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## County to shut down unlicensed pot stores

**WHITTIER** - On Tuesday, the LA County Board of Supervisors passed a motion authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis and coauthored by Supervisor Janice Hahn to expand the county's efforts to shut down illegal cannabis dispensaries operating in unincorporated areas.

Even though all types of cannabis-related businesses are banned in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, over 80 businesses are illegally conducting cannabis activities in defiance of the county's ban, authorities said.

"Our current process for shutting down illegal, unlicensed cannabis dispensaries in our unincorporated areas is not working," said Hahn. "We need a better and more effective strategy that uses every tool at our disposal to shut down illegal dispensaries quickly and permanently."

In a motion passed at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Hahn and Solis instructed county staff to report back in 90 days with a comprehensive plan to permanently close the unlicensed cannabis operations in unincorporated areas of the county.

In addition to enhanced enforcement, the plan will also include public education and outreach so consumers know which businesses are licensed and how to report an unlicensed cannabis business.

The plan may also include outreach to property owners about the potential legal and financial risks of leasing space to an unlicensed business.

"For the past year and a half I have been working closely with many community members from my district to combat illegally operating marijuana businesses," said Solis.

"Before the County considers recommendations for expanding marijuana businesses, we must put into place effective measures to end illegal operators. Today's action is a step forward in ending this countywide game of 'whack-a-mole' and reassuring our communities that LA County will protect our residents, consumers, and our neighborhoods."

Downey voted to restrict marijuana dispensaries within city limits but several marijuana stores are located minutes away, including in Bellflower, Paramount and Compton.

According to WeedMaps.com, unincorporated Whittier has nearly a dozen marijuana shops, including several on a stretch of Whittier Boulevard.

Although recreational marijuana is legal to possess in California, local governments still have abilities to regulate their sale and distribution.

## 2 shot dead outside Downey motel

**DOUBLE HOMICIDE:** A pair of brothers were shot and killed at Rick's Motel after an altercation Saturday morning.

After a standoff, police arrested a suspect, who was charged with two murders and now faces life in prison.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - Two people have been left dead after a shooting occurred at a motel over the weekend.

Police identified Raymond Joseph Penland, 29, as the suspect in two homicides that occurred at Rick's Motel, located at 9415 Firestone Blvd. where police responded to reports of shots fired at around 11:28 a.m. on Saturday.

The two victims were found in the parking lot and were pronounced dead at the scene.

They were later identified as 29-year-old Jaime Garcia Jr and 17-year-old Ivan Garcia, brothers who previously lived in Downey before moving to Diamond Bar.

Authorities say that Penland

and the victims were engaged in some sort of altercation before the shootings occurred, and that the incident did not appear to be a random act.

Penland fled the scene and was later located in Santa Fe Springs, where he had barricaded himself in a warehouse within the 13700 block of Bora Drive.

Downey Police Department, Whittier Police Department, and Los Angeles Sheriff's SWAT were able to take Penland into custody with no injuries shortly before 9 p.m. after a long standoff.

Police also spoke to two people of interest - 25-year-old Catarina Frances Barajas and 32-year-old Vanessa Teresa Cardenas -- but both women were later released with no charges filed.

On Tuesday, the L.A. County District Attorney's office charged Penland with two counts of murder, with the allegation that he personally and intentionally fired a handgun which caused great bodily injury and death.

He was scheduled to be



Raymond Penland, 29, has been charged with two homicides.

arraigned Tuesday and is being held in jail pending his next court appearance. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Anyone with information relating to this crime is encouraged to contact Detective Richard Garcia at (562) 904-2330.



Several buildings were damaged in a fire Wednesday night, causing a temporary evacuation of a senior citizen retirement facility.

It's unclear if fireworks caused the blaze behind Lakewood Health Center, located at 12023 Lakewood Blvd. at about 8:45 p.m.

More than 300 elderly residents were evacuated but no injuries were reported. Photo courtesy Downey Fire Department.

Downey police issued 54 fireworks-related citations on July 4.

## Police search for cell phone thief

**DOWNEY** - Detectives are searching for a man accused of stealing several cell phones from a T-Mobile store in Downey.

The suspect entered the store, located at 9400 Firestone Blvd., at about 6 p.m. on June 26. He selected several phones and fled without paying for the merchandise, police said.

Authorities said the suspect may be responsible for similar thefts in South Gate and Huntington Park.

Police did not provide a description of the suspect but security footage appears to show a black man in his early 20s.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Whinkler Zamora at (562) 904-2324. Tips can be made anonymously by texting the letters TIPLA, plus the tip, to 274637.



Police are searching for this person, accused of stealing cell phones from a T-Mobile store in Downey last week.

Downey Police Department photo

### Downey restaurant grades

**Domino's Pizza**  
7840 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/26/18  
Grade: **A**

**Tropicana Bakery and Cafe**  
10218 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/29/18  
Grade: **A**

**Nexx Burger**  
7414 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/29/18  
Grade: **A**

**Kyoto Sushi**  
8009 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Tao Chinese Kitchen**  
12022 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Bastards Bar-B-Que**  
11045 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Rock & Brews**  
467 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Charley's Philly Steak**  
110 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Lock and Key Social Drinkery**  
11033 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Peking Restaurant**  
11039 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **B**

**Parillas Cholito**  
12121 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Philly's Best**  
12008 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**Javier Taco's Mexico**  
251 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 6/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
193 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 6/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**BJ's Restaurant**  
121 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 6/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**Acapulco Restaurant**  
9021 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**Movita Juice Bar**  
8860 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 6/26/18  
Grade: **A**

**Olive Garden**  
9253 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/26/18  
Grade: **A**

**Subway**  
7930 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/26/18  
Grade: **A**

**Pizza Hut**  
7936 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/26/18  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Civic Theater**  
8435 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/26/18  
Grade: **A**

### Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 96° ☁️

Sunday 93° ☀️

### THINGS TO DO



**Jennifer Hudson**

Friday and Saturday - Hollywood Bowl, 8 pm

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**Summertime LB**

Saturday - Queen Mary, 12-11 pm

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**Salsa Fest**

Saturday - Pershing Square, 12-8 pm

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**The Winehouse Experience**

Sunday - Stevens Steakhouse in Commerce, 3 pm

A tribute to the late English singer Amy Winehouse, featuring music by the tribute band The Winehouse Experience. \$25

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@MartinPilgrim1:  
1.) Not leaving my room  
2.) Not leaving the house  
3.) Missing someone's birthday party

My childhood punishments have become my adult hobbies

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### CRIME REPORT

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 22

At 4:55 p.m., officers responded to Wilderness Park (10999 Little Lake Rd) regarding a possible homeless encampment being set up. Two people were arrested for warrants. The other subjects were advised regarding park operating hours.

