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## IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

### The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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Lyman Hall  
George Walton

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John Penn

**South Carolina**  
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#### Mick Foley

Sunday - The Wrestling Guy Store in Huntington Park, 3 pm

Wrestling legend Mick Foley will be taking pictures and signing autographs. Buy tickets online.



#### Low-Cost Vaccines

Saturday- Whittier High School, 11 am to 3 pm

Spay Neuter Project L.A. is offering low-cost vaccinations, microchips, and flea/tick treatments for dogs and cats. No appointment necessary.



#### Rockabilly '80s Night

Saturday- Norwalk American Legion Post 359, 7 pm

Live music by The Knockout Kings and Hillbilly Casino, plus DJs playing '80s tunes and rock en Espanol. Family-friendly, 21 and over. \$10 cover.



#### Car & Bike Show

Saturday- Affliction in Seal Beach, 10 am to 3 pm

American muscle cars and motorcycles, plus food trucks, bands and vendors. Free admission, family-friendly.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

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# Judy Gallardo De Cisneros takes charge as new Soroptimist president

## Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

Parking places were scarce but hugs were not, on Sunday afternoon at BJ's Restaurant in the Stonewood Center.

The welcoming buzz from the Soroptimists of the Downey Club warmed even the stone walls of the private banquet room where the club met to install next year's officers. It's like the contributions they make to the community, big in quantity

and quality from a club of 30 members. Relatively small but oh my.

Outgoing president Linda Haines emceed and recited the oath of office for incoming President Judy Gallardo De Cisneros and her new slate of officers.

The invitations had said business casual, but as usual in Southern California that allowed for a wide range. Linda wore a royal blue pants suit with a dramatic black feather print

and rows of tiny silver studs and screws in a medallion design.

Incoming president Judith wore a black dress with a jacket in the same royal blue as Linda, which also matched the big sunflower and blue lupine wildflower bouquet she was presented.

Also seen: Dr. Nina Smart in yellow leggings and yellow sleeveless silk tunic decorated with brilliants, and her friend Aamand, who wore a refreshingly cool white tunic and leggings made of superior Indian cotton.

"My sister gave it to me," said Aamand, and he showed me the light sheen on the

lustrous self-patterned weave, a contemporary take on traditional Rajastani garb.

Rebecca Reyes wore a stunning cocoa and cream ikata print blouse, and President-Elect Petra Castillo had on a bronze printed silk with the seams piped out. Such a lightweight dress, she says, is great for travel: "Just scrunch it in the suitcase and it never wrinkles."

Ellie Eck, in a blue ombré blouse, gave the invocation, asking for guidance for the year to come. Another long time Soroptimist and past president, Mia Zimmerman, was also present, and not where she said she'd rather be, Maui. Mia,

who designs imaginative floral décor for club functions, wore a hibiscus pink silk tank top.

"An on-going Soroptimist program is Live Your Dream," said Linda, "an opportunity offered yearly for women in a mid-life crisis to get a scholarship and start back to school."

This and Dream It Be It awards for needy high school seniors are distributed at the annual scholarship breakfast, and to fund these opportunities, the Soroptimists work all year, turning playful occasions into ways to make money. For example, they have the beer and wine concessions at several Downey functions during the year.

Other Soroptimist concerns are combatting domestic violence, and sex trafficking, right here in Downey as well as in the world. Past President Cecelia Goñez was at a women's conference at the Santa Monica Women's Club, but she sent greetings.

"If we can reach at least one person," Cecelia said, "every single day at every single event, we will create the ripples we need to create a change! I am — we are — so determined to create a movement, not a moment. Human trafficking is the fight we all have to fight."

On a global level, Soroptimist raises money to support clean water projects in Africa, and to improve education opportunities for women and children in third world countries, so they can be freed from demeaning tasks and break the poverty cycle that keeps them from improving their lives and that of families.

Downey Soroptimists have taken an interest in the Star Foundation's work in Nepal, where women are given a chance to start a small business with the gift of a pregnant goat. Portable greenhouses also help the women to grow crops year round, for their families' diet and as a cash crop.

Lunch turned out to be a generous pizza buffet with several kinds to choose from. After sampling several, I remembered why I always come back to Hawaiian pizza: pineapple is so refreshing, with the saltiness of cheese and pepperoni.

Shrimp on angel hair pasta was also served, and Italian-style chicken breast, and an Asian fusion salad with chunks of seared chicken, celery, red and green peppers and twisted pasta spirals with ranch dressing. Dessert was a special treat, reserved till after the installation.

Soroptimists are renowned for throwing great parties, like their Roaring 20's Casino Night Fundraiser. But behind the good times and theatricality there is serious purpose. The Downey Soroptimists pledged themselves at the installation ceremony to continue their work in elevating the status of women and girls.

Unlike men's associations where the members roast and toast their leaders, women's groups tend to be kinder. The entertainment skit used a poem by incoming president Judith to tell the story of a magic mirror that reflects happiness when one gives service to others. Every new member received her own bright magenta hand mirror and



Judith Cisneros

Judith's leadership mirror was encased in clear carved lucite.

"Once there was a woman," Linda read from the installation poem-skit, "who wanted to know how to be powerful, valiant, full of life and love."

"She looked in her mirror and then she saw, as in a dream deep within, all those amazing things that she so badly wanted.

"And as that woman evolved she began to understand why she was always looking in the mirror. Her power was with her all along. The only thing she had to do was to step into her vision and her power.

"Like magic she stepped into all her splendor. The mirror was no longer needed."

"Your power is with you," said Linda. "Just take ownership of it!" Mirror gifts were then distributed to all the women present.

Soroptimist was founded in 1928, to give professional and business women the same opportunity to meet and share marketplace experiences that men had. Rotary had been founded in 1905, followed by Kiwanis and other fraternal groups, and the idea of service became paramount.

But women were not admitted into those groups until the Supreme Court Decision of 1987 banning gender discrimination. So Soroptimist became the club of women, for women. Concern for children with the emphasis on girls followed naturally.

Who are the Soroptimists of today? I talked to Christy Hedden, executive assistant to the Downey fire chief. Christy got her start in women's fashion, creating inbound logistics reports with merchandising, production and operations teams, an unlikely connection until you consider, "I never trained in firefighting," Christy said. "I went straight into administration."

"I work with city staff," said Christy, "crunching the numbers and figuring out, for example, how we can get even faster response times. Although Stations 1 and 3 are temporarily closed, we work with neighboring cities and the Los Angeles County Fire Department for coverage. We help them when they need us, and they help us."

The city doesn't have a live-fire practice area anymore, so where do they go to get hands-on experience?

"When a building is about to be demolished," says Christy, "we ask if we can have it. And when the Station 3 building was destroyed recently, to make room for new one, it was burned, and that was live practice. We make use of every occasion." Resourceful, like a woman.

As President Judith said in her inaugural speech, "We are the women who choose to make a difference. We will go forward in partnering locally with Whittier PHI in women's health matters, and with Rancho Los Amigos in improving the quality of life for the patients."

At the end of the installation skit, dessert was served, a giant frying-pan-size freshly baked cookie, topped with ice cream. Each participant also received, in addition to the mirror, a goody bag filled with a pen and a pad "to write down all your wonderful ideas;" a journal "to write your dreams and vision" and a penlight, "to remind you that you are appreciated, as a beacon of light."

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**PhD Earned** Steven Felix, son of Mary and Art Felix of Downey, has earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Harvard University. He attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade school and graduated from Loyola High School. Steven received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Yale University and spent a year working as a full time Jesuit Volunteer in the Pacific Northwest. Steven has accepted a position at Wellington Funds in Boston and now resides in Rhode Island with his wife, Heather and their children.

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# PIH Health acquires Pioneer Medical Group

Pioneer Medical Group's physicians, specialists and offices are now under the PIH Health flagship.

By Eric Pierce Editor

**DOWNEY** - PIH Health announced Monday it has acquired Pioneer Medical Group and all its assets, effective July 1.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Forty-six healthcare providers are now part of its existing medical group, PIH Health Physicians (PHP).

With the acquisition, PIH Health adds eight medical office buildings to its network which are spread throughout the cities of Downey, Bellflower, Cerritos, Long Beach, Los Alamitos and South Gate.

