ELECTION ROUND-UP

Despite Low Turnout, IE Voters Speak Loud and Clear
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Every Election Matters and Every Vote Counts

I intentionally voted late in the day on Tuesday. After reading article after article that this election would be the lowest primary election turnout in state history, I wanted to ask the poll workers at my regular polling place what their day was like. Typically one in four registered voters in Riverside and San Bernardino counties vote in primary elections that don’t feature a presidential race. Did they see many voters? What was the mood of people at the polling location? Did they think the problem, if there was one, was apathy or awareness?

“It’s been slower than usual,” Lynette, a poll worker, told me as I reviewed the hourly voting logs on the wall at my polling place. She has worked elections since 2008 “I don’t care how big or small the election, they should get out and vote because every vote counts,” she said with a smile. The numbers at that location were a disappointment. After 12 hours only 100 voters had come to cast their ballots. Yes, more individuals are voting by mail than ever before, but even those numbers were low.

As expected, the voter turnout was embarrassingly low, although official numbers have not been confirmed. Since 2002, that number has hovered around the 33 percent level with 2008 seeing the lowest number of voters at 28.2 percent. Here in the Inland Empire, participation in Tuesday’s election was even more dismal with 17.9 percent of registered voters participating in Riverside County and 14.8 percent in the County of San Bernardino.

What does it mean when so few adults actually participate in the democratic process? In one article I read, the author said that perhaps part of the problem is the lack of focus on substantive issues and policies and the impulse to focus on the sensational, the shocking, the salacious. Perhaps, he suggested, we should look at “reshaping our politics around honest, ethical, and inspiring messages” and on “educating youth on the principles of civic engagement.” Another author summarized it with a simple equation: relative contentment + a sense of predestined outcome = little incentive to vote.

As I spent the rest of Tuesday evening celebrating at my mother’s campaign headquarters in Rialto, I asked several people there, why they vote, why they volunteer to work for the candidates of their choice, and why they care at all. What I discovered was like me, these individuals grew-up in civic-minded households. They learned early that it is their responsibility to vote, run for office, and serve on volunteer boards and commissions. Like Lynette, the poll worker who greeted me at my polling place, they also believe that every vote counts, and not just during important elections or general elections. In fact, they know just how much their vote counts during the primaries. All we have to do is look at the local contests that are still too close to call, where we are waiting for every ballot to be counted to see who advances to the general election in November.

Paulette Brown-Hinds, PhD

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Inland Empire voters decided Tuesday whether Democratic incumbent Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown will face-off with Republican opponents Assemblyman Tim Donnelly or businessman Neel Kashkari, but once election results were tallied, Governor Brown will be running against Neel Kashkari in the November election.

With a low voter turnout for the June primaries, the Inland Empire remains a hotbed for political change. For weeks the I.E. has been bombarded with campaigns sniping at each other and dueling media coverage all in anticipation of November’s general election.

In Moreno Valley, Mayor Tom Owings was successfully recalled. George Price, a former city parks and recreation director will replace him.

While another hotly contested and watched race in Riverside was the Riverside County District Attorney seat. And after the smoke cleared and votes counted, Mike Hestrin won his bid for top county attorney.

### 2014 ELECTION RESULTS

#### TOP TWO VOTE-GETTERS

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Los Angeles

Film, Media, and Advocacy Conference Debuts at Long Beach Indie

Facilitator Dr. Daniel E. Walker states of the conference: “The world has changed and the old tools to get things done doesn’t work the same way. This conference will teach participants how to engage the new tools in the new century through hands-on instruction.”

The conference is a hands-on educational experience designed for individuals and organizations working to create a more just and equitable world. Participants will view powerful films, network with writers, producers, and directors, and learn how to write, direct, produce, and optimize their own film and digital media advocacy projects. In order to maximize the learning experience, space is limited to the first 100 participants.

“Participants actually learn how to make a short film that they could use to raise awareness for their cause. They learn lighting, camera, and all the rest and whether it’s a documentary, promo, or PSA they will learn how to make it. They will also see some really good films and PSA pieces and talk to the director and writer how they better their own engagement strategy,” states Walker.

The festival director at Long Beach Indie, Walker is a Research Associate at the University of Southern California’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture, author of the critically acclaimed book No More, No More: Slavery and Cultural Resistance in Havana and New Orleans, founder of the Gospel Music History Archive (USC), and the writer/director of the films Sol Brothers and When Roosters Crow (Best Short Film Nominee, San Diego Black Film Festival), the documentaries Faith and Soul in the City (in production) and a 10-part documentary on the growth and development of Gospel music (in production). He is the co-founder of Leadership Excellence, Board Chair of the BLU Educational Foundation, and a former New York City Urban Fellow and W.K. Kellogg National Fellow.

