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## Battle for higher minimum wage yields split decision

■ Inglewood voters passed a ballot measure boosting the minimum wage for healthcare workers. A similar effort failed in Duarte.

By Rachel Bluth  
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**DOWNEY** — An expensive fight over health worker pay in two Southern California cities appears to have ended in a draw, with each side claiming a victory and a loss.

Inglewood residents were poised to approve a ballot measure that would boost the minimum wage to \$25 at private hospitals, psychiatric facilities, and dialysis clinics. The latest vote count showed Measure HC leading 54% to 46%, according to Los Angeles County election officials. In Duarte, roughly 35 miles away, voters were on track to decisively reject a similar proposal, Measure J, 63% to 37%.

Los Angeles County election officials plan to release final results Dec. 5.

The contests were the first ballot-box fight in what seems likely to be a multiyear battle between a powerful labor union and the influential hospital industry. Similar proposals are scheduled to go before voters in Los Angeles, Downey, Long Beach, and Monterey Park in 2024.

All were spearheaded by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, which represents roughly 100,000 workers, including medical assistants, food service workers, and custodial staff.

Suzanne Jimenez, the union's political director, said the union still plans to pursue a \$25 minimum wage in other cities and, eventually, statewide.

"We're still moving forward on all fronts," she said.

George Greene, president of the Hospital Association of Southern California, said in a statement that hospitals support "fair wages" for health workers but that their pay should be discussed at a "state or regional level."

"Deeply flawed" local ordinances, he said, are "bad policy and the wrong approach."

The union used Inglewood and Duarte, both in Los Angeles County, as test cases for raising wages, particularly for some of the lowest-paid health facility workers, such as nursing assistants, security guards, and janitors. Because the measures are city ordinances, they wouldn't apply to state- and county-run medical facilities, just private hospitals and clinics.

Union officials argue that a \$25 minimum wage is necessary to retain and attract workers in a sector that has been understaffed and overworked throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

The minimum wage in most of Los Angeles County is \$16.04 per hour. But for a single adult with no children, the living wage — the amount that person would need to cover typical expenses such as food, housing, and transportation in the county — is \$21.89 hourly, or about \$45,500 a year, according to a tool from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Occupations such as "healthcare support" generally pay around \$33,000 annually in the county, according to the same tool.

Hospitals campaigned heavily against the union's proposal and argued it would create "unequal pay" for staff at private and public facilities. An analysis commissioned by the California Hospital Association estimated that instituting a \$25 minimum wage in the 10 cities originally targeted by the union would have raised

costs for private facilities in those communities by \$392 million a year, a 6.9% increase.

In Inglewood — a working-class city of about 107,000 people southwest of Los Angeles — Measure HC will apply to Centinela Hospital Medical Center and several for-profit dialysis clinics if it prevails. About 315 employees of the hospital would see their wages rise, according to Jimenez, who said she doesn't know how many dialysis clinic employees would be affected.

In Duarte, a wealthier suburb of about 21,000 people east of Los Angeles, Measure J would have applied only to City of Hope, a cancer hospital.

Jimenez said the differences between those communities, and their residents' experiences with the health care system, could account for how the measures fared. She said she noticed that Inglewood voters had more direct experience with Centinela — they may have visited the emergency room or had a baby — than Duarte voters had with City of Hope.

The union has taken two approaches to seeking a \$25 minimum wage. It attempted to secure a statewide minimum wage during negotiations with hospitals this year in Sacramento. But the negotiations were complicated by competing hospital and union priorities, and the deal fell apart in August. The union has also pursued a city-by-city strategy, targeting 10 communities in Los Angeles and Orange counties, including Inglewood and Duarte, where internal polling showed minimum wage proposals could pass.

Earlier this year, city councils in Los Angeles, Downey, Monterey Park, and Long Beach adopted \$25 minimum-wage ordinances for private facility health workers, but hospitals and health care facilities challenged them, pushing the issue to the 2024 ballot. Meanwhile, the union dropped its effort in Anaheim and failed to gather enough signatures in Culver City, Lynwood, and Baldwin Park to place measures before voters this year.

Both sides spent heavily. According to state campaign finance filings, the union spent about \$11 million across all 10 cities from February through the week before the election. Hospitals and health care facilities spent \$12 million during the same time frame.

Many labor economists said that the health care workforce deserves higher wages and better working conditions but that increasing the minimum wage could cause ripple effects.

Neighboring towns or facilities that aren't subject to the new minimum wage and other sectors of the local economy might have to compete for workers, said Joanne Spetz, director of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California-San Francisco. And facilities that increase pay may have to do more with fewer staffers, she said.

"To have a minimum wage that is specific to a limited category of workers, in a limited set of organizations, in a single city is really unusual," Spetz said. "I cannot think of any other circumstances where this has happened."

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Cerritos's Ernesto Vergara (14) reacts after their loss to Mt. San Antonio College in their Southern California Regional Playoffs (4th Round) soccer game at Cerritos College on Saturday. Mt. SAC defeated Cerritos 1-0 in overtime. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

## Falcons' memorable season ends in loss to Mt. SAC

■ Cerritos College loses, 1-0, in overtime, ending their best season since 2018.

By John M. Sherrard  
Contributor

**NORWALK** — The third time wasn't the charm for the Cerritos College Men's Soccer team Saturday (November 26) in the California Community College Athletic Association Southern California (CCCAA) Regional Finals.

With a CCCAA State Championship Semifinal berth on the line, the Falcons saw their magical season come to an end in overtime to the defending state champion Mounties, 1-0.

Cerritos, which finished the season with a 21-1-2 record, had previously beaten Mt. SAC (16-6-2) in a regular season game (2-1) and the South Coast Conference Championship (3-2).

