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Southern California’s Festival of Lights Kicks-off The Holiday Season & More

For the first time since it started 21 years ago, I was one of the thousands of holiday celebrants who braved the cold -- and the crowds -- to watch the Festival of Lights’ switch-on ceremony in Downtown Riverside. In the past I never wanted to attend precisely because of the crowds, and the thought of fighting for parking and standing in the cold among the overwhelmingly large group of people just never appealed to me. I would always wait to enjoy the lights once the Thanksgiving weekend was over and the flow of traffic, while steady, was much reduced.

I now know that choosing not to participate for all those years has been my loss. As I waited with my niece Kennedy for the ceremony to begin, I had an opportunity to talk to dozens of families most of whom have made the switch-on ceremony a family tradition…an opportunity to share the beginning of the holiday season with the ones they love.

As we chatted, a few themes emerged: community, family, tradition. Families from as far away as Temecula and as close as the surrounding downtown neighborhoods have made the annual lighting event a must-do start to the holiday season.

The centerpiece of the festival is The Historic Mission Inn Hotel, one of my favorite locations in the city. For decades the Voice offices were located on the corner of 6th and Main, directly behind the hotel. I can remember the years it was closed, the entire block gated, and at one point the structure even slated for demolition. Now the hotel is once again a resort destination for those outside the region and a local hub of activity for us locals who frequently eat at the restaurants, hold our events in the various unique meeting spaces, or relax and rejuvenate at the spa. (Full Disclosure: I admit, I do have a spa membership. Don’t judge me.)

If this sounds like an advertisement for the hotel, it’s not. I just know what the dedicated attention and investment made by Duane and Kelly Roberts, the current “Keepers of the Inn,” has done not only for the downtown economy, but for the entire region. I have known many of the small business owners for decades whose shops and restaurants are located on or near the Main Street Mall. Over the years, I have talked to people I consider friends, those merchants who are the backbone of the downtown small business community -- Toni Moore whose clothing shop is located behind the Mission Inn, Susie Thiel and Mark Rubin at Simple Simons Bistro, and Cary and Wretha Knight at Upper Crust Sandwich Shop -- about their business successes and challenges. They all credit the vision for The Mission Inn and the city’s festival as something that has contributed to their success and longevity.

For me, the illumination of the Inn and spectacular fireworks display that evening had a special meaning. Yes, it marked the celebration of the holiday season but it also symbolized the transformational and resilient characteristics of the downtown community. As one of the couples I talked to that night said, “we are here every year, we shop at the stores and eat at the restaurants and just celebrate being a part of an awesome community.”
Application Period Opens For The 2013/2014 Ronald McDonald House Charities® Of Southern California Scholarship Program

Organization to Award $52,000 in Scholarship Funds to Local African-American Students

Los Angeles

In 2012, nine-in-ten parents who have at least one child under 18 say they expect their child to attend college, despite 72 percent of Americans who say it is too expensive for most to afford. To help alleviate the heavy financial burden, Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC) of Southern California is now accepting applications for its RMHC/African-American Future Achievers scholarship program. The charity will award 26 scholarships worth $2,000 each to currently-enrolled high school seniors who reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

The 2013/2014 online application period will be open until January 21, 2014 and interested students should visit www.rmhc.org to apply. To be eligible, students must be under 21 years of age, have maintained a minimum 2.7 grade point average and have at least one parent of African-American or Black-Caribbean heritage. They must have demonstrated academic excellence, strong leadership skills and a commitment to giving back to their community. Scholarship funds will be applied toward tuition, fees and other appropriate educational expenses, as determined by RMHC. Recipients will be selected by an advisory board consisting of educators, community and civic leaders.

“The RMHC/African-American Future Achievers scholarship program offers students financial resources to help pay vital first year college expenditures,” said Patricia Williams, local McDonald’s owner/operator and program chair. “Our goal is to help reduce some of the financial tension that comes with funding a college education, and motivate students to achieve their scholastic goals.”

Since 1990, RMHC of Southern California has awarded more than $4.5 million in scholarship funds to local students to help make their college education dreams a reality. Funding for the scholarships is made possible through the global and Southern California chapters of RMHC and the fundraising efforts of local McDonald’s owner/operators and corporate staff. The McDonald’s Operators’ Association of Southern California (MOASC) pays for administrative costs of the scholarship programs including a recipient recognition event, which will be held on May 31, 2014.

For more than 35 years, RMHC of Southern California has been committed to providing comfort, care and support to children and families in Southern California. RMHC of Southern California is dedicated to creating a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy by operating six Ronald McDonald Houses, Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms and a Community Grants Board.

MOASC is comprised of more than 600 franchised and company-owned McDonald’s restaurants in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. Follow us on Twitter: @McDonaldsSoCal.

$40,000 STEM Scholarships Available

Become an Edison Scholar

Edison International, parent company of Southern California Edison (SCE), is accepting applications from eligible high school seniors.