"PIH Health is now able to connect with more communities, and serve as their partner in health and wellness," said PIH Health Physicians President

Brian Smolskis.

PIH officials said patients can continue to see their primary care physician and specialists without interruption.

"Our primary focus during this time is conducting a smooth transition for patients to PIH Health Physicians," said Smolskis. "We look forward to being a trusted partner in the health and wellness of our newest patients."

The name Pioneer Medical Group will no longer be used, and all current Pioneer offices will be rebranded as PIH Health Physicians.

There will be a transition period for the operations to be coordinated and the name change to be fully implemented, but new signage and materials incorporating the Pioneer medical offices into the PIH Health network will be put in place.

Patients with questions can call (562) 927-2600, ext. 81098.



Pictured left to right: Roberto Madrid MD, PIH Health Physicians vice president of medical operations; Pinal Doshi MD; Jerry Floro MD; Eduardo Tellez MD; Sanat Patel MD; and Andrew Zwiers, PIH Health Physicians vice president of group operations.

# Saying goodbye to the Class of 2019

## Eye On Our Schools

By Nancy Swenson DUSD Board President

The last day of school has come and gone and what a wonderful year it has been!

We had 2,037 students graduate from all three of our high schools, an additional 156 students from the Downey Adult School (DAS) who earned either their high school diploma or GED as well as this year's graduating students from the DAS Vocational Nursing program. This accomplishment signifies years of hard work that should be recognized and applauded.

I want to give a huge thanks to our very generous local businesses, organizations and individuals who provided over \$535,000 in scholarships to a multitude of our graduating students.

It was remarkable to be a part of the HS graduation and MS promotion ceremonies. Over the last few years, the graduation and promotion ceremonies have moved to bigger venues, making it much easier for all family members to attend. The two comprehensive HS graduations were held at Long Beach City College's Memorial Veteran Stadium, Columbus HS held its ceremony at the Downey Theater and the middle schools held their ceremonies in the high school stadiums, allowing for more seating for our families because we know how important it is for family members to attend these types of milestones in the lives of their children. The students are so proud to show their families and friends all they have accomplished.

It is also an important time for them to act as examples to their younger family members and remind them to keep working hard as they too can reach the same goals. At each event, the students smiling faces were all aglow and they were so excited as they received their promotion certificates and diplomas after years of working hard.

My favorite part was the sight

of the audiences cheering on each student as they crossed the stage. Seeing so many family members and friends come together to celebrate the accomplishments of their students really filled my heart with joy. We know it was with the support of their families that these students were able to get to this point in their lives. Kudos to all the 2019 graduates, the Board applauds you for this great accomplishment.

I want to thank The Patriot for printing the names of all the 2019 high school seniors. They deserve the recognition of seeing their names in print.

The secondary students weren't the only ones having fun at the end of the school year. Fifth grade students at our elementary schools enjoyed their Fifth Grade Parties to celebrate their move to the next level in education. At Gallatin ES, retiring teachers and fifth grade students even partake in the traditional ceremony of ringing the bell in the front of campus before they leave for the school year.

Since we last met, many events have happened. May turned out to be such a busy month for students at all grade levels. There were tests to be completed, awards to be received, ceremonies to be attended, competitions to be won and dance recitals to be performed. May is the month to show off what they've been working on all year long. Doty MS certainly worked hard all year and proved it with their recognition of being selected as a National Schools to Watch. The official ceremony was held on May 23rd and it was well attended by city and state officials as well as a very proud namesake, Dr. Wendy Lopour Doty. Next, we head to Washington, DC, to accept the award there.

Congratulations to Melissa Moreno, a Downey HS student who won the annual Lucille Roybal-Allard Student Art Competition. Her gel pen and gold leaf artwork titled, "Golden Pirouette" will be hanging in the U.S. Capitol for the next year. Similarly, the People's Choice Award winner was another

Downey HS student, Ashley Beach, and she was selected for her acrylic paint piece titled "The Voyage". Downey HS held their end-of-the-year Jazz Gala and Mr. Olariu took a few moments to share (like a proud parent) all the awards his jazz groups have won this past year. A former parent was in attendance and took it upon himself to hand out several personal scholarships to students because he wanted to give back to a program that did so much for his children when they were involved. Warren HS also performed their final play of the school year, "Mrs. America". Even though it was at the end of the year when many students are focused on finals, these talented Bears performed like it was their first production of the school year. They carried themselves like trained professionals, putting forth their full effort.

Both comprehensive high schools celebrated their AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) students with banquets for their graduating seniors. Historically in the last decade, over 95% of seniors involved in this program have received acceptance letters from one or more four-year colleges or universities. If you have HS or MS children who would be the first one in your family to go to college and could use some extra support getting better prepared, this is the program for them! Make sure to ask your child's counselor for more AVID specific details when they enroll for school next year.

Now don't think for a minute that all the schools will be closed for the summer, there are many schools open for summer enrichment classes/programs. Even though the last day of school has come and gone, there are teachers still teaching, staff still staffing and maintenance workers still maintaining... Summer school is in full bloom! Available for HS students is the opportunity to take classes over the summer to get ahead of schedule for the upcoming year or a credit recovery option for classes that students may have already



taken but want to work toward a better grade. For the middle and elementary school students, we have both STEAMworks and Summer 101 as well as classes for special education students under the Extended School Year (ESY) summer program. Lastly, as an added bonus, we are serving all students (whether or not they are enrolled in a summer school program) with free breakfast and lunch at various schools.

As this is my "summer wrap-up," I want to close by sharing one of our HS principal's messages that was shared during graduation. The principal mentioned that this year's students are some of the nicest they have ever seen. As a matter of fact, I have also heard that same comment from some community group members and parents that visit many of our campuses throughout the school year.

To this same point, I've also seen an increase in acts of kindness lately while shopping, at the movies and, believe it or not, while driving. If you aren't aware, Downey Unified is a CHARACTER COUNTS! district and we introduce the six pillars of character to our students starting in kindergarten.

I'd like to leave you with this thought that our teachers tell their students often - Character Counts everywhere, all the time, even when no one is looking. So be kind to someone every day, in any way you can. I will reach out in August to welcome you back to the 2019-20 school year. Have a great summer!

**Nancy A. Swenson**  
President, Downey Unified Board of Education

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Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) presented a check Tuesday to the Downey Unified School District in support of the school district's school resource officer program. GOOD provides financial assistance annually to help fund a Downey police officer at Downey Unified's three public high schools.



GOOD's elected officers for 2019-20 were sworn-in Tuesday. Officers include (from left) Julie Garcia, president; Hector Sosa, first vice president; Tony Cristani, treasurer; and Dorothy Pemberton, secretary.

# Pico Rivera school district says it won't cooperate with immigration crackdowns



El Rancho Unified in Pico Rivera says ICE officers will not be allowed immediate access to campuses.

**PICO RIVERA** - El Rancho Unified School District in Pico Rivera issued a statement this week announcing it would not cooperate with ICE or immigration enforcement.

The statement came after President Trump announced immigration crackdowns in communities across the U.S.

"El Rancho USD would like to reassure our community that we will not share any student or family information with ICE," read the statement, signed by school board president Jose Lara and superintendent Karling Aguilera-Fort.

"District officials will not allow ICE immediate access to our school sites, and any requests for access or information will be reviewed by the Superintendent and legal counsel before any action is taken.

"El Rancho USD will use all available legal resources to ensure our students feel safe and secure and to maintain uninterrupted educational activities: the safest place for your child to be is at school, and we will not violate that trust."

In 2017, the El Rancho board of education voted to declare itself a "Safe Haven District" in support of students and families.

"Our role is to educate all our students in a safe and secure environment, not to involve ourselves in immigration enforcement or assist other agencies in that task," the statement continued.

### L.A. County Response

L.A. County's Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and its Office of Immigrant Affairs is advising residents to "know their rights" after President Trump announced renewed deportation efforts nationwide.

"You have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution," the department said in a statement. "If an immigration agent comes to your home, workplace, or stops you on the street, know your rights."

The following advice was provided by L.A. County:

You do not have to open your door unless the immigration agent knocking has a warrant to enter that is signed by a judge or magistrate and has your name on it.

You have the right to remain silent and not answer questions from immigration agents.

You have the right not to sign any papers without first talking to an attorney.

You have the right to talk to an attorney at your own expense.

