

## Norwalk elections moved to November

■ Hoping to spur more participation, Norwalk moves its elections from March to November.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** – The Norwalk City Council unanimously voted to change the dates of future general municipal elections, now holding them in November of even-numbered years starting in 2022.

Previously in 2017, Council voted to move elections to March of even-numbered years to coincide with State primary elections, extending terms and consolidating with statewide primary elections in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 415, known as the “Voter Participation” bill.

However, the State adopted Senate Bill (SB) 970 last year, which moves the statewide primary back to June of even-numbered years during a non-presidential election year beginning in 2022, while keeping the March date during presidential election years.

Council’s decision on Tuesday lets the city avoid a potentially confusing election schedule which would alternate between the months of March and November, dependent on if it is a presidential election year or not.

The move also adds an additional eight months to each council member’s term.

## Vaccine eligibility expands

**NORWALK** – Teachers and food and agriculture workers will be among an estimated 1.2 million Los Angeles County residents now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Also newly-eligible to get vaccinated are childcare workers, law enforcement personnel and emergency services workers. They will join healthcare workers and those over age 65, who have been receiving the vaccine for several weeks now.

However, health officials said those workers will have to be patient as vaccine supplies remain limited and staff are being trained to ensure only eligible people receive shots.

“Therefore, it will take considerable time to vaccinate these groups, unless vaccine supply significantly increases,” said Dr. Paul Simon, chief science officer for the L.A. County Department of Public Health. “We urge the public’s patience as we work through this process as quickly as possible.”

About 700,000 L.A. County residents over age 65 are yet to receive their first dose.

On Friday, Simon said L.A. County-run sites expect to receive a total of 269,000 doses this week, up from 211,000 last week. With the county setting aside a majority of those for second-doses, a total of 103,000 first-doses will be available this week for the three sectors of workers and for people aged 65 and over.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has mandated that 10% of all vaccine supply received in the state be immediately set aside for teachers, child care workers and other school staff. But dividing the education allocation among the 80 school districts in Los Angeles County will be a weekly challenge.

# Dave Holmquist reaches 1,000 win milestone

■ After last week’s win, Holmquist becomes the fifth winningest coach in college basketball among active coaches.

By John M. Sherrard  
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**LA MIRADA** – One thousand college basketball coaching victories. Let that soak in for a moment – 1,000 wins.

Biola University Men’s Basketball coach Dave Holmquist won his first college game January 6, 1976, as he guided Fresno Pacific to a 96-38 win over West Coast Christian.

Forty-five years later, Holmquist has become only the fifth college men’s coach in the history of the game to reach the milestone 1,000 win plateau.

He guided his Biola Eagles team to a 73-51 PacWest victory over host Concordia University Saturday February 27.

Holmquist, who has been at the helm for Biola for 41 years, has 21 NAIA Tournament appearances, 29, 20-plus win seasons and appeared in the NAIA National Championship game in 1982.

“I’ve had a numerous number of texts, phone calls and emails from former players and friends,” said Holmquist, in his office a few days after the big win.

With the win, Holmquist now has coached 1,409 games and his 1,000 wins fall right behind former Oregon Tech coach Danny Miles in the number four position with 1,040 victories.

With 1,122 wins in the third spot is Harry Statham, former McKendree University (Lebanon, Ill.) coach.

Second is Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia, PA) coach Herb Magee in his 53rd year with 1,123 wins. The program is on hiatus this season due to Covid-19.

Current Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski heads the list with 1,168 victories.

“It’s an honor to be grouped with coaches like that who have been so successful and accomplished so much in their careers,” Holmquist said. “I’ll probably reflect more on that later. But I think I spent most of the time recently thinking about former teams and former players.”

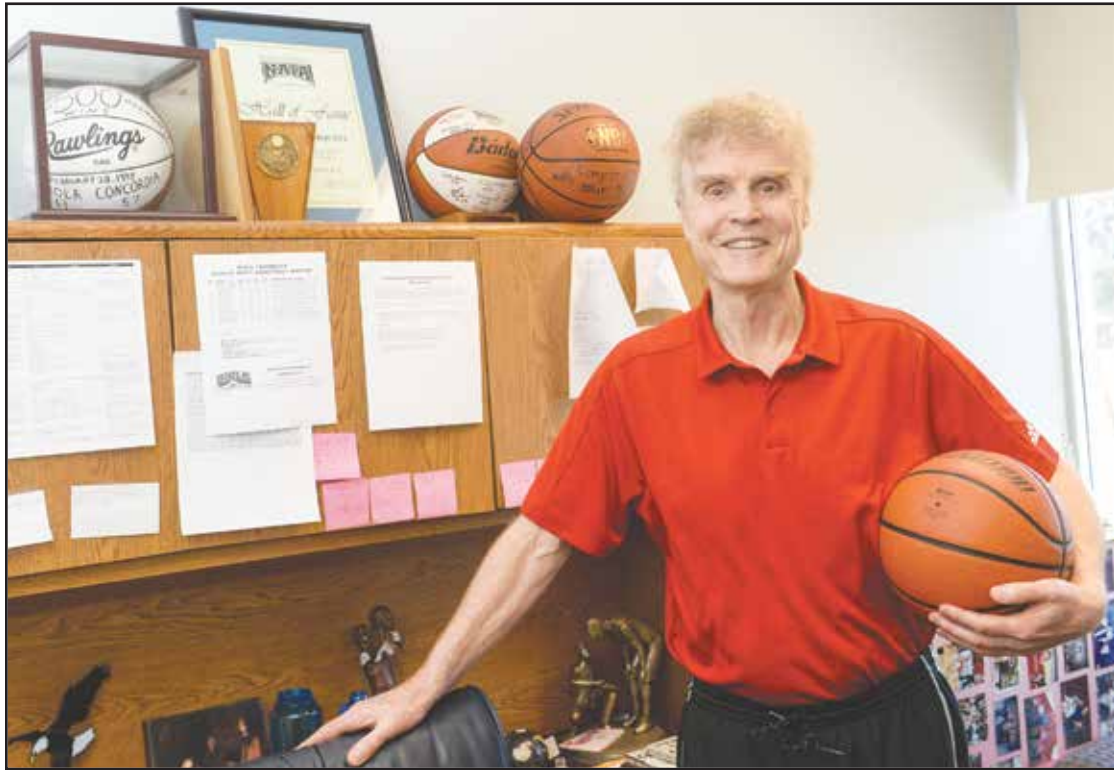
“The last few days I’ve just heard so much from different guys. That’s where so much of my attention has been. I’ve stayed in touch with many of them. It’s been great talking to them, especially on the early teams.”