To be eligible to apply, students must:

• Have a GPA of 2.8 or higher
• Plan to be a full-time student majoring in science, technology, engineering or math at a four-year college or university
• Live in, or attend a high school in SCE’s service area
• Demonstrate financial need

Applicants can apply between October 1, 2013 and January 10, 2014 at www.scholarship.apply.org/edisonscholars
Alejandre Named Deputy Superintendent For County Schools
San Bernardino

County Superintendent Gary Thomas recently announced the appointment of Ted Alejandre as deputy superintendent for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS). Alejandre, a resident of Yucaipa, previously held the title of assistant superintendent of Business Services for County Schools.

As deputy superintendent, Alejandre will serve as the superintendent’s designee in all matters related to the SBCSS organization. He will continue in his role in charge of Business Services.

“Ted has tremendous experience as an educational leader and a true desire to do what’s best for students,” Thomas said. “He brings outstanding knowledge of school finance and instruction, as well as the needs of local school districts to the position. I know our districts and our office will continue to benefit from his expertise and leadership.”

InTime Ministries Hosts Seasons of Destiny Conference
Riverside

Seasons of Destiny Conference, “You Are NOT A Mistake!” based on the book, Seasons of Destiny will host a conference in Riverside on Saturday, December 7, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. This ongoing book series is written by Dr. Terri Easley and details her journey of chaos and crisis and how she overcame these powerful forces by turning them into purpose and destiny. Dr. Easley’s mandate to women is to “Seize Your Destiny”® and every God-given opportunity to live a limitless life. This engaging and compelling conference is designed to “jump start” practical success strategies for 2014.

In addition to the host speaker, Dr. Terri Easley, a special video presentation by Cynthia Davis-Elliott, MSW, Founder of Alliance Adoption Assistance will be shown. She will be presenting information on extending a home to adopted children.

Attendees will be blessed by musical presentations from special guest Gospel recording artist Minister Brawn Hampton of Promise Land Ministries, along with Minister Regina Courtney.

The cost of the conference is $20.00 in advance; $25.00 at the door. The conference, held at the Hampton Inn & Suites located at 4250 Riverwalk Parkway in Riverside Calif., is expected to sell out with limited seating available. For express and easy reservations, call (915) 710-9608 or visit the website: www.intimeministries.com.

Newly appointed Deputy Superintendent Ted Alejandre best educational programs possible,” Alejandre said. “As a native of San Bernardino County, I understand the needs and challenges our districts face.

“Looking forward, I am pleased about the direction our office is taking with its strategic plan and vision. County Schools will continue to significantly contribute to increased educational opportunities for all of our students.”

Alejandre, who was hired as assistant superintendent of Business Services for County Schools in 2008, has more than 25 years of experience working in public education. He began his educational career in 1988 in Rialto Unified in fiscal services. He moved to the classroom as a teacher for the San Bernardino City Unified School District in 1989 and also served the district as a vice principal, principal and director of fiscal services.

In 2004, he became the assistant superintendent of Business Services for the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District. He has served as president of Region 12 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), as well as serving in the past on the state board for the organization. He also is chairman of the Business and Administration Steering Committee for the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association.

With 29 years of service in the military, Alejandre is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

A graduate of California State University, San Bernardino, Alejandre also received his master’s degree in educational administration from Cal State San Bernardino.
Remembering the Life of Ethline Baker

Inland Empire

The Inland Empire community is remembering the life and legacy of Ethline Maud Dorice Baker. On November 12, 2013 at the age of 95, Baker passed away. She was born October 1, 1918 in Colleyville, Jamaica to the proud parents of John and Jane Lindo. She was the fifth of seven children. She attended Brice Elementary in Jamaica and matriculated on to West Indies Training College (now known as Northern Caribbean University). She received Christ in her life at the age of fifteen, under Elder Lawson, who also had the privilege of marrying her and Cyril Baker on August 9, 1950. At that time they decided to move to Montclair, New Jersey. To that happy union, a beautiful baby girl, whom they named Ellen, was born.

Baker was an excellent educator and served as dean of women in Jamaica. She later became an auditor at UCLA until her retirement in 1990. The church was always very important in her life. She would often speak for the divine worship service in Colleyville, Jamaica, direct the choir and was an accomplished pianist and organist. She held many church positions which included VBS leader, Sabbath School superintendent, bible worker, community service worker, and because of her love of children, she tutored and taught at Valley Fellowship Resource Center in Rialto. Her faithfulness to Christ lead her to be a leader in whatever community she found herself, from Jamaica to New Jersey to Los Angeles to Santa Monica and finally to Loma Linda.