If you are outside your home, ask the immigration agent if you are free to go. If they say yes, leave peacefully. If they say no, ask to call your attorney.

In a statement, Gov. Gavin Newsom derided the President's plans to deport undocumented immigrants, including asylum seekers.

"The President's proposed raids are cruel, misdirected and are creating unnecessary fear and anxiety," he said.

"I want Californians to know they have legal rights and protections, regardless of their immigration status."

### Threats of Fines

Immigration and Customs Enforcement is issuing notices of fines for potentially thousands of dollars to undocumented immigrants who have failed to comply with deportation orders, according to the agency.

ICE began issuing notices of its intent to fine migrants last December following President Donald Trump's executive order, issued a year earlier, instructing the agency to begin collecting fines from migrants unlawfully in the US.

"ICE is committed to using various enforcement methods -- including arrest; detention; technological monitoring; and financial penalties -- to enforce US immigration law and maintain the integrity of legal orders issued by judges," said ICE spokesperson Matthew Bourke in a statement.

The Washington Post first reported the threat of fines on Tuesday.

In one instance, an undocumented immigrant who has been living in sanctuary at a Columbus, Ohio, church for more than a year has received a letter from ICE notifying her that it intends to fine her nearly half a million dollars for staying in the US illegally over several years and failing to follow orders to leave the country.

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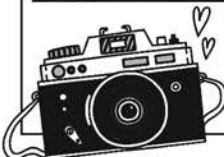
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# Alabama isn't the only state that punishes pregnant women

BY MICHELE GOODWIN

Last week, the world learned the chilling news that Marsha Jones, a 28-year-old woman who was five months pregnant when shot in the stomach, has been charged with manslaughter. When a grand jury failed to indict Ebony Jemison, the woman who fired the gun, the police in Pleasant Grove, Ala., sought someone else — and landed on Ms. Jones, whom they now blame for the altercation that led to the termination of her pregnancy. To the police, if Ms. Jones had not picked a fight, her fetus would have survived.

In Alabama, somehow all of this makes sense. Sadly, I am not surprised. In recent years, Alabama has led the nation in charging pregnant women under its chemical endangerment statute, which now extends to fetuses. When a case brought in 2011 under that statute, *Ankrom v. Alabama*, was appealed to the Alabama Supreme Court, the justices concluded that they saw no difference between a child and a fetus — and no difference between a viable fetus and a nonviable fetus. (In that case, which involved two defendants, one woman who had struggled with drug addiction gave birth to a stillborn son. She was arrested, and she took a plea deal of 10 years rather than face the possibility of life imprisonment.)

Let us be clear: Anyone who thinks it is the recently passed Alabama abortion law alone that sets the state apart on reproductive health is wrong. Alabama police and prosecutors strategically wield power and influence with hospitals and medical clinicians to ferret out women who “endanger” their pregnancies. By one count, there have been 479 arrested in Alabama for endangering their pregnancies and charged under the state’s chemical endangerment statute.

But make no mistake, fetal protection prosecutions are not confined to Alabama.

In 2006, at 16, Rennie Gibbs experienced a stillbirth. Mississippi prosecutors charged her with depraved-heart murder, claiming that her use of drugs during pregnancy showed reckless disregard for human life and was the cause of the stillbirth. In 2014, a judge dismissed the charge, but had Ms. Gibbs been convicted, she could have received a life sentence.

In 2011, Indiana prosecutors charged Bei Bei Shuai with first-degree murder and attempted feticide after Ms. Shuai’s failed attempt to end her own life. Ms. Shuai, distraught after a breakup with her boyfriend, ate rat poison to kill herself. Prosecutors, however, argued Ms. Shuai was actually making an unconventional attempt to end her pregnancy. In Indiana it is not a crime to attempt suicide, nor is abortion illegal or a crime. As an expert defense witness in that case, I emphasized those facts. We were successful — and thank goodness, because Ms. Shuai faced over 40 years’ imprisonment had she been convicted.

Sometimes the prosecution of pregnant women involves systematic collaboration between law enforcement and medical professionals. During the late 1980s, the Medical University of South Carolina cooperated with the police and prosecutors to create a task force that tested poor pregnant women, without their consent, for drug use; the hospital staff then turned this medical information over to law enforcement. The campaign resulted in dozens of arrests and convictions of black women. Some of these women were dragged out of the hospital in shackles and chains after giving birth to awaiting squad cars. The hospital staff avoided subjecting white patients to these punishments.

And although there is an uncanny connection between Southern former slave states and the onslaught of these pregnancy prosecutions, the North is not without its own shame. In Iowa,

Christine Taylor was incarcerated for two days after falling down steps in her home; the police accused her of doing so on purpose to end her pregnancy. In Wisconsin, Alicia Beltran was subjected to civil confinement for the “protection” of her fetus after she told a physician assistant that she’d self-administered Suboxone, a drug used to help opioid addiction, to help wean herself off a painkiller. The assistant urged her to continue using Suboxone under a doctor’s supervision; when Ms. Beltran refused, she was taken to court. As a result of her confinement of more than 70 days, Ms. Beltran’s life was turned upside down and she lost her job. The State of Wisconsin appointed a lawyer for her fetus, but refused a lawyer for her.

The underlying assumptions in these cases and others highlight the troubling reality that pregnant women’s lives, rights and dignity matter increasingly less in the United States. Their pain, suffering and mental health are irrelevant. Pregnant women — especially poor pregnant women of color — are increasingly viewed as both expendable and worthy of punishment.

It is not simply the criminalization of pregnancy that has led me to this conclusion. It is the glaringly high maternal death rates that exceed all other developed nations’; the rise in pregnancy exclusion laws, which override brain-dead pregnant patients’ medical directives; and the anti-abortion measures that allow no exceptions for rape and incest.

These devastating trends reduce pregnant women to chattel whose duties to the state revolve around pregnancy. In the United States, pregnancy, especially among the poor, has become a political land mine — a trigger for state surveillance and criminalization, with severe extralegal consequences.

*Michele Goodwin is a professor at UC Irvine.*

# Stop the knee-jerk liberalism that hurts its own cause

BY NICHOLAS KRISTOF

My daughter and I were tossing a football back and forth while also flinging around arguments about free speech, sexual assault, youthful intolerance and paternal insensitivity.

We were discussing a Harvard law professor, Ronald Sullivan. He had been pushed out of his secondary job as head of Harvard College’s Winthrop House after he helped give Harvey Weinstein, accused of sexual assault, the legal representation every defendant is entitled to.

To me, as a progressive baby boomer, this was a violation of hard-won liberal values, a troubling example of a university monoculture nurturing liberal intolerance. *Of course* no professor should be penalized for accepting an unpopular client.

To my daughter, *of course* a house dean should not defend a notorious alleged rapist. As she saw it, any professor is welcome to represent any felon, but not while caring for undergraduates: How can a house leader support students traumatized by sexual assault when he is also defending someone accused of rape?

Our football face-off reflects a broader generation gap in America. Progressives of my era often revere the adage misattributed to Voltaire: “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” For young progressives, the priority is more about standing up to perceived racism, misogyny, Islamophobia and bigotry.

The rise of President Trump has amplified this generational clash and raised the fundamental question of how to live liberal values in an illiberal age.

It’s a difficult balance, requiring intellectual humility. Don’t tell my daughter, but she has a point: The well-being of sexual assault victims is clearly a value to embrace, even as we weigh it against the right of a law professor to take on a despised client.

Yet while I admire campus activism for its commitment to social justice, I also worry that it sometimes becomes infused with a prickly

intolerance, embracing every kind of diversity except one: ideological diversity. Too often, we liberals embrace people who don’t look like us, but only if they think like us.

George Yancey, a black evangelical who is a sociology professor, once told me: “Outside of academia I faced more problems as a black. But inside academia I face more problems as a Christian, and it is not even close.”

For those of us who believe that liberalism should model inclusivity and tolerance, even in intolerant times, even to the exclusive and the intolerant, it was disappointing to see Cambridge University this year rescind a fellowship for Jordan Peterson, the Canadian best-selling author who says he will not use people’s preferred pronouns. Debate him — that’s how to win the argument — rather than trying to squelch him.

