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#### **College radio show** named best in the country

NORWALK - Cerritos College's WPMD radio program Falcon Spotlight was named America's Best Student Public Affairs Program by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS)'s 76th Annual International Conference in New York.

WPMD is a student-operated radio station at Cerritos College that provides content and programming for students, faculty, staff and community members on 1700 AM and worldwide on the internet.

Media Studies student Rob Flores began Falcon Spotlight to inform the community about campus activities and events, and to feature students, faculty, and administrators in 2011. He has interviewed college presidents, administrators, and mayors and elected officials of surrounding cities.

The show airs live on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-10:55 a.m. on school days. Show archives are posted on YouTube.

Flores plans on transferring to a California State University and continue his education in journalism and electronic media. He is actively involved in student government and volunteers in the city of Lynwood.

#### **Candlelight dinner** at senior center

NORWALK - The Norwalk Senior Center will host a candlelight dinner April 12 for adults ages 50 and older.

Dinners are \$6 if purchased before April 9 and \$7.50 after. Last day to buy tickets is April 11.

The menue includes top sirloin steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, dessert, beverage and coffee.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m., with dinner service from 5:45-6 p.m.

#### Library hosts talk on 'The Graveyard Book'

NORWALK - Norwalk Library will host a discussion on the teenage graphic novel "The Graveyard Book" this Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Written by bestselling author Neil Gaiman, "The Graveyard Book" is the dark tale of Nobody Owens, who was raised by ghosts in a cemetery. When his tragic past catches up to him, he will need to use all he has learned form his otherworldly guardians to survive.

The discussion is open to teens in grades 6-12.

#### **Mock SAT test** available at library

**NORWALK** – Teens in grades 8-12 can take a mock SAT test April 16 at the Norwalk Library.

The practice exam will be economy. As dealerships shutdown administered at 10 a.m. Students receive the results in 10 days.

Students should bring two pencils, a calculator and a snack. There will be one break during the program.

Registration is required by visiting the library's Information Desk or call

Free concert tonight

(562) 868-0775.

# at Cerritos College

NORWALK - Students and faculty in the Cerritos College Commercial and Applied Music programs will showcase their talents in a free multimedia concert today, March 25,

The concert will take place in the Burnight Center Theatre on campus and feature music from "Entropy," an album recorded, edited and mixed at

The live concert will feature video, lighting and choreography designed and performed by students, along with musicians and technicians.

\$2 in lots C-1, C-2 and C-10.

For more details, go to cms. cerritos.edu/amaz/entropy.htm email Dr. Andrew Maz at amaz@ cerritos.edu

# With an eye to the future, Norwalk looks to rebrand itself



Norwalk mayor Mike Mendez distributes American flags at a July 4 fireworks show last year. Photo courtesy city of Norwalk

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer** 

Staff Writer

ballot in November.

believes it is.

in 2007," said Livas.

NORWALK - The City of Norwalk is asking for resident input as it goes through the process of rebranding itself in the near future.

have been held over the last several Todd Smith of Tripepi Smith, the

for public safety and street repairs,

In a 3-2 decision, with Mayor

whether a permanent sales tax hike,

which would provide the city an

additional \$9 million annually, is

City Manager Gilbert Livas

"It's my job to make sure we stay

The reason behind the slow

As a result of the Great Recession,

ahead of the curve. The truth is we're

not at the revenue source we were at

down in revenue? Car dealerships

Downey lost three dealerships

when Ford, Cadillac, and Acura

succumbed to the plummeting

so did the city's sales tax revenue,

which relied heavily on the millions

(or better yet, the lack thereof).

weeks in order to identify what Norwalk residents hope Norwalk will one day represent. The most recent meeting was held this past Monday at the Norwalk Sports and Arts Complex.

"A lot of cities - they have identities, and they push hard to Several community meetings define themselves," said Ryder

**Downey City Council puts sales tax increase** 

City's branding effort.

Monday's meeting saw only a handful of residents come and speak their opinions. Though those who attended had many ideas of what they would like the city to represent, such as having an "old city vibe" and being a "welcoming, open arms community," no one really had any idea what Norwalk represented currently.

reaction mirrored comments made by Smith, who said assessment held last year reflected a 'lack of definition."