At 5:25 p.m., officers responded to a residential burglary in the 8900 block of Kristin. The suspects smashed the rear sliding window and entered, finding the victim inside. The startled suspects fled without any loss. Detectives are investigating.

Between 10 p.m. and 2:30 a.m., two officers patrolled the "Downtown" area on foot. They issued four (4) municipal code citations and made one arrest for a domestic violence assault.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Between 10PM and 2:30AM, two officers patrolled the "Downtown" area on foot. They issued six (6) municipal code citations, one (1) infraction citation for smoking marijuana in public and took an assault report.

# Downey rental prices continue upward climb

► **REAL ESTATE:** Monthly rentals in Downey have increased 2.2% year-over-year, according to latest housing statistics.

**DOWNEY** - Rents in Downey have remained flat over the past month, however, they have increased 2.2% year-over-year, according to statistics released Monday by Apartment List.

Median rent prices here prove to be less affordable than comparable cities nationwide - Downey's median two-

bedroom rent of \$1,800 is above the national average of \$1,180.

Over the past year, rent increases have been occurring not just in the city of Downey, but across the entire metro - of the largest 10 cities that Apartment List has data for in the Los Angeles metro, nine of them have seen prices rise.

Lancaster has seen the fastest rent growth in the metro, with a year-over-year increase of 4.9%. The median two-bedroom there costs

\$1,760, while one-bedrooms go for \$1,370.

Over the past year, Huntington Beach is the only city in the metro that has seen rents fall, with a decline of 1.0%. Median two-bedrooms there cost \$2,340, while one-bedrooms go for \$1,820.

Los Angeles proper has the least expensive rents in the Los Angeles metro, with a two-bedroom median of \$1,750; rents increased 0.2% over the past month and 1.6% over the

past year.

Irvine has the most expensive rents of the largest cities in the Los Angeles metro, with a two-bedroom median of \$2,690; rents were up 0.5% over the past month and 2.9% over the past year.

As rents have increased moderately in Downey, large cities nationwide have seen rents grow more modestly, or in some cases, even decline. Compared to most large cities across the country, Downey is

less affordable for renters.

Rents increased moderately in other cities across the state, with California as a whole logging rent growth of 2.1% over the past year. For example, rents have grown by 1.7% in San Jose, 1.0% in San Francisco, and 1.0% in San Diego.

Downey's median two-bedroom rent of \$1,800 is above the national average of \$1,180. Nationwide, rents have grown by 1.4% over the past year compared to the 2.2%

increase in Downey.

While Downey's rents rose moderately over the past year, some cities nationwide saw decreases, including Seattle (-2.0%) and DC (-0.1%).

Apartment List publishes monthly reports on rental trends for hundreds of cities across the U.S.

## John Casillas installed as president of chamber

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Chamber of Commerce held its 115th Annual Installation of Officers and Directors on Wednesday, and with it installed John F. Casillas as the Chamber president for the upcoming year.

The afternoon event, held at the Embassy Suites, also included special recognition of and remarks from outgoing president Joanna Peterson.

One of those to honor Peterson was Councilmember Fernando Vasquez.

"You've done a phenomenal job in leading the Chamber this year," said Vasquez. "One of the things that impressed me about you is the amount of time you spent in Downey and how you care so much about our city...your morals and values come first to you. It really means a lot to me and the entire city... Thank you for all the work you've done;



you've definitely cemented your legacy as president of the Chamber."

Michael Calvert, Executive Director of the Chamber, also praised Peterson.

"On behalf of the Chamber, I want to let you know how much we appreciate your leadership," said Calvert.

Calvert also recognized Jeannie Wood, who is terming out of her current position on

the Board of Directors.

Peterson soon stepped behind the podium thanking those in attendance and those of the chamber.

"I've had the privilege of being your president for the last year, and what a ride," said Peterson. "I've had the very good fortune to have a family that's supported me, the Chamber staff, business owners, a council that is just unbelievably supportive, directors, executive directors and also...our ambassadors."

Peterson also addressed incoming president Casillas.

"John I will always support you," said Peterson. "I wish you much success."

It was then time for Casillas to be sworn in and address the crowd.

"If and when things do change, The Chamber of Commerce will always be there to assist," said Casillas. "Like myself, like the next president beyond me, always ask the question 'How can we assist?'"

New incoming directors were also sworn in. They include Rain Neg of Eipros, Larry Garces of Security Land Escrow, and Joe Cervantes of Mustard Seed Printing.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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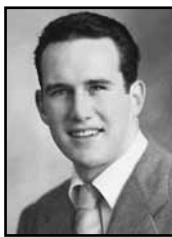
Downey's summer concert series at Furman Park resumes Wednesday with Suave, a 10-piece band that performs everything from jazz, rock, swing, R&B, and of course, Latin music, including cumbia, merengue, salsa, cha-cha and much more.

Music begins at 7 p.m.

**Longtime resident Frank Redd mourned**

**DOWNEY** – Frank Matthew Redd was born in Los Angeles on March 17, 1933, a week after the big Long Beach earthquake of 1933. His St. Patrick's Day arrival caused just as much excitement for his parents, Frank Edward and Kathleen Redd.

He grew up in Long Beach with his three older sisters. He attended St. Matthew's grammar school and graduated from St. Anthony's High School in 1952, where he excelled on the football field.



Shortly after high school, Frank joined the Army and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. He caught a serious case of pneumonia that kept him out of harm's way in the Korean Conflict. He was a metal worker for many years.

In 1966, he married Barbara Blackstone. He also became a dad to three children: Sherrill, Michael and Robbin. Their daughter, Kathleen, was born in 1975. They raised their family in Downey.

Barbara passed away in March 2016. Their son, Mike, passed away suddenly on Dec 2, 2017.

Frank fell ill on June 2, with lung cancer. He passed away June 19 with Kathleen, and grandson, John Paul, at his side.

Frank was predeceased by his parents, wife, son and sisters Mary Ellen Drapeau (d. Hank) and Margaret Buckley (d. Dan). He is survived by his children: Sherrill Redd, Robbin Spears and Kathleen Richard (Ben); grandchildren: John, Chris, Tiffany, Barbara and Ryan, and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Patricia Redd, and Jeanne Callon, and many cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 12, at 11 am at All Souls Mortuary in Long Beach. Reception to follow services at this location.