Liberals sometimes howl when this newspaper brings in a conservative columnist or publishes a sharply conservative Op-Ed. We progressives should have the intellectual curiosity to grapple with disagreeable views.

This column will appall many of my regular readers, and I recognize that all of this is easy for me to say as a straight white man. But the road to progress comes from winning the public debate — and if you want to win an argument, you have to allow the argument.

I fear that Trump has made it easy for liberal activists to demonize conservatives and evangelicals. People are complicated at every end of the spectrum, and it’s as wrong to stereotype conservatives or evangelicals as it is to stereotype someone on the basis of race, immigration status or sex.

Campus activists at their best are the nation’s conscience. But sometimes their passion, particularly in a liberal cocoon, becomes blinding.

That’s what happened at Oberlin College, long a center of activism, where students once protested the dining hall for cultural appropriation for offering poor sushi. Now Oberlin is in the news again because of a

development in an episode that began the day after Trump was elected.

A black student shoplifted wine from a store called Gibson’s Bakery, and a white store clerk ran after him and attempted to grab him. The police report shows that when officers arrived, the clerk was on the ground getting punched and kicked by several students.

Seeing this incident through the lens of racial oppression, students denounced Gibson’s and distributed fliers claiming, “This is a RACIST establishment.” A university dean attended the protest, and the university responded to student fervor by suspending purchases from the bakery.

I understand that militancy emerges from deep frustration at inequities. But it turned out that the operative narrative here was not oppression but simply shoplifting. The student who stole the wine pleaded guilty to theft and acknowledged that there was no racial profiling involved.

Gibson’s this month won \$44 million in actual and punitive damages from Oberlin, apparently reflecting the jury’s exasperation with the university for enabling a student mob.

At a time when there is so much actual injustice around us — third-rate schools, mass incarceration, immigrants dehumanized — it’s bizarre to see student activists inflamed by sushi or valorizing a shoplifter. This is kneejerk liberalism that backfires and damages its own cause.

As a liberal, I mostly write about conservative blind spots. But on the left as well as the right, we can get so caught up in our narratives that we lose perspective; nobody has a monopoly on truth. If Trump turns progressives into intolerant agents of incivility, then we have lost our souls.

As we head toward elections with monumental consequences, polarization will increase and mutual fear will surge. The challenge will be to stand up for our values — without betraying them.

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## PIH Acquires Pioneer Medical Group

PIH bought my doctor that I’ve had for over 30 years just a few months ago. It’s been terrible service ever since. When I called the other day to try to get an appointment they said it would take almost two months to get an appointment. They change the phone number and didn’t tell their patients. My prescriptions got delayed because they wouldn’t call my pharmacy back for Re verification. They also wouldn’t let me leave a message for my doctor.

I don’t usually complain but I am so disappointed in them. I even have PPO insurance. Since PIH has taken control of most Downey doctors it’s become a badly run nightmare. I feel bad for all our seniors that have depended on them for so many years. Health care is getting bad in our city. I’m disappointed in PIH or whoever is running their business model.

**Mario A. Guerra**

Loved Pioneer Medical Group. You never had to wait more than 5 minutes to make an appointment.

Now since the change is happening, I waited an hour and a half to make an appointment.

**Christina Lolong**

## New Medians on Paramount Blvd.

I think they’re great. They add trees to our streets. Firestone Blvd, Lakewood Blvd and Imperial Highway have never looked as nice as they do now. Who wants to live in a concrete jungle? Trees add value and help to cool down the city. In 15 years there would be an uproar if the trees were taken down.

That said, concerns about accessibility and emergency vehicles are valid. We’ve seen mistakes in the planning of these before, ie. Lakewood and Columbia way, that have had to be redone. With good planning though these medians beautify the city and make traffic flow in a more predictable way, helping cut down on traffic accidents.

**George Manzanilla**

The last thing Downey needed was another street where you cannot get in and out of the businesses easily. I agree the money would have been better spent on asphalt repairs.

**Carol Berkeley**

I’m dreading the first day of school. I hope they thought about leaving an opening to make a left turn into the school gate, if not the back up is going to be ridiculous. That would mean people would have to make a u turn at DePalma. It’s going to be as long as the tardy line.

**Sandy Hernandez**

It’s definitely not a good idea. People are walking through the streets still, almost getting hit by people trying to turn left or make u-turns. You can’t make left turns anywhere. And it’s supposed to last until after school starts...let me see the city council and others out there directing traffic in that nightmare.

**Alicia Edquist**

If the powers that be are reading this, please start by fixing Tweedy Lane. You can lose a car or a couple of kids in the potholes on that street.

**Yolanda Anderson**

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## Paramount Blvd. medians

Dear Editor:

I am dumbstruck that our city planners decided that a center divider requiring plants, water and maintenance on Paramount Boulevard takes precedence over our poorly maintained streets in Downey.

It is like going to an empty refrigerator and deciding that a Brazilian blowout, costing several hundred dollars, is more important than food.

Also, what department determines which streets are to be repaired? My street has not been slurry sealed in over 20 years. Third Street is terrible, and Old River School Road, between Firestone and Imperial, is horrible.

Come on guys! Serviceability overrides beauty every time.

**Donna Travis Downey**

Dear Editor:

It’s absolutely amazing to me that the City Council totally ignores what residents have to say, even when the city asked for their input.

I went to the meeting concerning the islands down the center of Paramount Boulevard about two years ago and so did a lot of my neighbors. We strongly expressed to the council that this was a terrible idea, the traffic was bad enough and these islands would only make things worse.

These islands will be cutting off some streets and forcing residents to go out of their way to get through town. The smaller side streets off Paramount can’t handle the amount of traffic that will be forced on to them as a result of people trying to get around.

The City Council did not listen and apparently they just don’t care. This was a terrible idea when they asked for our input and it’s still a terrible idea; it’s only going to cause 10 times more traffic on Paramount.

**Chris Rothman Downey**

## SPEED BUMP



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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Greg Welch 323-816-4532.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806 3102.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Nezhualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.  
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.  
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

## On This Day...

- July 4, 1776:** The amended Declaration of Independence, prepared by Thomas Jefferson, was approved and signed by John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress in America.
- 1802:** The U.S. Military Academy officially opened at West Point, NY.
- 1848:** In Washington, DC, the cornerstone for the Washington Monument was laid.
- 1934:** At Mount Rushmore, George Washington's face was dedicated.
- 1960:** The 50-star U.S. flag made its debut in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1976:** The U.S. celebrated its Bicentennial.

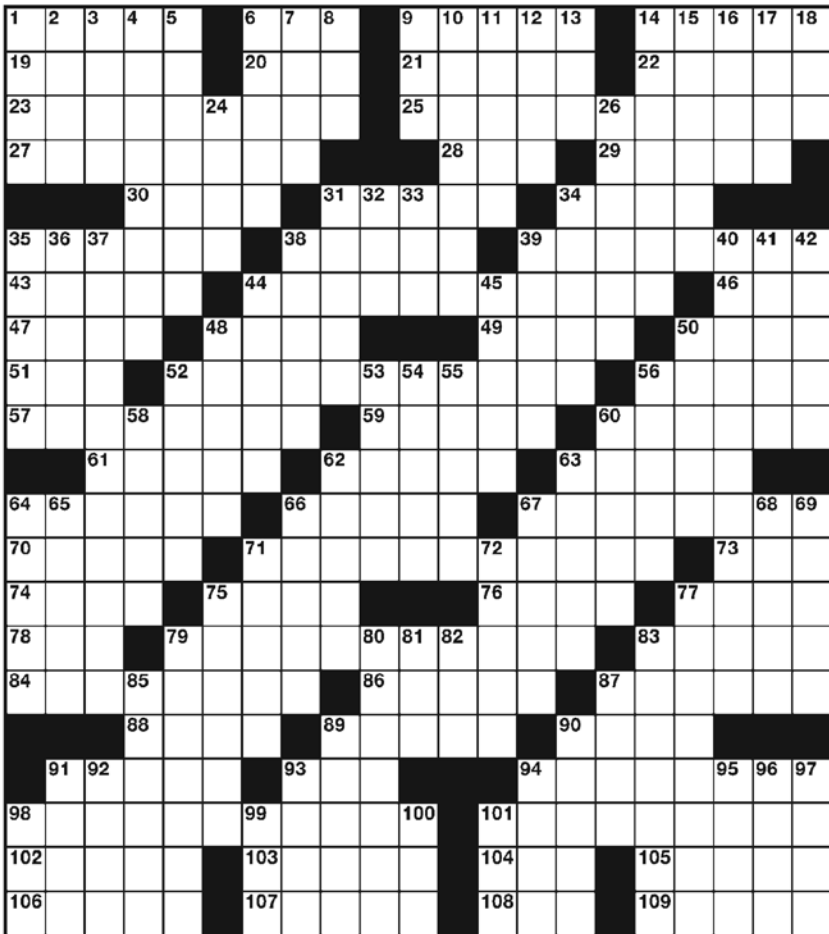
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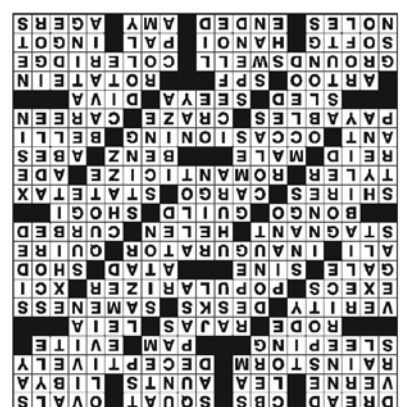
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## Meals on Wheels seeking clients

