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Mass vaccine site in Downey to close

■ With demand for vaccinations dropping, L.A. County is closing its large vaccine sites and transitioning to mobile clinics in targeted areas.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Downey's mass Covid-19 vaccination center will close this weekend as L.A. County moves to smaller vaccine centers.

The vaccination site located at the L.A. County Office of Education in Downey will operate Sunday and close Monday. On Tuesday, a new clinic will open at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

This site will operate from 11 am to 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

As of today, about 64% of LA County residents are fully vaccinated. L.A. County health officials are now shifting their vaccination strategies, turning to mobile clinics to target teens and adults who have not yet been inoculated.

"It is clear that we need to double-down on efforts to make it as easy as possible to get a vaccine and build trust in Covid-19 vaccines," said health director Barbara Ferrer.

"Many residents have important questions that need to be answered and their concerns are valid. Our job is to continue to be transparent and honest as we share information on vaccine safety and efficacy."

Masks Guidelines

State officials released mask-wearing guidelines Wednesday that will take effect on June 15 when the bulk of COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The state will align largely with rules outlined last month by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which recommends that fully vaccinated people do not have to wear face-coverings or distance in almost all situations.

Under the state's updated guidelines, vaccinated residents will be able to shed their masks except in select circumstances — including public transportation, indoors at schools, child-care facilities, health-care and long-term care facilities, correctional facilities and homeless shelters.

Those who are not vaccinated will have to continue wearing masks at indoor public settings, including retail stores, government offices and movie theaters.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Tuesday that the county will also continue requiring masks at indoor "mega events," defined by the state as involving more than 5,000 people — a rule that would affect major indoor sporting events.

Church offers bible school

DOWNEY - Legacy Church of Downey is hosting a free vacation bible school for children in preschool through sixth grade.

The one-week bible school meets daily June 14-17 from 6-7:30 pm. Doors open at 5 pm.

For more information or to register, email children@legacychurch.live or text (424) 282-0478.

Downey Historical Society reopens after 2-year hiatus

■ The history center at Apollo Park has reopened with new volunteers and a vision for the future.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey Historical Society opened back up to the public on Wednesday after over 2 years.

The Historical Society, which resides at Apollo Park, originally shut down for the park's renovations. Though the park has been complete for some time, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the organization to remain closed.

According to President Bob Thompson, the Historical Society took the opportunity to start making some much-needed renovations.

"We're going forward and doing some wonderful repairs," said Thompson. "I'm just happy that we're open and people can come in."

While closed, Thompson says that The Historical Society still functioned "within the group," continuing to hold its board meetings and produce its newsletter.

Now, the public can once again visit for tours and for research purposes, however there will be some health and safety protocols — such as masks and limited capacity — still enforced.

Thompson also announced that the organization can now offer tours of the premises in



Andrea Barajas, Jesus Reyes, Bobbi Bruce and Bob Thompson inside the Downey Historical Society. The facility reopened to the public last week. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Spanish, with prior request.

He also mentioned that there has been some talk around the possibility of the Paranormal Activity Research Team (PARTeam) — who have done several investigations of the Dismukes House since October of last year — returning to do public paranormal tours, though nothing is currently scheduled.

Over the hiatus, the Historical Society added two recently graduated high school students in Andrea Barajas and Jesus Reyes to

its roster of historians. Thompson hopes to draw more of the city's youth to the organization, with the goal of eventually "passing the baton."

"It's very important for the future. I love history; Andrea, Jesus, they love history. Hopefully the youth will grab on," said Thompson. "One of these days, Bobbi [Bruce] and I are going to have to hand over the baton. Hopefully, it's to these two folks plus many more."

"Andrea has contacts at

Warren High School, and so does Jesus at Downey, for getting Downey Historical Society known. So, I'm excited for new people to come in; I want so much for young people to come in."

The Historical Society is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm, as well as every third Saturday. While not necessarily required, calling ahead and making an appointment or reservation is encouraged.



SoCal population drops for first time ever

■ Retirees ages 75-84 are the fastest growing segment of the population.

DOWNEY - Low birth rates, uncertainty over immigration and long-term impacts from COVID-19 will result in a year-over-year population decline in Southern California for the first time ever, researchers said Tuesday in the first of a two-part demographic conference sponsored by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the University of Southern California.

The 32nd Annual Demographic Workshop, held virtually this year, is built around the theme, "The Post-Pandemic City," and takes a close look at several intersecting developments that could significantly change life in the six-county SCAG region.

These include the pandemic and post-pandemic recovery, heightened awareness of

racial equity and inclusion, and results of the 2020 Census. The latter already will result in California losing a Congressional seat.

For decades, Southern California has ranked among the most vibrant population centers in the United States, climbing above 19 million. However, the rate of growth has slowed throughout the 2010s as declining fertility rates, the housing crisis and other factors have resulted in a gradually aging — and less mobile — population base.

According to projections released Tuesday, the fastest-growing segment of the population will be mature retirees, ages 75-84, followed by young retirees (65-74) and seniors (85 and older). Meanwhile, there will actually be a decline in college-age young adults and preschool-age children. Also, the ratio of working-age adults to retirement-age adults — which once stood at 6 to 1 — has fallen below 4 to 1.

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Downey Arts Coalition celebrates Andrew Wahlquist

■ Arts champion Andrew Wahlquist is feted by Downey's arts community.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY - Downey artists gathered for a reunion at the home of Pat Gil, and to celebrate Andrew Wahlquist for his contributions to the arts in Downey.

The weather cooperated with a warm and pleasant afternoon, after so many days of gloom. The Gil residence offers a patio that is a spacious outdoor living room, with an annex for picnic tables where guests enjoyed a potluck buffet of veggie crudites, chicken, and avocado/cucumber sandwiches. Sweets and pastries finished the meal, and beer, wine and sparkling water were on hand.

Old friends and colleagues greeted each other, relieved that COVID seems to be

receding as a threat. Everyone was familiar with the other's work and there was much excited catching up. As a bonus for attention, a hummingbird darted across the ceiling to where its tiny nest had been built, attached to the string of party lights.

Pat, a recent president of the Downey Arts Coalition, said that DAC is reassessing and planning its new structure as it re-enters the Downey scene.

Pat hopes to start a mini-salon on her patio, hosting music, film and poetry, and showcasing art. The enclosed area with its cacti in large ceramic vases around the high walls, makes a perfect venue.

Alistair Hunter, active in the city's new Downey Arts Commission, said he met recently with Councilpersons Catherine Alvarez and Mario Trujillo, and Gabriel Enamorado

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Pat Gil, left, and Andrew Wahlquist. (Photo by Lorine Parks)

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 82° ☀

Saturday 84° ☀

Sunday 84° ☁

ON THIS DAY JUNE 10

1801: The North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

1854: The United States Naval Academy graduated its first class of students.

1922: Singer-actress Judy Garland was born Frances Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minn.

1935: Dr. Robert Smith took his last drink and founded Alcoholics Anonymous in Akron, Ohio.

1940: Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

1947: Saab produced its first automobile.

1963: The Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at abolishing wage disparity based on sex, was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy.



1964: The U.S. Senate voted to limit further debate on a proposed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern lawmakers.

1977: James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others. (He was recaptured three days later.)

1978: Affirmed won horse racing's Triple Crown by taking the Belmont Stakes.

1991: Jaycee Dugard, 11, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

2003: The Spirit rover is launched, beginning NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission.

2007: The final episode of "The Sopranos" aired on HBO.



Birthdays
NFL hall of famer **Dan Fouts** (70), reggae singer **Maxi Priest** (60), "Austin Powers" actress **Elizabeth Hurley** (58), medium and reality star **Theresa Caputo** (55), comedian **Bill Burr** (53), R&B singer **Faith Evans** (48), country singer **Lee Brice** (42), retired figure skater **Tara Lipinski** (39), and swimsuit model **Kate Upton** (29).

In-N-Out road trip makes way through Downey

■ The Vanderheides family is on a road trip to visit every In-N-Out restaurant in the nation.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A family on a mission to visit every In N Out in the county finally made its way through Downey and Norwalk last Sunday.

With the pandemic in full effect and not many great options for summer plans, Sam Vonderheide, of Templeton, CA, asked his 11-year-old son Berkeley what the family should do.

“I’ve been really embracing summers and trying to do a lot of fun things with my kids, which is fun,” said Vonderheide. “We do road trips; we do fun things. Last summer, obviously most people’s plans were put on hold and everything was shut down.”

“We had already been stuck at home for several months...we were anxious, and I was anxious to do something. I was putting Berkeley in bed one night almost a year ago in June, and I said, ‘What are we gonna do Berk?’”

