritual nutrition can feed us on a very deep level and dramatically diminish cravings for the superficial rewards of life. Prayer and worship to God, meditation, attending religious services and reading inspirational texts, or walking in the woods – whatever it is, be encouraged to commit to your practice and do it daily. As you deepen your connection to the greater processes of life, you may find yourself coping with stress and emotions more easily, relating more lovingly and compassionately with others, having more joy in life and finding greater meaning and purpose in your existence.

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Montebello residents picked up valuable tips and learned new ways to help the environment when the City hosted its first Recycling Awareness Day and Go Green Festival May 16 at City Park.

“We were looking for a way to demonstrate our renewed effort to going green and increasing the level of recycling aware-
ess,” said City Manager Francesca Tucker-Schuyler. “We saw this event as an opportunity to promote recycling and develop a total awareness to conservation.”

According to Tucker-Schuyler, going green is “evolving into a mainstay for the City.”

“All of our environmental programs are being designed to promote conservation and increase the reuse, reduction, and recycling of materials,” she said. “It is our collective goal to meet operational parameters before they become state mandates.”

More than 20 vendors were on hand offering valuable tips on ways to achieve a sustainable, environmentally conscious lifestyle. Chalk artists decorated the sidewalks with go green-themed art and, given California’s current drought, tips on water conservation were of particular interest.

It was a fun-filled day of learning combined with food, entertainment, raffle prizes, free t-shirts and environmentally friendly tote bags. An electronic waste recycling event in the parking lot collected old televisions, computers and other items for safe disposal.

“This event marked the City’s official start to their renewed approach to going green,” said Jeff Camera, president of MCA Consultants, the City’s solid waste and recycling consultant. “It is easy to see how the program will be successful by simply looking at the commitments that have been made by the City, its employees and the community to reducing waste, increas-
ing recycling and helping the environment.”

In its commitment to a green environment, the City has purchased commingled recycling containers, and secure shredding services reduce the amount of discarded paper and ensure the shredded paper is recycled.

“We have implemented procurement guidelines relative to environmentally friendly products and have reduced our paper consumption by implementing an electronic submission format whenever possible,” added Director of Public Works Danilo Batson.

“I am very happy to see the City’s commitment to going green,” said one woman at the event. “Together we can make a difference.”

Businesses and multi-family property owners can get free assistance on developing recycling programs and reducing waste to comply with current and future state mandates and the City continues to develop and implement programs making the recycling of beverage containers and other materi-
als easier. Contact the City or visit www.cityofmontebello.com for additional information.

“This event was only the introduction of our program,” said Batson. “In the coming months, the City will be developing additional programs to raise awareness of recycling and other environmental programs. You will see the City take the lead by looking at its operations and reaching out to the community to promote the realities and many benefits of going green.”

Montebello children and families were invited to go green with The Shops of Montebello during their Kidgits Club Little Plant Helpers event. Children were invited to learn ways to plant at home.

The fun filled day included crafts, a face painter and balloon artist. Kidgits Club members had the opportunity to decorate their own ecofriendly flower pot, with seeds to go along for and plant-
ing as well.

Participating organizations and retailers include the Montebello Commerce Y.M.C.A., Hot Dog on a Stick, and JCPenney Portrait Studio. Build-a-Bear Workshop had a special character appearance and storytelling, and the Montebello City Library hosted story time as well.

The Simon Kidgits Club is a fun informative program that focuses on health, wellness, educa-
tion, safety and entertainment for children ages 3-8. The Simon Kidgits Club has kept children and parents alike amused for over a decade with various events and activities while providing incen-
tives for club members, such as special offers, rewards and games.
Community

Mr. Mike Hernandez established Camino Real Chevrolet on March 16, 1976. He felt it was important to give his dealership a meaningful name, so he chose Camino Real Chevrolet, which means “King’s Road.” He wanted to create a self-supporting business that gave back to the community. Mr. Hernandez believes the greatest asset of a successful business is a tightly-knit dynamic between its co-workers. There is no better way to utilize that idea than by making this dealership a family run business. This formula has proven to be successful, because three generations later with his three sons, two daughters, and grandsons as employees, it is truly a family success.