Last week's concert was headlined by Knyght Ryder, an 80's and 90's tribute band.

Photos by Alex Dominguez

**60 Words**  
to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

As with most people and organizations, Downey's Symphony Orchestra has experienced success and disappointment, challenges, near collapse and triumph. "60 Words" will bring you bits of the orchestra's history each week during our 60th anniversary season. And odds are you are repeating right now the same old surprised reaction we've been getting for years: "What? Really? Downey has an Orchestra?"

*compiled by Joyce Sherwin*



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# Downey News Briefs

**DOWNEY** - Sergeant Troy Henshaw of the Bell Gardens police Department retired July 2 after nearly 30 years with the city.

Born and raised in Downey, Henshaw began as an officer with the city in February 1989 and worked a variety of assignments for the department including patrol, Field Training Officer, Gaming Detective, Narcotics, general Investigations Detective, Special Investigations Detective, K-9, SWAT Team Member, Senior Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Gang Sergeant and General Investigations Detective Sergeant.



He was Officer of the Year in 1995, received numerous commendations for heroic recoveries (The CHP 10851 Award), delivered babies on calls for service, received numerous commendations for heroic acts and for assisting community members.

He had organized several health competitions for some time, designed foul weather gear for officers, obtained an electric park patrol vehicle and was well known as the department's artist. He designed the Department's 50th Anniversary Badge, numerous t-shirts, but was especially known for his caricature drawings.

Henshaw is married (26 years) and retirement plans include spending more time with his wife and children and working on restoring old tractors and other items.

Bell Gardens Police Chief Robert Barnes, who is also retiring, stated, "I cannot express my gratitude and appreciation to Troy and all that he has meant to the police department. I wish him and his family much peace, good health, and happiness as he begins the next chapter in his life."

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Friend's Bookstore at the Downey City Library is looking for volunteers who can dedicate

two hours a week to help run the store. Currently three work shifts are available: Thursday from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday from 10-12 p.m., and Saturday from 10-12p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these positions should stop by the bookstore and fill out a volunteer application. One of the board members will contact you to set up a meeting time and help you get started.

**CONTEST WINNER:** Lynwood's Christian Castro was named the grand prize winner of Dodge's 2017 National Sweepstakes.

Castro was told of his win as he celebrated his 24th birthday. Castro was one of more than 630,000 registrations in the annual sweepstakes.

As the winner, Castro received a \$45,000 voucher to put toward his choice of any Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram or FIAT brand vehicle. Castro selected the all-new redesigned 2018 Jeep Wrangler from Champion Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Downey.

**OLD DOWNEY PHOTOS:** The Downey Historical Society would like to remind residents of Downey that they are interested in collecting old identified photos and writings of Downey's pioneers on their travels to Downey via covered wagon, as well as their recollections of living in early Downey.

The Society would like to have them in order to learn more about Downey's past.

Please send any materials to Downey Historical Society, P.O. Box 554, Downey, CA or call them at (562) 862-2777.

**PET ADOPTIONS:** SEAACA has reduced the price of dog adoptions by 50 percent.

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Cats ages 8 weeks or older can be adopted for only \$5.

The discounted adoption rates include spay or neutering, first set of vaccinations, microchip identification, and flea treatment.

**BOOK RELEASE:** Downey pastor Chris Stewart has published his first book, "James - A Journey of Faith."

Published by Raven's Inn Press, the book helps readers explore the inner meanings of the Bible's Book of James. Citing references from various chapters, the book gives readers a deeper understanding of how James' insights explain Christianity in modern terms.

Stewart also offers his personal insight after years of study.

"A Journey of Faith" is available in paperback and Kindle formats and can be purchased on Amazon.

# City Council passes \$262M spending plan

**BUDGET:** Boosted by new retail and restaurant developments, Downey passes a balanced budget.

However, officials caution that a recession is looming.

**DOWNEY** - The City Council adopted a \$262 million spending plan last week, the city's sixth consecutive annual balanced budget that avoids tapping into city reserves.

City officials credited the balanced spending plan with a booming local economy but warned that lean times could be ahead.

"The unprecedented economic development activity in Downey is what has enabled the City to balance the budget this year," finance and information technology director Anil Gandhi wrote in a staff report.

"Proceeds from the Measure S sales tax adopted by Downey voters in 2016 will continue to fund the increase in public safety personnel and to address the park, library, fire station and other public infrastructure improvements as outlined in the ordinance outlined by voters.

"It should also be noted that the United States economy is in a virtually unprecedented ninth year of growth," Gandhi added. "A recession is not a question of if, but when. The City must be prepared to take additional measures to manage costs and services without sacrificing long-term sustainability."

Public safety plays a significant role in Downey's 2018-19 fiscal budget. This year,



Downey is in the "final stages of negotiation" to acquire 5 acres of park land on the south Rancho Los Amigos campus.

Photo by Pam Lane, DowneyDailyPhotos.com

Downey added 10 new sworn police officer positions, along with a fire training captain, an ambulance coordinator, and six ambulance operators.

The city is already midway through a \$3.25 million upgrade to its public safety dispatch systems, with \$1.25 million already committed and an additional \$2 million expected to be spent next year.

In a report to the City Council, city manager Gilbert Livas revealed the city has "entered the last stages of negotiations of 5 new acres of park land" on the south Rancho Los Amigos campus, "a tremendous achievement which, when completed, will add 4% more park acreage in this completely built-out city..."

According to Livas' report, Downey has seen a 45.3% increase in sales tax revenue over the last five years. The city currently has \$30.3 million in reserves.

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**Wendi Winters, 65**

Winters, a mother of four, was remembered as “a prolific freelance reporter and well-known community resource,” according to The Capital. After more than a decade writing articles as a freelancer, Winters became a full-time staffer in May 2013.

Her daughter Winters Geimer said her mother’s life “was a gift to everyone who knew her and the world will not be the same without her.”

**Gerald Fischman, 61**

Gerald Fischman, a 1979 graduate of the University of Maryland’s journalism school, had worked at the newspaper for more than 25 years. He wrote editorials that the newspaper described as “scathing, insightful and always exciting.”

“He was the guardian against libel, the arbiter of taste and a peculiar and endearing figure in a newsroom full of characters,” The Capital wrote. Fischman was married to an opera singer from Mongolia who he had met online.

**Rob Hiaasen, 59**

Rob Hiaasen, an assistant editor at The Capital since 2010 and had a column published on Sundays, had previously worked at The Baltimore Sun as a features writer.