Perhaps one of his best early teams was the nearly-perfect, 39-1 NAIA National Runner-up squad of 1981-82.

In 2019 that team, along with Holmquist and his coaches, were inducted into the Biola Athletics Hall of Fame.

Holmquist also remembers his very first win as a college head coach in 1976 while at Fresno Pacific

“I took over a team that had



Biola men’s basketball head coach, Dave Holmquist, who recorded his 1,000th win against Concordia University on Saturday, stands in his office with his other achievement basketballs. (Photo by Keith Durlflinger)

won five wins the year before and I got the job late,” remembers Holmquist, who was just 24. “We had lost the first 10 games and that first game I was just relieved to finally win a game. I was wondering if we were going to win any the whole year.

“Then I remember the last half of the year I think we were 8-7.” We beat a couple of good teams and pulled a couple of upsets.”

As for his 1,000th win: “I was relaxed in the last minute and I have great respect for that program (Concordia),” Holmquist said. “This year they (Biola) are a great group and it’s been a difficult year because of all the circumstances. They’ve handled it so well and they like each other so much.

“When you have such good people, such good teammates that really like and support each other, it makes it so much better. This has been that kind of team.”

As for that team, they were the only immediate people around Holmquist, besides a few Biola staff members. The arena at Concordia University was empty, of course, because of the pandemic.

“I would have liked to have my two boys with me, but it was special to have just the team for that moment,” Holmquist said.

The win over Concordia wasn’t the only time for a milestone for Biola and Holmquist, as he won his 500th game 23 years ago against the Eagles.

“Coach Holmquist is the type of leader that sees and brings out the best in others,” said Dr. Bethany Miller, Biola senior director of athletics. “He has done this since 1978 in the lives of countless students and staff members. This historic win mark is a reflection of both his intense competitiveness and coaching prowess as well as his deep relational care for people.

“It is a gift to work with him and learn from him. We are



Biola men’s basketball head coach, Dave Holmquist, talks with his team as they play against Concordia University on Friday. (Photo by Keith Durlflinger)

looking forward to the time when we can celebrate coach Holmquist in person together.”

With the pair of wins over Concordia Friday and Saturday, Biola upped its record to 8-3 overall and 8-2 in the PacWest.

As for the 1,000th win, Holmquist simply said, “if it happened this year, it would be nice, but if it would happen next year, it’d be fine. I was just focused on our team doing their best.

“I think the players were probably that way too. Maybe, as it got close in the last week or two, maybe they thought about some different things. I think we were just focused on trying to have the best abbreviated season (12 games) that we could.”

“Coach Holmquist is such a fixture for Biola University,” said Neil Morgan, Biola Associate AD for Compliance & Communications. “He has spent parts of six decades here giving so much of himself to impact the

lives of young men and women in positive ways.

“It’s so nice for us at Biola to be able to witness an accomplishment that uniquely celebrates him and the special person he is. We are so proud of what he’s done on and off the court and it’s just an honor to be working with him day in and day out.”

That shortened regular season ends Saturday at Concordia, as Biola plays Pt. Loma, which makes up for a missed game earlier this year. The athletic directors agreed on a neutral-court game for the two teams. Game time is 7:00 pm.

Biola, which sits in second in the PacWest, could almost guarantee an invite to the post season with a win over Pt. Loma (8-1, 7-1). Just two seasons ago, Pt. Loma finished as runners-up in the DII National Championship game.

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## Norwalk man, 80, jailed after pleading guilty to healthcare fraud

**NORWALK** – The administrator of a Southern California hospice was sentenced last week to 30 months in prison for his role in a multimillion dollar hospice fraud scheme.

Antonio Olivera, 80, of Norwalk, was also ordered to pay \$2,193,914 in restitution. Olivera pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud in November 2020.

Three co-conspirators have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

As part of his guilty plea, Olivera admitted that from 2011 to 2018, while acting as administrator for Mhiramarc Management LLC (Mhiramarc), a hospice located in Downey, he and others paid illegal kickbacks to patient recruiters for the referral of hospice beneficiaries to Mhiramarc.

Further, when clinical staff at Mhiramarc determined beneficiary referrals did not qualify to receive hospice services, Olivera overruled

those determinations and nonetheless caused the beneficiaries to be put on hospice service.

Olivera and co-conspirators caused Mhiramarc to submit approximately \$28 million in claims to Medicare, which resulted in the company being paid over \$17 million.

Olivera was personally responsible for \$4,769,982 in false and fraudulent claims to Medicare, resulting in Medicare paying Mhiramarc \$2,984,914 for medically unnecessary hospice services for beneficiaries, many of whom had been recruited through illegal kickbacks.

This case was investigated by the FBI’s Los Angeles Field Office and HHS-OIG’s Los Angeles Regional Office. Trial Attorneys Justin Givens and Claire Yan of the Criminal Division’s Fraud Section are prosecuting the case.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday	75°	
Saturday	67°	
Sunday	65°	

### ON THIS DAY MARCH 5

- 1770:** The Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers, taunted by a crowd of colonists, opened fire, killing five people.
- 1872:** George Westinghouse patents the air brake.
- 1933:** The Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote in German parliamentary elections, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

- 1936:** The prototype Supermarine Spitfire advanced monoplane fighter aircraft had its first flight in the United Kingdom.



- 1940:** Six high-ranking members of Soviet politburo, including Joseph Stalin, sign an order for the execution of 25,700 Polish intelligentsia, including 14,700 Polish POWs, in what will become known as the Katyn massacre.

- 1946:** Winston Churchill delivered his famous “Iron Curtain” speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

- 1970:** The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons goes into effect after ratification by 43 nations.

- 1981:** The ZX81, a pioneering British home computer, is launched by Sinclair Research and would go on to sell over 12 million units around the world.

- 2004:** Martha Stewart was convicted of obstructing justice and lying to the government about why she’d unloaded her Imclone Systems Inc. stock just before the price plummeted.

- 2012:** Tropical Storm Irina killed over 75 as it passes through Madagascar.

- Birthdays**  
Magician **Penn Jillette** (56), pastor **Joel Osteen** (58), football hall of famer **Michael Irvin** (55), former Lakers coach **Mike Brown** (51), “Entourage” actor **Kevin Connolly** (47), and “Hitch” actress **Eva Mendes** (47).

