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Multiple businesses report Covid outbreaks

Restaurants and retail stores have experienced Covid-19 outbreaks, according to newly-updated health department data.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Multiple Downey businesses are reported to have more than three lab-confirmed cases of coronavirus, according to data on Los Angeles County's Covid-19 webpage.

The list includes more than 500 workplaces, food and retail stores, and other entities.

The Kaiser Permanente Central Refill Pharmacy Center sits atop those in Downey who were listed, with 45 confirmed staff members having tested positive.

Chick-fil-A follows with 21 confirmed cases.

Penske Toyota of Downey reported 17 staff members as having contracted the virus. Not far behind is Best Buy and Home Depot, which both are listed as having 15.

Honda World Service and Parts Center has reported seven confirmed employee cases.

The LA County Library Administrative Office, Liberty Ambulance LLC., and Downey Fire Station 3 are all also listed.

Grocery store temporarily closes

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Walmart has temporarily closed its Neighborhood Market in Downey to allow for cleaning and sanitizing, the company announced.

The grocery store closed Wednesday and will reopen Friday at 7 am.

"Everything we're doing is for the well-being of our associates and customers, and in consideration of guidance by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and health experts," Walmart said in a statement. "When the store reopens Friday, we will continue conducting associate health screens and temperature checks, and all associates will be provided with facemasks and gloves.

"These protocols are in addition to the extensive measures we've put in place during the pandemic to help protect our associates and customers, including installing sneeze guards at registers, temperature checks and mandatory mask-wearing for associates, placing social distancing signage and enacting emergency leave policy for associates who are unable or uncomfortable coming to work. "Additionally, through the help of our health ambassadors, we will continue requiring customers to wear protective facial coverings while inside the building."

Downey congresswoman votes to impeach Trump

Calling President Trump unfit for office, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard votes for impeachment: "He has blood on his hands."

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Downey Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard voted Wednesday to impeach President Donald Trump, citing his role in last week's insurrection at the Capitol that left five people dead, including a police officer.

Trump became the first president in U.S. history to be impeached twice when the House of Representatives voted 232 to 197 in favor of impeachment, citing "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Roybal-Allard said she took no joy in voting to impeach Trump but said he "has blood on his hands" in the wake of last week's attempted coup.

The fact remains no president of the United States is above the law. And this president has sadly violated his oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. As members of Congress who have made that same pledge, it is our duty to take this action.

"His constant bombardment of false information alleging widespread voter fraud and his repeated attempts to delegitimize the 2020 presidential election



Photo by George Skidmore

has deeply divided an already fractured nation and has violently turned American against American. As the unprecedented attack on American democracy and our Constitution transpired, President Trump was reported to gleefully watch on television the insult and attempted destruction to our nation's capital while ignoring repeated pleas for him to call on his supporters to stand down.

"Trump continues to reject any responsibility for the violence and has shown no remorse or concern for those who have died because of his insurrection. A heartbreaking example was his initial failure to honor the fallen Capitol Police officers by lowering the flag to half-staff at the White House.

"At a time when thousands of Americans are dying of an insidious virus, which to defeat demands effective presidential leadership and unity of purpose, the president continues to be focused on himself. Defeating this pandemic cannot be undertaken while we have a president who denies its existence and is actively encouraging violence to overturn a well-documented free and fair election.

"Even after the tragedy of January 6th, Trump continues to fuel the fire of the mob with his self-serving and dangerous rhetoric and to incite violence and distrust across America. He still refuses to denounce the insurrection and unequivocally call on his supporters to stand

down from carrying out their armed threats against our nation's capital and state capitols across the country.

"This lack of leadership and concern for the lives of our countrymen and women is one more example that confirms Donald Trump is unfit for office and poses a true danger to America and American democracy. To protect our country and our democracy, he must be impeached and barred from holding federal office again.

"I cast my vote today for the safety of my constituents and all Americans nationwide, and for the survival of our democracy in the days, months, and years to come. In good conscience, I simply have no other choice."

Alvarez says she has Covid-19

In a Facebook post, Downey Councilmember Catherine Alvarez announced she and her husband had contracted the virus.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez announced that she and members of her family, including her husband, are infected with Covid-19.

Alvarez made the announcement on her personal Facebook page Sunday, urging residents to take care while also asking for prayers [all sic]:

"Covid has knocked on the doors of my home, from all the members of the family,

my husband is the one who is taking it the hardest since he was admitted to the hospital today because his oxygen is very low and he was already having complications," Alvarez wrote.

It is not known how severe Alvarez's symptoms are but she did not participate in Tuesday's council meeting.

"This message is for all those who may not believe," Alvarez continued in her statement. "I ask you not to wait for this bug [to] touch your homes, take care of yourself, love each other and live day by day as if it were your last, life is short to live it angry, bitter, tied to so much unhappiness..."

"COVID-19 is not something that will be erased overnight, it is here to stay for a long time even if we don't want to accept it; and that is why I ask you to become aware and that we get united



Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez, right, said she and her husband have Covid-19. (Campaign photo)

more than ever, this passage of life is a trial is a period to have our main objective to carry it out in the family and in society.

"I ask you to pray, for a speedy recovery for my family since we are all infected."

Ed Potter dies of Covid-19

The retired teacher and Downey Unified assistant superintendent was 82.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Dr. Ed Potter, a civic leader and former assistant superintendent with the Downey Unified School District, has died, officials confirmed Monday.

The cause of death was reported as Covid-19. He was 82.

Potter was president of the Rotary Club of Downey from 1993-94. He stayed involved with the club even after his retirement from Downey Unified in 2003.

Potter was also a board member with Downey Federal Credit Union for the last 18 years.

"He was a kind soul and we will miss him dearly," the credit union said in a statement. "Our thoughts go out to his family..."

Potter was hired by Downey Unified in 1971, embarking on a 32-year teaching career that culminated with the position of assistant superintendent of certificated personnel.

Teachers, staff and administrators at Downey Unified mourned Potter's death.

"In addition to all the staff he hired to support our students, he touched many students' lives during his years as an

Ed Potter Remembered

Friends and former co-workers share their memories of the late Downey educator.

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Dr. Ed Potter

administrator at Downey High School," the district said in a statement.

"There are thousands of Downey Unified staff and alumni with fond memories of Dr. Potter because of his unwavering positive attitude and the smile he always had on his face. He will be deeply missed."

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 87°

Saturday 85°

Sunday 85°

ON THIS DAY JANUARY 14

1784:
The United States ratified a peace treaty with England ending the Revolutionary War.

1952:
NBC's "Today" show premiered.

1954:
Baseball player Joe Dimaggio and actress Marilyn Monroe were married at San Francisco City Hall.

1963:
George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

1970:
Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

1993:
Late-night TV talk show host David Letterman announced he was moving from NBC to CBS.

1994:
President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed accords in Moscow to stop aiming missiles at any nation and to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

2004:
President George W. Bush unveiled a plan to send astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond.

2008:
Republican Bobby Jindal, the first elected Indian-American governor in the United States, took office in Louisiana.

Birthdays

Jazz and pop singer **Jack Jones** (83), Academy Award winning actress **Faye Dunaway** (80), "Rocky" actor **Carl Weathers** (73), Pulitzer Prize winning journalist **Maureen Dowd** (69), television journalist **Shepard Smith** (57), rapper and actor **LL Cool J** (53), Foo Fighters rocker **Dave Grohl** (52), and actor **Jason Bateman** (52).

Deaths

Lewis Carroll, the English author best known for writing the "Alice in Wonderland" series of books, died on this date in 1898 of pneumonia. He was 65.

Cinematic star **Humphrey Bogart**, a top box office draw in the 1940s and '50s, died in 1957 of esophageal cancer. He was 57.

Ray Kroc, the businessman who turned McDonald's into a global fast-food giant, died in 1984 of heart failure. He was 81.

"Harry Potter" actor **Alan Rickman** died in 2016 at age 69 of pancreatic cancer.

Two-time Academy Award winning actress **Shelley Winters** died in 2006 of heart failure. She was 85.

Mexican-American actor **Ricardo Montalban** died in 2009 of congestive heart failure. He was 88.

Book Recommendation

"**Better Luck Next Time**" by Julia Claiborne Johnson

It's 1938 and women seeking a quick, no-questions split from their husbands head to the "divorce capital of the world," Reno, Nevada. There's one catch: they have to wait six-weeks to become "residents." Many of these wealthy, soon-to-be divorcees flock to the Flying Leap, a dude ranch that caters to their every need.

Downey students earning D's and F's with greater frequency

■ Many students are struggling to attend classes and complete homework remotely, officials say.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey Unified School District is seeing a "significant increase" in D and F grades across the middle and high school levels, according to officials.

The disappointing statistic is nothing unheard of during a time where many districts and their students are continuing to adapt to a completely remote way of learning.

"This is a phenomenon that has been experienced across the nation with distanced learning," said Assistant Superintendent

Roger Brossmer at DUSD's Board meeting on Tuesday. "What we're seeing is a spreading out of students. We actually have more A's and B's and we have more D's and F's."

"What we're seeing is kids that are successful - have a workspace, have a computer that works, have people helping them - are doing well. Those kids who are not are doing worse."

Brossmer described the widening gap as "disconcerting," however indicated that the district was already looking at opportunities to intervene.

"We know it's not any one thing," said Brossmer. "A lot of our kids are dealing with social / emotional issues; they're isolated. Some are struggling because they don't have the support. The reason I bring this up is there's not one answer that's going to fit all kids."

Students also may be struggling with their own accountability with regards to their schoolwork and Zoom, and are not taking advantage of office hours.

