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Virus cases rise as backlog clears

DOWNEY — L.A. County health officials Wednesday confirmed 4,825 new coronavirus cases, which they attributed to a backlog of reports received from over the weekend.

Officials also confirmed 91 new deaths, bringing the total death count in L.A. County to 4,516.

Of those 91 new deaths, 31 were over the age of 80 and 72 had underlying health conditions.

In Downey, COVID-19 has infected 2,932 people and killed 67. Many of the victims have been senior citizens and nursing home residents.

Death rates by race and ethnicity show stark inequities between Black and Latino residents and white residents.

Latino residents have the highest rates of death, with a rate of 58 residents per 100,000 population. This is almost two and a half times the rate of death compared to white residents.

Similarly, the rate for African American residents is 49 deaths per 100,000 population, equal to twice the rate for white residents.

The differences by poverty rate are also startling. Those who live in areas with the highest rates of poverty are more than four times more likely to die of COVID-19 compared to those who live in low-poverty areas.

“These differences are unjust and unacceptable, and we must continue to address the deep-rooted issues that are at the heart of this burden on our Black and Brown and low-income residents continue to face,” health officials said in a statement Wednesday.

Childcare vouchers

Meanwhile, the Board of Supervisors this week allocated \$15 million in funding for childcare vouchers to serve essential workers and low-income families.

The Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education will contract with the Child Care Alliance, a network of LA County resource and referral/alternative payment agencies, to distribute vouchers.

To expedite the process, the funding will be infused into the existing voucher system.

Families seeking early care and education services may access vouchers by calling 888-92-CHILD (888-922-4453). Eligibility for these vouchers is set by the state.

“To those grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19, I send my heartfelt condolences. My heart and blessings also go out to the many people who are suffering with COVID-19 in Los Angeles County,” said Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health.

“I know that we’re all eager and anxious to see our lives return to normal. We want our children to be back at school, seeing their friends and making cherished memories. We have the tools at hand to make this happen.

“We need compliance with our directives - so please continue to wear a face covering and do not gather with people you don’t live with.”

Downey Avenue closed to traffic, but for how long?

The closure is meant to help downtown businesses but it remains unclear if shops and restaurants will take advantage.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Hoping to give local businesses an added advantage during the current crisis, the Downey City Council voted on Tuesday to shut down one block of Downey Avenue within downtown.

Downey Avenue will now be closed between the 2nd and 3rd streets for 24 hours a day, seven days a week for anywhere up to 180 days.

The move comes as restaurants continually have to adapt to a new way of business, with COVID-19 protocols effectively shutting down all indoor dining options and forcing them outside.

With the downtown area now closed off to vehicular traffic, the city hopes that the businesses in the area will be able to utilize the space for day-to-day operations.

However, the Council’s decision does come with a healthy amount of caution.

Councilman Alex Saab - who pulled the item from the consent calendar - said that he believed it was a “good idea,” but wanted to make sure that the negative impacts did not outweigh the good.

“I know that we’re all trying to do what we can to help our businesses,” said Saab. “I just wanted to make sure that we have a plan in place to assess whether it’s beneficial or not.”

“My concern is that the businesses outside of that little

zone - or even some of the businesses within the zone - that don’t necessarily benefit from it, and then the traffic.”

According to City Manager Gilbert Livas, there is currently only one restaurant taking advantage of the closure.

“What we want to see is more businesses participating,” said Livas. “Certainly, if the other businesses don’t participate then you can call that not successful.”

Livas added that in other cities, similar instances had “taken a couple weeks to take off.” Still, the street could be reopened if it became clear that the closure would not be effective.

“We don’t have to wait 180 days,” said Livas. “If people don’t set up out there and businesses don’t want it, we’ll remove it.”

“We will be in communication with the Downtown Business District and make sure that it is something beneficial to them as well.”

The vote passed 4-0 with Mayor Blanca Pacheco abstaining because she has an office in the area.

Evictions

Downey’s moratoriums on COVID-19 related residential and commercial rental evictions were extended on Tuesday, with a new expiration date set for the end of September.

