Tim McCauley passed a uge gavel on to Dave Brown. hereby relinquishing the authority of office" to the ew president.

#### ir Force Stint

In taking office, Brown immented that he has lived I his life in this area, except r a stint in the United States ir Force during World War

Over more years than he ires to remember he has orked on numerous comunity projects with dozens, rhaps hundreds, of hardarking men and women who ve been and are dedicated our city and the citizens of r community.

"I hope." the new president immented, "that the entire mmunity - every civic mization, service club. iternal order, youth group. in and women from every

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ce Brown, Ken Zink, Virgi-McMahan, Bob Young, la Thompson, and Joseph

ickets for the event can be chased at the Foothill is office or from Hal gs and Oral Pearson. ets will also be available he door. The cost of the er has been set at \$5.50.

## prary to show m program onday, Feb. 4

the evening of Feb. 4, the aster Library 1150 W. J will present an evening ims that are dramatized stories of American :ture.

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looking over the numerous men and women attending the installation and dinner who have contributed so much to making Palmdale the fine city it is, one of our early projects," commented president Dave Brown, "is to

chanman, the dinner chairman role was a switch from the "Master of Ceremony" 58th Year—No. 113 More Antelope Valley People the "Master of Ceremony" that is traditional at such functions.

Davis called upon former mayor and Palmdale City Councilman, Larry Chimbole lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Water experts urge aqueduct water use

from federal, state and local agencies agree that people in Antelope Valley - East Kern must start using water from the State Water Project.

Williams Hardt of United States Geological Survey set the tone of last week's Water Seminar, sponsored by the Antelope Valley Board of Trade, when he reported continuing water table declines in nearly every groundwater basin from Pearblossom to Cantil. The groundwater levels have declined as much at 175

# Accident rate down, CHP reports

The energy crisis probably in part is responsible for less number of traffic accidents this year in Antelope Valley, but, statewide, California Highway Patrolmen are issuing more speeding tickets.

Officials at the California Highway Patrol station in Lancaster reported last month 147 accidents were investigated with 35 injuries resulting, and one fatality.

In January of 1973, Lancaster Station CHP officers investigated 183 accidents in which 76 were hurt, but no fatalities.

Throughout the state on Jan. 30, CHP officers cited 2703 motorists for speeding. Number of speeding tickets issued on an average day in 1973 was

Nearly a dozen water-experts: feet during the past 15 years, he revealed.

> The seminar, held at Holiday Inn at Palmdale, also included statements by water authorities from Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts. California Department of Water Resources, Lahontan District Water Quality Control Board, California City Community Services District, Mojave Public Utilities District. Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill County Water District, Edwards Air Force Base, Antelpe Valley Water Company and Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency.

#### Top Official

Engineer Ken Putnam, a top official of eight Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts in this region, warned that the present groundwater overdraft is "abusing a natural resource" and boosting water costs to householders.

Putnam said the Waterworks Districts would find it more economical to use water from the State Water Project rather than continue to drill more expensive wells, which he said now cost \$45,000 each. However, he said State Project water won't be available until local people approve a bond issue to build a distribution system proposed by Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency.

Barney Finnin, president of Mojave Public Utilities District, said Mojave is going to want a great deal more State Project water than the district contracted for a couple

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# Election June 4

Antelope Valley College trustees are expected to take appropriate Monday actions night to clear the way for an election June 4 - in conjunction with the Primary vote-to fill the board seat left vacant by the resignation of Robert Nelson. The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

Nelson resigned Dec. 28 because of the new financial disclosure law, which became effective Jan. 1.

The person elected in the June 4 Primary Election will serve for the unexpired portion of the four-year term to which Mr. Nelson was elected in 1971, or until June 30, 1975.

Persons interested in filing as candidates for the opening on the Board of Trustees of the Antelope Valley Joint Junior College District must file during the period from Feb. 11-Mar. 8, at the Office of the Registrar of Voters, 808

# Two compete for Mojave mayor title

MOJAVE — The 1974 edition of the Mojave Honorary Mayor contest is now underway with two contestants seeking to succeed the present c o m munity representative, Don Lowe.

Sponsored by the Elk's Lodge this year is Bill Valpey. He is being opposed by Keith Jacks, who is being sponsored by the Odd Fellows lodge.

The campaign got underway yesterday with a pancake breakfast in honor of both contestants, but at different sites. The Elks event was held at the club lodge, while the IOOF members used the Veterans Memorial Building.

