

Downey votes against hero pay

■ A proposal requiring grocery stores to pay its workers an additional \$4 per hour was struck down by Downey council members.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A move to bring “hero pay” into the city for Downey’s grocery and pharmacy workers fell flat on Tuesday, unable to gain enough momentum to even warrant a vote by the city council.

Timing, cost, and fears over litigation were the ultimate killers to the urgency ordinance, which would have required retailers who fell under certain criteria to pay \$4 premium pay to employees who made state minimum wage and worked at least two hours in a calendar week for a covered employer within the City of Downey.

The ordinance would have been in effect for 60 days from its adoption or until July 24 later this year.

A city report listed 17 stores that would have been affected by the ordinance, however, was unable to determine the exact financial implications for each establishment. The report did take note that Kroger cited three stores in Los Angeles and two stores in Long Beach that were negatively impacted – and ultimately closed – after the implementation of hero pay in their cities.

With the state’s June 15 opening date just a few weeks away, time was of the essence if there were to be any immediate impact to Downey’s high-risk retail workers. As such, the matter was made an urgency ordinance, requiring support from at least four council members to pass.

However, the item was unable to garner a motion and a second, let alone a supermajority.

Councilman Mario Trujillo said that he was “uncomfortable” voting without numbers indicating the financial impact on some of the stores.

“What I heard is the staff was not able to provide numbers as to what impact this is going to have,” said Trujillo. “That makes me very uncomfortable. I just don’t feel comfortable today voting on something without information.”

Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said that “We are 20 days from a full reopening.”

“Infection rate is down 90%. The whole idea behind this ordinance, and the whole idea we began to talk about this is risk: what is the risk now?” said Frometa. “We are all vaccinated here. The Covid cases are plunging. Our Downey population is surpassing LA vaccination numbers, we are over that 60% mark as of last week.”

“There’s a level of discomfort that I feel because we want to do the right thing, but at the same time I really want us to be very thoughtful about how we’re approaching this...As we consider policy and ordinances, we really need to consider the overall picture globally.”

She added that there were “other ways to look at helping our community without launching our city into a potential litigation that we don’t need.”

According to staff’s report, several of the cities that have implemented hero pay are currently engaged in pending lawsuits.

Future looks bright for John Glenn track & field

■ Student-athletes are excited to compete in front of fans again as they look ahead to next year.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

NORWALK – It was a glorious sunny day with something that hasn’t been seen in over a year at Pioneer High School on Saturday: student-athletes from six schools competing in the 605 League Track & Field finals.

From every athlete, coach and parent they were all just happy to be competing again in the finals.

Each team did compete in some dual meets, but were scaled down because of the pandemic.

What stood out was a tremendous effort by John Glenn High School from perhaps one of the smallest contingents out there among schools like Cerritos with over 100 athletes.

They may not have won a league title, which wasn’t awarded anyway, but self-improvement and accomplishment was the goal for the day.

The big news of the day was John Glenn’s Gabriel Pasillas -- the junior thrower was elated as he tossed the discus for 108’ 8”, finishing in fourth place.

“I’m excited and to also see what others have in the division,” Pasillas said. “My goal for next year in my senior year is to win the whole thing.”

One proud dad was Hector Ramirez, Sr., who has a daughter, Mia Ramirez, and son Hector Ramirez, competing in the running events. Their main sport is wrestling but they came out to help with their cardio and compete with the team. Mia is a sophomore on the wrestling team.

“I wanted my kids to do sports and always kept them busy growing up,” said Hector Ramirez, Sr., who is also the coach of the wrestling team at John Glenn.

John Glenn track and field coach Andy Delatorre knew he was outmanned but was glad just to be out on the track this year.

“This is exciting, to be honest,” he said. “That’s the best part, just having the crowd here and having the kids cheering each other on. They start to recognize other athletes from other schools.”

Delatorre was complimentary of his young distance runner, Javier Reynoso.

“He’s my top distance guy right now,” said Carillo of his 1,600 win. “I have a lot of young talent.”

One very interested party viewing all of the action was John Glenn football coach David Cruz.

He was keeping a keen eye out for any potential players. Cruz also commented on senior wrestler and runner Hector Ramirez.

“I feel sorry for Hector,” said Cruz of the CIF decision of no individual competition in wrestling. “In wrestling he wasn’t able to compete in the individuals. This is the year that I thought he was going to be CIF champ and state placer and get his name up on



John Glenn varsity discus thrower Gabriel Pasillas throws 108’ 8” for fourth place as he competes in the 605 League meet at Pioneer High School on Saturday. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

the banner.”