Besides her quick wit and boundless energy, she loved cooking, reading, teaching, tutoring, and spending lots of her time with her family. Baker received many awards and commendations throughout her lifetime. In addition to her many activities, she belonged to the Northern Caribbean Alumni Association and the San Bernardino Chapter of the King’s Daughters where she was active as the assistant treasurer.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cyril of 30 years and leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Ellen (Allen) Francis; grandsons: Allen III (Marla) Francis, Winston (Cynthia Galven) Francis; great grandchildren: Matthew Cabrera and Ethline Katie Francis; special “adopted” children: Ruby Watson, Henry Halloway, Paul (Donna) Alexander, Jr. and Gregory Benton, all of California; brother-in-law Ernest Baisden of Florida; nieces and nephews: Gloria Brown, Gareth Brown, Rhyan Brown, Kumari Kellman, Dawn Kellman, Shelli (Mark) Jackson, Mark Jr., Jordan and Briania Jackson, all of New Jersey, Marcia (Owen) Panton of Florida; and a host of friends.

CSUSB Hosts Fall Commencement Ceremonies

San Bernardino

Cal State San Bernardino will celebrate its 13th December graduation on Saturday, Dec. 7, with two commencement ceremonies. Of the more than 1,500 students eligible to graduate in December, more than 700 are expected to participate in the ceremonies, which will be held at the university’s 3,500-seat Coussoulis Arena.

The first ceremony will be at 8:45 a.m. for CSUSB’s colleges of Business and Public Administration and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The second ceremony will be at 12:45 p.m. for the colleges of Arts and Letters, Education and Natural Sciences. Parking for the ceremonies is free. Overflow seating will be available in the Health and Physical Education Building, Room 124, where guests can watch the ceremonies live via television.

This year the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has the largest number of students registered to participate in the fall ceremony with 231, followed by the College of Business and Public Administration with 179, the College of Natural Sciences with 150, the College of Arts and Letters with 134, and the College of Education with 17.

The December commencement is especially popular with international and out-of-state students who have completed their studies and are likely unable to return for the traditional June graduation, which usually averages about 3,000 graduating students.

The commencement ceremonies will be webcast live at the CSUSB Academic Computing and Media Live WebCast page at http://commencement.csusb.edu/webCast.html.
Event cancellation: The Affordable Care Act seminar and flu shots event advertised in the last issue, previously scheduled for December 7 at St. Bernardine Medical Center has been cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Seasons of Destiny Conference Presents – “You Are Not a Mistake! Saturday, December 7, 9:00a – 1:00p
Ladies, come join us in this extraordinary movement of God; Praise & Worship - Minister Brawn Hampton; Gospel Recording Artist, Regina Courtney; Dance Ministry and More! Tickets: $20.00 (non-refundable); At The Door: $25.00 (non-refundable). Registration Opens - 8:30 a.m. Light Morning Refreshments. Purchase tickets at - http://www.eventbrite.com/e/seasons-of-destiny-conference-presents-you-are-not-a-mistake-tickets-916062995?aff=efevento/r/eventful. For more info, please call (951) 710-9608 or visit www.intimeministries.com.

An Evening with Tom Ashbrook
Saturday, December 7, 2013, 6:00p – 9:00p
Coming to the Inland Empire is On Point's host, Tom Ashbrook – an award-winning journalist brought to public radio following the attacks of September 11, 2001. Location: UCR—Highlander Union Building, 353 Highlander Union Building, Riverside, CA. Tel: Lindsey Wisegarver at (909) 364-8599 or email at lwisegarver@kvcr.org.

Sounds of Season
Saturday, December 7, 8:00p
Location: Riverside’s Performing Arts Center, 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA.

Comedian Gary Owen
Thurs, December 12 – Sun, December 15
Location: Ontario Improv, 4555 Mills Circle Ontario, CA 91764. Tel: 909-484-5411 or visit www.ontario.improv.com.

Reading the upcoming holidays? Are you a pessimistic person? Do you have a tendency to point out the negatives in a situation without seeing the good? Do people reject or regret being in your company because of your attitude?

It’s not easy to determine why people have bad attitudes, but it’s certainly easy to pick them out of a crowd. Most of us can probably name co-workers, relatives, or others with bad attitudes. It’s relatively easy to spot someone with a negative attitude. Sometimes that someone can be found in the mirror. If you haven’t been getting what you want out of life, if you feel stuck, overlooked, underappreciated or unfulfilled, it could be a negative attitude that is holding you back.

The ability to recognize our feelings as they come over us is called ‘self awareness’. Self awareness is critical to our development in a highly mobile, fast-changing, and complex society. Knowing yourself and understanding what drives your attitude and emotions is the first step to a healthy body and healthy mind.

Stop focusing on yourself. A lot of pessimism arises from false or unreasonable expectations, especially when those expectations involve ‘you’. Make an effort to reach out and help at least 1 person every day without expecting anything in return. Over time, you may find more joy in giving rather than receiving.

