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## Christmas comes early for Norwalk nursing home

Santa and his elves made a stop at Norwalk Skilled Nursing and Wellness to bring some holiday cheer to those isolated by COVID-19.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** - Christmas came early for a Norwalk nursing home last week, as several merry and festive guests came bearing gifts and morale for patients stuck in isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were smiles all around as Santa and his elves descended upon the Norwalk Skilled Nursing and Wellness facility, as part of Norwalk Community Hospital's outreach which began in March.

According to CEO Hector Hernandez, Los Angeles Community Hospitals strives not only to provide care for those currently being treated in their facilities, but to the needs of the surrounding community as well.

"In this case, we know there is a huge need in the community," said Hernandez. "We are celebrating Christmas in July bringing presents to the most vulnerable populations."

"Christmas gifts" included items selected by the facilities for each resident, including socks, slippers, candy, games, blankets, sweat pants, as well as other necessities.

More than just delivering goods however, the event also served as a shot of morale for patients, many of whom have been forced into long periods of isolation for their safety,

Nursing facilities are considered to be potentially dangerous hotspots for the coronavirus, and many in these homes are often declared high-risk.

James Uribe, who played



Santa's visit was part of Norwalk Community Hospital's outreach program which began in March. Gifts included various essentials previously noted by the nursing facility. (Photos by Alex Dominguez)

Santa for the day, said that he "saw so many happy faces."

"I saw some folks that just are happy to be able to have the community look after them, care for them, and see that we're here for a good reason and a good cause," said Uribe. "They were

speaking to me as we were doing the gift giving, and I could hear them in my ear, [saying], 'Thank you for coming.' Just comments that make you feel good for being here."

Uribe added that participating in such a cause is "not for us."

"Right now, in these COVID times, if you will, it just seems like we're mostly dealing with negative life events," said Uribe. "Something like this, to put something in [patients'] heart and their spirit, I think it goes a long way for all of us."

## John Glenn High School basketball star prepares for Dominican Republic

Cynthia Almanzar's hard work has paid off with a trip to the Dominican Republic next summer.

By John Sherrard  
Contributor

**NORWALK** - Any athlete who wants to strive to get to the next level after high school has to put in the work to get there.

If there ever was that one athlete, meet senior basketball player Cynthia Almanzar.

Almanzar, who stands just 5'4", stands much taller in life, on and off the basketball court.

She attends Southeast Academy in Norwalk, which doesn't have a sports program and is across the street from John Glenn High. Students who want to participate in sports, compete at John Glenn.

Southeast Academy High School, where education is leadership based, and the idea is to prepare students for future careers in law enforcement, military and fire services. Career Tech Education (CTE), combined with high academics, is what makes this school standout.

Almanzar originally had planned on a career in law enforcement, but has a goal set for college and playing basketball.

Her travel ball coach when



John Glenn girls basketball standout, Cynthia Almanzar. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

she was 12 was a big supporter for her to continue with the game.

"I give a lot of credit to coach Mike," Almanzar said.

With her mind set on college and basketball, a surprise came her way recently, as she was invited to play next summer with a team traveling to the Dominican Republic. The team,

known as "Team California" will have 10 players from all over the state gather for one week and play six games and in addition get a look at another country. Pretty special for a 17-year-old high school student.

"My mom was contacted by text from the President (Brigham Joy) of the organization, saying if I wanted to join the team, as they

only recruit ten players (for Team California), I was chosen to be one of them," Almanzar said.

"Honestly, my mom couldn't believe it and I didn't either. I was with my mom and I broke

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### Norwalk restaurant grades

**Starbucks**  
13001 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/9/20  
Grade: **A**

**El Merinero**  
11025 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/9/20  
Grade: **A**

**Baja California Bar and Grill**  
11521 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/16/20  
Grade: **A**

**California Sushi & Teriyaki**  
12531 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/15/20  
Grade: **A**

**Wok California**  
12551 1/2 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/15/20  
Grade: **A**

**Casa Adelita**  
12842 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 7/14/20  
Grade: **A**

**Senor Baja**  
11833 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/10/20  
Grade: **A**

**L&L Hawaiian Barbeque**  
12431 Norwalk Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 7/9/20  
Grade: **A**

**Burger IM**  
14133 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/24/20  
Grade: **A**

**Huh Daegam Restaurant**  
16511 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/17/20  
Grade: **A**

**88 Kings Chinese Food**  
16441 Pioneer Blvd.  
Inspected: 6/17/20  
Grade: **A**

**Coffee Code**  
13250 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/15/20  
Grade: **A**

**RT Kitchen Snacks & More**  
15714 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/11/20  
Grade: **A**

**KFC**  
12959 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/11/20  
Grade: **A**

**ABC Donuts**  
10620 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/11/20  
Grade: **A**

**Pizza Hut**  
12125 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/10/20  
Grade: **A**

**Jamba Juice**  
12305 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/10/20  
Grade: **A**

**Rainbow Donuts**  
12307 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/10/20  
Grade: **A**

**Subway**  
11782 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/10/20  
Grade: **A**

**In n Out**  
14330 Pioneer Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/9/20  
Grade: **A**

**Subway**  
13019 Rosecrans  
Date Inspected: 6/9/20  
Grade: **A**

**Candlelight Bakery**  
10965 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/9/20  
Grade: **A**

**Taco Bell**  
13410 Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/9/20  
Grade: **A**

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 94° ☁️

Saturday 93° ☁️

Sunday 88° ☁️

### ON THIS DAY JULY 31

#### 1498:

On his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus became the first European to discover the island of Trinidad.

#### 1790:

The U.S. issued its first patent. It went to Samuel Hopkins for a potash process.

#### 1948:

The USS Nevada, after service in both World Wars, was deemed too old to be retained and intentionally sunk by U.S. naval forces as target practice.

#### 1948:

New York International Airport was officially dedicated. The airport was renamed John F. Kennedy International Airport after the assassination of the 35th president.

#### 1971:

Apollo 15 astronauts become the first to ride in a lunar rover.

#### 1973:

A Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while landing in fog at Logan International Airport in Boston, killing 89.

#### 1999:

NASA intentionally crashed its Lunar Prospector spacecraft into the Moon, ending its mission to detect frozen water on the Moon's surface.

#### 2012:

Michael Phelps broke the record set in 1964 by Larisa Latynina for the most medals won at the Olympics. Phelps finished the Games with four gold and two silver medals.

#### Notable Birthdays

**Lobo**, the singer who enjoyed a medley of hits in the early 1970s, turns 77.

Entrepreneur and investor **Mark Cuban** turns 62.

Actor and martial artist **Wesley Snipes** turns 58.

DJ and record producer **Fatboy Slim** turns 57.

