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BACK TO SCHOOL

Downey students in grades TK-5 can return to campus this month

■ The Downey school board settles on a March 29 date when students can return to in-person learning.

Schools closed on March 16 last year. Originally, the closure was announced to be for two weeks.

The good news is they have them in hand."

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Wayne Shannon added that the district is prioritizing shots for elementary staff.

There is some financial motivation to reopen.

Senate Bill 86 offers grant incentives for schools to meet certain reopening standards by April 1. However, every day thereafter there would be a reduction in funding.

Still, Brossmer said that the district's main priority is safety.

"We know our major priority is safety, and then funding will just come along with that," said Brossmer. "We're going to do what's in the best interest of our families, and hopefully the funding will align with those priorities."

It is expected that SB 86 will be signed by the end of the week.

Secondary schools are not currently eligible to reopen and will not be so until the county reaches the red tier.

There remain some concerns over the vaccination of teachers, many of whom wrote to the District asking that schools not reopen until they could be vaccinated. Although vaccination of teachers and staff is not a prerequisite for providing in-person instruction, the California Department of Public Health strongly recommends that all persons eligible to receive the vaccine do so at the first opportunity.

According to staff's report, there are at least 600 shots currently designated for DUSD, which will go through the MPOD at PIH Health in Whittier.

"The good news is they're in-hand, we're just waiting for specific directions now to move forward," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Roger Brossmer.

"We're hoping it's as soon as possible, but again, it's hard to give shots that you don't have.

By Alex Dominguez
 Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Nearly a full year since closing, Downey Unified Board of Education approved a March 29 return-to-campus date for early childhood and TK-5 grade students.

Parents with students in the aforementioned grade levels will have the option of either sending their children back to classes in a hybrid-model format or keep with full-distance learning.

According to data shared with the school board by DUSD staff, the most recent parent survey resulted in 55% of parents opting for in-person hybrid and 45% for full-distance, taken from an 83.2% return rate.

School schedules can be expected around March 15, with teachers returning to their classrooms on March 25 and 26.



Elementary school students can return to campus starting March 29. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 65°

ON THIS DAY MARCH 4

- 1519:** Hernán Cortés arrived in Mexico in search of the Aztec civilization and its wealth.
- 1681:** England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.
- 1797:** John Adams is inaugurated as the second president of the United States.
- 1789:** The Constitution went into effect as the first Congress met in New York City.
- 1913:** Woodrow Wilson was sworn as the 28th president of the United States.
- 1917:** Republican Jeanette Rankin of Montana took her seat as the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1933:** Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as the 32nd president, pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression.

Senator names Downey nurse Woman of the Year

■ Stephanie Jones was instrumental in minimizing Covid-19 exposure at PIH Hospital in Downey.

At PIH Downey, Jones was instrumental in developing hospital protocol minimizing both patient and hospital staff exposure to Covid-19.

equipment use, enhanced patient care protocols, collaborated with nursing leaders to open additional Covid-19 units, served on the proning team (process relieving pressure on the lungs) in the Intensive Care Unit, and provided emotional support to staff and patients alike.

Her all-hands-on-deck approach to the pandemic guided employees as they shifted to new roles of patient care to meet the growing staffing needs.

Jones, whose two sisters are nurses at PIH Health, has shown compassion, with a heightened awareness, for the emotional well-being of patients and team

members, and has worked with key stakeholders to provide solutions to staffing, equipment and space challenges.

"We are delighted that Stephanie was named 32nd Senate District Woman of the Year," said PIH Health President and CEO James West.

"Her dedication to our community is unwavering and she is an exemplary nurse modeling dedication and compassionate care. She has been a leader at PIH Health Downey Hospital for the past 20 years and has been a key player in our efforts to manage the pandemic."



Stephanie Jones

Her 35 years of experience as a nurse and leader were cited as being vital during the pandemic.

"I am truly honored to be selected as 32nd Senate District Woman of the Year," Jones said. "As an RN, I have always been passionate about caring for our community. The Covid-19 pandemic presented unprecedented challenges and it has been a privilege to be part of a team leading efforts to help create innovative ways of providing excellent patient care."

In the past year, Jones has served as the Operations Section Chief on the PIH Health Downey Hospital Command Center team. In this role, she developed processes for personal protective

DOWNEY - Stephanie Jones, a nurse at PIH Health Hospital in Downey, has been named 2021's Woman of the Year by state Sen. Bob Archuleta.

Jones was selected from a group of nominees who have served the 32nd Senate District during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This year's Woman of the Year, Stephanie Jones, in her capacity as clinical director of both the surgery and sterile processing departments at PIH Health Hospital in Downey, has been an inspiration to staff, guiding them as, together, they face the day-to-day challenges of treating patients during this unparalleled public health crisis," Archuleta said.

Warren High hosts Red Cross blood drive

DOWNEY - A blood drive was held at Warren on Wednesday, with the goal of collecting 150 units of blood for the Red Cross of America.

Both students and members of the public participated.

"We do a lot with the Red Cross, and Warren High School has always been kind of a national leader in school-based blood donor sites," said ASB Director Jay Waldron.

For safety precautions, donors had their temperature checked and were required to wear a mask. The scale of the drive was also cut back, with social distance and a limited number of individuals in the donation area maintained.

This comes at a time where The American Red Cross is experiencing a shortage in its blood supply.

"We had a very difficult 2020," said Robert Torrez, Senior Field Manager for the Red Cross. "We're trying to collect blood to



build the blood supply that we don't have."

Torrez said that every pint of blood donated could save three lives.

Waldron described the effort as "very gratifying."

"When the need is highest,

we like to think that Warren can rise to the occasion and help out," said Waldron.

"Our kids are really going out of their way to come and give, so it's very gratifying, for sure."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Su Casa shelter awarded \$60K grant

LONG BEACH - The John Gogian Family Foundation has announced that they have awarded a \$60,000 grant to Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence.

The grant is being provided to Su Casa to fund general operating expenses.

The Gogian Foundation has been a strong partner to non-profits during the pandemic. They have provided a regular resource guide and have personally checked in with the non-profit partners regularly during the past year. Their grant making process has been streamlined to enable nonprofits to access the support of the John Gogian Family Foundation more effectively.

Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence has been providing domestic violence crisis and prevention services for Long Beach and other surrounding communities for over 40 years. The organization will receive over 3,600 requests for services during the upcoming year including crisis hotline calls, emergency shelter residence or counseling directed toward healing the effects of domestic violence.

According to Anna Conti, Su Casa's executive director, "Many grants we are awarded are directed toward specific program expenses. This grant can be utilized for our core operating services which could include providing targeted training for our shelter staff and even emergency repairs to buildings or appliances to keep our shelters safe and running smoothly."

For more information about Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence's programs and services, please contact the administrative offices at 562-421-6537. Su Casa's website can be found at www.sucasadv.org

Birthdays

"Everybody Loves Raymond" actress **Patricia Heaton** (63), boxing hall of famer **Ray Mancini** (60), reggaeton singer **Ivy Queen** (49), writer and social activist **Chaz Bono** (52), and basketball player **Draymond Green** (31).

Deaths

"Beverly Hills, 90210" star **Luke Perry** died two years ago at age 52 of a stroke. Actor and comedian **John Candy** died in 1994 of a presumed heart attack. He was 43. College basketball player **Hank Gathers** died in 1990 after collapsing on the court. He was 23.

Tweet of the Week

From a distance, but together at heart. Thank you to our supporters who helped make our first ever virtual 5K a success! We hope the nearly 1000 participants had a great time! Because of you, we were able to raise over 40K for our Downey USD -TLC Center @DowneyTLC

Things You Didn't Know About Downey: Rancho Santa Gertrudes

■ Early settlers dealt with floods, droughts and other weather calamities that shaped the region's growth.

By **Bobbi Bruce**
Downey Historical Society

The history of Downey dates back to the days of the Spanish dominion when California was divided into ranchos and grants from the king of Spain.

Rancho Santa Gertrudes, the second grant, came through the California governor, Pedro Fages, in 1784 to Don Manuel Nieto, and encompassed all the land between the San Gabriel and Santa Ana rivers, and from the ocean to the hills on the north. In 1833, the land, containing 300,000 acres, was divided into five great ranches, and the part known as Rancho Santa Gertrudes went to Antonio Maria Nieto.