Berkeley’s answer?

“I said let’s go to all the In-N-Outs,” said Berkeley. “I didn’t mean it that seriously, but I should’ve known better because my dad is crazy.”

The mission a year in the making has been undertaken by primarily Vonderheide, Berkeley, and 12-year-old daughter / sister Emery, with some friends and family tagging along on occasion.

Vonderheide says that his family are “life-long In-N-Out fans.”

“I’ve been raised to love it. I’ve always loved In-N-Out,” said Vonderheide.

There are approximately 360 In-N-Out locations spread across eight states.

At the time of writing, the family had visited 348. That includes having done 185 in 15 days, and all 40 Texas locations in two and a half days. According to Vonderheide, they’ve driven roughly 16,000 miles.

And yes, they order something every time.

“We were doing 20 plus a day some days,” said Vonderheide. “Me and the two kids, we would take turns. ‘It’s your turn to order something. Oh, I just want some fries,’ because in 15 minutes you can have a burger if you want.”

“We paced it; it could be a drink. You have to order something, and we keep all the

receipts. It worked pretty well.”

Vonderheide says he “didn’t want to ruin” In-N-Out for his family.

“You can ruin a good thing by way overdoing it,” said Vonderheide. “It might seem like we are, but I think we’ve been in control, and I think we might even like it more now.”

Vonderheide has documented their travels with a dedicated Instagram and has gained an enthusiastic following – particularly of In-N-Out associates – in the process.

“I thought people might appreciate this; a lot of people really like In-N-Out like I do,” said Vonderheide. “I didn’t know who our audience would be, if it would be road trip people, foodie people.”

“I thought, ‘Where are the In-N-Out fans that would appreciate this?’ Some people started seeing what we were doing, but it seems like the biggest In-N-Out fans – for the most part – are the people who work for In-N-Out...They seem to be some of the people who are most into what we’re doing.”

As the family zeroes in on its final few stores, Vonderheide says that they should have California done by this weekend.

Ultimately, it all boils down to quality time spent with family.



The Vanderheides family in front of the Downey In-N-Out restaurant. The Vanderheides are on a mission to visit every In-N-Out in the country. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

“For me what I enjoy about summers is spending time with my kids,” said Vonderheide. “We have fun with whatever creative, funny random things. This was the perfect combination for this year...If you’re going to

anywhere in a pandemic, In-N-Out is a pretty clean place.”

“We had a lot of fun. It’s something we’ll never forget, and it’s been really cool seeing other people enjoying what we’re

doing.” The Vanderheides can be followed on Instagram at @Innoutroadtrip.

Fewer people living here

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Compounding all of this is the pandemic, which led to an increase in mortality rates, a further decrease in birth rates and virtually halted foreign immigration into California. As a result, 2020 saw the first year-over-year drop in overall population.

“We’re facing a lot of unknowns as we emerge from the pandemic. However, with uncertainty, there is opportunity in front of us. We need to position ourselves to plan for the future,” said Clint Lorimore, President of SCAG and an Eastvale City Councilmember.

“It’s a great privilege for SCAG to be able to bring together the best minds across the region and the state so that we can help cities meet their needs and work toward a better future for their residents.”

Kome Ajise, SCAG’s Executive Director, described the task ahead as “a monumental one” for SCAG and its member agencies.

“Fundamentally, our focus is on the people of Southern California – not just how many there will be, but what their needs are, where and how will they live, and how they will form the region’s economy,” Ajise said. “With the new Census indicating that slower growth may be in the region’s future, it’s an opportunity to not just grow, but to grow better.”

Part 2 of the workshop next Tuesday will feature discussions on the impact of the pandemic on how cities function, housing needs, transportation and workforce.



Downey’s Savannah Vilaubi won the Colorado State Open golf tournament last Friday, following up her record tying 64 from the previous day with a 4-under 68.

“This is the most joy-filled and grateful I’ve ever been in my life,” Vilaubi said. “To win this tournament means the world to me and it took the combined efforts of everyone around me. My swing coach, my mental coaches, my family, the love of my life, my trainer, and my friends all played such vital roles in this victory.”

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Radiologist, **Dr. Sunayna Bakaya** (right), reviews a lung cancer patient’s latest imaging scans with thoracic surgeon, **Dr. Amir Abolhoda** (left), prior to surgery.

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The silent killer that should never be ignored

High blood pressure has been dubbed the “Silent Killer,” because those who have it typically show no signs or symptoms, making it that much more dangerous. Unless treated, however, the consequences to your health can be very serious.

With May being National High Blood Pressure Education Month, it’s important to know that getting one’s blood pressure checked regularly, maintaining a healthy weight, eating heart-healthy, low sodium food, exercising regularly and limiting alcohol consumption are lifestyle changes that will help prevent hypertension.

And that is critically important, as high blood pressure can cause stroke, kidney disease, sexual dysfunction, vision loss, heart disease and other cardiovascular-related health problems, said Dr. Jennifer Nguyen, a cardiologist with Kaiser

Permanente Southern California.

What is high blood pressure? When your blood pressure is taken, it measures the force of blood that’s being pushed against the walls of your blood vessels. If your blood pressure is high, this means the pressure of blood flowing in your arteries is higher than desired. This causes your heart to work harder, which could eventually result in heart failure, stroke or a heart attack.

Ideally, normal blood pressure should be below 120/80 mm Hg, according to Dr. Nguyen.

The American Heart Association notes the following risk factors increase your probability of developing high blood pressure:

- ▶ Physical inactivity
- ▶ Being obese or overweight
- ▶ Smoking and being exposed

to secondhand smoke

- ▶ High cholesterol
- ▶ A diet high in salt
- ▶ Drinking too much alcohol
- ▶ Diabetes

“It’s important to measure your blood pressure on a regular basis, and if you do have hypertension, never ignore it,” Dr. Nguyen cautioned. “Having high blood pressure is a cause for concern as it is a health condition that can result in serious health issues.

“However, once you know, you can treat it in most cases by making minor but important changes in your diet and lifestyle that can reduce or eliminate hypertension.”

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I often wonder when my life will truly return to “normal.” CDC guidelines now allow us to visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; to visit with unvaccinated people from one other household who are at low risk of severe COVID indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; to participate in outdoor activities and recreation without wearing masks or physical distancing (except in certain crowded settings); and to resume domestic travel. The guidelines are continuing to loosen up over time.



In spite of these expanded CDC guidelines, I find that I have been reluctant to increase my own activities to this extent. Why? Will we choose to return to our pre-pandemic lives because the CDC says that it’s OK, or are there other factors that also determine just what our own level of comfort is? Are we suffering from widespread PTSD? Have some of us become a bit too comfortable with our new lifestyle?

We have been coping with COVID-19 for well over a year. It

has truly devastated friends and family, killed nearly 600,000 people in the United States alone, made a shambles of some areas of our economy, severely restricted travel, closed schools and many businesses, and imposed rules about isolating, distancing, and wearing masks.

Now the number of cases has fallen, and a majority of us have been fully vaccinated. The vaccine works extremely well; the latest data suggests that only 1 in 1,100 people who are vaccinated will become infected.

In spite of that, when will we actually feel comfortable sitting next to a stranger? If that stranger sneezes or coughs, how will we react? When will we each decide to shake hands and hug again...without first hesitating? (Was shaking hands ever a good idea?) Just what is “normal,” and what life are we expecting to return to? Can we trust that we are ever completely safe?

These are complex questions, and the answers will vary for each of us. Although COVID-19 is far more serious and far more contagious than the flu, vaccinations have made the handling of these two diseases more alike. We each need to decide what level of risk is acceptable for ourselves. If we know that we might become ill, but are unlikely to become hospitalized or die, then we will tend to eventually return

to old and familiar habits. After all, we have long accepted the inherent risks of the annual flu viruses.

However, note that COVID-19 is capable of mutating beyond our current vaccines. It is not likely to disappear, and may well circulate forever, as many viruses do. Therefore, “normal” and “freedom” will require that we are able to control risks to a sufficient level.

I suggest that we don’t wait for herd immunity and a reduction of cases to zero before making efforts to restore a version of normalcy to our lives. Let’s follow the CDC guidelines, decide on our own acceptable level of risk, and live our life.

Let’s move forward. Let’s be tolerant of one another, maintain some social distancing, avoid coughing or sneezing in the direction of others, maintain good hygiene, and eat better foods and exercise.

And finally, let’s remember to practice plenty of gratitude for what we’ve managed to achieve so far.

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

Tips to handle post pandemic stress

With Los Angeles County having moved to the least restrictive yellow COVID-19, many people are understandably embracing this move as a sign of the beginning of the end to the pandemic.