- Deaths**  
Soviet dictator **Josef Stalin** died in 1953 at age 73 after nearly three decades in power.  
In 1963, country music singer **Patsy Cline** died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., at age 30.  
Comedian **John Belushi** was found dead of a drug overdose in 1982. He was 33.  
Wrestling manager **Paul Bearer** died of a heart attack in 2013 at age 58.  
**Hugo Chavez**, president of Venezuela, died in 2013 of cancer. He was 58.

- Tweet of the Week**  
Let this sink in: 1 in 23 Torrance residents tested positive for #COVID19 and 1 in 7 are vaccinated. In our @cerritoscollege hometown, 1 in 7 Norwalk residents tested positive, yet only 1 in 11 are vaccinated. We can do better. #vaccine #equity @DrJFierro\_

# Obituaries

## Vernon Jordan, civil rights leader

Vernon Jordan, a civil rights leader who was president of the National Urban League as well as a friend and advisor to President Bill Clinton, died March 1 at age 85.

A graduate of Howard University School of Law, Jordan began his work as a civil rights activist while working as a young lawyer in Atlanta. His firm sued the University of Georgia for its discriminatory admissions policies.

Jordan rose to become the state field director for the NAACP and held several other leadership roles before being named executive director of the United Negro College Fund in 1970 and then president of the National Urban League in 1971, while he was still in his 30s.

As he led large, civil rights focused organizations, Jordan became a prominent figure in the fight for racial equality.

Jordan became close friends with Clinton two decades before he became president, and that friendship continued as Clinton

ran for president and entered the White House. Jordan was among the president's closest confidants and advisors, and he played a notable role in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, including helping the former intern find a job outside the White House. In later years, Jordan served on the boards of companies including American Express, Revlon, and J.C. Penney.

"Throughout my career and my professional life, I have been able to go to sleep at night confident that whatever negotiations I did that day I have been able to do the right thing," Jordan told the New York Times in 1996. "That's been my guide even when people didn't understand it."

## Margaret Maron, mystery author

Margaret Maron, a mystery novelist known for books including her Sigrid Harald series, died Feb. 23 at a hospice center in Raleigh, North Carolina of stroke-related complications at the age of 82.

Maron began her writing

career with a short story, "The Death of Me," published in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine.

She began writing novels and published her first, "One Coffee With," in 1981. It was the first book in her Sigrid Harald series, focusing on an NYPD lieutenant.

Maron's novels also included the Knott series about North Carolina Judge Deborah Knott, the daughter of a bootlegger. Writing the Knott series set in the Raleigh area, where she lived, Maron became a pioneer of the genre of regional mysteries, set outside major cities and focusing more on small-town quirks than big-city crime.

## Shelia Washington, museum founder

Shelia Washington, instrumental in the exoneration of the Scottsboro Boys, nine young Black men who were wrongfully convicted of raping two white women in a famous 1935 case, died Jan. 29 at a hospital in Huntsville, Alabama of a heart attack at the age of 61.

The Scottsboro Boys - Haywood Patterson, Clarence Norris, Charlie Weems, Andy Wright, Roy Wright, Olin Montgomery, Ozie Powell, Willie Roberson, and Eugene Williams - were riding on a freight train through Tennessee when a white mob tried to force them from the train and later accused them of raping two white women.

When their case was heard in Scottsboro, Alabama, eight of the young men were convicted and sentenced to death. Their case was appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, and though the death sentences were overturned, some of the young men served prison sentences.

The story of the Scottsboro Boys became one of the catalysts of the civil rights movement.

Washington learned of their story years later, as a young woman, and she became passionately determined to help find justice for them. In 2010, after years of work, she founded the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center in Scottsboro, now a stop on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

Washington also worked with

lawyers and legislators to seek exoneration for the nine, which go beyond pardons to establish the innocence of the exonerated. After years of work, Washington secured exonerations for all nine of the Scottsboro Boys in the Alabama legislature, signed into law by the governor.

The exonerations were posthumous, as the last of the nine died in 1989.

"I realized the state of Alabama had dug a hole so deep that they were too embarrassed to say, 'We made a mistake,' Washington said in a 2020 interview. "Instead, they held onto these boys' lives until they almost just killed them, and squeezed the life out of them in prison."

## Rhea Woltman, astronaut candidate

Rhea Hurrle Allison Woltman, a pilot who was one of the Mercury 13, the women who were tested as potential astronaut candidates in the early 1960s, died Feb. 15 of natural causes at the age of 92.

Woltman became a pilot at a young age, and in 1959, she was among 21 women who were recruited to take the same tests that were being undergone by male astronaut candidates at NASA.

Woltman was among the 13 women who passed preliminary tests and became known as the Mercury 13. The name was a reflection of the male candidates, who were called the Mercury Seven - but Jerrie Cobb, the program's standout candidate, playfully dubbed them the FLATs, or First Lady Astronaut Trainees.

Woltman continued to advance as testing grew more rigorous, and she was one of the program's most notable candidates.

However, the program, a privately funded venture that wasn't officially affiliated with NASA, was scrapped when the U.S. government refused to consider adding women to its roster of astronauts.

After Woltman left the training program, she and her husband operated an aircraft brokerage business, and she frequently used her skills as a

pilot as she delivered planes and flew passengers and cargo. She later trained U.S. Air Force Academy cadets and continued flying until her retirement in 2014, at the age of 86.

## Bill Wright, pioneering golfer

Bill Wright, the first Black golfer to win a United States Golf Association (USGA) event, 1959's Amateur Public Links Championship in Denver, died Feb. 19 in Los Angeles at the age of 84.

Wright was a standout golfer and basketball player when he attended high school in Seattle, as well as at Western Washington University. He was in his senior year of college when he entered the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship.

After his groundbreaking victory there, Wright had a dream of playing golf professionally, but it wasn't an easy road for a Black man at a time when the PGA's bylaw still included a "Caucasians only" clause.

He played in PGA Tour events beginning in 1960, but he was unable to gain any sponsors, and full-time professional play was an unsustainable path in this segregated era.

Wright played in a handful of other PGA Tour events over the years while working as a teacher and a car salesman, and he later became a teaching pro at the California golf course the Lakes at El Segundo.

## James Burke, 'O-o-h Child' singer

James Burke was a member of the Five Stairsteps, who had a hit in 1970 with "O-o-h Child," died Feb. 19 of pneumonia at age 70.

Burke formed the Five Stairsteps along with his brothers and sister as they were growing up in Chicago. Still teens when they began recording together, the siblings got their group name from their mother, who thought they looked like stairsteps when they lined up by height.