Face your flaws. We all have something upon which we can improve so whether you’re at work, at home, or anywhere else, be open to learning more. Make a list of all your weaknesses and flaws. At the beginning of every week, take one of those listed flaws and think about what you could learn concerning that weakness.

Look on the bright side. In every undesirable circumstance, there is always a way to look on the brighter side. This isn’t to say that you should live your life dishonestly, always ignoring the bad in favor of a fake smile. Instead, accept the bad things but also think about how much worse it could have been.

For example, maybe you just got into a car accident and need to pay a lot of money for repairs and medical bills. One way to look on the bright side is to be grateful that you are still alive without permanent damage to your body or your brain.

Going from pessimistic to optimistic can be difficult, but it will result in a brighter and more enjoyable holiday season and ultimately a more enjoyable life.
Where Does San Bernardino Go From Here?

After the election in November and witnessing a successful recall that changed the political equation at city hall, I asked myself the question, “where does San Bernardino go from here?”

My first thought went to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. asking that question after the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; not that this election compares to that struggle. However, we have been living under a cloud of intimidators on the council, an activist city attorney, and self-interested public safety employee associations for the past twenty-five years.

One of the things I remembered from Dr. King’s book by the same title is the statement: “a man can’t ride your back if you are standing up straight.” Well in November the citizens of San Bernardino decided to stand up straight.

We have already reaped some benefits by the new city attorney firing all the retired police officers that former City Attorney Jim Penman hired as investigators.

To complete the task of changing city hall we’ll be electing Carey Davis as our next mayor. I had an opportunity to spend some quality time with Carey and outside of his professional qualifications as a Certified Public Accountant and Controller; he is a warm and compassionate individual who loves San Bernardino and is a strong family man.

Carey impressed me with his understanding of how policymakers should establish and evaluate policy and leave management to implement policy while holding them accountable.

He has a vision for diversity through inclusion in his administration, which is key in a city that is as diverse as San Bernardino. He cannot do it alone. So we have to reach out and support his campaign if we are to complete our vision of change for the city.

I suggest the Black community, in particular, reach out to Carey and get involved in the effort to elect him. If we want the city to reflect our values and aspirations, then we cannot sit in the background and only support secretly. I am encouraging Rikke Van Johnson to openly support one candidate over the other. Leadership requires one being out front sometimes. Carey told me that Virginia Marquez has already given him her support so having Johnson’s endorsement would go a long way in showing racial unity in the city.

Now I cannot see anyone in our community supporting his opponent based on her past actions on the council.

Where do we go from here? Once Carey is elected, along with Fred Shorett in the 4th Ward, we need to work to change the city charter section 186 that governs the pay of public safety employees. We need to ensure we focus on political campaign reform. We need to change the city attorney’s position to appointed, not elected. And we need to ensure clear lines of authority between the mayor, council, attorney, treasurer, city clerk, and staff.
Thanksgiving Is A Time For Family, Not Shopping

My six-year-old grandson and I entered a local pharmacy yesterday. He asked me why there were no Thanksgiving decorations. He said, “We are supposed to thank the Lord for our country on Thanksgiving and then go Christmas shopping the next day?” “Well,” I said, “you are right.” He attends public school and he has it right at the age of six.

Most of the time, I am silent about things, but I was near death this time last year in the Palliative Care Program with my completed Health Care Directive notarized, and I could barely move around. I am still here today after multiple hospitalizations and surgery, so I will speak up. I must be thankful to God for my healing, my family, medical personnel, healthcare, prayers, cards, visits, calls and well wishes for the entire year. I am thankful that my grandchildren decorated the house for Thanksgiving last year and helped prepare dinner for me and the family.

This year, much to my dismay, we have people shutting down the government, cutting head start programs, cutting aid to families and seniors, fighting and disrespecting the President, and shopping on the one day our families look forward to going to grandma’s house or somewhere together. Church services have diminished and it is hard to find the traditional Thanksgiving service before we eat the turkey dinner or the day after. I was encouraged last year to praise God for all he had done and to look forward to healing and recovery.

Cocoa Brown of the Tyler Perry Show, Megan Thomas, Silent Praz, Rock Boy Fresh, Pastor Theo Wilkins, Marquise Henderson and Liberated, Pastor Frank Oliver, The Gray Kids, as well as Eric Blake and others joined Good News Hope and Help, Inc. at Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church in a concert recently to raise awareness of my heart disease, Olinda Olson’s and Melissa Erickson’s Lou Gehrig’s Disease, and Denise Stanton’s Multiple Sclerosis. (I have permission to divulge their medical issues.) We need to speak up and say thank you to the Lord. We have other days to shop. So my family will not go to the stores on Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, or on Mother’s Day or Father’s Day. Close the stores and allow us to be families gathering together to remember where all our blessings come from and why we are blessed to live in the United States of America.