**DOWNEY** – Downey Meals on Wheels is searching for local residents who need help with meal delivery.

Downey Meals on Wheels is hosted by Downey First Christian Church and provides home-delivered meals to those unable to prepare or obtain nutritious food.

Clients include the disabled, older population, and chronically or temporarily ill.

Cost is \$8 per day for regular or renal diets. The initial minimum service is for two weeks (10 days), which is non-refundable. You may cancel at any time after that and receive a refund if there is a credit balance.

Volunteers deliver the meals, and the program is funded by donations.

To obtain the service, or for more information, call (562) 622-5636 or email [carrie@downeymealsonwheels.org](mailto:carrie@downeymealsonwheels.org).

## Identity theft is topic of Business Watch meeting

**DOWNEY** – A Business Watch meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 11, at 9 a.m. will focus on identity theft fraud.

The meeting is free and will take place inside the council chambers at City Hall.

The Business Watch program was developed as a tool for local businesses who seek information on reducing the chances of becoming a victim of crime.

Business owners also become familiar with resources available from the Downey Police Department.

“The goal of Downey’s Business Watch program is to engage our local business community and educate them on the various issues that could potentially affect them,” said Mayor Rick Rodriguez. “These seminars provide business owners with valuable information, which they can take back to their employees and essentially reduce their risk of becoming a victim of crime.”

Business Watch is a partnership between the city of Downey, Downey Police Department and Downey Chamber of Commerce.

RSVP for the July 11 meeting by emailing [businesswatch@downeyca.org](mailto:businesswatch@downeyca.org).

## Downey debuts on-demand interpreting service

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey has announced the launch of a new on-demand interpreting service to help residents with limited English proficiency, or those with hearing and speech disabilities, better communicate with city workers.

The service is provided by Language Line Insight via a tablet-based video feed. The service is available at city facilities and with safety personnel in the field.

“This video remote interpreting technology is a valuable tool that will allow staff to converse with all members of the public and increase public engagement,” said Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco called the service “an entirely new and effective way for our staff to communicate with residents.”

“It is especially important during emergency situations where writing on paper or trying to locate an interpreter can take time away from serving the public’s needs,” Pacheco added.

For questions or more information, call the city’s ADA coordinator at (562) 299-6619 or email [ADAcordinator@downeyca.org](mailto:ADAcordinator@downeyca.org).

## Free yogurt this Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Yogurtland is giving away free ice cream this Saturday, July 6, compliments of Southland Credit Union.

Five Yogurtland locations are participating in the giveaway, including the Downey Gateway location.

Stores open at 11 a.m. and the free yogurt is available while supplies last.

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## Rental prices in Downey stay flat as market shifts

**DOWNEY** – Downey rents have remained flat over the past month, however, they have increased marginally by 0.8% year-over-year, according to statistics released Tuesday by ApartmentList.com.

Currently, median rents in Downey stand at \$1,570 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$2,020 for a two-bedroom.

Downey’s year-over-year rent growth lags the state average of 1.2%, as well as the national average of 1.6%.

Throughout 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 ApartmentList.com has data for in the Los Angeles metro, nine of them have seen prices rise. Here’s a look at how rents compare across some of the largest cities in the metro.

Santa Clarita has seen the fastest rent growth in the metro, with a year-over-year increase of 4.3%. The median two-bedroom there costs \$2,680, while one-bedrooms go for \$2,080.

Lancaster has the least expensive rents in the Los Angeles metro, with a two-bedroom median of \$1,620; rents increased 0.5% over the past month and 1.3% 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 \$2,730.

Over the past year, Garden Grove is the only city in the metro that has seen rents fall, with a decline of 0.2%. Median two-bedrooms there cost \$2,090, while one-bedrooms go for \$1,620.

Downey’s median two-bedroom rent of \$2,020 is above the national average of \$1,190. Renters will generally find more expensive prices in Downey than most large cities. For example, Houston has a median 2BR rent of \$1,030, where Downey is nearly twice that price.

## Downey earns national award for performance management

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey has earned a national recognition for its data-driven management and reporting efforts.

Downey was awarded by the Certificate of Achievement in Performance Management from the International City/County Management Association.

Certificates are based on established criteria and are awarded at three levels: Achievement, Distinction and, the highest level, Excellence.

Downey is among 17 jurisdictions nationally receiving the Certificate of Achievement, and one of 63 recognized overall.

Recipients at all levels collect and verify data to ensure reliability, train staff in performance measurement, and report data to the public through budgets, newsletters, and/or information provided to elected officials.

“We are excited to receive this award as it recognizes Downey’s commitment to data-driven decisions, transparency, and community engagement in an effort to continuously improve our organization,” said Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

“Our city strives for informed decision-making based on valid and reliable data,” added Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco. “That is why performance management is essential in ensuring we deliver the services our residents need the most.”

## National Night Out returns Aug. 6

**DOWNEY** – Downey will host its seventh annual National Night Out celebration Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the civic center.

National Night Out is celebrated across the United States and is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local crime prevention programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and build police/community partnerships.

Downey’s event will feature crime prevention education and community resources, along with free food, drinks, children’s activities, community information booths, and more.

For questions or more information, contact Jenny Aguirre at (562) 904-2374 or [jaguirre@downeyca.org](mailto:jaguirre@downeyca.org).

## Man jumps from freeway in apparent suicide

**NORWALK** – Authorities are investigating a dead body found on the 105 Freeway in Norwalk as a possible suicide.

On June 27 at around 9:13 a.m., the California Highway Patrol received a report of a possibly suicidal man on the eastbound 105 Freeway transition to the northbound 605.

The caller reported a Hispanic male adult on the shoulder of the freeway transition road, leaning precariously over the wall. There were no parked vehicles nearby on the freeway within sight of the pedestrian.

At approximately the same time as the 911 call, another driver was exiting the Hoxie Avenue off-ramp from the eastbound 105 when she saw a large object fall from the overpass above, landing directly in front of her vehicle. She stopped immediately to avoid a collision with the object.

After stopping, the driver recognized the object as the body of an adult man.

CHP officers and L.A. County firefighters responded but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The man was not carrying identification but he was described as being 25-30 years old, 5 ft. 9 inches tall, with a thin build.

## Crash on 605 Freeway kills Cerritos resident

**NORWALK** – A 52-year-old Cerritos resident died early Tuesday morning in a traffic collision on the 605 Freeway in Norwalk.

The collision occurred at around 3 a.m. on the southbound 605, south of Alondra Boulevard.

According to investigators, the victim was driving a 2010 Kia Soul in the No. 5 lane when traffic began to slow for freeway construction.

The driver of the Kia, however, didn’t slow down and rear-ended a Toyota Camry. This caused the Toyota Camry to collide with the rear-end of a tractor trailer.

The driver of the Kia, who was not wearing a seat belt, died at the scene. His identity was not released pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the Toyota, a 68-year-old La Puente resident, suffered serious injuries and was transported to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. The driver of the tractor trailer, a 57-year-old La Puente resident, was not injured.

Alcohol or drugs are not suspected to have played a factor in the crash.

