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Downey: A city in transition or free fall?

■ **ANALYSIS:** Politically speaking, Downey has never been more unstable and instability has ramifications.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY - Now that the dust has mostly settled from last week's primary elections, we can look ahead to the second half of 2022 and what's in store for Downey.

There are a lot of moving parts, but we'll do the best we can.

Mayor Blanca Pacheco is a candidate for state Assembly and has advanced to the November general election, where she will face Raul Ortiz Jr. As a Democrat in a heavily blue district, Pacheco is widely favored to beat Ortiz, a Republican.

Assuming Pacheco wins, she will resign her City Council seat, probably in mid to late November. There will be just under two years left on Pacheco's term. The City Council will have the option of calling a special election to fill the vacancy (an expensive endeavor) or appointing someone themselves (far more likely).

Who will take over as Downey mayor? The most obvious answer is the mayor pro tem, Catherine Alvarez. But she's the subject of an aggressive recall campaign and her political future is uncertain. If the recall campaign is successful in gathering the required signatures, and depending on when those signatures are turned in and verified, voters will decide if she should be recalled in a special election, either in November or the early spring.

If Alvarez is indeed recalled, there would be less than two years remaining on her term, meaning the City Council would again choose between another special election or appointing a replacement. We can be fairly confident the council would prefer to appoint Alvarez's temporary stand-in.

Let's look at the rest of the council. Councilwoman Claudia Frometa is up for re-election. Councilman Donald La Plante - who was appointed to replace Sean Ashton, who resigned earlier this year - is not expected to run, but never say never. Councilman Mario Trujillo will likely be named mayor pro tem in December, setting him up to serve as mayor in 2024, when he's up for re-election.

Ok, so to recap:

Mayor Blanca Pacheco - expected to resign later this year if elected to Assembly

Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez - target of a recall

Councilwoman Claudia Frometa - up for re-election

Councilman Donald La Plante - not expected to run

Councilman Mario Trujillo - safe in office

It's possible Downey could have four new council members by next spring. And that political instability will make it difficult for Downey to attract a quality city manager to replace Gilbert Livas, who leaves July 1. The City Council has hired an interim city manager, Mark Scott, who is highly regarded and will do a fine job in the meantime. But he will be commuting from Fresno (yes, Fresno) and is on a strict hourly limit. Downey needs a permanent city manager working full-time to move Downey forward, and that won't happen until we have a cohesive council.

This is a lot to process and we haven't even touched the Downey school board, which has its own elections coming up in November. Downey Patriot staff writer Alex Dominguez is working on that story, which should be published soon.



Downey, Warren and Columbus high school students celebrated their graduations with in-person ceremonies. (Photos courtesy Downey Unified)

Nearly 2,000 students earn high school diplomas

■ Downey Unified students were celebrated for their academic achievements; many now head to college.

DOWNEY - The first week of June was very busy for all Downey Unified high school students, teachers and administrators.

With commencement ceremonies quickly approaching, many students made the final touches on what would be their last week of high school following a very challenging two years. These students began their usual high school experience as freshmen, but this four-year journey was dismantled their sophomore year due to the pandemic.

With continuous changes in COVID mandates and splitting time between online and in-person learning, these resilient students were able to conclude their high school experience being the first class to hold a traditional graduation ceremony since 2019.

Opening the celebratory week of graduations was the Columbus High School commencement ceremony on Wednesday, June 1. Celebrating this occasion in Warren High School's Justice Stadium, 170 students floated across the stage as they accepted their diplomas. Over \$28,000 was granted through 43 different awards and scholarships to selected students from local community partners and organizations.

The following day, 1,011 Downey High School seniors prepared to take the stage to accept their diplomas; 27 of these Vikings finished the 2021-22 school year with a 4.5 GPA or higher. Filling the Veteran's Memorial Stadium at Long Beach City College with enthusiasm and boisterous applause, these students could barely contain themselves as they prepared to cross the stage. Amongst the students, approximately 10,000 in attendance added to the thunderous excitement.

To conclude the Downey Unified commencement ceremonies trilogy, Veteran's Memorial Stadium was just as booming Friday evening, June 3, with the Warren High School graduating class engulfing the stadium. A total of 850 seniors showed nothing but passion and enthusiasm as they accepted their diplomas. Twenty-four Bears



proudly finished their final year of high school with a 4.5 GPA or higher. Cheering on the graduates were approximately 9,000 supporters.

Sealbearers are recognized as students in the state of California who possess high standards in academic scholarship, community service and citizenship. Downey and Warren high schools honored a total of 201 Sealbearers in this year's graduating class.

"With a combined graduating

total of 1,861 students, Downey Unified would like to congratulate the 2022 Columbus, Downey and Warren high school graduates for this outstanding accomplishment," expressed Board of Education president Bobbie Samperi. "Things shifted your sophomore year and your high school experience did not go as expected; however, you persevered and worked diligently toward the future. We hope you hold on to that strength and determination as you take on new challenges. We are confident that

your time in Downey Unified has made you well-equipped to succeed and overcome obstacles as you continue your education or begin a career. We are so thankful for the opportunity to help you grow and prepare you for your next steps into adulthood."

Visit Downey Unified's website, web.dusd.net, to relive the excitement from each high school's graduation ceremony by viewing the livestream recordings or photos taken at each event.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Weird Al
Saturday & Sunday
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Weird Al makes his long-anticipated return to the concert stage in his highly acclaimed Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour. This tour is bare bones: no costumes, no props, no video screens... just Al and his band of almost four decades. No songs are repeated between both nights.

ON THIS DAY

1890: Stan Laurel of the comedy team Laurel and Hardy was born Arthur Stanley Jefferson in Lancashire, England.

1897: The United States signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

1911: The forerunner of IBM was incorporated in New York State as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co.