An accomplished artist, producer, and philanthropy consultant, Paul Watson’s production credits include BET’s acclaimed documentaries American Gangster, TVONE’s K-Ci and Jo Jo Come Clean, the BET Awards, the films Sol Brothers and When Roosters Crow, and the upcoming series Meet the Producers. Watson was formerly an Assistant Program Officer at the Annie E. Casey Foundation working in the field of celebrity philanthropy. His recent philanthropy and media clients include New City Parish and the California Endowment.

For more information about the Film, Media, and Advocacy conference or submission to the film festival go to www.longbeachindie.com. To register visit www.longbeachindie.com. For questions e-mail info@longbeachindie.com.

Redlands Pinto 8 All-Star Team

Fundraising Events

Redlands

The Redlands Baseball for Youth (RBY) spring baseball regular season comes to a close, a total of 12 eight year-old elite athletes have been honored by being chosen as part of the Pinto 8 Red All-Star Team out of more than 110 boys in the division. These accolades are a tremendous honor and reward for the hard work these kids put in all season. This honor also brings the challenge of having to raise funds for their specific team.

The All-Star season budget is approximately $4,500, which covers league and tournament entry fees, team uniforms, equipment, and umpire costs. Donations from local patrons and businesses are one way they raise money to reach these goals. Without the support of the local community, they would be unable to reach the financial requirements to provide the Pinto 8 Red All-Star team players with the quality baseball program necessary for success.

The boys and their coaches will be serving a buffet breakfast at the Redlands Applebee’s (2046 Redlands Blvd, in front of Walmart) on Saturday, June 7th from 8 to 10am. For just $10 you can enjoy a fun evening of baseball with all the fixins’ and even a bit of ‘undead’ fun as you support the Redlands Pinto 8 All-Stars.

Businesses and individuals who would like to sponsor this great group of young athletes can do so with sponsorships as low as $50. All donations are 100% tax deductible – all coaches and parents are volunteers. Any and all support is appreciated and the team will provide recognition of your contribution on banners, websites, stories, plaques, etc. as timing permits.

For tickets to breakfast or the 66er game, or sponsorship information, please call Thom at 909-855-3116.
Family Health And Support Network Presents ‘Juneteenth In The Coachella Valley’
Event Supports High-Risk Children in Foster Care

The Family Health & Support Network, Inc. will host a Juneteenth in the Coachella Valley Celebration and Pioneer Awards Fundraiser on Saturday, June 14 at La Quinta Resort & Spa, 49-499 Eisenhower Drive in La Quinta. This seventh annual event will honor the African-American culture and heritage and is a benefit for Family Health & Support Network’s (FHSN) foster care, prevention and early intervention programs.

Sandra Austin, CEO of FHSN said of the event “We rely on the Juneteenth Celebration and Pioneer Awards to raise funds to enhance the quality programs and services we offer and to educate our community. This means expanding beyond the familiar and learning about other cultures and beliefs so that we can create a welcoming, inclusive, and collaborative community.”

The evening begins with a V.I.P. reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the Pioneer Awards at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear “smart casual white.”

ACSM worked with the Indiana University School of Family Medicine and a panel of 26 health and physical activity experts on the methodology of the AFI data report. Researchers analyzed the data gleaned from U.S. Census data, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), The Trust for the Public Land City Park Facts and other existing research data in order to give a scientific, accurate snapshot of the health and fitness status at a metropolitan level.

A complete list of Riverside’s areas of excellence and improvement priorities, plus a breakdown of the components that helped make up its score, can be found on the AFI website at AmericanFitnessIndex.org.
Approximately 4 million Americans currently suffer from Alzheimer’s disease - a degenerative condition that affects the brain, causing the person to forget things and eventually to become unable to perform everyday tasks.

Many Americans dismiss the warning signs of Alzheimer’s, believing that these symptoms are a normal part of aging. They are diagnosed too late and miss the opportunity to get the best care possible. This is of even greater concern for African-Americans, who are more likely to develop Alzheimer’s disease than other populations.

While researchers don’t know exactly what causes Alzheimer’s disease, they have identified factors that signal a greater risk, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, lack of exercise and diabetes.