Originally passed in June, both moratoriums provide a bit of relief for renters who may be struggling to pay their rent due to the financial impacts of COVID-19.

In addition to the halt in evictions, renters also have a two month repayment period for every month they are behind to



A one block stretch of Downey Avenue has been closed by the city to give restaurants and retailers opportunity to expand outside. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

settle their debt.

Initially set to expire at midnight Tuesday evening, the moratoriums will now last until September 30.

Plaque subcommittee

With Measure S spending nearing its conclusion, the City Council on Tuesday voted to create an ad hoc sub-committee to determine where to install plaques around renovated parks and buildings.

Measure S - the half-cent sales tax increase approved by 63% of Downey voters in 2016 - has funded upgrades to Downey parks, fire stations, library, and theater.

It is not uncommon for a major city project to be dedicated with some sort of marker - usually a plaque - which commemorates the date of the opening ceremony as well as council members and staff members who presided over it.

However, on Tuesday there seemed to be some confusion

- mainly by Councilman Sean Ashton - as to why there needed to be a subcommittee for such an installation in the first place.

“Normally, whenever we do a project, we just have the city plaque that says, ‘These are the council members, this is the city manager, this is the day we did the ribbon cutting,’” said Ashton. “Is this going to be something in addition to that? I just don’t see the use of it right now...I just think the way we’ve done it in the past is the way we should be doing it; whatever we’ve done for every other plaque in the city should be the same thing.”

It was Councilman Rick Rodriguez who explained his desire for a subcommittee to be formed.

“The reason I brought it up is because of [former mayor] Dave Gafin,” said Rodriguez. “Anybody who gives their time or service, I think that they deserve some kind of recognition.”

Rodriguez will serve on the subcommittee alongside Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa.

In Downey, young people call for systemic change

“If you do not fight for one of the most marginalized communities within the Black community, then you are not an ally.”

By John Jacho

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 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.

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 90°

Saturday 90°

Sunday 87°

ON THIS DAY JULY 30

1811: Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, leader of the Mexican War of Independence that resulted in Mexico’s independence from Spain, was executed by the Spanish.

1825: Malden Island in the central Pacific Ocean was discovered by British naval officer George Byron.

1865: The steamboat Brother Jonathon sank off the coast of Crescent City, Calif., killing 225 passengers and crew.

1930: Uruguay won the first FIFA World Cup, hosted by Montevideo.

1932: Walt Disney’s “Flowers and Trees” premiered, the first cartoon to use Technicolor and the first Academy Award winning cartoon short.

1945: A Japanese submarine sank the USS Indianapolis, killing 883 seamen.



USS Indianapolis

1956: “In God We Trust” became the U.S. national motto.

1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the Social Security Act of 1965, establishing Medicare and Medicaid.

1975: Labor union leader Jimmy Hoffa disappeared from a Michigan restaurant parking lot. He was never seen or heard from again.

Notable Birthdays

- Retired Major League Baseball commissioner **Bud Selig** turns 86.
- Blues guitarist **Buddy Guy** turns 84.
- Singer-songwriter **Paul Anka** turns 79.
- Former California governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** turns 73.
- Actor **Laurence Fishburne** turns 59.
- “Friends” actress **Lisa Kudrow** turns 57.
- Basketball hall of famer **Chris Mullin** turns 57.
- Actress **Vivica A. Fox** turns 56.
- Actor and “America’s Got Talent” host **Terry Crews** turns 52.
- Actress **Hillary Swank** turns 46.
- U.S. Olympic soccer goalkeeper **Hope Solo** turns 39.



Lisa Kudrow turns 57 today.

Notable Deaths

- Buffalo Bob Smith**, best known as host of the children’s show “Howdy Doody,” died of cancer on this date in 1998. He was 80.
- Hall of fame football coach **Bill Walsh**, who led the 49ers to three Super Bowls, died in 2007 of leukemia. He was 75.

From reforming police to abolishing the school district, young people want change

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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.



In a demonstration outside Downey City Hall, protesters call for an end to police brutality. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

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.

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Republican attorney launches long shot bid to unseat Roybal-Allard

Immigration attorney C. Antonio Delgado says he can beat Downey's longtime Congress member.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — C. Antonio Delgado has announced his candidacy for California's 40th congressional district.