"Harry Potter" author **J.K. Rowling** turns 55.

Country singer **Zac Brown** turns 42.

Actor and comedian **B.J. Novak**, who played Ryan Howard in "The Office," turns 41.

Rapper **Lil Uzi Vert** turns 26.

**Rico Rodriguez**, who portrayed Manny Delgado in "Modern Family," turns 22.



B.J. Novak turns 41.

#### Notable Deaths

**Robert Taft**, a conservative politician referred to as "Mr. Republican," died of pancreatic cancer on this date in 1953. He was 63.

Country music singer **Jim Reeves** died after the plane he was piloting crashed in a thunderstorm. He was 40.

Hall of fame wrestler "**Rowdy**" **Roddy Piper** died in his sleep of cardiopulmonary arrest. He was 61.

**Harold Prince**, a Broadway director and producer who garnered a record 21 Tony Awards, died after a brief illness. He was 91.

#### Holidays

On this last day of July we celebrate three holidays: **Harry Potter's Birthday, National Avocado Day** and **National Mutt Day**.

# Standout baller gives credit to coach

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down crying. This will be my first time on an airplane and in a foreign country," Almanzar said.

The program is part of the American Council for International Studies (ACIS) and is part of America's Team, which sends multiple sports teams all over the world to play.

"People have doubted me and my hard work never stops me. That means that I've been doing my job, working and dedicating myself to basketball and all of my hard work has been showing and it's paying off. I think I did good (this year), but there is always room for improvement."

Almanzar is also currently on the radar for Occidental and is no doubt hoping for an opportunity to join the Tiger program next season.

Almanzar actually got the opportunity in a roundabout way through the Occidental College Women's basketball program.

"She's (Almanzar) come to our attention in some way and it's quite possible that Cynthia was seen by one of my assistants," Oxy Women's coach Anahit Aladzhanian said.

Aladzhanian, better known as coach "Heat", was named to coach the team and is able to give names to be on the team.

"I am able to give names and what I like is we limit the roster so all of them get playing time and everyone has a solid experience. It's a pretty cool opportunity for them to travel and see another country and their culture."

At Oxy, coach Heat said, "...a strong student-athlete is what we strive to have."

Almanzar, who must raise \$4,000 to go on the trip, has started a GoFundMe page for the trip, which is in August 2021.

Currently, while there is so much up in the air on when

sports will continue due to the pandemic, Almanzar is practicing and working out nearly everyday of the week.

"I go to my friends' (Elia Guerrero - no relation to coach Guerrero) to practice for a couple of hours for a few times a week and I'm in an adult league."

Enter her varsity coach, Ruben Guerrero.

Guerrero, you see, has had that same work ethic at John Glenn almost since the time he arrived four years ago.

Guerrero signed up to coach the boys basketball team in 2016 and a year later he saw the need also for a girls coach.

It was a trial test in the beginning, as the previous girls coach was not there and the season was nearly two weeks away.

"I threw it out there to coach both teams," Guerrero said. "One of the players on the girls team asked if they could practice with the boy's team in the Fall and it started from there."

Guerrero remembers Athletic Director Linda Parra definitely being on board with the idea.

"Oh, yes please," Parra said to Guerrero. She applauded the help from Guerrero.

"I asked my coaches and they loved the idea of also coaching the girls," Guerrero said. "From there I introduced the idea to Linda."

Three years later it's going strong.

"Ruben was the one who had the idea about coaching both teams," Parra said. "I initially thought he was nuts."

"I was a varsity girls basketball coach for years and there is no way I could have managed the time and energy to coach two varsity teams at the same time. But he mapped out what it would look like and we



Left: Cynthia Almanzar takes a shot Above: John Glenn girls basketball coach Ruben Guerrero with Cynthia Almanzar. (Photo by Keith Durlfinger)

agreed to give it a try."

Parra continued on how Guerrero has brought it all together.

"Ruben has been dedicated to both programs from the moment he took both coaching assignments. He has brought the two programs together and the athletes really do support one another. I really appreciate that Ruben keeps all the kids accountable and teaches them the importance of commitment, teamwork, work ethic and having pride for their program. The players in his program really do value him."

One of those players that has valued everything that Guerrero has taught her was Almanzar.

"Coach has helped me and he's putting me out there," Almanzar said. "We've been

working together and have both dedicated ourselves to help me improve."

Almanzar is a point guard and also a shooting guard and can be an aggressive player.

"She does everything and just loves the game," Guerrero added.

Last year, the girls team missed the CIF-Southern Section playoffs by one game.

"We were close and it's starting to bug those seniors and hopefully that will make the difference," Guerrero said.

Almanzar also knows the team has potential.

"We struggled in the beginning (last year), but at the end we came on but still need to improve as a team."

Guerrero has also coached JV

and varsity boy's tennis.

"Ruben stepped up to the challenge and recruited his lower level boys basketball players to try a new sport," Parra added. "They had a great time and it was good to see kids learn a new sport."

Asked about how it feels to have a player move on to college, Guerrero said. "As coaches we don't get paid a whole lot, so when we see players move on to opportunities like this (Cynthia's Dominican trip), or even the next level, that's kind of a payment for a lot of us. Especially, all the dedication in coaches in all sports is the satisfaction they get from helping a player move on and creating an opportunity."

"Hopefully, it (players moving on to college) gives us some notoriety. John Glenn is a small school and we get

overlooked in a lot of aspects, when it comes to just being in the middle of Norwalk when you have two bigger schools next to us. Hopefully, it's something we can actually promote as a solid base for us and hopefully kids nearby would like to come and play for us."

All 5'4" Almanzar summoned it up perfectly - "Being short is really tough, but size doesn't matter as long as you do your job and you work for it. Then you can be good."

"I just have to put in more work."

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# The private space race

By John Stossel

This week, American astronauts returned to earth. Their trip to the space station was the first manned launch from the U.S. in 10 years.

By NASA? No. Of course, not.

This space flight happened because government was not in charge.

An Obama administration committee had concluded that launching such a vehicle would take 12 years and cost \$36 billion.

But this rocket was finished in half that time — for less than \$1 billion (1/36th the predicted cost).

That’s because it was built by Elon Musk’s private company, Space X. He does things faster and cheaper because he spends his own money.

“This is the potential of free enterprise!” explains aerospace engineer Robert Zubrin in my newest video.

Of course, years ago, NASA did manage to send astronauts to the moon.

That succeeded, says Zubrin, “because it was purpose-driven. (America) wanted to astonish the world what free people could do.”

But in the 50 years since then, as transportation improved and computers got smaller and cheaper, NASA made little progress.

Fortunately, President Obama gave private companies permission to compete in space, saying, “We can’t keep doing the same old things as before.”