Norwalk City Manager Michael Egan emphasized the importance of finding the city's brand.

"Cities are unique entities and places," said Egan. "We attract people to live here, do business here, a lot of different things. So it makes a lot of sense for our city to brand itself based on its history, based on its people, and so we're trying to engage the community in this process so that as we go after pursuing economic development,

marketing-technology-public affairs new business opportunities, new firm currently spearheading the developments, we can sell ourselves as a quality place to be for businesses and families to thrive."

> Unfortunately, Monday's humble attendance numbers were a reflection of the "hit or miss" community involvement in the effort up to this

"This is a pretty esoteric concept, so it's not the easiest thing to get people involved with, and so you try and try as you will," said Smith. "... We've put a lot of effort into trying to find people, make sure they have an that results of a communications opportunity to know about it. We're running lots of Facebook ads, lots of Google ads. It's on all the standard communication channels that the city has at its disposal. So it's certainly not for lack of effort; we're trying to get the community interested."

> Those who would like to voice their ideas for the city rebranding are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming meetings. For more information, or if citizens are unable or unwilling to attend one of the future meetings, residents are encouraged to visit definingnorwalk.

this...we have a lot of positive growth

to make people think twice about

When asked if the city was in

need of additional funding to provide

an adequate level of city services, 23

percent answered there was "great

need and 47 percent said there was

"some need." Nearly 25 percent said

there was "little or no need" and 5

When asked directly about

percent were unsure.

investing in our city."

election.

# Weekend at a Glance

Saturday

Sunday



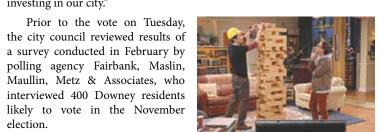
Easter Egg-Stravaganza Saturday - Norwalk Civic Center, 12:30 p.m.

Crafts, games, food and Easter egg hunts for kids of all ages.



**Rockabilly Day** Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 12 p.m.

Concerts, food, shopping and more. Family-friendly. \$1 admission



**Family Game Night** Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 6 p.m.

Life-sized Jenga, karaoke, raffles, robotic missions, and more.



Income Tax Help Saturday - Cerritos College, 10 a.m.

Free tax help for low-income residents Register: (866) 910-9559



Banda MS Sunday - Pico Rivera Sports Arena, 6 p.m.

Banda artists perform in a concert sponsored by 97.9 La Raza. \$60



**Smashing Pumpkins** Saturday - The Theatre at Ace Hotel downtown L.A., 8 p.m.

An acoustic-electro concert, with Liz Phair opening. \$60

#### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@PrincipalLancer: Norwalk parents: please join us for a Ride to the Future! We will visit @ today! #NLMUSD



of dollars the businesses generated By Christian Brown

city officials.

on November ballot

**DOWNEY** – Under pressure from we've lost," Livas said. city staff to find new revenue streams While sales tax revenues remain the Downey City Council reluctantly flat, the need for more public moved forward with plans to place safety, park renovations, and street a half-cent sales tax increase on the

overhauls is mounting, according to

stores to make up for every dealership

"It would take three department

Usually staffed at 111-115 Alex Saab and Councilman Sean officers, the Downey Police Ashton dissenting, the city council Department currently has 109 police Fernando Vasquez agreed that decided to let voters weigh in on officers on payroll.

> "For us to be proactive and increase patrols, we need 7-10 additional officers," said Chief Carl Charles, who acknowledged that state law AB 109, which released thousands of prisoners, is increasing

Livas said the cost of hiring the additional officers adds up to \$1.3-1.5 million annually. A small amount compared to the potential cost of revamping the city's aging parks and repaving residential streets.

"We have a lot of outside shoppers in our city," said Livas. "A tax increase would help fix the local streets, upgrade our parks, and make sure our police and fire have the best Councilman Luis Marquez



Alicia Edquist, an instructional lab tech and adjunct journalism professor at Cerritos College, received the Rich Cameron Volunteer of the Year award this past weekend.

Performances are free and open to 
The award was presented at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges state the public. One-day parking passes are convention, held at the Marriott Hotel in Burbank.