After a few modest hits on the R&B chart, they scored a smash with "O-o-h Child," a gentle

song with encouraging lyrics that helped define the summer of 1970 for many listeners.

Members of the Five Stairsteps later formed the Invisible Man's Band and had an R&B hit with "All Night Thing." Burke was also an artist, who earned a scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago as a child.

## Dianna Ortiz, nun and victim advocate

Dianna Ortiz, a Catholic nun who was abducted and tortured while serving as a missionary in Guatemala, and later founded the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International (TASSC), died Feb. 19 of cancer at age 62.

Ortiz traveled from the U.S. to Guatemala in 1989, working with the poor there and teaching children to read. Guatemala was then embroiled in a violent civil war, with the U.S. supporting its military as it fought Marxist guerrillas.

Ortiz began receiving threatening letters, and in 1989, she was kidnapped. She was tortured by captors who insisted she was working with subversives and demanded names.

Ortiz was later removed from her captivity by a man she claimed was a U.S. government operative, and she escaped from his car when he said he was taking her to a safe location.

After returning to the U.S., Ortiz demanded answers about U.S. involvement in her kidnapping specifically and in Guatemala's civil war generally. She began a hunger strike and vigil outside the White House, and her efforts eventually led to the release of classified documents about U.S. involvement in Guatemala.

In 1998, she founded the organization that would become TASSC, which advocates for victims of torture and helps them cope.

Regarding forgiveness, Ortiz said in a 1996 interview: "I leave that in God's hands. The fact that I'm a Catholic nun and I'm not able to forgive, that makes me feel all the more guilty. I'm not sure what it means to forgive."

### In Memory of

## Joyce Elaine Morrow



Joyce Elaine Morrow "Granny" age 83 formerly of Norwalk passed away Saturday February 13, 2021. She was an active member of Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk since 1989 where she served on the Social Committee and Awanas International Ministry. An avid poet she often graced the church with her writings for many to enjoy. A loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, Joyce welcomed every neighborhood child into her home as if they were her own. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, three children, 26 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way. Joyce has touched the lives of so many and will forever live in our hearts.

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# Rep. Grace Napolitano needs to support Puerto Rico statehood

By Brent Tercero

Last November, while most people focused on the U.S. Presidential election, there was another vote that occurred and could have long-term consequences for the future of our nation. Puerto Ricans went to the polls to vote on a simple but profound question: “Should Puerto Rico be immediately admitted into the Union as a state?” This was the third vote since 2012 regarding the status of Puerto Rico, and the third time that the voters chose statehood as their preferred status option.

Unfortunately, voting for statehood is not enough for a territory to become a state. It takes Congressional action, and that is where local Representative Grace Napolitano can have an enormous impact on the future of the island and our nation as a whole. Congresswoman Napolitano is a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee, which is the committee that is assigned jurisdiction over the status of Puerto Rico.

It is critical that Rep. Napolitano supports statehood for Puerto Rico because it is the best way for Puerto Ricans to achieve equal status to other American citizens. It would also create the best economic outcome for the island and would respect the will of the people.

Despite being designated American citizens for over 104 years,

Puerto Ricans have not been granted the full rights of citizenship like those on the mainland. They cannot vote for President, they have no representation in the Senate, and their one representative in the House, Congresswoman Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, cannot vote for legislation on the House floor. It is unconscionable that we force Puerto Rico residents to live under the regulations promulgated by the Executive Branch, and follow the laws created by the Legislative Branch, despite not being able to vote for President or have voting representation in Congress.

Puerto Ricans also pay federal taxes, but cannot access the same federal benefits as those on the mainland. For example, Puerto Rico residents pay into Social Security, but they are excluded from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) that stateside residents receive. The island also receives less than 15% of the Medicaid funding it would normally receive if it were designated a state.

Besides being relegated to second-class citizen status, those in Puerto Rico suffer economically from their status as a territory. Everyone knows that their current status is unsustainable because it has been rejected by those on the island in multiple island-wide elections. This uncertainty discourages businesses from being established on the island, which has led to millions of Puerto Ricans

leaving the island in search of better economic opportunity. This is bad for the economic future of the island, but statehood could encourage businesses to invest in Puerto Rico and create high-paying jobs.

Most importantly, Puerto Rico statehood is the right thing to do because it is what the people on the island have voted for in free and fair elections. We have seen the danger of ignoring or trying to delegitimize election results when they are fairly conducted, and we should honor the votes of the people of Puerto Rico.

As a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Napolitano is uniquely positioned to ensure that those in Puerto Rico will finally have all the rights and privileges already granted to Americans who live on the mainland. I urge Rep. Napolitano to support statehood for Puerto Rico, and co-sponsor the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act, so Congress can finally do what is right for the people of Puerto Rico.

*Brent Tercero is a former city councilman from Pico Rivera.*

# College, universities ignore free speech

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

“In short, we do not need good laws to restrain bad men. We need good men to restrain bad laws.” — G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

Why do people in power try to silence speech with which they disagree?

Last week produced news about the suppression of speech on university campuses. There, the suppression usually occurs through the power of intimidation before the speech is given. Yet, most public lectures on college campuses are public accommodations, meaning the landowner — the university — cannot bar the entry of audience members because of their political views, nor can it silence the speakers because of theirs.

Ordinarily, the owner of private property can impose whatever regulations he wishes upon those who voluntarily come upon his land. But in our era of ubiquitous government, state legislatures have enacted laws that require that if you invite the public, you must take whoever shows up. And if you accept money from the state or the feds — and there are only a handful of colleges and universities that do not — you must abide the same First Amendment standards as the government.

In the latter case, since the government cannot discriminate on the basis of ideas, then colleges or universities that accept funds from the government likewise cannot. The theory here is that the government’s funds — dollars taken from taxpayers or money the government has borrowed, to be repaid by future taxpayers — ought not be used indirectly in ways that the Constitution bars the government from using directly.

But the First Amendment is rarely enforced on college campuses today because colleges have largely become places of left-wing orthodoxy where it is acceptable to cajole or intimidate into silence speakers who are at odds with that orthodoxy. The usual excuse is the speaker will outrage the audience and that would threaten public safety.

Yet, under the First Amendment, where the audience is voluntary,

free speech trumps public safety. This clash happens when people come to public lectures not because they like the lecturer’s ideas but because they hate them.

A famous Chicago case put to rest the concept of freedom of speech versus public safety. The issue was the “heckler’s veto,” which takes place when audience members are so intentionally disruptive that they effectively prevent the speaker from speaking.