Competition then cut the cost of space travel to a fraction of what it was.

Why couldn’t NASA have done that?

Because after the moon landing, it became a typical government agency — overbudget and behind schedule. Zubrin says NASA’s purpose seemed to be to “supply money to various suppliers.”

Suppliers were happy to go along.

Zubrin once worked at Lockheed Martin, where he once discovered a way for a rocket to carry twice as much weight. “We went to management, the engineers, and said, ‘Look, we could double the payload capability for 10% extra cost.’ They said, ‘Look, if the Air Force wants us to improve the Titan, they’ll pay us to do it!’”

NASA was paying contractor’s development costs and then adding 10% profit. The more things cost, the bigger the contractor’s profit. So contractors had little incentive to innovate.

Even NASA now admits this is a problem. During its 2020 budget request, Administrator Jim Bridenstine confessed, “We have not been good at maintaining schedule and ... at maintaining costs.”

Nor is NASA good at innovating. Their technology was so out of date, says Zubrin, that “astronauts brought their laptops with them into space — because shuttle computers were obsolete.”

I asked, “When (NASA) saw that the astronauts brought their own computers, why didn’t they upgrade?”



“Because they had an entire philosophy that various components had to be space rated,” he explains. “Space rating was very bureaucratic and costly.”

NASA was OK with high costs as long as spaceships were assembled in many congressmen’s districts.

“NASA is a very large job program,” says Aerospace lawyer James Dunstan. “By spreading its centers across the country, NASA gets more support from more different congressmen.”

Congressmen even laugh about it. Randy Weber, R-Texas, joked, “We’ll welcome (NASA) back to Texas to spend lots of money any time.”

Private companies do more with less money. One of Musk’s cost-saving innovations is reusable rocket boosters.

For years, NASA dropped its boosters into the ocean.

“Why would they throw it away?” I ask Dunstan.

“Because that’s the way it’s always been done!” he replies.

Twenty years ago, at Lockheed Martin, Zubrin had proposed reusable boosters. His bosses told him: “Cute idea. But if we sell one of these, we’re out of business.”

Zubrin explains, “They wanted to keep the cost of space launch high.”

Thankfully, now that self-interested entrepreneurs compete, space travel will get cheaper. Musk can’t waste a dollar. Space X must compete with Jeff Bezos’ Blue Origin, Richard Branson’s Virgin Galactic, Boeing, Lockheed Martin and others.

The private sector always comes up with ways to do things that politicians cannot imagine.

Government didn’t invent affordable cars, airplanes, iPhones, etc. It took competing entrepreneurs, pursuing profit, to nurture them into the good things we have now.

Get rid of government monopolies.

For-profit competition brings us the best things in life.

*John Stossel is author of “Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media.”*

## Reopen Downey schools

Dear Editor:

I’m a 20-year resident of Downey. I think the Downey school board’s hasty decision to close its schools going forward is ill-advised and stupid.

Perhaps the school board and its colleagues are so busy they can’t keep up with the fake news media.

Rather than rise to the occasion (always remember, “Character Counts”), my local school board is (as usual) simply following the teachers union’s instructions.

As I am sure you are aware, the older generation thinks the kids today are mostly ignorant, devoid of any skills necessary for critical thinking. The crisis in education is real.

The school board’s decision to “shake down” the public for more money is mostly political and a perfect example of the culture wars brought about by the internet and easy access to alternative, and sometimes, true and correct information.

Unfortunately, apparently the school board and its colleagues, and the children they have dominion over, share in a deficiency of intellectual curiosity.

If school board members would like to reach out for some independent thinking, I suggest they do so. The first place you should check out is [www.americasfrontlinedoctors.com](http://www.americasfrontlinedoctors.com).

In short, COVID-19 is not a threat to children.

Secondly, each board member should get a clue and decide for themselves whether they want to live under United Nations Command and Control or think for themselves for everyone’s benefit.

I think if Character Counts in Downey, the school board, administrators, and teachers, would back up a little bit from the money extraction system they perpetually conduct and think about the children.

**Charles Gerlach Downey**

## Bosco decision

Dear Editor:

I was shocked to read that St. John Bosco High School will start the fall semester with on-campus learning.

Who will be liable when a teacher, administrator or staff member becomes sick? Who will step in as a replacement?

**Letty Suarez Downey**

## Response to Larry Elder

Dear Editor:

John Lewis famously said in an interview with Krista Tippet in 2013, “Our struggle is not a struggle that lasts for one day, one week, one month or one year or one lifetime. It is an ongoing struggle.”

Mr. Larry Elder’s opinion piece published in The Downey Patriot, Thursday, July 23, 2020 edition was completely void of depth or compassion. I’m not in any position to argue with Mr. Elder’s feeling on any topic about race, but I will argue the facts that his opinion sorely lacks.

First, to say that the war of civil rights is won is ludicrous. It’s not a war, it’s a movement. While the movement has made great strides, it has also been set back as of late. I would encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the gutting of the voting acts right of 2013 that has led to the closing of over 1200 voting precincts, primarily in the South, primarily affecting Black citizens.

Secondly, I would point out that the protests are not about equal rights, they are about police brutality and how it primarily affects the Black communities. It’s almost as if Mr. Elder turned off his television when George Floyd called out that he couldn’t breathe and then called out for his mama. Only someone who purposely chooses to ignore the cries of the community could be so blatantly wrong about the why of what’s happening across the country. Police departments across the country are violently beating and killing citizens, mostly Black, at alarming rates with impunity, in fact, with immunity to do so and it goes against the very grain of our democracy. In addition to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Atatianna Jefferson, Aura Rosser, Stephon Clark, Botham Jean, Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Michelle Cusseaux, Freddie Gray, Janisha Fonville, Eric Garner, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown have been murdered by police. This list is not exhaustive, it only lists death from 2014 to the present and not all are listed, these are just a few.

Mr. Elder claims that “equal rights and equal results are two different things.” If his opinion had any depth, he would contemplate why that is. His explanation amounts to saying that somehow the Black community is its own worst enemy. On the surface that may be true of some Black people, as it may be true of some poor people, or some immigrants, of any plethora of people who have given up. If you dig just a little deeper, you see other enemies, those not so obvious, but those that have such a huge impact on a society’s psyche. Some enemies include the school to prison pipeline, the war on drugs, racial disparities in sentencing in the U.S. criminal justice system. I could go on and on, but these examples were just simple google searches. It saddens me, no, it enrages me that people view the problems in America in such simple terms.