African-Americans have a higher rate of vascular disease (diseases involving blood vessels, including heart attack and stroke) – one of the suspected risk factors of Alzheimer’s disease.

Alzheimer’s Warning Signs

Alzheimer’s disease attacks the brain, specifically the part of the brain associated with memory. As the nerve cells in the brain associated with memory die off, the person suffering with the disease will lose not only their ability to remember, but also their ability to learn new things.

Symptoms include difficulty learning and remembering new information, forgetting to pay bills, take medication, or do everyday activities they were previously in the habit of doing; Getting lost going to familiar places, such as not remembering how to get to the grocery store they’ve been going to for many years or a friend’s house they’ve known all their life.

In the mild stage, the person will still be able to do other basic activities, such as driving, eating and drinking, etc. So, don’t be fooled because they still function in many ways as “normal”. These are definite signs that the disease is progressing and should be dealt with immediately.

Since memories that have been in the brain longer are more ingrained, the person will lose memory starting from the present and working back to the past. Many persons suffering from Alzheimer’s will remember, and be able to describe in vivid detail, memories from their childhood, while at the same time not knowing what day or even year they are living in.

It is a proven fact that recognizing the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s, and getting the person treatment early on, may help slow the progression of the disease. With this in mind, the sooner the person gets help, the better.

UC Riverside Part of Effort to Further UC-Mexico Initiative

Riverside

By Kris Lovekin

University of California President Janet Napolitano and UC Riverside Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox recently participated in a round of meetings in Mexico City with high-ranking Mexican government officials and distinguished academics and researchers as part of a broad UC-Mexico initiative aimed at strengthening ties between the university and Mexico.

The two days of scheduled meetings with officials from Mexico’s departments of Education and Foreign Affairs – as well as Mexican university presidents and the heads of scientific research and cultural organizations – grew from Napolitano’s wish to unite and build upon existing collaborations between the University of California and institutions in Mexico. The goal of the UC-Mexico Initiative is to create a sustained, strategic and equal partnership with Mexico that addresses common issues and nurtures the next generation of leaders in both countries. She asked UC Riverside to help lead the effort.

Their first stop was at the launch of the continued on page 10
San Bernardino Charter Reform Must Happen Now

I have heard that the firefighters’ association is planning to intimidate the voters of San Bernardino and scare them into not changing Section 186 of the city charter. The mayor and city council appointed a volunteer citizens group to review the charter and report recommendations back to them of things they think should be removed, changed, or modified to allow them to better manage the affairs of the city and provide services for the citizens. This committee recommended and the council agreed unanimously to accept the committee’s recommendation to put the issue before the voters in November 2014.

This has led to widespread speculation that the firefighters’ association will flood the voters with misinformation during a door-to-door campaign as they have done in the past. Intimidating voters, in some cases, with implied threats of bad service if they vote to change Section 186. The misinformation has already begun at Temple Missionary Baptist Church where they held a community meeting with invited guest, a Black Deputy Chief from Compton. It is funny to me that they know how to find Black people when they want to use them but cannot find us for employment in the department.

Oh, I forgot to mention that the firefighters have done this door campaigning while in uniform before. I think the council should look into adopting a policy to prevent wearing uniforms when not on official city business.

The tactics used by the firefighters’ association sounds like voter intimidation to me if ever there was intimidation. Intimidation is defined as: “to make timid; to make fearful” as in intimidating a witness or voter. Some related words for intimidation are bullying, to frighten, hound, harass, and strong-arm. When a firefighter in uniform says to a voter, “who is going to come to your house during a medical or fire emergency if you vote for this?” This sounds official and is intended to put fear into any citizen, but especially elderly voters who might need that service.

Mind you section 186 has nothing to do with the quality of services the firefighters deliver but everything to do with guaranteed salary and step increase adjustments as compared to other financially well off cities.

The City of San Bernardino is the only city in the state that has such a section in its charter. What the committee is recommending is for the city and public employee associations do this type of negotiation through the collective bargaining process like all of the other employees in the city.

Also, the current city charter states it is: “established to promote economic, environmental and cultural prosperity throughout our community in public service and to ensure equality of opportunity for every resident and provide for accountability.”

This has not been the case when it comes to the economic and equality of opportunity within the fire department in regards to recruitment, hiring, and promotional opportunities. According to 2014 statistics of the 120 individuals listed as firefighters: there are two Asians or one percent; six Blacks or five percent; 19 Latinos or 15 percent; and 92 Whites or 77 percent which to me is an all-male club with one or 0.8 percent White female firefighters. Currently we have four or 3% firefighters living in San Bernardino, which is down from the 12 that were listed in a 2011 report.