"With his cattle he went into possession of a small part of his vast acreage. He built a new house in 1790," said Allan L. Rhodes, who interviewed the widow of Manuel Nieto's

grandson. "It was an adobe hut about 20 feet square and it stood about a quarter of a mile south of what came to be known as Carpenter's Lane, and immediately west of Bernardino Guirardo's place." Both homes were west of the Old Los Nietos, the town settled by Don Nieto's retainer Indian servants.

Manuel Nieto died in January of 1804 but his adobe house stood until washed away by the floods that came raging through the vineyards and corn fields in 1868. The family of Lemuel Carpenter owned and occupied the house at the time of its destruction.

Of importance to the Nieto Valley since its initial day was the weather consideration. Neither the padres nor the dons have left any records of rainfall in early California. The first rainfall of record is from the winters of 1771 and 1772, when the Old San Gabriel River overflowed its banks, destroying the first crop planted by the San Gabriel Mission.

In 1810-11, another flood changed the course of the Los

Angeles River, leaving the cultivated fields on the eastern instead of the western side of the river.

In 1832, the San Gabriel River cut the channel deeper, thereby draining the land around Compton and the northeastern part of the San Pedro Ranch, in so much that many of the cottonwood and willow trees died and numbers of small lakes dried after a year or two.

In 1852, warm rains throughout January and February melted the heavy snow in the mountains, filling the creeks and riverbeds.

In 1859, a terrific southeaster brought 12 inches of rain in 48 hours and did great damage to mining machinery in California. The preceding season had been dry and food for cattle was scarce, and thousands of half-starved animals died during the rainy seasons.

In 1861-62, parts of California received 50 inches of rainfall. Los Angeles County suffered little loss of property because the rivers spread so

slowly that stock in the valley could be moved to higher ground.

Two years of flooding at the beginning of the 1860s were followed by two more perilous years. Smallpox epidemics which had begun in 1862 continued unabated until the following March but not until it had almost wiped out the Indian population.

Then tension due to the Civil War was felt. On Nov. 7, J.J. Warner of Los Angeles began enrollment of citizens for the draft.

More on 1862

During the season of 1862-63, the rainfall did not exceed four inches in Los Angeles and 1863-64 gave only a trace; light showers fell in November but not enough to start vegetation. No more rain fell until March, which was of little benefit. All food had been exhausted on the ranges and cattle were continually dying of starvation.

It was a pitiful sight to see the cattle, sheep and horses no longer able to search for food. The ground was littered

with their skeletons in marshy places and around cienegas, where the last vestige of green was to be found. The cattle industry, upon which so many people depended, was almost obliterated. Thousands of cattle and horses were rounded up and forced over the cliffs into the ocean between San Pedro and Playa Del Rey.

1864 was ushered in with a depression of currency resulting in hard times. The total assessed valuation of Los Angeles County was \$2 million, and not one cent was collected within the city boundaries. Summertime brought a greater scarcity of water; land prices dropped and crime and theft increased. While Los Angeles was not under military law at this time, it was dominated by military forces which were used when needed.

In 1865, 4,000 acres of the Dominguez Ranch were sold to Temple and Gibson for 35 cents an acre. G.E. Compton paid Temple and Gibson \$5 an acre for the land on which he founded a Methodist colony upon which liquor was prohibited. This was the first



Pedro Fages, governor of early California, granted Rancho Santa Gertrudes in 1784.

dry community in Los Angeles County. This area later became the city of Compton.

The same year, Don Vicente Lugo was forced to sell most of his estate, which was part of the San Antonio Grant. This story will be continued in a future edition.

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CDBG & HOME Community Meetings

The City of Downey has scheduled three (3) community meetings for review of the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 federal CDBG and HOME Programs. These meetings provide information on both the CDBG & HOME programs, and discuss the community's needs. The meetings also allow an opportunity for community members and service providers to offer input regarding the annual development process of the Action Plan, by commenting on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities, and allows for the proposal of uses for both of these funding sources.

The City estimates that in Fiscal Year 2021-22 it will receive up to \$1,061,762 in CDBG and \$444,086 in HOME funds. You are invited to join staff at any of the scheduled virtual community meetings below:

Thursday, March 11th at 11 am
ZOOM Meeting ID: 990 5479 1676, Passcode: 792956

Wednesday, March 24th at 6 pm
ZOOM Meeting ID: 997 9739 2647, Passcode: 864995

Saturday, April 3rd at 10 am
ZOOM Meeting ID: 995 7593 9140, Passcode: 641926

Call-in Number for All Meetings (Audio Only): (888) 788-0099
Use Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode as Provided Above for Each Meeting Date

For additional information, or to arrange special accommodations for this meeting, please contact Jessica Flores at (562) 904-7161 or via e-mail at jflores@downeyca.org

CDBG & HOME Community Meeting

La Ciudad De Downey a programado tres (3) juntas comunitarias acerca de los programas creados con recursos federales llamados CDBG y HOME para el proximo año fiscal 2021-22. Estas juntas proporcionan informacion acerca de CDBG y HOME, y se dialoga sobre las necesidades en la comunidad relevante a estos programas. Durante la junta se dara una oportunidad para que miembros de la comunidad y los proveedores de servicios, den su punto de vista sobre el proceso anual del Plan de Accion asociado con estos dos programas, y sobre las necesidades comunitarias en temas de: vivienda, desarrollo de las prioridades de los programas y el uso propuesto para utilizar los fondos de estos programas. La Ciudad estima que recibira \$1,061,762 en recursos CDBG y \$444,086 en recursos de HOME el año fiscal 2021-22. Está invitado a unirse al personal de la ciudad, en cualquiera de las reuniones virtuales programadas a continuación:

Jueves, Marzo 11 a las 11 am
Numero de ID de Reunion ZOOM: 990 5479 1676, Contraseña: 792956

Miercoles, Marzo 24 a las 6 pm
Numero de ID de Reunion ZOOM : 997 9739 2647, Contraseña : 864995

Sabado, Abril 3 a las 10 am
Numero de ID de Reunion ZOOM : 995 7593 9140, Contraseña: 641926

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Para informacion adicional, o para hacer arreglos especiales para esta reunión, por favor contacte a Jessica Flores al (562) 904-7161 o por e-mail a jflores@downeyca.org

Downey Meals on Wheels shuts down

■ After 47 years, declining clientele made the meal delivery service no longer viable, officials said.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – After over 47 years of service, Downey’s Meals on Wheels made its last deliveries last Friday.

According to Carrie Ridley, who served as the office manager, Meals on Wheels has served thousands of clients who have found themselves in need since its start in 1974.

The operation was largely kept going by donations and the work of volunteers.

Unfortunately, in recent years the organization has struggled to maintain a consistent flow of the clientele that it needed to make ends meet.

“From the beginning of this particular chapter of Downey Meals on Wheels, we specified that we needed to have 40 clients per day in order to just pay our bills and be able to break even,” said Ridley. “We’ve not had that for many years. We’ve been coming out of our savings, and it’s been depleting.”

Volunteers and clients alike are sad to see the program go.

“The reaction has been, I guess you could say, quite sad,” said Ridley. “Prior to Covid, we used to go into their homes and sit down and chat with them for a minute or two. That was something I thoroughly enjoyed.”

“They just really loved seeing the volunteers and we always tried to have a big old smile on our face. It’s something they count on...They enjoy the food. They need the food. They like the food, and they like us as

well. We’ve made many friends through the years. It’s not just about the food, not for us.”

Ridley says it “has been an honor to have been able to serve the community,” while encouraging others to lend a helping hand where they can.

“I would like to encourage everyone in every neighborhood to notice their neighbors...Spend some time with them. Let them talk and you will be surprised at what you will learn,” said Ridley. Maybe if you were going to be washing your car on Saturday maybe you could offer to wash theirs as well. You could bring in their trash or pick up their newspapers or water their grass. Maybe they need something from the store.”

“If we all took the time to give the gift of time, think about how much better you will feel and the lessons you will teach your children.”



Meals on Wheels volunteers gather to say goodbye. The organization closed last week. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022 School Year

Entrance age – 5 years on or before September 1, 2021
Child must have been born on or before September 1, 2016
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City of Downey

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 <https://www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance>

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Report: 91.6% of Downey workers commute with a car

■ More Downey residents drive to work compared to the rest of the country.

DOWNEY - In Downey, 91.6% of workers drive to work, spending an average of 5.3 hours of commute time per week, according to the results of a nationwide study released Monday.