1932: President Herbert Hoover was renominated at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

1944: George Junius Stinney Jr., a 14-year-old black boy, became the youngest person executed in the United States in the 20th century after being convicted in a two-hour trial for the rape and murder of two teenage white girls. A judge overturned his conviction in 2014, citing lack of evidence.

1960: "Psycho," directed by Alfred Hitchcock, premiered in New York.



1967: The three-day Monterey International Pop Music Festival - which catapulted Jimi Hendrix, the Who and Janis Joplin to stardom - opened in northern California.

1987: A jury in New York acquitted Bernhard Goetz of attempted murder in the subway shooting of four young blacks he said were going to rob him; he was convicted of illegal weapons possession.

2011: Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., announced his resignation from Congress, bowing to the furor caused by his sexually charged online dalliances with multiple women.

Birthdays

Boxing hall of famer **Roberto Duran** (71), "Roseanne" actress **Laurie Metcalf** (67), former California Angels all-star **Wally Joyner** (60), golfer **Phil Mickelson** (52), retired soccer player **Cobi Jones** (52), film actor **John Cho** (50), retired pitcher **Kerry Wood** (45), R&B singer **Jillian Banks** (34) and rapper/singer **Bryce Vine** (34).

Things you didn't know about Downey: Los Nietos Valley Ice Co.

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY - The old Los Nietos Valley Ice Company is only a memory left to Downey's oldtimers today but it once was a vital link in the fruit and produce industry which once was the foundation of the community's economy.

For many years, local farmers had to depend on Los Angeles for ice shipments - it had long been a source of aggravation until Charles Corkum moved here from Los Angeles about 1917.

Born in 1880 in Nova Scotia, Corkum came to the United States as a young man, for a time operated an ice delivery business in Los Angeles, using horse-drawn ice wagons.

He built the Los Nietos Valley Ice Company at 4th Street and New Street, and for many years

its cooling tower topped by a large "Downey" sign was the tallest structure around, serving as a landmark for travelers.

Corkum's ice plant started out in Downey with a small fleet of ice trucks which delivered cakes of ice to the residents' homes along regular routes. Railroad car icing at the Downey depot started early in the 1930s. It was in 1934 that Ben D'Corbin came to Downey, became plant manager, and married Corkum's daughter, Catherine, three years later.

The man who succeeded James Stamps as Downey city councilman at large, and held that post for 10 years, serving three times as mayor of Downey, came from a poor west Texas farming family. His widowed mother raised six children by herself after his father died in the 1918 influenza epidemic. She died last year at age 91.

Corbin worked for the Union

Pacific Railroad for a time after he arrived in Southern California, then he worked in the B.F. Goodrich plant in East Los Angeles for awhile before he got the ice plant job in Downey.

He often is kidded by old chums about his having "married the boss's daughter" but the two made a hard-working team. Corbin and his father-in-law also worked together as a team in leading 300-lb. blocks of ice board freight cars packed with shipments of celery, rhubarb and other perishables.

During World War II, their ice business was bigger than ever, with oranges being the staple of the trade. When Corkum died in 1945, while still working actively in his business despite his 65 years, Corbin and Catherine took over the enterprise which was running at capacity to meet the needs of the booming population.

That same year they started manufacturing ice cubes, and by 1947, they were selling 120 tons of ice per day and couldn't keep up with demand. Corbin recalls having to hold back blocks of ice to serve the regular customers.

Both he and Catherine often had to drive ice trucks to Los Angeles to buy additional ice because their plant couldn't make enough in Downey.

The ice plant had long since

begun diversifying. In 1937, they had went into the freezer lock rental business. All through World War II they had 1,650 lockers rented out by the month. Many hunters brought their game to the ice plant: at one time, they had 800 deer carcasses in storage, shot mostly in Utah.

They used to charge \$1 each for skinning the animals, and a penny per pound for preparing the meat into cuts. Ben skinned the animals at night - about five per hour, then cut them up, and Catherine did the wrapping. They also stored regular freezer beef and pork for customers, and stored frozen turkeys for several markets.

With the end of the war, business started falling off about 1950-51. After years of concentrating on war production, the industry finally was turning out home refrigerators and people who had done without for so long at last were able to buy them.

Icing oranges for local packers - Ball and Tweedy Packing Company, Rivera Packing Company and others - remained an important part of the business through the mid-1950s but the home delivery routes dwindled and stopped, and the Corbins turned to property management interests with their Corbin Enterprises Inc.

The old ice plant building and land was sold to the Methodist Church in 1958. The ice making machinery was sold separately and was shipped to Mexico.

The empty plant stood idle until it was razed for a church parking lot in 1961.

Benjamin Witherspoon

This article is taken from the Downey Eagle's Time Traveler column by John Adams, dated 12/6/96.

No history of Downey would be complete without mention of the constable who enforced law and order here for 38 years.

Benjamin Franklin Witherspoon was a majestic figure astride a horse and wearing his star on his vest in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

He brought his wife, Martha Maniza Nelson to Downey from Texas in 1882, so she could be closer to her mother who had moved there with three sons previously.

A daughter, Zora, was born to the Witherspoons 11 years later.

Witherspoon, or "Spoony" as he was known familiarly, was the constable in Downey from 1885 to 1923.

His daughter remembered

there was no jail for many years, and when someone had to be taken in, her father would transport the transgressor to county jail in Los Angeles by way of the Southern Pacific rail line.

She said when her father wasn't using the rail pass, she would borrow it for shopping trips to LA.

They lived in a wood-frame house her father built at Firestone and Paramount Boulevards.

About 1920, Downey was a colorful small town with a train depot, a gas station, two banks, two newspaper offices, several dress shops, a grocery store and the sheriff's office.

She recalled that once her father came home and told them there had been a murder. Witherspoon had to stand guard at the home where the slain bodies of a man, his wife, and their two-year-old child were found on Gardendale Street until the coroner could come out from Los Angeles.