For others, however, facing a return to openness and face-to-face interaction can lead to anxiety and other mental health challenges, following more than a year of isolation in which we saw changes in the way we shop, interact and communicate primarily through virtual means.

“We still don’t have all the answers in how to best combat this virus, and now that it seems as though we’re going to start opening up our society to return to what we hopefully remember as a sense of normalcy, we might find that we’re ironically anxious

about doing so,” said Dr. Luis Sandoval, a psychiatrist with Kaiser Permanente. “After a year of quarantine, the body and mind have adapted to this new lifestyle. As such, there will be a readjustment period for many of us to once again engage in public venues and socializing in person. It’s natural to lose some confidence in doing things you haven’t done in a while.”

Dr. Sandoval explained that as many of us had to readjust to a lockdown at the start of the pandemic, we should anticipate it might take time to get used to a return to normalcy, as change is never easy.

“Being hit with a lot of stimuli can lead to a sensory overload,” he explained.

To help protect your mental

and physical health, Dr. Sandoval, who is also a physician, suggested the following.

- ▶ Continue to keep good hygiene.
- ▶ Wear masks as recommended.
- ▶ Listen to your comfort level of how often, where and with whom you are comfortable going out.
- ▶ Remind children to keep good hygiene while at school.
- ▶ Remember that we will become more immune to the virus as time goes on and more people are vaccinated.

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Things you didn't know about Downey: Charlotte Austin

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

Does the name of Charlotte Titsworth Austin sound familiar?

She was one of the 305 women originally accepted into the US Marine Corps in 1918. She was honored with a medal presentation at 10:30 am on April 22, 1994 at the Downey Community Health Center. The Veterans Affairs Regional Los Angeles Director Henry Gresham and members of his staff presented to Austin a certificate of recognition from the VA, as well as a World War I medal which was issued by the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation.

Mrs. Austin distinguished herself during four years of active military service with the Marine Corps, then went on to a long and distinguished career with the VA until her retirement as assistant loan guarantee officer at the VARO in Los Angeles in 1968 at the age of 70. She was also active for many years with many veterans service groups.

Attending the ceremony was her son, Bob Austin, of Downey, Mayor Bob Brazelton of Downey, and several representatives from congressional offices. Bob told the Downey Eagle his mother spent most of her time while on active duty in Washington, D.C. The military deemed her too young to be sent overseas at that time. Bob said after her tour of duty, his mother was very active in veterans groups, particularly the Women's Marine Veterans which was formed following World War II.

Mrs. Austin was 95 years old at the presentation award and refreshments were served as a small band ensemble played from Lakeside Junior High.

We can be very proud of the service veterans that Downey had in our wars.

Thanks to John Adams and his series, "The Time Traveler," for the story.

News Doesn't Change

Many old newspapers reflect events that are happening today. Names may change but events are similar.

A Los Angeles Evening Express that was uncovered during the demolition of a Downey church was turned over to the Downey Historical Society as a model. The newspaper dated April 26, 1930 was found by workers for a construction company who were working on the foundation of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in 1991.

The paper had sports, crime, politics, immigration and ship departures. The Evening Express claimed to be the oldest daily newspaper in Los Angeles with a founding date of March 27, 1871.

In looking over the headlines of the old newspaper, if you knew history, the famous names would leap out to anyone with a taste for the past:

"Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York confined to home with what

his doctors describe as complete physical and mental breakdown."

"Capone's kin face prison" (Big Al's brother had been convicted of tax fraud).

Another article claimed home building in Los Angeles to be second fastest in the nation. One page carried an in-depth study of the problem of admitting seasonal Mexican labor into the U.S.

Sports pages glittered with a story on how former USC grid star Fay Thomas was slated to pitch baseball that day for the Sacramento Solons who were playing Los Angeles.

The Evening Express was big on sea arrivals and departures. San Pedro was a beehive of activity. Departures included the North German Lloyd Liner SS Columbus with 348 on board, 137 of whom were going to Europe.

There wasn't a hint in the Los Angeles of 1930 that another World War was in the offing. Pearl Harbor was just a point at which ships arrived.

Most poignant of all and most meaningful was a story on how one loses identity in the U.S. Census. The thought that residents of Los Angeles became mere numbers through the census count. Like some of the complaints of today.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

Obituaries

Linda Thurston, death penalty opponent

Linda Thurston, an activist who served as the director of Amnesty International's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty, died May 23 at her home in Brooklyn, New York of natural causes at the age of 62.

Thurston worked toward creating a more peaceful world as she tried to bring an end to war and the death penalty as well as advocating criminal justice reform and prison abolition.

She was a leader at the War Resisters League, working toward the organization's mission to "build a movement to end war and its root causes, including racism, sexism, and all other forms of human exploitation."

Thurston was Director of the American Friends Service Committee's National Criminal Justice Program and co-founder of the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal. She is remembered as a passionate activist who brought people together and inspired them to work toward justice.

"Some people who work on political prisoner cases have, in a general theoretical sense, the idea that prisons themselves are bad, but also that prisons are where bad folks are," she said. "If you stole something, you're a thief. If you killed somebody, you're a murderer. And that is what you are, that is who you are, and that is all you are."

"I really have a problem with that idea, maybe coming from my spirituality or maybe just my common-sense political analysis. Nobody is only one thing, and no one is only as bad as the worst thing

they ever did. If that were true, we'd all be in big trouble because we're all human."

David Dushman, helped liberate Auschwitz

David Dushman, a Soviet veteran of World War II who was one of the last living soldiers who liberated the Auschwitz concentration camp, died June 4 in Munich at the age of 98.

Dushman was a soldier in the Soviet Union's Red Army during World War II. On January 27, 1945, as Auschwitz was liberated from the Nazis, Dushman drove a tank through the death camp's electric fence, knocking it down and allowing ground troops to enter the compound and liberate its prisoners.

"Everywhere there were skeletons," Dushman said of his experience at Auschwitz. "They stumbled from the barracks, sat and lay among the dead. It was horrifying. We threw all of our canned food at them and drove on quickly, to keep chasing the fascists."

Dushman is believed to be the last or second to last of the liberators of Auschwitz to die.

After the war, Dushman studied medicine, and he also turned to his old love of fencing. He became the coach of the national Soviet women's fencing team for more than 30 years, coaching them to gold at the 1973 Munich Olympics.

At one time, Dushman was the top-ranked fencer in the Soviet Union, and he continued fencing regularly well into his 90s.

Karla Burns, acclaimed stage actress

Karla Burns, a singer and actress who became the first Black person to win England's prestigious Laurence Olivier Award, for her performance in "Show Boat," died June 4 at a hospital in Wichita,

Kansas at the age of 66.

Among Burns' most notable roles was Queenie in "Show Boat," in which she debuted in 1982 with the Houston Grand Opera. After premiering in Houston, the show traveled to venues including Broadway's Gershwin Theatre and the London Palladium.

Burns was nominated for a Tony Award and won her groundbreaking 1991 Olivier Award, as well as a Drama Desk Award, for her performance.

She was also known for her performance in the one-woman show "Hi-Hat Hattie," portraying Hattie McDaniel, the "Gone With the Wind" star who was the first Black actor to win an Oscar.

Burns' other notable stage productions included "The Comedy of Errors" and "Measure for Measure" for New York's Shakespeare in the Park, Addie in the opera "Regina," and Lily in "Porgy and Bess" for New York's Metropolitan Opera.

Richard Robinson, CEO of Scholastic books

Richard Robinson, the CEO of the children's book publishing company Scholastic for decades, where he introduced book series including Harry Potter and the Hunger Games to the U.S., died June 5 in Chilmark, Massachusetts at the age of 84.

Robinson's father, Maurice Robinson, founded Scholastic in 1920. Though Robinson initially never intended to go into the family business, he became an associate editor in 1962 and rose to president of the company in 1974.

The following year, he was named CEO, and he led Scholastic until his death.

During those decades, Robinson built Scholastic into a powerhouse that became the largest children's book publisher in the world. He brought in blockbuster series including Harry Potter, the Hunger Games, Captain Underpants, and Goosebumps.

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Tired of the anti-vaxxers

By Froma Harrop

I'm fully vaccinated, and so is just about everyone I know. We feel mostly protected against COVID-19. And so if others don't want to get the shot for political reasons or out of ignorance, must we care?

We read that many Republicans are refusing to get the coronavirus vaccine, while most Democrats are all in. The reasoning on the right seems to be that President Joe Biden wants us all to get vaccinated, therefore they won't. Do these folks think that they are somehow offending or frustrating the opposition?