In total, there are 0.79 vehicles per person in Downey, compared to the national average of 0.85.

The American car culture is slowly shifting. Vehicle sales have been declining for years, and fewer workers are commuting by car. More recently, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic caused auto sales to crash temporarily.

But even as the industry has rebounded, the long-term effects on the auto industry remain

uncertain. With millions of Americans working from home, fewer people are commuting, but fewer people also want to take public transportation.

According to the most recent data from the Census Bureau, there are 0.85 passenger vehicles per person aged 16 and over (slightly less than one vehicle per person), but in certain car-dependent areas, this number remains higher.

While the overwhelming majority of workers commute by car, the share of car commuters has fallen over the last decade to stand at 84.8 percent in 2019. Over the same time period, the share of workers who commute by other modes of transportation—including public transit, walking, and biking—has stayed relatively constant.

However, the share of workers who work from home has

increased, going from 4.3 percent in 2010 to 5.7 percent in 2019. This figure is likely to increase substantially in 2020 and 2021 as a result of the pandemic.

Alongside declining rates of car commuting, vehicle sales in the U.S. have also been trending downwards since around 2016 as Americans drive less. Experts attribute the decline in driving to a variety of factors, including the fact that young people are delaying getting their driver's licenses and using them less, the increase in working from home, and the rise in online shopping. Even after the pandemic is over, many Americans are likely to continue working from home at least part of the time, which will affect overall car usage and likely future vehicle sales.

Car dependency varies significantly across the U.S. depending on such factors as the availability of public

transportation, the time it takes to commute by car, and the cost of car ownership. Due in large part to its substantial rural population and lack of public transit, the Great Plains states report more cars per capita than the rest of the country. Wyoming and North Dakota have the greatest number of vehicles per person, at 1.12 and 1.09, respectively. The states with the fewest vehicles per driving-age resident, New York (0.59) and Massachusetts (0.76), have large, dense urban populations and well-developed alternative modes of transportation.

To determine the cities with the most and fewest cars, researchers at CoPilot analyzed the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Cities were ranked according to the number of vehicles per person aged 16 and over. Researchers also calculated the aggregate number of vehicles, the population aged 16 years and over, median household income, the percentage of workers who drive to work, and the mean commute time (hours per week).

To improve relevance, only cities with at least 100,000 people were included in the analysis. Additionally, cities were grouped into the following cohorts based on population size:

- Small cities: 100,000–149,999
- Midsize cities: 150,000–349,999
- Large cities: 350,000 or more

The analysis found that in Downey, 91.6% of workers drive to work, spending an average of 5.3 hours of commute time per week. In total, there are 0.79 vehicles per person in Downey, compared to the national average of 0.85.

Here is a summary of the data for Downey:

- Number of vehicles per person aged 16 and over:** 0.79
- Aggregate number of vehicles:** 70,349
- Population aged 16 years and over:** 89,027
- Median household income:** \$74,590

Percentage of workers who drive to work: 91.6%

Mean commute time (hours per week): 5.3

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

Number of vehicles per person aged 16 and over: 0.85

Aggregate number of vehicles: 224,452,900

Population aged 16 years and over: 263,534,161

Median household income: \$65,712

Percentage of workers who drive to work: 84.8%

Mean commute time (hours per week): 4.6

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on CoPilot's website.



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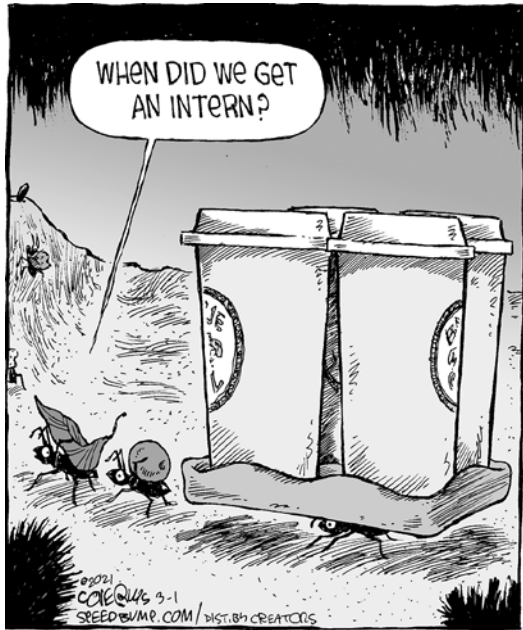
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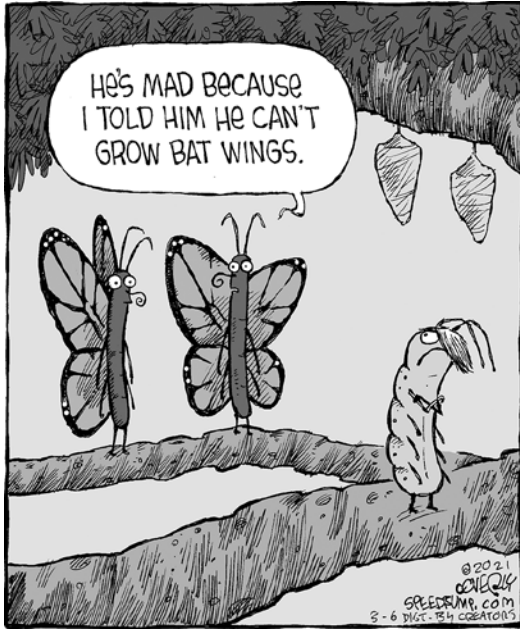
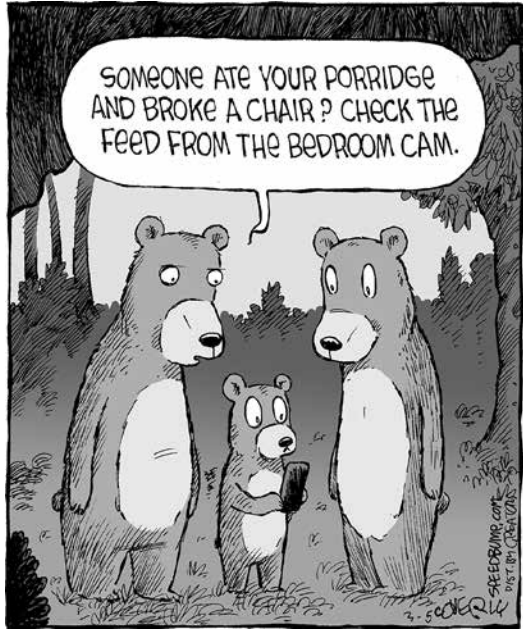
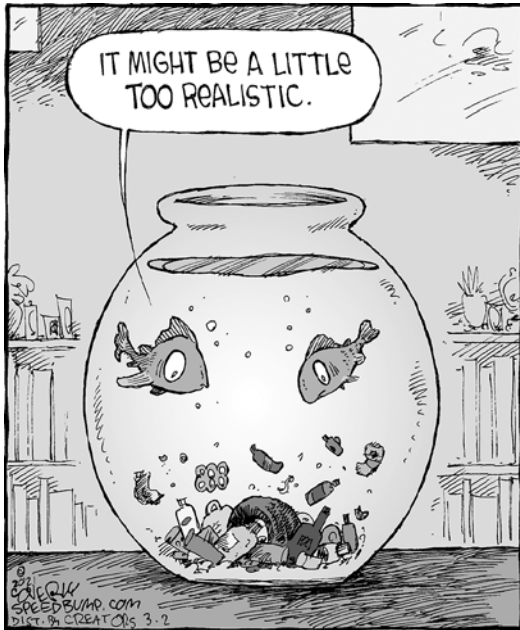