> "I have been so fortunate to have the privilege to work with such an amazing mentor, instructor, colleague and friend," said Edquist, referring to Rich Cameron, faculty adviser for the Talon Marks, Cerritos College's campus newspaper. "Words cannot express my excitement, appreciation and honor I feel at this moment!"

echoed the city manager, concerned don't know if this is the right time for that the city's public services could fall behind without additional happening in the city. We don't want

"It's been 30 years since our parks have been touched," he said. "No matter how many grants we receive, we'll never get to the complete needs of the city.

"It should be up to the residents

Likewise, Mayor Pro Tem residents should be offered the chance to vote on the tax hike, which would elevate the city's sales tax from 9 percent to 9.5 percent, if approved by a simple majority of voters.

"I know I pay enough in taxes, but I value our public safety and life - what value do we put on life," said Vasquez, recalling the recent string of deaths in the city.

"Why now? If there ever was a time [to place this on the ballot], it's now when a majority of people are out here to vote."

However, Saab is pushing back against the tax proposal, suggesting the city opt for spending cuts and waste reductions before burdening residents with a new tax.

affect existing businesses and new measure. businesses in our city," Saab said. "I

potential sales tax increase, 45 percent said they would definitely vote in favor while another 25 percent said the would probably vote yes or lean towards yes. The poll revealed that 29 percent indicated

they would not support the measure.

The city council on Tuesday also approved an \$83,000 contract with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, which will educate "My concerns are how this will the public on the sales tax increase

#### Teacher gets 3 years for sex with student

DOWNEY - Brandon Hitchcock, the 32-year-old Downey High teacher and soccer coach who had sex with a female student, was sentenced to three years in

Hitchcock, of Lakewood, also was ordered to stay away from the victim. In November, Hitchcock pleaded no contest to two counts of unlawful sexual

Hitchcock was a teacher and a soccer coach at Downey High School. In 2014, school staff were alerted about an inappropriate relationship between Hitchcock and a 17-year-old student. Administration informed law enforcement and they immediately began an investigation.

Deputy District Attorney Amanda Luna, who prosecuted the case, said Hitchcock had sexual interactions with the victim over a seven-month period.

The victim sued Hitchcock last October, alleging he preyed on her and initiated a sexual relationship.

According to the lawsuit, the girl, identified in court documents as Jane Doe, was a student in Hitchcock's 11th grade American history class during the 2013-14 school year. The lawsuit alleges that Hitchcock, who was 30 at the time, "began grooming" the 16-year-old girl, paying extra attention to her and inviting her to 'hang out" in his classroom after school.

Starting in January 2014, Hitchcock began allowing the girl to sit in on his sixth period, despite her having a sixth period photojournalism class, the lawsuit alleges. It was during this time that Hitchcock allegedly began flirting with the girl, writing in an email to her that it was "hard not to miss [her] smile."

Shortly before spring break, Hitchcock and the girl exchanged telephone numbers and Hitchcock told the girl that he "liked her.". They kissed while they were alone in his classroom, the suit alleges.

Over the next several weeks, Hitchcock allegedly told the girl that he loved her, and they began to have sex in April 2014.

Rumors of the relationship began to circulate on campus that September and in October, the girl reported the relationship to her parents, who called police.

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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

sign of aged skin: wrinkles. Why do we get them? Is there anything we can do to slow them down, or to minimize them?



Wrinkles are found in

healthy skin. Babies are born with them. As we age, our skin gets thinner, drier and less elastic. It loses some of its ability to protect itself from damage. Creases, folds, and ridges form. The first wrinkles to appear on our face tend to occur as a result of facial expressions, but sun damage, smoking, dehydration, some medications, and a number of other factors also cause wrinkles to develop. Our genetic makeup has a big influence on how wrinkled we become, and when and where wrinkles start to appear.

Those wrinkles that occur in areas of muscle contraction, such as the forehead and upper face, and around the mouth, are known as intrinsic aging wrinkles.

Extrinsic aging wrinkles, on the other hand, are caused by exposure to environmental factors like ultraviolet radiation (sun exposure) and cigarette smoking. This kind of wrinkling occurs mostly in sunexposed areas and is spread out, fine, and shallow. Heredity plays a large part for this kind of wrinkling, and certain fair-skinned ethnic groups are more prone to it, including the Scottish, Irish, and English. Those with darkly pigmented skin are less likely to show this type of wrinkling.