She also recalled Downey's worst disaster, the gas station explosion and fire of 1922, in which her brother, Lester, was critically injured.

In the early years, Witherspoon enforced the law by himself, but in his later career he deputized George Kellerman to help him.

The young men of Downey showed no mercy on the aging constable in his later years. They used to run the stop signs in the old downtown and then race to the nearby orange groves where they hid from the old lawman. Whether he actually could have caught them or not is a moot question. He probably thought about that long train trip to Los Angeles before plunging into the groves.



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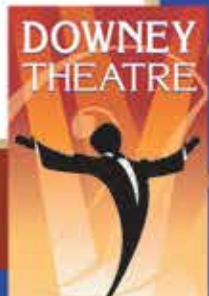
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Wheelchair basketball team ranked No. 4 nationally

By Zachary Deere
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY - The Rancho Halos wheelchair basketball program has led the way in adaptive sports at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for the past 30 years, giving men, women, and children with a disability the opportunity to compete athletically.

Through funding provided by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and a grant from the Hanger Foundation, Rancho's Division 1 adult basketball team set their sights on the prize as they focused on ranking high enough to compete in the 2022 NWBA Nationals in Wichita, Kansas.

Division 1 is considered the 'NBA of wheelchair basketball' and is highly competitive. Fifteen teams in total registered for the 2021/22 season with the majority of the teams having sponsorships and support from their local NBA teams. The Rancho Halos went into the season as the clear underdogs having not competed the previous year and having no affiliation with an NBA team.

In addition, strict LA County COVID-19 safety guidelines were in place that made practicing this season difficult. Regardless, the team persevered and continued to meet twice a week for practice on outside basketball courts on both hot summer days and cold winter nights. Knowing that they were going to be playing against professional wheelchair basketball athletes and Paralympians, the team continued to dig deep to prepare for the upcoming season, which ran September through March.

Their hard work paid off as they entered Nationals in eighth place. The Rancho Halos won their first game against the Memorial Rehabilitation Sharks 62 to 59 and then won again against the New Mexico 66ers 71 to 64. Then in their third game they unfortunately lost against the Dallas Mavericks 46 to 59 but it was enough to earn the Rancho Halos a fourth place ranking at Nationals... their highest placement ever.

While the news of being ranked fourth in the nation is a major accomplishment, the true story here is the impact Rancho's wheelchair basketball program has made on its players. When asked about the season, Rancho Halos' Teddy Um summarized the impact of the program best: "It has given me hope again, allowing me to cope with the emotional trauma of my injury."

"Being surrounded by my teammates who have gone through their own injuries and sharing the court together has been a rewarding experience. This has given me the hope and power to aspire for goals outside of basketball such as becoming an occupational therapist. Although my injury took away my ability to play able body basketball, it opened a new door for me that challenged me in the same way. I am thankful for the Rancho Foundation."

For more information on the programs and services funded by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation or to make a donation, please visit us at www.RanchoFoundation.org.

Theater's exterior banners to be replaced at cost of \$55K

■ The vote was 4-1 with Councilman Donald La Plante opposed.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The city of Downey will spend over \$54,000 to replace the faded and torn building banners currently hanging from the Downey Theatre.

On Tuesday, the city council considered how to proceed in adorning the city's theater building, as the banners currently displayed have exceeded their expected five-year lifespan and become wind-torn and sun-faded.

In total, their replacement will cost the city \$54,588.65 from its theater account, which the council approved in a 4-1 vote.

The sole vote in opposition came from Councilman Donald LaPlante, who has been vocal about his desire to consolidate most if not all of the city's arts, culture, and history decisions into a singular

discussion.

"When we talk about what we're going to spend our money on in arts, culture and history, this may sound like it doesn't fall in that category, but it does," said LaPlante. "This is \$50,000, unfortunately half of which goes to construction and putting them up and taking them down and scissor lifts. So, I would like to have us consider simply pushing this item forward and including it in our complete discussion of arts and culture."

Councilman Mario Trujillo suggested the ideas of murals or "immersive lighting," however City Manager Gilbert Livas explained that the building's somewhat difficult architecture rendered those options unappealing.

"If you look at that building, it's a split-faced wall. What that means is that there are crevices and cracks all over that building. Anything you project on there, it doesn't look very good because of the type of material that's up there; it's not smooth," said Livas.

"That's our biggest challenge with that building: it's kind of this bureaucratic beige box, and it doesn't have a smooth surface that you can do anything really unique on, so that's why we ended up going with the banners several years ago."

The banners were originally installed in 2015.

Budget Approved

Downey City Council on Wednesday unanimously approved its spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

The overall city-wide Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget for all funds is \$262,452,415, split between a \$112 million general fund and \$150.4 million in all other funds. This represents an increase of over \$33.5 million (or 14.63%) from FY 2021/22.

Downey's general fund revenues and expenditures for FY 2022/23 are \$103,326,555 and \$112,022,207 respectively.

Revenues - a majority of which (around 72%) come from property,

sales, and utility user taxes - are projected to increase by over 10% from the previous fiscal year.

Expenditures also saw a projected increase by 20%. They include capital infrastructure needs using revenues from a one-time real property sale of over \$13 million the city received in FY 2021/22.

As in previous years, Downey will spend primarily on its police and fire departments, spending over \$41.8 million and \$26 million respectively, or around 65% of the total budget.

The city is also preparing for potential special elections in November and March, setting aside \$350,000, or \$175,000 each.

Over \$90 million will be spent on capital improvement projects, including \$47.7 million on streets. Street projects will be funded partly (over 40%) by Measure M and R bond funds, in the amount of \$19,375,000.

It is estimated that general fund reserves will reach a total of \$31,240,903 by fiscal year's end.

