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City Council candidates spar in virtual debate

■ Housing, policing, and Downey’s growing downtown were hot topics in the virtual forum.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Council hopefuls sat down to discuss their vision for Downey last Thursday, during the 2020 Downey City Council Candidates Forum.

The event — presented by the Chamber of Commerce and the Downey Patriot — was held virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live, and was moderated by award-winning former KCBS/KCAL-TV reporter Dave Lopez.

Each candidate was asked the same five questions on rent forgiveness, public speaking time during meetings, the city’s response to challenges within 2020, development of Downey’s downtown area, and defunding of the police.

Candidates were then posed with a personal question structured specifically for them, addressing points of concern or policy clarification brought up by the community prior to that evening.

The evening closed with participants rapidly fielding questions from the audience, and finally with closing statements.

DISTRICT 1

Clear lines were drawn in District 1, where current sitting mayor Blanca Pacheco faces a single opponent in the progressive Alexandria Contreras.

Contreras started the evening’s answers by voicing her support of rent forgiveness.

“I am a renter here in the city of Downey, and I am one of the lucky few who can find an affordable place to live, which isn’t that affordable,” said Contreras. “I know how difficult it can be for families — working class families, even lower-middle income families — to thrive and survive during the pandemic.”

“Sometimes what we need to do as a city council is make sure we use our funds that we have to invest in protecting our renters, and protecting our home owners...it would be a shame to lose families, jobs, students if we as a city morally neglect our most needed at the most needed time.”

Alternatively, Pacheco said that while she did not support rent forgiveness, she was in favor of “helping the community and renters.”

She highlighted the actions the city took over the last year.

“We created a moratorium — or a stop — on evictions from residential and commercial tenants, and we have that moratorium in place,” said Pacheco. “We also set aside \$700,000 to help renters to pay their rent, and we still have money available for those renters.”

“I am also in favor of helping our business owners. I am not in favor of forgoing on rent, as this would have monumental consequence on those landlords, on your mom-and-pop landlords who need that money to pay their mortgage.”

Contreras said that she would like to see the city’s rental assistance program expanded to include mobile-homeowners and homeowners.

She also criticized the city’s police funding.

“We do have the funds, but what the city has done instead is allocate \$2 million — while slashing other community funds — to the police force,” said Contreras. “What that \$2 million could have done is make sure that we keep homeowners in their homes when they need it most.”

“Making sure that residents stay in their homes is an issue of public safety and public health. For us to pretend it is anything otherwise is criminal and immoral.”

When asked about the city’s response to the challenges of 2020, Contreras expressed that the city should have done more, including implementing a “strict mask ordinance” and a “safe streets program” to promote safe exercise.

“We needed to make sure that we shut down the city right away, followed the public health administrator’s leadership in San Francisco; they have expertise with dealing with these kinds of things and the city should have followed,” said Contreras. “We have some of the highest cases of COVID and some of the highest deaths in SELA County which is simply unacceptable.”

“Our businesses are suffering and our people are dying... while the city council has done nothing.”

Pacheco said that she felt she and the rest of the council “handled [the year] well.”

“For me, it was important to provide the residents all the resources necessary to deal with this unprecedented time,” said Pacheco. “We stopped evictions for commercial and residential



Nine candidates are vying for three open seats on the Downey City Council. Early voting is underway.

tenants who were financially impacted. We allocated \$700,000 for a rental assistance program to help residential tenants affected by COVID. We received a total of 250 applications and processed 112 checks, and we’re still going through the waiting list to attempt to help more residents.”

“At our next council meeting, we’re going to be considering the expenditure of additional grant funds to assist our small businesses, pay additional rents for our residents, and fund nonprofits to assist the most at need during this time of need...”

On Downey’s police funding, Contreras said that her position on the department was “so far, a rather negative one.”

“My friends, volunteers that I have worked with, people that I have known in the city have come to talk to me personally about their experiences of being victimized and brutalized by Downey’s police force,” said Contreras. “The history of Downey Police Department is not one without talking about racial reconciliation, and racial justice.”

“I personally believe that when facing a global pandemic, the fact that our city places money towards policing as opposed to public health...is immoral. Why would you spend some extra money on security on a house during a pandemic when you should be spending it on making sure that the house is being taken care of, that there’s food in it, and there’s not just food for you, but your family, but your neighbors next door.”

Pacheco said that she was against defunding the police department.

“Our officers do an amazing

job, and our residents approve of our police officers,” said Pacheco. “We have a safe city; crime rate has gone down since 2017. Now, it is down by 34%.”

“When we did a survey back in 2016, our officers received an approval rating of 91%. Defunding our police would take away crucial resources from our police officers that could ultimately impact our officers and put our residents in danger.”

DISTRICT 3

Candidate Catherine Alvarez would kick things off in District 3, with her unsurprising support of rent forgiveness.

In fact, Alvarez was not shy about taking aim at the current city council for their lack of interference when the Eden Roc apartment complex was accused of buying out and pushing out its tenants late last year.

“Way before all this pandemic happened, I tried and I fought for the moratorium in November,” said Alvarez, who is the leader of the Downey Tenants Union. “It didn’t happen by Blanca Pacheco and the City Council members. Why? Because they have worked with the real estate directly, so they didn’t pass it. Unfortunately, they didn’t and a lot of families had to leave out of here.”

She later added that “rent forgiveness did not necessarily mean that landlords would not receive money,” calling instead for a rent freeze of several years.

“It’s a question of working with state, county, and local funding sources to help homeowners and renters,” said Alvarez. “We need to do a rent freeze — not only for housing, even for developers, even for small business — because they don’t have money to pay right now. We need to do a rent freeze for at least two or four years until all the economy goes up again.”

Dalejuan Peavy said that he did not support rent forgiveness because “it’s not good for the owners.”

“[Rent forgiveness] would mess up the economy, and mess up the budget to keep the economy going,” said Peavy.

Eric Pierce opened his comments on the subject by saying that it was “immoral to evict somebody because they lost their income because of COVID,” however came out opposed to rent forgiveness.

“A blank check to renters, it just doesn’t work,” said Pierce. “We have to think about the consequences on the property owners. There’s this myth that these are big corporations that own these income properties, but there are lots of senior citizens who need this income to

pay their own bills.”

“I think any kind of financial relief for renters also needs to take into consideration the property owners and the landlords. I do support a moratorium on evictions, and giving the renters some sort of relief, and coming up with a plan where they can pay back what they owe.”

Pierce said that he felt that the issue would require state and national funds.

“I don’t think it’s something that the city of Downey on its own would be able to afford,” said Pierce. “It’s something that we’re going to need to get some assistance from the state and from the country.”

Candidates also found themselves split on their opinions of public comment time during meetings, which City Council voted to cut by two minutes earlier this year.

Alvarez said she felt the time cut was a violation of the First Amendment.

“The real motive behind the [shortening to] three minutes was to silence critics of the city council and not allow us to talk about what are the issues right here in city council,” said Alvarez.

Pierce said he opposed the change at first, however agrees with it now.

“I think the issue is too many people were abusing their five minutes,” said Pierce. “If you’ve attended a city council meeting any time recently, it gets really ugly with racist comments and just really abusive behavior towards people.”

“I think three minutes is enough to get your point across, and I think it’s in line with the time that other cities give the public.”

Peavy said he felt three minutes was fine.

On the Downtown area, candidates again shared varying views on how the city’s prospective draw location could be developed and improved.

Peavy said that the city should focus on the small businesses in the area, but otherwise was in very good shape and needed no change.

Pierce said that there should be a conversation about the type of businesses in downtown.

“I would like to see more independently owned businesses, more restaurants,” said Pierce. “I think we’ve reached our max capacity with bars, so I wouldn’t want to see any more bars.”

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday	75°	
Saturday	77°	
Sunday	78°	

ON THIS DAY OCTOBER 8

1918: American Army Sgt. Alvin York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in Argonne Forest in France.

1945: President Harry Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

1956: Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-0, in Game 5.

1959: Margaret Thatcher was first elected to the British Parliament as a Conservative.

1982: Poland banned all labor organizations, including Solidarity, the independent trade union that represented 10 million workers.

2001: Tom Ridge, former governor of Pennsylvania, was sworn-in as director of the new Office of Homeland Security.

2004: Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart reported to prison to begin serving a sentence for lying about a stock sale.

2006: A major earthquake flattened villages on the Pakistan-India border, killing an estimated 86,000 people.

Notable Birthdays

- Pop star **Bruno Mars** turns 35.
- TV and radio personality **Nick Cannon** turns 40.
- Film star **Matt Damon** turns 50.
- Suspense author **RL Stine** turns 77.
- Wrestler **The Miz** turns 40.
- Actress **Sigourney Weaver** turns 71.
- Actress and author **Bella Thorne** turns 23.
- Karyn Parsons**, who played Hillary on “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” turns 54.
- R&B singer and record producer **Teddy Riley** turns 53.
- Civil rights activist **Jesse Jackson** turns 79.
- Paul Hogan**, the actor who starred in the “Crocodile Dundee” franchise, turns 81.
- Actor and comedian **Chevy Chase** turns 77.



