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#### Hahn, Napolitano heading to runoff in Supervisor race

**By Christian Brown** Staff Writer

NORWALK – U.S. Rep. Janice Hahn is heading into a runoff election with second-place finisher Steve Napolitano this November after failing to reach 50% of the vote in her bid for a seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

With 100% of the precincts reporting, Hahn finished in first place, garnering 47% of the vote in the Fourth District. Napolitano, a former mayor of Manhattan Beach and senior deputy to Supervisor Don Knabe, received nearly 37% of the vote. Whittier Union High School District board member Ralph Pacheco ended Tuesday night with just

First elected in 1996, Knabe is being termed out of office this fall, leaving a coveted vacancy on the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, which manages a \$28 billion budget and oversees social services, public health and welfare programs that affect 10 million people.

Hahn, a former Los Angeles City Council member, has enjoyed high name recognition in the race. Her father Kenneth Hahn served on the board of supervisors for 40 years and her brother James K. Hahn was once the mayor of annual Arturo Sanchez Sr. Halloween Parade. Los Angeles.

Tive been fighting for people my whole life," Janice Hahn said in a candidates' forum last week. "The L.A. Times says my biggest weakness is my heart...that I care too much. If anyone is going to prick the conscience of the board [of supervisors] to do the right thing, it's me."

Nonetheless, Napolitano has leveraged his local experience and community connections to score dozens of endorsements -- including Knabe's endorsement.

"Nobody knows the Fourth District better than me and I have a record of achievement," said Napolitano last month. "We don't need an L.A.-centric, Washington, D.C. approach to the county. We need a public servant."

While Hahn is a Democrat and Napolitano is a registered Republican, ideologically both agree on increasing funding for early childhood education, expanding affordable housing opportunities, safeguarding health benefits for undocumented immigrants, and exploring special taxes to raise funds for homeless services.

Heading into the general election, Napolitano's campaign is doubling down on its message that voters are looking for local representation.

"Results of the June 7 primary election show that more than a majority of the voters of the Fourth Los Angeles County Supervisorial District want an end to the pandering and establishment politics by blocking establishment candidate Janice Hahn from her L.A. City power grab and winning a straight run towards the open supervisorial seat," said Mike Madrid, campaign strategist for Napolitano.

The board of supervisors is nonpartisan, but until recently, it has been represented by many moderate Republicans like Knabe. However, with the recent election of supervisors Hilda Solis and Shiela Kuehl, signs indicate the board's makeup is shifting left.

The Fourth District stretches from the South Bay, down to Long Beach, and up through Downey and Whittier into Diamond Bar.

# Norwalk-La Mirada Unified's graduation rate reaches 94 percent, continuing an upward trend since 2010

NORWALK - Norwalk-La Mirada Unified boosted its graduation rates in 2014-15 to 94 percent through initiatives that integrated digital tools into classrooms, enhanced curriculum to improve critical thinking and teamwork, and personalized learning to meet the needs of each student.

The boost represents a nearly 10 percent climb in graduation rates over

"The District continues to strengthen our college and career pathways to ensure that all our students are offered as many opportunities as possible to discover their passions and obtain an education that supports their dreams," NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "Congratulations to all of our esteemed Norwalk-La Mirada Unified graduates."

The graduation rate for the District's three comprehensive high schools reached 96.2 percent. La Mirada High has graduated its seniors consistently above 95 percent since 2009-10, climbing to 97.8 percent in 2014-15. Norwalk High jumped to 95.8 percent and John Glenn High graduated 94.7 percent.

Additionally, Southeast Academy, the District's high school focused on careers in law enforcement, military and related fields, has graduated 100 percent of its senior class since 2008.

The rates are for a four-year cohort of students who enrolled in high school as freshmen in 2011-12. This is the sixth year California has used the method for measuring graduation rates, aided by a data system that tracks students when they switch schools, drop out or continue their education without graduating. The federal government now uses a similar four-year

"By personalizing our approach to education, we are providing more and more opportunities for our students to excel," NLMUSD Board President and learning.



Karen Morrison said. "Our growing rate of students graduating high school is a testament to the excellent job being done by our dedicated teachers and

Norwalk-La Mirada continues to implement its 2020 Learning Initiative, which will provide students with the skills to use essential digital tools to increase their understanding of classroom subjects. By 2018, teachers, students and parents will have nearly real-time access to current data on student learning performance and will use that data to personalize teaching

# Weekend at a Glance



#### **THINGS TO DO**



LA Pride

All Weekend - West Hollywood Park

The 46th annual celebration of the LGBT community with a festival, concerts, and a parade.

# Petititon circulates to rename music rehearsal hall after retired founder of the All-City Youth Band

**By Christian Brown Staff Writer** 

NORWALK - A group of Norwalk residents is petitioning the city to rename the music rehearsal hall at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex after Lee Mitchell, the former director and founder of the All-City Youth

Sponsored by several former All-City band members, the proposal advocates placing Mitchell's name on the hall to solidify the legacy of a man they say helped unify and educate Norwalk's youth through music.

Steve Ortega and Bruce Soto, who were founding members of the band, say the idea came up last year when Mitchell served as grand marshal of the

"We started inquiring why the music hall wasn't named after him," Soto said. "Mr. Mitchell helped design that hall when it was built 20 years ago

After speaking with other alumni of the band, Soto and Ortega have decided to collect signatures to garner support for renaming the room where the All-City Youth Band rehearses for its performances.