"The unfortunate part of this game sometimes is, we finished the season undefeated (one loss) and yet we're done," Cerritos College Men's Soccer coach Benny Artiaga said. "In playoffs, unfortunately, someone has to be sent home and (Saturday) it was us.

"We were clearly the better team (Saturday). It's unfortunate man. In soccer, it's not the best team that wins all the time."

Cerritos finished the 2017 season undefeated, when they were 17-0-7. The Falcons finished that year as the nation's top-ranked team, but tied Taft, 1-1, in the state semifinals in double overtime. The Cougars moved on to the title game after they outlasted Cerritos, 4-1, in penalty kicks.

They were the second team to finish a season unbeaten and not come away with a state title.

Mt. SAC was 22-0-2 and lost to Taft in the state semifinals also on PKs.

"The whole team stepped up," Artiaga added. "We played a very good game, but just couldn't put one away. We needed to put one away and we didn't and (Mt. SAC) did and that's the difference between wins and losses."

The Falcons, with four previous state titles, were held to only three shots on goal in the game.

"It was a lot of pressure (Saturday)," said sophomore forward Enrique Penate, who scored the first goal in the 2-1 win over Santa Monica in Round 3. "It was competitive, as you saw, and everybody fought to their last breath. We just didn't get to (score) a goal obviously. We all tried and we're sad that we didn't get to go to state.

"It was a very physical game, and they came with everything. Obviously, it was the third game. We expected this and we just

couldn't finish."

Penate spoke of teammate and captain Tony Negrete on his value to the team.

"He's our captain, first of all, and he showed leadership on and off the field and he kept motivating us when we were down and up," Penate said. "He's just a player that we all look up to as a captain, defensive and offensive." Negrete tied with freshman midfielder Kobe Chavez with 11 goals this season.

In the 79th minute for the Falcons, freshman forward Julian Vazquez came the closest to scoring a goal for Cerritos, as he hit the crossbar.

After the 90-minute regulation ended in a 0-0 tie, something that was all too familiar to the Falcons — overtime — would give Cerritos a chance in the two 15-minute periods to advance with a win.

With just 1:41 elapsed in the first OT period, Mt. SAC's Edward Castro gave them a quick 1-0 lead.

Castro played the ball to sophomore forward Alex Mendez, who beat the first defender then

scored.

"It was great to get the win," Mt. SAC coach Juan Sanchez said. "We got the one that matters."

Having another stellar game was Cerritos freshman goalie Steven Ruiz, who has won 14 games this season and just the one setback. Ruiz has eight shutouts this season and was second in the state with 0.52 goals against average.

"It was a back-and-forth battle between two teams with quality players on both sides," Ruiz said. "Unfortunately, we had a lot of chances, and we just didn't put them away. It came down to execution and one of the few chances they had, they were able to put it away. That was really the big difference for the game.

"To us, this was the final. Whoever wins this game, was probably going to be the (State) champion. We came out to the game to be like a final, but unfortunately, they got the lucky side of the coin (Saturday)."

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## Norwalk hires former LAPD sergeant as public safety director

■ Osbaldo Ramos spent 28 years in the LAPD and is a former public safety officer in Norwalk.

**NORWALK** — The City of Norwalk has announced former Los Angeles Police Department sergeant Osbaldo "Ozzie" Ramos as its new permanent director of public safety.

Ramos took over from Interim Director Dennis Kato - who had been in the position since May 13, 2021 - on Nov. 7.

Ramos spent 28 years with the LAPD.

"Ozzie's unique experiences will further expand the effectiveness of our city's Public Safety Department," said Mayor Rick Ramirez. "We first met as public safety officers for the City of Norwalk and during his tenure with the department,

Ozzie helped organize a city-led effort to reduce graffiti and juvenile delinquency, which are quality of life issues that continue to be a work in progress."

Ramos grew up in the South Los Angeles region of LA County and served as the Community Liaison Officer with the City of Paramount's Department of Public Safety before joining LAPD.

As the new Director of Public Safety, Ramos will oversee the department's staff of over 50 employees and manage the day-to-day operations of the department.

"I'm grateful and excited for this opportunity to come back to the city that helped start my career in law enforcement. I am humbled to follow in the footsteps of the Department's founder and my mentor, Kevin Gano, as well as all my previous predecessors who each had a part in shaping the city's Public Safety Department," said Ramos.



Osbaldo Ramos

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### ON THIS DAY

**1804:** Napoleon crowned himself emperor of France in the presence of Pope Pius VII.

**1859:** John Brown, an abolitionist dedicated to winning justice for enslaved Black people, was hanged after he raided a federal armoury.

**1942:** Scientists led by Enrico Fermi conducted the world's first controlled self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction, at the University of Chicago.

**1982:** William C. DeVries implanted the first permanent artificial heart in Barney Clark; the aluminum and plastic device was called the Jarvik-7.

**1983:** The groundbreaking music video for Michael Jackson's song Thriller aired on MTV.



**1993:** Colombian criminal Pablo Escobar — arguably the world's most powerful drug trafficker in the 1980s and early '90s — was killed during a shoot-out with authorities.

**2001:** Following revelations of massive accounting fraud, Enron filed for bankruptcy protection; the energy-trading company was once the seventh largest corporation in the United States.

**2015:** Fourteen people were killed in a terrorist attack at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino.

**2016:** A fire killed 36 people attending a concert at an illegally converted warehouse in Oakland.

### Top Songs on this Date

**1992:** "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston

**2002:** "Work It" by Missy Elliott

**2012:** "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" by Taylor Swift

### Birthdays

Actress **Lucy Liu** (54), tennis hall of famer **Monica Seles** (49), pop singer **Nelly Furtado** (44), pop star **Britney Spears** (41), quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** (39) and pop singer **Charlie Puth** (31).



# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Pregnancy is very much on my mind these days; one of my daughters is pregnant with my first grandchild. To say that the family is overjoyed is an understatement. In the many years that have passed since I became a parent, recommendations concerning pregnancy have changed. While I'm well aware that few of you are pregnant or about to become pregnant, you may still find this interesting!



Do note that I am an internist, not an obstetrician. Also, some of these recommendations do still inspire controversy: When there is any doubt, where pregnancy is concerned, I urge you to take the more conservative path.

There are close to four million births every year in the United States, and it is the pregnant woman who has primary responsibility for creating a healthy environment. Here are some straightforward suggestions:

**•Take a prenatal multivitamin.** Eating a balanced diet rich in vitamins and minerals is extremely important, but is not enough. Prenatal vitamins provide extra folic acid, calcium, and iron.

**•Get plenty of sleep.** This can be difficult to manage; but pregnancy is demanding on the body and those additional hours are important. Pregnancy alters hormone levels, can increase anxiety, and is simply uncomfortable. Naps are OK. Try to achieve seven to nine hours of sleep.

**•Exercise is not only allowed but important for both the woman and the growing baby.** Exercise may also help with insomnia, muscle pain, too much weight gain, and possible mood issues. If you regularly exercised before pregnancy, keep it up. Starting new or more intense exercise is often not a good idea, however, so if you did not exercise before pregnancy, speak with your doctor about a safe fitness program.

**•Do practice yoga, but avoid hot yoga or Bikram yoga.** Look for prenatal or gentle yoga classes that are designed for pregnancy. Again, speak with your doctor before embarking on any new exercise program.

**•Do have sex.** It is safe right up until your water breaks, as long as there is no complicating factor (such as placenta previa). If it is uncomfortable, try different positions, and feel free to discuss this with your obstetrician.

**•Do get vaccinated against flu and TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis/whooping cough).** Note that the flu vaccine is not a live virus, so it cannot cause flu.

**•Eat for two.** Yes, you will need to eat more than usual, and you will want to gain weight. However, this is not a license to make poor food choices, and gaining too much weight can cause problems for both mother and baby. During the first trimester, about 100 extra calories a day are needed, and by the third trimester, that increases to some 300 to 500 extra calories per day.

**•It is OK to eat seafood.** It is loaded with vitamins and minerals, including the heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, zinc, and iron. However, avoid it when it is uncooked (such as sushi or sashimi), as it can carry harmful bacteria, viruses or parasites. Avoid fish high in mercury, like shark, tuna, swordfish, tilefish, and king mackerel.

**•Visit the dentist.** For some time, there was concern that teeth cleaning might cause bacteria to spread and lead to infection. This is simply not true; please attend to your oral health while pregnant.

And, here are some things to avoid:

**•Don't smoke.** Babies born to smokers are lower in birth weight and have a greater likelihood of learning disabilities. Due to physiologic nicotine addiction, children born to smokers are more likely to become smokers at a younger age.

**•Don't drink alcohol.** Warnings were issued 40 years ago here in the United States, and finally 15 years ago in France (where wine is heavily integrated into the culture). Fetal alcohol syndrome can lead to low birth weight, learning disabilities, behavior problems, and lagging growth and development milestones. Very recent studies confirm that there is no safe level of alcohol, both in terms of the overall outcome of the

pregnancy and for fetal neurodevelopment. Increased risk of miscarriage is associated with any alcohol consumption in the first trimester. (Note, however, that the bulk of research focuses on moderate to heavy drinking. We just don't have the same level of conclusive information about very low levels of drinking in the second and third trimester. Nonetheless, my recommendation is to not drink any alcohol, until and unless we have more conclusive evidence to the contrary.)

**•Don't eat raw or undercooked meat and eggs.** Foodborne illnesses including listeriosis and toxoplasmosis, and food poisoning can lead to serious illness, birth defects, and miscarriage.

**•Don't eat cured meats, including deli meat, hot dogs, bacon, sausages, smoked salmon.** They can also cause foodborne illness, and in particular listeria. Meats that are sliced have more surface area for bacterial growth. Thoroughly cooking these processed meats reduces the risk.

**•Avoid raw dairy products, but feel free to get calcium from pasteurized milk and cheese.**

**•Limit coffee consumption.** Caffeine can travel through the placenta and increase the baby's heart rate. One or two cups of coffee per day is probably OK.

**•Don't sit in a hot tub or sauna.** The high heat has been associated with a higher risk of miscarriage and birth defects.

**•Don't clean your cat's litter box.** Pet your beautiful cat and then wash your hands well. Kitty litter contains bacteria and parasites, the worst of which, during pregnancy, is toxoplasma gondii.

Reading these "dos and don'ts" makes it seem amazing that any pregnancies go smoothly. Note that these recommendations each come with their own set of odds for causing harm. They are usually small odds...but why take chances? It is up to each one of you to make informed decisions about your own pregnancy.

As always, I encourage you to discuss these choices with your physician.

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# 'Heartbroken' Cerritos look to future

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"(The game) was very physical (6 yellow cards handed out). It was the third time that we played against each other. Every game has been a war and I wasn't really surprised by that. It was a back-and-forth battle and unfortunately, they came out on top (Saturday)."

Highlighting the season, especially for the 18 seniors on the 29-man roster, 19 of the 26 field players scored at least one goal, which was led by Negrete and Chavez.

Vazquez added nine goals, along with eight from sophomore

forward Pablo Caparelli and seven from sophomore midfielder Gabriel Oropeza.

In addition, freshman goalie Juan Pablo Camacho had a perfect 6-0 record for the Falcons.

"The only thing we need to do, is exactly what we keep doing," Artiaga added. "I mean, we had an undefeated (one loss) season. Put that into perspective. What can we do different."

"In 2017 we went undefeated and lost in PKs and didn't have a ring with it. At the end of the day, you have a bad taste in your mouth. We're Cerritos man, and we'll keep

grinding and we'll keep getting better.