Camino Real Chevrolet has received countless awards from General Motors, which reflects upon the dealerships excellent reputation. Such awards include the #1Sales Dealership in the GM Western Region, 2007 Dealer of the Year, and GM the Mark of Excellence award from 2003-2007, 2011, 2013-2014.

Parish Festival Weekend

St. Benedict School held its annual parish festival on May 15-17, 2015. Once again, the festival proved to be a successful event! The rain subsided just in time for the start of the festival, allowing the students to enjoy a fun filled weekend with exciting rides, jumpers and games. In addition, the live bands including the Wise Guys, Steel Rod and Soto kept the crowd entertained the entire weekend. The St. Benedict Parish would like to thank all of its parents (including captains), alumni, students, faculty, families, and community neighbors that helped make this a memorable event!

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Mark 9:23 "Everything is possible for one who believes."
DO WE REALLY NEED ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE?

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If you’re not sure of the answer to that question, then the short answer is yes. This software must be included in your pc at all times; it will make the difference between having a lot of headaches or having a productive computer for your daily needs. But first let me list the few reasons why you should be concerned about it and also remind you that the antivirus is only one layer among many that you will need to protect your system:

Benefits of having Antivirus:
- Boot Scan
- Real time protection
- Scanning of Individual files
- Incoming Email Scanning
- Protect your sensitive information, such as bank, credit and financial data.

Not having Antivirus is not the smartest choice, although you think you may be saving a little of money. That won’t be the case when a hacker is able to access your computer and manipulate the data to make you believe that you are infected and scare you. Many victims that believe these tactics end up paying the scammer hundreds of dollars.

There are 3 levels of infections:
1. - Viruses:
   A piece of code that is capable of copying itself and typically has a detrimental effect, such as corrupting the system or destroying data also called worm, Trojan etc.
2. - Malware:
   Any software used to disrupt computer operation, gather sensitive information, or gain access to private computer systems. Malware is defined by its malicious intent, acting against the requirements of the computer user, and does not include software that causes unintentional harm due to some deficiency. The term backware is sometimes used, and applied to both true (malicious) malware and unintentionally harmful software
3. - Spyware:
   Is software that aims to gather information about a person or organization without their knowledge and that may send such information to another entity without the consumer’s consent, or that asserts control over a computer without the consumer’s knowledge.

Therefore, not only can a virus infect your computer but also malware and spyware. These can be very harmful for your pc and the personal information collected in it.

Think about this, by having a antivirus your computer you will be protected 60% to 80% More. There is no antivirus program that, alone, can protect your computer 100% To protect your computer it is recommend that you avoid and strictly commit not to download any free software, games, music or any data from non well known sites. Just to make sure the program you are downloading is legitimat search in Google something like this “is this software name legit?”, and more likely you will get a lot of reviews and articles about it. Also you can try to use download.com, they will only list the software that is tested and will be scanned before being download to your pc.

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Davit and Nona are husband and wife, and owners of the Royal Academy “Sound of Music” in Montebello. Both are extremely talented and experienced. Davit and Nona along with the Holy Cross Armenian Cathedral are organizing and conducting a Charity Concert. All proceeds of the concert will benefit the Armenian Mesrobian School. The concert is dedicated to the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide. Davit and Nona have had their business in Montebello for over 5 years and continue to give back to the community their special gifts of talent.

Dr. Davit Sargsyan is a graduate of the Tchaikovsky School of Music, a special school for talented students in the former USSR. Mr. Sargsyan earned his Master’s and Doctorate Degrees in violin performance from the Komitas State Conservatory of Music where he studied with Dr. Z. Sargsyan whose teacher was a student of a famous Leopold Auer. He also holds an Artist Diploma from Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) and a performance certificate from the University of Wyoming, where he was awarded a Concertmaster Fellowship and Teaching Assistantship. Mr. Sargsyan has extensive orchestral experience with such orchestras as Pittsburgh Ballet and Opera Theatre Orchestra, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Altoona Symphony Orchestra (Assistant Concertmaster), Cheyenne and Fort Collins Symphony Orchestras (Principal First Violin), Missouri Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Sargsyan had participated in Master Classes with well-known musicians, among them Jean Ter-Mergerian, Tibor Varga, Vladimir Spivakov, members of Takacs String Quartet. Mr. Sargsyan appeared in concerto performances with Duquesne Symphony Orchestra, Yerevan Symphony Orchestra, and UW Symphony Orchestra and also performs solo and chamber music recitals.