Chevy Chase turns 77.

Notable Deaths

- John Hancock**, a prominent patriot of the American Revolution and the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence, died on this date in 1793 at age 56.
- Franklin Pierce**, the 14th president of the United States, died on this date in 1869. Pierce was 64 when he died of cirrhosis of the liver.
- Raiders owner **Al Davis** died on this date in 2011 of congestive heart failure. He was 82.



How to fund the Downey Police Department was among the topics discussed at a candidates forum.

Candidates clash over Downey's future

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Pierce also added that he would like to see Downey Avenue closed on the weekends - with business approval - to make it "more of an open-air type of atmosphere."

All three candidates said they did not support defunding the police, with Pierce adding that the budget could be tweaked if needed.

DISTRICT 5

District 5 saw the most sparring of the night, mainly between Juan "Joey" Martinez and Mario Trujillo.

Candidates were mostly on the same page concerning support of rent forgiveness, with Arturo Gonzales saying

that renters needed to work with owners, and Carrie Uva saying that she supported helping renters "in the current times we're in."

Gloves started to come off, however, when candidates were asked about the city's two-minute cut to public speaking times at meetings.

Trujillo said that he would be made available to residents if elected, however drew a strong line in the sand against current behavior seen at the dais.

"Let's be realistic and talk about the fact that we are even talking about this is because a certain number of people are making a mockery out of our democracy system," said Trujillo. "It is shameful; It is a circus what's going on in the council [chambers]. While I am for the

First Amendment, let's call it what it is. These individuals shouldn't even be given those three minutes..."

"If I have a real concerned citizen who's making coherent statements, who's not insulting people, who's really discussing the issues at hand, we will give that person the discretion to continue to speak and address us appropriately."

Martinez, who actively speaks out against council at meetings, called it an "assault on the First Amendment."

"Really what these council members were doing was stealing from the residents of Downey," said Martinez.

He then took aim at his opponent.

"Trujillo easily said that it's

a shame that these people are speaking out, that some people shouldn't even be given those minutes," said Martinez. "You don't get to decide what people speak or say..."

Candidates once again found themselves split when discussing the city's reaction to the pandemic.

Martinez said that he felt the city did not shut down fast enough, while Gonzales said that the infected needed to be isolated and quarantined.

Trujillo looked towards technology.

"It is unfortunate that Downey did not step up to the plate in regard to technology," said Trujillo. "As an example, it is the fact that while many cities can today upload plans submitted to the city electronically through the city, Downey has not been able to do that."

He added that he felt that the city also felt "reactive as opposed to proactive," and "did not do enough to reach out to business owners."

Uva said that the city needed to help small businesses "get back on their feet."

"Having served as the President of the Downey Chamber of Commerce this last year... we had a lot of members that reached out to us for assistance, and we were there to help them promote their business, advertise their business, and do whatever we could as a chamber to get these businesses open and running during the times where they were allowed to reopen suddenly or quickly," said Uva.

"I would've liked to have seen more communication as to the PPP loans that were available from the different banks; not a lot of businesses knew about that, and I think a lot of businesses could have taken advantage of that opportunity to get those loans and help."

Uva added she would have liked to have seen better communication regarding PPE equipment for business owners as well.

When speaking about downtown, Uva expressed desire for more family friendly shops and restaurants, as well as family activity.

Gonzalez said that his response was limited because he "did not go out very much at night," however that businesses "have to have some control up to a certain degree."

Martinez again took aim at Trujillo.

Martinez began to make comments about building bike lanes and improving accessibility for pedestrians, before abruptly ending his comments.

Trujillo would go on to say that the city should "consider the residents."

"The plans are to build a center for family residents in Downey to enjoy; to be able to walk and enjoy a family environment that can be converted to a destination for people from the southeast after perhaps 8 or 9 o'clock," said Trujillo. "The most effective downtowns are locations where people can live, work, and enjoy the dining experience."

"Let's consider the quality of life of our residents with the growth that we're about to undertake."

Martinez would jump back in shortly after these remarks, commenting that Trujillo would not be able to make decisions on downtown due to owning property in the area.

"The right answer would actually be to recuse yourself because you have various conflicts of interest," said Martinez. "What Trujillo would be able to do for that area should be limited and restricted."

Trujillo took offense to the remarks, responding that he was

"making an investment in our city."

"When Mr. Martinez decides to buy a home and lay roots in this city, then perhaps he should respond and talk about conflicts of interest, and remember the word respect when he approaches anyone in our city government," said Trujillo.

All but one candidate - Martinez - voiced opposition to opinions of defunding the police.

Trujillo said that DPD was one of the most "exemplary" organizations that he had worked with.

"I've ridden with the men and women of Downey PD; good men and women who are putting their lives on the line every night and every day for the safety of our community," said Trujillo. "I've looked at the budget. Downey is already being proactive about finding ways to respond to certain calls that don't require a uniformed police officer."

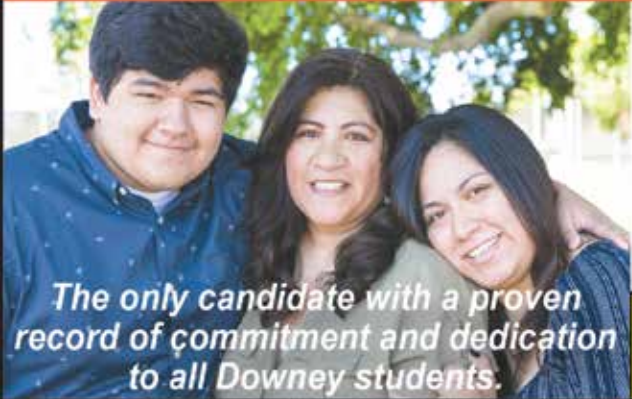
"Instead of defunding Downey Police, we should be defending them, and recognizing them for the top-notch department they are...The Downey Police Department is efficient, and let's face it: you get what you pay for."


Uva said that she "absolutely" supported DPD, and did not wish to see them defunded in any way.

"Being a lifelong resident of Downey, growing up in the city, we have it so special to have our own private police force," said Uva. "Our response times are so quick, as compared to other surrounding cities with the Sheriff responding to calls."

The forum can be watched on YouTube as well as on the Downey Patriot Facebook page.

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Doty Middle School's Vicki Arosteguy named Teacher of the Year

DOWNEY — Victoria (Vicki) Arosteguy, an educator at Doty Middle School, was honored Tuesday as the Downey Unified School District's Teacher of the Year for her "exceptional work with students."

Arosteguy, a Resource Specialist Program (RSP) teacher, has been with Downey Unified for 20 years.

Downey Unified selects a Teacher of the Year annually in Downey Unified who is honored every October with the Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year awards banquet.

"During this time of extraordinary challenges to our school communities, it is especially important that we pay tribute to our outstanding teachers who, in the face of a pandemic, are bringing care, compassion and ingenuity to their virtual classrooms," Dr. Debra Duardo, the Los Angeles County Office of Education's superintendent of schools, said during the county's award

ceremony a few days prior to the Downey Board of Education meeting. "I am truly impressed by their innovative practices and the partnerships they are building to keep students learning and thriving."

Arosteguy was honored along with 47 other teachers in Los Angeles County during the Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year celebration, which was organized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education. During Downey Unified's Board of Education meeting, Arosteguy was present to accept this award along with Doty Middle School Principal, Brent Shubin, and Vice Principal Kathy Nicassio.

Arosteguy began her career in Downey Unified in 2001 at Rio San Gabriel Elementary and started at East Middle School (now Doty Middle School) the following year where she has been an RSP teacher now for 19 years.

She has served as the Special Education Department Chair at

Doty for 10 years and pioneered the first RSP/General Education co-teaching assignments on the Doty campus.

In partnership with other teachers, Arosteguy has refined the co-teaching model and currently serves as a mentor to her colleagues. She is also the Honor Roll/Scholarship Club Advisor, a Femineers coach and a Master Teacher.

"The most important thing I can tell you about Mrs. Arosteguy is that she truly cares about kids," shared Principal Shubin. "She advocates for the conditions and needs of her students for them to be able to learn and succeed. She has, for years, voluntarily held RSP Homework Help after school to provide that extra support for kids who maybe don't have it at home. She experiments with new strategies, techniques, and technology to make certain curriculum more accessible to her learners."



Doty Middle School's Vicki Arosteguy, center, was selected as Downey Unified's Teacher of the Year. Included in the photo is Doty Middle School Principal Brent Shubin (right) and Vice Principal, Kathy Nicassio (left).

City of STEM goes virtual

DOWNEY — Downey will host City of STEM, the Los Angeles area's largest science festival, this Saturday in a virtual event.

Over 21 hours of STEM content, from science rock bands to special guest engineers, will be streaming from 10 am to 5 pm on three channels accessible at cityofstem.org.