"[Students] have been trained their whole career in Downey Unified by every teacher [to stay on task]," said Brossmer. "Now that they're home, the teacher gives the assignment, they log off. Now they have their Playstation, their music. We're really seeing it's hard for our kids; we just haven't trained them to be this self-starting, self-motivated students."

"That's what we're seeing in kind of a nutshell, is they don't have that accountability once they log off of Zoom. So, we're really working on how we keep kids on Zoom. You're going to see all of our secretaries really working with schedules now that once they do the minimum thirty

[minutes], that - especially kids that are struggling - they stay on."

Still, Brossmer said that Downey could be facing "One of the largest summer schools in the history of Downey Unified."

"We're hoping that some of the interventions we put in place will address second semester, but we still now have a hole from first semester," said Brossmer. "We can try to fix some of that, but we now are anticipating a huge summer school..."

Students will also not likely be able to fall back on an adapted credit / no credit system.

"At this point, we're not recommending that," said Brossmer. "Last year, the colleges let out and said, 'Hey, no harm no foul to your kids if you do credit / no credit. They have not done that this year.'"

"We're hesitant to make



Not all students are properly equipped for at-home learning, officials said. (Courtesy photo)

a credit / no credit call that potentially could hurt our students."

The board will discuss the

option to reduce the number of required units for graduation for the class of 2021 at their next meeting.

Open enrollment underway at DUSD

DOWNEY - Downey Unified is conducting its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly School of Choice) starting in January for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area may apply. This enrollment period does not apply for parents of students who reside outside of the Downey Unified district boundaries.

Applications for Intra-District Open Enrollment will be available to be filled out and submitted online at www.dusd.net through Jan. 31. Applications are available to pick up at any of the 20 Downey Unified schools or at the district office located on Brookshire Avenue.

These documents will be available for pick up by appointment only. Those interested are asked to call the school's front office or the district office to schedule a time to pick up these documents.

New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration within Downey Unified for the new school year.

Hand written applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the Student Services office at the Downey Unified School District by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, 2021, at 4 p.m.

For additional information and questions, please contact the Student Services Office at (562) 469-6550.

LA County Library surpasses 3.1 million digital downloads

■ A record number of digital books were checked out in 2020, increasing 34% from 2019.

DOWNEY - The Downey-based LA County Library processed more than 3 million digital book checkouts last year, making it one of the top 15 public library systems worldwide for total annual digital circulation.

LA County Library reached a record-breaking 3,109,225 digital book checkouts via OverDrive in 2020, a 34% increase from 2019.

The high volume illustrates the continued growth and importance of library digital lending of eBooks and

audiobooks, especially in a year with building closures due to the global pandemic. LA County Library is one of 102 public library systems worldwide that surpassed 1 million checkouts.

LA County Library has been providing readers 24/7 access to eBooks and audiobooks for several years through OverDrive and its Libby reading app. Reader interest and usage has grown every year.

"At LA County Library, we pride ourselves on removing barriers to access, and we are always working toward expanding and supporting our digital library, adding more content, and making it easier to find and use," said Skye Patrick, Library Director. "The tremendous increase in checkouts of eBooks and audiobooks this year illuminates their growing importance to the people we serve, who want to be able to access library materials, wherever they are. This digital access has been especially important this year, when access to library buildings has been limited."

The highest-circulating title LA County Library readers borrowed through OverDrive in 2020 was "Becoming" by Michelle Obama. The top-circulating genre -- romance -- represents the most popular in a vast catalog that also includes thrillers, mystery, biography/autobiography, and children/young adult.

The top 10 eBook titles borrowed through LA County Library's digital collection in 2020:

- "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
- "Educated" by Tara Westover
- "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
- "Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan
- "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes
- "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert
- "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins
- "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty
- "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides

The top 5 audiobook titles borrowed through LA County Library's digital collection in 2020:

- "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
- "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander
- "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J. K. Rowling
- "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck" by Mark Manson
- "Where the Crawdads Sing" by



Michelle Obama's memoir, "Becoming," was the most downloaded title in LA County for 2020 (book and audiobook combined).

- Delia Owens
- "Educated" by Tara Westover
- "Talking to Strangers" by Malcolm Gladwell
- "You Are a Badass" by Jen Sincero
- "1984" by George Orwell
- "Girl, Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis

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Welcome Back

Ed Potter loved people, and people loved him

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY – The man who never met a stranger — that was Ed Potter. He could walk into a room, or even a bus stop, and in five minutes everyone would feel they knew him, and he knew them.

When Edward Potter's death at age 82 was reported this week. Dr. Ed Sussman, former superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, contacted me to say, "Ed Potter was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. He was a man of the highest integrity and a great model for all of us. I am going to miss him terribly."

"In addition to all the staff he hired to support our students, he touched many students' lives during his years as an administrator at Downey High School," the district said in a statement. "There are thousands of Downey Unified staff and alumni with fond memories of Dr. Potter because of his unwavering positive attitude and the smile he always had on his face. He will be deeply missed."

As assistant supervisor in charge of personnel for the Downey Unified School District, Edward L. Potter was once described as "the man who makes the district look good."

Hired by Downey Unified in 1971, Ed embarked on a 32-year career. "When I became the new assistant superintendent," said Ed, "and this was many years ago, school districts were getting one free computer from Apple. So, I bought the first Macintosh in the entire school district. And once my office got that, in just a couple of months the entire district wanted to have their own. That was the beginning of the digital revolution."

The Downey Federal Credit Union said "with a heavy heart we mourn his passing. Dr. Potter was a kind soul and we will miss him dearly." Dr. Potter had been on the Federal Credit Union Board since 1999 and he brought his experiences in technology.

"When I was appointed," he said, "the Board was looking for a way to bring computers into our boardroom. I had seen what can happen when you start something with technology. I saw the growth when I bought the first Apple Macintosh. I wasn't afraid then and I'm not afraid now."

Barbara Lamberth, former president and CEO of the DFCU said, "I had the pleasure of knowing him for 35 years. He was a wonderful person who loved to share stories."

Ed recalled that he joined the Rotary Club of Downey when he was vice-principal at Downey High, and Dr. Ed Sussman, his boss, was his sponsor. During his time in the club he earned his Ed D, going from "Mister" Potter to "Doctor" Potter, and Dr. Ed didn't let anyone forget that hard-won title.

Dr. Ed stayed involved with the club even after his retirement from Downey Unified in 2003. He was famous for his hugs. And for sponsoring one of the first women, Pat Gomez, to join Downey

Rotary after a Supreme Court decision made that possible. Pat, a former president of Downey Chamber of Commerce and owner of Johnny's, was a good choice. On her free day, Sunday, she gave haircuts and styling to the patients at Rancho Los Amigos Rehab Hospital in Downey.

Everyone has their favorite Dr. Ed story. As president of the Rotary Club of Downey in 1993-94, Dr. Ed himself remembers he was faced with a momentous decision within the first two weeks of his presidency: "Where are we going to eat?"

The old Rio Hondo Golf Club House was being torn down, and the present Event Center being built. "Dirt, trucks, construction everywhere, it was awful," said Ed, in that clear voice and precise way he had of picking his words. Ed took pride that he led the club to the Embassy Suites, where they had their luncheons during his year.

Raul Lopez remembers: "In June of 2019 my wife Arlene and I and Dr. Potter flew to Boston for a conference together, and then we drove to Miami Beach. This was a trip that he had planned to take with his wife Kay, but they never had the chance before she passed away. He was thrilled to be able to finally travel down the east coast and was a great travelling companion. He was always up for any adventure and was very pleasant to be around."

"The most memorable part of the trip," said Raul, "was our stop in New York. We arrived just a day before the Pride Parade. The city was filled with more people than we could imagine; all the taxi's and buses were busy so we had to learn to use the Subway. He wanted to see it all, he was interested in everything, so we took all available tours and walked everywhere."

"Ed kept up the pace," said Raul, "and never ever missed an opportunity to talk to anybody, no matter where we were. We will always remember the 23 days we spent together and will miss him very much. Dr. Potter's comment at the time: "We saw everything along the way, and I heard quite a lot about Cuba."

An accomplished pianist, Ed loved to play honky-tonk piano

at Rotary meetings, that gold ring on his left hand flashing. If you could hum it, he could play it. At the club's Christmas parties, he had to compete with equally adept fellow member Dr. Bob Flynn, and organist and hostess Chris Pohlen, for a seat at the baby grand.

Born and raised in Reno, Nevada, Ed Potter's spirit of adventure led him to travel, and after he retired, Ed often went to Hawaii with his good friend and fellow school administrator Stan Hanstad. Before visiting Tahiti and Quebec, he took French lessons. Ed wasn't going to miss the opportunity to meet and talk with the locals wherever he went.

"We went to Hawaii, and the Bahamas," Stan said, "we went all over the place. At that huge Atlantis Resort in Nassau, Ed found a piano and started playing, and pretty soon he had a big crowd around him."

"And we were theater partners," said Stan. "Ed had a love for music and theater. We had two tickets and would go to the theater every month, Orange County's Segerstrom Center for the Arts, the Downey Civic Light Opera."

"We would like to start a music scholarship in Ed's name," Stan said. "Dr. Brian Brown thought of that today at the Downey Federal Credit Union, and my wife Leslie suggested music. He was one in a million, and we'd like to keep his memory alive."

"He is with us always," said Stan, "but he's also home now with his wife Kay. He's looking down from heaven and saying, God bless you for helping the kids."

"Ed loved people, you know," said Stan. "He tried to keep safe the way we all did, but somehow he got infected with the Covid-19. It happened so suddenly, in just four days. I talked to him the day before the last one, and he wanted me to tell everyone how much he loved them."



In Memory of



Rae "Jean" Jones

Rae "Jean" Jones passed away at 88 years young, surrounded by her family at home on Wednesday, January 6th 2021, from Covid-19.