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In Memory of

Julieta Gallegos

July 30, 1944 - June 7, 2022



Julieta Gallegos Mrs. Gallegos was born on July 30th, 1944 in Mazatlán, Sinaloa, México to Remigio Gutierrez and Jesus Murillo, she emigrated to the USA in 1968 when she married her RIP husband George Gallegos and they had 2 sons, Nicolas G. Gallegos and Edward Gallegos. She was a member of a Mexican folklore dance group that performed for the Pope John Paul II when he did his visit to LA back in 1987. She served her community by assisting in the local school and tutoring underserved students. She was a kind and loving aunt to her nieces, nephews and her siblings, all twelve of them. In her spare time she enjoyed taking care of her many cockatiel birds and other pets she would foster. She will be sorely missed by all that had the privileged to have met her.

In Memory of

Edmon Thomas Beyrooty



Our community sadly lost loved and respected resident Edmon Thomas Beyrooty this month at the age of 94. Edmon was born to Gabriel and Mary Beyrooty in Conemaugh, Pennsylvania in 1927. After serving in the United States Navy, he followed his family to Los Angeles where he settled and resided for the remainder of his life. Edmon worked at various dry cleaners in the area until he eventually owned his own shops, most recently Star Cleaners in Bell and Rose Cleaners in Downey before retiring in 2008. Edmon's kindness, generosity and humor were evident to all who knew him, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of calling him a loved one and friend. Edmon is survived by his wife Helen, children Annette, Denise, Edmon Jr., Thomas, Sean and Susan, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service for family and friends will be held at Rose Hills Whittier Memorial Chapel on Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m.

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 10 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual golf tournament. For details, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.
Stay Gallery: "The Resilience Archive" Closing Reception, 7-10 pm. Join Stay Gallery for the closing reception of "The Resilience Archive", a group exhibition co-curated by artist Yeu Q. Nguyen. Made possible by Eastside Arts Initiative and The Puffin Foundation. Learn more: staygallery.org/resilience-closing

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.
Stay Gallery: Family Paint Day, 4-5:30 pm. Create an LA inspired painting with your family in this guided workshop. Led by local teaching artist Israel Lopez. Includes paint supplies. Register: staygallery.org/paintday

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Solar Ribbon Cutting, 10 am. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new solar energy improvements at City Hall, providing 1.6 megawatts of clean, renewable energy. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.
Go Skate Day, 12-5 pm. Kids ages 6-17 are invited to participate in games, competitions, and more. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.
Trivia Night, 7 pm. Join The Downey Patriot at Epic Lounge for a free Trivia Night. Show off your knowledge of witches, wizards, vampires and werewolves to win a prize and enjoy a night out in Downtown Downey. Reserve your spot at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trivia-night-world-of-wizards-tickets-367816919307

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Concerts at the Park, 7 pm. The band Pop Vinyl, featuring five lead singers, performs live. Food will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.
FRIDAY, JUNE 24
Stay Gallery: "The Experimental Phase", 7-10 pm. A one night, pop-up exhibition featuring the work of local artist Rhyeseyes. Free admission. Learn more: staygallery.org/experimental-phase

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

"Alice in the Palace", 1 pm and 6:30 pm. With the help of some crazy characters she meets along her journey, Alice learns what true happiness, determination and trust truly means. Presented by SFS Dance Center. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Concerts at the Park, 7 pm. Mariachi Angeles Pepe Martinez Jr. performs live. Food will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Concerts at the Park, 7 pm. The 1st Marine Division Band performs live. Food will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Health Workshop: Muffins & Medicare, 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and learn how to sign up for and use email, type up text documents, and browse the internet. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Brookshire Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Book & Movie Club: 12 Angry Men, 11 am. Read the play and then watch a special screening of the Sidney Lumet directed movie, "12 Angry Men," with a discussion afterwards. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Wild West Quill, 4 pm. A Cowboy-themed dinner for Downey senior citizens. \$5 admission. Reservations must be made in person no later than 2 pm the Friday prior. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Concerts at the Park, 7 pm. Popular band Cold Duck performs live. Food will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Excursion to see "Pretty Woman: The Musical", 3 pm. A day trip to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts to see "Pretty Woman: The Musical." Open to adults ages 50 and older. \$55 for Downey residents, \$59 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Concerts at the Park, 7 pm. Pop and soul band Soul 3 Sixty performs live. Food will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and learn how to sign up for and use email, type up text documents, and browse the internet. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Concerts at the Park, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony closes out Downey's concerts in the park series. Food will be sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Excursion to Pageant of the Masters, 4 pm. "Wonderful World" is the theme of this year's Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. Trip includes plenty of time for dinner before the show and to explore the pageant amphitheater. \$45 for Downey residents, \$49 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Music and a Movie, 5 pm. Enjoy live music, food booths, food trucks, a prize walk, and a movie starting at dusk. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Health Workshop: Medicare & Medical Plans, 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Rocket Fever, 10 am to 5 pm. Come by and build then fly your own rocket. Sponsored by Financial Partners Credit Union., Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Blood Drive, 11 am to 5 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Downey" Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Kiwanis Golf Tournament, 12 pm. The 24th annual L'Abri Golf Classic benefiting Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and the Downey Family YMCA.RSVP to jftzl@labrimanagement.com. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

16th Annual Senior Follies, 1 pm and 5 pm. A talent show by Downey's most talented senior citizens. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, featuring bands, floats, classic cars, dance troupes, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue

In Memory of

Fahir Milian

November 4, 1942 - July 2, 2020



Fahir Milian was born in Cuba on November 4, 1942, to his parents, Emilio Milian and Maria Did. In 1963 Fahir fled to Miami to live with his brother Lázaro. With the money they brought from Cuba, they opened a dry cleaner, "Capris Cleaner." Being the youngest of four, this caused his mother to be overprotective; he worked in the family business, but he had so much planned for his future. On November 18, 1974, he met Gurith Torres while working at his family business. They moved in together and married on November 12, 1975, in Calle Ocho "Key West." In 1976, they drove to California to live the "California dream." Fahir and Gurith have resided in the City of Downey for over 40 years. They opened Miami Fashion in 1976, and in 1980 Studio 100 was opened in the city of Bell. Unfortunately, the economy was at its lowest, making this difficult for them to continue their businesses. It was right after Fahir and Gurith became foster parents through Los Angeles County in 1992. While receiving children from out-of-home care, he noticed Spanish-speaking children being placed in English Homes; he saw the need for more Latino homes. As a Latino, he then researched and began to submit his application with community care licensing to the state of Sacramento for approving a Latino agency. In November of 1994, Ninos Latinos Unidos was established. In 2008, they established Miltor LLC. Providing services to adults with intellectual disabilities, they eventually expanded their services and opened two other facilities. Fahir dedicated all of his time to his businesses until July 2, 2020, when he passed from an acute cardiopulmonary arrest.

From his daughter: At the age of three, my father knew I needed affection; just then, he stretched his arms every morning, evening, and night to give me warm hugs and kisses. He chose to be present, wanted to be involved, and wasn't too busy to give five minutes to be there. He knew how to spend time with his children, giving us his full attention. Times when we cried or laughed while watching movies together. Yelled "Dominos" or "UNO" when we played outside on the patio or in the living room and lived this thing we call life together. He knew that kids messed up and needed regular correction and guidance. He knew God had given me to him to prepare me for life. He was patient and kind towards me, even when he had to be firm. Yes! I know that his correction and discipline for being done were out of love and understanding, not out of anger or frustration. He loved me unconditionally. Whether we were having fun or getting in trouble, we never questioned Dad's love. Because he regularly told us and because he showed us periodically. My dad made a difference in the lives of others by following the example of God. He was helpful. Willing to help anyone in any situation. If he stepped up, you'd step up too. He loved serving others. He lived an abundant life for others in need and encouraged us to do the same. He desires to fulfill his role to its fullest. He is a man of faith. -- Beatriz Milian



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Inflation is bad but it isn't going to bring back the 1970s

By Ben S. Bernanke

We had another bad inflation report last week.

Inflation over the past 12 months exceeded 8 percent, a level that evokes memories of America's Great Inflation of the 1960s and '70s. From the beginning of 1966 through 1981, the Consumer Price Index rose, on average, by more than 7 percent per year, peaking at over 13 percent in 1980. This period also saw two major and two minor recessions and an approximately two-thirds decline in the Dow Jones industrial average, when adjusted for inflation.

Are we in danger of repeating that experience?

The short answer: almost certainly not.

Although the inflation of the 1960s and '70s had higher peaks and lasted much longer than what we have seen recently, it's true there are some similarities to what we are going through now. The inflation of a half-century ago, like today's, began after a long period when inflation was generally low. In both cases, heavy federal spending (on the war in Vietnam and Great Society programs in the 1960s, on the response to Covid in 2020 and 2021) added to demand. And shocks to global energy and food prices in the 1970s made the inflation problem significantly worse, just as they are doing now.

But there are critical differences as well. First, although inflation was very unpopular in the '60s and '70s, as it (understandably) is today, back then, any inclination by the Federal Reserve to fight inflation by raising interest rates, which could also slow the economy and raise unemployment, met stiff political resistance. President Lyndon Johnson, attempting to insulate the public from the economic costs of an unpopular war, put intense pressure on the Fed chairman, William McChesney Martin, to keep interest rates low. Johnson promised to raise taxes to pay for the war, and Martin accordingly refrained from raising rates for a time, but Johnson's temporary tax surcharge in 1968 failed to cool an overheated economy, allowing inflation to gain a toehold.

Richard Nixon, angling for re-election in 1972, made it clear to Martin's successor at the Fed, Arthur Burns, that he would not tolerate an economic slowdown before the election, and Burns took no significant action against inflation. Even after Nixon resigned in 1974, Congress continued to pressure Burns and the Fed to avoid anti-inflation policies that might slow the economy. For example, a 1978 law set a target for the unemployment rate of 3 percent for people 20 and older — well below its sustainable, noninflationary level at the time.

In contrast, efforts by the current Fed chairman, Jerome Powell, and his colleagues to bring down inflation enjoy considerable support from both the White House and Congress, at least so far. As a result, the Fed today has the independence it needs to make policy decisions based solely on the economic data and in the longer-run interests of the economy, not on short-term political considerations.

Besides the Fed's greater independence, a key difference from the '60s and '70s is that the Fed's views on both the sources of inflation and its own responsibility to control the pace of price increases have changed markedly. Burns, who presided over most of the 1970s inflation, had a cost-push theory of inflation. He believed that inflation was caused primarily by large companies and trade unions, which used their market power to push up prices and wages even in a slow economy. He thought the Fed had little ability to counteract these forces, and as an alternative to raising interest rates, he helped persuade Nixon to set wage and price controls in 1971, which proved a spectacular failure.

Inflation gained momentum over the decade, ending only with the shock treatment applied by the Fed under Paul Volcker in the early 1980s, which resulted in a deep recession.

Burns wasn't wrong that factors beyond the Fed's control can contribute to inflation. Supply-side forces are, indeed, important today — not only the increases in global energy and food prices already mentioned but also pandemic-related constraints, like the disruption of global supply chains. Unfortunately, the Fed can do little about these supply-side problems.

Nevertheless, today's monetary policymakers understand that as we wait for supply constraints to ease, which they will eventually, the Fed can help reduce inflation by slowing growth in demand. Drawing on the lessons of the past, they also understand that by doing what is needed to get inflation under control, they can help the economy and the job market avoid much more serious instability in the future.