A Republican currently residing in Los Angeles, Delgado will take on the long-established incumbent Lucille Roybal-Allard, who has held a seat in Congress since 1992 and represented the 40th District since 2013.

He hopes to serve as an alternative to what he called "The Roybal dynasty."

"The incumbent has been there almost 30 years," said Delgado. "Her father was in that district before her."

"I realized that these poor people of the 40th District at least need a choice for someone new. When I saw that there is no real viable candidate that can actually win in that district, I decided to get in with two days to spare to the deadline to actually get on the ballot."

The 41-year-old is a single father and immigrant from El Salvador. He is an immigration attorney by profession, having received his education from UCLA and Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

He says he's had no background in politics before the current race.

"There is no viable candidate in that race," said Delgado. "When you look around and

you ask yourself, 'Why doesn't someone do something?' The reasonable question you need to ask yourself is, 'Why am I not doing something?'. That's why I decided to get in."

Along with his own investment into his campaign, Delgado says his funding comes from individual donors.

As opposed to candidates before him, Delgado hopes to gain victory from the position of the "center right."

"The opposition that [Roybal-Allard] has had so far is from the left. The last election, the person who ran against her was a Green Party [candidate]," said Delgado. "The other people that have run against her in the general election in the past few years have been people from the left, which I feel that moderate Democrats or Republicans would not be comfortable voting so far left."

He adds that he feels Roybal-Allard is "incredibly vulnerable."

"She seems to be absent from the community; everywhere I go people don't seem to know who she is," says Delgado. "I think I have an opportunity to show these people in the community that I'm a better option because she's had almost 30 years; her destiny is set already. Whatever she's going to do, she's done it."

Delgado is running on the platform of ending corruption, parent choice in education, and immigration reform.

On his views of education, Delgado says that he would like to give those in the district the opportunity to choose where their children go to school.

"This is not only going to incentivize public education to be more competitive, by realizing

that if they don't change what they're doing they're going to lose their students," said Delgado. "The way that I'm thinking about doing it is advancing a voucher system, where parents get \$12,500 a year per individual child, and that child doesn't have to be an American citizen, they can be undocumented because the school is going to educate an undocumented student anyway. Those \$12,500, they can take them wherever they want - a charter school, a private school - they choose where they take their children, and whatever money doesn't get used gets put in a savings account for those kids in order to have something to take in the future."

Delgado added that this would not be "new money," but a return of funds "already invested in those children."

On immigration, Delgado says he wants to give those who have contributed an opportunity at citizenship.

"As an immigration attorney, I see the need that our people have when it comes to being able to become citizens," said Delgado. "I want to give the young people who have grown up here in the United States an opportunity to live the American dream; that's only going to happen if they have some sort of path to citizenship."

At a time where there are nationwide discussions on police department reform, Delgado said that the question should be about "efficiency" and not funding.

He says that a solution begins with leadership and dialogue.

"During the protests in Downtown, I attended a prayer vigil for George Floyd between the religious community and the police, and I think it starts

there," said Delgado. "It starts with dialogue. As an elected official, you have to have the courage to talk to the people who are maybe going to scream and yell at you. It starts with that; it starts by elected officials taking some sort of leadership."

He added that he wants to support officers, while also not protecting "bad cops."

"As far as defunding or funding the police, officers put themselves at risk every day. Sometimes these officers work very long hours. Officers have to make really life changing decisions when they're tired... so I want to make sure that the officers have the support they need in order to be the



best officers possible," said Delgado. "But I also want to make sure that the police is held accountable if there is officers that are not actually serving their community." Delgado can be found on cantoniodelgado.com, on Facebook, and Instagram.

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To learn more about the campaign and how to get involved, please contact us at yohaun@amaad.org or jamar@amaad.org

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Obituaries

Regis Philbin

Regis Philbin, host of the long-running talk shows "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee" and "Live! With Regis and Kelly," as well as the first host of the U.S. version of the popular game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," died July 24 of heart disease. He was 88.