She grew up in Ontario CA, raised her three boys in Bell Gardens before moving to Downey in 1980. She continued to help raise those

who needed her love and guidance. Her home was always open and she made sure everyone had a place to call home. Tennis was her second love after her family. She was an active member of The Downey Tennis Club, and could be found out on the courts 2-3 times a week for many years.

She is survived by her two oldest sons, along with her 8 grandkids, 17 great grandkids, and 5 great great grandkids, however she was "grandma" to so many more. She will be missed by so many family and friends.

Due to Covid-19 no services or gatherings will be held at this time.

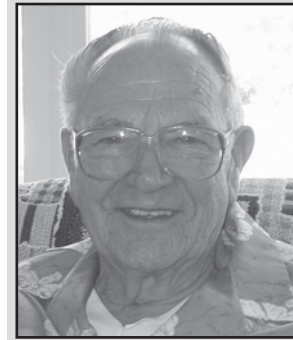
In honor of my grandma Jean hug your love ones often, and as she would say not a half way hug, but a good two armed hug.



In Memory of

Harold Hougland

April 18, 1924 - January 11, 2021



Harold Hougland was born on April 18, 1924 in Princeton, Indiana, to parents, Albert Hougland and Alma Tooley Hougland. He went to meet his maker on January 11, 2021. Harold spent his formative years in Oakland City, Indiana. After high school, he served three years in the Navy during WWII. While assigned to duty on an aircraft carrier in

the South Pacific, he survived the "USS Franklin Disaster" in March of 1945. After the war, he attended Indiana University, graduating in 1952 with a BA in Biology and made his move to California. Harold was a long-time, active member of First Presbyterian Church in Downey. You could also find him most days at the Downey Senior Center beating his friends at pool and playing cards. In Harold's younger years, he was an accomplished trombonist and up to his departing sang in perfect pitch. Harold is survived by his daughter, Lorrie Wilson and her husband, Bruce of Rancho Mission Viejo; granddaughter, Kaitlin of Portland, Oregon; and sisters Diane Meade of Georgia and Janice Hayes of Colorado. Due to pandemic, no formal services will be held.

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At Rancho, hospital officials develop ways to help victims of violence

■ A newly-launched program provides victims with access to counselors and social workers as they recover from their traumatic injuries.

By Philip S. Requejo

DOWNEY – Patients who sustain a disabling injury due to violence are often admitted into one of the trauma unit hospitals and often end up at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. This includes individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Following a devastating life change, adjustment to a disability and reintegration to community are serious challenges that these individuals face.

Those who sustain a disabling injury due to violence are often marginalized and often lack the extensive mental, emotional, social, and case management support that they need. Victims of violence often return to a life of violence because they have no other choice.

During these challenging times, the Rancho Research Institute (RRI) launched the Rancho Violence Recovery and Prevention Program (RVRPP) in partnership with the Lynwood based non-profit Southern California Crossroads.

Funded by the California Community Foundation and modeled after similar hospital-based programs, this program is working to help survivors recover from violent injury and reintegrate into their communities.

Program staff are developing new interventions and ways to track each participant's rehabilitation progress during their recovery. The RVRPP is also working to connect recent violence survivors among Rancho patients with peer



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has developed a program to help victims of violence. (Courtesy photo)

counselors, social workers, and case managers.

The RVRPP team recognizes that for violence survivors, adjustment to disability and community reintegration are difficult challenges. Juan Garibay, Program Manager for RVRPP, says that "victims of crime and violence often feel marginalized and alone in dealing with such traumatic life-changing events."

He adds that "our program is designed to offer strategies for those who are feeling lost, with little sense of direction."

The issue of violence that plagues our city and our country really needs to be addressed in a multi-faceted approach in partnership and alignment with not only in the hospital setting, not only in health care settings, but also out in the community along with community partners.

Our patients who have experienced violence will be affected the rest of their lives. We are tired of seeing patients being "treated and streeted" –

they come here, we treat them, and we send them back out to dangerous environments, and often we get re-admissions, or they suffer other forms of violence and psychological issues that were never addressed.

RVRPP started out of the need to address violence for our patients. It is a partnership and collaboration between physicians, therapists, social workers, community-based organizations, administration, and patients past and present with "lived experience" and other stakeholders that feel a huge need to address violence in many forms.

We want to create opportunities for patients who are victims of violence to be reintegrated back to the community by empowering them to achieve their personalized goals through community education and individualized services that provide the knowledge, skills, and confidence building needed to maximize their quality of life. To meet our patients where they live, work, play, and pray.

"Our goal is to allow victims of violence to be productive members of the community," according to Mr. Garibay.

Program participants partner with a peer counselor who understands the many

challenges to recovery. The peer counselor serves as a confidant and coach throughout the process. Individuals also have access to a wide array of hospital- and community-based supports, including assistance in accessing benefits, complex case management, support groups, individual counseling, food support, housing, educational assistance, and job-training.

By removing service access barriers, the RVRPP team believes that participants will more successfully return to full, productive lives – free from violence.

Filipe Estrada, a peer counselor at the RVRPP, sustained a spinal cord injury from a gunshot due to a carjacking incident in 1997.

Before becoming a peer counselor – serving as the bridge between newly injured patients and services, Mr. Estrada was a patient at Rancho where he connected with Dr. Irene Gilgoff (former Chief of Pediatric Services at Rancho) and Lisa Hilborn (former director of Rancho's Wheelchair Sports Program).

Through the encouragement and guidance from the people at Rancho and the California Department of Rehabilitation Mr. Estrada completed a bachelor's degree

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

We are still in the midst of this worldwide pandemic. Amazingly, scientists have developed a safe vaccine in record time. In my office, the doctors and staff have already received our COVID vaccinations.



We are all now hearing of a new mutated form of COVID-19. In December, it was announced that the variant, dubbed B.1.1.7, had accumulated 17 mutations and was spreading rapidly in the United Kingdom. It has now reached the USA. What are the implications for the pandemic? What does this mean regarding the new vaccines? What do these mutations change about the disease itself?

Please note this: Viruses mutate all the time. COVID is no exception, and mutates regularly, acquiring about one new mutation in its genome every two weeks. Many mutations are silent, meaning they cause no change in the structure of the proteins they encode. Other mutations may lead to structural changes. The key question is whether the virus mutates enough to be considered a significant deviation.

Here are the important concerns about any newly mutated virus:

Does it spread more rapidly? Mathematical models suggest that this new mutation might be up to 70% more transmissible than the original virus. That could be because eight of the 17 new mutations on the B.1.1.7 variant are on the spike portion of the coronavirus shell, allowing it to more easily bind to receptors on the cell surface, and thus to infect the cell. (One source called it "stickier.")

Does it cause a milder or more severe illness?

It probably does not cause a more severe disease, and at this point, does not appear to be any more fatal than the original virus.

Is it still susceptible to therapeutic agents such as monoclonal antibodies?

This new variant may affect the ability of some treatments currently in development against the virus. Time will tell.

Will the current vaccines still produce immunity?

The new vaccines do appear to be effective against this new mutation. For the virus to evade the vaccines currently in use, it would not only have to change significantly, but do so in a way that changes the way the virus functions. That has not happened to date. Even if the virus mutates that much, the major vaccine makers have the ability to modify their vaccines, and it could be possible to have a new vaccine in a matter of weeks.

For now, a more contagious COVID virus means that EVERYONE needs to take public health measures even more seriously, including social distancing and mask wearing. I urge you to become vaccinated with one of the new vaccines just as soon as you are given the opportunity. They are extremely safe and highly effective, protecting some 95% of us against COVID, even in the face of these new (and inevitable) mutations.

Let's all do our part during this pandemic, and get past it as quickly as possible.

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in Rehabilitation Services and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

When asked about his most impactful experience as a peer counselor, Felipe says "Seeing the transformation of patients from being shy and timid about their injury to becoming a bit more gung-ho and taking the steps toward greater hope and healing. So far, all patients are very welcoming and open."

"As an individual with a disability myself, making the connection and knowing that I, too, was in a similar situation is very important," Felipe said. "I can talk to them about health issues and share thoughts about things that happen to our body because of the injury."

"I can talk to them about where they stand and where they want to go with their lives. I can talk to them about things that they cannot talk to family members about."

"One of the most common

questions that guys usually ask is related to sexuality and dating. Can I still have a family after this? Felipe said.

"Another goal of the RVRPP program is to develop a sustainable model by expanding our partnerships with all DHS facilities and patients, and with members of our community," Mr. Garibay added.

"As such, the project is developing a database registry for gathering important demographics and follow-up survey data that can be used to longitudinally track the progress of our patients as they get back into the community."

For more information about RVRPP, contact Juan Garibay, at (562) 385-6069 or juang@ranchoresearch.org.

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Opinion

Georgia delivers a victory for moderation

By Steve Chapman

In recent years, the American political system has featured a clash of extremes. Republicans moved so sharply to the right that even past presidential nominees Mitt Romney and John McCain no longer fit in, and Donald Trump stoked the ire of the sort of people who stormed the Capitol building yesterday. Meanwhile, leftists such as Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have gained greater influence over Democratic policies.

But last week's election in Georgia was a thumping victory for moderation. How so? First, because voters rejected the candidates endorsed by Donald Trump even as he strove to overturn Georgia's presidential vote. Second, because both Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue emphasized their allegiance to Trump at his most outrageous.

The president is very good at revving up the base of the Republican Party. He got 11 million more votes in 2020 than in 2016 election. The problem for him and his party is that he's even better at mobilizing Democrats. Joe Biden outdid Hillary Clinton by more than 15 million votes.