"I think it would be fitting -- he was always there for the kids," said Arturo Sanchez Jr., who is also supporting the petition. "He was always very professional. He was strict and firm, but the kids just admired him.

"Even ones that graduated -- they would never call him Lee, it was always Mr. Mitchell," Sanchez said.

The Norwalk All-City Youth Band was started by Mitchell in 1974 after former Norwalk mayor and councilwoman Margaret (Peg) Nelson suggested the creation of one for the country's bicentennial celebration.

"It also kept the kids out of trouble," said Mitchell. "And it helped stop some of the gang violence going on at the time between Excelsior, John Glenn and La Mirada high schools."

For the next 30 years, Mitchell -- with the support of a strong parent

Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. "When Excelsior closed, we had no place to practice so the city got a

association -- led the band in performances from Washington D.C. to

grant to build the arts and sports complex," Mitchell said. "And I worked with the architect to design the band room." Now Mitchell's former students hope to pay tribute to him, but a vote by

the city council is necessary to rename the hall. Soto and Ortega are hoping to get a vote on the petition this month. Mitchell says the very idea of such a petition is touching, a sign that his

many years in Norwalk were not in vain.

"I love Norwalk, I spent 35 years with the band and I don't regret anything at all," he said. "I would be thrilled to have the room named after me."

**Screening: Nana Dijo** Friday - Consulate General of Mexico, Los Angeles

A documentary and photo exhibit exploring the heritage of Blaxicans.



80's Strike Back

Saturday - Epic Lounge, 8 p.m. An 80's theme party benefiting Downey Arts Coalition and Downey Symphony. \$20 at the door.



KCRW Summer Nights Satuday - Anaheim Packing District, 5:30-10 p.m.

DJs, food, beer garden, games, artisans, and more. Free.



#### Monsters, Inc.

Saturday - Griffith Park, 6 p.m. A family gathering with a live screening, food trucks and live music.



**One-on-one with Barbara** 

Sunday- Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 4 p.m.

The U.S. senator talks with comedian Paula Poundstone about her memoir.

#### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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@DowneyPatriot: Five Guys officially opens at the Promenade June 9 at 11 a.m.



# Friné Medrano says her passion, experience make her ideal for City Council

By Alex Dominguez Contributor

musical theatre and drama.

DOWNEY - City Council hopeful Friné Medrano believes that she can bring her 20 years of Downey residency and 10 years of working in government to help bring her vision to the city.

Medrano, 33, is a product of the Downey Unified School District. She's a proud alumni of Warren High School, where she found a passion in the arts and was highly involved in many such programs like

However, Medrano credits finding her political passions through many influences, specifically through

"She was a UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers International Union) union member, [and] also became a SCIU organizer," said Medrano. "So within that, when she became active in the union, part of it is

to volunteer in campaigns. So she's the one that dragged me, not literally, but she definitely said, 'hey, this is where you should try out getting more involved in the community."

Medrano volunteered for her first political campaign with the assembly, which is where she has now worked for 10 years.

"At the time it was then Assembly Member Kevin De Leon," said Medrano. "... As you know now he is the second most powerful man in the State of California, being the Senate leader. I've always said I've hit the lottery, definitely working for a legislator that not only talks the talk, but walks the

Medrano says that her time working for De Leon has also been a major inspiration to start her own political career.

"A lot of people get jaded...they lose interest in government and politics," said Medrano. "But if anything working for who I work for has definitely fueled my fire to keep going and keep pursuing my own career in politics continue to do public service. So I am very blessed in that sense."

This is Medrano's first time running for any kind of office, as she attempts to fill the District 3 seat that Councilmember Roger Brossmer will vacate at the end of his term later this year.

Medrano's platform includes the introduction of a youth fund, which she says she is most excited about.

"I would set up a youth fund working with the business community here in Downey...," said Medrano. "... I've been going on a listening tour and a lot of these like Downey AYSO, a lot of these nonprofit organizations don't have access to funding...I think as a city we need to invest in our youth. That's what's going to make them come back and give back to their community. That's what's going to make them productive citizens of Downey like I have. I've been able to widen my horizons, to work with the best of the best when it comes to government, and now I'm bringing that knowledge, that experience, back to the city of Downey."

Medrano also hopes to develop a "one stop shop" for the needs of Downey

"I get that Downey is very pro-business; we've seen the influx of new development and a lot of businesses here in the city of Downey," said Medrano. "One thing that I've noticed is there's not a one-stop shop for our businesses here. There's not a business regional source center where you can learn about how to get county contracts, where you can learn how to not only open up a business, but how to thrive. Just a one stop shop for businesses."

Medrano says that she has already had talks with various businesses and political figures to help guide her and bring her visions to life.

Medrano also touched upon the looming vote to increase sales tax in Downey by a half-cent, which was voted on back in March by City Council, albeit controversially, to be added to the ballot.

"Currently, my concern with the sales tax increase is not having the safeguards needed to know exactly where the appropriate funding is gonna go to," said Medrano. "I believe that in order to have the public trust and be transparent in government, we should not be scared of the two-thirds majority vote, so that we can have those safeguards in place. There's been a high level of new development in the city of Downey, so I think that it's a bit premature to add a sales tax increase, because once it's there it doesn't go back, it doesn't decrease."

Medrano has recently taken to social media to aid her campaign. Residents can find more information on her via Facebook or on Instagram at @frinemedranofordowney.

City Council candidates can officially submit their nomination forms next month, and the election will be held Nov. 8.

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#### Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

What we eat and when we do it is significant for so very many reasons. Among the most important relates to our medications. You have likely heard warnings such as "Never drink grapefruit juice with cholesterol medication."

