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Veterans can treat themselves Monday

NORWALK - Local veterans have their choice of free perks this Veterans Day.

For the sixth consecutive year, **The Pride Barbershop** in Downey is offering free haircuts to U.S. military veterans on Veterans Day.

Veterans can also receive a free manicure, courtesy of **The Pride By Her**.

Veterans interested in a free haircut and/or manicure can visit The Pride this Monday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will also be free coffee and donuts.

Unique Auto Spa in Downey is offering veterans a free deluxe car wash on Monday.

For the past 11 years, **Applebee's** has offered free entrees from a special menu to veterans and active duty military personnel for Veterans Day. They're continuing the tradition for Veterans Day 2019.

BJ's Restaurant and Brew House will honor veterans and active duty military with a free Dr. Pepper and entree up to \$14.95 for Veterans Day 2019.

Veterans and active military members can enjoy a choice of a complimentary pizza, pasta or full size salad and beverage from **California Pizza Kitchen's** Veterans Day menu at all participating California Pizza Kitchen locations nationwide.

Veterans and active duty military can get a free entree from **Chili's** on Veterans Day 2019.

Veterans and active duty military with valid ID can enjoy a free cheeseburger at **Farmer Boys** on Veterans Day 2019.

Every year, **Golden Corral** hosts Military Appreciation Night. This year, on Veterans Day 2019, any person who has served in the US Military (retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard or Reserves) is eligible for a free meal at any Golden Corral location.

Veterans and active duty military with military ID or proof of service can enjoy a free entree from a special **Hooters** Veterans Day menu with a purchase of a beverage on Veterans Day 2019.

The special menu includes several Hooters favorites, including 10-Piece Traditional Wings, 10-Piece Smoked Wings, 10-Piece Boneless Wings, Hooters Burger, Buffalo Chicken Salad and Buffalo Chicken Sandwich.

IHOP offers free pancakes to active duty military and veterans.

Veterans and military can snag a free \$5 Hot and Ready lunch combo from **Little Caesar's**.

For the entire month of November, active duty and veteran military personnel will receive 20 percent off of their bill at **Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ**.

Veterans can enjoy a free entree from a specially curated menu at participating **Olive Garden** locations.

Starbucks is treating veterans to a free tall coffee Monday.

Participating **Sizzler** locations offer a free meal to veterans, along with a free side and drink.

Subway is offering veterans a free six-inch sandwich at participating locations.



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Raise the sales tax? Norwalk voters will decide

If approved, Norwalk's sales tax rate would be 10.25%, the highest allowed by law.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK - With a forecasted \$2 million budget deficit looming, Norwalk's City Council unanimously voted to let the residents decide on potential sales tax increase during the next election.

According to city staff, Norwalk is facing financial challenges, due to reduced state funding, increased demand for a high-quality Sheriff's Department, Public Safety, and other city services.

The hardships facing Norwalk are not unique to its community alone, as several neighboring cities are experiencing similar issues and have subsequently passed or are considering measures to counteract their projected deficits.

Still, staff warned City Council that additional revenue would need to be secured, or the city's operating expenses would need to be adjusted accordingly. If not, the city could face a deficit of \$2 million in 2021, which would increase substantially to a cumulative total of \$18 million over the next five years.

One solution is to raise the city's sales tax rate.

According to the City's revenue projections for FY 2019/20, sales tax comprises 23% of the city's general fund.

Norwalk's sales tax currently



sits at 9.5%, generating revenue from residents and non-residents alike who choose to purchase goods within the city. However, only 1% is received by the city, with the rest divided up amongst other agencies.

If ultimately approved, the sales tax rate would be maximized at 10.25%, which is the highest allowed by law.

According to a research firm hired by the city, 66% of voters would approve of the tax increase, however it has still garnered a fair amount of pushback from residents since word began to spread of Tuesday's agenda item.

According to City Manager Jesus Gomez, about 450 people

were polled.

Mayor Margarita Rios was quick to address the "elephant in the room" after casting her vote.

"I'm glad this was unanimous," said Rios. "We don't like to hear about an increase in sales tax, but at this point if we don't give our city and community the opportunity to gain that additional revenue, we may have our hands tied in the future...I think moving forward, we're giving our community a chance and an opportunity to actually keep revenue in our city."

The election will be held March 3.

Norwalk will continue shuttle service from civic center

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK - The Norwalk City Council voted on Tuesday to extend its Pilot Shuttle Program through the end of June next year.

Due to expire at the end of the month, the agreement will now carry on through June 2020.

The extension costs are estimated to be at \$137,390, of which funding will be supported with Prop C Local Return funds. The cost will also be fractionally

offset by parking revenues from the Civic Center's 3rd floor parking structure, estimated at \$8,190.

The city established the original \$266,125 agreement with MV Transportation, Inc in May of this year, providing a shuttle service between the Metrolink / Santa Fe Springs Metrolink station and the Civic Center parking structure after repeated complaints about insufficient parking availability in the Metrolink / Santa Fe lot.

There are 48 Metrolink

commuters (22 residents and 26 non-residents) who have purchased monthly permits to park at the Civic Center structure and utilize the Pilot Shuttle.

Currently, the shuttle operates Monday through Friday between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and from 2 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to meet arriving and departing Metrolink Commuter trains.