Cruz also commented on sophomore discus thrower, Mikel Udengwu, who also plays football.

“He comes from a good family,” Cruz said. “He has a good upbringing and his parents instilled hard work on them.”

His brother Edwin Udengwu, a 2020 grad, played for Cruz as a running back and ran for 2,000 yards in his junior year.

What they said:

Linda Parra, John Glenn Athletic Director: “We are very proud of Gabriel and all of our John Glenn Track & Field athletes.

“This year at John Glenn we have seen our athletic programs decrease in numbers, but having small numbers never discouraged our athletes from working hard to compete. Our track and field program is a perfect example. Despite having one of the smallest teams in our league, our athletes showed up to work hard each day. They committed themselves to training and it paid off as the season progressed. Coach Andy De La Torre, Coach Suzy Carillo and Coach Ray Niemann have done a great job coaching this year. Despite having such a small team, they remained positive and encouraged their athletes throughout the entire season.”

“Watching the athletes compete in the 605 League Finals (Saturday May 22) was such a great experience. We witnessed athletes from all the schools encourage one another and congratulate each other at the conclusion of the events. After such a turmoil year that the students have gone through, it was such a positive experience to watch the athletes demonstrate good sportsmanship and character with one another.”

Andy Delatorre, Track and Field head coach: “I’d say we are a pretty close-knit team, always together and trying really hard. For the most part, we told them coming out this entire season all they had to do was beat themselves from last year. Each time get a



John Glenn track and field coach Andy de La Torre, right center, talks with sprinters, from left, Liam Antonio, Benjamin Sanchez and Jose Sanchez during the 605 League meet at Pioneer High School on Saturday. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

good PR (personal record) and try to beat that. It’s not about beating the person next to you; it’s beating your own record.

“It’s always about self-improvement on this team. ‘How can I get better?’ Making sure they understand that they can do things that they never thought possible.

“All of these kids coming together, they all go through the same stuff all year. They all realize it how hard it is to run. When they see someone competing, they realize they have been there and understand. They’re going to cheer each other on. That’s the best part about being back.”

Ray Niemann, Asst. Track and Field coach: “Our goal was to get (Gabriel Pasillas) to CIF. We knew that we had to get him to that certain mark and so we practiced and practiced, trying to get to that consistency. That’s what we worked on all week. He did it and, boom. He was really excited.

“In the shot put and discus, other teams brought sandwiches and treats and another school brought candies for everybody. They were all cheering and rooting for each other.”

Hector Ramirez, Sr., John Glenn wrestling coach: “It was Hector junior’s senior year and I knew John Glenn was hurting for some athletes and I said, ‘You know guys (Hector, junior and Mia), you should go out there and it’s the last season you’ll be in a sport together, because Hector graduates and go enjoy it.

“I said to try something new and you won’t know until you have actually done it. Now Mia is realizing that it can be beneficial to her as an athlete.

“I wanted my kids to do sports and always kept them busy growing up.”

Benjamin Sanchez, Sophomore (100, 200): “It was really nice to get the chance to make up for last year’s loss times. It’s not really about winning, it’s about the challenge of getting to that point

“I wasn’t always the fastest, it was the idea of becoming the fastest or the idea of becoming better than I was at the moment.

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Cerritos College student earns \$40K college scholarship

NORWALK – Cerritos College student Haya Chehada is one of 72 recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive national scholarship will provide Haya with up to \$40,000 a year to complete their bachelor’s degree.

Originally from Syria, Haya migrated to the United States in late 2016 and started working at 7-Eleven to help her family. Despite all the difficulties she had as a recent immigrant, Haya did not give up her dream of pursuing a degree. “I knew that education was the key to having a better and peaceful future,” said Haya.

Haya enrolled at Cerritos College in spring 2018, having no idea what to study. She barely spoke English, so she began taking English as a Second Language classes. Soon after Haya began taking accounting classes. She fell in love with the subject and decided to pursue a career in accounting. Haya became involved in campus clubs and has volunteered at the College’s monthly food bank.

Haya currently serves as the president of the Accounting Club. She helped the Club thrive through the virtual environment and triple the



Club membership from 19 members to 59 with her dedication and hard work. “It helped me improve my leadership skills and be a better team player. In addition, the Accounting Club received the College’s Curricular Club of the year Award,” she said.

In fall, Haya will be transferring to pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration with an accounting concentration. She was accepted to UCLA, and is waiting to hear from USC. In summer 2022, Haya will be participating in an internship with Ernst & Young, one of the Big Four global accounting firms. Her career goal is to earn a Certified Public Accountant license and work in a large public accounting firm.