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Downey Community Calendar

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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: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Sroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, will resume meeting online in January, call 562-500-5093.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
 1st 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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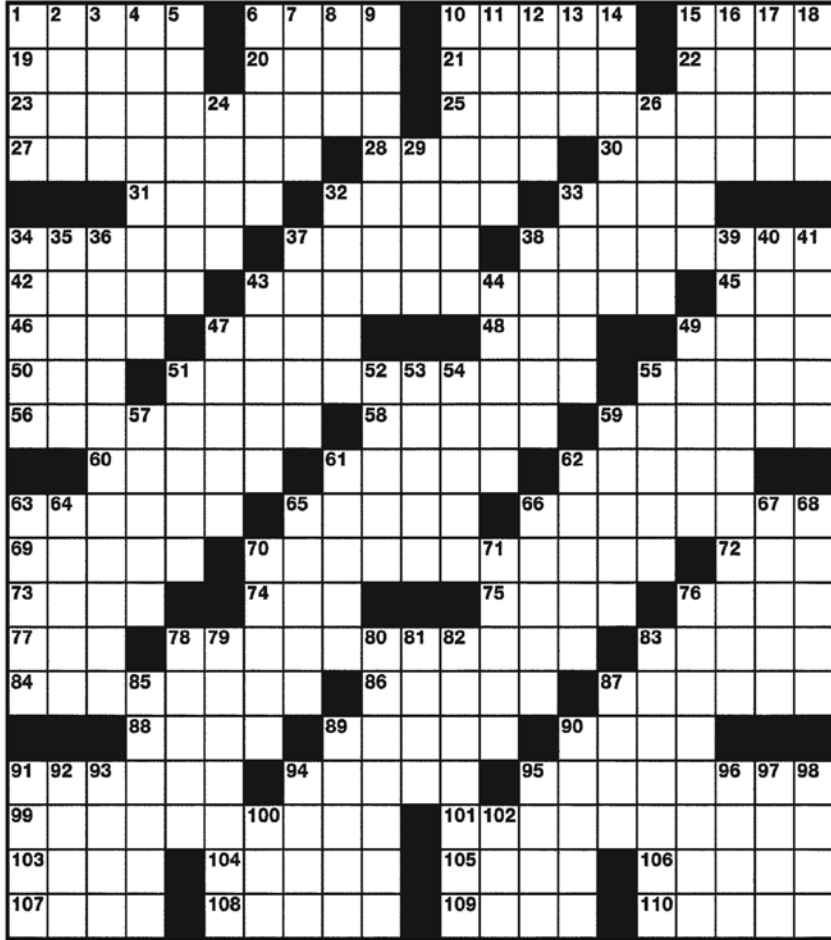
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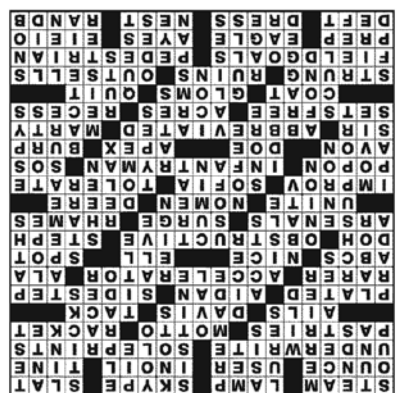


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Before and after my first love

By Mario Amado Castañeda

As I start my story, I'm remembering how life is filled with precious moments. I wonder about my lost love and if she still remembers me. It was a brief encounter the day we met but it always stuck in my mind.

Memories are special moments we hold dearly inside our hearts. In the puzzle of my life, I carried many memories but the memory of the first time I fell in love is what I have thought about the most. I was around five years old when my heart skipped a beat the first time I saw her. I did not know her name but I thought she was the prettiest little girl I ever saw.

I couldn't put into words at the time and I never told anyone, not even my beloved wife Rosa, because they would probably say it was not true or that I made it all up. I was sitting on this story for a very long time.

My story begins early on a weekend in the late 70s. I heard all of my mother's pots and pans going full blast inside the kitchen. I went to investigate what was going on. I know I was probably bugging her and being a small little brat and she was doing her best to keep me alive.

We were having a surprise visit by my uncle Manuel Duran from Kansas City. He reminded me of a Mexican version of Abraham Lincoln but without the beard and wearing a baseball cap. He belonged to a traveling baseball team and they were coming to our city to play.

My uncle requested a home cooked meal because he was tired of eating out all the time. So my mother made us a quick delicious breakfast to start the day. We were sitting inside the breakfast nook when I overheard my mother strongly persuading my father to take me along to the park so she could have some peace.

My father was driving an old broken down 1953 Chevy truck which made a funny noise when it started. We were going to East L.A. I was trying my best to keep myself out of trouble by pretending I was driving the vehicle and looking outside the window.

We traveled over two long streets. One was nice and smooth, it was called Miles.

The other one was bumpy, very bumpy, and it was called Soto Street. As we drove along, we passed my favorite building. You could smell this building long before you saw it. And, if you love pigs painted on the wall, then you must love Farmer John's.

We parked and started walking to Fresno Park. It was located in between two freeways, the 10 and the 60. On that day, the baseball field was covered with a mist of early morning dew. When we were walking through the field, my father was holding my hand tightly. I was looking down at our feet. The mist twirled around us and I felt like we were walking through clouds.

The baseball game was going to start. My father was very glad to see my uncle play again. I wish I understood the game better but I was too young to understand. Near the baseball field was a playground. I was watching the children running around and having a marvelous time playing together. I decided to enjoy their company and leave my father for a short time.

When I got to the playground, right in front of me was this pretty little *huera* playing in the sandbox all by herself. I felt a little timid but captivated by her beauty. If she only knew how much I loved her. I would have held back the sunset that day so it would never end.

She was so cute with her ponytail all messed up and her rosy cheeks that reminded me of candy. Then slowly I saw her honey brown eyes. I was falling in love for the first time.

Cautiously, I got closer to

her. I know I said something to her but I can't remember what. She was very busy building something out of sand. Maybe she needs help, I thought to myself.

I got on my knees and crawled up to her carrying a scoop of sand in my hands. It fell close to her. My little angel got scared and she ran away from me. Obviously I had not perfected my Rico Suave moves yet.

I chased her to say I was sorry if I scared her. Then something unexpected happened. Her older sister came along and pushed me out of the way. I fell back to earth again. The play date ended with my little angel.

I ran back to my father fearing I would be scolded for leaving but he hadn't noticed I was gone. When we returned home with my uncle, my dearest mother gave me a startled look. "What happened to him?" she asked. I was dirty from head to toe with sand caught inside my ear and I think I was missing a shoe.

I was doing my best for a little boy to tell her what happened but she would not listen to me. With the voice of authority, my mother told me in Spanish, "Take a bath right now, young man." So I did.

Sooner or later everybody has to grow up and leave their childhood fantasies behind, including me. Even though I never saw that little angel again, I always thought about her throughout my life.

Thirty-five years later, I started to fall in love again with this beautiful woman. The day came to marry my dear beloved

Rosa. It was a beautiful cloudy day with patches of blue sky peeking out from the heavens. It sprinkled just enough to barely wet the grass.

Early one Sunday morning, a couple of weeks after the wedding, I woke up to the smell of breakfast in the air. I heard Rosa's voice coming from the kitchen: "first come, first served. You snooze, you lose." I quickly made the bed and made it to the kitchen.

The two of us finished washing the dishes as husband and wife. We started walking to the living room and sat on our comfy couch. The both of us felt a little nostalgic and we started sharing childhood memories. Rosa started telling me many

things and about a little boy who came up to her one early morning in the park and bugged her to death. A look of disbelief came over my face as I was hearing her story.

I stepped back for a few minutes just to pull myself together. My little angel came back to me, I thought.

My wife gave me a weird look when I interrupted her. When I was able to tell her the rest of her story, we both realized we were those two young children in the park.

We hugged each other in total disbelief. Then we heard an unexpected tapping on the window. It sounded like somebody was throwing rice on the glass. It was hailing. We

went outside to see what was going on. It was beginning to rain.

The weather had changed very quickly. The clouds started to move away and the sun illuminated the rain, creating tiny little sun drops that fell on the top of our heads. The rain did not bother us. All we could do was smile at each other.

Did we meet accidentally as children or was it fate? I really do not know what tomorrow will bring for Rosa and me. I am not very religious but I thank God for all his infinite wisdom and perfect timing. Amen.

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Boy Scouts resume meetings

DOWNEY – Boy Scout Troop 351 will meet again March 11 at 7 pm at the shelter in Furman Park.

The boys will continue to work on the Archery Merit Badge in preparation for the outing to the archery range later this month.

All meetings are Los Angeles County Covid-19 policy compliant. For more information, text Kelly Holt at (562) 500-5110 or Fred Becerra (562) 230-7682.

Knott's Berry Farm hiring 1,700 workers

BUENA PARK – Knott's Berry Farm announced plans Monday to hire approximately 1,700 associates for the 2021 season.

As part of its ramp-up to reopening, Knott's Berry Farm will be hosting a virtual National Hiring Day event on Saturday, March 13. Candidates can register online at <https://bit.ly/2YXOGJF>.