Council voted 4-1 in approval, with Councilman Leonard Shryock opposed.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Seattle Teriyaki
13302 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/30/19
Grade: **A**

Marquez Restaurant
13226 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/30/19
Grade: **A**

Hola Pho
11575 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/29/19
Grade: **A**

Pancho's Grill
12405 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/29/19
Grade: **A**

Buy Low Market
10951 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

Applebee's
12129 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

So Cal Pizza
12253 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

Kung Pao Bowl
12331 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/28/19
Grade: **A**

Albert's Mexican Food
11610 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/24/19
Grade: **A**

Rally's
11750 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 10/24/19
Grade: **A**

Douglas Burgers
16306 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Guesthouse Hotel
12500 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Ozen Sushi
16511 Pioneer Blvd..
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

California Bakery
11860 Rosecrans Ave
Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Dos Amigos
13310 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
11473 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

Dulce Canella
15012 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/23/19
Grade: **A**

The Green Blender
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Elbow Room
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Baja California Bar and Grill
11521 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Burger Basket
12155 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

La Mesa
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/22/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 88°

Saturday 90°

Sunday 81°



Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

All Weekend - Downey Theatre
A live, musical adaptation of the beloved TV holiday classic. Tickets start at \$30, check online for showtimes.



Tree Lighting

Saturday - Citadel Outlets, 5 pm

The Citadel Outlets ushers in the holiday season with its 18th annual tree-lighting, featuring a performance by the All-American Boys Chorus and hosted by Valentine of 104.3 MYFM



Pow Wow

All Weekend - South Gate Park

The 18th annual Veterans Appreciation and Heritage Pow Wow, featuring Aztec dancing, an Indian village, veteran resources, food vendors, native craft vendors, and more.



Holiday Market

Sunday - Grand Event Center in Long Beach, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Shop from over 60 unique makers and artisans, plus a free donut bar. \$2 admission, free for military and kids 12 and younger.



Circus Vargas

All Weekend - Lakewood Center

Circus Vargas brings acrobats, daredevils and flying trapeze (and no animals) in this exciting family-friendly show. Various showtimes throughout the weekend.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@NorwalkLSD: ARREST OF THE MONTH (OCT. '19)

Dep. C. Abeyta pulled over a #gangmember whose vehicle had expired registration. Subsequently, the ex-felon was arrested for having a loaded firearm (no serial number), meth and heroin, which he was transporting to sell.

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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Clay Sculpture Class, 12 pm. Learn about the fundamentals of working with clay and create your own piece of art! Registration is required as materials are limited. Visit the Information Desk or call the library to sign up. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Boards, Brushes & Beverages, 7 pm. Transform unfinished wood into a beautiful personalized work of art, just ahead of the holiday season! Gift your art to a loved one or use to decorate your home for family gatherings. We'll have a variety of designs to choose from. Fee is \$25/person, and includes materials, appetizers and refreshments. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. An all-ages concert with music from The Radiacs (UK), The Quaranteds, The Peabrians, Radarmen, Lost Boys and Salems Ghosts. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 am. Join the city of Norwalk as it honors its veterans. Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

How to Avoid Holiday Weight Gain, 10 am. Learn how to indulge in the holidays in a healthy way and without being overly restrictive. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

Senior Safety Awareness, 10 am. This seminar will teach seniors what they need to know to stay safe if caught in an active shooter situation. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Classic Book Club - "Anne of Green Gables" by L. M. Montgomery, 6:30-7:30 pm. Anne, an orphan, is sent to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a farm in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward

island and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. More than 50 million copies of the book have been sold since it was published. Copies of the book available at the library or online at lacountylibrary.overdrive.com. New members welcomed. For Adults 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Hopi Feathered Sun God Mask, 2 - 3:30 pm. Join us as we learn about the Hopi Native American Indian tribe and create a Feathered Sun God Mask using a variety of art materials. This program will be led by the Barnsdall Art Center. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Succulent Terrarium Workshop, 2 pm. Gardener Joan Borgman will teach you how to create your own succulent terrarium. Registration is required as materials are limited. Visit the Information Desk or call the library to sign up. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Citizenship Clinic, 9 am to 1 pm. Stop by for citizenship application assistance, fee waiver application, and study materials. Call the library or sign up at the Information Desk and receive a list of documents to bring to your appointment. In partnership with SAHARA. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Community Forum, 10 am. Join the City Council at this community forum. Hear updates on Norwalk activities and events, and share your thoughts with council members. Waite Middle School, 14320 Norwalk Blvd.

