

# Juvenile hall gets July 27 closure date

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall has housed incarcerated youth since 1957. L.A. County’s plans for the property are unclear.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, plagued by security issues, low morale among staff, and falling population levels, will close July 27.

The shutdown date was included in the L.A. County Probation Department’s quarterly report, which was released to the public Monday.

“I recognize the exemplary work the staff has done at Los Padrinos over the decades, and this closure is in no way a reflection on their dedication to assisting the youth in our care to become healthy, productive members of our society,” Chief Probation officer Terri McDonald wrote in the document.

“The downsizing of the juvenile detention system in Los Angeles demonstrates a commitment to keeping youth out of the criminal justice system. This closure, while understandably difficult for our employees, should be celebrated as us continuing to move in the right direction.”

A February 2019 report by the L.A. County Office of Inspector General found that detention staff at Los Padrinos feared for their safety and “consistently reported feeling outnumbered and overpowered by youth.”

In April, five Los Padrinos staff members were criminally charged for illegally using pepper spray on five teenage girls.

Shelia Mitchell, chief deputy for juvenile services, said closing Los Padrinos “will move us closer to our goal of making the remaining facilities true centers of excellence for juvenile rehabilitation, ultimately employing the L.A. Model’s trauma-informed, child-centered approach.”

Without revealing numbers, the quarterly report cited “historic lows” at juvenile facilities.

“It is neither cost effective nor a good use of public funds to operate a juvenile detention hall with low populations,” the report said.

Existing staff at Los Padrinos will be transferred to other facilities or trained for new job opportunities, officials said.

## Liquor stores pass decoy operation

**NORWALK** – Norwalk law enforcement officials conducted a decoy operation targeting local convenience stores that sell alcohol to underage customers but found no violators.

The sting was held June 18 in a joint operation by the city of Norwalk and Norwalk Sheriff’s Station.

Minors, working under the direct supervision of officers, visited six retail locations in Norwalk and attempted to purchase alcohol.

In all six attempts, the decoys were unsuccessful.

Stores that sell alcohol to minors face a minimum fine of \$250, plus 24-32 hours of community service for a first violation.

# Archuletta stresses importance of Chamber during breakfast event

The state senator touted his work with local cities, including efforts to “revitalize” Metropolitan State Hospital.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – State Sen. Bob Archuletta was in town last week to address local leaders and chamber of commerce members during a “Breakfast with the Senator” event held last Friday.

The event was held at the Clarke Estate in Santa Fe Springs, and was put together by the local chambers of commerce.

Archuletta represents the 32nd Senate District, which is composed of portions of Los Angeles County and Orange County, including Norwalk. He was elected in November of 2018.

Archuletta began his speech by highlighting a few of the projects and accomplishments that he and his staff have worked on and completed since taking office, while also promoting patience to those cities who may still be waiting for their wish-list to be attended to.

“As I go from city to city, everybody’s got a wish and I realize I can’t complete them all at once, but we’re working on it” said Archuletta. “

Archuletta also took time to recognize the mayors, city council members, and city managers in each city, asking all in attendance to rise and receive a round of applause.

“Thank you so very, very much,” said Archuletta. “It is you who are working on the front line. I get to be up in Sacramento,



Photo by Alex Dominguez

and yes, I get to do what I’m doing. It’s amazing what we’ve been doing.”

“I’ve been able to help the City of Downey. We’ve got the others working. We’ve got something going with Norwalk, because we’ve got the Metropolitan Hospital there that we’re trying to revitalize...”

Archuletta then went on to address the members of the chambers of commerce.

“You’ve got to recruit, you’ve

got to retain,” said Archuletta. “You gotta know every single business in the city, and you gotta knock on their door and get them to join the chamber because the strength of the chamber is what makes things happen.”

“You’ve gotta expand your numbers. They’re there waiting for you, because everybody wants representation.”

Archuletta closed the event with a brief question and answer segment.

# Norwalk property values increased to \$8 billion in last year

The appreciation in real estate values covers all properties, including homes, businesses and industrial.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**NORWALK** – Norwalk property values increased 5.6% from the past year, according to figures released Monday by the L.A. County assessor’s office.

The total value of Norwalk real estate reached \$8.13 billion this year, up from \$7.7 billion in 2018.

The figure counts all 23,054 parcels in Norwalk, including 21,407 single-family residential homes, 491 residential income properties, and 1,156 commercial and/or industrial parcels.

Property values in all of L.A. County reached a record \$1.6 trillion; properties increased in value a \$94.41 billion (or 6.25%), which is also a record.

New records also include total tax savings for homeowners and charitable organizations.

“The strong growth in the local real estate market for the ninth consecutive year will have a positive impact on services for L.A. County’s 10 million residents,” said Assessor Jeff



Construction of the new Burger IM restaurant in Norwalk

Photo courtesy City of Norwalk

Prang.

“From education, healthcare, and mental health services, to public safety, transportation and alleviating the homeless crisis, our schools, cities and county programs will have approximately an additional \$1 billion for vital local public services.”

Among the greatest single additions to the roll are \$1.95 billion for partially-complete construction of the Rams/Chargers stadium in Inglewood and \$200 million for the Banc of California stadium in Los Angeles.