In short, the lessons learned from America's Great Inflation, by both the Fed and political leaders, make a repeat of that experience highly unlikely. The Fed today recognizes that it must take the leading role in controlling inflation, and it has the tools and sufficient political independence to do so. After a delay caused by a misdiagnosis of the economy in 2021, the Fed has accordingly turned to tightening monetary policy, ending its pandemic-era bond purchases, announcing plans to shrink its securities holdings and raising short-term interest rates.

Markets and the public appear to understand how the Fed's approach has changed from the earlier era I described. Although the Fed has raised interest rates only twice this year (this week's meeting will no doubt bring an additional increase), financial conditions have already tightened significantly (for example, mortgage rates have risen by more than two percentage points in the past year) as markets anticipate that policymakers will persist in their anti-inflation campaign. And while market indicators and surveys of consumers reveal that inflation is expected to remain high over the next year or two, for the most part, they suggest continued confidence that, over the longer term, the Fed will be able to bring inflation down close to its 2 percent target.

This confidence in turn makes the Fed's job easier, by limiting the risk of an "inflationary psychology," as Burns once put it, on the part of the public. Since Mr. Volcker's conquest of inflation in the 1980s, bursts of inflation have tended to die away more quickly and with less need for monetary restraint than in previous episodes.

None of this implies that the Fed's job will be easy. The degree to which the central bank will have to tighten monetary policy to control our currently high inflation, and the associated risk of an economic slowdown or recession, depends on several factors: how quickly the supply-side problems (high oil prices, supply-chain snarls) subside, how aggregate spending reacts to the tighter financial conditions engineered by the Fed and whether the Fed retains its credibility as an inflation fighter even if inflation takes a while to subside.

Of these, history teaches us, the last may be the most important. Inflation will not become self-perpetuating, with price increases leading to wage increases leading to price increases, if people are confident that the Fed will take the necessary measures to bring inflation down over time.

The Fed's greater policy independence, its willingness to take responsibility for inflation and its record of keeping inflation low for nearly four decades after the Great Inflation, make it much more credible on inflation today than its counterpart in the '60s and '70s. The Fed's credibility will help ensure that the Great Inflation will not be repeated, and Mr. Powell and his colleagues will put a high priority on keeping that credibility intact.

Ben S. Bernanke, the chairman of the Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014, is the author of "21st Century Monetary Policy: The Federal Reserve From the Great Inflation to Covid-19."

Gun control

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Ms. Madru's letter dated June 9, 2022. I honestly was unsure if Ms. Madru's letter was sincere or satirical? Some of the suggestions she makes are completely unrealistic.

Let me begin by stating that states like California, New York, Illinois, and Hawaii already have some of the strictest gun laws in the country. In the case of Illinois, we all know how well that is working out in Chicago. Want to know why? Because criminals do not follow the law. They don't care if "special circumstance" charges are added onto their sentence. If and when caught, they are already going to prison (maybe).

As far as here in California, did you know that firearms must be purchased through a Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs)? This applies to new purchases as well as private party transfers (buying a used gun from a private individual). A background check (including fingerprints) is performed by the CA DOJ on the buyer every single time. This includes a built-in "10-day waiting" period. So you don't do anything rash. There are no exceptions to this requirement. So you can't just buy a gun through magazines and there is no gun show loophole everyone talks about.

As far as her other suggestions of requiring a medical exam of purchasers, what exactly does that accomplish? If I have high blood pressure or diabetes, rejecting me is going to keep the general populous safe from guns? I'll give her the benefit of the doubt and assume she meant psychological exam, but that's not what she stated.

Lastly, the last thing any police agency wants are individuals showing up at police stations with firearms. Not happening. And her suggestion for a curfew from 9 pm to 6 am, really? Why stop there? Why not impose martial law?

So what is the solution? I don't know, this problem is bigger than I, but having more gun laws for the sake of having gun laws is not the solution. This only hurts law abiding citizens as criminals don't follow laws.

**Sonny Diaz
Downey**

Problem solvers

Dear Editor:

In this world fraught with horrific news such as school shootings, the war in Ukraine, Covid-19, and a badly polarized Congress that can't pass bills 65% of the population are staunchly in favor of, we can find some good news right here in Downey, California.

On Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, and sometimes Sundays, a group of gentlemen can be found sitting on their chairs in front of Sunland Donuts, at the intersection of Stewart and Gray and Old River School Road. They verbally interact in a fun way with most of the customers coming and going from the donut shop, and in a microcosmic way serve as a counterpoint to the bad news we are all subjected to.

There is Roger, the "ringleader" who is "Mr. Generous," and the well-known frequent buyer of coffee and donuts for customers passing through.

There is Dick, who despite some serious health issues is always affable and a paragon of good cheer, but sometimes has the audacity to be the purveyor of "fake news."

There is Paul, the sports enthusiast; a walking encyclopedia of sports minutiae.

There is Bill, who is industrious, and uses his Ram pickup truck to actually do some work.

There is John, who is quick to laugh, and swift with a clever rejoinder.

And finally, there is Jack, who is quiet and reflective and never has much to say, but does occasionally send letters to the Downey Patriot.

**Jack Russell
Downey**

Pro choice

Dear Editor:

I am a Catholic but a strong believer in pro choice for women regarding abortion.

I consider pro choice for women more sacred than the NRA's belief in the right to bear arms.

There are several issues where a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy should not be questioned at all. They are:

Rape. A woman who has been raped and is pregnant because of that assault should not be required to carry the pregnancy to completion. Making it a requirement is adding insult to injury. A woman who is forced to have a child that she did not ask for will also be obligated to support that child since the father will not be available or willing to do it. That is extreme injustice.