Game and Activity Day, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best

suiting for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Big Dill Pickleball Tournament, 4 pm. Come out and have some fun while playing pickleball indoors. Grab a partner and sign up for this 3 game guaranteed tournament which will include awards for the top 2 teams in each division. Registration is now being accepted at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Daddy-Daughter Hollywood Glamour Dance, 5:30-8:30 pm. Light dinner, crafts, games, activities and dancing. \$20 per couple, \$7 each additional child. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

CalFresh Outreach, 9 am to 12 pm. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are age 65 and older may now qualify to receive CalFresh services. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Stress Management for the Holidays, 10 am. Staff from Regal Medical Group will provide educational information on how to maintain a healthy and positive attitude going through the holiday season. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Painting with Acrylics, 2-3 pm. Students will learn acrylic art techniques, learn how to mix colors, and complete a work of art on canvas. All materials will be provided. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 18 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Hearing Aid Check, 9:30 am to 12 pm. Miracle Ear is providing free hearing aid checks to senior to ensure their hearing aid is in good shape. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

Kaleidoscope Fun, 4 - 5 pm. Construct your own optical instrument and watch shapes and colors turn into beautiful patterns. For ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Lit Wits Book Club: The Death of Mrs. Westaway, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss "The Death of Mrs. Westaway" by Ruth Ware. Hal receives a letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance but soon it dawns on her that there is something wrong about the inheritance. For adults. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Tower Building STEM Challenge, 4 - 5 pm. Work in groups to build the tallest tower out of basic materials! We provide all supplies. Best suited for ages 5 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Game and Activity Day, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

MakMo: Snowman Head Catapult Challenge, 4-5 pm. Compete to see who can build while learning about engineering and physics, and launching snowman heads! Ages 5-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

SnowFest and Tree-Lighting Ceremony, 12-8 pm. Snow slides, a snow play area, game booths, train rides, craft tents, face

painting, live entertainment, and a visit from Santa Claus. The tree lighting is scheduled for 6 pm.

Succulent Bonsai Workshop, 12-1 pm. Create your own beautiful succulent bonsai planter. Workshop is taught by a master gardener. Plant, soil and container provided. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Diabolic Lounge, 6:30 pm. Live music by The Grim, Peabrians, and The Dead Ricardos. \$14 pre-sale, \$18 at the door. All ages show. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Classic Book Club - "The Story of my Life" by Helen Keller, 6:30-7:30 pm. Helen Keller's triumph over her blindness and deafness became one of the most inspiring stories of the 20th century. The autobiography, first published in 1903 when she was a young woman, is Helen Keller's own story -- complex, poignant, and, ultimately, successful. Copies of the book available at the library or online at lacountylibrary.overdrive.com. New members welcomed. For Adults 18+. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Clay Sculpture, 2-3 pm. Students will learn the fundamentals of working with clay. Clay used dries on its own and there is no need to bake. Students will be able to complete a piece of art. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

Neighborhood Watch, 6:30 pm. Join neighbors and the L.A. County Sheriff's Department to discuss ways to make your neighborhood safer. 14500 block of Fidel Ave.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Yarn Wrapped Flower Pots, 4-5 pm. Dress up a terra cotta pot to make a small garden container for yourself or a great gift for someone else. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Paper Modeling, 4-5 pm. Learn about the world through paper modeling! Paper modeling is the art of making scaled models with either paper or cardstock. Designed sheets are cut, folded and glued to create 3D models. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Smarty Pants Storytime, 10:30 - 11 am. Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Holidays at the Museum, 5-8 pm. Tour Norwalk's historic museum which will be decorated just for this occasion. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Game and Activity Day, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play. We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Las Posadas, 6-9 pm. A traditional cultural celebration featuring a candlelight procession, caroling of holiday songs, performances by mariachis and ballet folkloricos, and more. City Hall lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

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How will the RHNA impact our communities?

BY JEFF COLLIER

Recently the latest draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) was released by the State Dept. of Housing and Community Development and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for 2021 - 2029. The new RHNA has allotted over 1.3 million new housing units for the six county SCAG region. Of this number, Whittier has been allocated 3,123 new housing units with 46% to be for low- and very low-income households.

The RHNA is mandated by State Housing Law as part of the process of updating local city housing elements. The current RHNA (2013-2021), was adopted by SCAG in 2012 and gave Whittier a goal of 878 housing units.

Whittier recognizes the need to accommodate its fair share of new housing to meet the unmet statewide need. Despite being nearly built out, Whittier has approved over 1,100 housing units in the past five years. In fact, a report released by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments shows that Whittier has produced the second most housing within the 27-city Gateway region (2013-2018), behind Long Beach. Further, 750 new units will start construction next month as part of The Groves in Whittier.

Whittier's draft RHNA represents an increase of 356% above the previous allocation. This will increase Whittier's population to over

100,000 and bring new challenges to already congested roadways, infrastructure systems, parks, police/fire services, and public facilities.

It is important for residents to realize the local implications of policies designed to solve the "housing crisis" which evolve into mandates on cities and leave local officials with little to no discretion on how housing growth occurs. One example of these mandates are the laws signed by Gov. Newsom relative to accessory dwelling units (ADU) that create the right for owners to build up to two ADU's on their lot, including converting a garage to a housing unit.

Densifying our neighborhoods by adding two units to each single-family property is likely to change the character of our neighborhoods and impact the quality of life. Ironically, only a portion of these new units will be counted toward meeting the City's RHNA requirement.

Further, several housing bills (SB 35, SB 166, and AB 72) will result in the RHNA allocation becoming a production mandate rather than a planning goal. Cities will now face potential legal action and reduced State tax revenues if they have inadequate housing production. In short, the State is making local cities responsible for housing production regardless of the economy, availability of financing for builders, or mortgage interest rates - none of which cities can control.