Sincerely grateful,
An Avid Reader

Mrs. G.
(Mrs. Ira K. Gray)

“We are supposed to thank the Lord for our country on Thanksgiving and then go Christmas shopping the next day?”
It’s no secret San Bernardino is under heavy fire—whether it’s the legitimacy of its economic woes or simply a PR crisis driven by a misperception, the city is in trouble. Hidden behind the constant fodder about San Bernardino’s “dysfunctional” government is a school district saddled with the task of filling in its achievement gap, which doesn’t receive the same exposure as bankruptcy or the latest scandals in City Hall.

In comes Abigail Medina, a new face to San Bernardino Unified School District who overcame her incumbent challenger, Judi Penman, who was practically a staple of the school board for many years. Medina, a humble wife and mother of 5 children, shares her thoughts on where the school board is headed and how her election can help to foster a better education system for the children in San Bernardino’s community.

1. Do you believe your election over Judi Penman is a symbol of frustration with long-time, established leaders in San Bernardino politics?
Not necessarily frustration but they want someone with fresh new ideas, someone who has a vested interest in our district, currently having children in our schools, and who sees struggles and strengths.

2. What do you think you offer as a San Bernardino School Board member that wasn’t present in previous leadership?
What wasn’t represented and what I offer our school district is a parent’s voice, an advocate for student achievement, and an understanding of what’s going in schools now.

3. What are some fresh, new ideas or rhetoric you bring to the table?
I bring a parent’s perspective with ideas on how to authentically engage our families and community.
4. What is the most challenging task the district is facing that needs immediate resolution?
Ensuring authentic parent/family engagement is vital to helping increase student achievement.

Increase the amount of students graduating high school [who are] “college ready”. We need to believe our students are capable of achieving great things. We must change the mind set of not just creating great employees but think of creating future employers. I hear too often “Not all children will go to college”, in elementary. This way of thinking is unacceptable, we need to prepare them to be ready for whatever THEY choose, at the end when they are graduating high school “college ready” and they choose to not go, that is their choice. We want to make it where parents and families will want to bring their students to San Bernardino City Unified School District.

Provide extensive professional development for our administrators and educators in order to meet and surpass district goals.

5. How are you trying to build bridges with parents, the community, and the school district?
Continue to work with non-profits that help with student, parent and community engagement such as Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE), Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC) and Youth Action Project (YAP).

Hold town hall meetings several times a year to hear directly from the community.

We must have a dedicated and funded student, family and community engagement department that will ensure authentic and collaborative engagement.

And create a new parent council that will unite all District parent councils, such as District African-American Advisory Council (DAAAC), District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC), District Advisory Council (DAC), Gifted and Talented Parent Advisory Council (GATE PAC), Community Advisory Council (CAC), Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) in order to help increase authentic parent engagement and increase student achievement.

6. Who were instrumental supporters that you believe helped you become elected and why were they so vital to your success?
Our youth and parents played a big part in my campaign. They are often the voiceless in our district and believed in me to ensure they are heard.

7. What previous experience or leadership roles prepared you for the School Board?
I am a wife and mother of five children all attending our schools, 3 in high school, 1 in middle school and 1 in elementary. I have been present at many school board and education meetings and have served on many committees such as Community Budget Advisory Coalition, DELAC Vice President, DAAAC parliamentarian, previous PTA president, part of the District Strategic Planning Team, Senior Parent organizer for a non-profit organization COPE and founder of TaGIE a not-for-profit organization that helps students, parents and educators prevent and reverse gifted underachievement.

8. Do you feel your place on the School Board in some small or large way represents a “changing of the guard” so to speak?
Yes because now “We” will a have voice. We have a stigma of (community, parents, San Bernardino City, society, etc.) don’t care about our students. We must stop making excuses and start finding solutions on how we can improve and work with the challenges we face.

9. What would you like the community to know about you and your endeavors with the School Board as you move forward?
My life experiences as a student, parent and education advocate have taught me to have high expectations even when we are surrounded by those who do not. We must persevere, not give up and believe we are capable of more. Regardless of where you live, where you come from, who your parents are, and what school you go to, we will have raised the bar of what high expectations look like in San Bernardino district.
Downtown Riverside was the location of one of Southern California’s most anticipated holiday traditions as the 21st Annual Riverside Festival of Lights kicked-off in a switch-on ceremony that featured a colorful fireworks display hosted by The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa.

The annual event, which illuminates downtown Riverside and lifts the spirits of the surrounding communities during the holiday season, features more than 3.5 million twinkling lights.

The switch-on ceremony, which brought the estimated 50,000 people onto downtown streets in and around the Main Street Mall, represents the culmination of months of work by The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and the Festival of Lights Committee, which is made up of community volunteers and local businesses.

Following the switch-on ceremony, the Festival of Lights continues through January 4, 2014, closing only on Christmas Day. As the largest holiday celebration in the region, the Festival has become a holiday tradition for families throughout Southern California.