The Capital writes that Hiaasen celebrated his 33rd wedding anniversary last week. His wife’s 58th birthday was also the day of the shooting. The couple had three children together.

**John McNamara, 56**

John McNamara, who went by “Mac,” had worked at The Capital for nearly 24 years. His colleagues remember his “flexibility, concise writing and extensive knowledge of regional sports,” the newspaper wrote.

He was a University of Maryland alumnus and authored two books on athletics about his alma mater. He found the love of his life while attending the university. The newspaper said they met at a bar after McNamara covered a football game. The couple didn’t have children.

**Rebecca Smith, 34**

Rebecca Smith, the youngest of the victims and a new employee at The Capital, was remembered by her boss as a “thoughtful,” “kind and considerate” person who made sure the sales office ran smoothly, the newspaper writes.

She lived with her fiancé in eastern Baltimore County and actively posted images documenting her social life.

## Remembering the victims of the Capital Gazette

By Eric Pierce

Downey is a special community for many reasons. One of those reasons is its longstanding support of local journalism.

This support goes back more than a century when the Downey City Courier opened in 1875. Since then, Downey has been fortunate to have always had a newspaper of record. After the City Courier folded, it was followed by a multitude of papers: the Downey Outlook, the Downey Signal, the Downey Weekly Review, the Downey Champion, the Downey Mirror, the Downey Dispatch, the Downey News, the Downey LiveWire, the Downey Herald-American, the Southeast News, the Downey News Tribune, the Downey Eagle, and finally, the Downey Patriot.

The Patriot’s longstanding mission has been simple: to provide news as unbiased as possible. It’s a simple mission but one that, unfortunately, escapes many mainstream media

By Alex Dominguez

I love being a reporter, but it’s desensitized me to the gray and black clouds that occasionally hang not only over our city, but the world in general. The negative is out there, I just don’t let it affect me; not outwardly in the public eye, at least.

Take for example the shooting that just occurred over the weekend at Rick’s Motel. While the Crime Watch pages frenzied and everybody and their mother tweeted us at The Downey Patriot, Editor Eric Pierce and I had a simple conversation that amounted to one text each:

“Need me to get over there?”

“No, just monitor online.”

Working for a small community newspaper you kind of learn the flow of the city: how it breathes, how it moves, its pulse and heartbeat. You learn who to talk to, when, and how. You learn to expect what will be available to you.

It’s like my editor told me while we talked about the role of small newspapers in preparation of me writing this article, “It’s our job to stay cool when everyone else is panicking.”

outlets.

Community journalism is different than mainstream journalism. An effective community newspaper is embedded in the community it covers. That means slogging through council meetings, mingling with residents, lunching with civic leaders, lending an ear to business owners, and gaining the trust of local politicians. The result is this newspaper you’re holding in your hands now.

Jennifer DeKay, owner and publisher of the Patriot, is president of the Downey Rose Float Association. Julie Ledesma, our most recent legal advertising coordinator, was Miss Downey last year. Staff writer Alex Dominguez is active in his church. Our poetry editor, Lorine Parks, is in Rotary and sits on the Downey Symphony board of directors, as does Shared Stories curator Carol Kearns. Sportswriter Mark Fetter teaches at Doty Middle School. I sit on the board of the Downey YMCA and am past president of

As small-town journalists, most of our days aren’t too exciting. Boston Globe reporter Maria Cramer said it best when she tweeted, “Local newspapers don’t win tons of Pulitzers or cover flashy stories. They cover the zoning board, the town planning board, the town budget...”

That’s not to say that we don’t still get our fair share of strong opinions thrown our way. We get letters telling us why our articles are wrong. Phone calls asking why one argument was addressed over another. My favorites are the individuals who come into the office and hover over our desks, persistently asking us the same questions that we’ve answered several times already.

This is by no means a complaint at this kind of behavior, as it just comes as part of the territory and it’s easy to let it roll off our backs.

But when reports came in last week that someone had opened fire on a local newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland it was hard to not take it personally. When stories broke of Milo Yiannopoulos “trolling” journalists by commenting on how he “couldn’t wait for vigilante death squads to gun journalists down on sight,” yeah, I took it damn personal.

Gangs Out of Downey.

We’re not just a cast of faceless reporters and editors, we’re members of the community. Downey is our home.

Which makes last week’s mass shooting at the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, Md., all the more personal. The victims were innocent victims who, by all accounts, were hard-working members of their community, putting in long hours at probably low pay for a cause – journalism – that they believed in.

The persistent attack against our nation’s free press is only one of the issues tearing our country apart. Let’s hope our country begins to heal and unite sooner rather than later.

To do that we need to be informed. And to be informed, we need to value our journalists.

As a result, you’re seeing one of the rare instances where the news got to me; to us.

The purpose of this article (if you can even consider it an article in its purest form) is not to start a debate on gun control. It’s not to call for the head of a shallow-minded political instigator. We want this to be the least political as possible.

That begs the question: What is this about then? It’s something that I’ve sat at my desk wondering about for the last several minutes.

This is the product of mourning.

Small-paper reporters nationwide are mourning the loss of five similar, like-minded individuals to ourselves. We may not have known them before the tragedy, but our passion to keep our residents informed is the same; our motivations ingrained in pride and loyalty to our cities.

I hope to God that The Patriot is never the centerpiece to a story like that of the Capital Gazette. This week, say a prayer for Annapolis, Maryland.

## The values underlying Independence Day

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

The Declaration of Independence — which was signed on July 3, 1776, for public release on July 4 — was Thomas Jefferson’s masterpiece. Jefferson himself wrote much about the declaration in the 50 years that followed.

Not the least of what he wrote offered his view that the declaration and the values that it articulated were truly radical — meaning they reflected 180-degree changes at the very core of societal attitudes in America. The idea that farmers and merchants and lawyers could secede from a kingdom and fight and win a war against the king’s army was the end result of the multigenerational movement that was articulated in the declaration.

The two central values of the declaration are the origins of human liberty and the legitimacy of popular government.

When Jefferson wrote that we are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, he was referring to the natural law. The

natural law teaches that right and wrong can be discerned and truth discovered by the exercise of human reason, independent of any commands from the government. The natural law also teaches that our rights come from our humanity — not from the government — and our humanity is a gift from our Creator.

Even those who question or reject the existence of the Creator — was Jefferson himself among them? — can embrace natural rights, because they can accept that our exercise of human reason leads us all to make similar claims. These claims — free speech, free association, free exercise or non-exercise of religion, self-defense, privacy, and fairness, to name a few — are rights that we all exercise without giving a second thought to the fact that they are natural and come from within us.