More than 130 STEM

partners from around Southern California, including major museums, universities and STEM businesses, have come together to provide live and recorded STEM content, such as demonstrations, updates from real scientists and engineers, and special guests, including Jason Latimer, the talent behind the recently released YouTube series "Impossible Science" and Alie Ward, host of the popular

podcast "Ologies."

"STEM education enables the next generation of innovators by fostering ingenuity and creativity among our youth," said Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "We are beyond excited to offer this year's City of STEM virtually, bringing the world of science, technology, engineering and math to the homes of thousands of people across the L.A. region."

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Endorsed by all 7 School Board Members	YES	?
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Nearly half of Downey homeowners are Baby Boomers, study says

DOWNEY — Nearly half of all homeowners in Downey are Baby Boomers, according to a report released this week.

The Baby Boomer generation is generally defined as people born from 1946 to 1964, during the post-World War II baby boom.

The analysis by Construction Coverage examined homeownership and demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Homeownership has long been considered part of the American dream. But first-time home buyers, especially millennials and Gen Xers, are facing an uphill battle when it comes to house hunting. This is in part because of a growing trend in which Baby Boomers, the generation that owns the largest share of American homes, are planning to stay put.

In fact, a 2018 survey conducted by AARP found that 76 percent of Americans over the age of 50 would prefer to remain in their current home—rather than move in with family, to a nursing home, or to an assisted living facility—which is leading to less inventory for new

buyers.

In Downey, 44.9% of homeowners are baby boomers.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the share of homeowners over the age of 55 has been steadily increasing. In 2008, at the onset of the Great Recession, Americans over the age of 55 owned 44.3 percent of homes. By 2019, that percentage had increased to 53.8 percent.

While the share of homeowners under the age of 35 remained fairly steady within the same time span, the share of homeowners between the ages of 35 and 54 decreased from 42.3 percent to 34.1 percent.

Here is a summary of the data for Downey:

Percentage of homeowners that are baby boomers: 44.9%

Baby boomer population share: 18.8%

Number of baby boomer-owned households: 6,685

Number of baby boomer-rented households: 4,481

Median home price: \$621,959

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Percentage of homeowners that are baby boomers: 41.9%

Baby boomer population share: 22.6%

Number of baby boomer-owned households: 32,954,169

Number of baby boomer-rented households: 9,968,993

Median home price: \$256,663

Ward Elementary named a national Blue Ribbon school

DOWNEY — Last week, the U.S. Department of Education recognized Ward Elementary School, along with 366 other schools across the nation, as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2020.

The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Out of the 367 schools selected for this award, 36 of these schools are in California and only nine of those are within Los Angeles County.

With the designation, Ward Elementary became the first school in the district's history to be named a National Blue Ribbon School.

Now in its 38th year, the coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master

challenging and engaging content.

"Congratulations to this year's National Blue Ribbon School awardees," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. "It's a privilege to recognize the extraordinary work you do to meet students' needs and prepare them for successful careers and meaningful lives."

The Education Department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates: Exemplary High Performing Schools and Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools. Ward Elementary School's designation was in honor of the Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools which identified Ward for being among California's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The U.S. Education Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

The 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony will be held virtually Nov. 12 and 13, as the opportunity to celebrate in person is not possible given the current situation regarding COVID-19. Ward Elementary School along with the other 316 public and 50 non-public school honorees will join in on this virtual celebration as well as receive a plaque and flag via mail to showcase on their campus.

Kaiser hospital in Downey ranked high

DOWNEY — Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center was recognized as "high performing" in gastroenterology and GI surgery, abdominal aortic aneurysm repair; and knee replacement in U.S. News & World Report's 2020-2021 "Best Hospitals" rankings.

The 31st annual study analyzes 26 specialties, procedures, and common conditions to assess hospital performance. According to the report:

• 32 Kaiser Permanente hospitals, including Downey Medical Center, are "high performing" for one or more measures. High

performers are based on evaluation of the more than 4,500 medical centers and designate the top 10th percentile of hospitals nationwide.

• 20 Kaiser Permanente hospitals, including Downey Medical Center, are "high performing" for knee and/or hip replacement surgeries.

• Overall, Kaiser Permanente has one or more hospitals that are nationally ranked or "high performing" for six specialties: neurology and neurosurgery; pulmonology and lung surgery; gastroenterology and GI surgery; orthopedics; nephrology; and geriatrics.

"We are fortunate to have highly skilled physicians practicing high-quality medical care in these specialties," said James T. Lee, MD, area medical director, Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center. "This accomplishment is a direct result of our physicians and front-line staff working together as a team to provide patient-centered care to our 380,000 members from the southeast Los Angeles County area during these historic times."

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Opinion

An alternate view on California's ballot propositions

By Marisela Padilla

These election suggestions are given in response, and often in contradiction, to the recommendations given by Mario Guerra. While it is important to be informed, it is also crucial to consider both sides of every choice. It may be a good idea to refer to other articles and suggestions, always making sure that you view reliable sources. California is at the forefront of progressive and equitable democracy. It takes all of us to keep it that way.

Proposition 14: The Price of Alzheimer's

What it does: Re-authorizes and funds (\$5.5 billion) the California stem cell program.

Consider the price of chronic diseases such as Alzheimer's and other dementias (\$305 billion/year according to Alz.org.) This does not take into account additional financial impacts these diagnoses have on the loved ones who must care for their family member.

Proposition 14 will authorize the continuation of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine also known as the California stem cell program. If CIRM is reinstated 1.5 billion will be set aside for research into diseases and conditions of the brain and central nervous system. If we are dedicated to finding a cure for Alzheimer's and other dementias we must also be willing to invest in CIRM. This is how we find a cure for tomorrow while providing for today.

Vote YES on Prop 14

Proposition 15: Schools and Communities First

What it does: Reclaims billions of dollars by closing property tax loopholes benefiting wealthy corporations.

Consider the fact that just 10% of California's most expensive nonresidential properties account for 92% of Prop 15's loophole closing revenues. While cutting small business taxes, this proposition also reclaims billions every year to invest in our schools and local communities.

Contrary to the misinformation machine, Prop 15 does not overturn Prop 13. In fact, it exempts homeowners, renters, small businesses and agricultural land. It does invest in nurses and doctors who are working the frontlines for public health. It invests in teachers and parents by providing smaller class sizes in a time when our lives may depend on this. It also provides help to mayors and supervisors managing budgets that have been devastated by COVID.

Vote YES on Prop 15

Proposition 16: Repeal Prop 209 and reinstate Affirmative Action

What it does: Amends the Constitution of California to repeal Prop 209's restrictions on local and state governments from considering race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education and contracting.

Consider that The University of California's analysis of Prop 209 reveals that affirmative action has increased the population of underrepresented students by at least 12 percent, with the largest effects seen at UCLA and Berkeley. Additionally, Prop 209's affirmative action ban has resulted in an over \$820 million loss every year in Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program (MWBEO) contracts with the state of California. Reports conclude that the percentage of contracts granted to MWBEs never returned to pre-Prop 209 levels.

Restoring affirmative action is the next step in building a more equitable and diverse future in California. It is time that California follow the other 42 states that have taken gender, race, ethnicity, and national origin into account for college admissions and hiring in government and public agencies.

Vote YES on Prop 16

Proposition 17: Parolee Voting Rights

What it does: Amends the Constitution of California to restore voting rights to persons who have been disqualified from voting while on parole. If passed, Prop 17 will restore voting rights to approximately 50,000 Californians currently on parole.

Consider that parolees who are reintegrating into society resume other civic responsibilities, such as paying taxes and jury duty. Being barred from voting while paying taxes is taxation without representation. In 2017, Black Californians made up 28% of all prison populations despite only making up 6% of California's total population. With an incarceration rate at 8 times the rate of white Californians, it is clear that the disenfranchisement of parolees is the disenfranchisement of Black voters.

Vote YES on Prop 17

Proposition 18: Allow 17-year-olds to vote in the primary election

What it does: Asks California voters to amend the Constitution of

California to allow 17-year-olds to vote in the primary election if they will turn 18 by the following general election.

Consider that 19 other states, including D.C., allow 17-year-olds to vote in the primary election if they will be 18 by the general election. Research has proven time and again that voting is habit-forming. These states recognize the importance of allowing 18-year-olds to vote, to help form their voting habits and amplify their voices.

Vote YES on Prop 18

Proposition 19: Property Tax Transfers

What it does: Asks voters to amend sections of 1978's Proposition 13 to increase the number of times a property tax base can be transferred to three times for longtime homeowners.

Consider that Proposition 19 widens the generational wealth gap by giving homeowners older than 55 and other qualified groups a way to keep property tax breaks they receive for having bought their homes decades ago if they move anywhere else in the state, up to three times. They can also keep that break if they move to a more expensive property.