The 6.25% overall growth

## Norwalk restaurant grades

**China Bowl Express**  
11031 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/16/19  
Grade: **A**

**Waba Grill**  
11005 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/16/19  
Grade: **A**

**Ana’s Bionicos**  
11005 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/16/19  
Grade: **A**

**Pizza Hut**  
12125 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**Office Depot**  
10710 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**RC Burger Cafe**  
10961 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**KFC**  
10905 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**Panera Bread**  
12531 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Don’s Teriyaki Grill**  
12327 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Drinking Water Store**  
12553 1/2 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Chick-fil-a**  
12555 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 7/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Mexicana Markets**  
13208 S San Antonio Dr.  
Date Inspected: 7/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**Jack in the Box**  
12603 S Norwalk Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**In N Out**  
14330 S Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**Candle Light Bakery**  
10965 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/8/19  
Grade: **A**

**Starbucks**  
11031 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/8/19  
Grade: **A**

**McDonald’s**  
11053 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/8/19  
Grade: **A**

**McDonald’s**  
12510 S Norwalk Blvd.  
Inspected: 7/8/19  
Grade: **A**

**Frantone’s Pizza**  
11110 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Western Refining Retail**  
10710 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Zebra Cafe**  
11110 E Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Yoshinoya Beef Bowl**  
12555 E Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/2/19  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 79° ☁

Saturday 79° ☁

Sunday 83° ☁



### Apollo 11 Landing Day

**Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am to 5 pm**

Revel in the extraordinary, far-reaching feats achieved on this day 50 years ago when the first human walked on the Moon. Free admission.

Join Raytheon as they provide Apollo themed activities throughout the day and enjoy several break-out dramatic performances portraying life in the Apollo program while watching “live” as Neil Armstrong takes his first “giant leap”.



### Coffee with Linda Sanchez

**Saturday- Panera Bread in Norwalk, 9:30-11 am**

Discuss issues important to you with Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-38).



### Tequila & Taco Music Festival

**All Weekend- Downtown Ventura**

Live music, gourmet tacos, top-shelf tequila and mezcal tastings, margarita booths, and more. \$10-\$40



### Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo

**All Weekend- Industry Hills Expo Center, City of Industry**

“The greatest show on dirt” that supports the goal of educating the public about the true diversity of the American West. \$22-\$45

## FROM OUR FACEBOOK

### NORWALK PROPERTY VALUES KEEP CLIMBING

**RON KING:** Norwalk doesn’t have the deep pockets like Downey and Cerritos but overall they have done a pretty good job of taking care of our city with the resources they have. Its also up to each resident to do their part and take care of their own properties.

**JEFF BLAKE:** Why so many vacant retail buildings? Why does Norwalk only have one major grocery store, (Stater Bros) when it did have seven at one time? All I see is a lot of pawn shops, liquor stores, 99cent style stores, payday loan stores, fast food and cut rate phone stores like Cricket.

**DAN CUELLAR:** Can’t compare Downey to Norwalk. By the way, Downey PD has their hands full with all the night club drama and drinking... the grass is not always greener...

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# NORWALK HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 19

**Smarty Pants Storytime**, 10:30 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Family Movie Night**, 7 pm. Bring the family for an outdoor screening of "Incredibles 2." Bring your own chairs and blankets. Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

**Ice Cream Social**, 1-4 pm. Visit the museum for a trip down memory lane. Afterwards, enjoy an ice cream with your favorite toppings. D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum, 12426 Mapledale St.

**Game and Activity Day**, 2-4 pm. Drop in for board games, card games, puzzles, and play! We'll have activities for children and family members of all ages. Best suited for ages 4 and up. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Estigmas del Sur**, 7:30 pm. Live music, dance and folklorico performances. 14501 Pioneer Blvd.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

**Travelin' Game Show**, 10 am. A 45-minute program designed for seniors and similar to Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Family Feud. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

**Native America Tribal Dance and Culture**, 4 pm. Premier Native American dancer, Ben Hale brings to life dances, songs, and stories from across North America. With brilliant traditional regalia, he presents dances from the 1400's to modern day Pow Wows. For ages 3-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

**Home Repair Program Seminar**, 10 am. Learn about Norwalk's Home Repair Program, which provides financial assistance, including grants and loans, for home renovations. For seniors ages 50 and older. Norwalk Senior

Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

**Sockbot**, 3-5 pm. Join us in creating your own talking stuffed Sockbot. Registration required and space is limited; sign up at the customer service desk beginning on Friday, July 5, 2019. For ages 8-12. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Concerts on the Lawn**, 7-9 pm. Latin Nation will play the best in Latin and cumbias. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

**L.A. Found Program**, 10 am. L.A. Found is a new countywide initiative which aims to quickly locate missing people diagnosed with autism, dementia, Alzheimer's or any other form of cognitive impairment. Learn more about this potentially life-saving program. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

**Photo Frame Art Activity**, 3 pm. Decorate your own photo frame. It's a perfect way to display your summer photos. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

**Smarty Pants Storytime**, 10:30 am. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills. Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Scholarship Banquet**, 7 pm. Dream Big Project's second annual scholarship banquet. Red carpet and dinner starts at 7 pm, awards presentations at 8 pm, special guest performance at 9 pm. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