Job opportunities are available in all park operating areas, including food and beverage associates, cooks, ride operators, merchandise, lifeguards, housekeeping, parks services, and more.

The virtual hiring day will offer information about available jobs and individual interviews with hiring teams. The park is also offering contact-free onboarding and virtual orientation to help hires prepare to start work.

Knott's Berry Farm offers flexible schedules and many perks for its associates, including discounts, reward and recognition programs, and exclusive events.

2022 Rose Parade is on, officials say

PASADENA – The 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade is officially a go, organizers announced Wednesday.

The parade will feature the same theme as 2021 -- "Dream. Believe. Achieve." This year's parade was canceled due to the global pandemic.

"As we move forward with our plans to bring hope and optimism to the world, public health and safety remain our top priority," said Bob Miller, president of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association.

"The evolving nature of the pandemic requires flexibility, ongoing adjustments and mitigation measures to be incorporated into our planned activities."

Repairs approved for Cerritos Swim Center

CERRITOS – The Cerritos City Council recently approved several contracts for repairs and upgrades to the Cerritos Olympic Swim Center.

The City Council authorized \$60,000 for the temporary repair of the existing boiler. The work is set to begin in March and be completed in April.

California Commercial Pools of Glendora was awarded a \$288,250 contract to remove existing plaster and re-plaster the facility. The work is estimated to start in March and end in May.

California Waters Development, Inc. of Yorba Linda was awarded a \$575,009 contract to fabricate and install new bulkheads. Fabrication of the bulkheads is scheduled to begin in April and the installation is expected to take place in July.

A portion of the funds for the repairs will be appropriated from a 2017 grant from the Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office for improvements to recreational facilities.

Cerritos lights sculpture garden for Covid-19 victims

CERRITOS – Cerritos has added 45 blue lights to the Cerritos Sculpture Garden in honor of each Cerritos resident who has died from Covid-19.

Cerritos Mayor Naresh Solanki said: "My City Council colleagues and I wish to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Cerritos residents who have passed away from Covid-19. We share in their grief and wish to offer them some comfort with the blue Cerritos Sculpture Garden lights honoring the memory of their loved ones."

The Cerritos Sculpture Garden is located near the Cerritos Sheriff's Station in the Cerritos Civic Center (at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street). The memorial lights will be illuminated daily from sunset to sunrise. Additional lights will be added as needed in memory of each Cerritos resident who has died from COVID-19.

Mayor Solanki said, "I would like to invite members of our community to visit the Cerritos Sculpture Garden to remember and honor those we have lost due to the pandemic."

POETRY MATTERS

Autobiography

I once started out to walk around the world but ended up in Brooklyn. That Bridge was too much for me.

I have engaged in silence exile and cunning.

I flew too near the sun and my wax wings fell off.

I am looking for my Old Man whom I never knew.

I am looking for the Lost Leader with whom I flew.

Young men should be explorers. Home is where one starts from.

But Mother never told me there'd be scenes like this.

Womb-weary I rest

I have travelled.

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, A Coney Island of the Mind, New Directions, 1958

Ferlinghetti played a key role in the San Francisco literary renaissance of the 1950s and the Beat Movement. He opened City Lights Booksellers and Publishers as a "Literary Meeting Place," where writers and readers could congregate to share ideas about poetry, fiction, politics, and the arts.

When he published Allen Ginsberg's groundbreaking Howl and Other Poems, Ferlinghetti was arrested on obscenity charges, and his acquittal was a victory for First Amendment rights. Ferlinghetti believed that art should be accessible to all people.

He died on Monday at his home in San Francisco, still writing. "Poetry is the shortest distance between two humans," he said. He was 101.

Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks



Command Master Chief Alfredo Alonso, from Lakewood, holds the "Homeward Bound" pennant on the deck of the guided-missile destroyer USS Sterett. Sterett, a part of Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, is currently conducting routine operations in U.S. Third Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Drace Wilson)

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Rancho's Wellness Center continues to serve the community – virtually

■ Rancho's support groups have continued to meet during the pandemic with help from technology.

By Philip S. Requejo, PhD

DOWNEY – While we cannot replace the value of face-to-face interactions, we can find new ways to stay connected.

Especially during these times, simple acts of kindness like a smile, a phone call, or offering praise reminds us that we are on this journey together. We can still reach out to others with love. We can take this opportunity to reconnect with friends, start a new hobby, or return to activities that brought us joy in the past.

At a time when protecting our physical health requires extended periods of isolation, we need to be mindful of our mental health: it is crucial to continue to engage in social and work activities to stay connected with others. Fortunately, remote video calling technologies (e.g., FaceTime, Zoom) are available for us to keep connected.

Despite closed gyms and other wellness service spaces, there are many other ways to remain active. To assist, the Don Knabe Wellness Center at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has created a virtual wellness center to provide access to classes and support groups.

Established in 2011 with support from LA CARE, the Don Knabe Wellness Center has provided comprehensive educational and fitness level programs, including peer support groups for individuals with disability, their families, community, and staff.

The Don Knabe Wellness Center closed its physical location on March 13, 2020 amid

the COVID-19 pandemic.

Closure of the physical location did not stop the innovative and creative staff in providing services to our community. Immediately, our service offerings pivoted to a virtual wellness paradigm.

Immediate development of a virtual wellness infrastructure was started. Support groups for many of Rancho's former patients were the first to transition to a virtual space.

Robert Rohan, Peer Mentor Supervisor II, enthusiastically took on the challenge of developing a system to provide virtual support groups via Zoom. He coordinated with the different Peer Mentor support group facilitators to determine potential participants and a system to help them adapt to using Zoom, attending and facilitating the groups.

Keeping in mind that many of the peer mentor facilitators and participants are recovering from a stroke or acquired brain injury and may have limited experience and access to technology. Robert never waived from his resolve that we could make it happen.

At the inception of the Rancho Virtual Wellness, we offer the following Virtual Support Groups: Covid Recovery, Adult Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke, Aphasia, Women's, Driving, and Epilepsy. The majority of our support groups are offered in both English and Spanish and are free to our Downey community.

The pivot to an all-virtual platform was not an easy task. Spencer Toledo, employee of Rancho Research Institute which operates the Don Knabe Wellness Center, took the primary role in the development of the website and Zoom customization to fit the virtual services and program's specific needs.

He has been an integral part of the institute's movement towards creating a more robust digital platform for research and program services. His major contribution has been in designing and streamlining the Don Knabe Wellness Center's web presence to optimize the utilization of virtual services for members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Spencer continues to explore new avenues for broadening the Wellness Center's digital reach with the goal of providing the best possible wellness experience for the Rancho and Downey community.

Highlighting how the Rancho Virtual Wellness Center is continually serving our community, we spoke to a member, 37-year-old Downey residence, Joeven Finnell.

Joeven has been through so much uncertainty and has had housing, food, and healthcare access insecurities throughout his life. Fortunately, he was reunited with his foster parent, Al. Al was able to secure healthcare access for Joeven at Rancho, where Joeven began receiving therapies.

Just before the pandemic, Joeven signed up for the Don Knabe Wellness Center membership. When the Wellness Center closed, his primary physical therapist, Tobin, reached out to the Wellness Center Program Director, Sonja Sonja Kiseljak Dusenbury. This is when Joeven started the virtual personal sessions with a Wellness Rehabilitation Technician, Cindy Gutierrez.

Because of the generous support from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation, as a Downey resident, Joeven qualified for a scholarship which covered his virtual personal sessions.

Joeven described the impact



Rancho's stroke support group meets on Zoom. (Courtesy photo)

of the virtual sessions on his life as "exciting" and "kind of like having a personal trainer at a gym." He felt that exercising with Cindy gave him the ability to walk through the exercises step by step and helped him not to focus on the pandemic.

His foster parent Al reflected that if it were not for the virtual sessions, Joeven would have been much further behind in his recovery. Al added that Cindy was able to provide comfort to Joeven, to increase his confidence to become more independent with his activities. "This has been a blessing," he added at the end.

Cindy Gutierrez has been a long-time Don Knabe Wellness Center employee who showed flexibility and grace during the

transition from in-person to virtual services – continuing the wellness sessions with clients via Zoom calls while also taking up a heavily involved role as a research assistant in a recently launched pilot study focused on women's mental health and quality of life.

She has also taken over multiple Virtual Support Groups and is part of a small team assembling face shields that are distributed to medical care workers throughout the Los Angeles county.