"For us not having a ring, as is ultimately expected, is not what we expected (Saturday). We're heartbroken obviously for our sophomores. It is what it is. We'll keep working and we'll keep grinding."

In addition to coach Benny Artiaga, is assistant coach and brother, George Artiaga, Jose Esparza, Chris Lekavich, Jesse Erazo, Eduardo Barba, Ramon Rivas, Alejandro Diaz and Strength and Conditioning coach Arna Kilicarslan.



Cerritos midfielder Antonio Negrete (16) reacts after missing a shot on goal against Mt. San Antonio College on Saturday. Mt. SAC defeated Cerritos 1-0 in overtime. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)



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# No one should have to earn a living

By Ted Rall

The other day, I caught myself using the phrase “earn a living.” For the first time in my life, I questioned myself.

The idea that one must “earn a living” is the fundamental assumption of capitalism. When you stop to think about it, that’s some extreme libertarianism.

Americans are constitutionally guaranteed the right to speak freely, worship as they choose, purchase and own a firearm and keep their homes private from prying government officials. As important as these rights are, none are nearly as important as the right to living. You can live without expressing yourself. Religions are fiction. We would be better off without guns.

Yet life itself, without which no other right is worth a damn, is not guaranteed.

We need a few things to keep breathing: clean water, food, shelter and medical care. Yet our society can’t even codify the government’s obligation to provide water. While some municipalities push liquid hydrogen oxide to our sinks for free — unless you count taxes — many others charge. Unless you earn that living to which you are not legally entitled, you die of thirst or are poisoned or starve to death or you die from exposure to the elements or you succumb to an injury or disease that science would have treated or cured.

When you think about it, and we mostly don’t, the gap between the system and our psychocultural wiring is a gaping chasm. Capitalism says you aren’t entitled to drink or eat or sleep inside or see a doctor, that you must somehow “earn” those privileges or die. But for hundreds of thousands of years before settled civilization 6,000 years ago led to the grain storage that fed a previously nonexistent profit incentive, homo sapiens lived in clans of hunter-gatherers.

There are accounts of traditional societies abandoning

the elderly or driving the infirm to ice floes. But there is also considerable evidence that early societies took care of those who couldn’t take care of themselves. Archaeological digs have unearthed broken bones that were mended by primitive medical means. Ancient people carried their elderly and sick on litters. Even now, in situations where human beings find themselves separated from civilization’s requirement that everyone pay for the most essential goods and services, the overwhelming tendency is to help one another without expecting remuneration. Parents not only take care of their own children, they pay for the privilege. After a plane crashes in the wilderness or miners are trapped underground or a pair of buildings are destroyed in lower Manhattan, accounts inevitably emerge of the survivors’ camaraderie and generosity.

It would take one hell of a sociopath for a survivor of a shipping disaster to deny a share of his sunblock or his extra hat to his fellows in a lifeboat. Yet we routinely conform to psychosis that violates the communitarianism that is central to the lifestyle of our species. Almost every day, I walk by a woman sleeping outside my apartment building; sometimes I give her money but not always. Except for the cat, the extra bedroom in my apartment remains empty, neat, useless.

I have “earned” a living, you see. She has not.

It is cold. At night, it’s in the 30s.

I don’t know why she sleeps outside. Is she mentally ill? Lazy? Addicted to drugs? Maybe it’s bad luck. She worked in a field that’s no longer looking for workers. I do know she’s cold and hungry.

Capitalism gives me permission not to care. I justify my callousness by judging her choices, none of which I know anything about.

But this is only the beginning of the brief against capitalism. Capitalist society not only denies the concept of a human right to the most basic elements of survival but it creates necessities that no one ever needed or thought about before in order to commodify

them and coerce us into feeding these new profit centers.

Were we to advance to the moral heights of our ancestors of previous millennia and constitutionally guarantee that everyone would be fed and housed regardless of their willingness or ability to earn a living as do Congo and Pakistan, it would be a revolutionary political and ethical development.

Yet billions of people would remain deprived of the new necessities of the modern age. Whereas hunter-gatherers spent every waking minute near everyone they knew and loved, we require pricey communications networks in order to keep in touch with our friends and families. Perhaps you are reading these words when they were published, over a Thanksgiving weekend when millions of Americans were driving and flying to visit relatives — spending billions of dollars on gas and airline tickets.

Higher education has become an essential need as well. Before the first settlement in Mesopotamia, people proved their suitability for mating by exhibiting skills like hunting, sewing and cooking. In America today, millions of men remain involuntarily single because women are more likely to have a college degree; they refuse to date “down” to a guy with a GED. A four-year degree at a private college can easily run a quarter-million dollars.

Not only do you have to earn a living, what it takes to live has never been more complicated or out of reach.

The country is rich. Not everyone must work. There is plenty to go around. Those who work must share. Socialism and communism are political structures designed to distribute that sharing.

Please retire the expression “earn a living.”

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# It’s time for Congress to act on immigration

By Donald Graham

Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, your important immigration goals are in danger. Can the parties do the impossible in this lame-duck session of Congress by passing a bill that achieves both their priorities on this most inflammatory of issues?

The peril to both sides stems from a careless promise made by Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), the likely incoming speaker of the House. He pledged that on his watch, no “amnesty” bill would come to the floor.

For the “dreamers” who have waited decades for congressional action to give them a chance at citizenship, and the Democrats who support them, McCarthy’s pledge means continuing to wait until at least 2025. This would be terrible for the dreamers — and bad for the rest of us, too.

Just as sincerely, Republicans want to address security along the southern border. For those who want to do something about it — as opposed to merely talking about it — McCarthy’s promise also means a two-year wait. Joe Biden, who will be president until 2025, will not sign an all-enforcement border bill. (If incoming Republicans think they can force such a bill on him by parliamentary means, they should ask McCarthy how successful he was at repealing Obamacare.)