**Como La Flor**, 7 pm. Paper flower workshop for adults 18 and over. \$25 fee includes instruction, appetizers and soft drinks. Guests will learn to create giant paper flowers that can be used for photo backdrops, candy or cake tables and more. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

**Family Movie Night**, 7 pm. Bring

the family for an outdoor screening of "A Dog's Way Home." Bring your own chairs and blankets. Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

**Painting and Pancakes**, 10 am to 12:30 pm. Brunch date for kids and adults. \$14 per person includes instruction, materials and brunch. Pre-registration is required. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

**Yoga for Success**, 10 am. This yoga session offers simple but powerful yoga postures to bring stability and balance. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

**Spread Your Wings Mural Unveiling**, 11 am. A celebration of the new "Spread Your Wings" mural, followed immediately by an art festival. Live musical performances, food, crafts, contests, giveaways, and more. Norwalk Town Square, 11633 The Plz.

**Psychobilly Nightmare 4**, 7 pm. An all-ages show featuring live bands, including Calavera, Cursed Bastards, The Syndicates, and more. Cash bar. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

MONDAY, JULY 29

**Lit Wits Book Club: The Wife Between Us**, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss this twisted and chilling novel by authors Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**Face Painting and a Movie**, 2 pm. Come join us for activities, prizes, refreshments and a summer movie. Western Dental, 14119 Pioneer Blvd.

**Flower Pot**, 2 pm. Love to container garden? Decorate a container to display in your home this summer! All materials will be provided. Program for adults. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

**Concerts on the Lawn**, 7-9 pm. Pop/rock group Moody performs

live. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

**Family Movie Night**, 7 pm. Bring the family for an outdoor screening of "BumbleBee." Bring your own chairs and blankets. Norwalk Park, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**Auxillary Installation**, 11 am. Norwalk American Legion Post 359 hosts its 19th District installation of officers. American Legion, 11986 Front St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

**Legal Research Class: Lawsuits in Superior Court**, 1:30 pm. This class offers an overview of the process and procedures of a lawsuit in Superior Court from both the plaintiff and defendant's viewpoints. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

**Business Expo**, 4:30-7 pm. Network and interact with dozens of local businesses and vendors. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

**Concerts on the Lawn**, 7-9 pm. The Mariachi Divas close out Norwalk's summer concert series. This is also Norwalk's National Night Out celebration. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

**State of the Nation**, 12 pm. Rep. Linda Sanchez will deliver her annual "State of the Nation" address. RSVP with the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

**Fabric Collage Art Activity**, 2 pm. Use different types of fabric to create your own fabric collage. All materials will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

**Friday Flicks**, 7 pm. Bring the entire family to the Civic Center

lawn and kick off the weekend with a free outdoor film screening of "Small Foot." Food trucks will be on-site. Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

**Front Street Car Show**, 11 am to 4 pm. The 19th annual Historical Front Street Car Show featuring dozens of historical vehicles, lowriders, and vendors. Elk's Lodge, 13418 Clarkdale Ave.

**Orange County Guitar Orchestra Concert**, 2 pm. Join us for an afternoon filled with the sounds of traditional classical guitars under the direction of David Grimes. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

**Smart Gardening Workshop**, 10 am. Learn the basics of backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, grass-cycling, and edible gardening. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

**Boards, Brushes and Beverages**, 7 pm. Crafty fun for adults 21 and over. \$25 per person fee includes all materials, instruction, appetizers and soft drinks. Guests may bring alternative beverages from home. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

**Lit Wits Book Club: Mary Coin**, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss the novel, Mary Coin by Marisa Silver. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

**Harbor Groove Band**, 9 pm. Ring in September and the start of fall with live cumbia, Latin and R&B by the Harbor Groove Band. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**Tea Time with OISS**, 11 am. Practice your English speaking skills over tea with Cerritos College's Office of International Student Services and hear from Cerritos

College librarian Paula Pereira and her story as an ESL student. Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**Rain Barrel Distribution**, 9-11 am. Learn about rainwater harvesting, water conservation tips, and benefits of a rain barrel. At the end of workshop, participants will have an opportunity to purchase rain barrels for \$20 each. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**Quartermania Fundraiser**, 12-4 pm. Bring your quarters for bidding or purchase quarters from the vendors. Plus, enjoy shopping and lunch. \$10 admission. Norwalk Masonic Center, 12345 Rosecrans Ave.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**Fall Fiesta**, 5-10 pm. A three-day carnival (Sept. 27-30) with carnival games, rides, live music, food, and more. St. John of God Church, 13819 Pioneer Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Celebrity Waiter & Dance**, 6 pm. Get waited on by local celebrities at this annual dance fundraiser in support of CAPC, which works on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12


**Harbor Groove Band**, 9 pm. Dance to live music by the Harbor Groove Band, playing a diverse playlist of 70s, 80s, and 90s music, plus Latin and R&B. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**Diabolic Lounge**, 6:30 pm. An all-ages concert with music from The Radiacs (UK), The Quaranteds, The Peabrians, Radarmen, Lost Boys and Salems Ghosts. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

*Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to [eric@thedowneypatriot.com](mailto:eric@thedowneypatriot.com)*