They're definitely astounding the opposition and also some on their side. Right-wingers rejecting efforts to get them vaccinated are more likely to come down with a virus that could kill or leave them with long-term disabilities.

The partisan divide is real. Of the 39 congressional districts where at least 60% of the residents have received a shot, all but one are represented by Democrats, according to a Harvard University study. Republicans, meanwhile, represent all but two of the 30 congressional districts where fewer than one-third of residents have received a shot.

Some concerned Republican doctors in Congress have put out a public service announcement telling conservatives that yes, you should get a vaccine that shields you from a virus that has claimed over 600,000 American lives. Now that the vaccine is widely available, the excuse that it's hard to get an appointment no longer works.

But other conservative politicians are cynically encouraging vaccine aversion to score political points in a self-defeating us-against-them crusade. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a law banning vaccine passports in his state. In Arizona, Gov. Doug Ducey issued an executive order restricting some of their use.

Vaccine passports verify that someone has obtained protection against the virus. They let businesses reassure customers that they can congregate on their premises with little fear of getting infected by others.

Hold China accountable

By Betsy McCaughy

President Joe Biden headed to Europe Wednesday to meet with European leaders. He says the goal is to work together to "deliver real results" on critical issues, like climate change and cybersecurity. Biden is ducking the most important issue — the cause of the pandemic. He should be marshaling allies to act in unison by squeezing China to get answers and demand reparations. The evidence is mounting that China is guilty of manslaughter on a massive scale.

Damning evidence published on the opinion page of The Wall Street Journal on Saturday shows that COVID-19's genetic sequence is found nowhere in nature, making it unlikely the killer virus leaped from animals to humans naturally. Scientists Dr. Stephen Quay and Richard Muller argue that the COVID-19 genetic sequence is exactly what researchers would choose to use to engineer a virus for maximum infectivity against humans. Other recent analyses of the virus also point to China's Wuhan Institute of Virology — not nature — as the source of the pandemic. In science, nothing is settled. New evidence could still emerge and point in another direction.

But there is no doubt that China acted criminally once the virus began circulating in Wuhan in 2019. China hid the virus's existence for weeks, denied that it could spread human to human, muzzled its scientists and blocked outside scientists from investigating — all in violation of Articles 6 and 7 of WHO's International Health Regulations.

China is a repeat offender. In 2003, it hid the existence of the deadly SARS virus until it had spread worldwide, leaving a trail of death.

This time, Biden should be leading a multinational effort to isolate China, get answers and demand reparations. Without answers, warns Baylor College of Medicine epidemiologist Peter Hotez, there will be a COVID-26 and a COVID-32, meaning more viral disasters.

Biden's merely going through the motions, appearing to take action but doing nothing. He's called for a 90-day investigation by U.S. intelligence agencies. That's mere paper-shuffling. As Hotez says, "We've pushed intelligence as far as we can." Scientists need to collect lab samples from Wuhan and biological samples from the earliest COVID-19 patients.

Truth about critical race theory

By Susan Estrich

As a longtime professor, I find it quite strange that an academic approach that has been discussed for at least as long as I've been teaching is only now making its way into the political debate.

Just last week, former Vice President Mike Pence, in an effort to reclaim his stake to Donald Trump's base, gave a speech in New Hampshire not only invoking Trump but denouncing the teaching of so-called critical race theory, claiming that young children are being taught "to be ashamed of their skin color."

And across the country, Republicans desperate for some new wedge issue that will divide Americans (the way gay marriage used to) have settled on critical race theory, and transgender girls trying to play girls sports, as their best hope.

Nothing like targeting transgender girls and Black academics to tell you where the Republican Party is today, post-Trump. Forget about the

DeSantis' goofy law would fine cruise lines \$5,000 every time they ask someone for proof of vaccination, which they want to do. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has told cruise operators that their ships may sail as soon as June 26 if at least 98% of their crew members and 95% of the passengers are vaccinated.

The cruise industry, which supports about 60,000 jobs in South Florida, is trying desperately to reopen after 15 months of COVID-caused shutdown. It takes a lot of idiotic pandering for a "pro-business" governor to hobble some of his state's biggest employers. (And there was a time when conservatives defended the right of private businesses to set their rules.)

By the way, employment rates are rising more quickly in subpopulations that have had faster growth in vaccination rates, according to an analysis at the University of Minnesota. Just saying.

Much vaccine hesitancy is based on unwarranted fears pushed mostly by right-wing media, though a few left-wingers are in on the act, whether out of craziness or hunger for media attention. And it remains strong in poor areas and among people of color, whatever their politics.

The Trump base continues to bash Biden's efforts to get people vaccinated, even as former President Donald Trump continues to brag of his role in helping develop a vaccine — and not without justification. If continued attacks against Dr. Anthony Fauci float your boat, well, few enlightened people care, Fauci included.

I want to feel for the politically infantile who unnecessarily expose themselves and loved ones to a potentially deadly virus, but my feelings are running out. And it's rather late in the game to plead ignorance. Get the shot or don't. Just don't overestimate how much we who have done our personal and civic duty really care.

Froma Harrop is a columnist who writes about culture, politics and economics.

The Biden administration has also called on the WHO to investigate again. WHO allowed China to handpick the first investigation team, ban access to actual biological evidence and veto conclusions it didn't like. There's no point to a second WHO investigation. WHO remains a puppet to China, still bowing to demands to exclude Taiwan from meetings on COVID-19.

To get the truth, The New York Post proposed an important remedy — a commission created by an act of Congress relying on nonpartisan scientists, not the likes of Anthony Fauci, EcoHealth Alliance's Peter Daszak, and the NIH's Francis Collins. Their fingerprints are all over whatever virus was engineered in Wuhan. They misled Congress and the nation with a naive globalist viewpoint that put us in danger. Fauci told Congress that the Wuhan lab staff are "competent, trustworthy scientists," never mind their germ warfare projects for the Chinese Communist military.

Last week, Biden commented that China believes in a few years it "will own America." What's your strategy, Mr. President? So far, only weakness.

It's a stark contrast to former President Donald Trump, who declared on Saturday night that "the time has come for America and the world to demand reparations and accountability from the Communist Party of China."

Trump proposed that "as a first step, all countries should collectively cancel all debt they owe to China as a down payment for reparations." Some 150 countries are indebted to China. The U.S. owes \$1.1 trillion.

Trump's proposal is unorthodox. Economists warn defaulting will harm our ability to borrow in the future — ordinarily, a compelling concern. But the argument holds less water if all major countries collectively agree to enforce reparations against China this way.

China's actions have led to carnage on a scale not seen since the Nazis. Nearly 4 million people have died, including 600,000 Americans.

One thing is clear. Unless China is made to pay, Americans will pay with their lives.

Betsy McCaughy is a former lieutenant governor of New York.

economy and jobs.

Transgender girls are not threatening the integrity of girls sports. And systemic racism is, sadly, a part of our history that we all need to confront.

Critical race theory is the term applied to a whole body of scholarly writing from a diverse and varied group of academics over the past 40 years. What the work has in common is a recognition that you can't teach history or law or politics or music or art or anything else I can think of in the humanities and social sciences without taking race into account.

I have never considered myself a member of the "critical race studies" movement that tore Harvard Law School apart in my early years as an academic, and the "crits" never counted me as one of their own. But Derrick Bell, cited by many as the father of critical race theory, was a friend and colleague, with whom I agreed completely on the need to reexamine all of our disciplines for conscious and unconscious bias based on race. That is true of gender as well, which is what my work on rape has focused on.

Terms like "systemic racism" have been wrongly defined to mean that every American institution, and maybe every white person, is racist.

Most of us, in our personal lives and in the institutions we run, try very hard not to be racist — or sexist, for that matter. To be sure, there are still plenty of people who are explicitly and consciously racist, and sure of their rightness. Students certainly need to be taught that that is something to be ashamed of.

But the larger problem in our society, the one we all need to grapple with, is the extent to which unconscious bias affects each of us and many of the institutions we run.

How is it that the power elite in America remains overwhelmingly white and male, as it has been since the first such studies?

Would we have moved sooner and more vigorously for reform of the criminal justice system if the majority of those in prison were the children of the power elite?

Unconscious discrimination can take the form of qualifications that white applicants are more likely to have, or of subjective evaluations that tend to favor certain groups of applicants, or even the unconscious tendency of most of us to favor people just like ourselves. It can take the form of laws that have a disproportionately harsh impact on others: As an example, for decades, the law provided harsher sentences for crack cocaine, which is often used by Blacks, than for white cocaine, the drug of wealthy whites.