I am an independent who thinks both the Republicans and the Democrats are basically right. This country needs to better secure its southern border and enforce its immigration laws. The current situation on the border helps no one except “coyotes” whose profit helps to drive it. We should also welcome to the American family immigrants who have lived here for decades and led productive lives, particularly those who arrived as young children.

Nine years ago, I helped start a scholarship fund for dreamers, undocumented immigrants who came to this country as children. Among the 8,750 who have won our scholarships, the average student came here as a 4-year-old. Most of them (the DACA recipients) had proved to the Department of Homeland Security that they had no serious criminal convictions. But unlike their high school classmates, when it came time for college, they could receive no federal grants or loans for tuition. With little money of their own, most of them had been in effect barred from college.

All of us who started TheDream.us believed the opportunity to attend college should be good for these students — and great, as well, for the rest of us. The dreamers could get a good education and pour into careers where we desperately need them. And their burning motivation would make them excellent nurses and teachers, doctors and lawyers, and businesspeople.

As rather old-fashioned Americans, we also thought these young people were being treated cruelly. If you are brought to the United States by your parents as a baby, there is nothing you can do to become a citizen. Nothing. Two dreamers have won Rhodes scholarships and they remain undocumented. More than 200 are doctors or medical students, but not citizens.

# A dearth of charm in the Capitol

By Jamie Stiehm

I wished the Oklahoma Republican senator well in retirement and reminded him of a trip we took years ago when he was a freshman senator, and I was a rookie reporter.

The craggy conservative, James Inhofe, beamed: “You made my day.” He made me believe it was so.

It may not sound like much. But such a moment is scarcer all the time. The death of charm has come to the Capitol.

I remember days when senators exchanged smiles, stories, repartee and jests with each other and the press. Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy’s booming laugh could be heard by the statues. Sen. Bob Dole’s dry wit crackled like Kansas wheat in high summer.

Senators reached “across the aisle” to produce bipartisan legislation from time to time. They seemed to enjoy each other’s company. Sen. Robert C. Byrd was the rules enforcer, but also the voice of history, giving learned talks on the Roman Senate.

Once opposing Senate leaders, Tom Daschle and Trent Lott co-authored a book after they left the Senate.

By contrast, House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, Calif., who resembles a callow fraternity man, barely spits out “Pelosi,” about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

The death of charm is not a trivial loss in a field where both sides benefit from working together. Proverbial Senate “giants” flourish in warmer climates.

Fifty Senate Democrats could not get one Republican vote for the greatest investment in climate change ever, nor for the Build Back Better infrastructure bill. (Vice President Kamala Harris broke the

In poll after poll, 70 to 75 percent of American voters favor giving such immigrants the chance to stay here, study and work — and ultimately become citizens.

Our country needs the dreamers. We desperately need nurses; since 2005, more than 180 rural hospitals have closed. Among our scholars, the No. 1 major is nursing and health care. Education majors make up another large group, and the United States also desperately needs teachers.

Another important employer in need of help is the Army, which has missed its recruiting goals this past fiscal year by 25 percent — even after offering citizens \$50,000 to enlist. Why not allow young immigrants, educated since first grade in American schools, to enlist as a path to citizenship (after all the background checks anyone wants). The military would fill its ranks with willing and able young people who love this country.

Those who pay attention to the plight of the dreamers know that, in 2012, President Barack Obama created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to give them a small head start. Those who came to the United States as young children, had no criminal convictions and met certain other criteria got two years freedom from deportation, as well as a work permit and a Social Security number, which had to be renewed every two years. They paid \$495 to apply for or renew DACA, but then they could work. They still received no federal college aid or loans or other such benefits.

It’s hard to quickly name an equally successful federal program that cost so little. More than 800,000 DACA recipients went to work and began to pay what would, over a lifetime, amount to billions of dollars in taxes.

Yet DACA is in legal jeopardy. As recipients were enjoying their minimal benefits, Texas’s Republican attorney general, Ken Paxton, spent his taxpayers’ money on a lawsuit aiming to end the program — even though Texas voters favor it 2 to 1, according to two University of Texas polls. Judge Andrew Hanen, a federal judge known for his anti-immigration sentiment, responded with a finding that DACA had been unlawfully adopted.

The ultraconservative U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit has endorsed Hanen’s reasoning, and the lawsuit will be referred to the Supreme Court. In 2020, the justices unexpectedly saved DACA from an unrelated legal attack, but the court is different since the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the appointment of Amy Coney Barrett.

Hanen ruled that existing DACA recipients could keep their status and renew it “until a further order of this court” or others. But by his order, no new applications can be approved. President Donald Trump had already banned new DACA approvals in September 2017. When Biden reopened the program in January 2021, much of the federal government was still shut down by covid. Of about 80,000 young people who applied for DACA status, only about 5,000 were approved. Judge Hanen’s order seven months later stopped the program in its tracks.

ties.)

Politicians were once liked for their hearty handshakes, bonhomie and knowing your name. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was exhibit A in this repertoire.

I’ll never forget lunch with the Arizona senator and a press aide in the Senate dining room. Tapping the table, McCain demonstrated the Morse code used to contact other prisoners of war in the Hanoi Hilton.

Now the elegant Senate dining room is often empty.

Come January you’ll see what I “mean,” as Reps. Jim Jordan of Ohio and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia start their charmless offensive against Hunter Biden, Dr. Anthony Fauci and other victims.

House Republicans, with a few exceptions, swim in former President Donald Trump’s school of haters. Check out Clay Higgins, R-La., if you dare.

Freshman Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., takes the cake. On Jan. 6, 2021, her third day on the job, she spoke on the floor and all but threatened, “Madam Speaker (Pelosi), I have constituents outside this building right now.”