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Student Artist - **Rheanna Pascual** - DD Johnston Elementary School

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For general information about recycling, call the California Recycling Hotline at (800) RECYCLE or (800) 732-9253


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Norwalk  
(562) 262-9602

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(at Northgate Market)  
11660 Firestone Blvd.  
Norwalk  
(323) 533-4862

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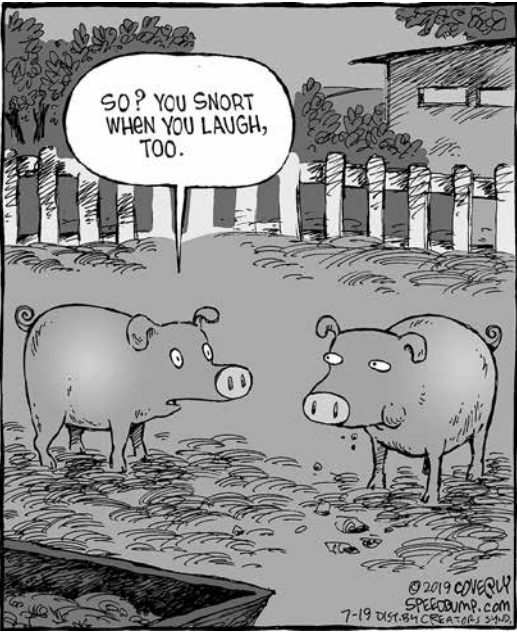
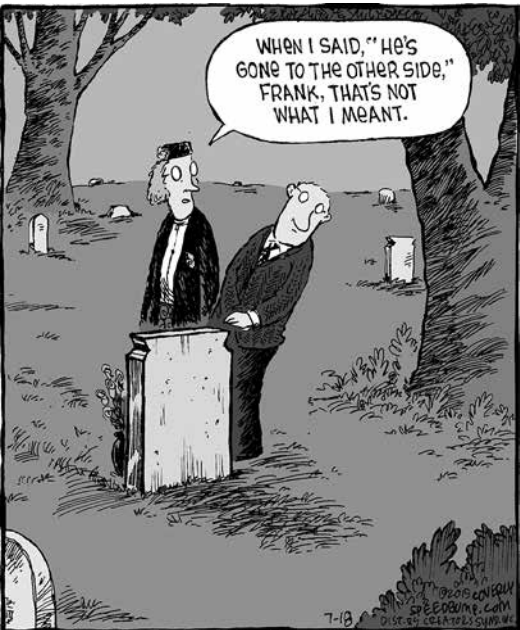
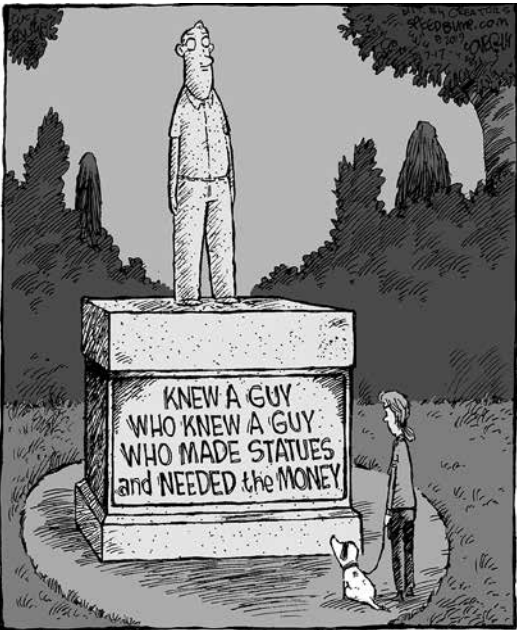




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On This Day...

July 19, 1799: The Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, was found in Egypt.

1909: The first unassisted triple play in major-league baseball was made by Cleveland Indians shortstop Neal Ball in a game against Boston.

1946: Marilyn Monroe acted in her first screen test.

1985: George Bell won first place in a biggest feet contest with a shoe size of 28-1/2. Bell, at age 26, stood 7 feet 10 inches tall.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School

12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office

1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers

3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village

1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant

2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge

2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center

2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers

4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church

2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Not a day goes by in my medical practice that I'm not asked about CBD.

CBD is one of the compounds from the cannabis plant. It is very popular and people choose to use it for a large variety of health issues, including pain management, arthritis, insomnia, anxiety, depression, Parkinson's disease, headaches, smoking cessation, various neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders, cancer, type 1 diabetes, acne, dementia, and epilepsy (more on epilepsy below).

If CBD can effectively treat all of these issues, it will truly be amazing.

The cannabis plant contains CBD, THC, and 120 other compounds as well. These compounds have very different effects. THC has been the best known of them and is the most active ingredient in marijuana. Over the years, marijuana farmers have selectively bred plants

to contain high levels of THC. Hemp farmers, on the other hand, have rarely modified the plant, and it is these hemp plants that are used to create CBD products.

I find it fascinating that our body also produces its own natural cannabinoids. We have receptors throughout our body, including the brain, which bind to different cannabinoid compounds. Various cannabinoid compounds can even alter the levels of our own "naturally" produced cannabinoids.