Philbin was the host of numerous television shows, including the morning talk show "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," which he co-hosted with Kathie Lee Gifford. Co-hosting duties were later taken over by Kelly Ripa and the show was renamed "Live with Regis and Kelly."

Over the years, Philbin also hosted Miss America pageants and game shows like ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Philbin was nominated for 37 Daytime Emmy Awards throughout his career and won six, and he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. In 2006, Philbin was inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the Television Academy Hall of Fame.

Philbin holds the world record for most hours on US television, according to Guinness World Records, with more than 16,700 hours on air.

Philbin was born in New York on August 25, 1931, to Frank and Florence Philbin. He was named after Regis High School, a Jesuit school in Manhattan attended by his father.

He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1953 with a

degree in sociology before going on to serve in the US Navy.

Philbin knew that he wanted to be in entertainment, he told Larry King in a 1997 interview.

"Never thought I would ever have the talent to look into a camera lens and talk to it," he said, "just never thought it would happen."

Philbin got his start in show business as a page on NBC's "The Tonight Show." He later hosted "The Regis Philbin Show" out of San Diego before joining "The Joey Bishop Show" as Bishop's sidekick.

After a stint as the host of a local Los Angeles TV talk show, Philbin became the co-host in 1983 of "The Morning Show" on WABC.

Gifford became Philbin's co-host in 1985, and in 1988 the show was syndicated and renamed. The duo continued hosting together until 2000, at which point Philbin hosted the show alone -- then dubbed "Live with Regis" -- until he was joined by Ripa in 2001. He finally left the show in November 2011.

Philbin had been married since March 1970 to Joy Philbin, with whom he had two children, Jennifer and Joanna.

An earlier marriage to Kay Faylan lasted from 1957 to 1968. Philbin had two children with Faylan, Danny and Amy.

Fellow longtime TV and radio host Larry King shared a picture with Philbin on Twitter, calling him "such a prolific talent."

"He could do it all, and we loved him for it," King wrote. "I will miss him every day."

Rene Carpenter

Rene Carpenter, a television host and columnist who first came to public attention as the wife of Mercury 7 astronaut M. Scott Carpenter, died July 24 of congestive heart failure. She was 92.

She and the other six wives have been described by "The Astronaut Wives Club" author Lily Koppel as "America's first reality stars."

They were expected to embody the ideal mid-century American homemaker, raising children and supporting their husbands at all times, while also appearing glamorous during media events and public speaking engagements.

Carpenter's physical appearance was often the focus of media attention. She was described as a "platinum blonde," "prom queen," and "a dish." She joked that her stock answer to all questions was that she was "proud, thrilled, happy."

But she had a serious interest in the science of space travel and inner workings of NASA's program. She became a valuable source to writer Tom Wolfe who immortalized the Mercury 7 project in "The Right Stuff."

Through personal hardships and under the extraordinary pressure of the public spotlight, the wives of the astronauts supported one another. Carpenter formed a particularly close bond with Annie Glenn, wife of astronaut John Glenn.

When Glenn died earlier this year at the age of 100, Carpenter became the last surviving member of one of the most exclusive clubs in American history.

Carpenter had a quick wit and was a talented writer. From 1965 to 1968 she wrote a syndicated newspaper column about her perspective as a wife called "A Woman, Still." But by 1968 her marriage to M.

Scott Carpenter was falling apart. The couple separated and were divorced in 1972. That year she embarked on a successful new career as a television host for Washington, D.C. TV station WTOP (now WUSA).

"I am a single whole person—unencumbered by hyphens or gratuitous references to the past, and I am convinced I speak for a growing number of women who are newly responsive and aware of their own unique identities," she wrote in response to a 1973 Washington Post story that described her as "ex-wife of the astronaut."

Steve dePyssler

Col. Steve dePyssler, a U.S. Air Force veteran who was the only known American to have served in four wars, died July 25 of COVID-19. He was 101.

Col. dePyssler began his military career serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He later transferred to the U.S. Air Force and went on to serve in the Korean War, the French Indochina War, and the Vietnam War, as well as at the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

He rose from private to colonel over 38 years of active duty. After his retirement, dePyssler worked in the Retirees Office at Louisiana's Barksdale Air Force Base for 40 years and was the office's director for more than 30 of those years.