The 605 Freeway re-opened at 7:28 a.m.

## Norwalk hosting rabies clinic Thursday

**NORWALK** – The city of Norwalk, in partnership with VetCare Pet Clinic, is hosting a low-cost rabies clinic next Thursday, July 11, from 4-7 p.m. outside City Hall.

Rabies vaccinations will be \$8. Other services will also be offered, including physical exams, microchipping, nail trimming, prescription flea control, and diagnostic testing.

Pet licensing will take place as well. Pet owners should bring their renewal notices. Only cash or checks will be accepted for license fees.

For a complete list of veterinary services and pricing, visit [vetcarepetclinic.com](http://vetcarepetclinic.com).

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

## Planning Commission cancels meeting

**DOWNEY** – Wednesday’s scheduled meeting of the Downey Planning Commission was canceled. No reason was given for the cancellation.

The commission is next scheduled to meet July 17 inside the council chambers at City Hall.

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# The Devil Made Me Do It

## Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

While working for the Liquor Buyer-Merchandiser at Arden-Mayfair, we cultivated a very close working relationship. His wife and I talked often on the phone, and we always made sure we were seated at the same table at the company functions.

When they were moving from their lovely home in Arcadia to an even lovelier home in Newport

Beach, they asked if I could use the bar stools they had as they were planning to buy all new furniture for their new home.

We had just finished the bar in the den of our home and did not have any bar stools as yet. Of course, I was pleased they asked and was most eager to accept them. So, they had the bar stools delivered to our home; they were in excellent condition. They were put in the garage for safekeeping until the weekend when I could give them the needed attention which was very minor dusting and surface wiping.

When the weekend rolled

around and it was time to clean the bar stools, I was in a state of shock to see that the seats of the stools had been slashed and the filler was exposed. I was shocked even further to learn that my middle child, Mark, and his friend, our next door neighbor, were the culprits.

I just could not believe it! I nearly refused to believe it! Mark was my "little mechanic"; he was very quiet and reserved, causing very few problems.

When questioning him about the incident, he said, "The devil made me do it." Well, I'm just as certain that it was the devil who made me paddle his behind. It's cute and funny now in retrospect,

but it was far from funny back then.

It turns out that the catchphrase is attributed to Flip Wilson and his "Geraldine" days. We watched that show faithfully because he was just so cute and so darned funny. He had us bursting at the seams with laughter.

This middle child graduated from high school, enrolled in junior college, and received his AA degree. He then enrolled in university in 1983, majoring in engineering. Midway through college he took time off to join the California Army National Guard to supplement his income with the Montgomery G.I. Bill. He graduated from Fort Sam Houston and was second in his class of 104 students and scored 978.3 course points out of a possible 1,000 as a 92B, Medical Lab Specialist.

He returned to university

after basic training and advanced individual training to continue his college education. Later, while in the National Guard, he attended OCS, graduated, and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

He became interested in Biological Sciences and his major changed to Microbiology with a Medical Technology minor, and he earned his B.S. Degree in 1989 and a letter from California State University, Office of the Chancellor, addressed to: CSU Honor Student.

He was offered multiple jobs and accepted a position for a large brewing company in Southern California. He worked as an individual contributor, supervisor, and manager for eighteen years before moving on to two large wine/spirit companies and eventually back into the beer business with a top ten craft brewer in California.

He has been married for twenty-four years to the sweetheart he met in the California Army National Guard, and he is in good health. They have a son who graduated from a top technical school and is a BMW auto technician. Their daughter moved to Eugene, Oregon to experience life and venture out on her own, and works for one of the largest and most successful companies in the world today.

And now, over the many years since the bar stool incident, this middle child and I have teased back and forth about this catchphrase. Each time we commit a blooper or a "no-no," our excuse is always, "The devil made me do it."

**Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.**

### In Memory of

## Richard Collier

March 2, 1962 - June 13, 2019



Richard Lee Collier was born in Huntington Park, California to parents Mitchell Lee Collier and Betty Doyel Collier. Rick grew up and lived all of his youth in Downey, California, where he participated in football, basketball, and baseball with the Downey Junior Athletic Association, and also enjoyed camping and other activities as a member of the Y.M.C.A. Indian Guides organization. Rick spent the entirety of his school years in the Downey Unified School District, where he graduated from Warren High School in 1980.

Rick got his start in the full time working world as a warehouse clerk. After moving to Arizona Rick held many different occupations, including retail clerk, water well roughneck, construction, and carpenter. He also spent time as a ranch hand, doing everything from caring for alpacas to riding herd on cattle drives. Rick dabbled as a welding hobbyist, using scrap iron to create ornamental pieces that he gave to his family and friends. In recent years, Rick enjoyed daily games of chess, horseshoes, dominoes, and cards with a regular group of his friends.

Rick is survived by his father Mitchell Collier of Downey California, sister Kellie Collier of Pleasanton California, niece Lyndsey Collier of Pleasanton California, as well as many aunts and cousins. Rick was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Collier. Rick will return home to his final resting place to enjoy the waves along the California coast, where he loved to surf and camp as a young man.

# My Memoirs Class

## Short Stories

By Vickie Williams Contributor

When I enrolled in the Norwalk seniors' memoirs class in September 2015, after retiring from my job of 38 years, I did not know what to expect.

I was seeking to learn, grow, and stay actively engaged with writing. I discovered like minds challenging themselves, stretching for more out of life, and writers putting pen to paper.

Passionately thirsting to fulfill a promise I made to my mother, I landed on solid ground. Little did I know stumbling so many times before with doubt and lack of confidence was preparing me for a smooth landing among such gifted writers.

I have learned so much and gained more confidence. The class took me beyond craft, style, or form. It opened my eyes to other cultures, other worlds.

It is a journey of humans getting to know humans from across tracks, rivers, streams, from farmlands, backwoods, city streets, and foreign countries.

Only the swell in my heart can convey how appreciative I am of discovering this class. People

disclosing themselves using a pallet of emotions, with a broad range of interest and diversity, writing amazing stories, and I get first hand at listening is a dream come true.

My Thursday memoirs class at the Norwalk Senior Center is well orchestrated by Bonnie Mansell, our impressive instructor, and so rich with such gifted writers.

Everyone is talented. I feel like I am listening to an orchestra of fine-tuned instruments each telling its own story, engaging all of the senses.

Some are historical, others lyrical, imaginative, poetic, funny, brilliantly crafted, written by seniors who have not retired from living. I'm so lucky to tune up my instrument among them.

I am equally as grateful they appreciate me as much as I appreciate them. I surely hope they know how much.

When a classmate reached out to me trusting that I could assist her, entrusting me with such an honor, I could not refuse.

She presented me with a well-written story and asked me to review it, edit it if necessary. It was for a genius of a student applying to medical school.

I only added a few highlights to a well-painted narrative. It was a confirmation, a reminder of my

purpose, a blessing to me that she turned my way.

The universe spoke to me through her, reminding me my gift is to serve others. It is to bear goodwill. She let me know how sincerely my words resonate with her, the spirit in them, the humanity, and the power in them. It was a blessing.

I thanked her for approaching me and asking for my assistance. I only hope it served her well.

Our memoirs class is such a treasure on so many levels. I am committed to writing more. It expresses what Bonnie and her class participants are all about, a journey and not a destination.

It is learning beyond textbooks, beyond dotting i's and crossing t's. It is about engaging in dialogue, investing in story, writing with all of the senses, creating real narratives out of the pages of life, preserving legacy, and writing for fun and free.

Many stories capture times forgotten that need to be remembered seasoned with life from first hand experiences, stories that are close up and personal filled with joy and pain, beauty and tragedies.

We laugh, we cry, we value and appreciate. We pat each other on the back and encourage.

Our class is well rounded. It is ageless though we are all seniors. Our talent is a testament to that. It stretches across borders.

Diversity is without question. We take risk, dare to speak our

truth, self disclose, and act out our dreams.

We use imagination, bare our souls, and get naked on paper. We stretch across oceans. We are students of life: writers, poets, authors with no time constraints on learning.

We keep reaching for more, sharing, discovering, evolving, creating awed by stories reflecting our circles, the worlds we traveled, and human experiences.

Our class is a microcosm of endless possibilities, a paradigm of a benevolent humanity, a beloved community.