Mr. Elder is right that this is not your grandfather’s America. It’s not even your father’s America, and that’s a good thing. While it’s easy to be discouraged by what is happening, I’m so profoundly encouraged by the number of Black leaders that continue to work towards justice to ensure the rights of all Americans are protected. S. Lee Merritt, Esquire of Grassroots Law and Merritt Law Firm, LLC, Tamika D. Mallory, Ibram X. Kendi, Cheyney McKnight, and the list goes on and on, all are Black, successful leaders the likes it seems Mr. Elder has never heard of.

This doesn’t include the many others, many mothers, and fathers that lead quietly to make the world a better, inclusive, diverse, and loving community that includes Black, white, Hispanic, Native American, and LGBTQ+ who don’t stand still.

**Alida Chacon Downey**

## New mascot isn’t any better

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the Downey Unified School District for changing the name of Griffiths Middle School’s mascot from the generic Indian to the sacred Thunderbird, honored by most American Indian tribes in their rituals.

Britannica.com has defined the Thunderbird thusly: “In North American Indian mythology, a powerful spirit in the form of a bird. By its work, the earth was watered and vegetation grew. Lightning was believed to flash from its beak, and the beating of its wings was thought to represent the rolling of thunder.”

It’s hard to believe that the DUSD would adopt one of the most sacred Native American’s symbols to use as a mascot for one of our middle schools. What were they thinking? Wouldn’t it have been better to just leave the Indian alone?

Seems like a case of religious intolerance of our Native Americans.

**Donald Souza Downey**

# How totalitarianism begins

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

*“The robber baron’s cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own consciences.” — C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)*

Serious issues are implicating personal liberty and public safety in Portland, Oregon. The police are not enforcing local and state laws. They are refraining from doing so because they have been so instructed by elected public officials.

The Supreme Court has ruled that state and local elected officials — not police — are empowered to determine the depth and breadth of law enforcement. And the court has also ruled that the police have no legal obligation to protect lives or property.

Stated differently, the police cannot be sued for their willful failures. The remedy for those failures — according to the court — is to elect different officials who will deploy police assets differently. Yet, the police have a moral obligation to protect lives and property. For what other purpose have we hired and empowered them?

All persons have a natural right to protect their lives and property, especially when the government fails to do so. If its failures are systemic and repeated, it is the duty of the people to alter or abolish the government. We know this from the Declaration of Independence.

Portland has been the center of anti-police demonstrations this summer. The neighborhood around the state capitol has endured nearly two months of nighttime demonstrations. Most of these are peaceful; some are destructive.

Last weekend, with no notice or local consent, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent teams of agents — untrained in crowd control and wearing military fatigues — onto Portland’s streets. Their uniforms bore no governmental, administrative or personal names, just the word “Police” on masking tape. They descended upon the city in unmarked SUVs and began grabbing people indiscriminately

off the streets, without regard to the person’s lawful presence or personal behavior.

According to the account of one victim, he was walking peacefully in the downtown area, observing the chaos, when five masked men in fatigues exited an unmarked SUV, grabbed him and pulled him into the car. They tied his hands with plastic behind his back. They pulled his cap over his face. They kept him for two hours and then released him. They filed no charges against him.

They had no basis for this kidnapping.

It was a kidnapping, not an arrest. An arrest is a lawful restraint by a legitimate government authority pursuant to a warrant issued by a judge specifically naming the person to be arrested, or pursuant to probable cause of crime personally observed by the arresting officers. Neither of these was the case in Portland.

And some victims were even less fortunate than those kidnapped. They were assaulted with pepper spray and hit with nonlethal exploding bullets that stun, hurt and disorient. The bullets can harm the eyes, heart and liver. I saw a video of a young man riding a bicycle away from the chaos. Yet, he was attacked by five of these feds.

An Annapolis graduate and Navy veteran asked a small group of the feds by what constitutional authority they were present in Portland. They responded by pepper-spraying his face and beating his hand with a baton, shattering numerous bones in his hand.

Portland is in America, right? What’s going on here?

On Monday, DHS acknowledged that these thugs are its police and said their behavior somehow will bring stability to downtown Portland. The phrase that Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf used — mimicking his boss — was “law and order.”

But there is nothing lawful or orderly about what these agents did. Their activities in Portland are unlawful, unconstitutional and harmful.

They are unlawful because federal agents are selectively arresting folks and not even pretending to be enforcing local and state laws. Under federal law, the feds may not deploy police or military domestically unless the state legislature or the state governor requests it. Neither has done so for Portland.

The feds’ activities are unconstitutional because they are using government force to arrest people without probable cause or arrest warrants. We know there is no legal basis for these “arrests,” as they have not charged anyone. Moreover, this is so harmful and terrifying — being kidnapped, handcuffed, blindfolded, not spoken to and then released, all for no stated reason — it will chill others from public dissent.

The First Amendment to the Constitution requires the government to protect speech, not assault those who exercise it. If these indiscriminate beatings and kidnappings are intended to deter folks from publicly dissenting, it is profoundly unconstitutional, counterproductive and will be costly to the federal government.

Under the Constitution, the ability to regulate for health and safety belongs to the states and local governments. The feds simply do not have the lawful authority to fill in gaps in local law enforcement, no matter how offended they may be.

This is how totalitarianism begins. The feds claim that federal property needs protection and the folks assigned to do so need help. When help arrives, it does so by surprise, under cover of darkness and shielded by anonymity. Then, the reinforcements beat and arrest and harm protestors because their bosses in Washington do not approve of the protestors’ message.

Public dissent against the government is a core personal freedom. It is as American as apple pie. It was integral to the creation of our republic. Government repression of dissent is totalitarian. It is as un-American as the governments against which we fought world wars to preserve our core freedoms.