For more information visit online at www.RiversideFestivalofLights.com.
The Holidays: Over 50,000 Attend Historic Festival of Lights
Assemblymember Cheryl Brown recently held a town hall meeting in order to report to her constituents, receive suggestions of services they might want her to provide, and to suggest legislation to offer, or support. 1 - Assemblymember Brown and her legislative staff. 2 - Assemblymember Brown addressing her constituents. 3 - Supporters in the audience included Colton Mayor Sarah Zamora and Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren (last row).
When we are sick and go to a medical doctor, the doctor begins by checking our vital signs: body temperature; pulse rate; respiration; and blood pressure.

San Bernardino County is the biggest County in the U.S. which has one of the fastest growing populations. Findings so far: AT RISK! Compared to California, as a whole, and the surrounding counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego, San Bernardino County residents have less education and training, less money, less opportunity for better-paying jobs, but are at a higher risk for health problems, and shorter lives.

It’s bad. Looks bad. Feels bad. But, the San Bernardino County Vital Signs Initiative is examining the body politic, conducting necessary tests and measurements, talking and listening to county residents, and confronting real issues that affect the lives and well being of people and places across San Bernardino County and considering pathways to assure healthier, more rewarding lives --- for us all.

The declared vision of the San Bernardino County Vital Signs Initiative is to engage San Bernardino County residents, organizations, and government to empower, respect, and value all communities and perspectives.

Community Vital Signs Initiative - Live Well, Age Well Summit

By John Coleman

1 - Ms. Kathy Estes, MA, Coordinator, SB Superintendent of Schools, School Health Programs; Dr. Katherine E. Watkins, Senior Natural Scientist, RAND Corp.; Dr. Dora Barilla, DrPH, Assoc Director, Institute for Health Policy and Leadership, and Assoc. Director, Institute for Community Partnerships, Loma Linda University; Dr. G. Richard Olds, Vice Chancellor, Health Affairs, and Dean, School of Medicine, UC Riverside; and Dr. Tomas Morales, PhD, President, California State University, San Bernardino. Panelists presented perspectives on the state of health care in the US and emerging changes that include wellness, and preventive services, and may eventually accept redefinition of health and treatment to include much (e.g. feeding people who lack food, or sheltering people who lack shelter during heat and cold emergencies) that impact health and wellness outcomes. 2 - Dr. Dean Sherzai, Director, Research and Neurology Dept; Director, Memory and Aging Center, Loma Linda University, Chair, SB County Committee on Healthy Aging; Trudy Raymundo, Director, SB County Dept. of Public Health; Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare, Health Officer, SB County Dept. of Public Health opening the conference, held at the National Orange Show. 3 - Mrs. Liz Koenig, San Bernardino County Senior Affairs Commission and Mrs. Fran Givens, Member, California Senior Legislative Assembly. 4 - Dr. Michael N’duati, MBA, MPH, Associate Dean, Clinical Services, University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine.
recibe mediante un acuerdo una concesión doble: Tiempo que pague el gravamen de la corte antes de que se apruebe la concesión. (Disp. de ley)

The name and address of the court is: RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COUNTER COURT.

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Notice to person named: You are served as an individual defendant.

Date: FEB 12, 2013

Clerk, by: MUNDO, Deputy

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RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

This matter is before the court at this hearing indicated below to show cause, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change being described above must file a written objection with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change being described above must file a written objection with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

AMENDED

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MATRÉZ & SONS TRUCKING

Allan Matrez, Bowling Green, KY 42102

Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 9/23/13

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I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Jose De Jesus Martinez

Riverside, CA 92505

Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 9/23/13

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Riverside County

25268 Bronze Dr.

as:

23596 David Ln.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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Larry W. Ward, Clerk, County

FILE NO. R-2013-10978

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THE VEN CLINIC OF TEMECULA VALLEY

GALESTON COMMERCIAL LENDING

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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CA 92408

Larry Ward, Clerk, County

FILE NO. R-2013-11487

p. 11/12, 12/12, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

OF NAME

GROUP & INVESTMENTS

CAPSTONE COMMERCIAL LENDING

as:

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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Larry W. Ward, Clerk, County

FILE NO. R-2013-11487

p. 11/12, 12/12, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

QUEEN'S SMOKING

5245 Magnolia Ave.

Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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Larry W. Ward, Clerk, County

FILE NO. R-2013-9179

p. 10/13, 10/17, 10/24, 11/17, 11/21, 2013

PAUL J. DOWNS & ASSOCIATES LLC

715 E. Brier Drive

San Bernardino, CA 92405

as:

Attorney in Fact

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DUE:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 @ 2PM PST

CEN-2556272

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Q & AUTO ENTERPRISES

9999 San Jose Road

Murrieta, CA 92564

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company

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Larry W. Ward, County, Clerk.

FILE NO. R-2013-10978

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code).