I am living out my dreams. I've arrived in a new space, so deeply enriched, so encouraged and rewarded.

I feel like I've discovered new wings. I'm soaring. I am taking flight fueled with such compliments I receive from my classmates. I just want to remain humble, inhaling and exhaling, finding my way through blank pages writing my stories.

I am going forward with indelible memories of us etched in my marrow, as I keep rising. Today I pause to write, to give thanks to my classmates for the many gifts they have given me.

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## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

**Princess Carnival**, 2-4 pm. Princess meet and greet, paint with a princess, pop-up vendors, and more. \$5-\$20. Belle's Enchantment Princess Parties, 12830 Paramount Blvd.

### MONDAY, JULY 8

**Kids Imagine Nation**, 3:45 pm. A free children's music show courtesy of the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The 1st Marine Division Band plays its annual patriotic program. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

**Identity Theft Seminar**, 9 am. Downey police officers will give a 1-hour seminar on identity theft fraud. Free and open to members of the Downey business community. City Council chambers, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

**Pageant of the Masters**, 6:15 pm. A group excursion to the Pageant of the Masters festival in Laguna Beach. \$42 for Downey residents, \$46 non-resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

**"An Evening of Spiritual Messages,"** 7 pm. Psychic medium A.J. Barrera helps audience members connect spiritually with lost loved ones. This event may be filmed. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

**Frida-bracion**, 12-5 pm. A celebration of Frida Kahlo with Latin vendors, food sales, hourly raffles, free photo booth, and a concha eating contest. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

### MONDAY, JULY 15

**Kids Imagine Nation**, 4 pm. A combination of hilarious tricks and stand-up comedy by Michael Rayner. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

**Law & Resource Day**, 1 pm. Speak to a lawyer about your personal injury legal questions. Plus live music and lunch. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The Wiseguys play their style of big band music in this special performance with the mayor. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

**Real Estate Career Night**, 6 pm. An informational seminar for people considering a career in real estate. Keller Williams, 8255 Firestone Blvd., st. 100

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

**Apollo 11 50th Anniversary**, 10 am. Join NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory as they provide Apollo themed programming throughout the day and enjoy several break-out dramatic performances sprinkled around the CMSC portraying life in Apollo Program. Watch "live" as Neil Armstrong takes his first "giant leap". Stick around at night for a special screening of "Apollo 11" outside the Space Center. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

### MONDAY, JULY 22

**Anthony the Magician**, 4 pm. A bilingual magic and illusion show focused on interactive stories. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Clothing & Textile Drive**, 12-1 pm. Help raise money for Downey High's girls volleyball team by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes, purses, belts, towels, and stuffed animals. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, JULY 27

**Oxnard Salsa Festival**, 12:15 pm. A group excursion to the Salsa Festival, featuring salsa music, spicy foods, homemade salsa, and more. Trip includes five salsa tastings and access to reserved seating area. \$40 for Downey residents, \$44 for non-resident. Bus departs from Barbara J. Riley Center.

### MONDAY, JULY 29

**Girls on Fire Workshop**, 8:30 am. The first day of a 3-day workshop for girls in grades 6-12, addressing the unique set of challenges facing young girls through interactive presentations, physical fitness

activities, and team-building sessions. Register at [downeyca.org](http://downeyca.org). Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 3

**Music and a Movie**, 5 pm. The band Tease will perform everything from Top 40 and R&B to old school and 80s. At dusk will be a screening of the film "Sing." Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 6

**National Night Out**, 5:30-8:30 pm. A nationwide event where the community comes together to learn about crime prevention. Community information booths, food, and children's activities. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 10

**Fitness Fair**, 8 am to 12 pm. A community event to encourage healthy lifestyles, with 15-plus challenges to test your fitness, yoga sessions, dance party, food, vendors, raffles, and DJ music. Hosted by TLF Fitness Center. Warren High School football field, 8141 De Palma St.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 17

**Rocket Fever**, 10 am. L.A.'s first and only urban rocket festival returns. Build and fly your own rocket (\$5 for this class). Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

### MONDAY, AUG. 26

**Optimist Club Golf Tournament**, 10 am. The largest annual fundraising event for the Cerritos Optimist Club. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

**Senior Follies Show**, 1 pm and 5 pm. Now in its 16th year, the Senior Follies is a talent show for local senior citizens. (For details on how to participate, call (562) 904-7223). Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 9

**Surviving the Holidays**, 7 pm. No matter how long it's been since your

loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Learn how to cope and prepare. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

**Alpha Omega Con**, 10 am to 6 pm. A Christian comic book, art and pop culture convention. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

**Miss Downey Pageant**, 5 pm. Young women compete to become Downey royalty. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

**Emergency Preparedness Fair**, 10 am to 2 pm. Learn hands-only CPR, put out small fires, and learn how to properly prepare for an emergency. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**State of the City**, 12 pm. Mayor Rick Rodriguez delivers Downey's annual State of the City address. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 10

**Havana Nights**, 6-9:30 pm. La Charanga performs at this rooftop concert. Food vendors, arts and crafts for kids, artist exhibits, and festival seating (bring your own chair). Downtown Parking Structure, 2nd St. and New St.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 19

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 8 pm. Titled "Passport to Passion," this concert features a solo by violinist Strauss Shi. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 1

**Christmas Parade**, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade, put on by

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## CONCERTS IN THE PARK



After a brief hiatus for the Independence Day holiday, Downey's concerts in the park return Wednesday, July 10, with a patriotic performance by the 1st Marine Division Band.

The free concert begins at 7 p.m. at Furman Park.

Based out of Camp Pendleton, the 1st Marine Division Band is comprised of 50-plus active duty Marines. Their primary mission is to provide musical support for military parades and ceremonies. The band also serves in combat missions as a security platoon.

Food and drink will be available for purchase at the concert.

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# Bears cross-country team fundraising for New York competition

By Mark Fetter  
Sportswriter

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School girls' cross country team has been busy training this summer.

The girls can be seen running Downey streets early in the morning on their way to Rio San Gabriel or Furman parks. The girls are currently building their mileage, starting slow and being patient. The girls were on the track Wednesday and will run hills tomorrow.

The girls are planning to attend the Manhattan Cross Country Invitational this year in New York. The four-night/five-day trip will take place October 10-14. Coach Waldron and his staff look forward to presenting opportunities for Warren's student-athletes to culturally rich travel/competition destinations.

In recent years, the Lady Bears have ventured to San

Francisco to compete in the Stanford Invitational, Washington, D.C. to compete in the Bull Run Invitational, Seattle, Washington to compete in the Nike Hole in the Wall Invitational and Houston, Texas to compete in the Woodlands Invitational.

It is the goal of the Warren High School girls' cross country program to offer unique learning opportunities through athletic participation. Warren girls' cross country carries approximately 80 girls in their program. The Bear family is alive and well and looking forward to another successful, championship season.

Should anyone want to support the Lady Bears in their quest to go to New York this season, please visit the Warren High School fundraising page at <https://verticalraise.com/fundraiser/warren-girls-cross-country-fundraiser-2/>.

**WARREN WRESTLING:** The Warren High School wrestling program has been busy on the mat this summer and several Bear wrestlers are looking to have strong seasons.

Andrew Lopez will be a sophomore returner. He placed 3rd at Cadet Greco State and 8th at Junior Freestyle State. Lopez was also a Fargo National qualifier.

Junior Jafet Herrera will be moving up to varsity at 113 pounds along with senior Manuel Pineda. The two wrestlers will fill in the 113 and 120-pound weight classes. Senior Erick Hernandez will also be returning at 132 pounds. Hernandez has been working hard in workouts and will help lead the Bears this season.

Sophomore Isaiah Cortez will also be stepping up and filling a varsity spot at 138 pounds. Junior Troy Garza will be the returning varsity 170-pounder. Garza is a returning C.I.F. placer. Senior Caleb McIntyre will also be a leader for the Bears this season. McIntyre was one round away from placing at C.I.F. last season.

Coach Brogden and his assistant coaches Ryan Medina and Ruben Gutierrez are upbeat about the upcoming season and like the progress they see in their wrestlers. The Bears will continue to work hard and look to compete for a San Gabriel Valley League title this winter.