Here is what happened. On Feb. 7, 1946, Fr. Arthur Terminiello, a Roman Catholic priest who was an outspoken opponent of the Truman administration, gave an incendiary speech in a hall in Chicago, which the sponsors of the speech had rented for that purpose. The sponsors had obtained the required permits from the Chicago police. The hall was on private property.

The speech delighted Terminiello’s supporters and antagonized his opponents. The opponents numbered about 1,600 people and the supporters about 800. When it became apparent that violence might break out, the police ordered Terminiello to stop speaking and to leave the venue. When he disregarded their instructions, they arrested him and charged him with breach of the peace.

They did not arrest any of the audience members who broke chairs, smashed windows and stormed the stage. Only the priest who gave the speech was arrested.

Terminiello was convicted in a trial court and his conviction was upheld by state appellate courts. He appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which reversed his conviction. In doing so, the court moved First Amendment jurisprudence significantly closer to where it is today — a near absolute protection for public political speech.

The court held that the government cannot silence a speaker because it fears his words or the audience. It also held that it is the duty of the government to respect and protect the freedom of speech, not to nullify or avoid it.

The decision was 5 to 4, and Justice Robert Jackson wrote a misguided dissent with a memorable one-liner. He argued that freedom of speech does not tolerate violence and permits the government to silence

a speaker who may be prone to inciting violence before he speaks. Jackson lamented that in the post-World War II era, liberty and governmental order are often adversaries.

He warned that if the courts regularly side with liberty, they will convert the Constitution and the Bill of Rights into a “suicide pact.” But the First Amendment and the natural right to say what you think compel the court to side with liberty, no matter how odious the speech is.

Jackson — who had just returned to the court from a leave of absence as America’s chief prosecutor at Nuremberg — was naive in his lament about liberty and governmental order being 20th-century adversaries. They have always been and will always be adversaries.

The essence of humanity is personal liberty. And the essence of government is the negation of liberty. Jackson rejected the very values underlying the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; namely, that freedom is the default position because it is integral to our nature. And the Supreme Court rejected Jackson’s arguments.

Prior to this case, nearly all the Supreme Court’s 20th-century First Amendment rulings sided with the government. The Terminiello case is a landmark because, since it and from it, the Supreme Court has consistently sided with First Amendment freedoms. It arguably gave birth to the famous 1969 Brandenburg case, where the court unanimously held that all innocuous speech is absolutely protected and all speech is innocuous when there is time for more speech to challenge it.

Which is the greater threat to personal liberty, a speaker who harangues a crowd that came to be harangued or a government that fears free speech and issues edicts about what to say and when to say it?

Will colleges and universities take note of this? Don’t hold your breath.

*Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior legal analyst for Fox News.*

# Democrats should focus on ending the pandemic, not attacking medical device manufacturers

By Andrew Lara

President Biden has been steadfast in working to achieve the agenda that he campaigned on to the American people. He is working in unison with his cabinet and his nominees to lead federal agencies to help get our economy back on track and get the coronavirus pandemic under control.

One of the agencies that will be a key partner in achieving his goals is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

President Biden nominated former Attorney General of California Xavier Becerra to serve as his Health and Human Service Secretary, and I believe he will do an excellent job once he is confirmed by the Senate. This is one of the most crucial positions in Biden’s cabinet given one of the President’s top priorities in combatting the coronavirus pandemic. Becerra will be responsible for carrying out some of President Biden’s most critical pandemic-related initiatives such as implementing widespread testing, vaccine distribution, and an education campaign.

HHS, like so many other government agencies, heavily relies on contracting with medical device companies to help them achieve their mission, including producing essential medical equipment. For example, at the onset of the pandemic last year, the federal government worked with various medical and healthcare technology companies to

rapidly produce essential items to combat the coronavirus like personal protective equipment and ventilators to refill the national stockpile.

The House Oversight Committee, led by U.S. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi, has been investigating the Trump Administration’s response to the coronavirus pandemic, including the contracts negotiated by the federal government with healthcare technology companies to produce ventilators. While this is a worthwhile cause given the numerous failed actions that the previous administration took to combat the coronavirus pandemic, we cannot allow for the unintended consequence of throwing good medical device companies under the bus for mistakes made by the Trump Administration and Peter Navarro specifically.

Companies that contracted with the federal government such as Philips, Hamilton, and Vyair should not be attacked for their work to produce ventilators during a time of crisis. These medical manufactures stepped up to help combat the coronavirus, not only produce life-saving materials but also supported thousands of manufacturing jobs when millions of Americans were forced out of work.

Medical technology manufactures have a good, long-standing

partnership with the federal government that incoming Secretary Becerra will rely on to help implement Biden’s agenda to combat the pandemic. These beneficial partnerships will also help achieve President Biden’s economic recovery and pro-manufacturing agenda to stimulate our economy and get Americans back to work.

I hope that Mr. Becerra will focus on strengthening these partnerships with medical device companies rather than tearing them down.

Once the Senate confirms Becerra, we in California know he will get right to work leading one of the most important agencies of President Biden’s administration. Let us hope that Democrats in Congress will work to support Secretary Becerra and President Biden in accomplishing their goal of stopping the coronavirus pandemic and getting Americans back to work rather than focusing on attacking American device manufacturers that the government needs as a partner moving forward.

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# Hawley’s act falls flat, even among like-minded conservatives

By the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editorial Board

Even the crowd attending the past week’s Conservative Political Action Conference didn’t buy Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley’s phony act. Despite the privileged elitist’s best effort to pose as a populist everyman — American as apple pie, served with a heavy dollop of white nationalism — just 3% of attendees of the far-right annual conference supported Hawley as the next Republican presidential nominee. It’s a fitting snub for a man whose blind ambition led him to betray his oath as well as the Constitution that he both studied and taught.

Missouri’s junior senator, widely condemned by members of both parties for his supporting role in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, delivered a strange speech filled with revisionist history and them-versus-us rhetoric at the four-day conference of conservatives in Florida. Hawley painted himself as a warrior fighting against an “unprecedented alliance of radical liberals and the biggest, most powerful corporations in the history of the world” intent on destroying America. Or at least, Hawley’s version of America.

Standing beneath a large sign bearing the theme of this year’s conference — “America Uncanceled” — Hawley told his audience of self-declared “patriots” that the history of systemic racism in America is false. “All of that is a lie,” he said. America is the nation that “liberated slaves,” he told the crowd. He conveniently omitted hundreds of years of legalized oppression, a Constitution that counted

Blacks as three-fifths of a person, and a whole Civil War.