Students need to study racism if we are ever to move past it. And that means confronting bias — both the old-fashioned discrimination that is easy to condemn and the more modern unconscious bias that Pence and his party would like to pretend away.

Susan Estrich teaches criminal law, gender discrimination and election law at the USC Gould School of Law.

Fiscally responsible

Dear Editor:

Regarding John Lacey's letter of June 3, in which he writes: "I look forward to the day the majority of our representatives in Washington and Sacramento are fiscally responsible."

According to my crystal ball, which I purchased many years ago at the All American Home Center (they had everything at that place, Mr. Lacey will be exactly 314 years old when our representatives finally get around to being fiscally responsible.

Jack Russell Downey

Fireworks need to go

Dear Editor:

Regarding fireworks, we need to consider the danger to our service workers among many other things.

Many people in Downey are abusing fireworks and storing illegal fireworks in their garage.

We always have a high rate of dry bushes and possible fires.

The police department is too jammed on holidays to handle real emergencies and are caught in negligent people's carelessness.

Notice to the City of Downey: I will sue you if any harm comes to my property as a result of fireworks. You have been warned.

Do we need a neighborhood to blow up like Ontario or a child burned before we smarten up?

You cannot convince me anyone is that attached to setting off legal fireworks.

Illegal fireworks are big business and are functioning in the City of Downey.

Police do not have the laws they need to hand out fines and arrest people without seeing it.

Barbara Lidie Downey

A convicted felon on City Council

Dear Editor:

A simple Google search reveals that in the state of California, perjury is punishable by up to three years in prison. Another two searches reveal that shoplifting and welfare fraud are punishable to a combined year of jail time.

Why Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez isn't serving out her 4 year sentence in a cell and instead making decisions on our honorable city council is a stain on our great city.

Apparently some on our council hired blind men to investigate this two-bit criminal now approved to serve the citizens of Downey. Justice must be served against the felon representing our community.

David Arellano Downey

Dear Editor:

Why is it OK for someone convicted of fraud, perjury and theft to be allowed to serve on the City Council? Is there any reason for anyone to trust her?

Gary Myers Downey

Dear Editor:

So this is what Downey has come to? We have a convicted felon on the City Council and there is nothing we can do about it.

Last year, we had three candidates running to represent District 3. One candidate, in my opinion, clearly stood out from the rest. But instead we elected a literal thief and criminal because she ran on a platform of free rent. What an embarrassment.

I don't know if this is an indictment on Downey residents specifically or our country as a whole.

Rita Segura Downey

Downey's growing homeless problem

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to address an ever-growing problem that has many of us very concerned about the quality of life here in Downey, specifically, south Downey. (Yes, south Downey is still a part of Downey.)

For those of you who are not familiar with your neighbors to the south of Firestone, I want you to know that we, too, are proud, hard-working people of Downey. We take care of our properties, we pay our taxes, we send our children to Downey schools, and we attend one of the many churches established here long ago. We significantly contribute to Downey's tax base. We shop here. We dine here. We have come to enjoy all of the traditions that have made Downey a great place to call home, i.e., Concerts in the Park, Christmas Parades, Friday night football games, etc.

Unfortunately, however, we are growing weary of being neglected. It seems we South Downeyans seem to have been given the overwhelming responsibility of dealing with the homeless issue of the entire county. A few months from now, the Restorative Care Village will be completed and with it a new host of challenges will be literally dropped on our doorstep.

As a member of the Next Door app, I've been reading a lot of posts from this area that raise more than a few red flags and eyebrows. Many are reporting that Apollo Park has become a haven for drug addicts who openly inject their drug of choice in open view. I went today to see if these reports were exaggerated rumors. To my great dismay, I found that these stories are true. I've enclosed a photo taken at 3:30 this afternoon.

It's a scary thing to see this in front of the restrooms at the park. Who, in their right mind, would allow their child to go to this park? Heaven forbid the child needed to use the restroom. What a disgrace.

Now I realize that taking on the homeless issue is one that will ruffle a lot of feathers, but I can't stand and watch the degradation of this one fine city become the next Venice Beach. If something is not done quickly, this problem will multiply faster than rabbits in the spring.

Will one of our leaders please step up to the plate before it is too late?

Lisa Burrola Downey

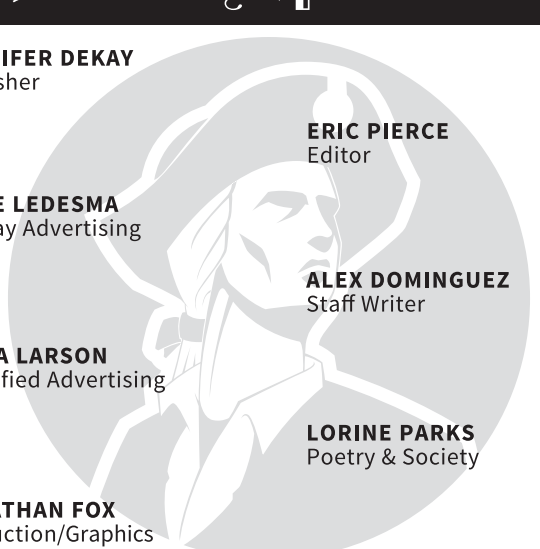
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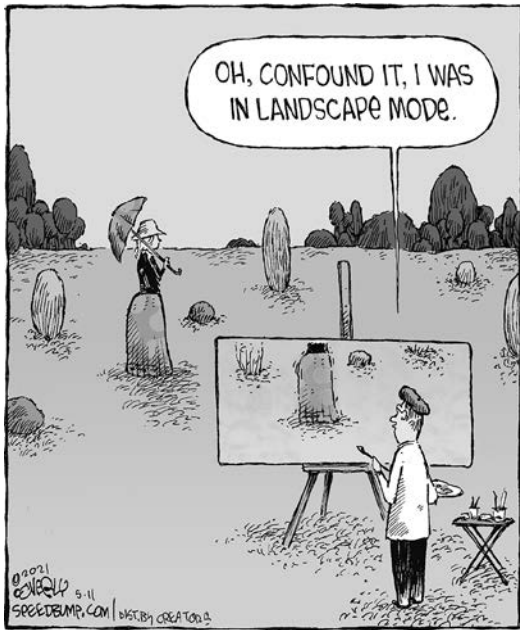
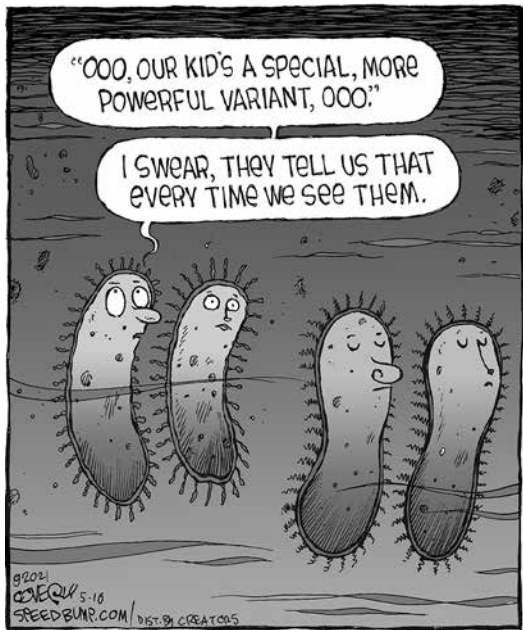
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CITY MEETINGS

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 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 William Medina 413-3447.
- 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 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
- 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

WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6:00 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