There are 25 non-firefighters working in the fire department of which 17 are female and only seven live in the city. In my opinion, depending on how you interpret this information, we have already outsourced our fire department to other cities.

According to one study, over $40 million dollars leaves the city each and every year when our public safety employees – both fire and police – leave work and go to a home that is anywhere but here. From the latest reports between 68% and 72% of the general fund budget now goes to the police and fire departments.

Since the city filed bankruptcy, they were obligated and had to give these departments over $1 million in salary increases because of Section 186 in the city charter, while other employees were taking salary cuts to help keep the city afloat.

To their credit, the police did make concessions by negotiating with the city on give-backs to assist during the financial crisis while the firefighters have held to their legal position and not negotiated anything. Now they are sponsoring an initiative to have the voters give them over $6 million more. They need over 11,000 voter signatures to qualify for the ballot so I am urging citizens to refrain from their rhetoric and not sign any ballot measures.

(To be continued…)

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From Hardship to Hope

“Foster care is not fun for anyone,” says 24-year-old law student Amy Peters, who entered Nebraska’s foster care system at age 12 and remained until she “aged out” at 19. Fortunately for Amy, she excelled in high school and was accepted at the University of Nebraska, and because she was attending college was eligible for housing, health care, and financial assistance until age 21 through Nebraska’s Former Ward Program. Amy knows very well she was one of the lucky ones.

Foster care is intended to be a temporary solution during one of the darkest times of a child’s life, but the average length of stay is nearly two years, and every year more than 23,000 youths “age out” of foster care at age 18 or older without being connected to a forever family. These vulnerable young people are at huge risk of dropping out of high school and ending up unemployed, homeless, or in the criminal justice system. Now Amy is one of the thousands of foster care alumni who are sharing their stories in hopes of sparking changes in the child welfare system.

Amy works for Project Everlast, a statewide, youth-led organization committed to providing resources, connections, support, and hope to young people exiting foster care. Through Project Everlast and her peers successfully urged state lawmakers to replace the Former Ward Program with the Bridge to Independence Program, which will extend more services to other Nebraska youths up to age 21 transitioning from foster care so they can continue receiving supports like those that helped prepare Amy for successful adulthood.

Foster care activist and college student Sixto Cancel says he was only 11 months old when he was swept into foster care after his mother’s drug habit led to abuse, poverty, and neglect. He was adopted at nine years old, but was later abandoned by his adoptive mother and re-entered foster care. In high school Sixto started a remedial education program for foster children, already determined to make a difference for those following in his footsteps. Today, he is deeply grateful for the financial literacy education provided by the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative that he received in high school.

Sixto “aged out” of foster care at age 18 and is now finishing his junior year at Virginia Commonwealth University. During his college years his financial literacy training has informed all his decisions from what courses to take to how to manage the basics of food, apartment, and transportation. Hardships have come his way. He’s not complaining when he says that unlike most of his peers he has no parental safety net to fall back on when the going gets tough. In his work with the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education’s “Great Expectations” program, Sixto is working on a financial literacy and match savings program to help other Virginia youths who age out of foster care get the support they need to attend and succeed at the state’s 26 public community colleges. Sixto and Amy are also both members of the National Foster Care Youth & Alumni Policy Council, which presents policy recommendations and youth perspective to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sixto will be speaking at the Children’s Defense Fund/Educational Testing Service June symposium Advancing Success for Black Men in College in Washington, D.C.

Although Ashley Kuber was only in foster care four months, like Amy and Sixto the 22-year-old has been working to help others still in foster care in Idaho’s child welfare system. Growing up in a poor, unstable home, Ashley went to work early to buy clothes and help her family pay rent. When she was 14 Ashley was placed in foster care and lived with relatives until she reunited with her father. For the past two years Ashley has served on the Idaho Foster Youth Advisory Board, where the Board is working to develop a Youth Bill of Rights, a Sibling Bill of Rights, and a peer mentoring program for children in foster care. She and others on the Board have also spoken to groups of current and prospective foster parents and advocated at the governor’s office. Last year Ashley was chosen for the FosterClub All-Stars, an intensive summer internship program recognizing young foster care alumni with leadership potential who want to help others understand the foster care experience and assist those still in care.