Proposition 13 caps most property tax rates at 1 percent of a home's sale price and holds annual increases in assessed value to 2 percent or less. This means people who purchased their home a few decades ago already pay significantly less property tax than newer homeowners. Prop 19 further builds the wealth of longtime homeowners and denies wealth-building opportunities to people who don't own a home or who may be struggling to buy one.

While Prop 19 does eliminate a \$1 million property tax exemption for parent-to-child transfers and could potentially generate state revenue that would be distributed to fire protection agencies and schools, this amendment is being paired with the primary tax break for longtime homeowners to make it more appealing.

Vote NO on Prop 19

Proposition 20: Protects Criminal Justice Reforms and Rights to Privacy

What it does: Increases penalties for low-level offenses and creates a state database that collects DNA samples from persons convicted of specified misdemeanors for use in cold cases by repealing parts of Props 47 and 57.

Consider that this proposition expands the list of offenses that disqualify inmates from a parole program, views an individual's collective criminal history and not just their most recent offense, and imposes stronger restrictions for a nonviolent offender's parole program.

This proposition was put forth by assembly member Jim Cooper and sponsored by assembly member Vince Fong. They both have consistently voted to protect police brutality and discriminatory criminal justice policies. Both voted no on AB 1600, which would expedite access to police misconduct records for a trial. Also note that the Association for L.A. Deputy Sheriffs, L.A. Police Protective League, and the Peace Officers Research Association of California all support and have heavily financed Prop 20.

Vote No on Prop 20

Proposition 21: Rent Control

What it does: Asks voters to amend state law in order to allow (not require) local governments at the city and county levels to establish and regulate rent control on residential properties. This proposition would affect residential properties over 15 years old and exempts individuals who own up to two residential properties. Additionally, Prop 21 would allow rent in rent-controlled properties to increase up to 15 percent over a period of three years with the start of a new tenancy.

California has the highest rate of homelessness in the nation, which can be attributed to the overwhelmingly high median rates for rent throughout the state forcing residents to pay 50 percent of their income just toward rent.

The Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act prohibits rent control on residential properties built after February 1, 1995. Since then, housing built in California has become accessible only to those who can afford uncontrolled rent increases, and low-income families have largely been shut out from newer housing developments.

According to a Stanford study, those who lived in rent-controlled properties when Costa-Hawkins passed ended up saving a cumulative total of \$7 billion over 18 years, which confirms that rent control is an effective way to prevent displacement from the city.

Vote YES on Prop 21

Proposition 22: Self-Employment Act vs. Labor Rights

What it does: Asks voters to classify ride-share and delivery companies as independent contractors, not employees. Additionally, Prop

22 would restrict local regulation of app-based drivers and criminalize the impersonation of drivers.

Classifying workers as employees requires companies like Lyft, Uber and Door Dash to abide by state employment laws to enforce minimum wage, overtime, unemployment insurance, and workers' compensation. Additionally being an employee entitles workers to labor rights such as the right to organize, minimum wage and Social Security.

A yes vote will classify ride-share and delivery workers as independent contractors. Some people want this classification because they are looking for something to supplement their current employment or want the freedom to work on their terms. However, being classified as an employee guarantees paid family leave, paid sick days, and unemployment insurance to those classified as gig employees. These labor rights are essential during a global pandemic.

Vote NO on Prop 22

Proposition 23: On-site Physicians at Dialysis Clinics

What it does: Adds sections to the California Health and Safety Code about how dialysis facilities can operate, requiring a physician to be on-site at every dialysis clinic to oversee operations, and mandating that each chronic dialysis clinic submit quarterly reports on dialysis-related infections to the California Department of Health. The on-site physician would assume a non-caregiving role, as they would not be required to be specially trained in nephrology or interact with patients at all. Additionally, Prop 23 would prohibit discrimination against patients based on their coverage or care.

Prop 23 builds upon current federal requirements that report dialysis-related infections to the National Healthcare Safety Network at the Center for Disease Control to include reporting these infections to the California Department of Health.

Having a physician on-site at chronic dialysis clinics during all treatment hours provides a higher quality of medical care with an additional layer of patient safety.

Prop 23 protects the 80,000 Californians who require dialysis on a weekly basis by ensuring chronic dialysis clinics cannot discriminate against patients based on how they are paying for their treatments. Insurances like Medi-Cal pay less for dialysis treatments than private insurance, which is why corporations like DaVita and Fresenius are spending millions to oppose this proposition.

Vote YES on 23

Proposition 24: Protecting Personal Information

What it does: Asks voters to amend the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA) to include pay-for-privacy schemes, which provide better services and internet connection to those who pay more in order to protect their personal information while providing suboptimal services for Californians who cannot or do not want to pay more. Additionally, Prop 24 caters to tech companies by allowing them to upload a California resident's personal information as soon as that resident's device, computer, or phone leaves the state's borders, and permits tech companies to completely ignore a programmable universal electronic "do not sell my information" signal. Under current law, privacy follows a Californian wherever they go, and businesses must honor the electronic signal.

This proposition erodes a consumer's request to delete their data and would completely end CCPA protection of biometric information. California should maintain net neutrality so people do not have to pay for companies to safeguard their personal information. Prop 24 would disproportionately affect working people and families of color.

Vote NO on Prop 24

Proposition 25: Abolish Cash Bail

What it does: Transforms how people get out of jail while awaiting trial — making California the first state to replace cash bail with an algorithm.

Today, rich Californians can afford cash bail, while poorer people either pay bail bond companies or wait for trial in jail. This measure, if passed, would uphold a 2018 law that sought to eliminate cash bail and replace it with an algorithm to assess a person's risk for not appearing at trial — the higher the risk, the less likely they are to be released.

The cash bail system is inherently classist, racist and unfair. People with generational wealth can pay their way out of jail while awaiting trial. Poorer people in the exact same legal circumstances, with the same statistical likelihood to appear—or not appear for trial cannot afford to pay their way out. The bail bonds industry is designed to exploit this problem and these people.

Vote YES on 25

Bill would improve care for dialysis patients

By Margaret Hasan

My daughter's kidneys failed when she was just 23 years old, marking the beginning of a long and difficult path on dialysis. Her treatments were incredibly straining and gradually weakened her until, about ten years ago, she had to undergo open-heart surgery because of the stress her dialysis treatments put on her circulatory system.

Throughout the entire process, though, we were fortunate to work with a great medical team. My daughter's nephrologist also handles her primary care, and works closely alongside her cardiologist to share information about her appointments and ensure that their treatments do not interfere with each other. For patients like my daughter, whose circulatory system went through a great deal of stress while she was on dialysis, this is absolutely essential to staying healthy and ensuring that

treatments accomplish what they are supposed to rather than creating avoidable problems.

However, I know that things are very different for other patients both here in California and across the country. They have many different doctors who do not communicate as closely as my daughter's doctors, resulting in more appointments, higher medical costs, and even conflicting medications. A lot of dialysis patients suffer from additional health problems, too, which means that a lack of coordination among their providers could be devastating for them. Thankfully, this is a problem that can be solved with the right legislative actions.

That's why it has been encouraging to see some in Congress working to make coordinated care more accessible to all dialysis patients. A new bill called the BETTER Kidney Care Act would help put a system in place for dialysis patients' doctors to coordinate more effectively. It also provides additional help for dialysis patients as well, like transportation to their local clinics and dental treatments. It would be a major help for California's dialysis patients, and they need Representative Mark DeSaulnier and our other members of Congress to support these efforts. Several California members, such as Representative Nanette Barragan, have already signed on, which is promising early progress for this important bill.

Thankfully, he and California's other Representatives in Washington, D.C. also have a strong track record when it comes to this issue. In 2017, Rep. DeSaulnier and nearly 30 other Representatives from California on both sides of the political aisle helped to support a bill called the Dialysis

PATIENTS Demonstration Act. This bill, like the BETTER Kidney Care Act, was designed to help give a boost to dialysis patients' access to care coordination services, though it did not pass.

Given care coordination's strong bipartisan history, I am sure that Congress will recognize the importance of improving health care, especially as we continue dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Dialysis patients are at a higher risk than many others for being seriously affected by the virus, so this is the perfect time to pass this bill and bring better, more comprehensive care to the 90,000 patients in California and the hundreds of thousands of patients across the rest of the U.S. who are struggling with kidney failure.

My daughter spent 23 years on dialysis before receiving her transplant this year. Those 23 years were aided greatly by strong care coordination, and this bill can help other families dealing with kidney disease get that help, too. It will help to prevent many of the avoidable problems a lack of care coordination can create, and make sure that every patient gets a treatment plan that best meets their individual needs. I trust that lawmakers from both political parties in Washington will come together to support this vital legislation.

Margaret Hasan is a resident of Antioch, Calif.

School harassment

Dear Editor:

Thank you for hosting the school board candidates forum. I am not sure any candidate answered the question about students' complaints on harassment properly.

I believe the school boards should first protect our students; second provide the best education possible; third provide the administration with guidance.

Any complaints should be heard objectively and referred to law enforcement for investigation. If Downey Police Department feels too close a tie to be objective, then refer it to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

The school board is not a proper investigating entity.