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at 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.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
- 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
- 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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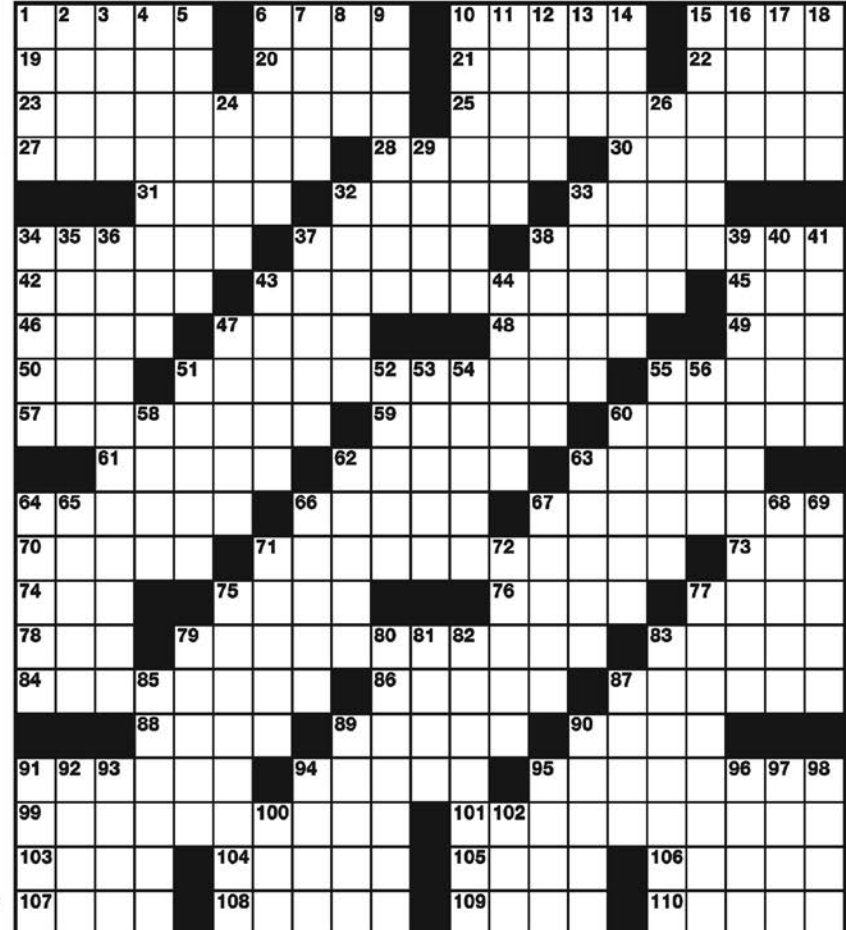
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Why is Downey obsessed with Chick-fil-A?

■ Downey residents love their chicken sandwiches, and we wanted to know why.

By Alexandra Romero

On May 20, Chick-fil-A opened its second location in Downey on Lakewood Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. and the drive through line has already been filling up.

Chick-fil-A shared a press release mentioning their commitment to customer service: "With a longstanding tradition in the restaurant industry for setting high standards in customer service, Chick-fil-A earned recognition for providing the 'best fast food customer service in America' according to America's Best Customer Service 2020 report by Newsweek, among other honors."

Though the question is, what makes Chick-fil-A so special? A survey was taken of The Downey Patriot's Instagram followers asking the following questions, and here are some of the responses:

How often do you go to chick-fil-A?

Majority of the responses were once a week, three times a week and once to twice a month and one person said they go three times a day.

Do you remember the first time you had Chick-fil-A? How were you first introduced to it? "My grandparents would take my mom, sister, me and every year when we would go on our church retreats (back when there weren't many in LA County)."

"Yes. A friend of mine from La Mirada took me about 12 years ago! This was way before CFA's started popping up everywhere. Back then they had ALL the sauces out for the taking."

"Yes. Cerritos Mall. Long break between college classes. Would pick up lunch and catch a movie. Back in the late 80's."

What is the main reason you choose to eat Chick-fil-A?

"Good customer service and fresh food."

"Healthier, tastier, white meat chicken, good sauces."

"It's a nice break from beef and the quality is good even though it's technically fast food." "The chicken is so juicy and flavorful and most of all doesn't have fat. I also love the ice cream and fries."

What makes Chick-fil-A so special?

"Customer service and the flavor of the chicken."

"They always care about satisfying the customers and make sure the service is exceptional." "The customer service and the farmhouse theme!"

"The quality of the food. The friendly staff."

What is your order at Chick-fil-A?

"Original sandwich with pickles and small waffle fries. Occasionally a small Mmc n cheese or a small shake."

"Original chicken sandwich meal with fries and sweet tea and a large ice cream." "Southwest salad with grilled nuggets. Deluxe sandwich."

"Spicy Chicken Sandwich Deluxe meal or the grilled wrap. Also if I go for breakfast I get their chicken minis!"

What do you recommend at Chick-fil-A?

"Everything's good, just depends on what you're in the mood for...wrap, salad, or sandwich etc."

"Ice cream and fries."

"Chicken sandwich and the spicy deluxe and also the nuggets"

"Everything. It's all delicious. Love the variety."

Any secret menu items you know of?

Manny did not know of

any secret menu items but did mention you can get a big bag of ice like those sold at the grocery store.

Is there anything else you want to let us know about your relationship, attitude and perception towards Chick-fil-A? Any personal stories you want to share?

"As a nurse during the pandemic, we were hit hard financially at the beginning. As a treat I wanted to brighten my little one's day since it was all still new and being quarantined was really hard at 5 and 2 years old. So I agreed to pick up drive thru Chick-fil-A. In uniform, I was offered a front liner discount of 50% off. It may have been a small gesture but it brought me to tears that day knowing the community was behind us. And together we would pull through. This is why in bad and good times we support our local Chick-fil-A."

"My first time: My cousin came from Colorado and we were headed to the beach. She wanted to stop to get some food for her baby twin girls so she stopped at Chick-fil-A. I was with them saying, 'no, don't go there, I hear they're super religious and hate gay people.' We went and sadly I really liked it. I feel like the corporate people are homophobic and racist because of their political and religious beliefs but the individual restaurants are employed by minorities and the youth so it gives the perception that they aren't bigots. Especially since the staff is so friendly."

While Chick-fil-A is known for their great customer service and taste of chicken, there were comments that addressed the controversy of Chick-fil-

A's beliefs about the LGBTQ+ community.

"While I disagree with senior leadership's beliefs and who they donate to, I do like how they treat their employees and the quality of the food is fantastic."

"It's been a struggle battling the knowledge that a big owner family supports hate but still wanting to support local franchise owners/workers, and also grappling with how yummy it is."

"When I first got back to So Cal from college, it was a nostalgic thing (back when you had to go to the food court at the Cerritos Mall to get your cravings answered.). Now that I've been here so long and it's more accessible here, you realize the food and service is just top notch, but how much of my money goes back to supporting hate, and that's tough to stomach."

"I do feel bad about my reluctance to give up Chick-fil-A due to their anti-LGBTQA stances and eerie Christian values. I've tried boycotting in the past, but I don't seem to follow through. I'm glad that they've claimed to stop funding anti-LGBTQA groups, and hope they'll start opening on Sundays."

Others have said that they are just not worth supporting because of their beliefs and hate is never right so small businesses are where to go.

Whether you choose or do not choose to eat at Chick-fil-A often you can always expect professional and quality fast food service along with Chick-fil-A's two honorary words, "My pleasure."

Alexandra Romero is an intern currently studying journalism at Whittier College.



Downey church helping feed 500 families every month

DOWNEY - A local church and nonprofit organization are working together to feed hundreds of families in need every month.

The weekly distribution is a partnership between Fresh Anointing Church of God and nonprofit Ministry by Inspirational Women Inc. It takes place in the church parking lot, located at 9020 Imperial Highway.

According to Tracy Allen, President of Ministry, the distribution has been taking place every Tuesday for around four months.

"We're feeding so many families a month...We've been

servicing hundreds of families every Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm," said Allen. "It's not just food... We're going to put masks in the bag, we have diapers for babies, we have formula, we have milk, it's not just food. We also have free clothing and shoes."

It is estimated that an average of 500 to 550 families have been helped each month.

Recipients are community

members, though not necessarily attached to the church. While no registration is required ahead of time, they are asked to sign in and give some information.

For more information, visit fa-cogic.com or visit the church Facebook site, or visit Ministry by Inspirational Women on their Facebook page.

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Downey artists ready to re-emerge

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from Stay Gallery. “We’re finding new voices,” said Alistair, “and we’ll be multi-discipline and multi-generational.”

“Whatever your interest,” said Alistair, “the Downey Arts Coalition is interested in you. You don’t need to be an artist to be involved, have fun, and contribute. It’s actually amazing what has been accomplished by a struggling tiny arts non-profit with no staff, no executive director. DAC embraces all the arts.”

“We look forward,” said Alistair, “to being a presence in the Downey Pride Picnic this month. And Monique is spearheading the Downey Crosswalk Murals in the Promenade. We’ll have major art exhibits at the Downey Civic Theatre during the Downey Symphony performances.”

Downey’s favorite mural artist Don Lamkin arrived. Don has been signing and selling lithographs of his collage of Downey logos that covers the wall of Porto’s parking structure on the Downey Avenue side.

“I’ve sold over 200 of those,” Don said, “and I never expected anything like this to happen. It’s humbling.”

The “girls,” his border collies, were waiting elsewhere. Don said they’ll be heading back to the wildly beautiful Oregon coast for another three months, where Don enjoys sunset ocean views and friends there.