**DOWNEY:** Downey High School has been busy this summer preparing for the fall 2019 sports seasons.

Football players can be heard in the weight room and seen in the afternoons on the football field. Girls' volleyball has been busy in the gymnasium practicing and holding camps early in the morning. Girls' basketball has also been busy inside the gym and the boys' basketball team just wrapped up their summer camp June 27 but are still busy in summer league play.

Boys' tennis is busy on

Downey Ponytail's 10u Gold All-Star team went undefeated in this year's 2019 L.A./South Bay District USA Softball Tournament, beating out 12 other teams to become district champions.



Downey Ponytail's 14u All-Star team took the third place bronze medal in the 2019 L.A./South Bay District USA Softball Tournament.



Tuesdays and Thursdays in the afternoons until July 25 and the cheer program has been busy from 12-3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The wrestling and weight rooms have been busy with beginning and more experienced wrestlers from 1:30-7:15 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

The boys' water polo team has been practicing early in the morning from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. at the Downey Aquatics Center, cross country runners can be seen running around the east side of campus at 7:30 a.m., the boys' soccer team can be seen busy on the soccer field in the mornings from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the girls' lacrosse program has been busy practicing right after the boys' soccer team from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The girls' dance and girls' soccer programs will begin their camps next week and will be busy until the start of the fall school year. Downey High School is and will continue to be a busy place this summer as

many teams are putting in the time and effort to compete for a league championship in each of their respective sports.

**WORLD CUP:** The USA Women's National soccer team is heading to the World Cup Final tomorrow, July 6, to play the winner of the Netherlands/Sweden game (results unavailable at press time). The U.S. women have simply been dominant in the 2019 tournament thus far.

The United States opened the tournament with a 13-0 rout of Thailand in their first game on June 10. The ladies followed that up with 3-0 win against Chile on June 16 and completed the group stage portion of the tournament with a 2-0 win against Sweden on June 20.

The Americans outscored their opponents 18-0 in group stage play.

The U.S. team advanced to the round of 16 as the top seed

in Group F. The Americans finished 3-0, had a goal differential of +18 and had a perfect nine points.

Sweden also advanced from Group F play with a record of 2-1, a goal differential of +4 and six points. Sweden is still alive, as of Wednesday, and could get a rematch against the United States if they defeated the Netherlands Wednesday.

The Americans defeated Spain, 2-1, on June 24 in the round of 16 to advance to the quarterfinal round. The U.S. then defeated France, 2-1, on June 28 in the quarterfinal round to advance to the semifinal round.

The Americans then defeated England, 2-1, on Tuesday to advance to the World Cup Final this Saturday.

The U.S. team is looking to finish the tournament with a perfect record of 7-0 and hoist the Women's World Cup Trophy above their heads.

## POETRY MATTERS

### A New National Anthem

The truth is, I've never cared for the National Anthem. If you think about it, it's not a good song. Too high for most of us with "the rockets red glare" and then there are the bombs. (Always, always, there is war and bombs.) Once, I sang it at homecoming and threw even the tenacious high school band off key. But the song didn't mean anything, just a call to the field, something to get through before the pummeling of youth. And what of the stanzas we never sing, the third that mentions "no refuge could save the hireling and the slave"? Perhaps, the truth is, every song of this country has an unsung third stanza, something brutal snaking underneath us as we blindly sing the high notes...

- Ada Limón, *The Carrying*, 2018, Milkweed Editions

Limón, whose book *The Carrying* won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry, doesn't have answers, only questions. "My biggest concern is to get at our ordinary truths, our daily truth, the things that connect us all," she has said. "We're all in this together." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHARLES ESTRADA aka CHARLES MENDOZA ESTRADA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Richard Ayala in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Richard Ayala be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 23, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner: CHERYL MANSELL ESG SBN 143827 MANSELL & MANSELL APC 1645 NORTH VINE ST STE 306 LOS ANGELES CA 90028 CN961516 ESTRADA Jun 27, Jul 4, 11, 2019**

trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/8/1988, as Instrument No. 88-310318, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: PAUL YAGER AND BRENDA YAGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SEL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.

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# My home appraisal came in low. Now what?

Are you worried about receiving a low appraisal, or has your appraisal already been completed at a value less than you expected?

In seller's markets, multiple offer situations often drive up the purchase price higher than any comparable sales in the area; which is why in those instances many sellers worry the appraisals will come in low.

In buyer's markets, when prices are soft or falling, sellers are also concerned that the appraisal will be a low appraisal. Low appraisals can happen in any marketplace, though: hot, cold or neutral.

## Why Do Low Appraisals Happen?

The National Association of Realtors reports in its monthly REALTOR Confidence Index Survey for sales between November 2016 and January 2017, 22% of the respondents faced appraisal issues. In NAR's Survey of Mortgage Originators, 55% of the respondents for that time period reported appraisal issues.

There are a number of reasons why homes do not appraise at the sales price and appraisals come in low. Here are a few:

Artificially inflated prices resulting from multiple offers.

Declining market values due to fewer buyers shopping among a larger inventory of homes.

Fallout from an abundance of foreclosure or short sales in the neighborhood, especially when no other comparable sales exist.

Incorrect evaluation by the underwriter.

Overpricing by the seller.

Inexperienced appraiser who doesn't understand local influences on value. This is rare, however, thanks to internal review processes and rules created under the Home Valuation Code of Conduct (HVCC).

Rising market values due to limited inventory and few comps.

Appraiser overlooked pending sale data, which could reflect higher comparable sales when closed, or the appraiser selected comparable sales from the wrong neighborhoods.

Buyer receives cash back from the seller, causing lender to believe the price has been inflated.

## Solutions for Low Appraisals

Don't panic if the appraisal comes in low. It's tough to remain calm when it appears the pending sale will fall apart, but both parties have options:

**Buyer can make up the difference in cash.** The lender cares about the appraisal only to the extent it affects the loan-to-value ratio. A low appraisal does not mean the lender won't lend. It means the lender will make a loan based on the ratio agreed to in the contract at the appraised value. Sometimes the buyer's lender will not allow the buyer to give cash for the difference and, in that event, have the buyer pay instead some of the seller's closing costs.

**The seller can lower the price.** If the home was overpriced or the value was inflated, often this is the best solution. It makes the buyer happy and the lender is satisfied. There is no guarantee that if the buyer walks away, the seller

won't receive a low appraisal from the second buyer's lender, not to mention the time and trouble it takes to sell the property again. Sometimes a bird in the hand is best.

**The seller can offer to carry a second mortgage for the difference.** If the buyer really wants the home but cannot come up with the difference in cash, making payments or a lump sum payment at a later date to the seller is an option. After the escrow closes, sellers often retain the right to discount the second mortgage, sell it for less than face value to an investor.

**Dispute or order a second appraisal.** If you're a seller, request a copy of the report from the buyer. Contact the lender and ask about their dispute practices. Only the lender can insist upon a second appraisal, and typically only the buyer can make a request for another, which may not be honored. If you're a seller, you can offer to split the cost of the second appraisal. Sometimes the second appraisal will come in higher than the first, especially if the first appraiser has made mistakes.

Ask the agents involved to put together a list of recent comparable sales that justify the agreed-to sales price. Submit that list to the underwriter and ask for a review of the appraisal. Try to use comps closer to the subject property than the comps used by the appraiser.

Also, ask the agents to call the listing agents of pending sales to try to find out the actual sales price of those properties. Listing agents do not have to disclose the sales price, but many are happy to help out because they could find themselves in the same situation. You can always

ask if the agent thinks your price will appraise if the agent refuses to divulge the pending price.

**Compromise on the value.** Sometimes sellers will back off a little bit on the buyer paying the entire difference and will settle somewhere between a full cash contribution and completely lowering the price. Regarding a difference of say, \$10,000, a seller might agree to accept \$5,000 in cash and lower the price by \$5,000.

**Ask the seller to pay for an independent appraisal.** If the buyer was putting down 20 percent, for example, the buyer could switch to a 10 percent down loan program and use that newly freed-up cash to negotiate a higher cash payment to the seller.

**Cancel the transaction.** Many purchase contracts contain a loan contingency. If the appraisal comes in low, the buyer does not qualify to buy the property at the agreed-to terms in the contract. A properly written loan contingency allows the buyer to cancel the contract and requires the seller to release the buyer's earnest money deposit.

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