The stunning outcome of the two Senate races in Georgia, with Democrats winning both, is more proof that the king of Mar-a-Lago is often his own worst enemy. Republicans typically win the state's runoff elections because they've been better at getting to the polls. On Monday, veteran Republican strategist Karl Rove predicted they would win both races.

The GOP did all it could to make this an election about ideology, portraying Democrats Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff as radical leftists. With control of the Senate hanging in the balance Perdue's campaign theme was "Win Georgia, Save America." Loeffler insisted,

"We are the firewall to stopping socialism."

But they may have alienated more people than they persuaded. Warnock and Ossoff leaned toward the center — declining to embrace the Green New Deal, "Medicare for All" or defunding police. In the end, their comparative moderation was more appealing to voters than fire-breathing conservatism.

It has been 20 years since Georgia elected a Democrat to the Senate. The state hasn't voted for a Democrat for president since 1992. But with Trump antagonizing suburbanites and driving Democrats to the polls, Georgia has lost its place as a GOP stronghold.

Maybe Republicans who have become evangelists for the cult of Trump should reassess. Four years ago, the GOP held not only the presidency but both houses of Congress. Today, Democrats control all three.

But anyone panicking about the onset of socialism should switch to decaf. The Senate will be dealing with a president who represents the moderate wing of the Democratic Party — and who has made it clear that his agenda will not be plagiarized from progressives. In striving for bipartisan cooperation, Biden will be looking for solutions that stand a chance of winning over at least a few Republicans.

He also has to placate centrists in his own party, who are not about to indulge any left-wing fantasies. The Moderate Democrats PAC has channeled support to 10 Democratic senators. The group includes Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana, who represent red states, as well as Bob Casey of Pennsylvania and Gary Peters of Michigan, who represent swing states.

Some Democrats who aren't on the Moderate Democrats PAC list nevertheless earned an "F" on the leftist website Progressive Punch.

Among them are Michael Bennet of Colorado, Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire and Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona.

It's senators like these who will decide the fate of legislation in this Congress. With the thinnest possible margin, Democratic leader Chuck Schumer will have to keep the moderates on board to have any chance of success. Far from empowering socialists, the new Senate lineup will erode their influence.

Incremental change, not radical reform, is the only realistic way to advance Democratic policies. Likewise, in his judicial nominations, Biden will have to steer down the middle of the road.

Democrats also have to contend with their dismal showing in 2020 down-ballot races. They lost seats in the U.S. House and failed to wrest control of a single state legislative chamber from Republicans.

I asked Jerry Taylor, president of the moderate Washington think tank the Niskanen Center, what he made of the new alignment. "The governing coalition in America during the 117th Congress will be built from the center of American politics," he said. "And happily, the extreme wings of each party have beclowned themselves and lost political strength."

Americans, by and large, are a moderate people, gravitating to sober, practical policies. This year, they may finally have a government that matches.

Steve Chapman is a syndicated columnist and blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

Trump's apologists owe America an apology

By Jeff Robbins

The neo-fascist mob that bashed in Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick's skull with a fire extinguisher, wielded lead pipes, ransacked Congress and terrorized members of Congress have a plausible claim that they were only following orders — those of the president of the United States. Donald Trump had told them it was their duty to come to Washington, D.C., on the day Congress would count the electoral votes that would make Joe Biden the next president, promising them a "wild" time if they did.

He personally addressed them, exhorting them to go to the Capitol and express their hatred with all their might. "We are going to have to fight much harder," he told them. "You will never take back the country with weakness."

Namesake and certified nitwit Donald Trump Jr. urged the crowd to make it painfully clear to legislators that they had better swallow the fraudulent fiction that his father had won the election. Or else, "We are coming for you," he said. Donald Trump lawyer and frantic pardon-seeker Rudy Giuliani was blunter yet, telling the thousands of storm trooper-wannabes that they should engage in "trial by combat."

The mob did as it was told, savaging the Capitol and inflicting on the country one of the gravest acts of domestic terrorism in our history. But it was backed by innumerable enablers and fawners and acolytes, politicians and right-wing commentators and ordinary Americans alike, who have gushed and giggled as Trump has

trashed decency and democratic values — not merely since Nov. 3 but daily over the last four years. These individuals bear a share of responsibility for our national shame.

Some of them who have coddled Trump and defended him day after day for years now pronounce themselves shocked — shocked! — at last week's attack on America.

It's a nice try. But they own it. And they owe their country an apology.

The president assured the insurrectionists he assembled that he would accompany them to the Capitol, which doubtless reinforced their confidence that they were doing their Fuhrer's will. Evidently, however, he was stricken with a bout of Sudden Onset Bone Spurs (SOBS) and instead slipped back to the White House to watch on television while his people (to whom he said: "We love you. You're very special.") laid siege to the Capitol on his behalf. After 24 hours of unflattering media coverage of the attempted putsch, Trump was persuaded to tape a statement that he condemned violence, a performance so patently insincere that it made videotaped confessions by hostages held captive by Hezbollah seem voluntary by comparison.

To his credit, Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., called out his fellow Republicans, who had hyped Trump's garbage claim that he won the election, stoking unhinged conspiracy theories that helped trigger Wednesday's assault and that leave our government vulnerable to further domestic extremism. These Republicans are, Toomey noted,

"complicit in the big lie." But the Trump presidency has been rife with lies since its inception. The talk-show jocks, the Fox News celebrities, the Republican loyalists and the small-time right-wing commentators who thrilled to Trump's diseased machismo have done America incalculable damage.

The risible, Goebbels-like lying about a "rigged" election (it wasn't) that Trump won (he didn't) did not suffice to stir these individuals' somnolent sense of decency. But this was unsurprising. They supported Trump when he attacked Dr. Anthony Fauci, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, even when those attacks placed them in physical danger. They supported him when he called for retaliation against journalists and political opponents, when he mocked a reporter with a physical disability, when he derided war hero John McCain because McCain was captured while serving his country. They supported him when he tried to extort a foreign leader into fabricating an "investigation" intended to defame the likely Democratic presidential nominee, and when he fired devoted public servants for telling the truth.

Donald Trump's defenders do not merely share the blame for last week's events. They have let America down. And whether America will ever fully recover is an open question.

Jeff Robbins, a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

The presumption of liberty

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

The concept of personal liberty is that our rights come from our humanity. If you believe in a Supreme Being, as I do and as the Declaration of Independence presupposes, then you acknowledge these rights as a gift from the Creator. If you doubt or reject the existence of a Supreme Being, you can still accept the personal origin of these rights. Humans are rational beings and the essence of natural rights is the exercise of reason to seek the truth. The individual employment of unimpeded reason is the exercise of a natural right.

Either way — whether divinely created or humanly adapted — under the Natural Law, our rights come from within us. This is not a mere academic argument. Rather, it has profound everyday consequences. A right is an unconditional claim against all others that does not require validation or approval. Thus, your right to the freedom of speech enables you to think what you wish and say what you think and publish what you say. Nature — or as Thomas Jefferson said, "Nature's God" — has given you that right.

The origin of natural rights is self-evident. How is it self-evident that our rights are natural and not governmental in origin? Because we have them in the absence of government.

Thus, when government, whether by legislation or executive command, purports to interfere with your natural rights, it does moral violence to you. The framers of the Constitution — who had suffered such violence under British rule — understood this and provided for protection against government assaults upon natural rights.

That protection is called due process. This is a complex area of the law. Yet, reduced to its essence, it means that the government can only

interfere with life, liberty and property after a fair trial, before a neutral judge and jury, at which the government must prove fault on the part of the person whose life or property it wants or whose liberties it seeks to curtail.

I offer this primer to address a troubling issue now facing Americans: voluntary servitude. After nine months of the COVID-19 pandemic-induced experiment in totalitarian-leaning governments, many of us still live in cities or states where — to paraphrase University of Sydney Professor John Keane — the popularly attractive exercise of arbitrary power has produced a level of comfort in popular compliance, and this comfortable compliance is voluntary servitude.

Stated differently, the government and its medical personnel have scared the daylight out of so many people that they take comfort in complying with government commands to stay home, shut their businesses and socially distance. This voluntary servitude is a pernicious evil as it encourages those in power to continue to trample natural rights. And the more those in power get away with rights trampling, the more common it will become and the more folks will accept it.

The 13th Amendment, which was enacted to abolish slavery, only prohibits involuntary servitude. Its drafters and ratifiers never imagined this voluntary version.

Among the rights most severely restricted today are those of assembly, travel and commercial intercourse. And none of these restrictions has come about via popularly enacted legislation. All have come about through unlawful and unconstitutional executive commands.

Last week, a federal judge in upstate New York became the first in the nation to order a governor to produce hard evidence to justify his closures of businesses, particularly restaurants. Lamentably, the governor's own evidence revealed that 35 times more people have been infected with COVID-19 while in their homes than by the patronage of restaurants.

I applaud this judge — he is skeptical of government commands and is moving in the direction of human freedom — but he has largely missed the point. The point is that freedom is the default position because we are born with the right to exercise it. Government can only interfere with personal freedom not by demonstrating the evidentiary basis for its commands but by proving wrongness on the part of the people whose freedom it wants to curtail.

The exercise of a natural right — so long as it does not nullify another's natural right — simply can never be wrong.

When government interferes with natural rights outside of due process, it fails its obligation to uphold the Constitution. And when governors and mayors use the power of the state to interfere with rights that are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, they explicitly violate federal law and expose themselves to federal prosecution.

Government is essentially the negation of liberty. What liberties may government morally negate? It may only interfere with the liberty of a person who has nullified someone else's natural rights. Suppose the rights nullifier is the government itself? When that happens, according to Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, it is the duty of the people to alter or abolish the government.