Lastly, most So. Cal. cities receive less than ten cents of each dollar paid in property taxes, while the balance goes to the county, schools and special districts. Whittier receives just seven cents for each dollar paid in property taxes, which is less than the cost of services for each unit. This means new housing has a negative fiscal impact. Clearly, California needs to rethink the way local city services are funded. In fact, changing to an equitable allocation so communities actually receive adequate funding for services is a way to incentivize housing construction.

Whittier continues to be a leader in partnering to see housing built to meet the very real need of shelter in our state. But this must occur sustainably without unreasonably compromising residents' quality of life. Residents should have a voice in determining the type of community they wish to live in.

Sadly, quality of life and the design of our neighborhoods are now being dictated by State lawmakers rather than by local residents and their city officials.

Jeff Collier is the City Manager for the City of Whittier and has nearly 40 years of experience in local government planning and community development.

We are grateful to all our veterans

BY MARIO A. GUERRA

We celebrate and thank all veterans this weekend. Veterans Day is a special day and we recognize all who have served, and continue to serve our nation with honor and distinction.

The Army's people (and those from all our military branches) are its greatest strength, and taking care of them and ensuring they are ready to fight and win our nation's wars is our top priority. Thanking them and recognizing them is also something our country should always do.

For nearly a century, we have celebrated Veterans Day on the anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting along the Western Front in World War I on November 11, 1918 (11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month).

In 1938, Congress made Veterans Day an official holiday. This year, as we commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day and the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe during World War II, so we also remember the contributions of Veterans from the "Greatest Generation."

Many World War II Veterans fought on the front lines. But every person was important in winning that war, just like every person is important in today's Army. Cooks, nurses, drivers, telephone operators and code breakers were all part of an enormous support system that helped us win.

I would like to highlight a few of these heroes from World War II.

One of those people was Elizabeth Bernice Barker Johnson. Born in North Carolina, Ms. Johnson joined the war effort in 1943 after she received a flyer in the mail with a picture of Uncle Sam saying, "I want you," and she thought, well, maybe he does. She served with the Women's Army Corps from March 1943 to November 1945.

She was one of eight hundred women assigned to the Six-Triple-Eight Central Postal Directory Battalion, the first and only all-female African American unit deployed overseas during World War II. The Six-Triple-Eight provided combat support operations. Their job was to clear a two year backlog of mail in six months. They did it in three. Ms. Johnson served in France and England. The days were long and tiring. She said, "We didn't have a set number of hours. You just worked till you were too tired to do anything more."

Another woman in the Six Triple Eight, Deloris Ruddock, said, "We worked three shifts a day, and we got the mail sorted and directed it to where it was supposed to go. Those Soldiers who were deceased, their mail went back to their families, and those who were on duty, we mailed it to them." The women took their duties seriously; in fact, if you or your families have letters written during that time, you probably have women like these to thank. Ms. Johnson said, "With all the men who were overseas, and a lot of them were not receiving their mail, I'm proud of the fact that I played a part in getting mail that was three and four months old to those people who were overseas."

I am most proud of the fact that I was able to get mail and packages to the people who were on the battlefield." If you have ever been stationed overseas, you know what a boost you get with a package from back home. Ms. Ruddick said, "It was a big morale builder, really and truly, for a Soldier to hear from a loved one. It was good when I got mail from home, and I wasn't even on the battlefield!"

Ms. Ruddick valued her country, and she valued her service. She said she carried a photo of her discharge papers in her wallet for years, even after she came back to the United States, went to school and got a job in New York. Ms. Johnson said her wartime experience gave her a broader view of the world. She went back to school, got a degree, and taught school for the next 30 years.

Women supported the war communication efforts in other ways, too. The majority of the Army's ten-thousand-five-hundred code-

breakers were female. They made it possible for the United States to mobilize on D-Day, sink enemy ships and down enemy planes. Their tireless work - seen as tedious and boring by many - was essential to winning the war, but they were sworn to secrecy.

When their families asked what they did, these women said, "Nothing much." Or, "Office work, mostly." One of the largest group of support personnel, the Women's Army Corps, performed many different functions during the war. More than one-hundred-fifty thousand women plotted aircraft paths or bomb courses, repaired machinery and weapons, operated telephones on the battlefield and worked as file clerks and stenographers. They learned to forecast weather and flew planes. They operated and repaired radios.

They sent fake radio signals that tricked Axis powers into thinking the D-Day landings would take place somewhere else. They were cryptographers, sheet metal workers, parachute riggers and aerial photograph analysts. More than a thousand of them ran statistical control tabulating machines - the precursors of computers. They computed the velocity of bullets, measured bomb fragments, mixed gunpowder and loaded shells. They were draftsmen, mechanics and electricians.

Harry Shaw, Jr., joined the Army and was promptly shipped out to fight in D-Day as part of the 283rd Field Artillery Battalion. His convoy, traveling at night, provided supplies, heavy weapons and equipment that troops desperately needed. They began liberating villages as they went, but it was a hard fight. Then the Germans rallied and Mr. Shaw was in the middle of the Battle of the Bulge. "That was the worst of all of the fighting," he said.