Medication effectiveness an especially important issue for older adults; while they make up roughly 13% of the population, they account for 34% of prescriptions and 30% of over-the-counter drugs taken in the United States. About two of every five people on Medicare report taking five or more prescription medications. Older patients often have more than one doctor prescribing for them, making it difficult to track all of the medications. Drugs might interact with each other, or with another disease process. To further complicate matters, as we age, physiological changes affect how a drug is absorbed, distributed, metabolized, and excreted.

On top of all of these factors, the way in which we consume our food and drink can significantly impact a medicine's safety and effectiveness. Let's take a look at some of the most common food/ drug interactions.

Grapefruit is well known for interacting with a variety of different drugs, resulting in either a higher or lower concentration of the medication in the blood. This can lead to an increased risk of serious side effects. Grapefruit furanocoumarins, which can change the way that the body metabolizes a drug by inhibiting an enzyme. Grapefruit also contains bioflavonoids (as do Seville oranges, pummelos,



rose hips and black currants). Bioflavonoids affect most calcium channel blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure), statins (cholesterol-lowering drugs), antihistamines, some antibiotics (including ciprofloxacin), thyroid medication, birth control pills, stomach acid drugs, and some cough suppressants. If you use any of these medicines, it is best to simply avoid grapefruit altogether.

kale, collards, spinach, turnip greens, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, asparagus, and endive are high in vitamin K, which diminishes the effectiveness of Coumadin (warfarin), a commonly used blood thinner. Coumadin treats and prevents blood clots, and prevents strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation. Other foods that can affect Coumadin levels include cooked onions and soy. The trick is actually not to avoid greens, but rather to eat a consistent amount, so that Coumadin levels in the blood and Klonopin; antidepressants; remains steady.

I am a fan of black licorice. In of these drugs. Alcoholic can sufficient quantities, glycyrrhiza, contained in licorice root, can lead to low potassium, salt and water retention, edema, and high blood pressure. Glycyrrhiza bad combination; two or more

can decrease the effectiveness of drinks per day can increase liver blood pressure medicines and the blood thinner Coumadin. By the way, did you know that most licorice root production is used for tobacco products?

effectiveness of some antibiotics, including tetracycline, ciprofloxacin, and azithromycin. The calcium and magnesium in dairy can bind to the antibiotics and prevent their absorption. (However, note that certain antibiotics, like metronidazole (Flagyl) should be taken with milk or water in order to prevent stomach upset.) Dairy can also decrease iron absorption.

Salt substitutes typically replace sodium with potassium. This can decrease the effectiveness of Lanoxin (digoxin), used to treat congestive heart failure; and ACE inhibitors, used to treat high blood pressure. Those with decreased kidney function already have a hard time eliminating potassium, and should avoid salt substitutes.

When is it important to have a full or an empty stomach? NSAID's like Motrin, Advil, and Aleve should be taken with food Green leafy vegetables such as because they can be irritating to the stomach lining. Tylenol is best taken on an empty stomach because food may slow its absorption. Antihistamines like Claritin, Zyrtec, and Allegra are also best taken on an empty stomach - they will be more effective. Certain antibiotics (including azithromycin and tetracycline) have poor absorption when taken with food.

> Alcohol can be dangerous when combined with anti-anxiety medication like Xanax, Ativan, or sleep medication, because it may add to the sedating effects also increase or prolong the effects of insulin and oral diabetic medications, leading to low blood sugar. Alcohol and Tylenol are a

toxicity.

drug/ Understanding drug, food/drug, and herb/ drug interactions is rapidly growing. Further, genetic factors Dairy products can decrease the affecting pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics are being studied, which is expected to lead to improved drug safety and to enable individualized drug therapy. It's extremely complex! I urge you to pay close attention to recommendations from your physician and your pharmacist.

> 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, Downey, CA

## **Bellflower Unified** names secretary as employee of the year

BELLFLOWER - Eileen Jones, who serves as a secretary to the Director, Elementary Education at Bellflower Unified, has been named the 2016-17 Classified Employee of the Year for her expert hand at connecting with community members, juggling a multitude of tasks and assisting new employees.

Jones is at the ground level when it comes to getting things done, according to Elementary Education Director Dr. Alysia Odipo and Secondary Education Director Colleen McKinley, who nominated Jones.

She coordinates buses for elementary music, activities for the GATE program, materials for elementary training programs and handles elementary parent concerns.

She is a go-to person for classified staff across the district, helping them navigate such complex tasks as budgets and work orders.

"Eileen is not only a tremendous they're going to neutralize that threat." member of our team, she is also a delight to work with day in and day out," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said.

"She brings vast knowledge, a sunny demeanor and a high level of proficiency to ensure the work of the district is done efficiently and effectively."

Jones has worked for Bellflower Unified since 1997, starting as an instructional aide. She has worked as a school secretary, served as PTA Council president six times and as a member of the Citizens Task Force for 18 years - currently as its chairperson. She is also active on the Superintendent's District Advisory Group.

Jones is also known for dressing up for holidays and special events in costumes as simple as bunny ears and as detailed as a picnic table. She brings homemade cakes on birthdays and treats for holidays, and coordinates a holiday cookie exchange.

"She is a gem," Odipo said. "She expertly juggles many tasks, volunteers to lead events like Relay for Life, helps her colleagues at the drop of a hat and is always there when we need her, no matter what.

"And her sense of humor never fails to raise everyone's spirits."