I am so grateful to Amy, Sixto, and Ashley and for the thousands of other foster care alumni who are now raising their voices and working to make a difference for young people still involved in foster care.

You too can make a difference and be a light in the lives of young people in foster care and alumni. Learn more about how foster care alumni are organizing for change in your state and how you can help. Support advocacy efforts by asking your own elected officials what steps they are taking to help children in foster care find permanent families. You can also volunteer to help organizations dedicated to young people in care in your own community, support local foster parents, or mentor a child.

Find more resources and information by visiting https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/. A common thread among many of these young child welfare leaders is that they found the courage to speak up after being encouraged by an adult and told that they—and their story—were important. By simply opening up your heart, looking a young person in the eye, and speaking an encouraging word you might change the trajectory of that child’s life and give them hope for a brighter future.
bilateral forum for higher education, research and innovation, known as FOBESII, in which visiting U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry finalized the pact announced last year by President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto.

“UC’s many and varied partnerships, exchanges and collaborations with Mexico are integral to bettering lives on both sides of our national border,” Napolitano said. “This trip is a testament to the strength of our relationship with Mexico. I’m here to ensure we grow that relationship by establishing our new project to enhance the mutual exchange of students, faculty and ideas across the border.”

One immediate outcome of Napolitano’s visit was a signing of a memorandum of understanding between UC and the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology, known as CONACYT, that extends their Agreement of Cooperation in Higher Education and Research.

The agreement notes the “long and successful history of collaboration, involving bi-national research and the training and exchange of graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty,” and references the spirit of FOBESII. The pact, signed by Napolitano and CONACYT Director General Enrique Cabrero Mendoza, establishes a working group between CONACYT and UC MEXUS, based at UC Riverside, to explore new and enhanced collaborative goals. Both sides agreed to develop a program for student, faculty and researcher exchanges between UC and Mexican universities and research centers.

Napolitano’s vision challenged academicians from all 10 UC campuses to build upon the numerous research, teaching, and public outreach collaborations already underway to identify high-impact activities that could strengthen engagement with Mexico, and develop the next generation of leaders.

Exequiel Ezcurra, director of UC MEXUS, is also traveling with the UC contingent.

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Despite Low Turnout, IE Voters Speak Loud and Clear
Moreno Valley Mayor Owings handed walking papers, Riverside D.A. Zellerbach scandal haunts re-election bid

By VOICE Staff

Election day in the Inland Empire delivered several surprising victories and defeats as dozens of candidates faced off in primary and final election contests to represent their territories throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Voter turnout at the polls in both counties was noted to be low. Below are several key run-off elections Inland Empire voters have been closely following.

As of June 3, election reports from San Bernardino and Riverside County registrars’ offices remain unofficial until Thursday night. Listed below are the projected winners of the following races.

Riverside County District Attorney
Winner: Mike Hestrin | 54.82%
Loser: Paul Zellerbach | 45.18%

The election sign scandal that has burdened District Attorney Paul Zellerbach for weeks followed him to the polls Tuesday as the former prosecutor and judge lost his re-election bid against his challenger Mike Hestrin, Riverside County Senior District Attorney. Zellerbach has clashed with his opponent Hestrin in a heated battle for the District Attorney’s office that eventually generated more supporters for Hestrin’s campaign. Hestrin will become Riverside County’s third District Attorney in the past 12 years.

Riverside County Sheriff
Winner: Stan Sniff | 62.96%
Loser: Chad Bianco | 37.04%

Incumbent Sheriff Stan Sniff handily won re-election against his department’s Sheriff’s Lieutenant Chad Bianco. Sniff, who will enter his second term, ran a lighter campaign than his challenger, Bianco. Both men have previously offered differing opinions on how the Sheriff’s department should operate and what priorities should be managed. During a candidate’s forum in Moreno Valley, Bianco said he is looking for way to place more deputies on, while Sniff said Bianco’s ideas don’t take into account the balance needed for the department to follow through on its mission.

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San Bernardino County District Attorney
Winner: Mike Ramos | 61.44%
Loser: Grover D. Merritt | 38.56%
Incumbent District Attorney Mike Ramos, a three-term District Attorney, won a strong re-election over his challenger Grover Merritt, a prosecutor for the District Attorney’s office. The campaign between Ramos and Merritt carried a personal undertone as both candidates had previously shared a history of differences. Merritt was fired by the District Attorney in 2004 and later reinstated. He later sued Ramos for wrongful termination. Ramos will now enter his fourth term as District Attorney.