Devin Clarke Downey

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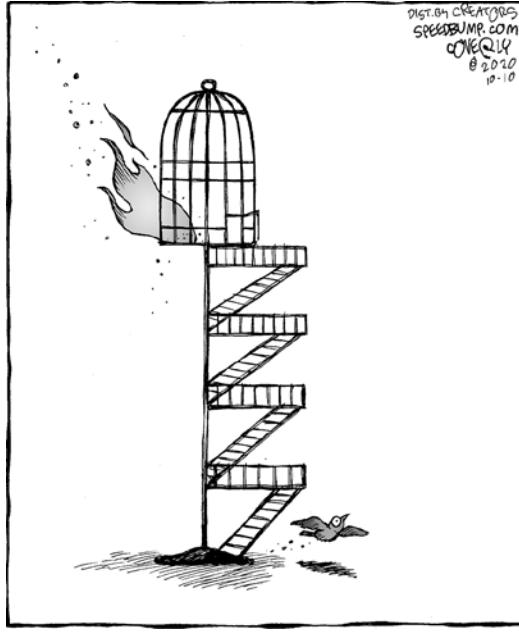
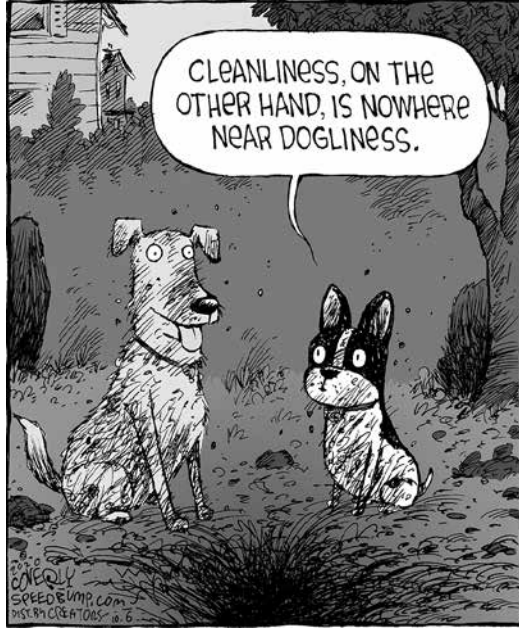
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CITY MEETINGS

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

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 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs, 12 Noon.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 412-7192.
 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.

SATURDAYS

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

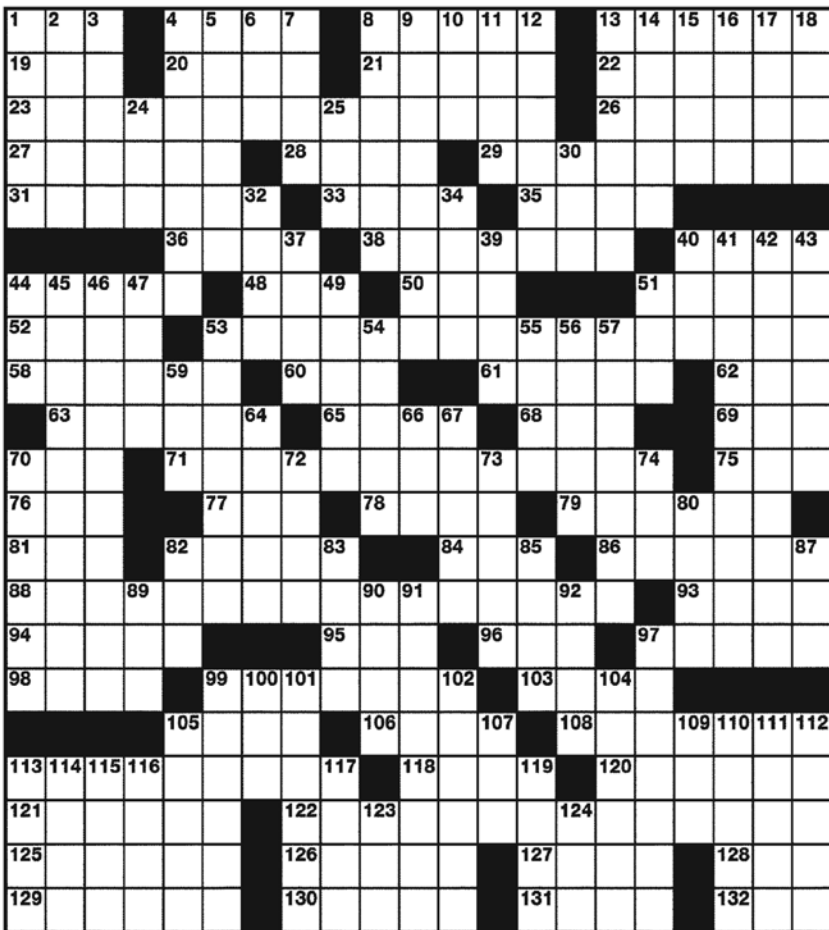
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Lactose intolerance is extremely common. Also known as milk sugar, lactose is found in milk, other dairy products, and some processed foods.

In order to digest and absorb lactose, it first must be broken down, and that requires the enzyme lactase. If unabsorbed lactose travels through the intestines, it causes the secretion of fluids and electrolytes, which

in turn accelerates the food and fluid through the intestines. When it hits the large intestines, the lactose is fermented by colonic bacteria and produces hydrogen gas. The increase in fluid, the speed of transit, and the hydrogen gas all account for a variety of gastrointestinal symptoms. Between 30 minutes and two hours after eating or drinking foods that contain lactose, symptoms may appear, including loose stools, nausea and sometimes vomiting, stomach cramps, abdominal bloating, and gas.

What makes us more likely

to be lactose intolerant? Our racial makeup is the number one reason. As many as 25% of those from Europe or from the northwestern Indian subcontinent are estimated to be lactose intolerant, while among those of Black, Native American, Asian, and South American descent, the prevalence of lactose intolerance is 75-90%. Men and women are equally affected. (Interestingly, of adult women who are lactose intolerant, 44% improve during pregnancy).

The most common form, primary lactose intolerance, is due to low levels of the lactase enzyme, and develops between the ages of 20 and 40. Secondary, or acquired lactase deficiency, can develop as a result of celiac disease, bacterial overgrowth, Crohn's disease, certain cancer treatments, or

other acute infections. A third, rare form of lactose intolerance is inherited.

How do you know if you are lactose intolerant? There is a breath hydrogen laboratory test, but it is seldom used. The most definitive way to prove the diagnosis is to perform a small bowel biopsy, but this is invasive and is very rarely done. Instead, the diagnosis is fairly easy: It is simply based on a history of classic symptoms, or, one can eliminate foods containing lactose from the diet and observe whether symptoms go away. Then, when those foods are reintroduced, one can observe whether symptoms return.

What are some options if you suffer from lactose intolerance?

Dairy products with lactase added are widely available

(such as Lactaid milk). Note that these products generally are more expensive.

Often the body produces enough lactase to digest dairy in smaller amounts, so simply cutting down on quantities may help.

Yogurt and fermented products, like cheese, are better tolerated than are regular milk and ice cream.

There are plant-based alternatives to milk, like soy-milk, rice and wheat milk.

Probiotics might improve symptoms.

Tablets containing the lactase enzyme (such as Lactaid) are easily available. They are to be swallowed or chewed immediately before consuming foods which contain lactose.

Because those with lactose intolerance often avoid dairy products, it is important to maintain good bone health by consuming other foods that contain calcium and vitamin D. Try broccoli and other dark green vegetables, cereals, canned salmon, soy or rice milk, and nuts and beans. Calcium and vitamin D supplements might be a good idea.

Thankfully, lactose intolerance is fairly easy to manage, and as doctors like to say, the prognosis is excellent.

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.



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PIH Health gifts \$20,000 to TLC Center

DOWNEY — PIH Health Downey Hospital presented Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center with a \$20,000 gift last week.

TLC was founded 20 years ago and today supports the health and social service needs of approximately 1,500 Downey Unified School District students and their families.

This donation is part of PIH Health Downey Hospital's Centennial celebration. Since 2015, PIH Health has been a proud partner and sponsor of the TLC Family Resource Center. Most recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, PIH Health joined forces with TLC to meet the food security and mental health needs of Downey Unified School District students and their families.

"PIH Health Downey Hospital is pleased to support Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource

Center, an organization that positively impacts the lives of so many students and the family members," said Richard Trogman, PIH Health Downey Hospital president. "TLC Family Resource Center's commitment to serving our community makes us proud to support them. We are grateful for their contributions to the health and well-being of our community and their dedication to local students and their families."

TLC leadership also serves on

PIH Health's Community Benefit oversight committee which reviews all of the hospital's community health improvement efforts.

"TLC Family Resource Center's commitment to serving our community makes us proud to support them," PIH Health said in a statement. "We are grateful for TLC's contributions to the health and well-being of our community."