He is a guest judge in Leana Cohen music competition and many others, also an active member of Music Teacher’s Association of California (MTAC) and American Federation of musicians (AFM).

Mr. Sargsyan has been teaching violin performance for more than 13 years and during his teaching career many of his students became winners of national competitions and orchestra auditions.

Nona Zakharyan is a graduate of the Tchaikovsky Special Music School for Talented Students. She then completed her Bachelor and Master’s Degrees with honors at the Komitas State Conservatory (USSR) where she studied with Prof. Svetlana Dadyan and Prof. Villy Sargsyan, a renowned performer and pedagogue in the Soviet Union and abroad. She earned her 2nd Master’s degree in Piano Performance from the University of Wyoming where she subsequently taught piano. Her teaching technique is based on Russian and American methods of piano performance. Mrs. Zakharyan has been a prizewinner in several competitions national and international, including 1st Prize in Midland/Odessa Symphony competition in 2003, Grand prize in the Fort-Collins Symphony concerto competition, Colorado in 2004. She appeared as a soloist with Midland/Odessa symphony orchestra, UW Symphony orchestra, Fort Collins Symphony orchestra and also performed solo recitals in Armenia, Russia, Georgia and USA. Nona is much in demand as a soloist and collaborative pianist, and performs regularly. Mrs. Zakharyan is featured on a compact disc recording of A.Khachatian piano concerto with Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra which was released in 2004. She is a guest judge in Leana Cohen music festival and many others, also active member of Music Teachers Association of California. Her students participated in many competitions earning the highest ranks. She has been teaching piano performance and theory of music for the past 12 years.

The very talented Davit and Nona will be performing at Sunday night’s event along with other musicians well known for their musical talents. The Charity Concert is Sunday, June 7, 2015 and starts at 7pm. The venue for the concert is the Bagrmanian Hall located at 900 W. Lincoln Ave. Montebello, CA 90640.
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE IN CALIFORNIA
PART 2 OF 3

This past Memorial Day weekend, DUI checkpoints and enforcement were in full effect and according to the California Highway Patrol, the statistics for DUI-related arrests and fatalities were lower than previous years. This sounds like great news, but the statistics were not as low as they should have been and many still were arrested for DUI.

In last month’s review, I discussed California Vehicle Code section 23152(a) which is driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both. This month, I will discuss section 23152(b) which is driving with a .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) level or higher, a misdemeanor offense. Although both sections are considered one DUI offense, most prosecutors will charge both as an alternate way to charge you.

Vehicle code section 23152(b) sets a presumption or inference that if your Blood Alcohol Content is .08 or higher then you are driving under the influence, even if you were not really under the influence. So in order to prove that you violated this section, the prosecution has the burden to show that 1) you were driving a motor vehicle 2) with a .08 or higher.

Usually, a police officer will perform field sobriety tests (FST’s) to gauge whether you were driving under the influence. There are no legal penalties for refusing an FST; however, you must submit to a breath or chemical blood test. The jury instructions for this section state that a chemical blood or breath test was taken within three hours of the time you drove, and the results were .08 or greater. It is especially important to note that the jury may but does not have to infer that you had a BAC of 0.08 or higher at the time of driving. This is why most DUI charges can be overcome Depending on the facts of the case.