The view of the individual as the repository of natural rights was not accepted by any governments in 1776. In fact, all rejected it and used violence to suppress it. To the minds of those in government in the mid-18th century, the king was divine and could do no wrong, and parliament existed not as the people’s representatives but to help the king raise money and to give him a read on the pulse of landowners and nobility.

Jefferson and his colleagues had no difficulty breaking from this type of ancient regime. Unlike the French, who destroyed their monarchy, the American colonists seceded from theirs — and they did so embracing natural rights. Regrettably, they did not recognize natural rights for African slaves or for women. We all know and profoundly lament the sorry history of those errors.

The idea that each human being possesses inherent natural rights by virtue of one’s humanity is not just an academic argument. It has real-life consequences, which Jefferson recognized. Those consequences are implicated when government seeks to curtail rights for what it claims is the protection of another’s individual rights, the common good or the good of the government itself.

Jefferson recognized that you can consent to the curtailment of your rights but you cannot consent to the curtailment of mine. To Jefferson, government can take away your rights without your consent only if you have violated someone else’s rights.

Surrendering rights is also implicated in the second radical idea that underscores the Declaration of Independence. It is the concept that no government is valid unless it enjoys the consent of the governed. This, too, was unheard of in 1776, because British kings did not claim consent of the governed as the basis for legitimacy.

Yet consent of the governed is perfectly consistent with natural law. Under natural law, what is yours is yours and what is mine is mine. If I attempt to take your land or car or cellphone, you can stop me, either directly or through the government we have both consented to. If one of us has not consented to the government’s existence, it can still enforce natural rights as the agent of the person whose rights are being violated — just as it does for bank depositors when it captures a bank robber.

This idea of consent of the governed was a serious issue in the days and years following July 4, 1776, because about one-third of the adults living in the United States in the last quarter of the 18th century remained loyal to the king of England after the Revolution, and they did not consent to the new popular form of government that took the British government’s place. The new government was thrust upon them without their consent.

The last letter Jefferson wrote was to his enemy-turned-friend John Adams, in anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the declaration — a day on which both Jefferson and Adams would die. In that letter, Jefferson argued that the greatest achievement of the declaration was its arousing men to burst free from the chains imposed upon them by superstition and myth by bringing about a recognition of their individual rights and an embrace of self-government.

Today the Jeffersonian ideals of individual natural rights and government’s legitimacy’s being conditioned upon the individual consent of the governed have themselves become myths.

In Jefferson’s day, the voters knew all that the government did, and it knew nothing about them. Today government operates largely in secrecy, and it knows our every move and captures our every communication.

In Jefferson’s day, the government needed the people’s permission to tax and regulate them. Today the people need the government’s permission to do nearly everything.

Do you know anyone who has consented to the government? Do you know anyone who could avoid the government by not giving consent? Do you consent to the government by voting? Do you consent to the government if it is run by those you voted against? Did you consent to a government that steals liberty and property and prosperity and gives them away?

Happy Fourth of July.

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## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### Saturday, July 7

**Dance is My Superpower**, 12 pm and 6:30 pm. Live stage performances by On Stage Dance Center Los Al. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**An Evening with Jay Nixon**, 6 pm. Enjoy the acoustic sounds of Jay Nixon, who has been performing since the 70s with such headliners as the Eagles, Little River Band, Dave Mason and Wall of Voodoo just to name a few. \$10. Knights of Columbus, 11231 Rives Ave.

### Sunday, July 8

**The ABBA Show**, 7 pm. Direct from the UK, The ABBA Show is a tribute to the Swedish pop group that gained fame in the '70s. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Monday, July 9

**Mad Science**, 4 pm. In this free show, Isaac Newton's law of motion is examined through exciting and energetic experiments. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Tuesday, July 10

**Gangs Out of Downey Meeting**, 7:40 am. Gangs Out of Downey's regular monthly meeting. City Hall (2nd floor training room), 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### Wednesday, July 11

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Live performance by Suave and its unique blend of Latin, rock, R&B, jazz and swing. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Friday, July 13

**'Wonder Woman'**, 2 pm. Free screening of 'Wonder Woman' for teens. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

### Sunday, July 15

**Stepping Out**, 3 pm. A show 25 years in the making. A collection of songs resurrected from past recitals. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Monday, July 16

**Kandara Nepali**, 8 pm. Kandara is a musical group from Pokhara, Nepal, best known for helping establish the folk-pop genre within the Nepalese music industry. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Wednesday, July 18

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs Broadway and film tunes. Kids are invited to help conduct. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Thursday, July 19

**Empower Hour**, 6 pm. Ferias Legales hosts "Empower Hour: Women Celebrating Women" recognizing the impactful contributions of women in our community. Special guests: Blanca Pacheco, Luz Lluncor and Assembly member Cristina Garcia. Barriles RestoBar, 11040 Downey Ave.

### Monday, July 23

**Vaccination Clinic**, 6 pm. Discount pet vaccination, microchips and flea control. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

**Family Story Night**, 6:30 pm. Share the joy of reading with your children. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

### Wednesday, July 25

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band performs a variety of music, from film scores to contemporary band music. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Saturday, July 28

**Choreography Festival**, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre hosts its annual SoCal Dance & Choreography Festival, which presents works by 16 innovative local and national choreographers. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Sunday, July 29

**Miss West Coast Pageant**, 5 pm. Women and girls from throughout California compete for over \$50,000 in prizes, scholarships and modeling contracts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Saturday, Aug. 4

**Backpack Giveaway**, 4-6 pm. Gangs Out of Downey gives away hundreds of backpacks and school supplies. First come, first served. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

**Music & Movie**, 5 pm. Bring snacks and a lawn chair for an evening of live music, crafts, activities, contests, and an outdoor screening of "Ferdinand." Live performance by The Amanda Castro Band. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

**Kithara TV Concert**, 7:30 pm. Arabic singers and musicians perform live. Downey Theatre,

8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Tuesday, Aug. 7

**National Night Out**, 5:30-8:30 pm. Meet with members of the Downey Police Department and learn ways to keep your neighborhood safe. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

**First Day of School**, 8 am. The 2018-19 school year begins at all Downey public schools.

### Thursday, Aug. 16

**Havana Nights**, 6-9:30 pm. A rooftop concert on the top story of the downtown parking structure. Featured band is La Charanga. 2nd and New streets.