Cellulite is a type of wrinkling found most commonly in women. It is often associated with obesity, and appears in the hips, thighs, and buttocks. The skin has an "orange peel" appearance, caused by fat tissue in the dermis (the lower deep layer of the skin).

Even though wrinkles can give us the appearance of wisdom, most of us don't welcome them. Every

if we're lucky. It's the most reliable on treatments globally. Cost and leads to wrinkles and a dull, sallow effectiveness vary enormously.

> Many cosmetic procedures are Treatments include:

Paralysis of superficial muscles

•Filling in depressions

surgical treatments (chemical peels, dermabrasion, and laser resurfacing) that remove the sun-damaged outer layers of the skin. dehydrates the skin, and, in time, Some of these treatments require anesthesia and an operating room. As the surface heals, a thicker and healthier outer skin layer develops, and new collagen forms in the deeper

•Topical treatments, which include creams such as Vitamin A, alpha hydroxyl acids, antioxidants, and moisturizers.

Alternatively, here are some preventive measures you can take today - they are free of charge and have great side effects! They may help to slow the progression of wrinkles, and certainly won't hurt:

•Protect your skin from the sun every day. Seek shade, cover up with clothing, and use a broad-spectrum sunscreen. Every time the skin tans or burns, it is aging prematurely.

•If you smoke, stop now. Did you Downey, CA 90240. need yet another reason? Smoking

Today's topic affects us all... year, billions of dollars are spent speeds up how quickly skin ages. It complexion.

> repetitive Avoid used. As you might imagine, they are expressions. When you repeatedly not normally covered by insurance. contract the same muscles for many years, these lines can actually become

> > •Wear sunglasses to reduce lines from squinting.

> > •Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet. It may help to prevent damage.

•Drink less alcohol. Alcohol causes damage.

•Exercise regularly, as this improves circulation. Better circulation may give the skin a more youthful appearance.

•Cleanse your skin gently. Do not scrub or use strong topical creams. Repeated irritation can accelerate

Clearly, wrinkles don't harm our health - not physically, that is. The decision to treat them through costly cosmetic procedures will depend on how much they bother you when you look into the mirror...and on your spending priorities.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100,

#### Canned tuna recalled

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Bumble Bee Foods and Tri-Union Seafoods are voluntarily recalling canned chunk light tuna because of possible health risks.

Bumble Bee is recalling 31,579 cases of the canned tuna with UPC codes 8660000020, 8660000021 and 8660000736. They were produced in February 2016 and distributed nationally.

The company said they could pose a possible health risk because of "process deviations" which occurred in a packing facility not owned or operated by Bumble Bee.

"The recall is being initiated out of an abundance of caution due to the possible under-processing of the affected products," Bumble Bee said.

Tri-Union Seafoods is recalling 2,745 cases of Chicken of the Sea Symphony is closing its historic 58th brand canned tuna because it might be undercooked due to an equipment malfunction, according to manufacturer Tri-Union Seafoods.

**12' x 24' INSTALLED** 

# **Rio Hondo College opens \$3.8M** soccer complex

WHITTIER - Rio Hondo College's new \$3.8 million soccer complex provides world-class venue fitting for its nationally ranked student athletes as well as a facility that will serve the campus community in a variety of ways, speakers announced at a grandopening celebration on Wednesday.

"I am thrilled that this fine soccer field will be appreciated by our campus community," Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss told a crowd of onlookers at the event. "I would also like to thank our community for supporting our Measure A Bond, which made this close to \$4 million project possible."

The complex includes an NCAAregulation, artificial turf pitch, a six-lane synthetic track, threestage lighting system, pedestrian walkway, ADA-accessible bleachers, scoreboard and landscaping. A new restroom building arrives in April.

The project was launched in March 2015, one element of a broader facilities improvement effort that includes expansion of the campus bookstore, seismic retrofitting of the College's L Tower and other upgrades.