Saying his goal was to help at least one person each day, dePyssler helped veterans get their VA benefits, as well as assisting widows of veterans. He continued working all his life, coming to the base to help veterans even after his 100th birthday in 2019.

Olivia de Havilland

Olivia de Havilland, an Oscar-winning actress who played Melanie Hamilton in "Gone With the Wind" and won two Academy Awards for Best Actress, died of natural causes on July 25. She was 104.

De Havilland was one of the last living memories of Hollywood's golden age and, until her death, the oldest living Oscar winner. She was the sister of actress Joan Fontaine, and they were the only sibling pair in Academy history to win Oscars for leading roles.

De Havilland emerged as a star during the classic movie era -- first as a romantic partner for Errol Flynn in swashbucklers such as "Captain Blood" and "The Adventures of Robin Hood" and then as Melanie Hamilton Wilkes in "Gone With the Wind" (1939), considered the top moneymaking film of all time when adjusted for inflation.

By the late 1940s, she had become one of the screen's top actresses.

But her off-screen role in a lawsuit against her employer, Warner Bros., may have been her most notable achievement in Hollywood.

In 1943, de Havilland sued the studio after it attempted to extend her seven-year contract, which was expiring. Under the studio system, actors faced suspension without pay if they turned down roles, and the suspension time was added to their contracts.

De Havilland's eventual court victory helped shift the power from the big studios of that era to the mega-celebrities and powerful talent agencies of today.

"Hollywood actors will be forever in Olivia's debt," de Havilland's friend and frequent co-star Bette Davis wrote in her autobiography, "The Lonely Life."

More importantly for de Havilland, she gained freedom to pursue better roles in award-winning films such as "To Each His Own" (1946), "The Snake Pit" (1948) and "The Heiress" (1949).

Her first Oscar win -- for "To Each His Own" -- also brought into the spotlight an often strained relationship with her famous younger sister, Joan Fontaine. At the 1947 ceremony, Fontaine tried to congratulate her sibling backstage, but de Havilland brushed her aside, reportedly telling her press agent, "I don't know why she does that when she knows how I feel."

Fontaine, also an Oscar winner, died in December 2013, at age 96, fueling press speculation about whether the sisters had ended one of Hollywood's most famous family feuds before her death.


"I regret that I remember not one act of kindness from her all through my childhood," Fontaine said of her sister in her memoir, "No Bed of Roses."

De Havilland was born July 1, 1916, in Tokyo to British parents. Both Olivia and Joan were often ill as children, and their mother decided to return to England for treatment. A stopover in San Francisco led the trio to settle in Saratoga, California. Eventually the girls' parents divorced, and their mother remarried.

De Havilland caught the acting bug in a school production of "Alice in Wonderland." Her dedication to the craft led her to defy her stepfather's warning against appearing in plays and to leave home early before graduating from high school.

She got her first professional break as an understudy for Gloria Stuart (later the elderly Rose in "Titanic") in Max Reinhardt's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

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"Going, going . . ." Is it? Roger Maris has it, running fast. You will never see a finer catch. Well . . . "Mickey, leaping like the devil"—why gild it, although deer sounds better....

Studded with stars in belt and crown, the Stadium is an adastrum. O flashing Orion, your stars are muscled like the lion.

Marianne Moore (1887-1972)

Baseball is the most literary of sports, bursting with metaphor, image, and rhythm. Poet Marianne Moore, 81, threw out the first pitch at the opening of the 1968 baseball season at Yankee Stadium, against the California Angels. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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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."

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.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is a senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

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**

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.