Director Sonja Kiseljak Dusenbury shares that "It has always been a goal to have virtual space for wellness offerings and this pandemic event made this a possibility." The Rancho Virtual

Wellness services are growing, and we plan to continue those services even after we re-open the physical location for in-person services.

Currently we are offering scholarships to Downey residents and persons with Spinal Cord Injury for our Virtual Wellness Services.

To learn how to sign up and access the Rancho Virtual Wellness, please visit our website www.RLAFit.com, email rlawellness@dhs.lacounty.gov, call (562) 385-6600, or text (562) 396-5538.

Philip S. Requejo is chief executive officer of the Rancho Research Institute.

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Biola men's basketball coach Dave Holmquist reaches 1,000 wins

■ After last week's win, Holmquist becomes the fifth winningest coach in college basketball among active coaches.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

LA MIRADA – One thousand college basketball coaching victories. Let that soak in for a moment – 1,000 wins.

Biola University Men's Basketball coach Dave Holmquist won his first college game January 6, 1976, as he guided Fresno Pacific to a 96-38 win over West Coast Christian.

Forty-five years later, Holmquist has become only the fifth college men's coach in the history of the game to reach the

milestone 1,000 win plateau.

He guided his Biola Eagles team to a 73-51 PacWest victory over host Concordia University Saturday February 27.

Holmquist, who has been at the helm for Biola for 41 years, has 21 NAIA Tournament appearances, 29, 20-plus win seasons and appeared in the NAIA National Championship game in 1982.

"I've had a numerous number of texts, phone calls and emails from former players and friends," said Holmquist, in his office a few days after the big win.

With the win, Holmquist now has coached 1,409 games and his 1,000 wins fall right behind former Oregon Tech coach Danny Miles in the number four position with 1,040 victories.

With 1,122 wins in the third

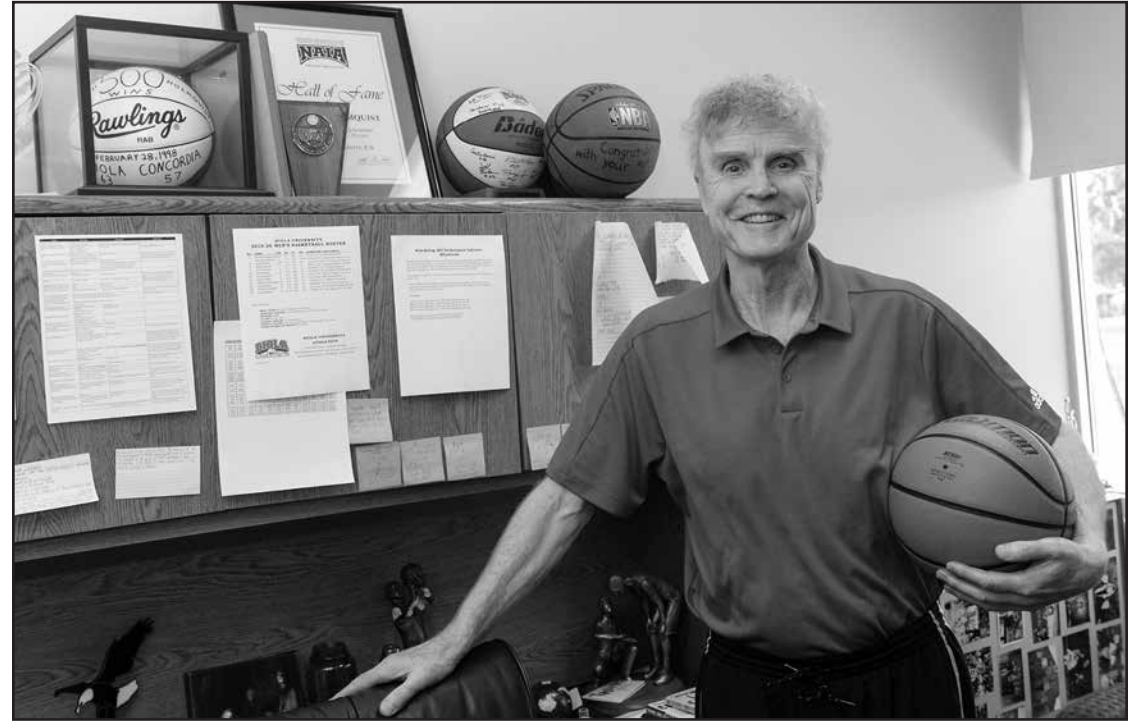
spot is Harry Statham, former McKendree University (Lebanon, Ill.) coach.

Second is Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia, PA) coach Herb Magee in his 53rd year with 1,123 wins. The program is on hiatus this season due to Covid-19.

Current Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski heads the list with 1,168 victories.

"It's an honor to be grouped with coaches like that who have been so successful and accomplished so much in their careers," Holmquist said. "I'll probably reflect more on that later. But I think I spent most of the time recently thinking about former teams and former players."

"The last few days I've just heard so much from different guys. That's where so much of my



Biola men's basketball head coach, Dave Holmquist, who recorded his 1,000th win against Concordia University on Saturday, stands in his office with his other achievement basketballs. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

attention has been. I've stayed in touch with many of them. It's been great talking to them, especially on the early teams."

Perhaps one of his best early teams was the nearly-perfect, 39-1 NAIA National Runner-up squad of 1981-82.

In 2019 that team, along with Holmquist and his coaches, were inducted into the Biola Athletics Hall of Fame.

Holmquist also remembers his very first win as a college head coach in 1976 while at Fresno Pacific

"I took over a team that had won five wins the year before and I got the job late," remembers Holmquist, who was just 24. "We had lost the first 10 games and that first game I was just relieved to finally win a game. I was wondering if we were going to win any the whole year."

"Then I remember the last half of the year I think we were 8-7." We beat a couple of good teams and pulled a couple of upsets."

As for his 1,000th win: "I was relaxed in the last minute and I have great respect for that program (Concordia)," Holmquist said. "This year they (Biola) are a great group and it's been a difficult year because of all the circumstances. They've

handled it so well and they like each other so much.

"When you have such good people, such good teammates that really like and support each other, it makes it so much better. This has been that kind of team."

As for that team, they were the only immediate people around Holmquist, besides a few Biola staff members. The arena at Concordia University was empty, of course, because of the pandemic.

"I would have liked to have my two boys with me, but it was special to have just the team for that moment," Holmquist said.

The win over Concordia wasn't the only time for a milestone for Biola and Holmquist, as he won his 500th game 23 years ago against the Eagles.

"Coach Holmquist is the type of leader that sees and brings out the best in others," said Dr. Bethany Miller, Biola senior director of athletics. "He has done this since 1978 in the lives of countless students and staff members. This historic win mark is a reflection of both his intense competitiveness and coaching prowess as well as his deep relational care for people."

"It is a gift to work with him and learn from him. We are looking forward to the time when we can celebrate coach Holmquist in person together."

With the pair of wins over Concordia Friday and Saturday, Biola upped its record to 8-3 overall and 8-2 in the PacWest.

As for the 1,000th win, Holmquist simply said, "if it happened this year, it would

be nice, but if it would happen next year, it'd be fine. I was just focused on our team doing their best.

"I think the players were probably that way too. Maybe, as it got close in the last week or two, maybe they thought about some different things. I think we were just focused on trying to have the best abbreviated season (12 games) that we could."

"Coach Holmquist is such a fixture for Biola University," said Neil Morgan, Biola Associate AD for Compliance & Communications. "He has spent parts of six decades here giving so much of himself to impact the lives of young men and women in positive ways."

"It's so nice for us at Biola to be able to witness an accomplishment that uniquely celebrates him and the special person he is. We are so proud of what he's done on and off the court and it's just an honor to be working with him day in and day out."

This shortened regular season ends Saturday at Concordia, as Biola plays Pt. Loma, which makes up for a missed game earlier this year. The athletic directors agreed on a neutral-court game for the two teams. Game time is 7:00 pm.

Biola, which sits in second in the PacWest, could almost guarantee an invite to the post season with a win over Pt. Loma (8-1, 7-1). Just two seasons ago, Pt. Loma finished as runners-up in the DIII National Championship game.