### Saturday, Aug. 18

**Rocket Fever**, 10 am to 5 pm. Build and fly your own rocket at L.A.'s first and only urban rocket festival. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

**Hot Havana Nights**, 7 pm to midnight. Authentic Cuban cuisine, live salsa band, drinks, hand-rolled cigars, and more. A fundraiser for the Downey Rose Float Assoc. Downey Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Ave.

### Saturday, Aug. 25

**AYSO Opening Day**, 9 am. The 2018 season of Downey AYSO kicks off with an opening day celebration. Griffiths Middle School, 9633 Tweedy Lane.

### Saturday, Sept. 8

**Senior Follies Talent Show**, 1 pm and 5 pm. Downey seniors show off their unique talents in this 14th annual production. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

### Saturday, Sept. 15

**Vintage Car Show**, 8 am to closing. Hot rods, custom cars, live music, food and more. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

**International Food & Music Festival**, 4-10 pm. Food from local restaurants and food trucks, craft beer and wine garden, DJ, live entertainment on 3 stages, balloon artists, caricature artists, photo booth, henna artists, face painters, and more. Downey Avenue, between 2nd and 4th streets

### Monday, Sept. 17

**Kiwanis Golf Tournament**, 12 pm. Annual golf tournament in support of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and their charitable efforts. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### Saturday, Oct. 6

**Pius X Grand Reunion**, 6 pm. An all-year alumni celebration for Pius X, St. Matthias and PMA. Hall of Fame inductees include Diane J. Martinez & Evelia Castillo-Rodriguez. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

### Saturday, Oct. 20

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 8 pm. Celebrated composer Oscar

Navarro returns for an encore of his "Downey Overture." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Friday, Oct. 26

**Ricky Galvez Golf Tournament**, 11 am. Gangs Out of Downey's annual golf tournament, raising money for Ricky Galvez college scholarships. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### Sunday, Oct. 28

**Dia de los Muertos Festival**, 11 am to 8 pm. Music and dance performances, dozens of vendors, art shows, food trucks, altar displays, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### Friday, Nov. 2

**Rotary/Arc Golf Tournament**, 11 am. Rotary Club of Downey's annual golf tournament with proceeds benefiting The Arc - Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### Saturday, Feb. 23

**Healthy Downey 5K**, 8 am. A 5K walk/run to raise money for the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

### Saturday, March 30

**Arc Walk for Independence**, 9 am. A 1- or 3-mile walk to celebrate people with developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

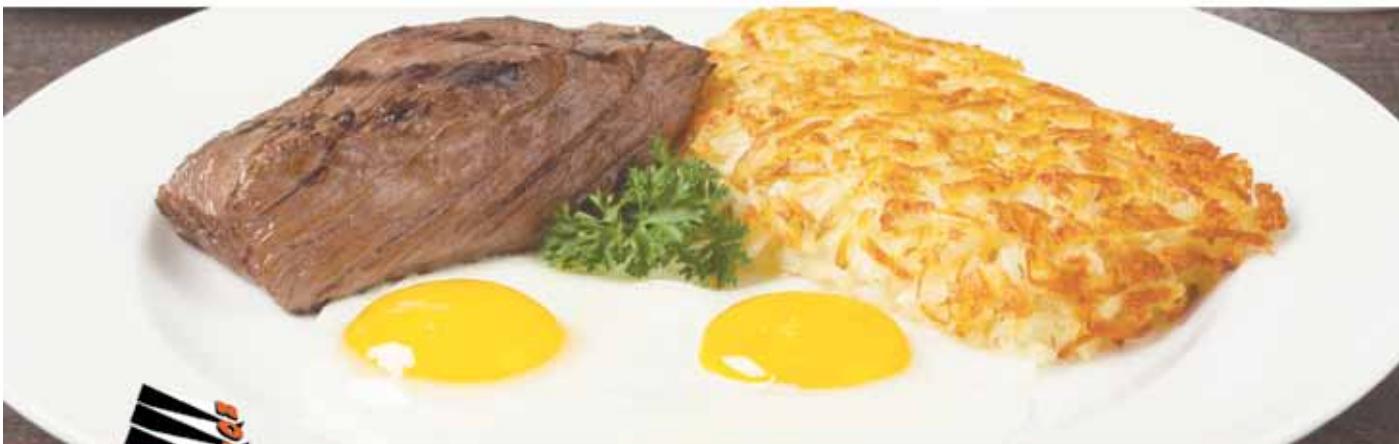
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Hello Downey,  
This summer there are several events happening in the city to take the family to and to take a break from the summer heat.

The pool at Downey High School is open for recreational swim now until July 20. Family Fun Nights with a live DJ as well as swimming classes will be offered throughout the summer.

The Twilight Summer Concert Series will feature bands every Wednesday at Furman Park. Come out and join your neighbors for evenings promised to be full of fun and with great live music.

Also, save the date for the Havana Nights Rooftop Concert on August 30. This rooftop concert is a free event that celebrates live music and art in Downtown Downey.

Last year, the event was a huge success with a record number in attendance. This year it's expected to be even

better!  
On August 4, the Summer Music & Movie event will take place at Golden Park with jazz music from the Amanda Castro Band, and the movie "Ferdinand" will be displayed on an outdoor screen.

The annual Gangs Out Of Downey (G.O.O.D) backpack giveaway will also take part at Golden Park on the same night. Bring the kiddos so that they may receive their backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming year. The first day of class for the Downey Unified School District is August 15.

Before school starts though, bring the family to the Civic Center for National Night Out. This event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. There will be games, food and live demonstrations from the Downey Police Department. This is a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center will be holding a community focused event called Rocket Fever on August 18. This will be the 8th year that the Space Center holds this event, the only one like it in the Los Angeles region.

Rocket Fever allows the Space Center to present STEM programming to the community of Downey, engaging the diverse audiences in the city and its surrounding communities. This event celebrates the City of Downey's rich historic association with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as well as its investment in the future of STEM.

At Rocket Fever, guests are invited to build their own Estes rockets and watch



them launch. More hands-on STEM activities, booths from some of our fellow science organizations such as the Boeing, Orange County Rocket Society, Discount Rocketry, live music and food trucks will round out the day.

At last month's City Council meeting, my council colleagues and I passed the city's fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

Determining the final budget begins in January at the annual council goal-setting session, then various budget meetings between department heads and executive leadership, numerous review meetings by the City Council's Budget Subcommittee and a provision of public notice of a hearing to adopt the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The total fiscal year 2018-19 budget is \$262,021,127. This includes the cost of personnel, operations, materials, supplies, capital equipment, capital improvement projects, and transfers to other funds.