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 Tippett 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
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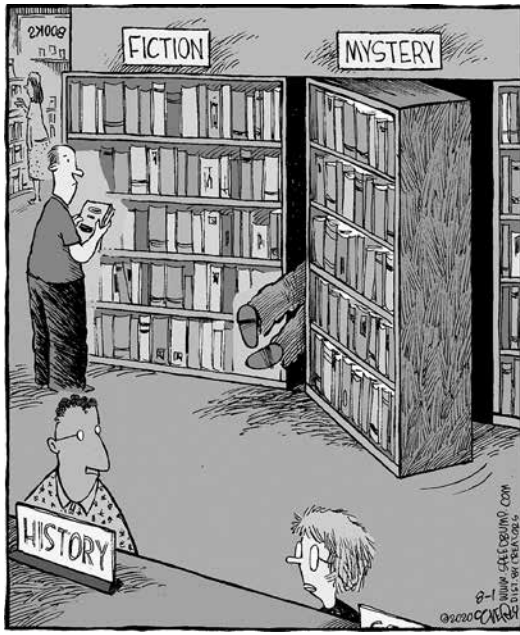
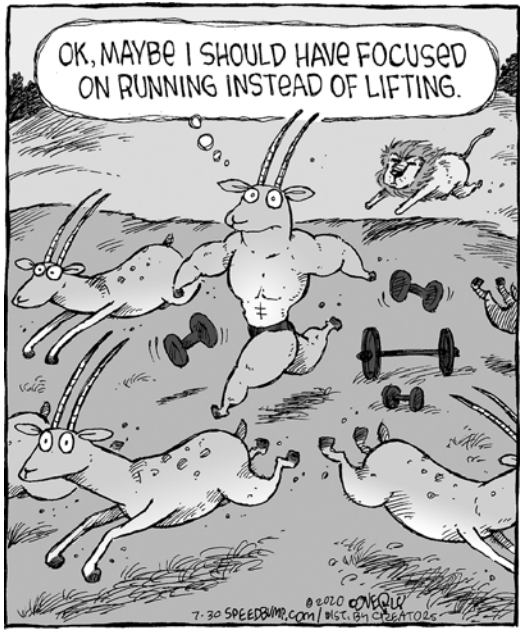
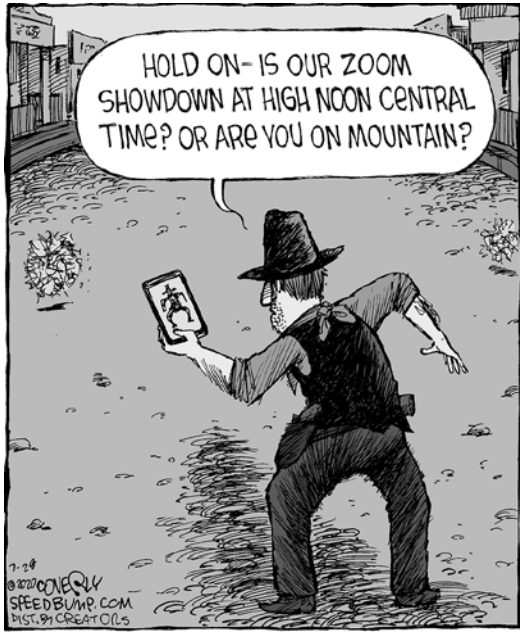
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- 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
- 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
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- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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