CBD, unlike THC, is not psychoactive – it does not affect our state of mind. Nonetheless, it does produce significant changes in the body.

At this time, there is only one FDA approved use for CBD. In 2018, the prescription use of Epidiolex, a purified form of CBD oil, was approved for the treatment of some types of epilepsy. Epidiolex has had extensive scientific testing and evaluation.

What about all of the other possible uses for CBD? At this time, only preliminary studies have been conducted, and many are promising. So far, it appears that CBD causes no significant side effects on the central nervous system, vital signs, or

I left the boarding school when I was 14. Three years later, I moved to Boston, and so I lost contact with my dear friend Cecilia; I never heard from her again.

In 1999, on one of my many trips back to Maine, I visited the convent boarding school to see my old music teacher, Sister Lucille. We had a wonderful visit, talking over old times and remembering all of the times my antics had gotten me in trouble with the nuns.

During my visit with Sister Lucille, another nun came into the room. Sister Lucille introduced her to me as Sister Mary Anne, the Mother Superior of the convent. How surprised and pleased I was to realize that she was my childhood friend Cecilia, who I had eaten the glue with.

I told Sister Lucille the story

Mansell, has taught us that we have the power to leave a legacy through our memoirs. I know this to be true personally.

A dear friend of mine, Eve, told me that she had finally found her own voice by coming to the memoir group. She had suffered a lot of abuse in her childhood and most of her adult life.

She told me of her need to express and make sense of all that had happened to her. She finally achieved that when she began to write her story, to have her say within the walls of our group. Her statement reminded me of a quote by Soren Kierkegaard (Author of Fear and Trembling): "We live life forwards, but can only be understood backwards."

Eve became one of the most

mood. The most common side effects are tiredness, diarrhea and reduced appetite. Note that no addition or dependency has been seen in CBD users.

At this time, cannabis products, whether CBD or THC based, are legal for medicinal and recreational use in California. However, their legality varies from state to state, and is in conflict with federal law. It is, at best, confusing for now.

Be aware that CBD comes in a variety of forms and in various doses. That, along with the lack of conclusive studies, makes it very difficult to give educated recommendations about its use. Still, it is clear that many preliminary studies show a lot of promise. When I compare it to, for example, high dose, potentially addictive narcotics for pain, or potentially addictive benzodiazepines for anxiety, CBD appears to be far safer. I remain open minded.

I encourage you to have a discussion with your doctor if you are considering giving CBD a try.

**Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.**

of us eating glue, and she was surprised to learn that her Mother Superior had joined in my glue-eating prank over 60 years ago. We all had a good laugh.

A couple of years later, I went back to Maine to visit the convent. I learned that Sister Lucille had passed away, but my "glue friend" was still there. Sadly, she was very frail. Three months later I received word that she had also passed away.

Now there is nobody left in Maine that I know. All of the friends from my childhood have passed away over the years.

I guess my visits to Maine have come to an end, but I'll always remember Sister Mary Anne as my "Glue Buddy."

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prolific writers in our group, but more importantly she became a happier person, allowing her to experience the joy of welcoming her first grandchild. She began to write delightful accounts for her new grandbaby.

Sadly, Eve died just a few years later at the age of 59. I have taken this opportunity to write this on her behalf. I know that she would have wanted me to share her story and express her gratitude for the acceptance and peace she found in our Memoirs Sanctuary.

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The Lost Ring

Short Stories

By Helen Hampton Contributor

My father died when I was 5 years old. My cousin Audrey, who lived in Boston, lost her mother when she was 10 years-old. My mother and Audrey's mother were sisters, so of course my mother knew her father. They were all from Canada, but somehow got separated, one going to Boston and one going to Maine.

In 1941, my mother married Audrey's father, thus making her not only my first cousin, but my step-sister. We are very close as there is only 364 days difference in our ages.

We both volunteered at the U.S.O during World War II in Boston. We both met our future husbands there. Audrey was married in 1945 and I was married in 1946. Audrey lives in Virginia now; we take turns spending our yearly vacations with each other.

One vacation a few years ago while I was in Virginia, we went to Tennessee to see Dolly Parton. We had a wonderful time and went to the "Grand Old Opry." We stayed in a little motel where everyone was so nice to us.

On our way home, we were having a lot of trouble with Audrey's car. It was making noises and running hot. We thought if we could only get as far as Virginia, Audrey's son could come and pick us up if the car conked out.

We were coaxing the car along on a wing and a prayer, when all of a sudden, I looked down and saw my diamond "pinky" ring was missing.

I panicked and called out to Audrey, "My ring is missing!"

She said, "Oh Helen, don't tease me at a time like this." I said I was serious and pointed to my little finger.

We stopped at the next gas station and called the motel to ask if anyone found my ring.

The lady said, "Hold on a minute, we'll go look." She came back and said they found it on the floor under the dresser.

Since we were halfway home and too far to go back with our unreliable car, I asked if she would send the ring to me at Audrey's address. She said she would be glad to.

I waited two days before I went to the mailbox expecting it. Then it was three days, and no ring. Four days passed, and still no ring. I was to leave the next day so you could imagine how upset we both were.