Hawley continued to embarrass his distinguished alma maters, Stanford and Yale, as well as the people of Missouri, by directly calling for “a new nationalism, a new agenda to make the rule of the people real in this country.” This after his own shameless attempt to overturn the will of the people just a few weeks ago.

But it appears that even the most fervent conservatives see Hawley as the pandering fraud he is, tied with the likes of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz for most despised and least respected.

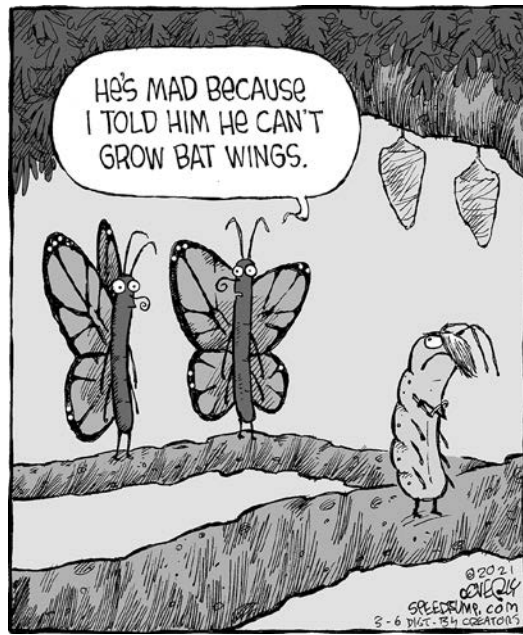
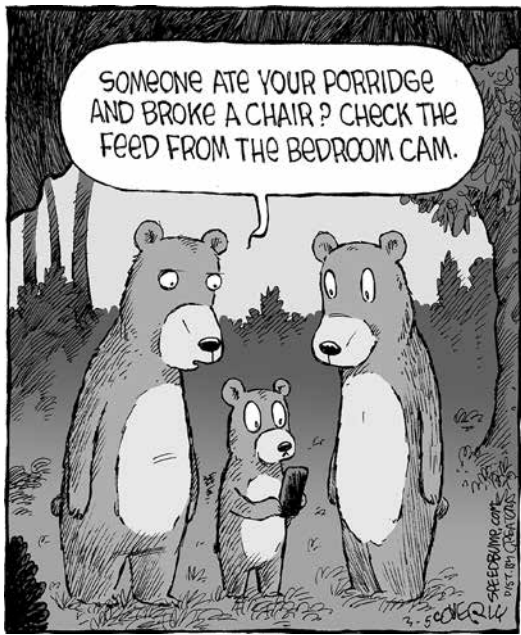
Two straw polls were taken to measure who conference attendees supported as the next Republican presidential nominee. Donald Trump won the first with 55%. In the second, which did not include Trump, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis won. Way at the bottom, tied with Cruz and Fox News host Tucker Carlson at just 3%, was Hawley.

Ironically, Three Percenters is also the moniker of one of the anti-government militias linked to the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. But that’s certainly not where any politician wants to be polling.

It’s a harsh blow to a man who allowed his own personal ambitions to damage American democracy and, hopefully, end any chances of him reaching the White House. Hawley started his speech by defiantly telling the audience, “I’m not going anywhere.” In terms of higher political office, it certainly appears that is true.

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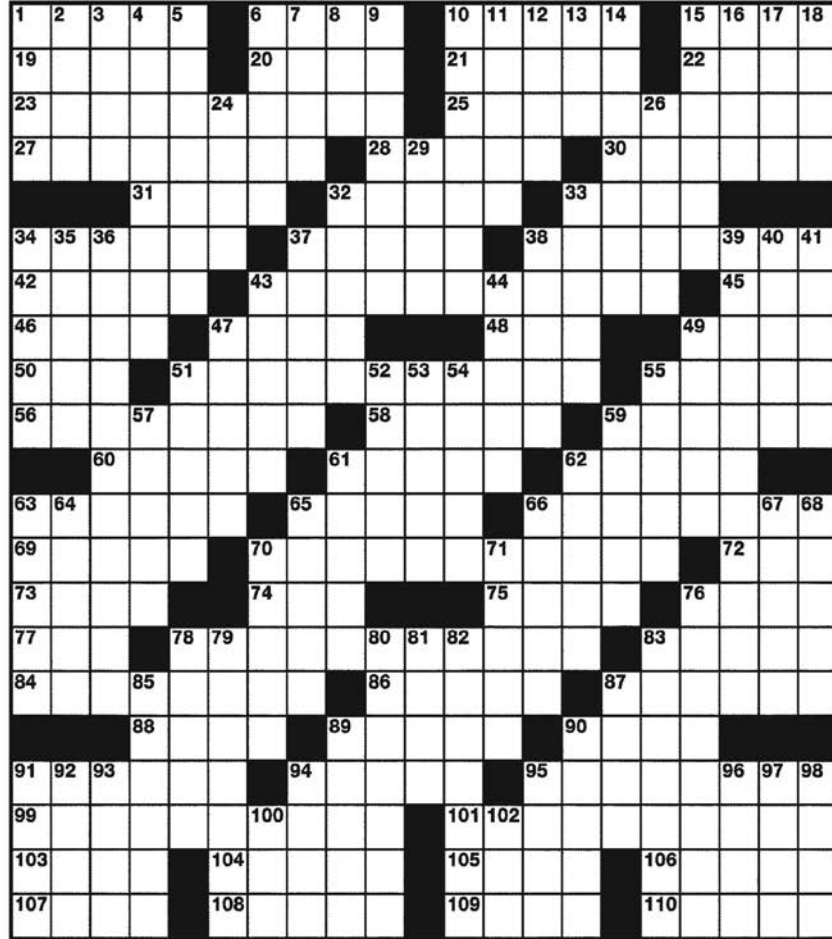
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# Holmquist joins 1,000 win club

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The latest NCAA Division II final regular-season rankings were announced Wednesday, with PacWest teams Pt. Loma (3rd), Biola (5th), Hawaii Hilo (7th) and Fresno Pacific (8th) all in the mix for the six West Regional berths.

The DII selection show on Sunday at 7:30 pm on NCAA.com will announce the six teams for the West Regional, to be played at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

## What they said about coach Holmquist's 1,000th win

**Julious Coleman, Biola Asst. Men's coach:** "It was a really neat experience for myself. I've never been with a coach that achieved that mark. Only four have done that. I sat and reflected on what coach has accomplished in his career and all of those players that have come through the program and contributed to all of his success.

I think when the season is over and we have time to get away from it a little bit, we will reflect on what coach has accomplished. By far, it's a big feat."