Among the younger Senate Republicans, without a scintilla of charm for the other side, an Ivy League superiority adds to their surly arrogance.

I’m talking to you, Ted Cruz of Texas and Josh Hawley of Missouri. Cruz, a Princeton man, went on to Harvard Law School. Hawley was educated at Yale Law School.

They are inheritors of Trump’s earthy dirt.

We can’t be surprised at Trump’s new outrage, hosting Nick Fuentes, a white nationalist and Holocaust denier, and the rapper Ye, also a purveyor of hate talk aimed at Jewish people.

Shocked, but not surprised.

Since Trump entered the political stage in 2015 as a presidential candidate who personally cut down each opponent, nothing has been the same since.

The nasty tone Trump displayed as a contender against Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, was just a foretaste.

Trump’s inaugural address — spoken with a scowl — warned of “American carnage.” Tarnishing that sacred ritual (sounding like a gangster) was the signal to poison the well for his myriad followers in Congress.

Trump’s racism and misogyny never rested as president. After he lost reelection, American carnage swarmed the Capitol in the armed mob he incited.

We’ve reached an inflection point where some Republicans court defying their party leadership: glowering Rand Paul, Rick Scott and veteran Lindsey Graham fit that bill.

Friends and foes agree, Pelosi and President Joe Biden (a creature of Congress) have some old-school charm. Sen. Mitch McConnell knows how to act as a Southern gentleman. They are all in their 80s.

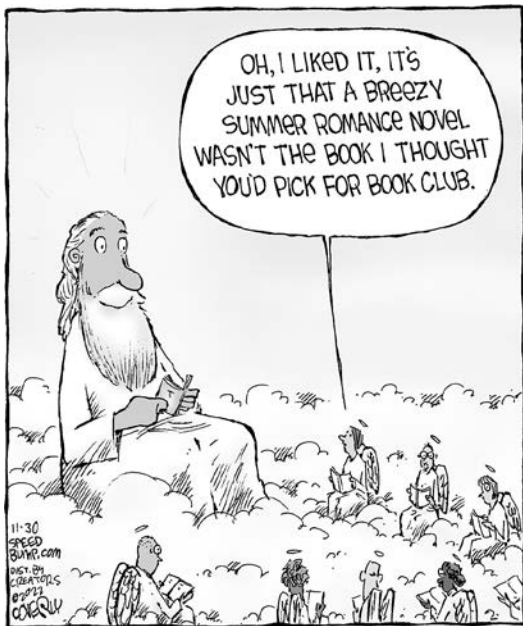
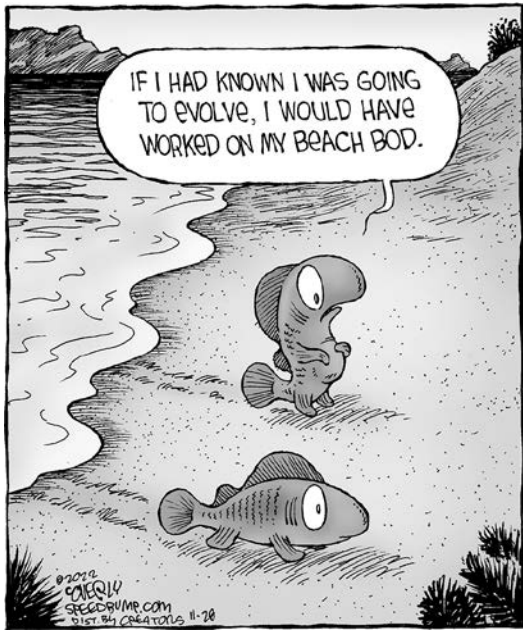
The Senate Republican most capable of charm toward all 99 colleagues is Mitt Romney, 75, of Utah. Inhofe is a vigorous 88.

Note from the press gallery: don’t let charm go out with the old.

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### MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers  
 2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

### TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers  
 3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

### WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant  
 2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church  
 2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center  
 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom  
 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
 4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

### THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
 2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant  
 2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

### SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
 2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 1st Christian Church of Norwalk