The next day I literally ran to the mailbox even before the poor mailman had finished putting the mail in. There, to my relief, was a little box, and in it was my ring! I was so thrilled I not only sent the postage, but also a check of appreciation to the motel.

I left that afternoon for home with a light and grateful heart.

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# Demographic Change: Keeping Downey the “White Spot” Post-Watts

## Part II of VII

The 1965 Watts riots changed the demographic make-up of Southeast Los Angeles County. Middle-class Mexican-Americans began moving into Downey a decade later.

By Aron Ramirez  
Contributor

Last week I wrote about the legal and extralegal means that segregated most Mexican Americans into a central Downey barrio.

I made the point that throughout the mid-twentieth century, Mexican Americans were as undereducated, blue-collar, and working-class as their counterparts throughout southeast Los Angeles. That, combined with the race-restrictive covenants, should alone have excluded Mexican Americans by both race and class from selective middle-class suburban neighborhoods.

But while nearby suburbs transformed into minority-majority suburbs following the Watts Riots of 1965, one simple factor froze Downey’s demographic profile: a cold real estate market. This week, I will show that there was little turnover, in large part, because the white homeowners in 1965 scarcely felt the effects of demographic change in the same way as did their counterparts in Compton, Bell Gardens, and South Gate.

I’ll end this essay by discussing how Spanish-speaking realtors began to thaw the frozen markets and sold homes to the first middle-class Mexican Americans.

The southeast Los Angeles of midcentury differed drastically from the southeast Los Angeles of today. Cities like South Gate, Downey, and Pico Rivera all have similar origins as farming communities. The post-World-War-II period inaugurated rapid suburban expansion in metropolitan Los Angeles as veterans returned home and migrants moved in from the eastern states.

Armed with preferable home loans from the Federal Housing Administration and the Serviceman’s Readjustment Act (known as the GI Bill), veterans and citizens were able to purchase homes in newly built suburban tracts. Many of these tracts were developed with race-restrictive covenants built in, as last week’s essay showed. This, among other reasons, meant that in 1960, most census tracts in southeast Los Angeles had between 90 and 98 percent white populations.

Though racially similar, the suburbs of southeast Los Angeles differed by class. White households in most southeast Los Angeles census tracts outside of Downey had a median income between \$5,000 and \$5,999 (in 1960 USD).

In Downey, white households had a median income of between \$9,000 and \$9,999 (in 1960 USD). Most southeast Los Angeles suburbs were like South Gate: blue-collar, white, working-class suburbs. August 1965 marked the end of that demographic era.

On August 11, 1965, Los Angeles police officers stopped Marquette Frye, who was Black, for reckless driving. The traffic stop turned confrontational when Frye’s mother came out from her nearby home and scolded her son. The commotion attracted the attention of passersby, and violence ensued when the police officers became violent with Frye.

The black community of Los Angeles, long subjected to residential segregation, limited economic opportunities informed by racial ideologies of black intelligence and motivation, and interpersonal discrimination, took to the streets. Six days of rioting, looting, and police-citizen confrontations ensued in south and south-central Los Angeles.

This stoked fears among homeowners in southeast Los Angeles. In Compton, residents formed a quasi-paramilitary blockade on Alameda Street to prevent looters and rioters from entering. In South Gate, armed residents watched from their roofs as smoke billowed nearby,

waiting for chaos to creep closer to them. These community blockades largely prevented the commotion from seeping into the southeastern suburbs.

But in Downey, white residents felt the riots differently. Homeowners prepared their firearms, but otherwise only needed to remain vigilant. A group of white teenagers, sensing the gravity of the situation, formed vigilante squads and drove through neighborhoods with their parents’ firearms. This turned into recreational mischief as no threat materialized.

Two carloads of teenagers were brought into the police station late on the night of August 15 and had their weapons confiscated. The only vandalism was to a sign in downtown Downey that urged passersby to support the local police department. Though Watts sustained serious damage to life and property, Downey residents were peppered only by groundless rumors of looting.

When the smoke settled, the unrest began. White families with the means to do so packed their bags and initiated the dramatic short-distance migration that remade southeast Los Angeles: white flight. Except for the white residents of Downey, who did not feel demographic pressures in the same way as their counterparts nearby.

The limited effects of the Watts Riots are but one reason for this difference. Of great significance, white residents retained extensive control over their community. Downey had its own municipal school district, police department, fire department, and city council. Most public functions were controlled either by residents or by politicians who shared residents’ sensibilities.

The municipal school district, for example, successfully resisted school integration by busing after the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education (1954). In 1978 when surrounding cities, including suburbs with schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District, began announcing desegregation plans, Downey Unified Superintendent Manuel Gallegos came out against metropolitan busing proposals. An assistant superintendent then authored a study finding that the school district did not meet California and federal thresholds for school segregation. (This was based on a technicality where most DUSD schools hovered slightly below the state and federal markers on minority-enrollment imbalance. DUSD, being an independent body, could draw its own boundaries—a gerrymandering of sorts—to evenly distribute minority enrollment and stay below the governmental imbalance floors.)