The three-stage lighting system can be adjusted to provide the brilliant shine needed for night games, a less intense setting for night practices and yet another setting to illuminate folks walking the track.

is facility acknowledgement that paths to excellence and opportunity take many forms, and that academic success often pairs with athletic prowess, according to College



Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco, Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss and Board of Trustees Clerk Madeline Shapiro cut the ribbon on Rio Hondo College's new soccer complex on Wednesday, March 23.

athletes win national recognition and scholarships to pursue medical studies and soccer at UC Irvine.

Rio Hondo College's men's team also had a successful season, qualifying for the state playoff and ranking 17th nationally.

"Many of us have long-awaited this day," said Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco. "We can now watch our teams practice and play their home games on this 72,000-square-foot turf, surrounded with beautiful landscaping. ... We look forward to your continued victories and practices on our new soccer field."

The celebration, which included a ribbon cutting, was also attended

For example, Rio Hondo College by Board of Trustees Clerk Madeline women's soccer team finished second Shapiro; Ray Wong, community in state this year, helping two scholar liaison for state Sen. Tony Mendoza; Ricard Mendoza, deputy district director for U.S. Rep. Linda Sánchez; and Pico Rivera Councilmember Gustavo Camacho.

> Rio Hondo student Erika Lizarraga, a first-year soccer player who played in 21 games this past year, became the first Lady Roadrunner to set foot on the new soccer field, along with several of her teammates.

> Lizarraga shared her pride in the team's accomplishments and thanked the Rio Hondo College faculty for helping her achieve her goals. She hopes to transfer to a four-year university, where she will play soccer for a Division I team while studying to become a physician's assistant.

# **Downey Symphony closing its season** with premiere

**DOWNEY** – The Downey season April 9 on a high note.

to Downey to hear the West Coast premiere of his new clarinet concerto young virtuoso Kelli O'Connor.

Also on the program is his

dedicated to the Orchestra and its Music Director Sharon Lavery and that has now been played across Europe and the United States. The piece has spread his fame and

Downey's reputation as a home for the arts, and in appreciation, Mayor Alex Saab will present a proclamation on behalf of the council and city declaring the "Downey Overture" as city. The designation fits especially well with Downey's celebration this year of the 60th anniversary of its incorporation.

Navarro last visited Downey in 2011 for the world premiere of his "Downey Overture." Born in Spain, where he received his musical education, he was studying music scoring for films at USC's Thornton School of Music. There he met Sharon Lavery and the rest is a history Downey residents can be the following year's final concert.

Kelli O'Connor was born in New York and holds a Master's degree The composer Oscar Navarro is from the New England Conservatory. travelling from his home in Spain She makes her home in Connecticut and performs with orchestras and ensembles there. She has been played by the Orchestra and brilliant praised for her "rich timbre and Arts Coalition, Pat Gil and E. J. Ball unhurried phrasing." She remarks that she has enjoyed learning this "Downey Overture," a work he new concerto and is honored to theme, "The Classical Elements: present its West Coast premiere.

> Mussorgsky's familiar and powerful "Pictures at an Exhibition" will round out the program. Inspired by an exhibit of paintings by an artist friend who died tragically young, Mussorgsky recreated several pictures in music in a piano Lavery's interview. The poem will be composition of 1874.

The piece became very popular, the official symphonic music of the and several versions for orchestra were produced, but the best and Tickets are \$30 or \$35; students most often performed is Maurice with ID \$10. The box bffice at 8435 Ravel's of 1922. The work comprises Firestone Blvd. is open 11 a.m. to 10 short pieces interlaced with a 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. "Promenade" that comically depicts Tickets may also be ordered by the rather heavy Mussorgsky walking phone at (562) 904-7230 or online at about the gallery.

> But wait! There's more! The final concert of the season is also Commerce Street Fair is also April the annual occasion for an auction, 9, Brookshire Avenue will be closed. whose winner gets to take the Patrons should leave extra time to baton and lead the Orchestra at

Catherine Peterson won this special opportunity last year, and for the first piece on the program she will raise the baton and have the thrill of hearing a full, professional orchestra follow her lead.

In partnership with the Downey have organized an exhibit of work by artists local and far flung on the Earth Water, Air, and Fire." More than 20 artists will participate and most works can be purchased.

The theatre's doors open at 6:30 pm. In addition, the impressive local poet Trista Domingu will read an original poem following Maestra on a poster in the lobby and in the printed program as well.