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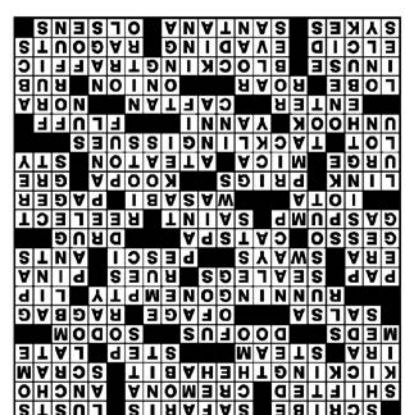
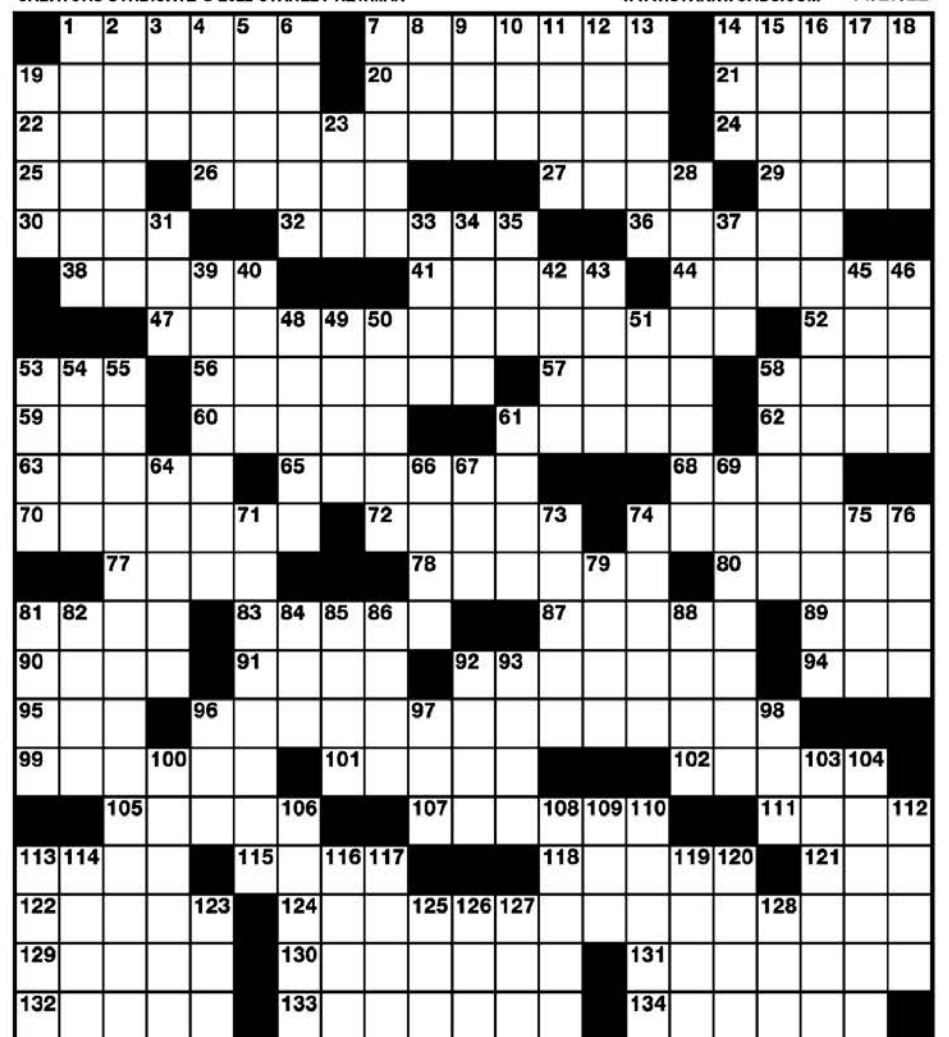
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  - 2 Noisy insect
  - 3 Erstwhile DC stadium
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  - 5 Propensity
  - 6 Nosed (out)
  - 7 Dolt
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  - 10 Internists' org.
  - 11 Holds up
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  - 13 Fills to excess
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  - 15 Clear, as a drain
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# 'Gaslighting' is Merriam-Webster's word of the year

■ The term was coined in a 1938 play but gained immense popularity in the last four years.

"Gaslighting" — behavior that's mind manipulating, grossly misleading, downright deceitful — is Merriam-Webster's word of the year.

Lookups for the word on merriam-webster.com increased 1,740% in 2022 over the year before. But something else happened. There wasn't a single event that drove significant spikes in curiosity, as it usually goes with the chosen word of the year.

The gaslighting was pervasive.

"It's a word that has risen so quickly in the English language, and especially in the last four years, that it actually came as a surprise to me and to many of us," said Peter Sokolowski, Merriam-Webster's editor at large, in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press ahead of Monday's unveiling.

"It was a word looked up frequently every single day of the year," he said.

There were deepfakes and the dark web. There were deep states and fake news. And there was a whole lot of trolling.

Merriam-Webster's top definition for gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of a person, usually over an extended

period of time, that "causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts, perception of reality, or memories and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem, uncertainty of one's emotional or mental stability, and a dependency on the perpetrator."

More broadly, the dictionary defines the word thusly: "The act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one's own advantage."

Gaslighting is a heinous tool frequently used by abusers in relationships — and by politicians and other newsmakers. It can happen between romantic partners, within a broader family unit and among friends. It can be a corporate tactic, or a way to mislead the public. There's also "medical gaslighting," when a health care professional dismisses a patient's symptoms or illness as "all in your head."

Despite its relatively recent prominence — including "Gaslighter," The Chicks' 2020 album featuring the rousing angry titular single — the word was brought to life more than 80 years

ago with "Gas Light," a 1938 play by Patrick Hamilton.

It birthed two film adaptations in the 1940s. One, George Cukor's "Gaslight" in 1944, starred Ingrid Bergman as Paula Alquist and Charles Boyer as Gregory Anton. The two marry after a whirlwind romance and Gregory turns out to be a champion gaslighter. Among other instances, he insists her complaints over the constant dimming of their London townhouse's gaslights is a figment of her troubled mind. It wasn't.

The death of Angela Lansbury in October drove some interest in lookups of the word, Sokolowski said. She played Nancy Oliver, a young maid hired by Gregory and told not to bother his "high-strung" wife.

The term gaslighting was later used by mental health practitioners to clinically describe a form of prolonged coercive control in abusive relationships.

"There is this implication of an intentional deception," Sokolowski said. "And once one is aware of that deception, it's not just a

straightforward lie, as in, you know, I didn't eat the cookies in the cookie jar. It's something that has a little bit more devious quality to it. It has possibly an idea of strategy or a long-term plan."

Merriam-Webster, which logs 100 million pageviews a month on its site, chooses its word of the year based solely on data. Sokolowski and his team weed out evergreen words most commonly looked up to gauge which word received a significant bump over the year before.

They don't slice and dice why people look up words, which can be anything from quick spelling and definition checks to some sort of attempt at inspiration or motivation. Some of the droves who looked up "gaslighting" this year might have wanted to know, simply, if it's one or two words, or whether it's hyphenated.

"Gaslighting," Sokolowski said, spent all of 2022 in the top 50 words looked up on merriam-webster.com to earn top dog word of the year status. Last year's pick was "vaccine." Rounding out this year's Top 10 are:

— "Oligarch," driven by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

— "Omicron," the persistent COVID-19 variant and the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet.