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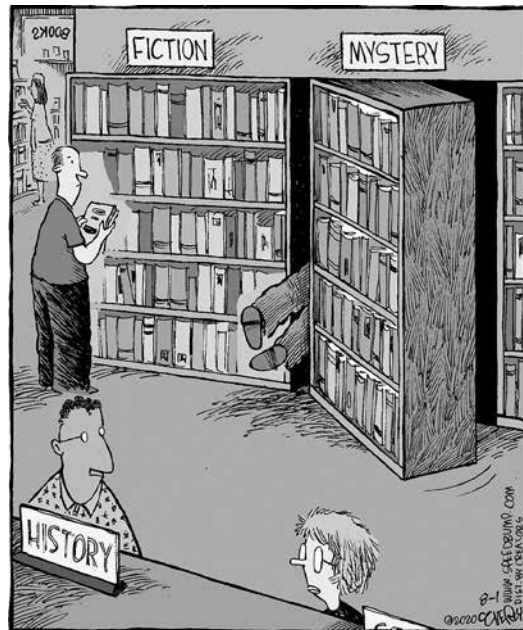
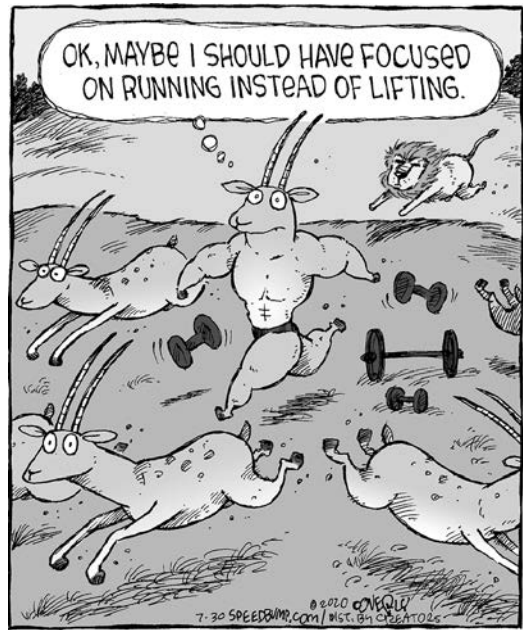
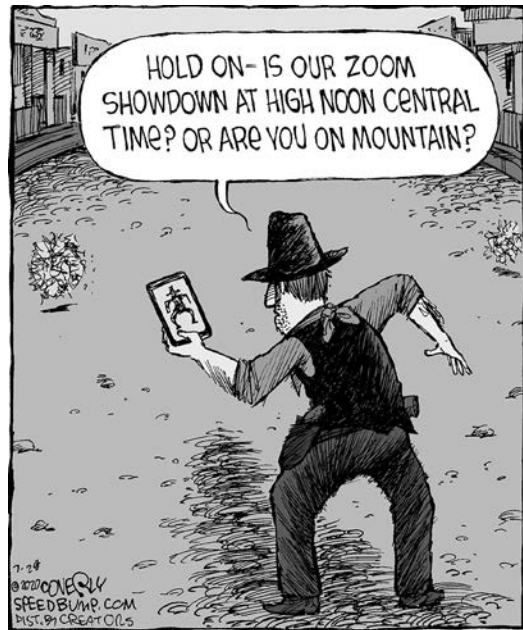
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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School  
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1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

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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  
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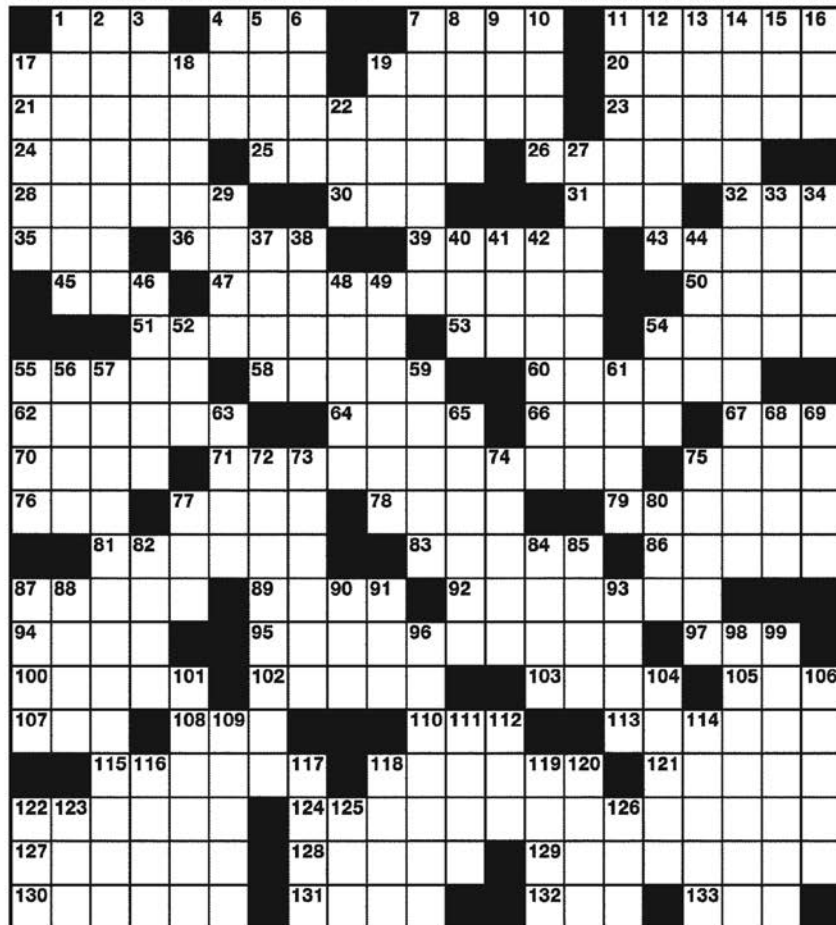
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CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FIVE YEAR 2020-2025 AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER AND FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Time: 5:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Place: Via Videoconference, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed Five Year and Fiscal Year 2020/21 Public Housing Agency Plans. The proposed plans include: • Five-year goals for the Housing Authority, and • Continued implementation of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Family Self-Sufficiency Programs and intent to use Project-Based assistance.

The proposed Plans are available to the public for examination July 31, 2020 through September 15, 2020 on the City's website at https://www.norwalk.org/home/showdocument?id=24240 and https://www.norwalk.org/home/showdocument?id=24242.

Public Comment: Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described project at the City's webpage at: https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agenda-353. Until further notice, the Housing Authority meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, which does allow for the Housing Authority and/or staff to videoconference. As a precaution to protect both staff, our constituents, and commissioners, public access to the meeting in person is not allowed due to the Governor's Executive Orders. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon FiOS Channel 32, or livestream through the City's website. Additionally, as Housing Authority meetings are now closed to the public, if you wish to make a comment on the item (during the meeting), you may provide input either by phone or electronically through the following procedures: 1) By emailing publiccomments@norwalkca.gov. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted at meetings, emails will be read during the meeting; or 2) By dialing into the GoToMeeting to speak on the item. The phone number and access code to GoToMeeting will be provided in the posted agenda for the September 15, 2020 Housing Authority meeting. If you challenge the proposed matter, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public hearing.

More Information: Written comments should be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020 to Nida Watkins, Housing Manager, City of Norwalk, P.O. Box 1030, Norwalk, CA 90651-1030 or emailed

to: nwatkins@norwalkca.gov. Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Nida Watkins at (562) 929-5588 or nwatkins@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 31st day of July 2020.