Good seats are still available. downeysymphony.org.

Because the Chamber of find parking.

### **Uber driver accused of raping female passenger**

ANAHEIM - The Orange County sentence of 24 years in state prison. District Attorney's Office (OCDA) is He is being held on \$100,000 bail. seeking the public's help identifying potential additional victims of an Uber driver accused of forcibly raping a woman after picking her up from a bar.

Omar Mahmoud Mousa, 52, Anaheim, is charged with one felony count of forcible rape, one felony count of forcible oral copulation, and one felony count of sexual penetration by foreign object and

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At the time of the crime, Mousa was working as a driver for the transportation network service Uber.

On the evening of Oct. 24, 2015, Mousa, through Uber, is accused of picking up 21-year-old Jane Doe and her female friend at a motel in Anaheim and driving them to a bar in Fullerton. Mousa allegedly gave the women his business card and advised them to call him directly when they were leaving instead of If convicted, he faces a maximum using the Uber driving service.

Oct. 25, the women called Mousa and he picked them up from the bar and drove them back to the motel room. Mousa is accused of walking the women into their motel room where Jane Doe's friend immediately passed out on the bed. Investigators say Mousa placed

In the early morning hours on

Jane Doe on the same bed, while she was intoxicated, pulled her pants down, and raped her. Jane Doe told the defendant "no" multiple times and eventually managed to push him away, authorities said.

The woman reported the crime later that day to the Anaheim Police Department. Mousa left the country but was arrested March 7 at LAX after returning to the U.S.

Anyone with additional information or who believes they have been a victim is encouraged to contact Supervising District Attorney Investigator Mark Gutierrez at (714) 347-8794.

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# **Shared Stories: My Favorite Cup**

As with many of her generation, shorthand skills. While riding the the arc of Daniela Kanz's secretarial career traces the development of technology from manual typewriter to an alphabetic form of shorthand. I word processing in the computer age. enrolled in this school, continued Shared Stories is a weekly column to gather speed in my typing, and featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol

#### By Daniela Kanz

A favorite coffee cup of mine had the saying on it "I FAXED MYSELF TO HAWAII. – A SECRETARY'S DREAM."

I no longer have that cup or that dream as I went to Hawaii with my youngest daughter in 2013. Thinking about that cup brings back memories of working as a secretary (or administrative assistant as it is now called). There is a celebratory week and day in April that has been in existence since 1952 celebrating this profession.

In high school I learned the Pitman method of shorthand. It was a difficult system whereby one had to use a pencil to make the dark and light strokes, and the strokes could be either on the line, over the line, or under the line depending on the sound of the word. I did manage to learn the system, but was never able to gain much speed as I was overly concerned about being unable to read back what I wrote.

During this time in high school, a visitor came to an assembly who was a speed typist. He typed over 100 words per minute on a manual typewriter. This was a pivotal moment for me as I decided I would one day type that fast. I took several business related subjects in high school and upon graduation ended up working at a bank near Wall Street.

In order to move into a better position as secretary to the bank manager, I needed to have good subway, I saw an advertisement for the Speedwriting School that taught managed to pass the shorthand test at the bank.

I worked there until moving to California where my typing skills landed me a job at North American Aviation - the forerunner to Rockwell/Autonetics, now Boeing. I eventually moved from typist to secretary there as well.

One of my favorite comments about the job at Autonetics was that while the engineers I worked for developed the plans for the Apollo, we produced so much paperwork that the astronauts would not need the space ship. All they needed to do was climb to the moon using all the paperwork as a ladder. I worked there for five years.

Then, while my children were little, I turned to waitressing as I could earn more money in less hours as a waitress. I joined the waitress union and I received many jobs through the union hall working for

This came in very handy when my husband was on strike at his union job at the company that made cartridge cases for the military going to Viet Nam. The caterer felt sorry for my family and provided us with any leftovers from the various weddings, bar or bat mitzvahs, and studio parties we worked. I also worked at the Hollywood Paladium as a banquet waitress working events such as the Grammys and New Year's Eve as well as New Year's Day

the Coliseum handing out hot dogs and beer at union wages. One of my favorite waitress memories was getting ready for the Magic Mountain opening. There was to be a big preopening festivity for a huge crowd of Hollywood celebrities.

