

CORONA

ARTS AND CRAFTS
TEEN CRAFTS, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. Eastvale Public Library, 7447 Cleveland Ave., Corona. Free. 951-273-2025.
CLUBS
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING AND PROGRAM—"THE MCPHATTER PROJECT," Monday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m. Corona Public Library, 650 S. Main St., Corona. Free. 951-739-4860.
FARMERS' MARKETS
FARM AND ARTISAN MARKET, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m. Promenade Shops at Dos Lagos, 2780 Cabot Dr., Corona. Free. 951-277-7601.
HEALTH
LIFESTREAM BLOOD DRIVE, Friday, Sept. 16, 8:30 a.m. Rosa Parks Elementary School, 13830 Whispering Hills Drive, Corona. 800-879-4484.
LIFESTREAM BLOOD DRIVE, Today, 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 8540 Weirick Road, Corona. 800-879-4484.
KNITTING
KNITTING CLASS, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. Eastvale Public Library, 7447 Cleveland Ave., Corona. Free. 951-273-2025.
MUSIC
CORONA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS, Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m. Northpoint Evangelical Free Church, 988 W. Ontario Ave., Corona. 951-543-6268.

JURUPA VALLEY

LIBRARIES
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. Glen Avon Regional Library, 9244 Galena Street, Jurupa Valley. Free. 951-685-8121.
FAMILY NIGHT, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. Glen Avon Regional Library, 9244 Galena Street, Jurupa Valley. Free. 951-685-8121.
PRESCHOOL STORTYIME, Monday, Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m. Glen Avon Regional Library, 9244 Galena Street, Jurupa Valley. Free. 951-685-8121.

MORENO VALLEY

ETHNIC AND CULTURAL
HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION, Thursday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m. Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center, 14075 Frederick St., Moreno Valley. Free. 951-571-3832.
HEALTH
CHALLENGING CANCER WORKSHOP AND SUPPORT GROUP, Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., 14115 Business Center Dr., Moreno Valley. Free. 951-656-7879.

NORCO

ARTS AND CRAFTS
NORCO KNITTY KNITTERS, Monday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m. Norco Public Library, 3954 Old Hammer Ave., Norco. Free. 951-735-5329.
CLUBS
GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS OF AMERICA MEETING, Today, 8 a.m. Food connection, 1750 Hammer Ave., Norco.
COUNTRY
LINE DANCE LESSONS, Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m. Saddle Sore Eatery and Saloon, 343 Sixth St., Norco. 951-272-1021.
HEALTH
LIFESTREAM BLOOD DRIVE, Thursday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. Norco Area Chamber of Commerce, 1801 Third St., Norco. 800-879-4484.
SALSA
BEGINNER LESSONS - SALSA, Monday, Sept. 12, 7:15 p.m. Saddle Sore Eatery and Saloon, 343 Sixth St., Norco. 951-272-1021.

RIVERSIDE

CHARITY AND VOLUNTEER
BRAIN INJURY AND ANEURYSM SUPPORT GROUP, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. Riverside Community Hospital, 4445 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. Free. 760-954-4662, 951-276-7550.
MAKE-A-WISH BLOCK PARTY, Friday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m. Make-A-Wish IE Office, 3521 Main Street, Riverside.

NAMI WESTERN RIVERSIDE MEETING:

IEP 101, Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m., 4095 County Circle Dr, Riverside. Free. 951-369-2721.
CIVIC/GOVERNMENT
RIVERSIDE REMEMBERS: 9/11 - TEN YEARS LATER, Today, 3 p.m. City Hall Breezeway, 3900 Main St., Riverside. Free. 951-826-5897.
CLASSICAL
LUNCHTIME MUSIC, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 12 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. Free, donations accepted.
CLUBS
RIVERSIDE STAMP CLUB MEETING, Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Pkwy, Riverside. Free. 951-785-2548.
COMMUNITY
BUILD YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONFIDENCE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS, Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 a.m. My Learning Studio, 17072 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside. \$4 mo plus Charter fee. 951-789-5402 or info@MyLearningStudio.com.
HEALTHY EATING COOKING CLASSES, Monday, Sept. 12, 12:30 p.m. Community Settlement Association, 4366 Bermuda Ave., Riverside. Free. 951-779-9623.
COMMUNITY THEATER
HOE DOWN, Today, 2 p.m. Janet Goeske Senior Center, 5257 Sierra St., Riverside. \$5. 951-351-8800.
RELIGION
9/11 10TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE, Today, 9 a.m. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8877 Mission Blvd, Riverside. Free. 951-685-4672.
TALKS AND LECTURES
HANDS-ON SURVIVAL TRAINING, Monday, Sept. 12, 5:05 p.m. Flo's Farmhouse Cafe, 5620 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside. Free. RSVP: 951-515-0250.
THEATER
AUDITIONS FOR "SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR," Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Riverside Community Players, 4026 14th St., Riverside. 951-369-1200.
WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES
NATURAL HAIR, HEALTH AND BEAUTY EXPO, Today, 11 a.m. Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. \$7. 909-466-8886.