Larry W. Ward, County, Clerk

FILE NO. R-2013-10978

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT/HISTORIC

The name and address of the court is:

RIVERSIDE, CA 92505

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RIVERSIDE, CA 92505
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PUBLIC NOTICES

DECEMBER 5, 2013

EXPERT CHOICE AUTO BROKERS
13348 Bradbury Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503

Malcolm Camron Dougou
13348 Bradbury Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EXPERT CHOICE AUTO BROKERS
13348 Bradbury Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SUGAR PLUM DANCE FESTIVAL
21030 3rd Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503

PO. Box 2032
Riverside, CA 92502-2032

Karen Lou Crotz
Riverside, CA 92506

Ronnie – DePineda
San Diego, CA 92130

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners Registration has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EXPERIENCE AS A FREE LANCE WRITER
2216108, 1170 Carthay Drive
Norco, CA 92860

This business is conducted by: Individual Registration number is filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, El Seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SKY CORPORATE
1668 E Faye Dr.
Corona, CA 92883

Shark Drafting Group, Inc.
1668 E Faye Dr.
Corona, CA 92883

This business is conducted by: Corporation Registration number is filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, El Seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Larry J. WRAY
FILE NO. p. 1121-13-1139

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GET IT MOVED TRANSPORT SERVICES
24051 Marie St.
Riverside County
CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by: Corporation Registration has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) /s/ . . . . . . . . . .

Eldon B. Ward
FILE NO. p. 1121-13-117687

p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

A & L Pizza, Inc.
72895 Fred Waring Drive
Riverside, CA 92503

This business is conducted by: Corporation Registration number is filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411, El Seq., Business and Professions Code).

Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SHARON J. WATERS
72895 Fred Waring Drive
Riverside, CA 92503

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EXPRESS CHOICE AUTO BROKERS
2216108, 1170 Carthay Drive
Norco, CA 92860

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk
FILE NO. p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

J.J. JACQUET filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JASON JACQUET to JASON PENDRAGERT. The Petition for Probate requests that the person(s) interested in this matter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/23/13 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: 10. The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, 4505 Main St., (P.O. Box 431), Riverside, CA 92502-0431. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Black Voice, 4290 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501. Date: NOV 13 2013

SHARON J. WATERS, Judge of the Superior COURT
p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER RIC 13127712
To All interested Persons: Petitioner: RANDY HEREDIA GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RANDY HEREDIA GARCIA to RANDY GARCIA HEREDIA. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/23/13 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: 10. The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, 4505 Main St., (P.O. Box 431), Riverside, CA 92502-0431. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Black Voice, 4290 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501. Date: NOV 13 2013

SHARON J. WATERS, Judge of the Superior COURT
p. 1121, 1128, 125, 1212, 2013
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) s/ Jillian Suzanne Friedman.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Sec. 1440 et seq. b & p code)

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in the Office of the County Clerk.

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners
Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) s/ Sylvia Carol Love.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

This business is conducted by: General Partner
Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

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This business is conducted by: Joint Venture
Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

This business is conducted by: Corporation
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in the Office of the County Clerk.

This business is conducted by: General Partner
Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Larry W. Ward, County Clerk, Clerk S. ROMERO
FILE NO. R-11-2013-9714
p. 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name(s) listed above.

I hereby declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) s/... Denine M. Harrison.
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Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 11/20/13

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ForeverUs Investors, LLC
1520 Commerce St
Corona, CA 92879

The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Notice: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the Clerk. A new fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not prevent the use in this state of a fictitious business name which is identical to the business name stated above, as provided in Probate Code section 1440 et seq., and Business and Professions Code.

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Case Number MCP1300815

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN JOE RENON
Case Number MPC1300740

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, posthumous legatees, and persons who may otherwise be entitled to a share of the personal estate of the decedent.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JERRY L. RENON in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that: JERRY L. RENON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to administer the estate without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain important acts, the personal representative will be required to give notice to the court and pay the costs of notice. This right of notice is not waivable without court approval.) Authority will be granted unless an interested person files a written objection within 30 days from the date of filing the petition. A copy of this notice is a public record. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The time for filing claims will not begin to run until that time. If you object to the name changes described in this petition, you must file a written objection within 30 days from the date of filing the petition. The objections must be filed with the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the objections should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes, described above must file a written objection that includes the reason or reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/23/13 Time: 10:00 AM. Place: Riverside County, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: AMANDA ALVARADO GUTIERREZ to AMANDA ALVARADO GUTIERREZ. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter file a written objection below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes, described above must file a written objection that includes the reason or reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/11/13 Time: 8:30 AM. Place: Riverside County, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: DANIEL MONAHAN REGINO to DANIEL MONAHAN REGINO. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter file a written objection below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes, described above must file a written objection that includes the reason or reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 1/15/13 Time: 8:30 AM. Place: Riverside County, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: RICHARD THEIS to RICHARD THEIS. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter file a written objection below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Anyone objecting to the name changes, described above must file a written objection that includes the reason or reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/11/13 Time: 8:30 AM. Place: Riverside County, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: RAYMOND AVILA to RAYMOND AVILA. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter file a written objection below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes, described above must file a written objection that includes the reason or reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/11/13 Time: 8:30 AM. Place: Riverside County, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: LARRY WARD to LARRY WARD. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter file a written objection below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes, described above must file a written objection that includes the reason or reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/11/13 Time: 8:30 AM. Place: Riverside County, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92503.
Charles Dickens’ poignant tale of transformation and redemption, “A Christmas Carol,” is arriving just in time for the holidays with two performances at the historic California Theatre of the Performing Arts. Presented by WorldWide Theatricals, the holiday classic will be staged for two performances only, at 2 and 8 p.m. Dec. 21. Single tickets are $38.50-$75 and are available through the box office at (909) 885-5152 or Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Join the ghosts of Christmas Present, Past and Future as they lead Ebenezer Scrooge on a revealing journey, as they teach him valuable and revealing lessons about mankind and, more importantly, himself.