In Memory of



Harry C. Niethamer

Harry C. Niethamer, father of Dianne Niethamer Lumsdaine (Joe), and Susan Niethamer of Downey, and David Niethamer (Diane) of Menifee, was born in Secaucus, New Jersey on May 10, 1928. Harry tried his hardest to fight in World War II as a 17 year-old, only to have his ship turn around in the Atlantic after VJ Day.

Harry met the love of his life, Clara (Lilley) and they were married in 1948. Harry owned his own schiffli embroidery shop until the New York garment industry stumbled in the 1960's. Harry moved

west to California with his wife and four young children, to start over.

As their children grew, Harry and Clara embraced being grandparents to 16 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. After the passing of his wife Clara in 2000, Harry continued to live the next 20 years in his home in Downey with grandson Casey as his caregiver and companion. He stayed as sharp witted and kind-hearted as ever, participated in family gatherings and was truly happy despite his declining health.

Before his 90th birthday, Harry was asked what was the greatest lesson he had learned in life. He replied, "I am still waiting for it. I never want to stop learning". Harry's legacy is a life of learning: he was always looking for the next book or documentary or scientific discovery, to learn something new and share it with those around him.

Besides two daughters and a son, Harry is survived by six granddaughters: Jodi Lumsdaine Chapin (Richard) and their children, Phoebe and Lola; Jennifer Lumsdaine (Niles Guinn); Cynthia Susanne Niethamer (Eric) and their children Brandon, Andrew, Nathan, Cameron and Kurt; Michelle Niethamer Jordan (Tad) and their children Brittany (Cole Picchiottino), Brett, and Braelyn; Amy Niethamer Tuengal; Holly Niethamer (Joseph Anderson) and their children Jeremiah, Justin, Jonnie, Jasmyn; and grandsons: Paul Lumsdaine (Tiffany Kwong), and their children, Owen and Juniper; Charles "Casey" Lumsdaine; Jon Niethamer (Jill) and their children Emma (Daniel Witzel), with great-great granddaughters, Reagan & Reese Witzel, and Cole (fiancé Leslie Ramos); Jeremy Niethamer (Jessica), step-children Hailey and Tamryn; and Chad Niethamer (Angie), their children Emily and Maci; and five step-grandchildren: Candice Coker Gayle (Kadesh) and their children Samantha and Sydney; Stephanie Denham (fiancé Jim Diamond); Sean Denham (Cindy) and their children Zachary and Chloe; Ryan Denham of (Allie Mendez) and their children Charlotte and Kash; and Chelsea Herrera (Jaime) and their children Adrian and Mia.

Harry is predeceased by his wife, Clara Pearl Lilley Niethamer (March 22, 2000) and his son, Gary Thomas Niethamer (June 5, 1985).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Joseph's Indian School <https://give.stjo.org> or Boy's Town <https://www.boystown.org>.

Condolences may be sent to the family through our website, www.rishermortuary.com. 562-699-0916.

Services for Harry are private, with a Celebration of Life to come in the fall.

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Obituaries

Vernon Jordan, civil rights leader

Vernon Jordan, a civil rights leader who was president of the National Urban League as well as a friend and advisor to President Bill Clinton, died March 1 at age 85.

A graduate of Howard University School of Law, Jordan began his work as a civil rights activist while working as a young lawyer in Atlanta. His firm sued the University of Georgia for its discriminatory admissions policies.

Jordan rose to become the state field director for the NAACP and held several other leadership roles before being named executive director of the United Negro College Fund in 1970 and then president of the National Urban League in 1971, while he was still in his 30s.

As he led large, civil rights focused organizations, Jordan became a prominent figure in the fight for racial equality.

Jordan became close friends with Clinton two decades before he became president, and that friendship continued as Clinton ran for president and entered the White House. Jordan was among the president's closest confidants and advisors, and he played a notable role in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, including helping the former intern find a job outside the White House. In later years, Jordan served on the boards of companies including American Express, Revlon, and J.C. Penney.

"Throughout my career and my professional life, I have been able to go to sleep at night confident that whatever negotiations I did that day I have been able to do the right thing," Jordan told the New York Times in 1996. "That's been my guide even

when people didn't understand it."

Margaret Maron, mystery author

Margaret Maron, a mystery novelist known for books including her Sigrid Harald series, died Feb. 23 at a hospice center in Raleigh, North Carolina of stroke-related complications at the age of 82.

Maron began her writing career with a short story, "The Death of Me," published in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine.

She began writing novels and published her first, "One Coffee With," in 1981. It was the first book in her Sigrid Harald series, focusing on an NYPD lieutenant.

Maron's novels also included the Knott series about North Carolina Judge Deborah Knott, the daughter of a bootlegger. Writing the Knott series set in the Raleigh area, where she lived, Maron became a pioneer of the genre of regional mysteries, set outside major cities and focusing more on small-town quirks than big-city crime.

Maron's work was widely honored, winning several Agatha

Awards and nominations as well as Anthony, Edgar, and Macavity Awards.

Shelia Washington, museum founder

Shelia Washington, instrumental in the exonerated of the Scottsboro Boys, nine young Black men who were wrongfully convicted of raping two white women in a famous 1935 case, died Jan. 29 at a hospital in Huntsville, Alabama of a heart attack at the age of 61.

The Scottsboro Boys - Haywood Patterson, Clarence Norris, Charlie Weems, Andy Wright, Roy Wright, Olin Montgomery, Ozie Powell, Willie Roberson, and Eugene Williams - were riding on a freight train through Tennessee when a white mob tried to force them from the train and later accused them of raping two white women.

When their case was heard in Scottsboro, Alabama, eight of the young men were convicted and sentenced to death. Their case was appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, and though the death sentences were overturned, some of the young men served prison sentences.

The story of the Scottsboro Boys became one of the catalysts of the civil rights movement.

Washington learned of their story years later, as a

young woman, and she became passionately determined to help find justice for them. In 2010, after years of work, she founded the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center in Scottsboro, now a stop on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

Washington also worked with lawyers and legislators to seek exoneration for the nine, which go beyond pardons to establish the innocence of the exonerated. After years of work, Washington secured exonerations for all nine of the Scottsboro Boys in the Alabama legislature, signed into law by the governor.

The exonerations were posthumous, as the last of the nine died in 1989.

"I realized the state of Alabama had dug a hole so deep that they were too embarrassed to say, 'We made a mistake,'" Washington said in a 2020 interview. "Instead, they held

onto these boys' lives until they almost just killed them, and squeezed the life out of them in prison."

Rhea Woltman, pioneering pilot

Rhea Hurrell Allison Woltman, a pilot who was one of the Mercury 13, the women who were tested as potential astronaut candidates in the early 1960s, died Feb. 15 of natural causes at the age of 92.

Woltman became a pilot at a young age, and in 1959, she was among 21 women who were recruited to take the same tests that were being undergone by male astronaut candidates at NASA.

Woltman was among the 13 women who passed preliminary tests and became known as the Mercury 13. The name was a reflection of the male candidates, who were called the Mercury

Seven - but Jerrie Cobb, the program's standout candidate, playfully dubbed them the FLATs, or First Lady Astronaut Trainees.

Woltman continued to advance as testing grew more rigorous, and she was one of the program's most notable candidates.

However, the program, a privately funded venture that wasn't officially affiliated with NASA, was scrapped when the U.S. government refused to consider adding women to its roster of astronauts.

After Woltman left the training program, she and her husband operated an aircraft brokerage business, and she frequently used her skills as a pilot as she delivered planes and flew passengers and cargo. She later trained U.S. Air Force Academy cadets and continued flying until her retirement in 2014, at the age of 86.

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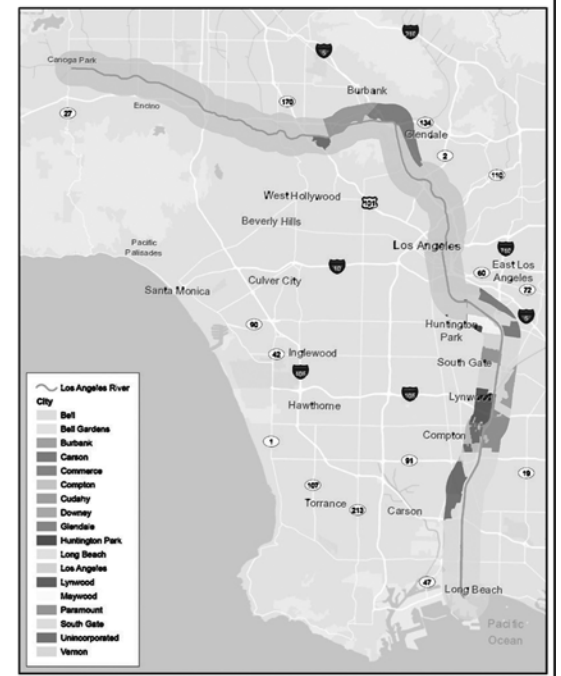
California Environmental Quality Act Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

The County of Los Angeles has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to assess the potential environmental impacts of implementing the 2020 LA River Master Plan (Project). The County is soliciting comments from members of the public, organizations, and government agencies on the PEIR. The Draft PEIR is available for an extended public review and comment period starting on February 1, 2021 and ending on April 2, 2021.