The General Fund budget is \$89,406,693 which covers the city's basic services, including police, fire, public works, parks and recreation, library services, community development, and administrative services.

I would like to thank City Manager Gilbert Livas and Finance Director Anil Gandhi for their hard work in managing our city's finances to ensure we remain fiscally sound. This is the sixth straight year we have had a balanced budget.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

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## UCLA alumni raise money for scholarship fund

**DOWNEY** - The Southeast Bruins held a "Wine and Cheese" event at the Los Amigos Golf Course in Downey on June 21, raising funds for the UCLA Southeast Bruins Scholarship.

The event was attended by UCLA area alumni and friends, including incoming UCLA alumni board members Carlos Collard and Paco Retana, and Ruthie Retana, who recently finished her term in the UCLA Alumni Board of Directors, which represents over 500,000 UCLA alumni worldwide.

The scholarship fund was launched last year, with the initial \$4,000 scholarship award going to Jennifer Tang of Norwalk. Jennifer is working on a major in Biology.

Asked about what the scholarship means to her, Jennifer replied: "This scholarship means a lot to me as a student who comes from a low-income background. I was worried about costs and though financial aid from UCLA alumni donors, FAFSA, and UCLA itself, I was able to attend the college of my choice with a lessened burden on me or my family."

The Southeast Bruins are

currently raising funds to award its second recipient this fall. They will be announcing the recipient later this year and will be holding their "Send Off" event where freshmen and transfer students will be invited to celebrate their entry into UCLA.

The event is family-friendly and will be held in South Gate at a public park. More information will be released as the event draws nearer.

The Southeast Bruins is recognized officially as the regional chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of California, Los Angeles (known as "UCLA"), and is known officially as the UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network. It is open to alumni and friends who reside and/or work in the Southeast Los Angeles cities of Downey, Whittier, Cerritos, Montebello, Norwalk, South Gate, Pico Rivera, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Cudahy, and neighboring cities.

## Cerritos extends deal with Long Beach

**CERRITOS** - The Cerritos City Council has renewed its contract with Long Beach for animal-care services.

The contract, for \$347,735, is effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

Since 1989, Cerritos has contracted with Long Beach Animal Care Services for animal care. Over the years, Long Beach Animal Care Services has enhanced services and improved response times to service calls.

Residents also are now able to renew licenses online and use a smartphone app to report service calls. A full-time State-licensed veterinarian has also been hired.

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# Shared Stories: My New Millennium Shoes

Yolanda Adelé's humorous piece was inspired by a real ad for a real product. Some of you may have tried the product yourself. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Yolanda Adelé

Tennis anyone? If so, lace up your tennis shoes, wrap your sweat-band around your head and you are good to go.

However, if you are like me, athletically challenged, and harbor an aversion to sweating that melts your make-up, messes up your hair do, overpowers your Giorgio Armani Perfume, and you fear the sweat that leaves gym equipment sticky, attracting all kinds of living organism bacteria, etc. - there is an alternative.

As advertised in the paper, this new sports shoe by a well-known company is called Shape-Ups, and it is the 'state of the art' for our new millennium.

This "fitness footwear" is advertised to firm the buttocks and calf muscles, reduce dreaded cellulite, tone your thighs, and promote weight loss. The company slogan is, "Get in shape without setting a foot in a gym."

After seeing the commercial for this promising shoe, I put down my third bowl of Skinny Cow Chocolate Diet Ice Cream, got off the couch, slipped on my sandals, grabbed my keys, and sprinted to my car. I drove down the street to the strip-mall where the shoe store is.

When I got there, I saw women lined up in front of the door. Some were holding a copy of the shoe store's glossy colored picture ad of the New Millennium Shoes.

That's when I realized how expensive the shoes were. The ad read, "Just \$99.99 plus tax. While supplies last!"

"Ouch! That's quite a bite out of my budget at fifty dollars for each foot," I said, to no one in particular. A large lady in front of me, wearing a jelly stained shirt and sucking on a Starbucks Mocha Chocolate Chip Frappachino, echoed my sentiments.

Another woman sporting a tattoo of Tinker Bell on her wide forearm chimed in, "Hey, a hundred bucks is still cheaper than a gym membership, right!" "Right!" I agreed.

Soon, I was in the store trying on the New Millennium Shoes. Right away I felt taller. The clerk explained, I was indeed taller in these shoes "because of the built in kinetic wedge inserts."

"Huh?" I was clueless.

"To achieve maximum potential in your New Millennium Shoes you will have to do your part."

"My part? What's that mean?"

"Well, you will have to find your center of balance which means changing the way you are used to walking. The dynamic rolling feature of the shoe may make you feel unstable or dizzy at first. It is important that your ankles do not bend inward or outward but remain parallel to the position of your back. Your neck should be straight. Don't look down while you are walking."

"How am I supposed to remember all that?"

"That's easy! These shoes come with a DVD and booklet. There is also a support web-site!"

"That is amazing when you consider that as an eighteen-year-old, I was allowed to take a newborn baby (my own) out of the hospital without so much as a manual. Now, I will be better educated when I bring home a DVD along with my pair of New Millennium Shoes!"

The young clerk was not amazed. "Lady, do you want the shoes or not?"

"I'm thinking about it."

"What's to think about? These shoes work even while you are standing and doing nothing."

"Huh? How is that possible?"

The clerk sighed deeply, then said, "Conventional footwear does not provide proper support or aid in correct posture for long periods of standing. With these New Millennium Shoes the simulation of soft ground will ease the stress on your joints,

promote correct posture and strengthen your legs, tighten buttocks and abdominal muscles just by standing in them."

"Wow! And at only \$99.99," I said emphatically. "I'll take them!!!" I felt optimistic about the future as I stepped out in my New Millennium Shoes.

## POETRY MATTERS

### A Sister on the Tracks

Between pond and sheepbarn,  
by maples and watery birches,  
Rebecca paces a double line of rust  
in a sandy trench, striding on black  
creosoted eight-by-eights.

In nineteen-forty-three,  
wartrains skidded tanks,  
airframes, dynamos, searchlights, and troops  
to Montreal..Today Rebecca walks  
a line that vanishes, in solitude  
bypassed by wars and commerce.

...On this blue day she walks  
under a high jet's glint of swooped aluminum pulling  
its feathery contrail westward.

...Beside her the old creation retires,  
hayrack sunk like a rowboat  
under its fields of hay. She closes her eyes  
to glimpse the vertical track that rises  
from the underworld of graves,  
soul's ascension connecting dead to unborn, rails  
that hum with a hymn of continual vanishing  
where tracks cross.