That's where we are today, at the beginning of 2021. We live under governments that not only fail to protect personal liberties, not only fail to recognize their validity and primacy, but actively assault them. And these assaults have been accompanied by sometimes soothing and sometimes terrifying scientific-sounding language, which has induced voluntary servitude.

The danger of voluntary servitude cannot be overstated. When accepted by the masses, it will make the exercise of personal liberties the exception rather than the norm. And it will take the personal courage and public sacrifice of revolutionaries to resist it.

The only reason we have even a modicum of personal liberty today is because of determined and often unpopular men and women who refused to surrender their natural rights. Where are courage and sacrifice when we need them?

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

Letters to the Editor:

A mistake to impeach

Dear Editor:

The impeachment against President Trump started by the House of Representatives is a futile exercise with a foreordained result because the Republican led Senate will not follow the House leadership.

Although is politically correct to impeach the President, I think is a mistake because it will make him a martyr and enhance his image among his followers.

It is better to let him fall on his own, which is likely to happen because his vanity does not allow him to accept that he lost the election and will continue to argue that the election was stolen from him without providing any proof of how it was done.

I don't believe that the President will do any harm to the country in the few days that he still has in the Executive branch. He has to be careful to not destroy whatever chance he has of running again for elective office. He is not a doofus.

Jorge Montero Downey

Calvary Chapel

Dear Editor:

For a church not to obey a health directive that is killing 200 people a day in L.A. County is unbelievable. ("Calvary Defies Health Orders," 1/7/20).

Basically Calvary is saying we are not required to help stop the spread of a deadly virus. This shows how much they care for our community.

But Calvary Chapel is special. They feel that duty to God, as they see it, is more important than the protection of its members and our local population. I don't think God would agree with this mentality.

The division in our country is evident. Must it now spread to our places of worship and divide us there as well?

David Casillas Downey

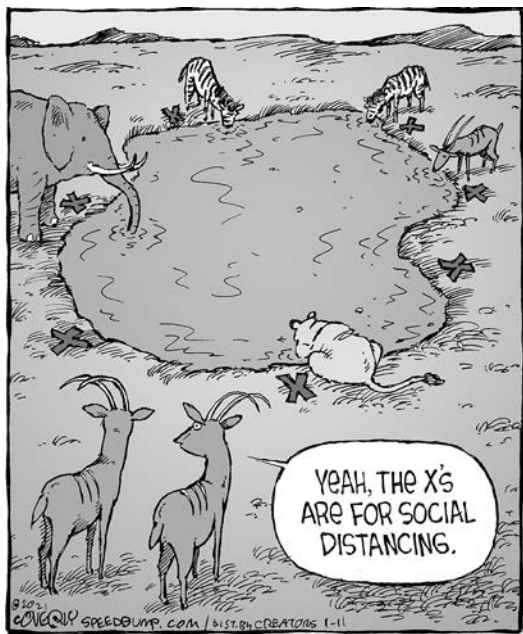
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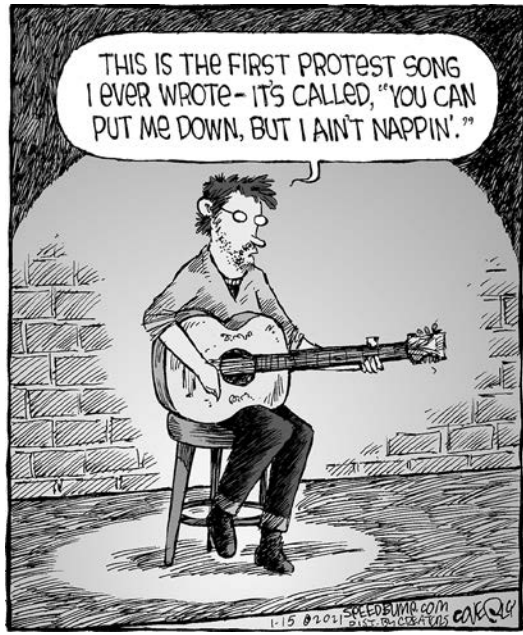
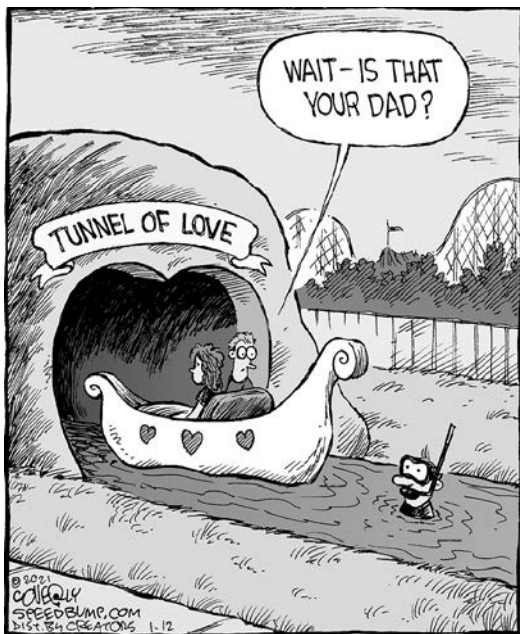
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: 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.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPW Women's Guild, at OLPW School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara 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 Barbara 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, will resume meeting online in January, call 562-500-5093.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
 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.

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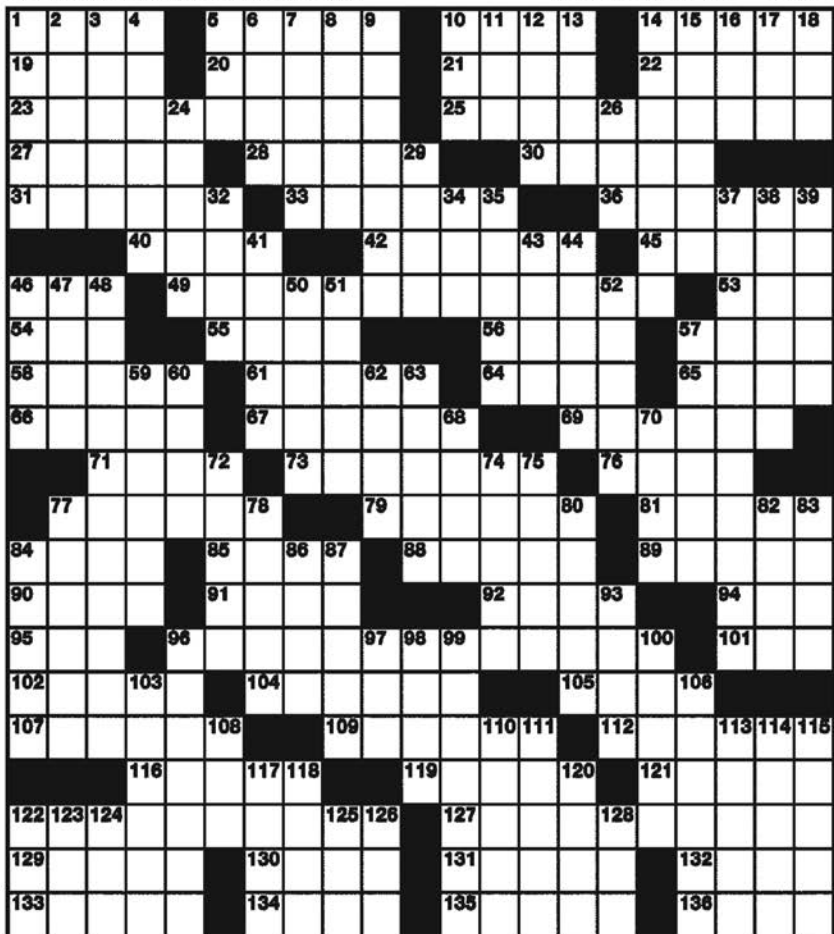
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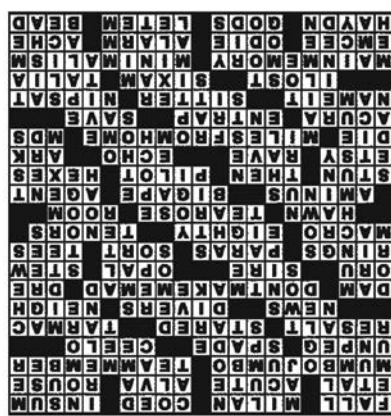
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All Shook Up

By Yolanda Adele

The summer of 1969 was Elvis Presley's opening night at what was then The International Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas. It was the first time he performed in public for more than nine years.

According to a Newsweek article dated August 11, 1969, the showroom was filled with 2,200 seats two times per day during four weeks; total attendance reportedly topped 101,509, a new Las Vegas record. The gross receipts were \$1,522,635 also a Las Vegas record.

My husband made reservations six months in

advance to be there for our seventh wedding anniversary; it was his anniversary gift to me. The orchestra played the powerful theme from 2001 Space Odyssey to a reverberating crescendo when Elvis finally made his highly anticipated appearance and took command of the stage, wearing a white jump-suit.

The air seemed to fill with electrifying energy and euphoria as the audience stood and applauded with thunderous frenzy. My husband bribed a couple of waiters and a maitre'd to sit me up front center stage. I didn't sit for long.

I rose and pressed my body up against the platform as some

women from behind me rushed the stage when Elvis teasingly pulled his scarf off his neck to wipe his brow (which I now know contains his DNA) before offering it to his adoring fans. I raised and waved my hand to plea for the appraised scarf. I screamed out his name.

He turned and looked right at me, giving me his trademark, upper lip curled smile, and said "Hold on honey, I'll get to you."

One of his bodyguards pointed a flashlight beam on my burnt orange hot pants and matching calypso blouse that I wore, that seemed to cue the lighting technician, because changing color lights washed over me repeatedly before panning the rest of the audience in the auditorium. Then a single large spotlight followed Elvis as he moved nearer to me and knelt down on one knee directly in

front of me.