**David Cone, Biola Asst. Men's coach:** "It was pretty special. Not many people get to be a part of a game like that. It was sort of fun, because you build up the whole day for a big game and then at the end when there's a little bit of comfort in the last couple of minutes, it just felt like there it is. We sort of anticipated it and got to be a part of something special.

Coach has put a lot of hard work into it and wants to do well and it shows by the product he's put out there for a long time."

**John Stiver, Biola Asst. Men's coach:** "Just on and off I've been around Dave for all these years. I can't say anything but positives. It's been a relationship that has blessed me beyond measure. I feel like I get all of the good from the relationship. Having a relationship with Dave is to have somebody in your corner all the time. As much as he loves all of these players, he loves us assistant coaches.

The chance to be around somebody like him, take basketball off the table, just as a human being, I think that it has been one of the absolute highlights of my life, to have been a friend of Dave's. The blessing goes far beyond the basketball court."

**Michael Bagatourian, senior guard:** "It was just an honor to be part of this and top to bottom, we all feel that way. Coach just wanted to be with his team. For the 40 teams that he has coached, only one team has won that 1,000th game for him. Obviously, the other 40 teams helped him get there. It was just a blessing.

The game was kind of out of reach and I was just relaxed in my seat and said, 'oh, the game's over.' Coach Holmquist is sitting there and I looked over and just said, '...a thousand wins...'. Then we started celebrating more."

**Lucas Elliott, freshman forward:** "Honestly, it's just an honor to even be on a team that has a coach that has been here for so long and has been so invested in this program. He has put his heart and soul into coaching us and heart and soul into this school and it's just a great culture of people. The way he recruits and he takes character over skill. I'm just honored to be a part of a team that he has hand built and is glorifying to God.

He even told us before the

games last Friday and Saturday that these are just two other games. He said just play for yourself."

**Chris Rossow, senior guard:** "It felt incredible. He's a selfless coach and didn't care about that number. He made us go out there and feel comfortable. After we won that game, I realized we were part of history. Just being a part of that 1,000th win, my family was happy for coach. We've been talking about that before I came into the program. We knew he is a winner and has a good heart and cares about things on and off the court.

**Zanen Zeller, sophomore guard:** "It's pretty awesome to be part of such a special history. Only five coaches have reached this and it's just cool to be part of it to see how he coaches and what he's talked about the past

40 years. It's cool to see what a close relationship he has in his past players.

**Jesse Elrod, senior forward:** "I've been a part of 500 wins, 600 wins, but a thousand. That is just a mind-boggling number. To think he's the 11th in history to do it and fifth in men's. You're putting coach K up there. You're talking about legends. It's crazy, it's history. Coming up to this game, he emphasized that it wasn't about him, it was about us.

**Solomon Ruddell, junior forward:** "Honestly, it was an honor. It's crazy. I don't think I've played that many games in my life. He got here when my dad was just five years old. It's pretty cool to be part of it. Before this, I went to a Division I school (UC Irvine). The coaching here is just night and day from there,

just with the character of the coaches. It was just another game for coach."

**Alex Wright, junior guard:** "The moment was just amazing. It wasn't too hard fought of a game, but even after the game it felt good that, '...wow, we got him this far and got him those eight wins he needed.' You don't know how many players have been part of a team that has a coach with a thousand wins. It was amazing to be a part of a moment so big."

**Whitten Dominguez, junior guard:** "It was exciting, for sure. It was something that we have

talked about, days, weeks leading up to it. We talked about this before the season. We had to do super well to get him a thousand wins.

He's an unselfish guy. That really shows when he comes across a big achievement like that. He gets a thousand wins and it's not about him at all. He really cares about you and that's what creates a winning culture all the way around."

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## Su Casa shelter awarded \$60K grant

**LONG BEACH** - The John Gogian Family Foundation has announced that they have awarded a \$60,000 grant to Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence.

The grant is being provided to Su Casa to fund general operating expenses.

The Gogian Foundation has been a strong partner to non-profits during the pandemic. They have provided a regular resource guide and have personally checked in with the non-profit partners regularly during the past year. Their grant making process has been streamlined to enable nonprofits to access the support of the John Gogian Family Foundation more effectively.

Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence has been providing domestic violence crisis and prevention services for Long Beach and other surrounding communities for over 40 years.

The organization will receive over 3,600 requests for services during the upcoming year including crisis hotline calls, emergency shelter residence or counseling directed toward healing the effects of domestic violence.

According to Anna Conti, Su Casa's executive director, "Many grants we are awarded are directed toward specific program expenses. This grant can be utilized for our core operating services which could include providing targeted training for our shelter staff and even emergency repairs to buildings or appliances to keep our shelters safe and running smoothly."

For more information about Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence's programs and services, please contact the administrative offices at 562-421-6537. Su Casa's website can be found at www.sucasadv.org

## Knott's Berry Farm hiring 1,700 workers

**BUENA PARK** - Knott's Berry Farm announced plans Monday to hire approximately 1,700 associates for the 2021 season.

As part of its ramp-up to reopening, Knott's Berry Farm will be hosting a virtual National Hiring Day event on Saturday, March 13. Candidates can register online at <https://bit.ly/2YXOGJF>.

Job opportunities are available in all park operating areas, including food and beverage associates, cooks, ride operators, merchandise, lifeguards, housekeeping, parks services, and more.

The virtual hiring day will offer information about available jobs and individual interviews with hiring teams. The park is also offering contact-free onboarding and virtual orientation to help hires prepare to start work.

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# Before and after my first love

By Mario Amado Castañeda

As I start my story, I'm remembering how life is filled with precious moments. I wonder about my lost love and if she still remembers me. It was a brief encounter the day we met but it always stuck in my mind.

Memories are special moments we hold dearly inside our hearts. In the puzzle of my life, I carried many memories but the memory of the first time I fell in love is what I have thought about the most. I was around five years old when my heart skipped a beat the first time I saw her. I did not know her name but I thought she was the prettiest little girl I ever saw.

I couldn't put into words at the time and I never told anyone, not even my beloved wife Rosa, because they would probably say it was not true or that I made it all up. I was sitting on this story for a very long time.

My story begins early on a weekend in the late 70s. I heard all of my mother's pots and pans going full blast inside the kitchen. I went to investigate what was going on. I know I was probably bugging her and being a small little brat and she was doing her best to keep me alive.