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson was one of those who spent time in a POW camp. He was a Tuskegee Airman with the Army Air Corps. He was a replacement pilot for the 301st squadron and the 332nd fighter group. He said, "My job was strafing. Trains, trucks, tanks, whatever, buildings. I had 18 missions. Half of the missions were high level, where we escorted the bombers from Italy to Germany, flying top cover. Back and forth across the top, preventing German fighters from attacking. Our job was to knock out the radar." During one of his missions, his plane was hit. The plane didn't make it, but he did, and landed in a tree. He was in a German prisoner of war camp for a year. He eventually received a Purple Heart for his service and, along with the other Tuskegee Airmen, the Congressional Gold Medal. Once the war and his service was over, Mr. Jefferson became a teacher and an assistant principal in the Detroit Public School System.

He was proud to be a Veteran and proud his work had long-ranging effects for other African Americans. He said, "I realized that the efforts of the black men and women all performed the pressure that desegregated the military."

Mary Tollefson, the WAC who served from Wisconsin, said her service showed society that women were an essential part of winning

the war. "The war scared the bejebers out of this country. It really did, we weren't prepared for it. Suddenly, women were important and the country couldn't get along without them."

As war changed these veterans, these veterans changed our society for the better. They fought for peace and freedom, and served their nation proudly.

The Department of Veterans Affairs says that of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, fewer than half a million are still with us. Once their service was over, they came home, married and had families ... some of whom are still with us locally today. Regardless of the military branch our Veterans have served - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard - this day belongs to them.

Generations of patriots who have dedicated themselves to the defense of our country make us stronger and more resilient as a nation. Soldiers live by the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. They do not leave behind their values and skills when they transition to civilian life.

Right now, all around the country, Veterans serve as teachers, doctors, engineers, social workers, community leaders, first responders and elected officials. They continue to serve our communities by making positive contributions, building stronger futures and inspiring future generations. Each year, we set this day aside all across the country to celebrate and pay tribute to America's Veterans for their devotion, patriotism, selfless service and sacrifice on behalf of us all. Our nation's Veterans throughout our history kept us free, returned home and continued to serve our nation in a multitude of ways.

Today, we say thanks to them all. Happy Veterans Day to all of you. We truly are grateful for your service to our country.

Dn. Mario A. Guerra is the former Mayor of Downey and current Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He can be reached at www.marioaguerra.com.



Moderation and good manners win elections

BY FROMA HARROP

Moderation along with good manners delivered impressive victories to Democrats this week. Case in point was Andy Beshear's win over Republican incumbent Gov. Matt Bevin in the Kentucky governor's race.

Beshear's margin was slim, it is true, but Kentucky is a state that backed Donald Trump in 2016 by 30 points. The president was so alarmed at the closeness of the race that he swooped down on the state the day before to tell his rallygoers that the race was about him.

Apparently, it was. Dislike of Trump no doubt played a part in turning out 400,000 more voters than the 2015 governor's race.

The soft-spoken Beshear campaigned as a moderate while big-mouth Bevin governed like a brute. One of the more astute comments came from a woman from the suburbs across from Cincinnati. Bevin had "bad manners," she said.

And he did. He called teachers nasty names and reveled in cutting back health coverage for poor Kentuckians.

Beshear campaigned on keeping health care, education and pension reform. Bevin campaigned on how much he is like Trump.

Virginia saw the most dramatic turning of the tide. Democrats took control of the state legislature. (They already hold the governorship.) Here, too, the Trump creep show had turned off the formerly Republican suburbs.

Good manners have a power of their own. Recall the dignity and measured testimony of Ambassador William Taylor and former Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch as they appeared before the House committees.

Rep. Adam Schiff's self-control and reserved demeanor lend power to his leadership role in the impeachment inquiry. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also has the power, made greater when she reins in Democrats who use crude language.

Now, moderation isn't the same thing as good manners. There are

fine-mannered radicals on both the left and right. But to the extent that good manners require acknowledging the feelings of those who disagree, they more easily coexist with moderation.

Pelosi is wisely urging Democrats to nominate a moderate for president. That means not Elizabeth Warren - and, of course, not Bernie Sanders. Warren would sow chaos in the nation's health care system, though more modest, less scary initiatives would move things in her direction. She would tear apart big tech companies. Even if you like these ideas - and I think work is needed in both areas - be mindful that they are not going to happen.

A President Warren could not get such legislation past a lot of Democrats, much less Republicans who have the Senate votes to stop progress. More to the point, there would not be a President Warren because she'd be sure to lose - even against Trump.

The battlefields Democrats should focus on are not Iowa and New Hampshire, where the Democratic electorate is heavily weighted with the white liberal gentry. Warren or Sanders could do well in those places.

The important battlefields are Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, the three states that delivered an Electoral College victory to Trump. Recent polls of matchups in six swing states suggest how vulnerable Warren or Sanders would be against Trump.

Granted, it's early for such polling, and the margins are small, but the RealClearPolitics poll averages show Biden ahead of Trump in all six. Warren and Sanders would be edged out by Trump in Florida and Arizona. In North Carolina, Biden's polling average puts him 5.4 points ahead of Trump. Warren would slightly trail Trump.

When Republicans put up reasonable candidates for president, Democrats have the luxury of backing contenders whose positions they prefer. If that person loses, disaster won't ensue. This time is different. This time there is one issue: defeating Trump. The candidate has to be the Democrat who can do it.

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist.