I was mesmerized by his sapphire-blue eyes as he sang "Love Me Tender." I was sure he was singing just to me.

Slowly Elvis leaned forward to slip his scarf over my head until it reached the back of my neck pulling me closer to him. I stood on my tip-toes, closed my eyes...then he kissed me on the lips softly and tenderly. Women shrieked fervently, but he chose me.

I opened my eyes feeling a bit shook up and disoriented. All sounds seemed muffled before everything went dim and I fell to the ground.

I vaguely heard someone say, "She's fainted, give her some room!" And I remember thinking, If only Elvis could give me mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

That was 40 years ago, yet



Yolanda Adele on the night she met Elvis Presley (courtesy photo)

the images of that magical time in my life are vibrant in the recesses of my mind; where I visit from time to time when I need a break from the doldrums and I'm once again feeling vital

and all shook up.

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The Hitch-Hiker

By Sharon Benson Smith

Mom was an avid fan of the movies. She particularly liked the classic black and whites such as "Casa Blanca", "Key Largo" and "The Postman Always Rings Twice." So, I say I came by my love of movies naturally.

I was watching TV last night and "The Hitch-Hiker" was on. It is a true story and thriller of a psychotic escaped convict

who goes on a killing spree that terrorizes the entire Imperial Valley. The movie stars Edmond O'Brien, Frank Lovejoy and William Tallman, and it was directed by Ida Lupino who is credited as being the first female director in Hollywood. You might say it was during the golden days of the Hollywood studio system.

I recall that hitch-hiking and the movie were very worrisome for Mom. She remembered hearing about the hitch-hiker

as she and Dad were raised in Imperial. The hitch-hiker murdered a family of five, a travelling salesman, and kidnapped a deputy from Blythe (in later years, Dad and Mom vacationed here at Walter's Camp).

The reason the movie is so memorable to me is that during the 1950's, before they had cars of their own, brothers George, Cal, and their friends often hitch-hiked to the Pike, the Coliseum, the Atlantic Plunge, to one of the movie theatres on Whittier Boulevard, or just about anywhere they needed to go. Mom voiced her opinion and, as usual, she worried, as "boys will be boys."

The movie portrays two longtime fishing buddies, who are family men from El Centro (this was like going downtown if you lived in Imperial), deciding to go on a fishing trip to San Felipe, Mexico.

Just south of Mexicali (and again, if you lived in Imperial or El Centro it was just over the border for great Mexican food), they picked up a hitch-hiker, and their world would be turned upside down.

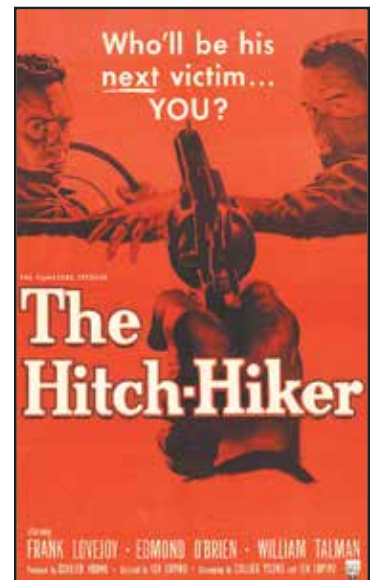
The hitch-hiker outright told them that he would kill them at the end of the trip, and that his destination was Santa Rosalia. It was a hostage situation and escape seemed impossible,

as the hitcher held them at gunpoint night and day, and forced them to do his bidding.

The Mexican police got wind of him being in Mexico and they started their pursuit of him. He was eventually caught; the two men survived the ordeal and were reunited with their families.

Billy Cook was put to death in the San Quentin gas chamber at the age of 25. Shortly thereafter, filming began of "The Hitch-Hiker."

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Will your kids squander their inheritance?

Wealth is wonderful for families to have, but it can be lost quickly if those handling the money aren't prudent. It's estimated that 70% of wealthy families will lose their wealth by the second generation, and 90% will squander it by the third, according to a study by the Williams Group wealth consultancy..

Fortunes collapse because of family squabbles and other mistakes that could have been avoided with proper planning, says John Smallwood (www.johnsmallwood.com), president of Smallwood Wealth Management and author of "It's Your Wealth - Keep It: The Definitive Guide to Growing, Protecting, Enjoying, and Passing On Your Wealth."

"Enduring wealth, the kind that transcends generations, boils down to teaching family members at an early age the principles of saving and hard work," Smallwood says. "When these principles are emphasized, preparing the next generation for responsible financial management has a decent chance of being successful."

"But strategically optimizing family wealth for generations also comes down to communication between the generations, and there seems to be a real disconnect between the generations when it comes to talking about wealth. And there is a fundamental misunderstanding of how to pass money well. Saving and protecting multigenerational wealth requires alignment among all family members."

Smallwood offers these three

tips to help families protect and grow their wealth across generations:

Open conversation between generations. Money is often a subject that families avoid, and as a result family members don't understand how to protect and grow the wealth that has been worked for. "It requires open communication with family members, addressing topics that are personal in nature," Smallwood says. "The successful families I've worked with over the years have had a willingness

to be open with each other about the wealth that they've created. The more open the conversation, the better future generations will be able to avoid pitfalls and traps that place wealth under attack."

Learn wealth-sustaining/growing financial strategies. Smallwood emphasizes that preserving wealth from generation to generation is about education and the protection pieces that are put in place. That may require a financial planner, but with each generation having different financial philosophies and priorities, it's first up to the parents to emphasize the importance for the next generation to sustain financial growth. "The baby boomer generation, much of which is now retiring, usually had steady jobs and an abundance of material niceties," Smallwood says. "Since then, there's a generation that has seen tremendous growth in incomes and lifestyles. Kids born into that lifestyle have become accustomed to it. But when those kids try to leave the nest, they're shocked to find out just how much money it takes to run a household."

Pay special attention to tax ramifications. "Historically, estate taxes have been known to devastate wealth," Smallwood

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says. "It's impossible to know what the trends will be in the future. And maybe you've accumulated a lot of your own personal wealth, then inherit money on top of that. Then you could end up in a higher tax bracket. With poor planning, you could be looking at 40 to 50% drains of wealth over multiple generations. Financial planners

can help you be strategic and set up layers of asset protection - wills, revocable trusts, spousal lifetime access trusts, life insurance - in order to protect inherited money for you and following generations."

"Protecting wealth from all financial pressures should be the foundation of any wealth plan,"

Smallwood says. "It requires consistency to stay up to date on new information, a family commitment, and work with a team of professionals. If the money is going to come to you, it must be managed properly so that it can be passed from one generation to the next."

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Finally! Biola University basketball begins 2021 season

■ The men's and women's teams will play a condensed conference schedule with no fans in attendance.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

LA MIRADA – At long last, the first live sporting event on the campus of Biola University in 10 months.

The men's and women's basketball games will take place Saturday when the NCAA DII Eagles host Northwest Nazarene of Nampa, Idaho.

With the 2020-'21 season delayed 11 weeks due to Covid-19, the teams will take to the hardwood in Chase Gymnasium.

The men will tip off at 2 pm, followed by the women at 5 pm. No fans will be allowed at the game, but it will be live streamed for free on the Biola Athletics YouTube page.

Because of the concerns of Covid, both teams will only play a 13-game season, instead of the usual 30-plus games.

The 11-team conference will be broken up into three "pods." The Hawaii pod features Hawai'i Pacific, Hawai'i Hilo and Chaminade, while the Northern pod consists of Academy of Art, Fresno Pacific, Holy Names and Dominican.

The SoCal pod is Biola, APU, Concordia and Point Loma. Each team will play the other three teams four times, to make up the 12-game conference schedule. Throughout the six-week season, the teams will play each opponent in a back-to-back format on Friday and Saturday.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the NCAA DII postseason is scheduled to start in the second week of March. NNU and Biola are both in the West Region.

The last games played by the Biola men's and women's teams were held 10 months ago in the PacWest Conference Championship Tournament.

The women lost a close semifinal game to DII No. 3 Hawaii Pacific, 68-65, while the men had a similar heartbreaker in the championship game, losing to Point Loma, 98-95 in overtime.

"I am very excited about our season," sixth-year Biola Women's coach, Alan Nakamura, said. "We have a wonderful group of high quality young women. They are intelligent, talented, coachable, and really care about each other.

"We are going to need to be ready. We are playing an NCAA-mandated reduced schedule, and every game on our schedule is against the best of the West Region."

The Biola women are a young team with just one senior and six freshmen.

Senior captain Jazz Benn, a 6 ft. forward who averaged 10.7 PPG last year, will be counted on to lead the team along with the other two captains, redshirt junior guard/forward Danita Estorga (10.7 PPG) and junior guard Aysia Johnson (7.4 PPG).

"They personify the high character athletes we are building our program with," Nakamura said. "They are accomplished and are givers, on and off the court. Their desire is to do all they can for the benefit of the team. They are excellent representatives of all that is good about Biola."

Nakamura also had high praise for Johnson and Estorga's basketball skills as well.

"In addition to their leadership skills, they can also run the offense, attack off the bounce, knock down three's, and grab tough rebounds," he said.

Benn is a four-year starter, earning All-Conference recognition each year. In addition, she is President of Biola's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

"We've been working out way longer than a normal preseason," Benn said. "It's definitely going to be exciting. These are crazy circumstances right now."

Benn was no doubt referring to having no fans in the gym for the games.

As for the opening game Saturday against Nazarene, Benn said, "Any game that we have, it will help us in the future. I think we're really ready for it. I'm trying to use this time to have a good year."

Nakamura added how valuable Benn will be to the team this year.

"She is a versatile six-foot player who can defend all five positions, is an excellent playmaker and can score at all three levels."