# Cerritos College trains for campus shooter



By Alex Dominguez Contributor

NORWALK - In a display of its commitment to constant preparedness and campus safety, Cerritos College hosted a large scale active shooter drill last Friday.

The drill took place from around 9 a.m. to shortly before noon. It involved Cerritos College Campus Police, Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department's Norwalk Station, L.A. Fire Department, and various local first-responder agencies. Members of the college's track team also participated, acting as victims, wounded, hostages, and civilians who might be caught in the crossfire.

Friday's drill came mere days after a shooting occurred at the UCLA campus, claiming the life of a professor.

Reports indicate that gunman Mainak Sarkar, a former graduate student of the school, killed his estranged wife at her Minnesota home before making the long trip to UCLA, where he then fatally shot 39-year-old engineering professor William Klug. Sarkar then turned his weapon upon himself.

This was not the first time that the college's police department had participated in a drill like this, however this was the first time that the college had hosted such an event. According to Cerritos College PD Chief Tom Gallivan, Friday's drill had no correlation with the tragedy at UCLA.

'This has been in the planning stages for several months, probably since February," said Gallivan. "Something this size - a training exercise - can't be put together overnight. It's a lot of moving parts."

The drill was split up into two separate scenarios, both similar in nature, for two separate groups of officers and deputies. However, due to the intentional random nature of the activity, both played out differently. Clearer weather conditions during the second drill allowed for the participation of a surveillance helicopter; a luxury that the first group did not have.

According L.A. Sherriff's Department Captain Curtis Jensen, upon entering the training, officers and deputies have no knowledge of what awaited them. The only information given is that of an active shooter call, and what is given over their radios; the manner in which the officers react to what they encounter occurs in real

"What happens in a situation like this is the deputy sheriff's or the officers who are going to be the people responding, they know that they are in an active training scenario, [but] they don't know anything else," said Jensen. "...what you'll see - you'll see breakdowns, you'll see things slow up, you'll see things get chaotic because people on the fly are trying to figure out what it is they're doing or how

During training, it is officers' mission to use general training tactics and protocols to eliminate the threat to the active population. Jensen also noted that officers cannot prevent the threat, however are trained to stop it with as minimal casualties as possible.

Protocol's continued throughout the entirety of the scenario, including the triaging of injured or deceased. Jensen said that the experience is just as intense for those who are playing the victims as it is for the officers.

Erica Davis, one of the volunteers at the drill, said that the simulation stirred up real emotions even though that she and the other participants knew that they were not in real danger.

"Because I know all of the people that were in the simulation, especially the people who were supposed to be playing dead, it was really weird seeing it happen at first," said Davis. "...it was definitely really scary, just kind of thinking about it and

# Garcia calls for judge's resignation after rape trial

DOWNEY - Assemblymember intoxicated woman with a foreign Cristina Garcia this week called for the resignation of the judge who sentenced a former Stanford swimmer convicted of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman to just six months in county jail.

Brock Turner, 20, was arrested January 18, after two Stanford graduate students confronted him after spotting him lying on top of a woman near a garbage bin on the Palo Alto campus.

He was convicted in May of three felonies: assault with intent to commit rape, sexually penetrating an unconscious person with a foreign object, and sexually penetrating an

object. He could have been sentenced to up to 14 years in state prison; the prosecutor asked for six.

Last week, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky sentenced Turner to just six months in county jail. Persky justified the lenient sentence by citing Turner's youth and his lack of a prior criminal record.

The victim, a 23-year-old woman, had asked that the sentence send a strong message, and is reported by the Guardian to have said, "We cannot forgive everyone's first sexual assault ... The seriousness of rape has to be communicated clearly. We should not create a culture that suggests we learn that rape is wrong through trial and error."

"Rape is never an accident. It is never invited, wanted or warranted, ever," said Garcia.

"Rape is a cancer that impacts the lives of survivors daily and for a lifetime. It is disappointing; the judicial process put this victim on trial and the judge has reduced his sentence to no more than an inconvenience."



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#### Norwalk sailor finds niche serving aboard USS Bonhomme Richard



By Lt. Robert Kearley, Navy Office of Community Outreach Public

SASEBO, JAPAN - A 2003 Excelsior High School graduate and Norwalk native is serving in Japan in the U.S. Navy aboard the only forward deployed amphibious assault ship, USS Bonhomme Richard.

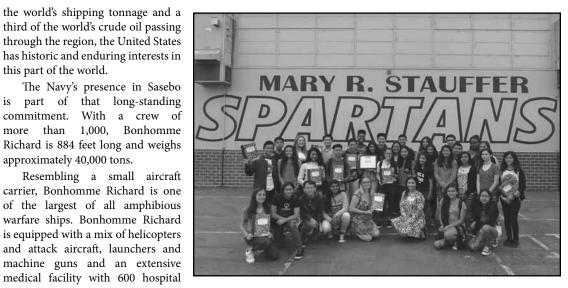
Petty Officer 1st Class Diana Chavez is a culinary specialist aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship operating out of Sasebo, Japan.

A Navy culinary specialist is responsible for providing 10,000 meals to over 3,000 sailors and Marines every day.

"What I like best about my job is the satisfaction it gives me in helping to boost morale with a home-cooked meal," said Chavez.

With more than 50 percent of given me so much," added Chavez.

# For second year straight, Stauffer Middle School wins national yearbook award



DOWNEY - For the second consecutive year, Stauffer Middle School's "The sailors in my crew never yearbook class was awarded Walsworth's national "Gallery of Excellence"

> The Gallery of Excellence is a showcase of the best yearbooks published by Walsworth; these books feature superior examples of coverage, design, photography, and copy.