Incest. Inbreeding increases the risk of excessive gene disorders. A child of an incestuous relationship has a high risk of having autosomal recessive conditions such as cystic fibrosis, thalassemia (diseases of the blood) and spinal muscular atrophy. Other possible adverse conditions are blindness, hearing loss, neonatal diabetes, limb malformations, disorders of sex development and schizophrenia. It is unfair to the child to bring him/her to a life of suffering and while the parents can take care of the child, who will take care of the child when the parents are no longer able to do so? People get old. What is really needed is a law allowing a father, mother or brother partner of an incestuous relationship to be castrated to prevent them from repeating their crime.

Amniocentesis. When the results detect genetic disorder in a fetus, the right decision is to terminate the pregnancy. It prevents a life of misery for the unborn child and again who will take care of the child when the parents are no longer able to do it?

Mother's Health. If the pregnancy threatens the life of the woman and especially if the woman is taking care of small children, the correct decision is to protect her life.

Above are a few reasons why I am a firm believer in being pro choice for women. If the above reasons are not convincing, then you are not living in reality.

**Jorge Montero
Downey**

Time to move on from Jan. 6

Dear Editor:

The invasion of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, should not and would not have happened if mitigation measures had been taken.

President Trump and his top advisers, as early as Jan. 2, strongly recommended to Nancy Pelosi that she authorize the deployment of 20,000 in the National Guard to provide security because of rumors of possible bad behavior at the rally.

Additionally, President Trump strongly recommended to the D.C. police that their presence should be increased. President Trump advised several times about the urgency in providing additional security, however, since Nancy Pelosi is in charge of security, it was her call and the mayor of D.C.'s call to follow through. Even Liz Chaney in the Investigative Hearing said that it was known about the possibility of bad happenings Jan. 6. Sadly, no one acted on the warnings.

The perpetrators who invaded the Capitol and destroyed property and injured police officers are being held accountable and are being charged, fined, and/or jailed.

It is time to move on to more pressing matters: high gasoline prices, inflation, wide open borders, fentanyl-laced opioids and other drugs coming across the border and having killed over 100,000 Americans in a year, food shortages, increase in crime, and homelessness.

**Martha Morrissy
Downey**

Restaurant options

Dear Editor:

My wife and I have lived in Downey for over 50 years. We have seen great restaurants come and go and there's really nothing we can do about that, however, we just found out Downey is planning on putting in a margarita bar in place of where the Hometown Buffet was.

We have to ask why?

We realized that Downey is predominantly a Hispanic community and we have way too many Mexican restaurants and taco places here in our city.

Why don't we have a good steakhouse in Downey?

My wife and I have to go to other cities to enjoy a good steak dinner, like Lakewood or Long Beach.

**Rick Aspetia
Downey**

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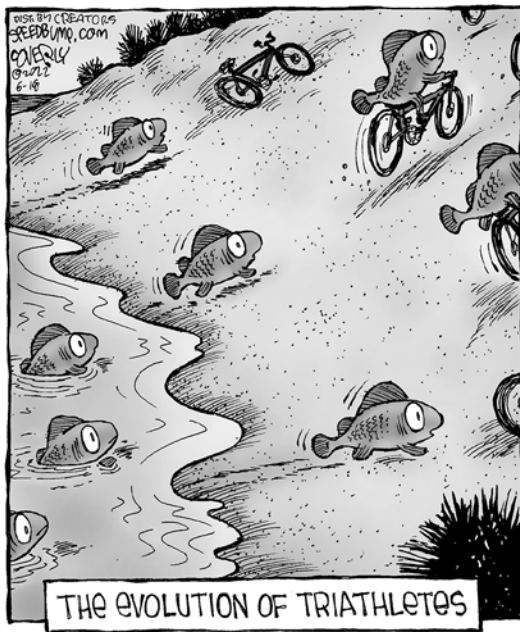
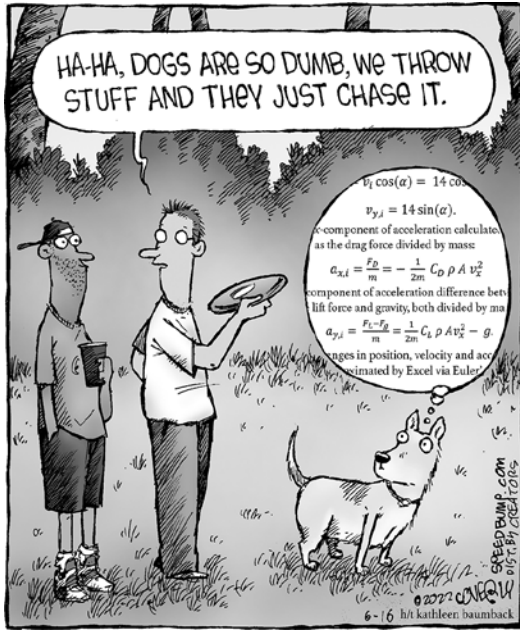
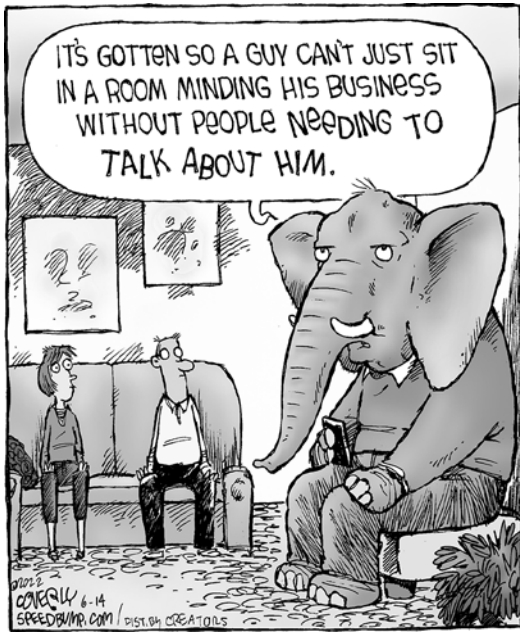
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Downey Community Calendar

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., 6:00pm: 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.
 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: 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., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 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 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 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., 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.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Frantone's Downey, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 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.
 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.