Historian's book tells of 'The Navy in Norco'

BY NITA HILTNER
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A Norco city councilman and historian has for years studied the Norconian Hotel and the history of the U.S. Navy ensconced there since 1941, and his new book "The Navy in Norco" tells the history of the military in Norco. The book is one of the "Images of America" series by Arcadia Press books.

Bash said the Navy buildings represent the last standing naval hospital in the U.S.

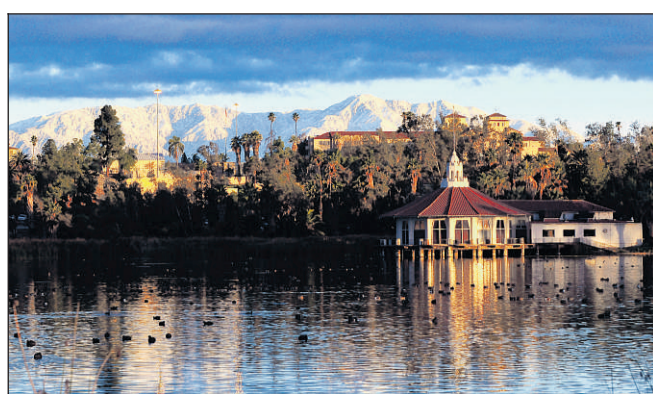
"In writing this book, I wanted to honor the Navy," said Bash.

Research discovered that the naval hospital was where many leading-edge treatments of the day were first tested, such as penicillin and streptomycin.

In mid-1941, the federal government under President Franklin Roosevelt began negotiations to buy the Norconian and its land for \$2 million to build a naval hospital.

"On Dec. 3, the first appraisal came in, and on Dec. 6, the purchase was completed for \$2.25 million," said Bash.

The next day, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which led to the United States declaring war on Japan and entering World War II. Bash said the naval



U.S. NAVY

A naval hospital operated for many years at the Norconian. Many leading-edge treatments were first tested there.

property was actually made into three separate hospitals.

Unit 1 became the medical and surgery unit. Unit 2 was on the southeast portion of the property and became the tuberculosis isolation ward. And Unit 3, to the northwest, became isolation units for those with venereal disease, rheumatic fever and polio.

Bash said the top doctors from the Mayo Clinic were asked by the government to develop treatments for the naval patients.

He said the federal gov-

ernment wanted to be able to assure troops' families that their loved ones would receive the best treatment.

Among those treatments were triage for the battlefield, wound repair, pioneer burn therapy and wheelchair basketball. Norco's Rolling Devils competed against other wheelchair teams.

Eleanor Roosevelt visited the hospital and declared it the most beautiful naval hospital in the nation.

In 1945, the hospital became the Navy's singular TB

A LOOK BACK

and rheumatic fever hospital. Bash said the Norconian pools and spas were used for physical therapy for the Navy men and Marines. A movie, "Voyage to Recovery," was shot at the hospital and can be viewed on YouTube.

After the war and the polio scare passed, the hospital was closed in 1949. When the Korean War began, the hospital was reopened. The Bureau of Standards wanted a missile research facility at the site, and one was added that year and continues there today.

Once again, the hospital closed in 1957. In 1963, the land was divided, with 94 acres deeded for the California Rehabilitation Center for drug addicts.

It is part of the state prison system today.

Bash will present a slide show and sign his book at 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at the Corona Historic Civic Center Community Room during the Corona Historic Preservation Society meeting.

GRAND OPENING
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