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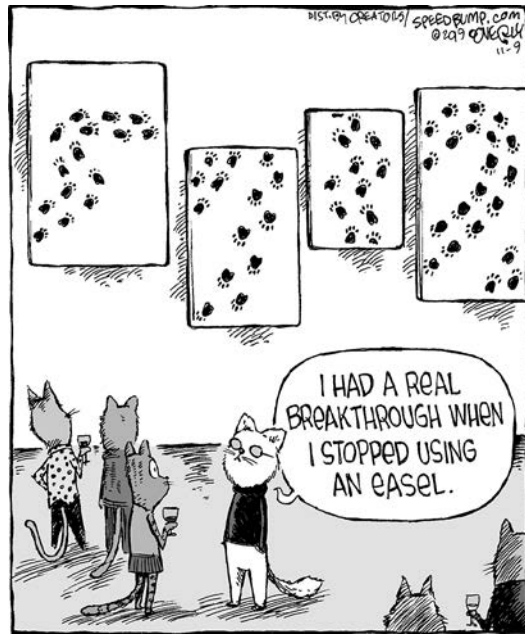
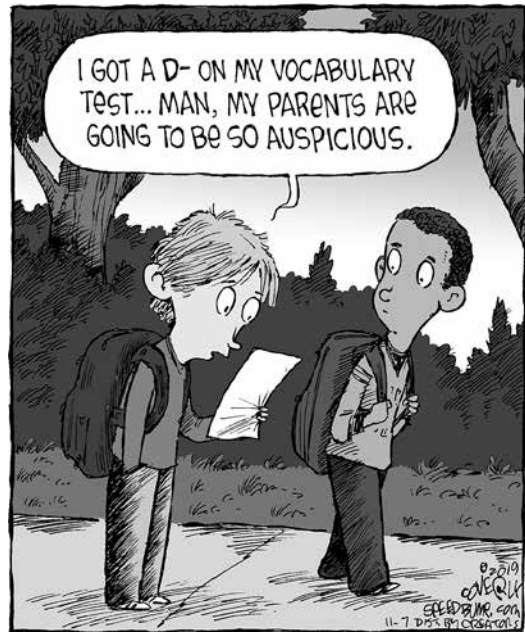
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12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
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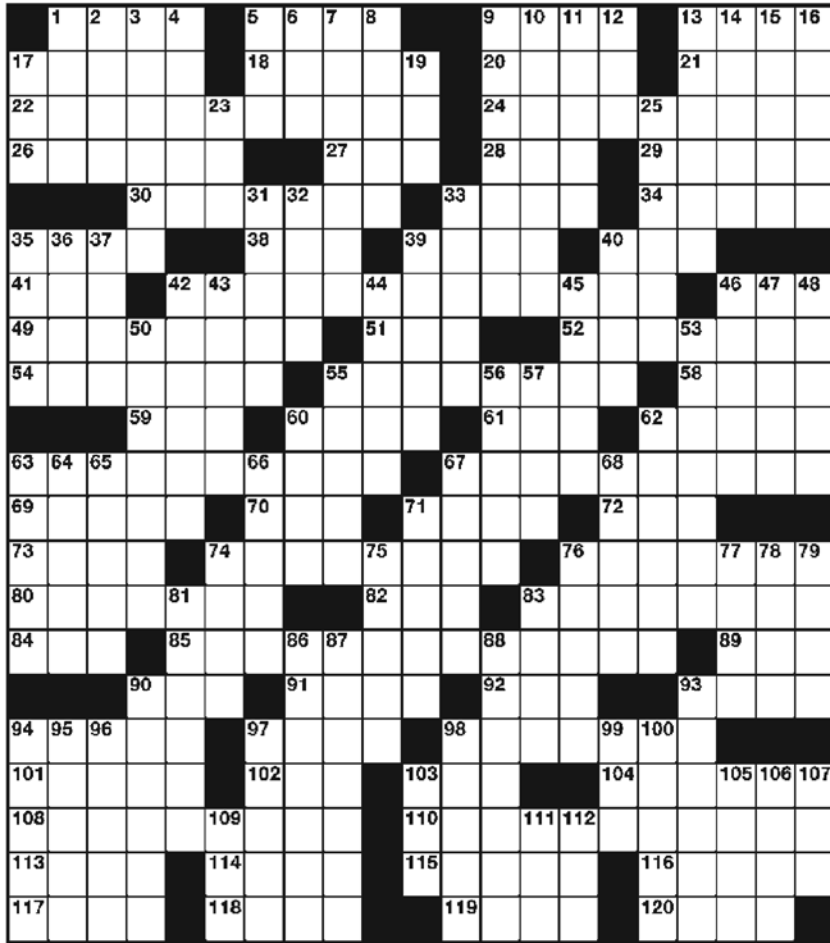
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Rio Hondo lands \$477K grant to expand online career training programs

Rio Hondo College will use the funds to add to its online certificate programs, which are growing in popularity.

"This grant is a strong endorsement of the strength of Rio Hondo College's career instructional program," Superintendent and President Dr. Arturo Reyes said.

Health Information Technology, and Publications.

The certificates reflect the workforce need and employment landscape in key sectors regionally and across California. All of the courses and certificates will be designed to ensure Rio Hondo College's online education promotes student engagement and provides learners with the tools they need to be successful.

"Rio Hondo College is committed to extending educational opportunities to a diverse population of students with alternative methods and delivery formats," said Grant Linsell, dean of arts and cultural programs; distance education.