In Memory of

Gary Weber

Gary Weber passed away October 2, 2020 at Lakewood Care Center in Downey, CA. Born in Dover Ohio. Lived in California and Arizona during his life. No services planned as per his wishes.

PIH reorganizes board

DOWNEY — PIH Health, Inc. has announced its fiscal year 2020-21 board of directors.

The board of officers includes: Jeffrey Hamar will serve as chair; Patrick Monroe as vice chair; Charlotte Weaver, RN, Ph.D. as secretary; and Alex Alvarez as treasurer.

These individuals, who consist of physicians, business and community leaders will meet each month to discuss the

current state and future of PIH Health.

"Our board members are innovative, highly-skilled individuals who contribute their expertise and best practices to the enterprise," said James R. West, PIH Health president and chief executive officer. "Each individual brings a unique talent to PIH Health, but they all share one common goal which is to ensure high-quality care is provided to patients in the

communities we serve."

The fiscal year 2020-21 PIH Health Board is comprised of 11 directors: Alex Alvarez; J. Richard Atwood; Paula Cowan; Blayne Cutler, MD, Ph.D.; Jane Dicus; Peter Greaney, MD; Jeffrey Hamar; Patrick Monroe; Paul Treinen; Charlotte Weaver, RN, Ph.D.; and Kenton Woods.

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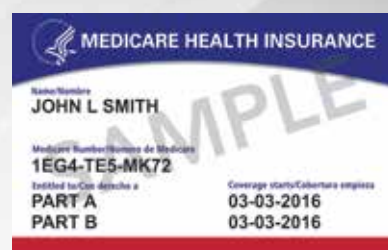
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Jimmy Carter: Rock & Roll President

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

If you're looking for ways to lift your spirits during these troubled times, be sure to see the new documentary: "Jimmy Carter: Rock & Roll President." It details the impact of iconic musicians, like Willie Nelson, the Allman Brothers, and Bob Dylan, in Carter's bid for president in 1976.

"It was the Allman Brothers," says Carter with a smile, "that helped put me in the White House by raising money when I didn't have any money." Yes, this is true! Most of you are probably as surprised as I am.

The documentary is filled with footage of performers at rallies that served to fund Carter's campaign, and others who performed at the request of the White House when Carter took office, including Jimmy Buffett, Aretha Franklin, Dizzy Gillespie, Loretta Lynn, Barbara Mandrel, Paul Simon, etc. Someone observes that Carter may have hosted more cultural events at the White House than any other president.

This is not a political movie. Nor is it a sweet trip down memory lane.

Watch this movie because: 1.) you can't help but smile at the seeming incongruity of Carter and rock musicians, and 2.) it spotlights those qualities of Jimmy Carter which we desperately need in our troubled times: he is a good man, whose honesty and compassion are immediately apparent to people who come into personal contact with him.

"Music is the best proof of what we have in common," says Carter. This is a joyful movie that reveals the foundational role music has played in all of Carter's activities, whether personal, social, or political. We are so lucky that Chris Farrell and Mary Wharton stumbled across this aspect of Carter's presidency while Carter is still with us.

The movie opens with an

interview of Carter, now 95 years old, as he listens to a Bob Dylan album on a record player. He is clearly happy to be talking about what music means to him and the musicians who have become his friends.

"Bob Dylan's music permeated the Governor's Mansion," says Carter. "My sons and I were brought closer together because of Bob Dylan's songs." When Carter learned that Dylan would be performing in Atlanta, he invited Dylan to the state residence.

In an interview for the movie, America's Number 1 Troubadour describes his surprise when he first met Carter. "He quoted my songs back to me," says Dylan. "He put my mind at ease by not talking down to me." Carter describes feeling "honored" when the two had a private conversation in the garden and Dylan asked about his faith. They have been friends ever since.

Bob Dylan and Jimmy Carter—Who Knew!

Carter's decades-long friendship with Willie Nelson seems a little less surprising to me. At one point, Willie comments that he and Carter were from the "same spot." Willie is from Texas, so I'm guessing that he's referring to the fact that he and Carter are both from poor, rural areas in the South. Carter describes not having running water or electricity until he was a teenager. Another surprise—this Annapolis graduate and

nuclear engineer grew up without running water.

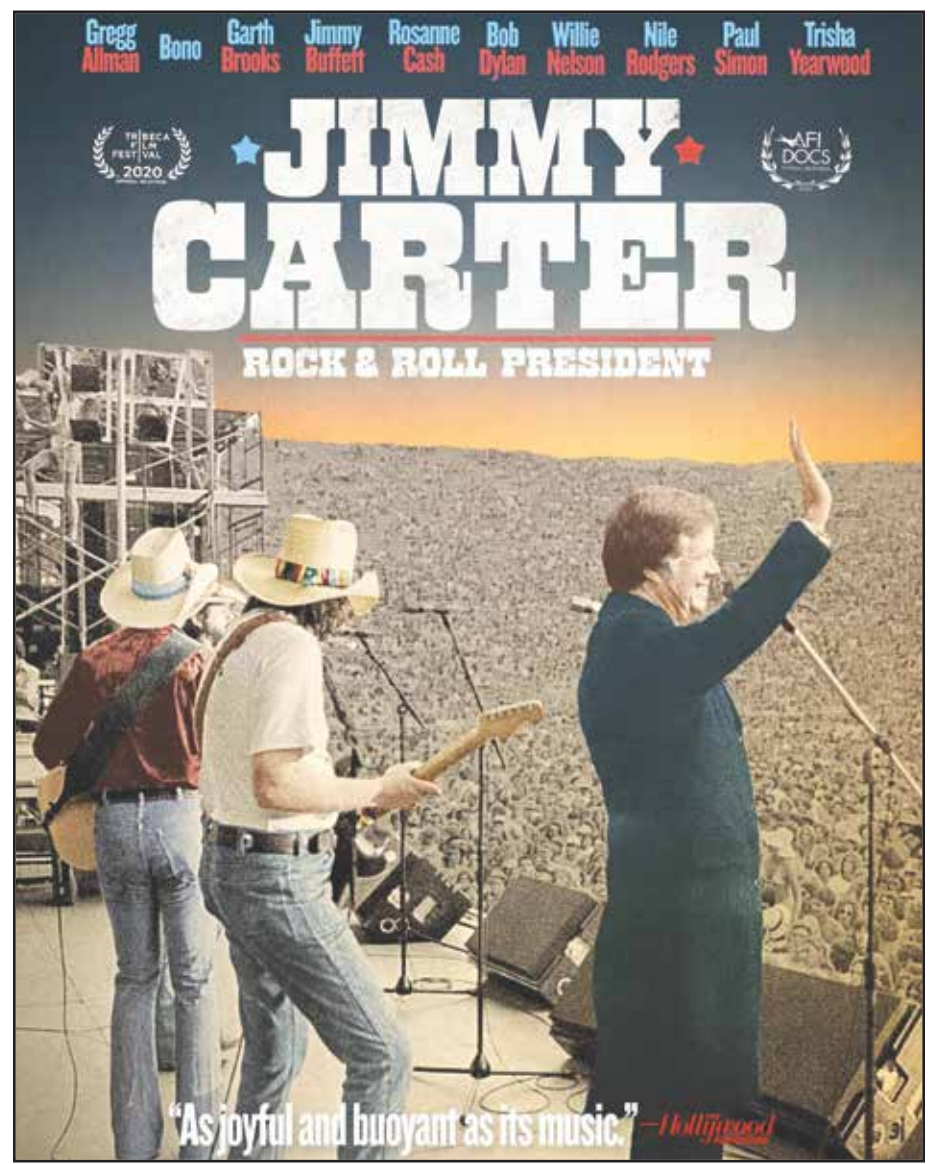
Carter met and became friends with many of the rock and country musicians during his four years as governor of Georgia. When he decided to run for President in 1976, Carter asked the Allman Brothers Band if they would perform at fundraisers for his campaign.

Band member Chuck Leavell remembers the band saying yes to "this wonderful man who's been a great governor for the state of Georgia."

Carter's loyalty to Greg Allman after a cocaine arrest reveals his compassion. Many had urged Carter to distance himself from Allman if he wanted his campaign to remain viable. But Carter stood by those he considered friends.

"There were some people who didn't like me being involved with Willie and Bob Dylan and Chuck and other 'disreputables,'" Carter laughs, "but I didn't care about that because I was doing what I really believed." Carter says Allman was one of the first people he invited to the White House. There are pictures of Allman and Cher and a funny story about the finger bowls at a White House dinner.

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Jimmy Carter brought rock & roll to the White House

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Carter's use of music in his campaign was no gimmick. His love of music reaches back to his childhood in a rural part of Georgia that was 80% Black, making him deeply familiar with southern music traditions and all-night Gospel sings. The clips of Carter and Rosalynn participating in church services show them completely at ease no matter who they are with. Carter is also a big fan of jazz and classical music.