Don Marshall, past president of the Downey Symphonic Society, was enjoying the potluck buffet. Don, also the past director of Poetry Magazine, said that thanks to COVID he has discovered the Agora Foundation, a great books discussion group on Zoom. Don taught that course at Pepperdine for years, but now he enjoys someone else leading him through Herodotus. Don’s got retirement figured out right.

The Downey Symphonic Society has partnered with DAC to have an art show the evening of its subscription concerts. Now that the alterations at the Downey Theatre are complete, the glass elevator makes the second level handicap-accessible, and DAC can use that level for display.

The Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Sharon Lavery has set a date for their twilight pops concert in the park, August 11 in Furman Park.

Living up any party, artist and poet Roy Anthony Shabla was seated on the sofa in the outdoor living room on Pat’s porch. Roy, debonair in black, said “write anything you like about me, just as long as you spell my name right.” Roy’s large-scale drip and brush canvases have been displayed in 2011, when DAC was getting started at the old Mari’s Wine Bar, and at Stay Gallery when Poetry Matters monthly events were held there.

To give an idea of the cross-pollination of the arts in Downey, Roy’s huge “Symphony” abstractions graced the side stages at the Downey Theatre – it took a truck and two movers to get them there – during a performance by the Downey Symphony Orchestra. Roy hosted the Green Salon in his garden for years until COVID finally put a stop.

Davis Devis, owner of the Epic Lounge, expects to reopen soon to full capacity. The Epic Lounge has showcased art shows, film festivals, and was the venue for Poetry Matters evenings with poets.

“The restaurant next door, LA Buns, is what kept us going,” said David, “and I didn’t have to lay off staff. We do delivery too. And we have a new patio for outdoor dining. It’s been hard, but we’ve made it. We’ll have a grand opening for live musical entertainment – maybe I’ll get the Blasters.” Super-fan Don Lamkin is the one to arrange that.

Look for Glennfest 2021 at Epic Lounge too. Glenn Stevens is planning his independent Downey Film Festival and hopes that Epic Lounge can be a venue. An avid believer in the live experience of movie watching, Glenn refused to go Zoom or use the drive-in formula during the COVID shutdown. He has his 2020 show, 9 Luft Balloons, plus an exciting lineup for 2021 in the works.

Among those representing the visual arts was mixed media Polaris Castillo, whose water colors convey impulse and liveliness. Polaris also makes visionary short documentary films that have been shown at Epic Lounge.

Frank and Carol Kearns arrived. Frank is busy with his boutique Nietos Press publications, and they divide their time between their new granddaughter here and their Joshua Tree get-away house.

“It’s wonderful there now” said Frank, “in the early morning, and desert evenings are delightful, even with this heat.”

Carolina Estrada-del Toro and hubby Jorge represented photography and the visual arts, and ceramics, respectively. Always Jorge’s biggest fan, Carolina showed me on her iPad Jorge’s newest works.

It’s important for a ceramicist to have his own kiln, and Jorge has two, big enough for most of his pieces. A handsome color-blocked abstract shape was made and fired as two separate parts, and then joined.

Aimee Callegari brought her college-age daughter and told about winning the AT&T documentary prize for “Singing in the Dark, about blind performer Ellis Hall, who lives in Pasadena.

“I’m eager to get back to producing documentaries,” said Aimee.

Monique Puccarelli with her signature red curls arrived.

Monique is the contactor for the Downey Crosswalk Murals Project.

“The Promenade at Downey is sending out a call to artists,” said Monique, “to paint the five crosswalks on the shopping center property. The goal is to create a larger-than-life public art piece that reflects the spirit or history of the Downey area.”

A protective glaze will be applied. I asked Roy if he would mind the idea that his art would be walked on, and he said that art is ephemeral, as are we all, and he would welcome any kind of short-term immortality. Anyone who resides in Southeast Los Angeles area is eligible. Contact downeycrosswalkartists@gmail.com by June 25.

The guest of honor, Andrew Wahlquist, filmmaker and motion graphics artist, came with wife Lana Joy, actress and director. Andrew is the founder of the Downey Arts Coalition in 2011, along with Harold Tseklenis and some prominent local artists, many of them here at the party.

Andrew was the guiding spirit, with his ability to mediate between artistic personalities, and he led DAC to a strong local renaissance in the arts. Downey owes Andrew an enormous thanks.

Andrew, Lana and their three children just returned from an extended visit to Stratford, Ontario, Canada, home of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

“We love it there,” said Andrew. “So much going on in the art world, and it’s a world-class theatre center.”

Andrew, a Downey native, “born in Downey Community Hospital,” is a long-time employee of Walt Disney Productions as a media technologist. He’s known for his work on Pitch Perfect (2012), Boogeyman (2005) and Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle (2004).

Andrew is involved in the



Jorge and Carolina del Toro (photo by Lorine Parks)

POETRY MATTERS

Night in Day

The night never wants to end, to give itself over to light. So it traps itself in things: obsidian, crows. Even on summer solstice, the day of light’s great triumph, where fields of sunflowers guzzle in the sun—we break open the watermelon and spit out black seeds, bits of night glistening on the grass.

Joseph Stroud, “Of This World: New and Selected Poems 1966-2006,” Copper Canyon Press, 2009.

Born in Glendale, Stroud was educated at California State University, Los Angeles. His six-line lyrics manage to convey what other poets take much longer to say. This one combines the bitter with the sweet, the power of darkness on the longest day of the year, the death’s head at the feast. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

distribution of the Disney Film Library, through Disney Plus. Thanks to the marvels of technology, the direct-to-consumer job is done via Zoom and other electronic wonders. The world of art goes on, in its wonderful multiplicity.

John Glenn softball wins first postseason game in school history

■ The Eagles advanced to the CIF quarterfinals, capping a historic season.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK – “The team that could” might be a label for the upstart John Glenn High School softball program this season.

After 31 years of not qualifying for the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, the Eagles made a run in 2021 that will be remembered for some time.

A first for the program was qualifying for an at-large berth in division 7, then its first win and again a second win to advance to the quarterfinals Tuesday (June 8).

JG defeated host Shandon, 14-0, in the first round and Magnolia, 10-0 in the second round.

An 8-4 loss to Alverno Hts. (Sierra Madre) Academy ended the season for the team, but the future looks very, very bright.

This year’s team is mostly freshmen, but the next two incoming classes also look to carry the Eagles for the next few years.

Third-year coach Larry Leal said the success of the team is simply “practice, practice, practice, just keep practicing.”

After finishing the season with an overall record of 10-7 and 5-5 in the 605 League for fourth place, Leal thought the young team was done for the year.

“[Athletic Director Linda Parra] let me know that we were putting in a bid for CIF,” Leal added.

On the announcement of the possibility of a spot in the post season, Leal said, “we were in the school parking lot and the girls were all on their phones waiting for the decision. I told them they were in and they were all excited.”

The team found out they were in the playoffs and would have to travel over four hours to a little-known school East of Paso Robles (Shandon).

“It feels good because it hasn’t happened in a long time,” John Glenn junior pitcher Gabby Ortega said. “I feel like communication was big today and my screwball and curve was working.”

“The first inning really got us going as we were all hyped up.”

Parra, who has been at Glenn awhile, was excited for the softball program.

“What an incredible run our softball program had this year,” she said. “John Glenn High School and the Norwalk La Mirada Union School District is so proud of the accomplishments of our Varsity Softball program this year. The team was very young, with many of the girls playing in a high school game for the first time this year.

“The setbacks we faced due to COVID did not seem to really affect the girls on the field. Our girls showed resilience, hard work and a lot of pride in every game they played.”

The key game for the team was a come-from-behind win over Artesia early in the season.

Trailing by three runs, freshman third baseman Julia Cole smacked a three-run home run to tie the game and freshman first baseman Anaïs Perez scored in the seventh on a single by Beatriz Galvez for the win.

“After that game, the girls starting talking about CIF,” Leal said. “It’s getting the kids to follow the program.”

“It all came together once we started winning when we were 5-0 and they fought for those wins.”

Fast forward to the first playoff game against Shandon, the eagles came out swinging, as they scored twice in the first and second innings before an explosion in the third for 10 runs to lead, 14-0. Two innings later, the game ended due to the 10-run rule and the Eagles had their history-making first CIF win.

The team totaled 23 hits in the game and leading the way was Ortega pitching a two-hitter and had seven strikeouts.

Offensively, freshman

centerfielder Diana Bravo (4 for 4, 2 R, 2 RBI, SB) and Galvez (4 for 4, 3 R, 3 RBI, double and a triple) led the team with four hits each.

Three players had three hits each: Ortega (3 for 3, 2 R, 2 RBI), Cole (3 for 3, 2 R, RBI) and freshman catcher Sienna Contreras (3 for 3, R, 3 RBI, SB).