Theresa Devoy, CMC City Clerk

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCPO0169 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JANIE LYNN EGGER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JANIE LYNN EGGER to Proposed name (1) ABIGAIL READ THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: SEPTEMBER 23, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT JULY 24, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per JANIE LYNN EGGER 10903 ROSECRANS AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 (562) 304-3849

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCPO0144 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner ADOLFO DANIEL RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ADOLFO DANIEL RODRIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) ADOLFO DANIEL ANDRADE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT, 14783 CARMENITA ROAD, NORWALK, CA 90650 JUNE 24, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per ADOLFO DANIEL RODRIGUEZ 12318 EAST 214TH STREET HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716 (714) 292-3936 ADRSKYLINE@GMAIL.COM

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD LAMMEY, JR. Case No. 20STPB05099

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIAN D. VEAL A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GARY GREENE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Veronica Trout 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 DECEMBER 8, 2020 at 8:30am. In DEPT. 5 Room 236 located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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Attorney for petitioner: G JACQUELINE PELAEZ ESQ SBN 207067 SIMONIAN LAW APC 131 N EL MOLINO AVE STE 300 PASADENA CA 91101 CN970553 LAMMEY Jul 24, 31, Aug 7, 2020

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIAN D. VEAL Case No. 20STPB05670

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# In Downey, young people call for change

A movement in Downey is looking to make major reform.

By John Jacho Contributor

**DOWNEY** - It's impossible to discuss the history of America without taking into account the treatment of minorities. From the wiping out of established indigenous populations to the 400-year institution of slavery and segregation which we continue to feel the repercussions of today, it's clear that America, a country most often praised for being the "land of the free", was founded and built upon narrowminded principles that keep its inhabitants from being anything but "free" depending on your the color of your skin, gender, sexuality, or economic status, for instance.

One could argue that current legislation in place protects minorities' rights and their livelihood from being infringed upon, however, it would be absurd to claim that hate crimes, for example, stopped existing once the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed; this scenario applies for all laws that are meant to protect other minorities as well.

Although laws can be explicitly changed to ensure the rights of minorities, culture is something that is not so easily shifted. Lynchings still exist post Civil Rights act, as do hate crimes against other minority groups despite laws in place to prevent such violence.

This begs the question: if prejudice can overtly exist in our society today, who's to say it isn't covertly ingrained in American values and institutions? Discrimination is claimed to be something of the past, and yet, you have the overpolicing of low-income, predominantly Latinx and Black neighborhoods along with longer sentences given to people of color (POC) compared to their white counterparts for the same crime.

The aforementioned institutions, like that of the police and the violence they perpetuate

against POC, are what sparked nationwide protests over the last few months. This energy eventually reached smaller cities such as Downey, leading to a march in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

As protests continued to occur during pride month, a discussion was started about confronting queer prejudice within these already marginalized communities. What followed was Downey's first ever Pride March. Donald Arrington, a 19-year-old citizen who played a role in bringing the march to life, along with an earlier BLM protest.

"I led both of those marches and both of them had similar messages," he said. "It is dire that we center the fight for Black lives around Black trans lives. Black trans-folk face scrutiny and prejudice in every aspect of living and have little to no privileges (which of course varies case by case).

"If you do not fight for one of the most marginalized communities within the Black community, then you are not an ally. We must tackle systemic racism at every level."

The momentum from these movements were then used to tackle the prejudice within Downey Unified School District, as many students have come forward about their experiences with sexual assault, racism, homophobia, and sexism at the hands of DUSD staff and its students. Essentially, what started as protests aimed at getting justice for those murdered by their respective cities' police department has now snowballed into a movement calling for the reevaluation of every American value/institution in regards to who they actually serve and protect with hopes of creating a safer, more inclusive environment for the American people.

This is the first time in Downey history where something like this has occurred, where the community banded together to take to the streets to advocate for equality. At one of these protests, one individual carried a sign that read "reimagine public safety."

While this is one of the main goals of these protests, when looked at in a broader sense, outside of police reform, it encourages citizens to reimagine what other aspects of the city could look like: If a pride march was held every year. If the city reformed the police department. If little kids weren't afraid to be themselves or if POC didn't have to fear for their life every time they were pulled over.

Moreover, with protests still being held throughout Downey and nationwide, the newfound revolution is keeping true to a popular chant heard at many of these events: "No justice, No Peace." Aside from this being a popular chant at today's rallies, it's also reminiscent of marches of the past. Just like our brothers and sisters who were at the million man march or rioted at stonewall, we find that discrimination, regardless of time period, will always be met with civil disobedience. It's evident that the marginalized will continue to fight for what's right and make their voices heard, one way or another, until a brighter, more safer Downey is ensured.

Here are more questions and answers with Donald Arrington, one of the organizers of the BLM protest and the Pride March in Downey:

**How did you go about organizing this march and what inspired you to do so?**

I was actually approached by one of the co-organizers, Alexandria Contreras, and she asked me if I would be interested in helping her lead a Pride March in Downey. I was absolutely excited and happy to do so. Amidst all the change and pain people have been experiencing not only due to the Covid-19 pandemic but the uprising of the Black Lives Matter movement, it was important for me to try and bring my community together and unite them under a great cause.

**What were some of the difficulties you experienced while organizing this march?**

The only difficulties organizing the march was basically making

sure we had all the resources to do so. While organizing, we feared that Downey PD would try to intervene (which they did might I add) so that was a bit frustrating. Another difficulty for me personally was making sure that I showed people that being a part of the LGBTQ+ community is also connected to the BLM movement. It's important that Pride and BLM are connected.

**Why do you think it's important to have marches like these in small hometowns as opposed to attending the larger and more well known pride festivals?**

If you are able to attend both then you should definitely do so. I don't compare either because both are equally important to those who attend. A barrier for many people is that they don't have access to transportation to take them to larger Pride marches or festivals, so having one in my little home named Downey is exactly for those people.

**What do you hope to achieve from these local pride marches?**

I hope people are inspired to love themselves. I hope people learn to love those around them no matter their sexuality, race, gender-identity, or pizza-topping preference. We're all humans struggling to figure it out. It's important to cultivate love in these small towns, especially Downey.

**What's next for you and your coalition?**

The first thing for me is to rest. I co-organized a gathering outside of the DUSD office on the following Monday after the Pride March and it was a success. I'm working with other Downey residents and people who graduated out of the Downey Unified District to address the allegations of sexual assault as well as demand accountability, and also advocating for total curriculum reform. We're going to abolish the current DUSD and work to build it from the ground up.

# Bribery charges refiled against county assessor

**BELL GARDENS** - A total of 78 felony charges have been refiled against former Los Angeles County Assessor John Noguez, his chief appraiser and an Arizona tax consultant alleging they engaged in a public corruption scheme where Noguez was bribed in return for favorable property assessments and unprecedented access to high-level executives.

The refiled case replaces a previous case which was filed in 2012 but dismissed Monday in accordance with an appellate court decision in May, due to a procedural delay.