San Bernardino County Sheriff
Winner: John McMahon | 62.60%
Losers: Clifton Harris | 15.21%
- Paul Schrader | 22.18%
San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon swept the sheriff’s election away from his two opponents, taking nearly two-thirds of the votes while his challengers split the remaining. McMahon was appointed to the Sheriff’s position in 2012 after former Sheriff Rod Hoops retired. On Tuesday, he faced Clifton Harris, a sheriff’s deputy who has worked with Riverside and San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Departments, and Paul Schrader, a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff. Schrader previously ran for San Bernardino County Sheriff in 2010.

28th State Senate District
Winner: Undetermined
The primary contest for the 28th Senate District remains a close call with Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone holding a slight edge with 21.80% against his two opponents Glenn A. Miller, and former Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia. Miller had 19.42% of the votes and Garcia had 19.32%.

According to the Riverside County Registrar, all voting precincts were counted, but nearly 40,000 mail-in and provisional ballots needed to be counted.

The 28th senate district is mostly Republican. Philip Drucker led among Democrats in the race with 19.08%. The two candidates with the most votes will face each other in November.

31st U.S. Congressional District
Winners: Paul Chabot and Pete Aguilar
Republican contender Paul Chabot held an advantage over his opponents for the 31st U.S. Congressional District with 26.79% of all votes. Chabot took the lead for the Republican Party over Republican challenger Leslie Gooch. Pete Aguilar lead among Democrats with 17.42% of all votes, more than the other Democratic challengers Eloise Gomez Reyes and former Congressman Joe Baca, Sr.
San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
Winner: Ted Alejandre
Ted Alejandre displayed a strong showing against opponents for the County Superintendent of Schools. Alejandre held 55.01% of all votes, while Rita Ramirez earned 29.71% and Frank Garza earned 15.29%. The challengers sought to fill former Superintendent Gary Thomas who opted not to seek re-election last year. Thomas will retire later this year.

Moreno Valley Recall
Results: Mayor Tom Owings Recalled
Replacement: George Price
As news spread that Moreno Valley Mayor Tom Owings’ attempt to stay as Mayor had failed, recall supporters erupted in cheers that the ousted Mayor would lose his seat on the City Council. Moreno Valley officials have been buried in controversy with numerous accusations of corruption, ethical violations, and unscrupulous ties that have left the city with a black eye. Recall proponents had hoped a successful recall of Owings, who represented District 3, could bring a fresh start to Moreno Valley politics.
George Price, the city’s former parks and recreation director, nabbed the majority of Tuesday’s votes that were split among six candidates. Price overcame Jose Garcia, Omorefe Igbinosa, Carlos Ketcham, Brian Lowell, and Susan Gilmore Owings, the former mayor’s wife.

Price will be appointed to the City Council to complete Owings’ term, which would have ended in 2016. Another City Councilmember will be appointed Mayor to replace Owings’ seat. The date of the appointment was unclear.

The recall election has been a long road for citizens of Moreno Valley who began their recall petitions last year with intentions to unseat several city councilmembers, including Victoria Baca, Jesse Molina, Richard Stewart, and Mayor Tom Owings. Last year, Owings was the subject of a political corruption investigation by the FBI. Owings and several councilmembers’ homes were subsequently searched by investigators. Former City Councilmember Marcelo Co was also targeted by recall supporters, but he resigned from his post after he was arrested and convicted on unrelated fraud charges.

The councilmembers previously targeted by recall supporters remain the City Council. However, the group last week submitted signatures to recall Victoria Baca, the next councilmember on their list.

For more election results, visit www.theievoice.com to view a full list.
The San Bernardino International Airport Authority (SBIAA) is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a firm who are qualified to provide design and engineering services for the Aviation Joint Repair and Pavement Project located at 255 S. Leland Norton Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

Please submit five (5) original copies of your firm’s response to the RFQ to 1601 E. Third Street, Suite #100, San Bernardino, California 92405, attention: Larry W. Ward, County Clerk. The Board contains the schedule of dates by which the RFQ responses are due. Failure to submit your RFQ responses in accordance with the terms of the RFQ will result in disqualification.

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Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04510

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

HARMONY KORPUT
1711 Collett Ave., #1616
Riverside, CA 92505
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Individual

Joseph Thomas Donnantuoni, Owner

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code.)

Larry W. Ward, County Clerk

FILE NO. R-2014-04510

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

DUOMETICS CORPORATION
11711 Collett Ave., #1616
Riverside, CA 92505
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Alejandro Escutia, President

I hereby certify that 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.)