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

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The Chicken Koop confirms Downey restaurant opening later this year



Chicken Koop owners Misheal Leblanc and Jason Moreno say the Downey location is scheduled for a late 2022 opening.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

DOWNEY - The LA County restaurant chain, The Chicken Koop, plans to open their fifth location, in Downey, later this year at 10000 Paramount Blvd.

Owners Misheal Leblanc and Jason Moreno opened their Whittier location in 2016 after getting married and leaving the real estate business.

"I grew up in Montreal. I'm French Canadian," Leblanc said. "My husband is Mexican American. So our chicken is oven-roasted chicken with a fusion of sauces. We got a little bit of everything."

Neither of the owners has a cooking background, but they created each dish from homemade recipes and

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experimented with different flavors.

"In Whittier, we're always looking for lunches to go for a quick meal, and we're always looking for chicken and there was nothing," Leblanc said. "Eventually, an opportunity as far as the location presented to us if you were interested and we jumped in."

Moreno said the opportunity

to open a location in Downey presented itself, and the restaurant owners seized it.

They invited their friends and colleagues to visit their locations. Raul Cruz worked with them in real estate and visited their Whittier location when it opened.

"I gave them a courtesy visit and then I said, 'Man, this is really good,'" Cruz said. "So then I brought it home and then my

wife. Now we're pretty big fans."

Downey resident Rick Garcia frequented the Chicken Koop location in Whittier and said he was excited to learn a site would open in his area.

"My wife and I live right by the elementary school. It's walking distance from our house," Garcia said. "I haven't had a bad experience with them. My family really enjoys their food."

The Chicken Koop has a variety of options for healthy or not so healthy meals.

"If you want to eat healthy there, but if you don't want to eat healthily, there are other options that are not healthy. So you can get Brussel sprouts in veggies, broccoli, and chicken," Garcia said. "What I think I enjoy the most is the chicken and waffles."

Moreno said his favorite dish is "the Garlic Chicken Plate which is a garden chicken tossed in butter garlic over better white rice."

Leblanc and Moreno took inspiration from other cultures they observed when they traveled

and adapted what they saw to their meals.

"The Cuban Sampling is one of my favorite dishes," Leblanc said. "It's oven-roasted chicken with white rice, black beans and soup plantains which is delicious."

After their location in Downey opens, the couple has ambitions to open a location in Orange County.

"We're trying to grow the

team to be able to streamline on those categories to ensure that the food quality doesn't get lost and our customer service as well, which is one of the toughest areas as you expand to maintain," Leblanc said.

Leblanc and Moreno hope to open the Chicken Koop in Downey by September, but no official date is set.

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DOWNEY - Downey First Christian Church will be hosting a one-week Vacation Bible School program for kids from June 27-July 1. VBS will run 6:30-8:30 pm and is for kids entering Kindergarten through fifth grade in the Fall.

The theme is "Make Waves: You can Change the World Around You!"

Each night will include a bible lesson, group discussion, wet and wild games, crafts, snacks, music, friends, and lots of fun.

To register or to ask questions, call Pastor Mark at (562) 862-2438 or go online to downeyfirst.org.

Cerritos College extends president's contract

NORWALK - Cerritos College president Dr. Jose Fierro had his employment contract extended through 2026, a unanimous move by the college's board of trustees.

Fierro's contract wasn't due to expire until June 20, 2025, but the extension approved by the board June 8 will keep Fierro at Cerritos College at least one additional year.

All other contract terms remain the same.

"Under Dr. Fierro's administration, the College has made significant progress in advancing student-centered policies and innovative programs that have resulted in increased graduation and completion rates," Cerritos College board president James Cody Birkey said in a statement.

"The Board is unanimously behind the extension to his contract. We have deep confidence in his leadership, continued investment in student success, campus-wide vision, and relationship-building within the communities we serve.

"We are very excited for the next four years with Dr. Fierro, working alongside him to support our students, faculty, and staff, and building this institution—inside and out—into one of Southeast LA's most transformative assets."

Fierro was hired as Cerritos College president in 2015 with an annual salary of \$234,000. He received a 3.3% raise in 2019 and the promise of a \$40,000 bonus if he remains with Cerritos College through June 30, 2023.

Eric Pierce, editor

Historical society hosting luncheon

DOWNEY - The Downey Historical Society is having its annual luncheon on Saturday, June 18, at 11 am at the Sizzler on Lakewood Boulevard.

Attendees will pay for their own lunch.

Roger Miller will provide a presentation.

POET'S CORNER

Frederick Douglass

When it is finally ours, this freedom, this liberty, this beautiful and terrible thing, needful to man as air, usable as earth; when it belongs at last to all, when it is truly instinct, brain matter, diastole, systole, reflex action; when it is finally won; when it is more than the gaudy mumbo jumbo of politicians: this man, this Douglass, this former slave, this Negro beaten to his knees, exiled, visioning a world where none is lonely, none hunted, alien, this man, superb in love and logic, this man shall be remembered. Oh, not with statues' rhetoric, not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone, but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing.

Robert Hayden, "Collected Poems of Robert Hayden, Liveright, 1966

Juneteenth is celebrated as a day of reflection. It's a time for closing your eyes and imagining how slaves felt when they found out they were free, on June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers went in to Galveston and informed blacks there for the first time that they were free. Juneteenth will be celebrated all over Los Angeles, including at the Juneteenth Art and Cultural Festival in Westchester Park, hosted by Open Arms Food Pantry and Resource Center with live performances, African drum, books, African marketplace, poetry, and children art space. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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