"When Jimmy Carter would go to a Black church and they'd start singing," says Ambassador Andrew Young, also former Mayor of Atlanta, "he would start singing. He knew all the words to the songs."

Carter ran for governor on an anti-segregation platform. His liberal stance was embraced by son Chip who recalls, "I got beat up almost every single day [at school] because I wouldn't denounce African-Americans." One of Carter's first acts as governor was to hang the portrait of Atlanta-born, Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin-Luther

King, Jr. in the Governor's Mansion.

Carter came on the national scene at a time when the country was recovering from Vietnam, trying to move forward on the promise of the Civil Rights movement, coping with job losses as good-paying factory jobs moved overseas, and suffering from the pervasive spread of drugs in American life. As strange as it may sound, this peanut farmer who became governor of Georgia somehow connected with a troubled generation. They all seemed to be on the same page and he was thrilled to have their support.

"They [the Carters] liked and listed to rock music," said Jimmy Buffett, who performed at campaign events. "We weren't just window dressing." If you look quick, you'll see one clip where Carter is singing along as Willie performs Whiskey River Take My Mind.

Bishop Michael Curry, elected in 2015 as the first African-American to serve as the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, explains, "We were looking to be a country of integrity again. He [Carter] made an immediate

connection with the Black community because of that."

Describing what Carter's election meant for the South, Rosanne Cash says. "You can't fathom how important that was."

Musicians at the White House

At first glance, it's hard to believe that Carter, this deeply religious man, who writes poetry and wasn't much of a drinker, turned the White House into the coolest, hippest place to be as soon as he took office. Crosby, Stills, and Nash just showed up one day unannounced, and Carter found time to meet with them. Jazz concerts outside on the south lawn captivated guests, and there is a clip of Carter singing good-naturedly at Dizzy Gillespie's urging.

Reflecting on these events, Carter says, "It was a great honor for me and a pleasure to bring to the White House these people who in many cases had not been recognized for their contribution to the country." He was proud of American culture in all its forms.

There's a wonderful clip of Rosalynn singing a duo with



Willie Nelson, "Goodnight, Irene," during a NASCAR event. This may be the event Willie refers to in his memoir where he smoked a joint on the roof with someone from the White House staff. Carter, in this movie interview, says it was actually his son Chip who was with Willie. Willie didn't want to embarrass Carter's family.

One story that leaves me with a giant unanswered question is related to the historic opening of normalized relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China in 1979. Richard Nixon had laid the groundwork when he first visited China in 1972 while still in office. In bipartisan spirit, Jimmy Carter followed through, overseeing the opening of the first embassy from Communist China in the US.

What surprises me is the Chinese ambassador's reply when Carter inquires, "What would you like to see? How can

we help you?"

The Chinese ambassador says he wants to see Nashville! How and why did this diplomat from a communist country know about Nashville??

Carter's people got right on it and the music companies arranged a spectacular weekend. Barbara Mandrell performed at a special luncheon and the ambassador laughed heartily when someone translated the lyrics for him, "She's Sleepin' Single While I'm Drinkin' Doubles." There are lots of still pictures, including Johnny Cash showing the ambassador how to play a particular chord on a guitar.

Carter put considerable effort into using America's world leadership as a positive force. His heroic efforts to see peace in the Middle East resulted in the Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt in 1978.

Sadly, it was events in the Middle East that played a major

role in Carter being a one-term president. In November 1979 the revolutionary movement in Iran seized 52 American hostages and held them for over a year. Carter launched a failed rescue attempt, but refused to take any military action that might result in the killing of the hostages. This was an extra challenge for his reelection campaign, but staff members say "he was only interested in getting the hostages back alive."

"I tried when I was president to preserve the peace," says Carter, "and I'm grateful now that I went through four years in the White House and we never dropped a bomb, we never fired a missile, we never shot a bullet to kill another person." He credits his "religious commitment" as an important part of what he tried to do.

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Jimmy Carter brought rock & roll to the White House

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It is painful to watch the opposition to Carter's bid for reelection in 1980 at one of his first campaign events in northern Alabama. The Klan showed up in force, all wearing white sheets! Even after fifteen years, Southern opposition to the Civil Rights Act was still bitter. Carter's staff said he would "heckle them back" as he walked along, calling the demonstrators cowards.

"We've had lessons we've learned with a great deal of pain," he tells an audience. "The past is not a place to live. We must go forward."

By electoral votes, Carter's loss to Ronald Reagan was a clobbering: 49 to 489. But the popular vote shows there was still broad support for this man of principle: 35.5 million to 43.9 million.

Iran released the hostages as Carter was flying home to Plains, Georgia, on Air Force One. On a small stage with a banner saying "Welcome Home," Carter shares the good news with his supporters, and then you see him and Rosalynn dancing to music in celebration.

Twenty-one years later, Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize for his continued work on behalf of humanity and world peace.

"It was one of the proudest moments of my life," says Willie Nelson, seeming almost teary-eyed, as he recalls playing for Carter in celebration of this international honor. Of course, he played Georgia. "With all the odds against him [Carter], he still did what he thought was right. That's not a bad pattern to follow."

Passages from Dylan's

interview are scattered throughout the documentary and reflect the long association of the two men:

"Oh, it's impossible to define Jimmy. I think of him as a simple kind of man like in a Lynyrd Skynyrd song. He takes his time, doesn't live too fast. Troubles come but they will pass. Find a woman and find love, and don't forget there's always someone above."

"He's the kind of man you don't meet every day, and you're lucky to meet if you ever do."

Yes, our country was lucky to meet Jimmy Carter and is lucky to have him with us still. In these terrible times, I am comforted and re-energized knowing there are people like Jimmy Carter, trying to help the world find its way. I must not give up believing that we can make the world better, that



we can right our wrongs.

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Carter's book of poetry, "Always a Reckoning," is available on Amazon.

Newsom signs bill requiring diversity on corporate boards

DOWNEY — Gov. Gavin Newsom signed landmark legislation last week that requires diversity on corporate boards in California.

The bill requires publicly held corporations headquartered in California to have at least one director from an underrepresented community by the close of 2021.

The bill, AB 979, was jointly authored by Assemblymembers Chris Holden, Cristina Garcia, and David Chiu, with Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes and Senator Ben Hueso as principal co-author.

"The lack of diversity on California's boards and upper level corporate positions is a challenge we urged corporations to address on their own during our time in the Legislature," said Garcia, who represents Downey. "However, it is clear we can no longer wait for corporations to figure it out on their own."

"By ensuring diversity on their boards, we know the corporations

are more likely to both create opportunities for people of color and give them the support to thrive within that corporation. I'm excited this bill is signed and look forward to California continuing to lead the way in our fight for racial equity in general."

Soon after the social unrest following the killing of George Floyd, many corporations publicly stated their support for diversity and Black lives. Researchers, however, have pointed out that this public support for social justice movements often does not lead to long-term structural change in hiring and retention policies of a diverse staff and leadership.

An analysis by the 2018 Board Diversity Census of Women and Minorities on Fortune 500 Boards found that out of 1,222 new board members of Fortune 100 companies, 77% were white.

In addition to the 2021 benchmark, AB 979 also requires corporate

boards to include two members from underrepresented communities for corporations with more than four members, while corporations with more than nine must have a minimum of three by 2022.

The bill defines a director from an underrepresented community as an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native, or who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

"The new law represents a big step forward for racial equity," said Assemblymember Holden. "While some corporations were already leading the way to combat implicit bias, now, all of California's corporate boards will better reflect the diversity of our State. This is a win-win as ethnically diverse boards have shown to outperform those that lack diversity."

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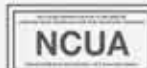
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Downey voices opposition to initial freeway expansion plan

■ A proposed expansion of the 5 and 605 freeways could lead to the demolition of Downey homes.

DOWNEY — The City of Downey released a statement this week saying it opposed a preliminary plan by Metro and Caltrans to expand the 5 and 605 freeways, which would potentially result in the demolition of hundreds of Downey homes.

City officials said they supported improvements to local freeways but not at the expense of local homes.

The city's full statement:

"The City of Downey has been working closely with the City of Santa Fe Springs, Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the I-5 Joint Powers Authority (JPA), to get Metro and Caltrans to minimize the number of homes that may potentially be taken as part of the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project,

which includes widening of the I-5 freeway from the I-605 interchange to the Rio Hondo River.

Presently, the draft environmental document circulated by Metro for the I-5 segment of the project shows only two main alternatives: 1) "No build" and 2) Maximum or full standard improvements. The "no build" alternative will not construct any improvements, thus will have no right-of-way impacts.

However, the maximum or full standard build alternative will potentially impact hundreds of homes in Downey, which the City is opposed to.

In an effort to alleviate the negative impacts, Downey, Santa Fe Springs, GCCOG and I-5 JPA have requested Metro to include in the environmental document a reasonable alternative that will minimize right-of-way impacts in our communities. The agencies believe that the environmental document should include a

locally preferred alternative that will provide capacity enhancements and improved operations, while minimizing right-of-way impacts. As a result of these efforts, Metro has agreed to delay the release of the draft environmental document to early 2021.