"These approaches to instruction outside the traditional classroom setting provide an array of credit and non-credit courses, programs, training and associated services via technology."

"The funds will allow us to strengthen an already top-notch program to ensure our students receive the training necessary to enjoy amplified career opportunities that, in turn, will enrich our communities."

The 16 online Associate of Arts/Certificate programs include:

- Deaf Studies; Foundations of Interpreting; Wildland Fire Technology; Sports and Fitness Management; American Sign Language; Sports Coaching; Art Studio Entrepreneurship; Elementary Education; Online Digital Technology; Graphic Design; Packaging Design; Branding and Image Design; Advertising Design; Web Design;

WHITTIER - Rio Hondo College's Office of Online Education has received a \$477,000 grant as part of the California Virtual Campus Online Education Initiative to add or update 16 industry-valued online certificate programs in fields ranging from Wildland Fire Technology to Web Design.

The 16 programs were strategically chosen from a diversity of campus programs with the goal of transforming online education within each division.

Rio Hondo College anticipates the degree and certificate programs will be open to students in fall 2020.



In addition to enabling the College to expand online and CTE programs, the grant will also jumpstart campus-wide investment in and student accessibility to online courses, certificates and degrees.

The overarching goal of Rio's Online Education program is to increase accessibility

and create visibility of online certificate programs that lead to entry-level job opportunities or opportunities for career advancement within a selected field.

Additionally, certificate programs such as American Sign Language, Wildland Fire and Graphic Design feed into existing

degree programs, strengthening these pathways to completion.

Rio Hondo College's online program currently includes 11 local degrees, eight certificate options and three Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT), which guarantee admission to the California State University system.

Patrick Raras credits Whittier for his Navy career

VETERANS DAY: The 2018 Whittier High graduate is in training to be a U.S. Navy future warfighter; he's currently serving as a fireman.

By Lt. Kat Smith
U.S. Navy

Sailors are some of the most highly-trained people on the planet, according to Navy officials, and this training requires highly-dedicated instructors.

At Naval Education and Training command, instructors at advanced technical schools teach sailors to be highly skilled, operational, and combat ready warfighters, while providing the tools and opportunities for continuous learning and development.

Fireman Patrick Mark Raras, a native of Whittier, California, is a student at NETC, learning the necessary skills needed to be a machinist's mate.

A machinist's mate is responsible for fixing and trouble shooting turbine engines onboard Navy warships.

Students attend advanced technical schools after "boot camp." They are taught the basic technical knowledge and skills required to be successful in their new careers.

Raras, a 2018 graduate of Whittier High School, credits his success in the Navy so far to many of the lessons learned growing up in Whittier.

"Going through school when I was younger, I learned paying attention to detail and the importance of diversity," Raras said. "These traits have served well in my Navy life."

NETC educates and trains those who serve, providing the tools and opportunities which enable life-long learning, professional and personal growth and development, ensuring fleet readiness and mission accomplishment.

Six commands that provide a continuum of professional education and training at NETC in support of Surface Navy requirements preparing enlisted sailors and officers to serve at sea, and providing apprentice and specialized skills training to 7,500 sailors a year.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Raras plays an important role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets Raras, and other sailors, know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving in the Navy is the biggest milestone for me and my family," Raras said.

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Norwalk man charged with murder

NORWALK - A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway.

Alex Barragan (dob 8/27/86) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear-ended a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison.

Bail is set at more than \$2.19 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months

NORWALK - Caltrans announced the scheduled closure of the Norwalk Boulevard off ramp from northbound Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) at 10 p.m., Sunday July 15.

The off ramp will remain closed for up to 90 days for reconstruction and paving.

The reconstruction of this ramp is part of the I-5 widening project which is adding two lanes to each direction of I-5 between I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) and the Orange County line.

This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange and the San Antonio Drive Bridge.

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- Diana's Mexican Foods Market** 16310 S Pioneer Blvd. Date Inspected: 7/17/18 Grade: A
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- AMC Norwalk** 12300 E Civic Center Dr. Date Inspected: 7/13/18 Grade: A
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- Ana's Blancos** 10977 Rosecrans Ave. Date Inspected: 7/11/18 Grade: A
- Ella's Cafe** 13220 San Antonio Dr. Date Inspected: 7/11/18 Grade: A

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- Saturday 85°
- Sunday 87°

Movie Nights: "Wonder"
Friday - Norwalk Park, 8:30 pm
The City of Norwalk presents a free outdoor screening of "Wonder" bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food will be available for purchase.

Summer Soul Festival
Friday - Norwalk Beach Performing Arts Center, 5 pm
Hip-hop themed festival with performances by Doug E. Fresh, Big Daddy Kane, EPMD, and Rhyme, 550

Jenni and Selena
Saturday - Sage Lounge in Whittier, 8 pm
Jenni Rivera and Selena impersonators perform live, along with full band La Sonora Dinamita.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Did you know that you can get a medical consultation over



your phone or computer, in the privacy and convenience of your own home or office? Telemedicine is the practice of caring for patients remotely, by a doctor or a nurse. It uses HIPAA compliant video-conferencing tools in order to ensure the privacy of the patient.

