

Navy base asks for name change

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The Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Corona is located in:

A) Seal Beach.; B) Corona; C) Norco.

Officials in Norco want everyone to know that the correct answer is C) Norco, and they hope that fact soon may become common knowledge.

Base commander Capt. Terry Auberry has recommended to the Pentagon that the name be changed to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Norco. The name of the primary tenant, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, will not change, Auberry wrote in an email.

"We felt it was important to more accurately indicate the location of the base, and to highlight the great partnership we have with the city of Norco and the surrounding community," Auberry wrote.

Norco officials have been campaigning for the change for years.

"I think it's great," Councilman Kevin Bash said. "We're very proud of the fact we have the Navy base in Norco. Why should it be named Corona?"

Bash said that when the Lake Norconian Club was sold to the government upon the U.S. entry into World War II, it was christened U.S. Naval Hospital No. 1 in Norco.

A website dedicated to military bases said the base was named National Bureau of Standards Corona Laboratory in 1952, and the next year renamed Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Corona. The base received its current name in 2005, the website said.

Norco did not incorporate as a city until 1964, though Bash said it was founded as a township in 1923.

The base hosts about 1,000 civilians who analyze the results of weapons tests. There are about a half dozen Navy personnel on the base.

There is no timeline for the Navy to act on the name-change request, Auberry said.

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Terrence Roberts, one of the first African-American students to integrate a white high school in Arkansas in 1957, speaks about his experience at University Heights Middle School in Riverside on Thursday. He also told students to take charge of their own learning.

Terrence Roberts, one of the Little Rock Nine, speaks to University Heights students

BY DAYNA STRAEHLEY
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Terrence Roberts was afraid all the time when, as one of the Little Rock Nine, he integrated an all-white high school in Arkansas in 1957, he told Riverside students Thursday.

"I've never been so scared in my life. I didn't know human beings could be so afraid," Roberts said after school at University Heights Middle School. "But after a couple weeks, what I figured out is, fear is portable. You can stuff it in your pocket."

The National Guard escorted Roberts, now 69, and eight other black students into Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. About 300 Riverside students, who had studied the history of the civil rights movement, asked questions.

One asked why only nine black students integrated the school in Little Rock.

"Initially, we had 150 volunteers," Roberts said. Some parents said no. Many were threatened, he said.

Principal Patricia Grice said af-



University Heights Middle School students Sajah Nagggar, left, and Aleezah Butler listen to Terrence Roberts speak.

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ter the program that she thinks her older sister might have been one of the initial volunteers. Grice was 7 in 1957 when her family packed up and left Little Rock for Los Angeles to avoid violence. Roberts said he

remembered her family.

He read from "Lawyers Don't Cry" by Melba Patillo Beals, another of the Little Rock Nine. Her book is in the library of every Riverside Unified School District campus. The book was purchased with the National Endowment for the Humanities We the People Bookshelf

Award.

He also read from his book, "Lessons From Little Rock," which is being added to the school library today, and tried to impart a few lessons.

Roberts recalled a classmate, Robin Woods, who tried to stand up for him. "Robin suffered for that, but she survived," he said.

Another former classmate saw him a few years ago and said for 40 years he carried the psychic pain of watching other students beat up Roberts every day, afraid to intervene. Roberts said that classmate could have avoided decades of pain by helping him and endured only temporary pain.

He gave students advice to deal with bullies and encouraged them to take charge of their own learning the way he did even before he went to Central High.

A retired psychology professor, he also talked about ignorance.

One student asked how long it took whites to accept him.

"We're still waiting on that to happen," Roberts said.

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Algebra iPad app tested in Riverside goes national

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Following a pilot project in Riverside and four other Cal-

ifornia schools in which students used an Apple iPad instead of a textbook to study algebra, a publisher has decided to offer its instructional software nationwide.

Two classes with different teachers at Amelia Earhart Middle School in Riverside's Orangecrest neighborhood have been using Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's mobile curriculum for Algebra 1, the HMH Fuse: Algebra 1 App since September.

On a recent districtwide test, 90.5 percent of students using the iPads scored in proficient ranges compared to 60 percent of students using textbooks in the same teachers' other classes, said Jay McPhail, director of in-

structional technology for the Riverside Unified School District. Two years ago, 47 percent of students in those classes scored proficient.

The iPad application is more interactive than the corresponding textbooks.

Students can plot parabolic graphs from equations, change the equations and see how the curves change. They also can watch video tutorials and get instant feedback on practice questions. The app allows teachers to monitor individual students instantly.

The algebra app costs \$59.99 from the Apple App store.

Earhart got the iPads, val-



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Amelia Earhart Middle School students Michelle Lauder milk, left, and Amy Frigaard, both 12, used iPads in math class.

ued about \$499 each, and curriculum at no charge from the publisher.

Students are responsible for them just like they are responsible for textbooks.

About 400 students in the Long Beach, Riverside, Fresno and San Francisco unified school districts have been using the app.

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IN BRIEF

MORENO VALLEY

Police surround home in standoff

A possible barricaded suspect led to the evacuation of nearby houses in a Moreno Valley neighborhood late Thursday night.

Police received a call at 8:43 p.m. reporting an assault with a deadly weapon in the 25000 block of Fir Avenue, near Ninebark Street, said Deputy Herlinda Valenzuela, a spokeswoman for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

When they arrived, they found a man suffering from a non-life-threatening injury, Valenzuela said.

The victim, who was not identified, refused to be taken to a hospital, Valenzuela said. Officers had the Fir Street house surrounded and evacuated adjoining homes, she said.

No other information was available.

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EASTVALE

School's boosters to honor volunteers

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Climate Booster Club today will honor men and women who have volunteered their time and talents to the community.

In addition to parents of Roosevelt High School students, the ceremony will honor or volunteers with the city of Eastvale, Jurupa Community Services Department, Parks Department and the Eastvale Police Department.

Some volunteers will be recognized with the Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award, acknowledging more than 4,000 hours of service.

The ceremony will be at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Roosevelt High school, 7447 Cleveland Ave.

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Council seals ban on pot dispensaries

The Eastvale City Council on Wednesday approved a permanent ban on medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.

The vote was 5-0. Council members on March 23 approved an urgency ordinance against the facilities that went into effect immediately.

Council members said they felt they needed to act immediately after people began contacting Eastvale City Hall, asking how they would go about opening a medical marijuana dispensary in the city.

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