For she opens her eyes to read  
on a solitary gravestone next to the rails  
the familiar names of Ruth and Matthew Bott, born  
in a Norfolk parish, who ventured  
the immigrant's passionate Exodus westward to labor  
on their own land. Here love builds  
its mortal house, where today's wind carries  
a double scent of heaven and cut hay.

- Donald Hall, *Old and New Poems*, Houghton Mifflin 1990

Hall combines a pungent sense of place, his New Hampshire farm, "with a double scent" about the ways that poetry intersects with death and loss. Hall, the national poet laureate in 2006-07, died this week at age 89. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church has announced its 2018 eighth grade scholarship winners. The \$500 scholarships, awarded to six students this year, are provided to help meet the costs of attending a Catholic High School.

Pictured left to right are: Paula Mayfield (outgoing Guild President), Nathaniel Mongan, James Alamillo, Yasmin Medina, Moises Ramirez, Isaiah Hueyopa, Adrian Gonzalez and Melodie Santana (incoming guild president).

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**Downey Patriot wins 5 journalism awards**







# Warren High hosting three-day softball camp

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** - The Warren High School softball program will be hosting their annual softball camp July 24-26.

The cost is \$75 and registration will take place at the Warren softball field. The camp is designed for incoming freshmen and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for each of the three days.

The camp focus will be centered around dynamic warm-ups, throwing, field work and hitting. The camp staff will include head coach Mary Starksen, assistant coach Bravo and assistant coach Olivas.

Bravo is a former Bear who played college softball at the University of Pittsburgh and Olivas is a former Bear who was an All-C.I.F. selection while playing at Warren.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 17-13 and were 6-4 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Bears finished third in league play behind cross-town rival Downey and Gahr, who were league co-champions (9-1). Warren was eliminated by South Hills at South Hills 4-3 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs.

Coach Starksen and her staff are getting ready for next season and looking for talented freshmen who are ready to play at the most competitive level.

Any questions regarding Warren softball can be directed to head coach Mary Starksen at mstarksen@dusd.net.

**WARREN SWIM:** The Warren High School water polo and swim teams are busy running their summer programs in preparation for their upcoming seasons.

The Warren water polo camp for boys and girls is being run through the Admiral Water Polo Foundation through Tuesday, July 31.

The camp is currently in spring session and is holding workouts at the Murdoch Fraser Aquatics Center on the campus at Warren

High School. Surprisingly, the Murdoch Fraser Aquatics Center is already celebrating its first full year of hosting competitions.

Potential water polo players and swimmers who are interested in Warren aquatics can sign up online at [www.admiralwaterpolofoundation.com](http://www.admiralwaterpolofoundation.com).

The boys' water polo season takes place in the fall and the girls' water polo season takes place during the winter. Both the boys' and girls' swim seasons take place during the spring. Both coaches are looking for talent to compete at the highest level for their respective teams.

The coach for the Warren High School boys' water polo and swim team is Edgar Villa and the coach for the Warren High School girls' water polo and swim team is Laura Lopez. Coach Villa can be contacted at [villawaterpolo@gmail.com](mailto:villawaterpolo@gmail.com) and Coach Lopez can be contacted at [llopez7@whittier.edu](mailto:llopez7@whittier.edu) for further information and/or questions.

**DOWNEY SUMMER:** Downey High School has been busy this summer with athletic teams holding summer camps and practices.

The boys' and girls' swim teams have been busy swimming at the Downey Aquatics Center from 6-7:30 a.m. The boys have been practicing Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the girls have been practicing Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The boys' and girls' cross-country teams have been practicing Monday through Thursday from 7-9:30 a.m. to beat the mid-day heat. The cross-country teams have been training on and off campus.

Boys' soccer has been working out on the soccer field from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and the boys' basketball program was using the gymnasium Monday through Thursday from 8-10 a.m. from June 5 through the 21st.

Girls' volleyball will begin using the gymnasium on July 9th and will go from 7-10 a.m. Girls' lacrosse is using the soccer field, after the boys' soccer practice, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday

through Thursday.

Girls tennis has been practicing Monday through Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and the boys have been practicing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. on the tennis courts. The football team has been using the weight room and football field from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday after observing the C.I.F. mandated "dead period" in June.

Things are certainly starting to take shape for the start of the fall sports seasons. Coaches and players are busy preparing and practicing and looking forward to the start of their respective sports.

**WORLD CUP:** The 2018 World Cup quarterfinals are upon us and drawing to a close. Eight teams have survived thus far and each team is looking forward to hoisting the coveted FIFA World Cup Trophy over their heads in the championship game.

In the round of 16 games, France defeated Portugal 2-1 to advance, France defeated Argentina 4-3 to advance, Brazil defeated Mexico 2-0 to advance and Belgium defeated Japan 3-2 to advance. In other round of 16 action, Russia defeated Spain 1-1 (4-3 on PK's), Croatia defeated Denmark 1-1 (3-2 on PK's), Sweden defeated Switzerland 1-0 and England defeated Colombia 1-1 (4-3 on PK's) to advance.

Two quarterfinal games are scheduled for today and two more games are scheduled for tomorrow. Today's quarterfinal games feature Uruguay against France at 7:00 a.m. and the other game features Brazil against Belgium at 11:00 a.m.

On the other side of the bracket, one quarterfinal game will feature host nation Russia playing against Croatia at 11:00 a.m. and Sweden playing England at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The semifinal round will be played on July 10th and 11th with both games starting at 11 a.m.

The third-place game will be played on Saturday, July 14, at 7 a.m. in Saint Petersburg and the championship game will be played at Lizhnik Stadium in Moscow on Sunday, July 15, at 8 a.m.

## Cal State Long Beach offering new parking options

**LONG BEACH** - Long Beach State University will offer expanded student parking options during the opening weeks of the fall semester.

A new contract for 300 off-campus parking spaces at Los Altos Gateway Shopping Center will allow students the option of parking off campus with guaranteed parking along with free shuttle service directly to and from campus.

Shuttles will depart to campus every 15 minutes with the first trip leaving the overflow lot at 8 a.m. and the final shuttle departing the

University Student Union at 5 p.m. Permits for the off-campus parking spaces will be sold at a discounted rate of \$65. This price is less than half the price of a regular Student Semester Permit for on-campus parking. Fall permits go on sale starting on July 16.

Overflow permits will be valid in the designated parking area within the Los Altos Gateway Shopping Center, Monday through Thursday, for the first eight weeks of fall semester (August 27-October

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