> By participating in yearbook class, the students gain experience toward becoming college and career ready by implementing graphic design,

#### Downey graduation hits record-high 96 percent

DOWNEY - Downey Unified School District's graduation rate increased 2 percent from last year, reaching a record high 96 percent, officials "Forward deployed means always

As the number of students graduating high school in Downey increased, and ensuring everyone returns home the number of dropouts was cut nearly in half, decreasing from 4.1 percent

"The increase in our graduation rate truly proves that our students continue to benefit from the positive and challenging learning environments provided at each and every school site through our dedicated teachers, administrators and classified staff," said DUSD Superintendent Dr. John

Downey's graduation rates far exceeds the state average of 82.3 percent. Downey also tops neighboring school districts, including ABC Unified (94.4 percent), Norwalk-La Mirada (94 percent), Bellflower (92.8 percent), Whittier Union (88.8 percent), Montebello (87.1 percent), Paramount (86.4 percent), Long Beach (84 percent), Lynwood (81 percent), L.A. Unified (72.2 percent), and Compton Unified (70.7 percent).

photography, interviewing skills, and feature writing skills regularly, said Mrs. Diane Huff, an English and journalism teacher at Stauffer who also oversees the yearbook. Each student also becomes a published author.

The students faced a unique obstacle this year when Mrs. Huff went out on maternity leave for three months. They exceeded expectations under the guidance of their substitute, Mrs. Jessica Worthy, and this year's editors: eighth graders Yasha Haque and Noel Gomez.

The students were also responsible for creating videos that can be linked to the yearbook by scanning specific pictures. There are 31 total videos this year, twice the amount of videos included in last year's book.

"I'm so proud of the passion and professionalism displayed by this year's staff," said Mrs. Huff. "From planning the theme in August, to creating the cover in October, to filming videos in May - they've put a ton of work into this publication, and it shows in our one-of-a-kind book."

Don Walsworth, president of Walsworth Publishing Company, praised Stauffer Middle School, writing in a letter, "Gallery books, including yours, ignite the creativity in other yearbook staffs. The induction of your yearbook honors your staff's exceptional work and dedication to excellence."

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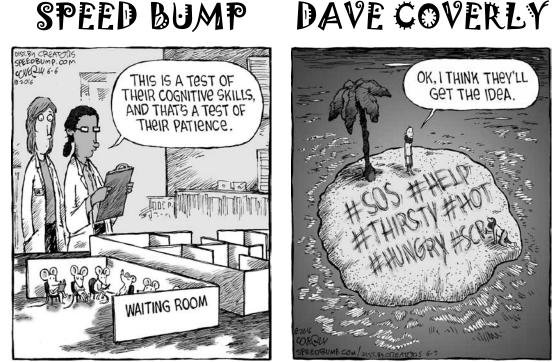
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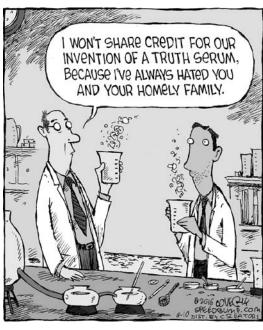
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#### On This Day...

June 10, 1801: The North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

**1977:** James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others. (He was recaptured three days later.)

2007: The final episode of "The Sopranos" aired on HBO.

Birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Hurley (51), R&B singer Faith Evans (43), retired figure skater Tara Lipinksi (34), model Kate Upton (24) and presidential daughter Sasha Obama (15).

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#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Designer's Den - Norwalk Library

#### **MONDAYS**

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

#### **TUESDAYS**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School 1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office 2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library 1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers 3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

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# LEGALS

#### **GOVERNMENT**

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE 2016/17 FISCAL YEAR COMPREHENSIVE **FEE SCHEDULE** 

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the

Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, walk. CA 90650

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 16-30 to amend the 2016/17 fiscal year comprehensive fee schedule to include application and installation fees as authorized in Ordinance No. 16-1677, which established a policy for the application and installation of on-street disabled access

parking zones.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Nicole Amescua at (562) 929-5962 or by

email to namescua@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 10th day of June 2016. /s/ Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/16, 6/17/16

CITY OF NORWALK ORDINANCE NO. 16-1677 SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting held May 17, 2016, the Norwalk City Council introduced **Ordinance No.** 16-1677, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PARKING SPACES by the following roll call year:

following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Rodarte and Shryock, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor

NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Vernola Adoption of Ordinance No. 16-1677 will amend the Norwalk Municipal Code by adding new Chapter 10.10 – On-street Disabled Parking Spaces, which will establish rules and procedures for the application of on-street disabled access parking spaces within the City of Norwalk parking spaces within the City of Norwalk. It also authorizes staff to implement by resolution an application fee, which may be amended by resolution from time to time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Norwalk City Council will consider adoption of Ordinance No. 16-1677 at its regular meeting scheduled for June 21, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California.

The full text of Ordinance No. 16-1677 is available for review in the Office of the City.

available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours. Dated this 10th day of June 2016. /s/ Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/16

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: VS028884
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Tirsa E. Contreras for Andres Castaneda filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Andres Castaneda to

Proposed name (1) Andres Alexander THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition

without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: August 3, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm,
Department C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

Blvd. #109. Norwalk. CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, NORWALK PATRIOT
June 06, 2016
Margaret M. Bernal

Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Tirsa E. Contreras 12143 162nd St Norwalk, CA 90650 (323) 747-0008 Telyssa29@gmail.com

The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/16, 6/17/16, 6/24/16, 7/1/16

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS028587
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
Francisco J Victoria filed a petition with this
court for a decree changing names as

rollows.