— "Codify," as in turning abortion rights into federal law.

— "Queen consort," what King Charles' wife, Camilla is newly known as.

— "Raid," as in the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home.

— "Sentient," with lookups brought on by Google canning the engineer who claimed an unreleased AI system had become sentient.

— "Cancel culture," enough said.

— "LGBTQIA," for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, and asexual, aromatic or agender.

— "Loamy," which many Wordle users tried back in August, though the right word that day was "clown."

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## Smoking Santa Claus? Holiday advertisements you'll never see again

■ Newspaper and magazine ads from the 1930s probably wouldn't be acceptable today.

By Bobbi Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

**DOWNY** — There are many benefits in volunteering at the Downey History Center — I get to engage with the community, educate myself in all aspects of history, empower my knowledge by being able to look at all reference books, newspapers and magazines, and it keeps me inspired by learning about my history.

Looking at an advertisement for Lucky Strike Cigarettes from Dec. 14, 1935, I find that it says "Luckies are easy on my throat" as stated by Santa Claus. "There are no finer tobaccos than those used in Luckies, and Luckies' process is your throat protection against irritation...against cough."

Where there's smoke...some of us recall ashtrays were being made by children for dad and mom when the world had many people who were smoking. Who knew that Jack Benny was giving (yes, giving) cartons of Luckies to a few close friends. This fun fact was learned by reading The Saturday Evening Post (November 2020). Jack Benny's ad was from Dec. 6, 1958.

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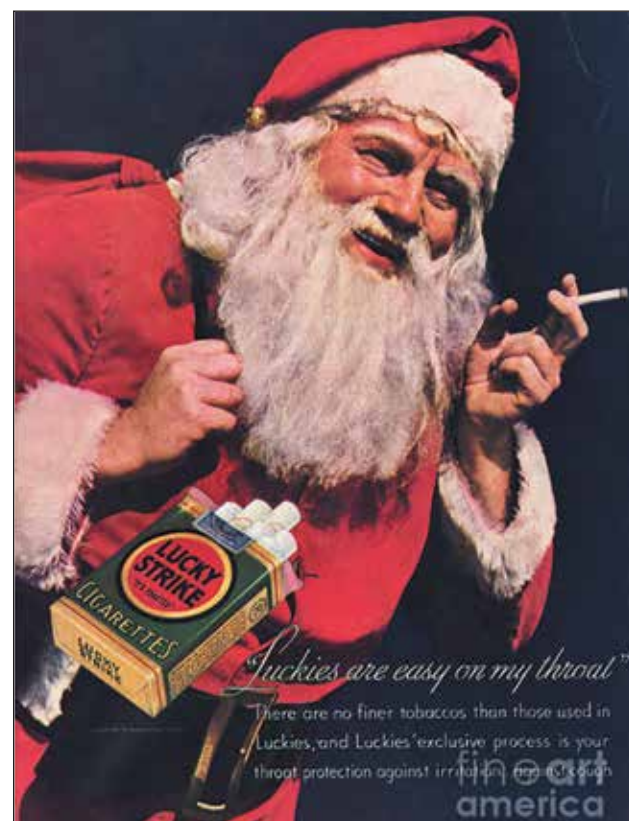
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"Place your Christmas order now. At your gas company's showrooms, you'll see models ranging in size from tiny affairs for two people, up to huge mansion size.

"Complete information by mail if you wish. Electrolux Refrigerator Sales, Inc., Evansville, Indiana."

### The Facts of Wife

"Ideal gifts for the high priestess of home and earth? Why, more cherished tools of her trade — vacuums, dishwashers, refrigerators — of course. Let your wife come into the living room from the kitchen to see the new automatic Electric Dishwashers being advertised on the television.



Santa Claus was used to sell cigarettes in the 1930s.

Everybody's pointing to Hotpoint." — ad from Dec. 2, 1950.

"Half-way House Cleaning Ends Dec. 25" — ad from Dec. 2, 1939.

These are ads from holidays you will never see again. Just a flashback to a simpler time when marketers presented a world in which dads and little boys care only for having fun, moms want nothing more than a clean house, and Santa

is smoking.

An ad for Textron Menswear dated Dec. 1, 1948 shows "Big Boys, Little Boys." They're all the same wearing pajamas, playing cowboys and Indians.

I'm having so much fun volunteering at the historical society.

**Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.**

## Luna announces sheriff's leadership team

■ April Tardy will become the first woman undersheriff in the history of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

**LOS ANGELES** — Incoming Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said Wednesday a 28-year department veteran will serve as his interim undersheriff, becoming the first woman to hold the position in the history of the sheriff's department.

April Tardy currently serves as chief of the department's Central Patrol Division.

Luna also announced that Jason Skeen, currently the commander of Personnel Command, will serve as his interim chief of staff. Skeen is also a 28-year department veteran.

The appointments are both considered interim during Luna's

transition into the office beginning Monday. A swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for Saturday.

"Both of these talented and experienced law enforcement leaders share my vision of a sheriff's department that is effective, compassionate and constitutional, and I look forward to serving with them starting on December 5th," Luna said in a statement.

As undersheriff, Tardy will be the department's second-in-command.

"I'm honored that Sheriff-elect Luna has confidence in me to serve as undersheriff of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department," Tardy said in a statement.

"Sheriff-elect Luna will lead this department in a new direction, and as undersheriff, I'm eager to help him improve public safety and

public trust in this department. I've dedicated my career to making our communities safer and serving with integrity, and I'm very proud to serve as the highest-ranking woman in the history of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department."

Skeen, meanwhile, will manage the sheriff's executive office and serve as a senior adviser.

"Working for Sheriff-elect Luna, I'm confident that we can make progress to reduce crime, help modernize this department, and reestablish important relationships in our communities," Skeen said in a statement.

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