A top returner out of Brea-Olinda High School is sophomore guard Stephanie Lee. Last season she earned the PacWest Freshman of the Year Award, earning five Freshman of the Week Awards along the way.

"In addition to her top level ability to score, Stephanie's real strengths are her knowledge of the game, teachable spirit, and ability to make the right play for the team," said Nakamura of the long-range specialist.

Lee led the team with a conference-leading 62 three pointers last season.

"Jazz and Stephanie are high quality young women," Nakamura said.

Benn had high praise for the sophomore. "As a freshman (last year), she was a big part of our team."

Lee, along with the rest of the team, is ready to start the season.

"Our whole team is very excited," she said. "We've been preparing for this for six months.

"At first it was pretty different, wearing a mask and all. But wearing a mask has helped our conditioning. Our coaches have done a great job getting us ready for the season."

As for her take on Nazarene, Lee added, "We just want to go out there and do the best we can. It's going to be a lot different.

"We haven't got a lot of chances to play anyone. We have just scrimmaged each other."

Nazarene, a member of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC), is playing an independent schedule this season due to only two remaining teams (Nazarene and St. Martin's).

"They are a very strong program and have done very well in the West Region under fifth-year coach Steve Steele," Nakamura said of the NNU Women's team.

The NNU Women, who have won 73 games over the last three years, finished 22-7 last season and were ranked No. 5 in the NCAA DII West Region.

Biola Men are ready

The Biola men are chomping at the bit to get on the court for a real game after months of conditioning and limited practice.

"Everyone is excited to finally play a game after so many months of just practicing," said longtime Biola coach Dave Holmquist.

In the PacWest championship tournament last March, the Eagles came up just short of their first title since entering DII. This year marks the second season of post-season eligibility for Biola.

After the three-point, OT loss in the title game, three of the six All-Tournament selections were Eagles and they all return this season.

Senior guard Michael Bagatourian, who stands 6-7 and was All-Conference, senior guard Chris Rossow and 6-5 junior guard Alex Wright all are expected to lead the team in this shortened season.

"Chris played very well down the stretch, especially in the conference tournament," Holmquist said.

In addition to those three starters, the other two starters return, 6-9 senior forward Jesse Elrod and junior guard Whitten Dominguez.

"With the five starters returning from last year, we

are an experienced team," Holmquist said. "Our biggest challenge relates to a lack of depth. For different reasons, we will only be suiting up nine players for the first few games. Because of these problems we haven't done any five-on-five scrimmaging in practice since last March."

It will be a wait and see for the coaching staff for the first game of the season.

"We have good players though, so if our conditioning can hold up in the early games, we should be very competitive," Holmquist added. "I'm not sure what to expect in the first game since we haven't competed five-on-five against anyone, including ourselves, in practice."

Holmquist added two new freshmen to the 11-man squad, Maximo Milovich, a 6-7 forward from Argentina and Malvin Payero, a 6-0 guard from the Dominican Republic.

Also returning is Solomon Ruddell, a 7-0 junior forward and sixth man for the Eagles.

"Our team is full of strong players, who have great character and are enjoyable to coach," Holmquist added. Saturday's opponent, Northwest Nazarene (1-0), opened the season with a win over DI Portland State and was led by senior point guard Ezekiel Alley with a game-high 27 points.

The Nighthawks are on a west coast, four-game swing with additional games against Concordia and Point Loma this week. They finished 15-11 last season and were 12-8 in conference.

What they said:

Women's coach Alan Nakamura: "We had to follow strict Covid guidelines throughout the Fall, and the players handled everything with humility and a strong work ethic. Thank the Lord that we have not had any positive Covid tests, and the team has done everything they can to get ready to compete."

"Following Covid guidelines from the state and county, we started the school year with semi-isolation in dorms, online classes and then we progressed to practicing outdoors only. We wore masks, kept our distance and couldn't share or pass basketballs. We had the usual NCAA limit of eight hours per week in the pre-season."

Jazz Benn, Sr. forward: "Everything was different, from housing to even having practices outside. After a couple of months, we finally got in the gym."

"(Coach) Alan reaches out to us every day, on and off the court. When I got recruited here,



Head coach Dave Holmquist leads the men's basketball team practice in preparation for their game on Saturday at Biola University in La Mirada. (Photo by Keith Durflinger)

I was super welcomed and when I met coach, I knew I wanted to play here."

Stephanie Lee, sophomore guard: "Coach is a great guy and cares so much about us. He leads us well."

"In our conference pod, we are playing some great teams and we'll have to adjust after each game."

Men's coach, Dave Holmquist: "We've worked hard during the fall. We're lacking some depth right now, but we have five character guys and good players. We're trying to find out where we are, because we don't have a gage on that right now. A lot of things about the team, we'll learn this Saturday."

Alex Wright, junior guard: "I'm so excited. It's game week. You have to just roll with the punches. I just want to be out there in a game. I look forward to being back in the game. I miss the game atmosphere. It's been 10 months since we last played. We are going to attack every team. This year it'll (schedule) be a little different. Getting the energy up for the second of the back-to-back in the double header format is crucial."

"We'd really like to come out on top in those games. We can't take days off this year. We have one of the toughest pods in DII."

"As for Nazarene, we'd rather play a tough team (like NNU), who just beat a DI Portland St. team, than a lesser opponent. We won't shy away from anything."

Michael Bagatourian, senior guard: "I'm looking forward to our first game in 10 months. It'll be a little strange (with no fans). My parents have gone to every game since I was a little kid. It will be strange for them. Nothing really changes. It's still five-on-five."

"With this first game, we just want to make sure that everything that we've been working on these last couple of months before the season is important. The things that we've been talking about need to show up in the game."

"Hopefully all of the work that I've put in during the off season is going to come to fruition. It's been tough with Covid. We haven't been able to do everything we wanted to do, as far as live basketball goes. I'm just hoping that we go out there and our team plays together."

Game notebook:

Women: Biola and NNU have played four times in their history, with the Nighthawks holding a 3-1 edge.

The last time the two teams met was two years ago, as the Biola women lost, 97-64. Biola defeated the Nighthawks in 2017, 67-64, with Benn the only remaining player on the current Eagles roster that faced NNU.

Nazarene's coach Steele is a local product out of Troy High School, played soccer at Concordia and began his coaching career at Brea O'Linda

(Girls basketball), Concordia and Seattle Pacific before taking the head job at NNU in 2016.

NNU, for the first time since 2000, won the regular season conference title and conference championship in 2018 and '19, respectively.

Men: Biola and NNU have played five games in their history, with the Eagles winning the last three. The last game played was December 11, 1998, with the eagles winning a low-scoring affair, 42-41. Only nine Biola players will be able to play in the first game.

Road to 1,000 wins:

With the season finally getting underway Saturday, longtime coach Dave Holmquist is nearing a milestone that only four other NCAA Division I, II or III coaches have achieved: 1,000 career wins.

Holmquist is currently 992-406 overall and will become one of only five NCAA coaches with 1,000 or more career victories.

Holmquist will eventually join longtime Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski in the 1,000 win club, who has the most wins with 1,157 and is still active.

Only one of the other three coaches is active. Herb Magee of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia is second to Krzyzewski with 1,123.



Madi Chang passes the ball during the women's basketball team practice in preparation for their game on Saturday at Biola University in La Mirada. (Photo by Keith Durflinger)

Buying a mobile home: what to know



Most first-time home buyers only consider site-built single-family homes, but have you considered buying a mobile home or manufactured home? Mobile and manufactured homes, while not as popular, have one big advantage: They typically offer more space or amenities for the money.

Today's companies manufacture homes at many price points, with options from economy to high-end. You can even purchase a home that looks as if it had been built on site.

However, buying and financing a mobile or manufactured home is very different from traditional home buying and getting a mortgage. If you are thinking about buying a mobile or manufactured home, here is what you need to know:

Types of mobile homes

Typically, mobile or manufactured homes give you the option of buying either single-wide or double-wide units. Some companies build triple-wide new homes, as well.

Companies manufacture single-wide mobile homes with a narrower frame. Inside, they manufacture rooms that are usually connected to each other rather than separated by hallways.

With a double-wide mobile home, the width is roughly equal to two single-wide units attached to each other, so that the mobile home tends to look more like a stick-built single-family residence.

When you buy a new mobile home, you also must buy or rent real estate where you can place your new home.

According to William Golightly, an associate with Poole Realty Inc. in Live Oak, FL, real estate sales and options to

rent or lease vary by area.

In more rural areas, lenders commonly use "a land-home package" deal. This bundles private real estate with the purchase of your mobile home, so you make monthly payments on one mortgage.

In urban areas, many mobile-home owners rent or lease lots in mobile-home parks.

Financing options

If you decide to finance the cost of your mobile or manufactured home or your land, the rules are a little different from those for financing standard single-family homes.

For a new single-wide mobile home, Golightly says financing is practically impossible through a larger private lender. However, you may be able to find finance through the mobile home sales company or through a credit union.

For double-wide homes, financing rules depend on the type of loan you choose.

For conventional loans, "Quite a few lenders have a self-imposed 15-year-old rule," according to Golightly. This means that you may not

qualify for a conventional loan if you're considering buying a used mobile home that is more than 15 years old.

For government-backed loans, the mobile or manufactured home you are considering must be "original set."

According to Golightly, when you buy a mobile home, it cannot "have been set up somewhere else and then later broken down, moved, and set up again somewhere else."

The lender will also "require a foundational inspection from an engineer to make sure that [the mobile home] was set up to [Housing and Urban Development] specifications."

Costs and insurance

For would-be homeowners who are tired of paying rent, purchasing mobile homes or manufactured homes can seem like an opportunity for home ownership at a price they can afford.