Present name (1) Francisco J Victoria to Proposed name (1) Frank Valiant

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing

Date: June 22, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, NORWALK PATRIOT

April 06, 2016

Margaret Miller Bernal

Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Francisco J Victoria 3377 Broadway Huntington Park, CA 90255 (562) 712-2771

The Norwalk Patriot 5/20/16, 5/27/16, 6/3/16, 6/10/16

#### **PROBATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: .A ESQUIVEL POLANCO AKA **PAULA E. POLANCO** CASE NO. 16STPB00902

contingent creditors, and persons who may

otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate

or both of PAULA ESQUIVEL POLANCO AKA PAULA E. POLANCO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARIO POLANCO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIO POLANCO be appointed as personal representative to administer the

estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not

grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/05/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by

your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney

knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the

court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA - SBN 065868 AW OFFICE OF PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA 2749 NORWALK BL #111 NORWALK CA 90650-8376 /10, 6/17, 6/24/16 NS-2891214#

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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION **TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 315 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 176** 

**ZONE CHANGE NO. 355** Tuesday, June 21, 2016

6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 Project Description: For the City Council to consider the following applications filed by the City of Norwalk to: 1) conduct a Text Amendment to amend the Municipal Code to establish regulations for the Institutional (I) zone; 2) amend the General Plan to designate certain properties as Institutional on the General Plan Land Use Map and make statistical changes to the land use data contained within the General Plan; and 3) to rezone certain properties to

The following properties are affected by the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change applications as follows

Assessor's Parcel Number	Address	Facility Name	Location Description	Existing General Plan Land Use	Proposed General Plan Land Use	Existing Zoning Designation	Proposed Zoning Designation
8025-003-902	11401 Bloomfield Ave.	Metropolitan State Hospital	West side of Bloomfield Ave., 600' north of Imperial Hwy.	Low Density Residential	Institutional (I)	Single Family Residential (R-1)	Institutional (I)
8045-008-902	13200 Bloomfield Ave.	Former California Youth Authority	East side of Bloomfield Ave., approximately 500' south of Civic Center Dr.	Low Density Residential	Institutional (I)	Single Family Residential (R-1)	Institutional (I)
8045-001-902	12650 E. Imperial Hwy.	Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center, Public Services/Transportation Building	South side of Imperial Hwy. approximately 500' east of Bloomfield Ave.	Light Industrial	Institutional (I)	Light Manufacturing (M-1)	Institutional (I)
8054-016-018 & 019	13637 & 13705 San Antonio Dr.	Proposed "First Start Center"	West side of San Antonio Dr., approximately 300' south of Foster Rd.	Professional Office	Institutional (I)	Commercial & Office (CO)	Institutional (I)

The following properties will be re-zoned to the Institutional Zone, consistent with their Institutional General Plan Land Use designation

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13629 San Antonio Dr.	Former Senior Center, Proposed "First Start Center"	Southwest corner of San Antonio Dr. & Foster Rd.	
12350 Imperial Hwy., 12335 Civic Center Dr., 12700 Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd.	Norwalk Library, Norwalk Sheriff's Station, Norwalk City Hall/Lawn, LA County Court House, Civic Center Parking Structure	Area bound by Imperial Hwy. to the north, Civic Center Dr. to the south, Norwalk Blvd. to the east and Volunteer Ave. to the west	
12110 Adoree St.	LA County Fire Station No. 20	Southeast corner of Adoree St. and Kalnor Ave.	
14011 Clarkdale Ave.	Norwalk Post Office	Northwest corner of Orange St. and Clarkdale Ave.	
11317 Alondra Blvd.	LA County Fire Station No. 115	North side of Alondra Blvd., approximately 200' west of its intersection with Gridley Rd.	
11929 & 11949 Alondra Blvd.	Norwalk Social Services & Alondra Library	North side of Alondra Blvd., between Clarkdale Ave. & Elaine Ave.	
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Library Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Norwalk, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared. The public comment period on the Negative

Declaration began on May 13, 2016 and ended on June 2, 2016.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and be heard regarding this matter. Copies of the ager described project will be available for public review at www.norwalkca.gov or at the City Clerk's Office, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard Norwalk. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@norwalkca.gov. If you challenge the proposed project, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hear

bchow@norwalkca.gov. offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner, at (562) 929-5953 or

Dated this 10th day of June 2016.

/s/ Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk

The Norwalk Patriot 6/10/16

# Tech companies need to stop bankrolling hate

#### By Lucia Martinez

It's common for major corporations to sponsor political conventions to buy favor with political parties. But what about when the convention nominates a presidential candidate who's an out-and-out racist?

That's a deal breaker, right?

For some big tech companies, apparently not.

Facebook recently announced that it will provide funding and other support for the Donald Trump-led Republican National Convention. And Google will be the event's official livestream provider via YouTube.

These companies need to find their moral compass and divest from hate.

Trump's violent rhetoric has inflamed a national atmosphere that's already hostile toward Latino, Muslim, and black communities, as well as women and people with disabilities. He's called for the mass deportation of undocumented immigrants, promised to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, and vowed to ban all Muslims from entering the United States.