Larry W. Ward, Clerk

Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04488

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

HIDDEN ALLURE
4589 Feather River Road
Corona, CA 92880
Riverside County
LaNesha Shenk

This business is conducted by: Individual

Joseph Thomas Donnantuoni, Owner

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Larry W. Ward, Clerk

Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04488

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

RIZONI FASHION DESIGNS
41595 Winchester Rd.
Temecula, CA 92590
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Individual

Joseph Thomas Donnantuoni, Owner

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Larry W. Ward, Clerk

Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04488

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

BETTER PURCHASES INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.
2030 La Mesa Court
Riverside, CA 92506
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Individual

Jovani Thomas Donnantuoni, Owner

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code.)

Larry W. Ward, Clerk

Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04531

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

MONTANA MARTINI
7095 Indiana Ave., #100
Riverside, CA 92506
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Joseph Thomas Donnantuoni, President

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code.)

Larry W. Ward, Clerk

Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04531

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

ROBERTS & COMPANY
324 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 161
Riverside, CA 92506
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Jay Moore, President

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. (See Section 14411, Et Seq., Business and Professions Code.)

Larry W. Ward, Clerk

Clerk S. RATLIFF
FILE NO. R-2014-04531

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

THE BAYBERRY AND SEDONA BAKERY
2511 E. Ninth St., Suite 206
Riverside, CA 92506
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Joseph Thomas Donnantuoni, President

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FILE NO. R-2014-04531

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

SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
4291 University Street
Riverside, CA 92506
Riverside County

This business is conducted by: City

Joseph Thomas Donnantuoni, Executive Director

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Larry W. Ward, Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No: R-2014-04015

The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

By: MAR DE CIELO

The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

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This business is conducted by: An Individual who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime. s/Zero 9 Multimediaremark.com, Richard Dixon, Chief Executive Officer. The filing statement of this business 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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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts as set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17919 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. 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 section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Larry W. Ward, Riverside County Clerk
By: S. Rodolfo Vargas, Owner
05/29/2014-12-19-2014.

NOTICE- IN accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts as set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17919 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. 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 section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Sharon J. Waters, Judge of the Superior Court
By: B. Unis-Deputy
05/29/2014-12-19-2014.

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Larry W. Ward, Riverside County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo-Deputy
05/29/2014-12-19-2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. R-2014-04796

This business is conducted by: An Individual
The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

MIXIE PEST SERVICES
183 Business Center Drive
Temecula, CA 92591

This business is conducted by: An Individual
The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

SILVERADO SHEET METAL
324 15th Street
Banning, CA 92220

This business is conducted by: An Individual
The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

GOLDIE’S HAIR & WIG SHOP
26780 Ynez Ct. Suite D
Temecula, CA 92591 Riverside
Marcel Duncan
41175 Van Tu Lame
Temecula, CA 92591

This business is conducted by: An Individual
The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

BINGO-DOG & PET GROOMING
182 Main Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

This business is conducted by: An Individual
The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

WAYNE JOYCE
1561 Yorba Ave
Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by: An Individual
The following Person(s) is/are doing business as:

THOMPSON FAST FOOD
1830 Main St.
Riverside, CA 92506

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who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

s/…Lola Ceclita Robbins

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Larry W. Ward, County Clerk

Clerk J. VALLEJO

FILE NO. R-2014-03721

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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FILE NO. R-2014-04529

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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FILE NO. R-2014-05059

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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

FILE NO. R-2014-04940

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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

VOICE

C & E MACHINE SHOP

2500 Main St.

Riverside, CA 92501

FILE NO. R-2014-04549

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

Amended

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

MEASURES

JADE KEY DESIGNS

8297 Whiskey Drive

Riverside, CA 92504

FILE NO. R-2014-04147

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

This business is conducted by: Individual

Jose Ricardo Ronses

s/…Rene C. Garcia

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

Clerk D. SANTANA

FILE NO. R-2014-05102

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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FILE NO. R-2014-05031

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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/…Teresa Johnson, CEO/CFO

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

C&E Machine Shop (Auto Repair, Inc.

11859 Claycroft Lane

Riverside, CA 92509

FILE NO. R-2014-04534

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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

AYON LATINO PROMOTIONS

16974 Canyon Creek Circle

Riverside, CA 92501

FILE NO. R-2014-04918

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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

FILE NO. R-2014-04916

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

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

SERVICES

1715 Whitney Drive

Riverside, CA 92504

FILE NO. R-2014-05042

p. 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 2014

This business is conducted by: Individual

José Ricardo Ronses

s/…Justin D. Tracy, CEO

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
JUNE 5, 2014

REPORT OF PROBATE COURT

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Any person objecting to the name changes for change of name should not be granted.