The proposed Project builds on the adopted 1996 Master Plan and other regional planning studies since then. The Project proposes six categories of project improvements, or "kit of parts" (KOP): KOP Category 1: Trails and Access Gateways; KOP Category 2: Channel Modifications; KOP Category 3: Crossings and Platforms; KOP Category 4: Diversions; KOP Category 5: Floodplain Reclamation; and KOP Category 6: Off-Channel Land Assets. Each KOP category includes a recommended collection of design components that can be implemented individually or in any combination. In addition, the 2020 LA River Master Plan includes a series of smaller common elements and Design Guidelines.

To access the Draft PEIR and related documents and Notice of Availability, please visit: pw.lacounty.gov/go/larmpceqa.

The Draft PEIR identifies the potential for significant impacts in the following environmental areas: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use; Noise; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities; and Wildfire. There are known hazardous waste sites located within the project study area (Government Code Section 65962.5).



The public review and comment period has been extended. Comments on the Draft PEIR are due no later than April 2, 2021, which marks the end of the extended 60-day public review period. Please send comments in writing to the physical address or e-mail address shown below. If sending an email, please include "2020 LA River Master Plan Draft PEIR Comments" in the subject line. Include a return address or e-mail address and a contact name in your agency with your comments:

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In Memory of



Eileen Lindsay Eckert

December 31, 1944 - February 20, 2021

On Saturday, February 20, 2021, Eileen Lindsay Eckert, loving wife and mother of three daughters, lost her battle with cancer at age 76. Eileen was born on December 31, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA to Bill and Edith Lindsay. She received her nursing degree in 1965 from the Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing and practiced nursing for 43 years at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills, California. On April 18, 1970, she married Walter Eckert. They raised three daughters, Sheri, Amy and Lisa.

Eileen was known for her friendly smile, hard work, compassion for her job and family and her deep care for others. She loved her life which was filled with family, many friends, work, school events, youth sports, weddings, traveling, and volunteer work. Eileen's life revolved around her 3 daughters and their families. She also loved her nursing job which was her second family. She had lots of fun keeping up with her nurse and doctor friends, and their families. Eileen mailed many greeting cards and pictures throughout the years to make sure everyone in her life knew she cared about them. Eileen was always there to listen, confide in, encourage, give advice and would never judge. Her final wish would be for everyone to make sure they take the time to care for others.

Eileen is survived by her husband Walt, three daughters Sheri, Amy and Lisa, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, sister Sandy, an aunt, a niece, 2 nephews, 1 great nephew, and several cousins.

A small burial service will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Memory Gardens in Brea, CA with only the immediate family due to the restriction from Covid-19. A celebration of life will be planned for late summer 2021 and more information will be sent out for those who would like to celebrate her life.

The family would like to thank you all for your love and support throughout the years for Eileen.

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How much to offer on a house: Should you go below or above asking price?

■ Four things to consider when writing an offer on a house.

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How much should you offer on a house? The not-so-simple answer: It depends on the market you're in, the list price, what kind of mortgage you, as the potential home buyer, are comfortable with, and many other factors that you should weigh before beginning negotiations.

Of course, every buyer wants to score a deal. It can feel good to negotiate a seller's price down, and even a small price cut can make a big difference to those monthly mortgage payments.

But, if you go in with a lowball offer, you could risk offending the sellers—and having them write you off completely. Buying real estate is all about striking the right balance. Here are some questions to ask yourself to help you figure out that happy medium, and to help you land on the perfect offer price.

Are you in a buyer's or seller's market?

"Your ability to present a lower offer will depend greatly on current market conditions—meaning if it's a buyer's or seller's market," suggests Cynthia Jacinta Keskinaya, co-founder of the Keskinaya Dartley Team at Douglas Elliman in New York City.

So before you make any purchase offer, determine what type of market you're in. Traditionally, buyer's markets come with a lot of flexibility on price, because available inventory is high and houses tend to sit on the market for longer. Here, sellers tend to be more willing to negotiate, because offers are few and far between.

"In a buyer's market, I would not hesitate to submit an offer that's around 10% below asking," advises Chris Cloud of EXIT Heritage Realty in Haymarket, VA. "Most sellers will at least see that as worthy of a counteroffer."

In a seller's market, it's much harder to go below asking price, because inventory is low, and multiple buyers tend to be interested in the same properties. In this case, the sellers may be getting multiple offers, so don't expect them to be too willing to negotiate with you. If you're determined to make this house your new home, it's best to offer list price, or better yet, consider going above the listing price if you can.

Know that other home buyers might be willing to submit an all-cash purchase offer, or even waive a home inspection, to persuade the sellers to accept their offer, so prepare to get competitive.

Before you start submitting offers, your real estate agent can help you determine which market you're currently in. Alternatively, here's more advice on how to tell whether you're in a buyer's or seller's market.

How long has the listing been active?

"By paying attention to the property history, you can get a better idea of the demand for that house," notes Jennifer Carlson of Coldwell Banker in East Greenwich, RI.

"Two days on the market? Probably not a good idea to go in with a lowball offer \$50,000 below asking price. A whole year on the market, with price reductions? Go ahead and roll the dice. The longer a house has been on the market, the less of an upper hand the seller has in negotiation."

If the house has been on the market for a long time, the owner is probably motivated to sell as soon as possible, and that can mean flexibility on price. In the worst case, if you come in with an offer that's too low, the seller might come back with a counteroffer that's still reasonable.

However, Michael Russell of Ratchet Straps USA also emphasizes the importance of making sure a lowball offer doesn't insult the seller, if you want it to be taken seriously as a buyer.

"The rule I've always followed is to never go more than 25% below the listed price," he says. "Chances are,

after fees, commission, and sentimental value, the sellers are already hurting. If you dip below that point, they may disregard your offer entirely."

Fortunately, info on how long a house has been on the market can be easily found on most listings—or if not, any good real estate agent will have access to this information through the multiple listing service. Ask for this to be pulled up for you, and use it as a reference as you draw up your offer.

How does the price compare to similar homes in the area?

Once you have a general sense of how much wiggle room there is to work with, it's time to look at comparable sales in your desired neighborhood. Ask your agent to work up a comparative market analysis (also called a comp or CMA), which will show you the list and sale prices for similar homes that have sold in the last few months. Use that as your guide to home buying.

"The comparables should

be your go-to on a first offer," says Shane Lee on behalf of Realtyhop. "If, for instance, a similar property in the same neighborhood is quoted \$10K less, then it makes sense for you to go \$10K below the asking price."

As a home buyer, knowing the market value is key to getting a fair price on your new home.

How badly do you want the home?

Last but not least, ask yourself: How would you feel if your offer got rejected? Let's say you've been house-hunting for a while and you've finally found your dream home. It may be worth it to consider offering exactly what they're asking for—or a bit more—to let the seller know you're move-in ready.

"If you want the home badly enough, you need to make the seller an offer they can't refuse," advises Jenny Ditty Kang, a real estate agent with Wakefield Reutlinger Realtors in Louisville, KY.

However, if you think you'll be able to move onto the next property without any issues coming up, there's no harm in trying to score a deal. In the worst case, the seller rejects your offer and you go back to house-hunting. In the world of real estate, there's almost always a long list of new and exciting properties.

If you think you can fall in love with another property, don't waste your time and money competing with multiple offers and other buyers. If you find yourself going over market value or potentially overpaying in a bidding war, take a step back, and ask yourself if this particular house is worth it.

Real estate is expensive, and with the added cost of home inspections, closing costs, Realtor fees, and so on, it's best to make sure you can afford the house before you get locked into a mortgage you can't afford.

This last piece of advice may be the most subjective of all, but it's important. Ultimately, it's up to you to determine what you're willing to offer for a house.

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