Trump has also incited actual physical violence against people of color, High's largest student recognition and refused to denounce the white supremacist organizations that openly

If that weren't enough, Trump's also threatened to shut down the open internet, censoring the dissident voices standing up against his hate and racism. He's called for greater surveillance of communities of color, and has encouraged violence against protesters and journalists.

In short, Trump's campaign isn't "business as usual" — and corporations shouldn't treat it as such. That's why the racial justice group ColorOfChange has launched a campaign called Divest from Hate.

They're urging major tech companies not to bankroll a platform for hate while Trump continues to incite violence against marginalized communities. Other groups, including my own, have joined the effort to push tech companies to pull their support from the Republican convention, including both direct financial donations and in-kind contributions.

This isn't about left or right, but right and wrong. People of color make up a large portion of the users of services like YouTube and Facebook. These companies are essentially profiting off the very communities that Trump's

Erin Egan, a Facebook vice president for publicity, claims that the company's involvement in the convention will "facilitate an open dialogue among voters, candidates, and elected officials." But throwing a coronation ball for Trump and his white supremacist supporters has nothing to do with

It's important to note that these companies have taken stands on other

Both Google and Facebook recently spoke out against North Carolina's transphobic "bathroom bill." And earlier this year, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg circulated an internal memo calling out employees who crossed out the words "Black Lives Matter" on the signature wall at the company's headquarters. He called the behavior "malicious" and "unacceptable."

Now it's time for Facebook and Google to take another stand against hate — and to join companies like Coca-Cola, Hewlett-Packard, and Microsoft that have already scaled back or cut their support to the Republican

Lucia Martínez is an organizer with the Free Press Action Fund, a nonpartisan

#### DUSD responds to parent complaint

Dear Editor:

This Letter to the Editor is in reference to last week's parent statement regarding Downey High School/Downey Unified and the President's Middle College Scholars Academy awards ceremony.

We wish the Downey Patriot had contacted the school to confirm these inaccurate allegations so we could provide the second part to the

Downey High School is very aware of all programs and extracurricular activities that students are involved in and makes attending these recognition ceremonies an enormous priority.

As many are aware, that same evening was also one of Downey events of the year, the Viking Awards.

Although Downey High is fully aware that a larger presence from both the district and school level would like to have been present at the President's Middle College Scholars Academy awards ceremony, it is incorrect to say that there was no representation at the ceremony.

One of Downey Unified's staff that plays a major role in Support Programs, attended the ceremony that evening to support our students.

The Viking Awards, similar to the Warren High School Golden Bear Awards, is a major event that includes DHS and Downey Unified administration as presenters, so it was unfortunate that all administration were scheduled to present awards that evening.

As Mr. Jones states the President's Middle College Scholars Academy award ceremony was organized by Cerritos College; Downey High was not asked if this date conflicted with any other prearranged events, but it is with full knowledge that the end of the year ceremonies could ideally be coordinated more thoroughly to facilitate attendance.

Downey High will work with Cerritos College and other academic partners in hopes to avoid conflicts such as this and coordinate dates for the succeeding school year.

**Tom Houts** Principal **Downey High School** 



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#### Yard sale to benefit sick boy

DOWNEY - A yard sale benefiting a 4-year-old boy with a congenital heart condition will be held June 11 at Downey United Methodist Preschool.

In addition to the heart condition, Nicholas Ballesteros was also recently diagnosed with plastic bronchitis, a condition affecting his lungs. There is no cure but there is treatment at a Philadelphia children's hospital; family and friends are raising money to send Nicholas and his family to Philadephia for

The yard sale is from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The preschool is located at 10801 Downey Ave.

#### Newcombers Club fashion show

DOWNEY - The Downey Newcomers Club will host its annual fashion show Monday, June 20, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The show, which features fashions by Nena, begins with a 10:30 a.m. social, 11:30 a.m. lunch, and the fashion show at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Barbara Emery at (562) 869-1044.



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# Longtime Bosco teacher Patrick McMorrow retires

By Alex Dominguez Contributor

**BELLFLOWER** - Much to the dismay of his students and fellow educators resist. alike, St. John Bosco High School math teacher Patrick McMorrow is retiring after 40 years teaching.

McMorrow entered the teaching profession in August of 1969. At that time, he was teaching at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Fla.

According to McMorrow, who received his undergraduate education at Marist College in New York and his Masters at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, teaching was suggested to him by his peers.

"When I was 16, my buddies in high school sometimes wanted help in math and I would help them with math, you know explain it to them," said McMorrow. "And they said, 'Hey, you're pretty good at this.' It's really my high school friends when I was a junior in high school that kind of planted the seed that maybe that's something I should do. And not being very original, I just went straight down that path."

After nine years in Florida, he traveled to Southern California in 1978 with the intent of earning a doctorate, however that never occurred.

McMorrow held several different positions during his time at Bosco in addition to his math classes, including head guidance counselor, basketball coach, and "Voice of the Braves" announcing at sporting events. McMorrow is also credited with helping to bring AP programs to the school.

In addition to his 40 plus years teaching high school, McMorrow also spent 35 years as a part time instructor at Orange Coast College in Costa

McMorrow was described as a "great man" and a "mentor" by many of his fellow educators.

"He's always kids first. He's always been able to set his stuff aside to cater to any of these kids," said Sid Davidson, the head volleyball coach at Bosco "...He's definitely going to be missed."

"The Philosophy of this school is 'home, school, church and playground;' we feed all those areas of a young person. We basically teach to the whole person," said fellow math teacher Ernie Antonelli. "Mr. McMorrow is that to not only the students but to the faculty as well. He embodies what the man St. John Bosco was."