Local fire and police departments were also a source of security and pride for residents. City planners calculated that local fire and police departments offered more responsiveness at lower costs. This differed from the popular “Lakewood Plan” of incorporation, where cities contracted county sheriff and fire services to keep municipal taxes low. The responsive police department enforced safety in times of peace and turmoil. During the Watts Riots, for example, the police hotline answered every call it received from fearful residents. The police chief also deployed extra officers

to Downey’s southwestern border without sacrificing the security of other neighborhoods because of its local jurisdiction. The responsiveness of fire, police, and school services undergirded contemporary preferences for “local control.”

By contrast, white residents of Compton left en masse because of the perceived loss of local control. Having an integrated school district, a growing number of middle-class black neighbors, and the violence in Watts convinced white homeowners that they were losing control of their community. Blockbusting exacerbated these concerns, as opportunistic realtors flipped houses quickly and warned the remaining white residents that their property values would drop precipitously if they did not sell their homes soon. In South Gate, white homeowners shared many of the same experiences with an integrated school district and increasing number of minority neighbors. The working-class families of South Gate had less resources to move out quickly, but those who could afford to move did so. In both cities, white homeowners took their businesses with them, vacating many of the retail storefronts that formed the backbone of municipal tax bases.

By 1980, only 15 years after Watts, the demographics of southeast Los Angeles had changed. White residents made up only 33, 22, and 38 percent of Bell Gardens, Pico Rivera, and South Gate, respectively. Compton experienced the most dramatic change, where whites had gone from nearly 85 percent in 1960 to 3 percent of residents in 1980. Most of these families moved to suburban Orange County or Simi Valley, which offered the same suburban lifestyle as southeast Los Angeles without the incoming black and Mexican American neighbors.

Between 1965 and 1970, though, Downey neighborhoods had among the highest percentages in southeast Los Angeles of houses with no homeowner turnover. By the 1970s, race restrictive covenants no longer restricted Mexican American (or Black) homebuyers. Rather, there was little turnover because of a cold sellers’ market in Downey. This was, in part, due to the age of Downey homeowners: only six to twelve percent of most neighborhood residents in Downey were over sixty-five, meaning that few were in retirement age. In the midst of paying their mortgages with few retirements in sight, most homeowners were there to stay. By 1980, whites still made up 78 percent of residents.

Despite little turnover, middle-class Mexican Americans desired Downey homes. For families, perceptions of less crime and better schools made Downey an ideal place to raise children. Even for those without children, moving to Downey made financial sense. Downey homes were capital that would remain stable and, over time, appreciate in value. Living in Downey would also create the opportunity for entrepreneurs to bring in their businesses and sell to middle-class consumers. Essentially, if race-based differences could be avoided, Downey held the same allure for middle-class Mexican Americans as it did for the white residents. An assimilated civic identity

opened the gates to suburban life in Downey, and realtors held the keys.

A handful of Spanish-speaking realtors first made Downey homes available to some middle-class Mexican Americans in the late 1970s. Of great importance, these transactions weeded out homebuyers unable to match the civic identity of their white neighbors. All realtors in Downey abided by guidelines from the Greater Downey Board of Realtors. The Code of Ethics stipulated that realtors were “not to be instrumental in introducing any *undesirable* [emphasis mine] elements into the neighborhood.”

In practice, this language was the remnant of the FHA conflation of minority neighbors with low property values (which I discussed in last week’s essay). After the 1948 Supreme Court decision in Shelley v. Kraemer, which ruled the race-restrictive covenants unenforceable, realtors responded and turned race-restrictive language into property-values-protective language. This meant that the first Spanish-speaking realtors juggled two competing interests: their personal interests in selling to Mexican American families, and their professional interests in accessing the lucrative commercial and residential properties in Downey. To negotiate between the two interests, realtors became the gatekeepers of Downey neighborhoods. When showing homes outside of the central barrio, then, the Spanish-speaking realtors preferred nuclear families that matched the home-owning customs and practices of the white majority. These are the roots of the assimilated civic identity that has shaped Downey’s demographic change. The restricted pool of homebuyers needed to reflect the restricted pool of available homes.

The first real estate firm to advertise Spanish-speaking realtors was the Triangle Real Estate Company, a local franchise of Century 21. Triangle was the first company I saw that advertised their Spanish-speaking realtors in 1978 local advertisements that said “se habla español.” This did not indicate that Triangle sold home to recent immigrants with limited English proficiency; this would have risked their realtors’ access to Downey listings. Triangle listed some homes in the barrio, but most were in former-race-restricted areas, even in the ritzy northeastern neighborhoods. For every “great economy starter,” Triangle listed a “beautiful Spanish stucco.”