All nine players in the lineup had at least one hit.

“After the win, the girls asked ‘what’s next and who are we going to play,’” said Leal after the 14-0 first round game.

First home playoff game for Glenn

The first home playoff in school history was a second-round game on Saturday (June 5) with the Eagles hosting Magnolia.

The offense and pitching were nearly identical with 15 hits and another two-hitter by Ortega.

The first inning was all they needed, as the inning was highlighted by a triple and double by Ortega (3 for 3, 3 R, RBI) and Cole, respectively, for the 4-0 lead.

Cole (3 for 3, 6 RBI, 2 R, HR) kept up her offensive attack with a three-run home run in the second for the 7-0 lead. She had six RBIs in the game.

“I was a little bit nervous in the game because it is the first time in CIF and it makes me feel good,” Cole said. “I just did it for my team and tried to win.”

Cole gave the Eagles their ninth and tenth runs with a two-run triple to left field, scoring Ortega and Galvez.

“For me, just being around the kids is great and they kept saying, ‘we’re in it,’” Leal said. “After this win, we could see the difference in their play. When we beat them, we were getting confident.”

Season ends with quarterfinal loss

The quarterfinal game against Alverno Heights was another home game for the Eagles, with over 200 in attendance at the school, including former players.

For the first time in the



John Glenn’s Amanda Jacoby (3) celebrates getting a hit against Magnolia in their CIF softball playoff game at John Glenn High School in Norwalk on Saturday. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

playoffs for the eagles, they found themselves trailing in the game, 3-0, in the second inning.

Contreras led off the inning with a double to center field and eventually scored on a ground out to second by Lopez.

Each team scored a run in the third inning, with the Jaguars holding a 4-2 lead.

A pair of runs in the fourth extended Alverno’s lead again, 6-2.

Glenn closed the gap to 6-4 with a pair of runs in the fifth. Junior right fielder Daniela Barron (1 for 3, R) opened the inning with a single to left field. That was followed by another single by Bravo (1 for 4, R) and a walk by Galvez (2 for 2, R, Dbl.) to load the bases.

Cole (3 for 4, 3 RBI), with her eighth hit of the playoffs, doubled to centerfield, scoring Barron and Bravo.

Cole would add another hit in the seventh to run her playoff totals to a near-perfect, nine for 10 at the plate.

Alverno added two more runs to lead, 8-4, in the sixth.

JG had runners on first and third in the bottom of the seventh, but failed to score and end the game and the season.

“When the season first started, the team had a goal to make the CIF playoffs, something that has not happened in 31 years,” Parra continued. “To make it to the quarterfinals was a great accomplishment for the team. I know that they were upset about losing to Alverno, but we spoke to the girls that their goal should be to continue to work hard and improve their skills to be an even stronger team next year.”

“Our coaches, Larry Leal and Javier Galvez, did an incredible job this season with the team. The team talk that followed the loss to Alverno was very inspirational and motivating. I know they truly care about the well being of the players beyond the softball field. Their goal is to make the girls to be able to apply the lessons they learn on the field to help them

become well rounded successful adults in the future.

The future of JGHS Softball is looking bright. I am hopeful that the success of the softball program and the support that was shown district-wide, will draw more of our students out to join our athletic programs.”

“We’re excited for the girls as we have two good freshmen classes coming in over the next two years,” Leal added.

Glenn softball offers clinics this summer

Beginning June 15 and continuing every Tuesday and Thursday in the summer, John Glenn Softball will be offering clinics (ages 10 and up) taught by the coaches and college players. Time is 5-8 pm and cost is \$10 per session.

Glenn is also planning to hold a softball league starting in August.

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Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ
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without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JULY 23, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE NORWALK PATRIOT MAY 24, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
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person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on JUNE 15, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
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IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: ROSIE M HOPES, AND ELIJAH E HOPES, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/27/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2390616 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST DATE OF SALE: 6/23/2021 AT 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$578,928.53 (Estimated) Street Address: 12108 GERTRUDE DR LYNWOOD, CA 90262 A.P.N.: 6174-022-023 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary

within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on the lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California

Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21-25166. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021, NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21-25166 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 05/21/2021 Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC 1500 South Douglas Road, Suite 150 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (844) 477-7869 or www.STOXPOSTING.com for MORE INFORMATION: 888-313-1969 Tai Alalima, Director

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUBEN LEYVA
Case No. 21STPB04278
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUBEN LEYVA
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: FRANCIS LEYVA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FRANCIS LEYVA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested

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City continues financial support of Stay Gallery

Downey Patriot wins 5 journalism awards

AWARDS Downey Patriot picks up 5 journalism awards

Mortgage rates are rising. Did you miss the boat on refinancing?

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, mortgage rates have reached record low after record low. But now the trend appears to be reversing as average interest rates on most mortgage products rise, with Freddie Mac reporting this week the highest 30-year interest rates since August.

The 10-year Treasury, which is closely tied to mortgage rates, shot up this week to its highest level in more than a year as the economy continues to recover from pandemic shutdowns. With rates shooting up, here's what you need to know about refinancing, and how to take this opportunity to save if you haven't already.

Is it too late to refinance my mortgage?

No. But it may be soon. On average, 30-year fixed mortgage interest rates have been at or below 3 percent for nearly a year, but experts never expected rates like that to remain around forever.

"If you've been slow to refinance your mortgage, this is your wake-up call," says Greg McBride, Bankrate's chief financial analyst. "Rates have moved up but are still low enough to generate meaningful savings through refinancing. But do it now."

As rates climb higher, a shrinking number of people will stand to benefit from a mortgage refinance. Last year, Bankrate reported that nearly 20 million American homeowners could have saved by refinancing and chose not to. If you were among those masses, you still have a bit of time to lower your payments and save some cash.

Where are mortgage rates headed?

The short answer is up. After an extended period of all-time low rates, it's unlikely they'll sink significantly further. How quickly and steadily mortgage rates rise again will depend largely on how the rest of the economy recovers, so it's likely to be dependent — at least in part — on COVID stimulus, vaccinations and other factors.

Experts have said that it may take months or even years for rates to reach their pre-pandemic levels, but as they rise, more and more borrowers will be shut out of mortgage savings. If you opened a new mortgage or refinanced in 2020, you'll be among the first to see rising rates erase your ability to save. If you have an

older loan, you may still be able to cut your payments as rates go up, but your savings will likely be smaller the longer you wait.

Many mortgage experts say that you need to save at least half a point in interest in order to make a refi worthwhile. As market rates approach the interest on your current loan, your breakeven timeline for your closing costs will stretch and your refinance benefits will shrink.

What does this mean for the housing market?

Housing supply is still low, which has been driving up prices even as low mortgage rates have fueled a real estate boom over the last year. As rates start to rise again, housing affordability will decrease since that low supply is likely to keep prices up anyway. The result will be a minor slowdown in the real estate market, but it's likely to remain a relative economic bright spot for a while nonetheless.



"Higher mortgage rates mean the red-hot housing market might downshift to merely sizzling. The lack of homes available for sale is a much bigger impediment than a quarter percentage point rise from record lows in mortgage rates," according to McBride.

That's good news for homeowners, especially those who may be looking to do a cash-out refinance, because higher home prices mean more home equity.

Bottom line

You haven't missed the boat on saving through a mortgage refi if you haven't done so yet, but you may want to get your application submitted before rates keep going up. The higher they go, the less you stand to save. That said, by historical standards, rates are still very attractive and are likely to remain so for many months to come.



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FEATURED PROPERTY



Beautiful Townhome!!!
Remodeled 3 bed / 3 bath Townhome with 1,576 sq. ft. Features include: Coffered Wood Ceiling in the living room, built-in Wet Bar with Stained Glass, Fireplace, and wood laminate flooring throughout. Kitchen has all NEW stainless appliances and big, beautiful greenhouse window opening to the patio. The Large Master Bedroom has a private master bath with huge dual closet from both sides. The inviting patio between the 2-car garage and kitchen is a private and relaxing. **CALL TODAY!!!**

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Condo 55+ !!!

This 2-bedroom 1 bath condo features updated kitchen, 2 A/C wall units and 1 underground parking space. 55+ secured senior complex. Property shows well. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Stunning!!!

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PRICE REDUCTION

Retail Shopping Center!!!

Nice retail shopping center just North of the 91 Freeway. 6 units. Some units have central air and heat. Appraised at \$2,850,000. **CALL TODAY!!!**

PRICE REDUCTION

Duplex!!!

Nice two units with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths each unit. Completely renovated. Close to USC. Great opportunity. **CALL TODAY!!!**

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