Noguez, whose real name is Juan Renaldo Rodriguez (dob 11/29/64), Ramin Salari (dob 1/28/63) and Mark McNeil (dob 1/11/58) together face one count of conspiracy to commit grand theft and 14 counts each of misappropriation of public funds and grand theft..

Noguez alone faces an additional three counts of accepting a bribe, two counts each of embezzlement by a public or private officer and perjury by declaration as well as one count

of public records violation.

Additionally, Salari, the tax consultant, faces seven counts of grand theft, nine counts of embezzlement by a public or private officer and 23 counts of bribing an executive officer.

Noguez and Salari also are jointly charged with two counts of grand theft.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges yesterday and are scheduled to return on August 12 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The alleged crimes highlighted on the attached felony complaint took place from 1999 to 2011 and resulted in the loss of more than \$10 million for the County of Los Angeles.

If convicted as charged, Noguez faces a possible maximum sentence of 36 years in state prison. Salari faces 59 years in prison and McNeil faces 22 years in state prison.

Bail is set at \$1.16 million for each defendant

# Arts festival goes virtual

**SOUTH GATE** - The Southeast L.A. Arts Festival returns Saturday for its third consecutive year.

This year's festival will be hosted in a virtual venue from 4-8 p.m.

The festival features online performances from musicians, DJs, poets and dancers, including Mother Rose and the Latinas Art Foundation. Viewers can also support local businesses by shopping with our vendors and view artwork in a virtual gallery.

"Art has always been a way of expressing what is going on

in people's lives, whether that is love or hard times," said Assemblymember Anthony Rendon, who is presenting the festival. "Despite the new coronavirus, it's important that we don't abandon the SELA Arts Festival and the opportunity it provides for people to connect with our local culture and each other."

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# Concern over spread of COVID-19 causing parents to not vaccinate their children

Contributed by Kaiser Permanente

At a time when many parents are concerned about exposing their young children to the novel coronavirus, some are postponing or even canceling appointments to vaccinate their children against childhood diseases – a decision that can have dire consequences.

“Pediatricians are always concerned when we see a drop in immunization rates since this could lead to an increase in vaccine preventable diseases such as measles and whooping cough,” said Dr. Mark B. Salzman, regional lead, pediatric infectious diseases, with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. “If vaccination rates decline, we may possibly see an increase in some vaccine preventable diseases that can have dire consequences on children’s health.”

For parents concerned that vaccinating their children will damage their immune system or result in autism spectrum disorder, Dr. Salzman stressed numerous studies have shown there is no such link. “There’s no evidence to that effect at all,” he stressed.

At Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Salzman said a drop in childhood vaccinations started in March, when stay-at-home orders were issued. As the shelter-in-place directive has been lifted, the vaccination rate has improved, but remains below average.

Dr. Salzman urged parents not to jeopardize their children’s health by not vaccinating them against common childhood diseases, which pose significant risks to infants and young children who are not immunized. Last year, a measles outbreak occurred across the country due to lack of immunizations.

Although some people are hesitant to vaccinate their children, studies have repeatedly



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shown that most childhood vaccines are 90 to 99 percent effective in preventing disease and protect our society against the spread of disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, several important achievements have been reached in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases:

Routine childhood immunization among children born 1994-2018 will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 26.8 million hospitalizations and 936,000 early deaths over the course of their lifetimes, at a net savings of \$406 billion in direct costs and \$1.9 trillion in total societal costs.

Through immunization, we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before age 2.

Vaccines have drastically reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases in the U.S.

“In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many health care organizations have taken

important steps to ensure their patients’ safety, and to reassure them that visiting a medical facility for any health reason remains safe, and is critically important to protect one’s health,” Dr. Salzman said.

For instance, all Kaiser Permanente medical facilities screen members’ temperatures before they are allowed into the building, he explained. Patients who are sick are often seen in a different area, or are brought in through a different entrance to a separate area. Some locations also have drive-thru vaccination sites for people who prefer not to enter a medical office building.

“It’s understandable that some parents have questions about the safety of their children and vaccines,” Dr. Salzman noted. “However, the evidence is clear – vaccination is safe, and we’re taking the necessary steps to ensure our patients’ safety.”

## Short Stories

### First class boss

By Sharon Benson Smith

“Memories are a doorway to the past.” So, in my secretarial career spanning nearly 60 years, I must say I have been singularly blessed in that I have been associated with first class companies and have worked for some great bosses and co-workers.

In the autumn of my career, I joined Advantage Real Estate as their receptionist.

It was here that I met my very first, first-class boss. His demeanor was that of always being ready to help anyone regardless of the situation. He was there anytime one of his realtors or office workers needed him (professionally or personally). He readily gave of himself and his time.

He was respected by everyone affiliated with the office (and loved by some). His first-class demeanor didn’t stop there. In addition to being a great boss, he is known to be a great husband, father, grandfather, and a lover of sports.

He is just an everyday, down-to-earth, heart of gold type of

guy. I recall the many Friday afternoons when he ordered a variety of pizza, salad, and soft drinks for the office. That was a real treat, and the entire office looked forward to those special Fridays.

Celebrating the company’s anniversary each year was extra special with food and drinks galore and were thoroughly enjoyed by all employees as well as his family, friends and affiliates who came from various areas.

He did have one major flaw...he had a bad case of sun-damaged skin, primarily affecting his nose. My guess is that it was caused by the time he spent in the sun managing or coaching baseball leagues involving his sons and grandsons. He had frequent dermatology appointments to stay on top of it.

I recall the day the situation became so serious that it entailed major plastic surgery, and we were told he would be out of the office for a few days.

When we knew for sure the exact day of his return to the office, I phoned all the realtors and office personnel to be in the

office and to wear a bandage on their nose. Well, they went along with it “whole hog”; some wore their entire head bandaged; some had a large or small covering over their nose; others had an arm in a sling. It was hilarious. They were such good sports.

Perhaps this was the first time he realized just how much we cared for him (the men as well as the ladies).

We gathered around his office and waited for him. When Mike came in, he sat down, took a look around at everyone wearing a bandage of sorts, and you could see him wiping away at tears that were getting ready to stream down his face. What a guy!

I have kidded him ever since that day asking, “How’s the “schnoz” doing?”

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you, Mike, for making the final years of my career most memorable. Thanks, too, to all the agents and co-workers whom I came to know. My time with you was most enjoyable and a stand out memory.

### God isn’t ready for me yet

By Sharon Benson Smith

The scenario started out much like any other end-of-the-day for this handyman, my brother, Bob Benson. That is with the exception that on this particular day he had been working for his youngest daughter, Tonia. He was making repairs to a house she bought in Lake Arrowhead and had plans to “flip” it upon completion.