In addition to choosing an honorary mayor, the contest each year raises funds to help

N. Spring St., The hours at to 5 p.m.

Candidates as to file a "decla tion" during th Jan. 28 through the case for p political office.

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The petitions n ed over to the Board of Superv the board can se date. Mrs. Florer spearheading the the incorporation gather the require this coming week. Thursday that a d volunteers are notelephone and he campaign.

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half in — and half out — of the Butler Oil Co. service station at 38206 Sierra Hwy., Palmdale, Friday evening.

Chavez was caught by California Highway Patrolman Dave Ritenauor trying to get out of a hole in the station's roof after the law officer was flagged down by a Palmdale resident who saw suspicious movement inside the closed station shortly after 9 p.m. Friday.

As Ritenauor jumped out of his car and held Chavez at gunpoint, he told the informant, Louis Jakabffy, 27, Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies were summoned on the patrol car's radio.

A second suspect fled the scene just as Ritenauor arrived, after he was overheard shouting "The cops are here!"

The suspects entered the station building by peeling

# Two injured in accident

Two persons were injured in an early-morning accident Saturday on the Antelope Valley Freeway, south of Angeles Forest Hwy., but details of the accident were not known at press time.

Hospitalized but in satisfactory condition at Palmdale General Hospital were Regina M. Moore, 37, of Mint Canyon Rd., Saugus, being treated for fractured ribs, cuts, and bruises.

More seriously injured, but recovering satisfactorily was Donald R. Hatton, 40, of Huntington Beach, who received a fractured back in the accident.

when caught by Ritenauor. -

Although there was some damage, apparently nothing was stolen from the station.

## Aqueduct . . .

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of years ago. Mojave, like all State Water Project customers in this area, would be served by the Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency's proposed system.

### \$10 Million

Robert Eiland, Deputy Director of the Department of Water Resources, explained that Water Agency taxpayers have already invested more than \$10 million in the State Water Project and will invest more millions every year for the next several decades, regardless how much or how little of the water is actually taken from the aqueduct and delivered to users.

## Petition . . .

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16 (street lighting), the tax rate would drop 26 cents. But for those taxpayers who live in neither of these areas, the tax rate would jump \$1.29.

Homeowners in only CSA No. 16 and County Service Area 12.9 (school crossing guard), but not the PUD, would see the rate go up 89 cents.

Those living in just the PUD, but not the two county service areas would have a tax hike of 14 cents.

All these rates are based on \$100 of assessed property value.

County Supervisor Baxter Ward.

## Palmdale Moose resumes Sunday buffets

Palmdale Moose Lodge 407, LOM, we resume serving the popular Sunday Supplementary buffets between 5-7 p.m., starting took (Sunday, Feb. 3) at the Moose Lodge, 300 East Ave. Q.

The public is welcome. Cost is \$2 per pe

son, with a choice of two entrees.

## Cub Scouts to hold pancake breakfast

Cub Scout Pack 186 will hold a pancak breakfast on Feb. 10 at Monte Vista Schoo Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. till noor Donation will be \$1.

## Lancaster BPOE 'stray Elks' night

Lancaster Elks Lodge 1625, BPOE, i looking for "stray Elks" to share the evening and dinner with officers of the Lodge, Exalt ed Ruler Julius Girard reports. The evening starts at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5.

All Elks are welcome, however, any Ell from another Lodge . . . a "stray" . . . is especially invited. A part of the evening's entertainment will be a demonstration of

Kung Fu, ER Girard said.

### Palmdale Optimists to hear Jay Lewis

Jay Lewis, member of the Palmdale City Planning Commission, will be the guest speaker Tuesday, Feb. 5, when the Palmdale Optimist Club holds the regular 7:30 a.m. breakfast session in Howard Johnson's.

All Optimist members and their guests are welcome to attend, according to public communications chafrman Dave Fox.

## Dr. Thurston Cancer League speaker

Dr. Emory T. Thurston of the Institute of Nutritional Research located in Hollywood. will be guest speaker for the regular meeting of Ivy Cancer League No. 132 at the Maryott School in Palmdale. The meeting will be Monday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m., preceded by a potluck at 6:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited.

## Today is final day to register

Today, Sunday, Feb. 3, is the final day for registering in order to be eligible to vote in the Mar. 5 municipal elections in Palmdale and California City.



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