If no written objection is filed, the Court shall grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing: Date: MAY 21 2014

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: BANIPAL DE-154 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court or the Public Notice Bulletin in this newspaper of general circulation.

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Groundbreaking for Veteran’s Build Home at Memorial Day Weekend

Groundbreaking ceremonies recently took place for Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino’s “Veteran’s Build” home in partnership with General Motors Foundation. “More than 50 people attended the event at 5382 Elm Avenue, San Bernardino with Assembly Member Cheryl Brown, Mayor Cary Davis, and City Council members Virginia Marquez and Rikki Van Johnson issuing proclamations,” said Dennis Baxter, executive director of Habitat for Humanity. Pictured: Mark and Lynnette Adelson, San Bernardino Mayor Cary Davis, HFHSB Vice-President Scott Johnson, Construction Manager Tim Garcia, Howard “Hal” Lenox representing the General Motors Foundation, The Calderon Family, City Council Person Virginia Marquez, City Councilman Rikki Van Johnson, Executive Director Dennis Baxter, HFHSB President Jack Russell, and HFHSB Founder Patrick J. Morris.

Cub Scouts Honor Veterans With Annual Flag Placing Ceremony

On Saturday May 24, 2014, Rialto Cub Scout Pack 103 joined Boy Scout Troops 105 and 110 to honor veterans buried at Green Acres Memorial Park by placing a flag on their grave. The boys ranged in age from 7 to 13. Over 200 flags were placed. The scouts have been placing flags at Green Acres for over twenty years now. Scout leaders wanted the boys to learn that every soldier who fights for freedom is someone’s brother, sister, father, daughter, son, or daughter. It all started with Troop 105 and Pack 103. When Troop 110 was formed, they worked with Pack 103 to keep the tradition alive.
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All Americans deserve to have “A Fighting Chance,” and this is the central theme of a new book by Senator Elizabeth Warren. This lady tells the hard truth about our economy and our government!

Warren grew up in a somewhat troubled family, where her parents struggled to maintain low-income jobs. She was fortunate to receive a college scholarship, and believes that access to public higher education should be affordable for all students. When she started working as an attorney, she became increasingly concerned about some of our laws and government policies. She served in various positions before being elected to the United States Senate, representing Massachusetts.

The book tells about the development of her philosophies about government and uses of tax money, with serving the common people soaring to the top of her priorities. She describes a number of cases where big businesses and extremely wealthy people got their way by subterfuge and downright lies. She repeatedly laments that not only do ordinary people have to pay for those bad legislative choices that enrich only the top, but in many instances the poorer citizens are greatly harmed.

A chapter about how the federal government helped the big banks is titled, “Bailing Out the Wrong People.” She points out that not only were individual citizens and families harmed, but small businesses also suffered. Warren met and tells about people of all types, including politicians such as President Obama and Senator Teddy Kennedy, plus many common folks with serious problems.

Warren mentions how the mortgage crisis involved companies targeting African American and Latino neighborhoods, selling expensive and deceptive policies. The detailed notes at the back of the book refer to some credit and lending policies that discriminated, based on race. While race is not a primary topic in the book, her efforts to help ALL people can certainly improve things for all races. Warren herself was targeted by negative, erroneous campaign statements referring to her ethnic heritage (she is part Native American, but they claimed this was not true).

During her campaign for the Senate, tremendous numbers of ordinary citizens contributed small amounts to her campaign. She demonstrates how the people can overcome the tactics of “big money” by working together. Hopefully, this book should inspire many Americans to become more involved.

The book is quite readable and personable, and it includes many short stories about Warren’s family life. She comes across as being very human, caring, and sometimes lacking in confidence – not the typical portrait of an egotistical high-level government official or politician.

The topics of this book are rather timely in their importance, so I hope it comes out in paperback soon. The current hardbound version is priced at $28 plus tax, but sale prices can sometimes be found both locally and online. Published by Metropolitan Books, Henry Holt & Company, 2014.
It's teachers who know our children's education must be well rounded – including music, art, science and career technical training.

They know teaching to a standardized test isn’t the answer.

Schools must be well funded to keep class sizes small.

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So, if you have a question about your local school or education in California

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