If they can't afford their own lot, they can at least own their own home, while they pay lot rent to a park owner. They can generally afford a newer, more energy-efficient model in a

mobile or manufactured home than any house they might find at a comparable price.

Since it generally costs less to buy a mobile or manufactured home than to buy or build a traditional single-family home, a mobile or manufactured home loan may also come with a lower down payment.

Many conventional loan programs have a minimum down payment of 5 percent, according to Golightly. Some government-backed programs may require even less.

For example, Golightly says, if you live in a rural area, with the "USDA Rural Development program, you could end up with 100% mortgage and have very little out-of-pocket expenses."

However, your interest rate may be higher than other single-family home rates, since many lenders see mobile or manufactured homes as a higher risk.

If you get a mortgage on your mobile home, your lender is likely to require you to carry mobile-home insurance for as long as you have the loan. Similar to traditional homeowner insurance, this insurance protects you, and the mortgage holder, in case of natural disasters, damage from fire or loss from theft.

When you're considering the cost of a mobile or manufactured home, don't forget to factor in depreciation as an expense. Every type of home depreciates over time, but in the past, housing that was priced separately from land did not hold its value well.

Manufacturer standards improved post-1976, however,

and new home buyers should expect the future value of their home investment to depend largely on its location, whether renting or with a home on its own lot, just like other real estate investments.

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Century 21 Peak would like to recognize Lilian as their Top listing Agent for the month of December. To have Lilian help you with any of your real estate needs, call her at (562) 927-2626.

When everything is uncertain, everything that is important becomes clear.

This year, I especially want to thank you for your continued business, referrals and most importantly, your trust. I will miss being able to visit many of you in person this year but look forward to catching up with you soon.

Until then, best wishes to you and yours for a healthy and happy 2021!

DALE JERVIS

To Dale Jervis, the phrase "treating people like family" means simply that you do the best you possibly can to take care of that person.

Dale's own family instilled these values in him, and as a third generation real estate professional, it's something that people have come to expect when they deal with Dale Jervis of Century 21 & Associates.

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OUR CLIENTS

CENTURY 21 Peak would like to Welcome in 2021 by having a "New Year Special". Sign up for our Real Estate School in the month of January and bring in a copy of this ad and you will receive the "New Career Resolution" discount in the form of \$50 Off the regular price.

FEATURED PROPERTY

Condo!!
Property features 2 bedrooms with mirrored closet doors, nice full bath with granite counter and all newer double pane windows. Sliding door, less than 2 years old, connects to beautiful, covered balcony. There is a cozy kitchen with granite countertops and back splash, granite breakfast bar and eating area. Open concept kitchen and comfortable living room. HOA pool and laundry facilities. This is a unique unit with 2 parking spaces and gated parking area. Property sold "As Is" present condition. CALL TODAY!!!

TOP PRODUCERS

TOP LISTING
Lilian Lopez

TOP PRODUCTION
Steve Roberson

TOP SALES
Jim Derry

Will go fast!!!
Beautiful 3 level condo, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with 1,277 sq. ft. It has an open floor plan and been remodeled with newer laminated flooring, newer interior paint, and newer carpet. This unit has interior laundry area on the first level with plenty of storage for convenience. The kitchen, dining area, and living room on the second level is decorated with crown molding and baseboards, all bedrooms on the third floor with walk in closets. CALL TODAY!!!

PRICE REDUCTION
Rare Find!
Over 1 acre (21,621 SQ.FT.) LOT with a home nestled in the middle of your estate or opportunity for developer to build 3 homes on the property. The 2,965 sqft home has 3 beds, 3 baths, open kitchen and a pool. There is so much potential in updating. It is zoned "Farm Animal Allowance" and (2) horses allowed for each 10,000 sqft with proper setbacks. Seller has preliminary approval from city for lot to be split into 3 parcels. CALL TODAY!!!

Great opportunity!!
Beautiful single-story home that features 3 bedrooms and 2 baths on a 2,500 sq. ft. lot. The kitchen has plenty of storage and appliances are included, also open to the family room. There is a fireplace in the family room with granite island. The master bedroom has new flooring, a walk-in closet, and a beautiful bathroom with double sink and custom-made marble flooring. The other rooms have new laminate flooring. This move in ready home has an inside laundry area, 1 car garage attached, and up to 10 car parking spaces. CALL TODAY!!!

Mobile Home!!
Mobile home in the City of Santa Ana. House features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, master bedroom with walk in closet, kitchen with center island, spacious living room. Park features swimming pool, party salon, and much more. Close to schools and shopping. House interior and exterior is in excellent condition. CALL TODAY!!!

PRICE REDUCTION
Investment Opportunity!!!
Great investment opportunity. Zoned R2. Nice area of Boyle heights. Close to Downtown LA. CALL TODAY!!!

Opportunity Knocks!!!
Great cottage style separate units (four - 1 bed, 1 bath) and a rear 3 bed, 1 bath home with a garage. Units are separately metered for power and gas and have their own water heaters. Located close to shopping and public transportation. CALL TODAY!!!

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FOR RENT

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2 bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs
Apartment and 2 carport
\$1,800 a month
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6723 Arbutus, Huntington Park

3 bedrooms, 1 bath home
with living room, dining room,
big backyard and 1 car
garage
\$2,500 month
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IN ESCROW!




Downey Investment!

- 2 homes on a lot
- Front: 2 bedrooms | 1 bath
- Back: 2 bedrooms | 1 bath
- Light fixer

PRICED AT: \$675,000

CALL TO GET A FIRST LOOK!



North Downey!

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Approximately 1,500 sq. ft.
- Large lot
- Close to Rio San Gabriel Elementary and Doty Middle School
- Great location!

THINKING OF BUYING OR SELLING?

Vicki can help!

WHETHER YOU NEED A HOME EVALUATION OR JUST A FEW QUESTIONS ANSWERED, IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE TO HELP!

CONTACT VICKI SPEARMAN
562.367.9520

JUST LISTED!



Downey Classic

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Over 1,700 sq. ft.
- Original hardwood floors

CALL MARIO TODAY FOR MORE INFO!

BIG LOT!



Downey Home!

- 4 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Remodeled kitchen and bath!
- Extra parking for multiple vehicles

PRICED AT: \$799,999

It's official!

Our NEW WEBSITE has been launched!

- Detailed market analysis sent to you in less than 24 min
- Innovative home search features
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IN ESCROW!



3640, 3642 & 3642 1/2 E 52nd, Maywood

- 3 separate units
- 1 unit: 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- 2 units: 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- 2,810sq. ft.

MARIO DID IT AGAIN!

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SOLD!



Closed in 30 days!

- 3,700 sq. ft. home in Downey
- 5 bedrooms
- 5 bathrooms

PRICED AT: \$1,199,999

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★★★★★

"We cannot say enough good things about Marie and Angelo. As a seller, there is no substitute for local knowledge and having contacts to handle most any situation that comes up. Marie and Angelo handled our transaction with professionalism from the initial market analysis to closing. We are very happy clients!"

CHECK OUT

98+ REVIEWS on www.Zillow.com

ANGELO & MARIE PICARELLI

IN ESCROW!



Close to the Beach!

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 + 3/4 bathrooms
- Large updated kitchen
- Living room w/fireplace
- Spacious family room

PRICED AT: \$759,000

PamLeeRealtor@gmail.com

MARIO DID IT AGAIN!

SOLD IN NEARLY 30 CITIES

- ADELANTO
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- CERRITOS
- CLAREMONT
- COMPTON
- FULLERTON
- HUNTINGTON BEACH
- LA HABRA
- LAKE FOREST
- LAKEWOOD
- LONG BEACH
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FOR SALE



2 Homes On A Large Lot

- FRONT HOME: 5 BD, 2 BA, 3,112 sq. ft.
- BACK HOME: 2 BD, 2 BA, 1,152 sq. ft.
- 12,012 sq. ft. lot
- Property built in 1988
- Each unit has a 2 car garage


CALL FOR MORE INFO



A Grand Estate In N. Downey

- 6 Bedrooms | 5 Bathrooms
- 4,480 sq. ft. | 8,617 sq. ft. lot
- Newer remodeled kitchen
- Dual staircases
- Oversized master bedroom & bathroom


LIST PRICE: \$1,495,000



Townhome Near Downey Landing

- 3 bedrooms | 2.5 bathrooms
- 1,506 sq. ft. living room
- New carpet
- Laminate hardwood floors
- Laundry room

LIST PRICE: \$525,000



So Much For So Little

- 4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms
- 2,315 sq. ft. living space
- 6,036 sq. ft. lot
- Remodeled kitchen
- 2 car attached garage

LIST PRICE: \$725,000

SOLD BY THE MICHAEL BERDELIS TEAM

5 STAR REVIEW

★★★★★

"Michael proved to be an exceptional real estate agent with a breadth of technical knowledge, engaging personality, and rich command of the Downey real estate market. He was able to sell our home quickly during the COVID pandemic while reaching a fair market price that reflected the increasing demand for housing in Downey. He was quick to respond, low key in style, and very open to our requests or suggestions. He provided low cost alternatives, e.g. home staging options, as well as suggestions during the negotiation process. In short, we found him to be very professional, straight-forward, and effective."

- Steve W

SOLD!



SOLD FOR \$955,000

- 4 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- 2,445 sq. ft.
- 10,734 sq. ft. lot

SOLD!



SOLD FOR \$651,500

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- 1,324 sq. ft. living space
- 5,480 sq. ft. lot

SOLD!



SOLD FOR \$615,000

- 2 bedroom
- 1 bathrooms
- 5,168 sq. ft. lot
- Guest House

SOLD!



SOLD FOR \$825,000

- 4 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- 2,290 sq. ft.
- 6,953 sq. ft. lot

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