There are certain defenses that apply to this section. One defense is that there may have been improper chemical blood or breath test procedures. Another legal defense is the “rising blood alcohol” level defense. For example, you may have drank shortly before driving and while driving your blood alcohol level was lower than the legal limit, but by the time you were administered a chemical or breath test, your level rose. In other words, your blood alcohol level peaked when given the test but not at the time of driving. Remember—the charge has to be .08 or higher at the time of driving. A forensic analyst is usually called to perform an analysis and explain this to a jury. This is a prime example of where science and the law meet. Other defenses may apply such as your mouth alcohol level skewed the results triggered by other factors such as acid reflux or the recent use of mouthwash. As you see, there is no “slam dunk” DUI case. There are many factors that may overcome the charges and consulting with an experienced attorney is important.

The penalties for this section are usually informal probation of 3-5 years and up to one year in county jail. The fines have increased substantially with a base fine of about $390. You are required to successfully complete an alcohol program. Also, many counties are making first time DUI offenders install a California Ignition Interlock Device which is costly. The harshest consequence is the driver’s license suspension if you fail to initiate an administrative hearing with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV hearing will be discussed in next month’s article. Be safe out there.

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The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life brings together more than four million people each year in over 20 countries to “celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and empower individuals and communities to fight back against the disease.” In addition to raising awareness, the event is also an opportunity for people from all walks of life to raise funds for much needed research. This year, Montebello’s event was held May 30-31 at Eastmont Intermediate School.

Following opening ceremonies, calling the Relay an event of hope, survivors and caregivers took to the track for the initial lap. They were then followed by the remainder of the crowd.

Throughout the 24-hour period, participants continued to walk, visit the various exhibits and lend support for each other.

As evening fell, candles inside bags called luminaria lit the track, each one a glowing tribute to a life that has battled cancer.

“Enthusiastic, dedicated, eager and exceptional are just a few words that best describe the volunteers at Montebello’s Relay for Life,” said an event spokesperson.

“I am proud to be part of such an incredible team of people who are giving back in a way that will help so many others,” said one volunteer.

Participants greeted the dawn of Sunday morning with a feeling of satisfaction.

“Tired, but so proud of what we have accomplished here,” said one participant.

“This is a disease that has touched everyone’s life in some way,” said another.

“It is an honor to be here to support the survivors as well as remember those we have lost to this terrible disease,” said yet another.

First held in 1985, almost 5,000 communities in the United States played host to the event last year. To date, Relay has raised close to $5 billion in the fight against cancer.
LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS CELEBRATE PROM

With the end of the school year being right around the corner, many high schools in Montebello celebrated their proms. The festivities gave students the opportunity to make memories while celebrating the end of the year.

Schurr High School celebrated their prom on May 22 on the Inspiration Horn Blower yacht which departed from Long Beach, similarly the Applied Technology Center celebrated theirs on the Fantasea yacht in Marina Del Rey on May 9, while Montebello High School held their event at the Hyatt in Long Beach on April 25.

Seniors Cleopatra Ortiz and Adam Ramirez were crowned Prom Queen and King (SHS).

Elena Rodarte & Alex Rodriguez Prom Queen and King for ATC.

MHS students Jesse Hernandez, Jasmine Villalobos, and Marco Santana pose for a photo at the Hyatt in Long Beach.

Junior Abraxaz Sanchez dances with other prom attendees.

Teresa Garcia and Ivette Morones pose with MHS prom queen Lupita Anguiano.

A senior couple poses for the camera on the deck of the yacht with the Long Beach lights in the background.
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Support The Montebello Hills Community

- **OUTDOOR RECREATION BENEFITS** - More than 16 acres of new parks and trails, including a 5.5-acre public sports park, more than 5 miles of hiking trails, and the Scenic Promenade with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, the Los Angeles skyline and the San Gabriel Valley.

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE** - The economic spark Montebello needs for revitalization and progress. 5,000 to 6,500 new jobs. New General Fund revenues of $2.65 million every year. $20 million in Development Fees. More than $180 million a year in new household income that will help attract new businesses and restaurants to Montebello.

- **BEAUTIFUL NEW HOMES** - The first significant new-home community in Montebello in more than 40 years. State-of-the-art, energy-efficient homes including custom estates, traditional detached homes, luxury townhomes and flats.

- **ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND** - 315 acres (64%) of the Montebello Hills will be set aside as permanent open space, which includes the 260-acre Montebello Hills Habitat Reserve.

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