With the delay in releasing the environmental document, it may be several years before a locally preferred alternative and corresponding right-of-way impacts associated with this project will be determined. Furthermore, only the environmental documentation phase of the project is fully funded, and no funding has been approved for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

"The City is supportive of the improvements of the I-5 freeway, which will bring transportation, connectivity and economic benefits to Downey," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "However, we cannot support an alternative that will negatively impact hundreds of homes in our



Downey mayor Blanca Pacheco

community."

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia M. Frometa, who is Vice Chair of the I-5 JPA Policy Board, added, "The City will continue to work with local agencies and Metro to make sure the best interest of our residents are met and negative impacts to our community are minimized."

For more information on the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project, please visit the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority website.

Downey Democrats ask GOP to delay vote

DOWNEY — A mobile protest against the Senate's plan to vote on the confirmation of President Trump's pick for the Supreme Court is scheduled for this Saturday in Downey.

Organizers will gather outside Downey City Hall at 12 p.m. to decorate cars and share a few words. The caravan will begin at 1 p.m. and is scheduled to conclude an hour later at the Downey Courthouse.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles with their favorite Ruth Bader Ginsburg quote.

Local residents Jill Dolan and Carlos Aranibar are organizing the caravan.

Ginsburg died Sept. 18, sparking a battle over her replacement.

Republican Senate leaders are pushing to vote on her replacement before the election while Democrats insist a vote should be delayed until after the inauguration of the next president.

Police land \$338K traffic safety grant

DOWNEY — The Downey Police Department has been awarded a \$338,000 grant to reduce deaths and injuries on Downey roads.

The grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"These are trying times, and now more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Downey Police Department Chief Dean Milligan said. "This funding allows us to educate and enhance the safety of all residents."

The one-year grant is for the 2021 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

The grant will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including:

Patrols with emphasis on alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention.

Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of California's hands free cell phone law.

Patrols with emphasis on education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of primary causes of crashes: excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals, improper turning/lane changes.

Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

"Through education and behavior changes, we hope to create an environment that is safe and equitable for all road users in our community," Chief Milligan said.

OLPH women's guild seeks members

DOWNEY — The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is accepting applications for new members.

"We engage women of faith as we support local organizations, explore our talents through fellowship and empower our members to make a difference in the lives of others," the guild said.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARLYLE JOSEPH SCANLON Case No. 18STPB09353

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CARLYLE JOSEPH SCANLON. AN AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kani Nicolls in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kani Nicolls be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE decedent's will and codicils were admitted to Probate (SEP008986) on 11/21/1997.

THE AMENDED PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the amended petition will be held on Nov. 2, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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.

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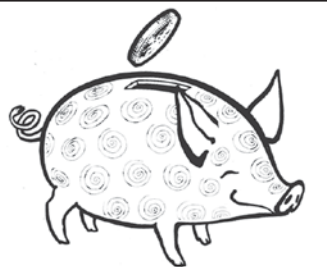
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN TRIANTAFYLLOS COKKINOS aka JOHN T. COKKINOS aka JOHN COKKINOS aka IOANNIS KOKKINOS Case No. 20STPB03743

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN TRIANTAFYLLOS COKKINOS aka JOHN T. COKKINOS aka JOHN COKKINOS aka IOANNIS KOKKINOS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Melinda M. Chelliah in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Melinda M. Chelliah be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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Things you didn't know about Downey

By **Bobbie Bruce**
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY — The following story, titled "Sixty Years Ago: The Fire", was originally published in the April 1982 issue of the Downey Historical Society newsletter.

Still echoing in the memories of Downey residents of April 21, 1922 are events of that day which shook the small town to its core, imprinting it forever on their minds -- and, in many cases, their bodies.

The "fire" to those citizens means only one fire: the Newbold & Speaker gasoline station, formerly located at Downey Avenue and New Street, now the site of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Nine Downey people died, over 20 received horribly disfiguring burns, and many more were injured when a gasoline tanker caught fire, engulfed the station and then exploded.

Downey went into mourning for weeks as a result of this disaster, then vowed never again to endure such a catastrophe. By the end of the next year, the Downey Fire Protection District had been formed, including a new engine and professional firefighters to guide the previously all-volunteer unit.

This dramatic event in our community's history received wide newspaper coverage in the surrounding areas, including the Los Angeles, Compton and Norwalk papers, which the center has on microfilm. Until November 1981, no Downey paper had been found to chronicle the fire and its aftermath.

Thanks to John Dennis and Hearst Community Newspapers, who donated a bound file of 1922 Downey Champion newspapers to the historical society (among a total of 14,000 pages of news) we now have first-hand accounts from the people it affected so deeply. These newspapers are now being prepared for microfilming and subsequent public use.

Continuation of the newsletter had a story on the history of Downey's library -- did you know that Downey once had two

libraries? In observance of National Library Week, we present this brief history of Downey's library service:

A reading room was opened about 1874 by Downey women who would later form a chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. (No known records exist but perhaps the reading material had a strong anti-liquor slant.)

In 1901, through the efforts of Josie McKellar, the Saturday Afternoon Club opened a library toward fulfillment of a goal to "promote the social, moral and intellectual interests" of the town of Downey. The small rental fee charged for books was used to purchase more books, thereby building up a good-sized collection.

Downey Library, as a branch of the County Free Library System, was established in September 1914 and was first located in the Woman's Clubhouse at Firestone and New, which was the site of Security Pacific Bank. The club's library books were turned over to the county and the first librarian was Mrs. Antonette Hought, acting as a volunteer the first year and serving for 14 years.

The library moved in 1923 to the Masonic building at 3rd and Downey Avenue, and in 1926 further north on Downey Avenue.

Downey's second library, Old River Community Library, was established August 1916 in the Old River Schoolhouse. Its first librarian was Winnie Mansfield.

The following profile of a Los Nietos Valley pioneer is taken from the November 1987 issue of the Downey Historical Society newsletter.

James Addison Reavis was born on a farm near Clinton, Henry County, Missouri, on May 10, 1843, the second child of Fenton George Reavis and his wife, Maria J. Dixon.

During the Civil War he served in the Confederate Forces. Before the conflict ended, he went to St. Louis, where he was employed as a street car conductor. After that, he clerked in a mercantile store briefly before drifting into the real estate business. Here

he discovered that his talent for forging his commanding officer's signature during the war could help his clients obtain clear title to their land.

In 1871, Reavis met Dr. George Willing, a Californian whose forte was Spanish land grant claims. The United States courts recognized these documents under certain conditions, thereby making a fraudulent claim possible. In his imagination, Willing had carved out a large land grant for himself, somewhere in Arizona, based on a supposed claim of a Don Miguel de Peralta, whose last descendant had deeded it to Willing.

After moving to Arizona, the doctor committed his deed to paper. It was recorded in Yavapai County on March 12, 1874, two days before his death in Prescott following a night of drinking.

Meanwhile, back in Missouri, James Reavis took himself a bride: Miss Ada Pope. With his mind more on grand designs and less on wedded bliss, he soon drifted west to join his older brother. Walter Scott Reavis had come to California in 1859, attended Pacific Methodist College at Vacaville, and become a teacher in 1866. Since he was so proficient in the Spanish language, he held positions as principal in California schools with large Mexican populations and received a lifetime teaching certificate in 1878.

James, perhaps riding on his brother's coat tails, was hired in Downey by Daniel Henderson McKellar and his fellow Gallatin School board members in 1875 to serve as principal and teacher of the upper grades. Judie McKellar recalls reavis as being "tall and slender, with light red hair and blue eyes...crippled, being stiff in one leg...though a sentimental man, nevertheless he was a firm disciplinarian. The students all seemed to like him."

Not so laudatory was the gossip which said he had a mistress in Downey and was engaged to a Laura Bridger of Pomona at the time.

While not engaged in education and social activities, it is said that

the Peralta family. He made her his ward and introduced her to New York society.

Money rolled in from companies he formed -- lumber, mining and irrigation projects, but it is said that much of his \$300,000 yearly income came from partnerships with millionaires such as Charles Crocker.

Although the headquarters of his empire was Hacienda Peralta in Arizona near Casa Grande, he was wisely seldom there due to the mood of the residents, whom he had dispossessed. He leased palatial homes in New York, San Francisco and St. Louis.

In 1887, Reavis and Sophia presented themselves before the American legation in Madrid and revealed a marriage contract, dating back to 1882. When they returned to America, he filed this supporting claim to the Peralta land grant.

Meanwhile, the Downey Review expressed the disgust of the local citizenry: "If our memory serves us right, Mr. Reavis enjoyed a very unsavory reputation while in these parts: in person he was extremely repulsive, and decent people carefully avoided contact with him. His person was almost from appearances, in a state of putrefaction, generally conceded to be from syphilitic causes, while his demeanor indicated an idiot more than baron..."

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