FRIDAYS

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

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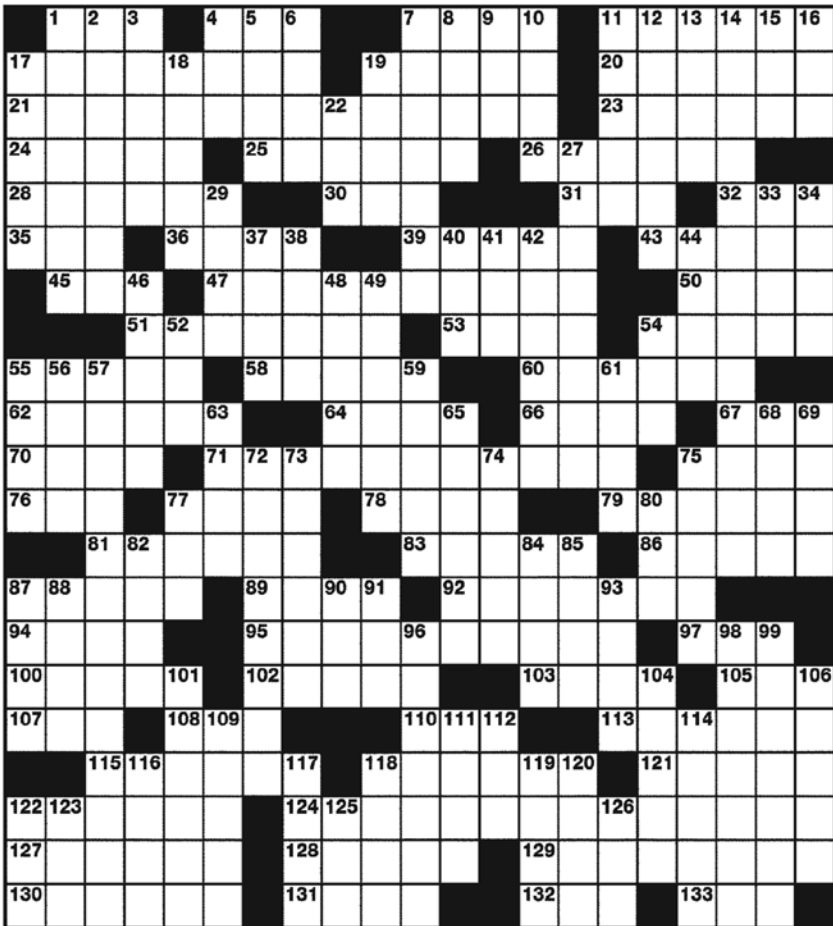
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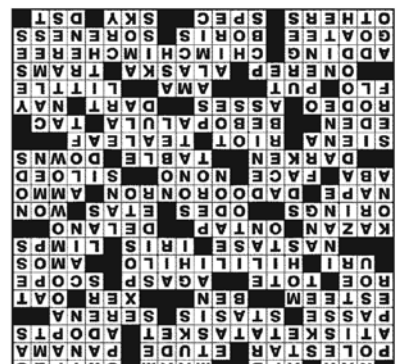
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The NASTASE (S) Across) entered the politics after retiring from tennis; he was elected a Senator in his native Romania in 2012. ALASKA (118 Across) pays an annual dividend, to every resident of oil revenues, to the Permanent Fund which has lived in the state for the entire previous year; for 2019 the dividend was about \$1600. «CHIM CHIM CHEER-EE» (124 Across) received the 1964 Academy Award for Best Song.



Downey's Assisteens, an auxiliary unit of the Assistance League of Downey, completed nearly 300 cards saluting the frontline healthcare workers at PIH Health Hospital, thanking them for their bravery and dedication.

The Assisteens are comprised of high school students and work throughout the year on community service projects.

The Assistance League of Downey has been serving the Downey community since 1956. It operates the Second Tyme Around Thrift Shoppe located at 11026 Downey Ave.



DUSD offers free and reduced-price meals

DOWNEY — Downey Unified announced that it is again participating in the policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Afterschool Snack Program.

Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines. Please visit www.dusd.net and click "Free + Reduced Meals" for the full guideline or visit www.DUSDeats.net to fill out an application today.

Households who receive benefits through CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR will receive a notification letter in the mail saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals and they do not need to turn in an application for approval. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway are eligible for free meals. Contact the Food Services Department if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let Food Services Department know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

If your child/children participated in the free and reduced-price meal program last school year, a letter with information about the program, how to apply as well as an application will be sent to the household. Households that want to apply for meal benefits must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the Food Services Department located at the Downey Unified School District. Online applications can be filled out and submitted securely through the Food Services website at www.DUSDeats.net.

For help filling out this application, please contact Monica Stebok, (562) 469-6672, or Marisol Alarid, (562) 469-6674. You will be notified by mail if your application is approved or denied for this

program.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR, you may turn in an application at that time.

Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household member or marking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application.

Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the Food Services Department processes your new application or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. Temporary eligibility will expire on September 25, 2020. After the 30 school days, your child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. Downey Unified's Food Services Department is not required to send reminders or expired eligibility notices.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with officials from Downey Unified's Food Services Department.

One also has the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Dr. Robert Jagielski, Director, Student Services, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, 90241, (562) 469-6564.

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