Instead, Triangle advertised “se habla español” to signal respectful transactions for qualified middle-class Mexican Americans. In fact, few realtors spoke Spanish at all with their Spanish-speaking customers. One longtime resident recalled how her mother-in-law, who was Cuban and not Mexican American, proclaimed herself to be the first Spanish-speaking realtor to sell homes in Downey in the 1970s. (Her claim to being the first could be false, but is irrelevant to her function as a

transformative agent in this history.) Spanish was not the transactional language. Rather, the realtor’s Spanish-speaking communicated that if Mexican Americans wanted to be taken

seriously as customers, and here I quote from the interview I conducted:

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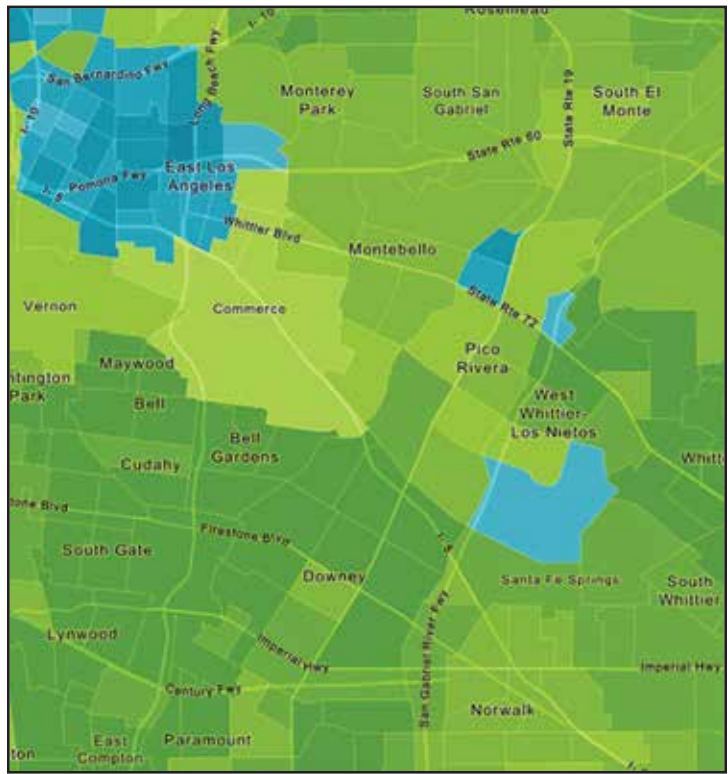
# Mexican-Americans discover Downey real estate

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[t]hey had someone to talk to and trust, and build a relationship with...[I]f you were primarily Spanish-speaking or just, you know, having a connection, a familia, you know, you feel “this person is, I can trust this person, and they understand me. Literally, they understand me, and I understand them. All this paper work they’re making me sign, they’re explaining it to me and the process of buying a home.”

Spanish-speaking realtors found a niche. By 1980, four real estate firms (three of which belonged to Century 21) advertised “se habla español.” For example, Ed Estrella bought his own home in Downey in the early 1980s from a Spanish-speaking realtor named Mrs. Barajas. Rito Calderón, a Mexican immigrant who owned liquor stores in other southeastern cities, also purchased his north Downey home from a Mexican American realtor in 1983.

For an interested Mexican American homebuyer, buying from a Mexican American (or other Latino/a/x) realtor offered some comfort and familiarity. This endowed upon Spanish-speaking



Division between “non-Puerto Rican surname” and “Puerto Rican surname,” which were the census categories used in 1960 to differentiate between what we would today think of as non-Latino/a/x and Latino/a/x. In this map, green signals a white demographic majority, with darker green meaning a larger majority.)

Note that East Los Angeles had the largest contemporary Mexican American population in metropolitan Los Angeles, but that Mexican Americans scarcely made up the majority in any other census tract. Black communities made up less than two percent of nearly every tract to the west of Alameda Street, and are therefore not represented in this map.

Map created on Social Explorer using census data.

realtors a gatekeeper-type role. To comply with the Code of Ethics, Spanish-speaking realtors needed to avoid introducing “undesirable” elements. To do so required the Spanish-speaking realtor to restrict the listings in middle-class neighborhoods to middle-class Mexican Americans who could match the civic identity of their Anglo neighbors. The realtor also explicated the homebuyer’s fit with the community. Their understanding of the neighborhood allowed them to communicate to the prospective homebuyer what the expectations were of an incoming resident. In practice, this translated to realtors ensuring that the prospective homebuyers would display conformity with the home-owning norms and practices of the Anglo neighbors. This step of the transaction ensured that middle-class Mexican Americans understood and complied with the behavioral norms and matched the civic identity of their neighbors.

This demonstrated how suburban racism depended on stereotypes about ethnic minorities. Stereotypical Mexican American neighbors would, in the racist imagination, comport with the homeowners customs and practices that were associated with, say, East Los Angeles. They would, the logic went, change their motor oil on their lawns, or house three families under one roof, or transplant gang activity and drug dealing to new suburban neighborhoods. For white residents in nearby Compton, South Gate, and other suburbs, fear of

these stereotypes compelled families to pack up and move to Orange County.

But in Downey, white residents kept impressive levels of local control; this helped create a figurative buffer between themselves and the pressures of demographic change in the nearby suburbs. Unlike blockbusters in Compton and elsewhere, Spanish-speaking realtors in Downey did not play into the racial ideology of a stereotypical Mexican American neighbor. These stereotypes informed the notion of the very “undesirable elements” that Downey realtors were obliged to “not be instrumental in introducing.”

But by placing middle-class Mexican American families in neighborhoods where their homeowners practices defied those stereotypes, Spanish-speaking realtors avoided punishment or pushback by the Board of Realtors, and, to a large part, the white neighbors themselves. It was these realtors who opened the doors for Mexican Americans to selective suburban neighborhoods—as long as they matched a specific type of “Americanized” profile. I will describe that in next week’s essay.

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