We were having a surprise visit by my uncle Manuel Duran from Kansas City. He reminded me of a Mexican version of Abraham Lincoln but without the beard and wearing a baseball cap. He belonged to a traveling baseball team and they were coming to our city to play.

My uncle requested a home cooked meal because he was tired of eating out all the time. So my mother made us a quick delicious breakfast to start the day. We were sitting inside the breakfast nook when I overheard my mother strongly persuading my father to take me along to the park so she could have some peace.

My father was driving an old broken down 1953 Chevy truck which made a funny noise when it started. We were going to East L.A. I was trying my best to keep myself out of trouble by pretending I was driving the vehicle and looking outside the window.

We traveled over two long streets. One was nice and smooth, it was called Miles. The other one was bumpy, very bumpy, and it was called Soto Street. As we drove along, we passed my favorite building. You could smell this building long before you saw it. And, if you love pigs painted on the wall, then you must love Farmer John's.

We parked and started walking to Fresno Park. It was located in between two freeways, the 10 and the 60. On that day, the baseball field was covered with a mist of early morning dew. When we were walking through the field, my father was holding my hand tightly. I was looking down at our feet. The mist twirled around us and I felt like we were walking through clouds.

The baseball game was going to start. My father was very glad to see my uncle play again. I wish I understood the game better but I was too young to understand. Near the baseball field was a playground. I was watching the children running around and having a marvelous time playing together. I decided to enjoy their company and leave my father for a short time.

When I got to the playground, right in front of me was this pretty little *huera* playing in the sandbox all by herself. I felt a little timid but captivated by her beauty. If she only knew how much I loved her. I would have held back the sunset that day so it would never end.

She was so cute with her ponytail all messed up and her rosy cheeks that reminded me of candy. Then slowly I saw her honey brown eyes. I was falling in love for the first time.

Cautiously, I got closer to her. I know I said something to her but I can't remember what. She was very busy building something out of sand. Maybe she needs help, I thought to myself.

I got on my knees and crawled up to her carrying a scoop of sand in my hands. It felt close to her. My little angel got scared and she ran away from me. Obviously I had not perfected my Rico Suave moves yet.

I chased her to say I was sorry if I scared her. Then something unexpected happened. Her older sister came along and pushed me out of the way. I fell back to earth again. The play date ended with my little angel.

I ran back to my father fearing I would be scolded for leaving but he hadn't noticed I was gone. When we returned home with my uncle, my dearest mother gave me a startled look. "What happened to him?" she asked. I was dirty from head to toe with sand caught inside my ear and I think I was missing a shoe.

I was doing my best for a little boy to tell her what happened but she would not listen to me. With the voice of authority, my mother told me in Spanish, "Take a bath right now, young man." So I did.

Sooner or later everybody has to grow up and leave their childhood fantasies behind, including me. Even though I never saw that little angel again, I always thought about her throughout my life.

Thirty-five years later, I started to fall in love again with this beautiful woman. The day came to marry my dear beloved Rosa. It was a beautiful cloudy day with patches of blue sky peeking out from the heavens. It sprinkled just enough to barely wet the grass.

Early one Sunday morning, a couple of weeks after the wedding, I woke up to the smell of breakfast in the air. I heard Rosa's voice coming from the



kitchen: "first come, first served. You snooze, you lose." I quickly made the bed and made it to the kitchen.

The two of us finished washing the dishes as husband and wife. We started walking to the living room and sat on our comfy couch. The both of us felt a little nostalgic and we started sharing childhood memories. Rosa started telling me many things and about a little boy who came up to her one early morning in the park and bugged her to death. A look of disbelief came over my face as I was hearing her story.

I stepped back for a few

minutes just to pull myself together. My little angel came back to me, I thought.

My wife gave me a weird look when I interrupted her. When I was able to tell her the rest of her story, we both realized we were those two young children in the park.

We hugged each other in total disbelief. Then we heard an unexpected tapping on the window. It sounded like somebody was throwing rice on the glass. It was hailing. We went outside to see what was going on. It was beginning to rain.

The weather had changed very quickly. The clouds started to move away and the sun illuminated the rain, creating tiny little sun drops that fell on the top of our heads. The rain did not bother us. All we could do was smile at each other.

Did we meet accidentally as children or was it fate? I really do not know what tomorrow will bring for Rosa and me. I am not very religious but I thank God for all his infinite wisdom and perfect timing. Amen.

Mario Amado Castañeda is a student in the Downey City Library's Adult Literacy Program.

## CENTRAL Ford

To Schedule Service Please Call (562) 927-7888

A \$25.00 Convenience Fee will be added for each Mobile Service Trip

Multiple vehicles will only be charged \$25.00 Total

**Mobile Service Menu**

**OIL CHANGE GAS ENGINE**

- The Works \$79.95
- Oil & Filter
- Tire Rotation
- Lubricated Chassis
- Inspected & Top off Fluids
- Multi-Point Inspection

**OIL CHANGE DIESEL ENGINE**

- Diesel Oil Change \$199.95
- Engine Air Filter \$70.00
- Engine Fuel Filter \$199.00
- Battery Service \$32.99x2
- Def Fluid \$50.00

• Engine Air Filter \$32.95 • Cabin Air Filter \$69.95

**Battery service Inspection**

Airbag recalls performed on some models

19B37 recalls performed on all applicable vehicle

Note: Tire Rotation not performed on dually, after market tires & wheels, and oversized tires & wheels

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## It's Your Future.

For general information about recycling, call the California Recycling Hotline at (800) RECYCLE (800) 732-9253.

**Reuse**

**Reduce**

**Recycle**

**Janis Gutierrez**  
DD Johnston Elementary School  
Ms. Devirian's class

**Malia Hernandez**  
DD Johnston Elementary School  
Mrs. Perez' class

**Irene Maldonado**  
New River Elementary School  
Mrs. Murray's class

For information on recycling beverage containers, please contact the City of Norwalk at (562) 929-5964 or [Recycling@norwalkca.gov](mailto:Recycling@norwalkca.gov).

**Norwalk Recycling Center**  
(at Food 4 Less)  
10901 Imperial Hwy  
Norwalk  
(562) 262-9602

**Ponce Recycling**  
(at Northgate Market)  
11660 Firestone Blvd.  
Norwalk  
(323) 533-4862

**Green Bull Recycling**  
13003 La Dana Court  
Santa Fe Springs  
(323) 895-3481

**Ecology Recycling**  
13750 Imperial Hwy.  
Santa Fe Springs  
(562) 921-9975

**Bellflower Recycling Center**  
17326 S. Woodruff Ave.  
Bellflower  
(562) 804-7270