Additionally, I often took jobs at

The day before the event, we all office work. worked in a big warehouse putting together box dinners in pretty flowerd boxes. The caterer needed so many people to work handing out the boxed meals and to work the bars that they asked the regulars if we could get family members to help out even if they weren't union. A great many of my male family members knew how to be bartenders and they helped fill the bill.

When we moved to New Mexico, I went to work for the Sears Catalog Store in Hobbs as the teletypist and was back to my love of typing. I rould make a game of it to see how many orders I could type and submit to Dallas before the deadline so that customers would receive their orders in the shortest amount of time.

While working at Sears, I decided to further my education by attending New Mexico Junior College. I thought that perhaps getting my Associates Degree in Secretarial Science would help me secure a better paying job and would offset the years I gave up

It was at NMJC that I learned about Word Processing. I flew through the machine transcription class due to my typing skills and finally met my goal of typing 100 words per minute. I enjoyed machine transcription over shorthand, but the course required I learn Gregg Shorthand - the third system I attempted to learn.

Again, I was so fearful of being unable to read what I wrote, that I fell back to my Speedwriting whenever I needed it, but really preferred machine transcription with a Dictaphone.

After graduation from NMJC, I went to work for a bank in Hobbs in the Word Processing Department ending up as supervisor over five operators as the department and bank grew. I even ended up in a national magazine due to a measurement report to management I devised.

Word processing was the up and coming office production endeavor during the 1970s.

landed me a job for the company that was contracted to put in the 911 emergency system for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. I like to say I worked that contract from cradle to grave as I was hired during contract negotiations, and after the system was up and running, the company managed a five-year maintenance contract.

This extended the life span of my tenure to almost 11 years. I retired from that company, but didn't stop working. I will always be thankful to this company as they subsidized my going back to school and getting my bachelor's degree.

Over the years, I had yearnings to teach and often volunteered as a Sunday school teacher at my church, that is now my favorite. It states: so I decided to obtain a California Teaching Credential. After acquiring

When we returned to California, the credential, I was able to teach my word processing experience adults computer applications at ABC and Paramount adult schools.

> I especially enjoyed working with seniors as I understood their anxieties, having had similar experiences while learning the everevolving computer literacy required nowadays. Only someone who typed on a regular typewriter would know about using the letter 'L' for the numeral one (1). You cannot do that in a computer spreadsheet.

> Due to medical issues, I am now a retiree living with my youngest daughter. She is a fourth grade teacher at Hollydale School in the Paramount Unified School District. Sometimes I visit her class to help her students with their reading. One of her students gifted her with a cup "Teachers make A difference."

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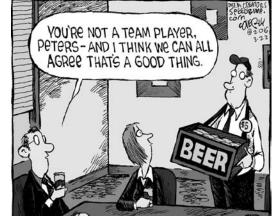
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# **An American Mussolini**

#### By John Kiriakou

As you probably heard, Donald Trump canceled a rally in Chicago after scuffles broke out between Trump supporters and opponents around the arena where the candidate was supposed to speak.

True to form, Trump blamed everybody but himself for this debacle. He eventually decided that Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders was somehow at fault and even threatened to send protesters of his own to disrupt rallies for Sanders.

What was newsworthy was that Trump himself canceled the event. He normally revels in the clashes between protesters and supporters that erupt at his rallies.

These confrontations have become routine, with the real estate mogul usually egging on his supporters to "rough up" interlopers. He's cheered on supporters who've shoved, kicked, and punched protesters — even people who've simply stood silently at Trump's

Throughout it, he's had the gall to claim that he deserves credit for keeping the events as calm as possible.

Despite the incendiary tone of his rhetoric — that all Muslims are our enemies, that Mexicans are rapists and drug dealers, and that practically anybody who disagrees with him is an ISIS supporter or a "socialist" - Trump refuses to take responsibility for the violence he incites among his followers.

Indeed, he told NBC's Chuck Todd that he wasn't condoning violence, not even when he told a crowd shouting down a protester, "I'd like to punch him in the face." Darker still was Trump's reminiscing, "I love the old days — you know what they used to do to guys like that when they were in a place like this? They'd be carried out on a stretcher, folks.