With such unforgettable characters as Scrooge and his nephew Fred, the embattled clerk Bob Cratchit and his son Tiny Tim, Jacob Marley, Mr. Fezziwig and Scrooge’s fiancée Belle, “A Christmas Carol” has been a holiday favorite since Dickens’ book was published in 1843.

“A Christmas Carol’ is one of the most loved holiday shows ever written,” said WorldWide Theatricals producer Jesse Dinkel. “We’re looking forward to presenting this exciting production and bringing the Christmas spirit truly alive in the Inland Empire.”

The story of Scrooge’s transformation from a cold-hearted, bitter and miserly old man to a person filled with childlike joy, good will and generosity is one of most unforgettable tales of Victorian era literature.

Dickens’ story was an instant success and garnered critical acclaim when it was first published. Written at a time when there was already strong nostalgia for longtime holiday traditions, as well as the birth of new ideas and practices, “A Christmas Carol” is synonymous with the yuletide season.

The novel was so popular when it was published that within months at least eight theatrical versions of the story were in production. Dickens himself read from the novel on stage in 1852 and continued to do so for many years.

Attesting to its immense popularity, the novel has never been out of print and has been adapted to stage, film, opera and other media multiple times. Actors from Lionel and John Barrymore to Alastair Sim and Basil Rathbone to Albert Finney and George C. Scott to Sir Patrick Stewart have portrayed Ebenezer Scrooge.

“A Christmas Carol” is one of four shows in the WorldWide Theatricals’ 2013-2014 season. Other shows include the award-winning musical “Rent,” March 29; John Steinbeck’s “Of Mice and Men,” May 31 and the poignant musical “Miss Saigon,” June 29. Season tickets for all four shows are $99-$165, through the box office at (909) 885-5152.
As the second president of California’s 112th community college, Dr. Paul Parnell boasts a student body exceeding 10,000 positioning Norco College as one of the premier institutions of higher education in the region. Norco began as a satellite campus of Riverside City College with its academic departments centralized on that campus. In 1999, Norco began expanding its academic departments on its own campus and by the fall of 2005, housed five departments.

Norco College values their strong links with the local community, business and industry leaders, area universities, and the K-12 school district which enables them to provide an education of excellence in emerging programs like logistics and supply chain management, computer game design and industrial technology.

Voice asked Norco’s president, Dr. Parnell, his thoughts on the college, his plan for the future and a few interesting facts those who know him might not know.

As the second President for Norco College what have been some of your challenges and successes?

Challenges have been serving our students, workforce, and community on a decreasing budget and preparing for the future. Successes include the State budget being increased and the completion of our Strategic, Technology and Facilities Master Plans for Norco College to better serve our students of 10,000+ in the future.

Where do you see Norco College 5-years from now?

Five years from now we will serve 12,000 students and twice as many will graduate with degrees and certificates as do now.

When did you realize you had a passion for education?

My passion for education took off when I taught my first class in the 1970’s.

As President of a college, what would you recommend as a good read for not only your student body but your staff, and community?

My reading list this year includes:

- The Introvert Advantage
- Hunger of Memory
- Farewell to Manzanar
- A Child Called It
- Last Stand
- Power of Habit

What is something most people – including staff – do not know about you?

I have three different colored standard poodles—red, white, and black.

Dr. Paul Parnell joined Norco College in July 2012 as its second President. He has served successfully in leadership positions at colleges renowned for their academic excellence, innovation, stellar career opportunities, diversity, and multi-site complex environments. Dr. Parnell most recently served as Vice President Academic Affairs at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, CA. He has extensive management and teaching experience in the community college environment. He served in the United States Air Force where he received several prestigious service medals. He honorably retired as an officer in 1993. Dr. Parnell earned his Ph.D. in education, psychology and community college studies from Oregon State University.
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