According to religion teacher and head golf coach Jack Hastert, despite McMorrow's departure his presence will still be felt within the halls of Bosco due to his impact on students and staff alike.

"He has shared so much of himself that I think we're gonna be OK," said Hastert. "Obviously we're going to miss him...I think people have watched him teach and interact with the students for so long that they've picked up a lot of what he's done. I think even though he's not here, his legacy will still be here; his way of doing things will still be here just because he cares about the kids so much."

McMorrow was honored by his fellow faculty on Sunday and presented with letters of thanks and well wishes from many of his former students.

#### Long Beach poet to read from latest book

**DOWNEY** – The Long Beach poet known as Raindog will read from his newest book, "Tracking the Rabbit," at Downey's Stay Gallery on June 16.

In addition to his poetry, Raindog also edits and publishes the Lummox

The June 16 is free and open to the public. An open mic begins at 7:30 p.m.

# **Commentary**: What it was like as a primary poll worker

By Raul Samaniego Contributer

write. No, not that I won't expect my 40 cups of coffee, I mean, these thoughts are still fresh in my mind and I want to put them to paper (or computer) before they are affected by the fog of time.

Tuesday, the country held another historic election. The last truly "historic" election is recognized as 2008 when the country elected the first African-American as the Commander in

With California's primary election, it is believed that the party of the tolerant mind has all but placed the name of one Hillary Clinton on the General Election ballot against the opposition party's "assumed" candidate.

Never assume anything. For when you assume, you make an ASS out of U and ME (I didn't invent that line, but it sings).

Tuesday's primary election, I was line at ABC School Districts vote as prepared as possible. I had done collection center on Norwalk Blvd the online training, gone to the two hour "hands on" training and even reviewed the training DVD slowly so I wouldn't forget a thing.

I had been a poll worker trainer in the 2008 election, so I figured I was well-prepared.

team, I started calling the allvolunteer staff about 10 days prior to the election. I called four folks, I made contact with one.

one, nor two, but three precincts assigned to the 40-year old Hermosillo Park recreation/multi purpose room.

I was designated the green table.

In my most elaborate imagination I could hear those words being heard over a loud speaker. Sort of like those WWII movies or even a Stars Wars movie, "Come in green table. This is papa

"How is the election going?

After sweating out and not making contact with the other three volunteers, I had made a pilgrimage to the Registrar of Voters office. Thank goodness, it is located here in Norwalk for I was able to reach my contact directly.

She was able to give some alternate phone numbers for me to make contact.

I tried and still was only able to reach one of the three.

Zack (not his real name) was a bit reluctant. According to him, he had relocated to Signal Hill and supposedly had requested a location closer to his new residence.

Somehow, through my suave communication skills, I was able and three-time Pulitzer Prize to convince him that his presence nominee Victor Villaseñor will be was necessary to make this historic

election in South Norwalk a success.

I've done some rear-end smooching in my life, but in Samoa NORWALK - This is a free Beach, I heard that radio voice again.

> "This is green table, over. I am declaring a desperate situation.

> Zack agreed to meet me at the park the next morning at 6 a.m.

Okay, I had three volunteers (including myself) and I hoped with crossed fingers, and even a bit of salt over my shoulder, that another volunteer or two would show up.

One of the volunteers I could not reached indeed, did.

In the words of Elmer Fudd,"What do you know, the stuff

Mom got me to volunteer as a poll worker soon after my 18th birthday. I don't recall the issues of Here it is, you know I couldn't the day, but I do remember sitting on my better side for hours.

> Tuesday was no different. I sat, I stood, I leaned. I almost cried.

Seventeen hours after arriving at Hermosillo Park, I finally sat in As a precinct inspector for a borrowed car as I waited in the and 166th Street.

Exhausted? Absolutely! (How's that for inflection Cherri Kelley?)

However, as I have remembered some 30 hours after it began Tuesday, the failure of the yellow table's precinct's inspector to As group leader for the poll show at 6 a.m., the rush to get an emergency poll worker sent to the South Norwalk area, I am sitting here having survived another stint.

The impression of the hundreds As it turned out, there was not of voters who seemed to descend on us at the same time (all after 5 p.m. it seemed) and the proud feeling I had with not only my poll team, but the other two teams who handled the crowds professionally and courteously.

> Norwalkians, thank you for meeting my expectations and surpassing them. You came out and voted in this truly historic election. Some of you were so "enlightened" by your party selection that you practically begged to switch parties at the polls.

> As poll workers, our job was to make sure that everyone was given the ability to vote. The teams did just

> In only five months, it is expected that the turnout for the General Election will be three times as many voters as this past primary. Here's another cliché.

> "Be careful for what you ask for, you may certainly get it."

> In the General Election, I certainly hope I do.

#### Victor Villaseñor in Downey this Monday

**DOWNEY** – Bestselling author at the Downey Theatre on Monday, June 13, speaking on the power of language and how personal family histories empower us.

The talk begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

As a dyslexic high school dropout, Villaseñor went on to become an award winning author and inspirational speaker. He credits James Joyce's "Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man" with changing his life.

The evening is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey Library. Admission is free.

#### Norwalk Library hosts summer events

NORWALK - Norwalk Library invites residents to a special summer edition of Designer's Den on June 16 from 4-5 p.m. Participants will use Mod Podge, scrapbook paper, and magazines to create a one-of-a-kind light switch.

All adult attendees will receive entry into the library's end of the summer opportunity drawing for a Samsung Galaxy Tab A tablet.

The library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA

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