Similarly, Trump said at an earlier rally that if supporters saw anybody with a tomato, "Knock the crap out of them, would you? Seriously. OK? Just knock the hell [out of them]. I promise you I will pay for the legal fees."

Combined with his offer to pay the legal fees of a supporter who assaulted a peaceful

Black Lives Matter activist, that's a blank check for violence.

The American body politic certainly has seen demagogues in the past. Former Alabama governor George Wallace, who ran for president in 1968, 1972, and 1976, comes to mind immediately. Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, who ran for multiple state and federal offices in the 1980s and '90s (and has since thrown his support to Trump), similarly attracted fringe elements to his rallies.

But violence at American political rallies has never been acceptable, especially violence encouraged by the candidate. That's why comparisons of Trump with other American demagogues aren't an easy fit.

Trump's events are more akin to the old fascist rallies of figures like Benito Mussolini. The Italian leader and his "brown shirt" goons routinely beat protesters at rallies around Italy in the 1920s and 1930s. They targeted communists and anarchists at first, but graduated to socialists and then to all small-d democrats as they solidified their iron grip on power.

Trump's tactics aren't unlike those of the fascists who came before him. It goes something like this:

First, they isolate and attack marginalized people with little political power, like Muslims and undocumented workers. Later, they graduate to "socialists" and other opponents of dangerous right-wing populism. Finally, they play the victim and deny adamantly that they've done anything wrong.

Anyone who challenges them, they claim, just wants to tear the country down. "These people are so bad for our country, you have no idea," Trump has complained to his supporters. "There used to be consequences" for protesting.

But Americans shouldn't be fooled. Trump isn't at all unique or special. He doesn't have a gift for connecting with the common man. He's just a bully and a demagogue.

OtherWords columnist John Kiriakou is an associate fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies and the winner of the 2015 PEN Center USA First Amendment award.

# **Ted Cruz: patrol Muslim neighborhoods**

In the wake of the terrorist attacks in Brussels, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) issued the following statement:

"Today radical Islamic terrorists targeted the men and women of Brussels as they went to work on a spring morning. In a series of coordinated attacks they murdered and maimed dozens of innocent commuters at subway stations and travelers at the airport. For the terrorists, the identities of the victims were irrelevant. They -we—are all part of an intolerable culture that they have vowed to destroy.

"For years, the west has tried to deny this enemy exists out of a combination of political correctness and fear. We can no longer afford either. Our European allies are now seeing what comes of a toxic mix of migrants who have been infiltrated by terrorists and isolated, radical Muslim neighborhoods.

"We will do what we can to help them fight this scourge, and redouble our efforts to make sure it does not happen here. We need to immediately halt the flow of refugees from countries with a significant al Qaida or ISIS presence. We need to empower law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized.

"We need to secure the southern border to prevent terrorist infiltration. And we need to execute a coherent campaign to utterly destroy ISIS. The days of the United States voluntarily surrendering to the enemy to show how progressive and enlightened we can be are at an end. Our country is at stake."

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> Everyone was in a casual and joyful mood.

Even Norwalk's City Manager Mike Egan was unrecognizable in his jeans and rolled up short sleeves strolling amongst the artists of all

Norwalk's new mayor, Mike Mendez, with his new bride Margie,

newlyweds have been married for nine months.

Council member Marcel Rodarte was walking and enjoying the festivities while Vice Mayor Cheri Kelly took it all in from under a shaded area.

The event was kicked off with the Norwalk All City Band.

Eight year old Yvette Gaytan and her ten year old sister Teresa worked feverishly on their pieces as their father, Jesus looked on nearby.

The older Gaytan said that his two daughters were homeschooled by their mother.

Each year, hundreds of participants showcase their hard work for praises prizes and appreciation from their fellow Norwalk residents and guests. See you next year.

-Raul Samaniego

#### Ramona Park gets new playground

NORWALK - Norwalk will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, March 29, at 5 p.m. for new playground equipment at Ramonda Park.

The new playground is a throwback to the 70's rocket ship theme, with a rocket ship jungle gym, a tot lot for children ages 2-5, a larger area for kids ages 5-12, and six slides.

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