Taking into consideration that he wasn’t on familiar ground in the desert or in the flatlands, he loaded up the trailer he used for hauling the needed equipment. He hitched it to the truck and headed down the rocky mountain road.

Everything was bumping along just fine until he rounded a

mountain curve and had a major tire blowout. This impact caused the trailer to catapult the truck 50 feet down the mountain. The truck was overturned with Bob still in the driver’s seat and his seat belt intact. Even the trailer was semi intact with just the safety chain being somewhat mangled.

He recalls seeing a woman (he calls her his guardian angel) just a few feet above him and her asking if he were okay. He responded that he was fine; he thanked her and crawled out from under the truck and walked the 50 feet to the road above.

His “guardian angel” must have called the police and Highway Patrol as they were on the scene soon after he reached the road. He reported that they

were most helpful and did what they could in the matter. He looked for his guardian angel once again to thank her, but she was nowhere in sight.

Can you believe that the only injuries he sustained were a large bump on his elbow and minor bruises and scratches over his body?

I phoned him as soon as his daughters, Tonia and DeDe, texted me, and these were his words to me: “God isn’t ready for me yet, and he helped me all the way.”

The girls texted me photos of the accident depicting the overturned truck down the mountain, and I had to concede that god was with him all the way. Amen!

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# Want racial justice? Start with filling out your census

By Suzanne McCormick

Those living in our nation's poor and minority communities have historically gone undercounted in the U.S. Census. For instance, nearly one million Black Americans went uncounted nationwide in the 2010 Census.

Fortunately, there's an easy step you can take that will go a long way towards ensuring everyone in our communities gets the representation and resources they deserve. By completing the 2020 census questionnaire -- online, over the phone, or by mail -- you can add your voice to the conversation and make yourself and your family heard.

Here are five ways your census response will help you and your fellow Americans.

**It advances racial equity.**

In recent months, millions have taken to the streets to call for racial equity and justice. These protests have helped amplify the voices of underserved communities. But real change will only take place when these demands become public policy. For that to happen, our government needs to see you. And that can only happen if you stand up to be counted.

The racial inequities that undermine our nation can never be addressed unless you fill out

the census and join the fight for social justice.

**It directs funding to programs that save lives.**

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to ravage the country, it's critical that we direct our emergency resources to those who need them the most. Black and Latinx Americans are disproportionately impacted by the virus and are twice as likely to die from COVID-19.

Wealth also factors into the survivability of COVID-19. Adults with an annual household income below \$15,000 are nearly 15 percent more likely to contract a serious illness following infection compared to those with annual incomes over \$50,000.

Your census response helps essential workers identify at-risk communities and directs resources to these vulnerable populations.

The coronavirus won't be the last time certain communities are disproportionately impacted by a natural disaster. Accurate census data will prepare first responders, nonprofit relief organizations, and government officials to respond to future crises.

**It funds everything from public housing to school breakfasts.**

This year's census will determine how trillions of dollars in federal spending are allocated over the next decade. In 2017 alone, over 300 federal programs relied on 2010 census data to allocate \$1.5 trillion of funds. That money pays for everything from public housing to school breakfast programs, new roads to trash and recycling schedules.

Federal dollars won't reach the communities that need them most unless the government has a precise picture of your local population. You must paint that picture by letting them know you

are there.

**It ensures fair political representation.**

Ever wonder why Ohio has 16 seats in the House of Representatives, while Georgia has only 14? The number of representatives a state gets increases with its population -- and the census determines its population.

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The results of the 2020 census will shape the Congressional map for the next decade. If you want a Congress that represents your community and serves your interests, make sure the government accounts for you and your family.

**It creates jobs.**

Census data doesn't just help government officials. Businesses

consult the census when making hiring and payroll decisions, or where to locate a new office, or when determining how best to serve their communities

For instance, understanding the demographic of a particular neighborhood can help a local grocer determine which items to stock. This knowledge helps her business grow and creates jobs in your neighborhood, while delivering needed items to the marketplace.

At United Way, we fight for every person in every community to be seen and heard. But we can't do it alone. Join us and help stand up for your community by being counted. You have until October 31st to fill out the 2020 U.S. census. Change doesn't happen without you.

**Suzanne McCormick is U.S. President of United Way.**

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## Norwalk hospital gets influx of supplies to fight COVID-19

**NORWALK** - Coast Plaza Hospital in Norwalk has received an additional emergency medical field unit, adding to the unit already in place, to expand capacity during the coronavirus pandemic.

Through its partnership with International Medical Corps, Coast Plaza Hospital and its sister facilities managed by Pipeline Health will use the critical-care equipment to handle the influx of COVID-19 patients.

The field units, equipment and supplies are provided by International Medical Corps thanks to funding provided by AbbVie and logistical and shipping support provided by

FedEx.

"We are so grateful to the IMC for their generosity, collaboration and ingenuity during this difficult time," said Patrick Rafferty, CEO of Coast Plaza Hospital. "The supplies that they have provided us with, both directly and through their partnerships, make it possible for us to meet the needs of our community."

"I am also honored to work with an amazing team here at CPH. Chief Nursing Officer Downapha Britton and Director of Engineering & Operations Kevin Akrey played key roles in making the field unit operational in order to expand capacity and

safely care for our patients."

In April, as part of its global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, International Medical Corps deployed emergency medical field units, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies to four acute-care hospitals in Los Angeles operated by Avanti Hospitals—Coast Plaza Hospital, East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital, Community Hospital of Huntington Park and Memorial Hospital of Gardena—to help meet challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PPE has helped to ensure that staff are protected and able to care for others, while the field

units—which come complete with an HVAC system for cooling and heating—provide extra space to screen incoming patients for COVID symptoms.

Each month, the organization has continued to send additional supplies, such as pulse oximeters and portable handwashing sinks to keep up with patient and staff needs.

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## Palmdale man accused of importing ancient mosaic

**LOS ANGELES** - A Palmdale resident was charged last week with illegally importing a mosaic depicting the Roman god Hercules that is believed to have been made nearly two millennia ago.

Mohamad Yassin Alcharihi, 53, was named in an indictment that charges him with one count of entry of goods falsely classified.

The indictment alleges

that Alcharihi claimed he was importing a mosaic and other items valued at \$2,199, when in fact he was importing an ancient mosaic worth more than that. The indictment also alleges that he misrepresented the quality of the mosaic and what the artwork depicted.

The charges in the indictment are allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Alcharihi will receive a summons to appear for an arraignment in United States District Court for an arraignment that will likely take place next month.

The government is pursuing forfeiture of the mosaic, which was seized by FBI and HSI agents in 2016, in both the indictment and a 2018 asset forfeiture complaint being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Katharine Schonbachler.

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