Allow me to be clear about my enormous bias. Sitting in the exam room with a doctor who knows you well, who can look you in the eye, palpate your abdomen, listen to your lungs and heart, and be on the watch for every nuance, is far, far better than having a stranger talk to you over the phone or through a video chat.

To be fair, there are conditions and situations where telemedicine may be perfectly acceptable. It can provide access for seniors aging in place, for people living in rural areas who do not have local doctors, for those with physical infirmities who find it extremely difficult to make it to a doctor's office, and for those who, out of convenience, wish to get a consult from home, office, or even hotel room.

Physicians and patients can share information in real time. Remote data collection devices can be set up to gather blood pressure, blood sugar, pulse, heart rhythm, blood oxygen level, weight, and even limited ultrasound information, and to transmit it to a telemedicine physician.

By not physically visiting the doctor's office, the patient

avoids driving, gas costs, parking fees, exposure to germs, missed work time, and the need for childcare. Telemedicine can expand access to quality patient care and can cut down on healthcare spending.

Currently, some Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart stores, along with companies like Northrop Grumman, allow shoppers or employees to walk up to a kiosk for a remote consultation. The patient uses a touchscreen computer to enter their data and symptoms and join a virtual waiting room, which is followed by a connection to a video link with a doctor or nurse.

However, consider that costs, privacy, and healthcare laws vary considerably from one state to another. Most physicians and patients are not yet adapting to telemedicine, and many are concerned about misdiagnoses and resultant mismanagement.

The technology is still limited and under development, and systems crash. The patient typically will not be talking to a doctor who knows them, their medical history, or any subtleties of their care. Technology will never capture what the human touch can.

So, what is my bottom line? There certainly is a future for this technology in medical care. Trends dictate that there will be more and more patients and fewer practitioners available to care for them. Telemedicine will indeed expand opportunity and access to care, particularly for the growing senior population.

Advances in technology will make such interactions more meaningful and accurate.

But for today, if you have the ability to get to your doctor, the quality of a face-to-face interaction will vastly improve your ability to receive a correct diagnosis and the very best of treatment.

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 90240.

Caltrans opens fourth lane on 5 Freeway

NORWALK - Caltrans has announced the opening of a fourth lane in each direction of Interstate 5 through Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs.

The lane opening is part of a \$1.9 billion bond project adding one general purpose lane and one carpool lane in each direction of the 5 Freeway between the 605 and the Orange County line.

In October, a fourth northbound lane on the I-5 opened to traffic from Alondra Boulevard to north of Imperial Highway. A fourth southbound lane opened from Imperial Highway down to the Orange County line at Artesia Boulevard.

When the Florence Avenue interchange project finishes in spring 2020, Caltrans will extend the open fourth lanes to the 605 Freeway interchange.

The entire project is anticipated to wrap up by late 2021, when the Valley View Avenue interchange project completes.

County commits \$1.5M towards homeless shelter in Bellflower

BELLFLOWER - On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, led by Chair Janice Hahn, committed \$1.5 million to fund a new 50-bed shelter in the City of Bellflower.

Of the \$1.5 million, \$700,000 comes from Supervisor Hahn's Fourth District Provisional Financing funds. The additional funding will be provided by the LA County Department of Health Services.

"The leaders of the City of Bellflower are stepping up and have a plan to shelter their fair share of the homeless population," said Hahn. "I have always said - if you are a city leader and you identify a site for a shelter or supportive housing in your city, my colleagues and I are more than willing to put County resources behind it to make it happen."

"Opening a shelter in Bellflower is the right thing to do and it is the compassionate thing to do," said Bellflower Mayor Sonny Santa Ines, who testified in support of the funding motion at the board meeting.

Norwalk pays tribute on Veterans Day

NORWALK - The City of Norwalk invites the community to honor all the brave women and men of our armed forces at its annual Veterans Day tribute on Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the Freedom Memorial art installation at City Hall.

The event, in partnership with the American Legion Post 359, will include patriotic performances by the Norwalk All-City Youth Band, an American Legion and Southeast Academy Combined Color Guard, and keynote addresses by Petty Officer Third Class, Fernando Lopez, US Navy, and Signal Support Systems Specialist, Andy Morales, US Army.

In addition, City Council will present Hometown Heroes banners to residents currently serving in the military.

The event is free and open to the public. Complementary refreshments will be served.

Cuban comedian bringing show to Downey Theatre

DOWNEY - Alexis Valdés, a Cuban-born comedian, actor, singer and monologist will perform at the Downey Theatre this December, show organizers announced Tuesday.

This is Valdés second visit to the Los Angeles area, performing to a sell out crowd of over 1,100 the first time he visited in La Mirada back in 2009.



Presented by Cafe' La Llave, the comedy show is titled "Tu Primo El Mono" and is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8, starting at 5 p.m. at the Downey Theatre.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to Courage Forward, a Downey-based non-profit that provides support services to veterans.

An East Coast box office hit, "Tu Primo El Mono" is an anthropological and scientific look of the human being with the prodigious pen of Alexis Valdés, who squanders intelligent humor around the "Evolution of Man".

The humorist questions the privileges of the evolutionary chain, taking into account that primates do not pay insurance, taxes or even rent.

"Are we not the ones who were supposed to be the superior species or is it really not so and have they actually deceived us?" asks Valdés.

Tickets start at \$39 and are on sale now at the Downey Theatre box office.

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