“Receiving the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship is a great payoff for the hard work that I have done in the last four years. This is such a great motivation for me to keep up the hard work, and I am really grateful for it,” said Haya.

The Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is the largest private scholarship in the nation for students transferring from two-year community colleges to four-year institutions that award bachelor’s degrees.

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ON THIS DAY MAY 28

1588:

The Spanish Armada, with 130 ships and 30,000 men, set sail from Lisbon, Portugal, heading for the English Channel.

1754:

In the first engagement of the French and Indian War, Virginia militia under the 22-year-old Lieutenant colonel George Washington defeated a French reconnaissance party in the Battle of Jumonville Glen.

1830:

U.S. President Andrew Jackson signs the Indian Removal Act which denied Native Americans their land rights and forcibly relocated them.

1887:

Jim Thorpe, the accomplished all-around athlete, was born. Thorpe won two gold medals at the 1912 Olympics (decathlon and pentathlon) and played professional football, baseball and basketball.



1934:

The Dionne quintuplets were born to Oliva and Elzire Dionne; they become the first quintuplets to survive infancy.

1936:

English mathematician Alan Turing submitted “On Computable Numbers” for publication. It was proof that some purely mathematical yes-no questions can never be answered by computation.

1937:

The German automobile manufacturer Volkswagen was founded.

1977:

165 people were killed after the Beverly Hills Supper Club caught fire in Southgate, Ky.

1984:

President Reagan led a state funeral at Arlington National Cemetery for an unidentified American soldier killed in the Vietnam War.

1998:

Pakistan responded to a series of nuclear tests by India with five of its own, prompting economic sanctions by the U.S., Japan and other nations.

1999:

Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece, The Last Supper, was put back on display in Milan, Italy, after 22 years of restoration work.

2002:

The last steel girder was removed from the original World Trade Center site.

2011:

Citizens of the southern European country of Malta voted to allow divorce under certain conditions.

Birthdays

NBA executive **Jerry West** (83), soul singer **Gladys Knight** (77), former New York mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (77), singer and songwriter **John Fogerty** (76), Dodgers hero **Kirk Gibson** (64), pop singer **Kylie Minogue** (53), Florida senator **Marco Rubio** (50), talk show host **Elizabeth Hasselbeck** (44), “Duck Dynasty” star **Jep Robertson** (43), pop singer **Colbie Caillat** (36), wrestler **Seth Rollins** (35), and NFL offensive lineman **Michael Oher** (35).



John Glenn's Diego Lopez, left, and Javier Reynoso, center, compete in the Frosh/Soph boys 1600 in the 605 League meet at Pioneer High School on Saturday. (Photo by Keith Durlfänger)

John Glenn athletes happy to be competing again

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"The track team is like another family to me. I've got to bond with them and to get to know them better if I didn't join track. In high school you need to get to know other people and sports is a way to do it."

"The accomplishment is rewarding, because of all of those days when I wanted to fall and give up and just not keep going. To see that it's actually paid off to keep going, even if my body wanted to collapse, it's good to see that the training was put to something that was worth it."

Mia Ramirez, sophomore (100, 200): "I've never run track before and it's a new experience for me. It's different and you can see the girls right beside you and you have to pump all the way."

"In wrestling you have to warm up by running, so I'm used to running anyway. It's kind of different. In wrestling you have longer periods and you have more time to breathe. When you run it's just like a sprint."

"I told the coach, whatever you need me to do, I'll do it."

Emmanuel Chavarria, senior (4 x 100 Relay, 100, 200): "I've been in track for three years now. It's fun. I enjoy it. The 4 x 100 is very competitive because it's not on you it's on the whole team. Being the first leg you want to get a head start."

"When Covid hit last year, it was heart-breaking. I didn't understand it. It's great this year and I'm meeting a lot of other seniors and making new friends. It's pretty cool and I enjoy track the most."

Hector Ramirez, Jr. (400), senior: "This is my first full year in track. I'm in the 400 and the 200. I showed up last year and the coaches saw me. This is my first full year. But I've been wrestling since I was seven. I've been having a lot of fun with it."

Logan Torres, sophomore (discus): "I'm happy to be out here and to beat my personal record. I do want to get better and just trying to figure out how to put everything together so I can get the height. I'm still working on that."

Mikel Udengwu, sophomore (discus): "It just makes us the underdogs (only 13 athletes). It just makes you want to try more. It gives you more power to succeed. Going into discus gave me a good environment. (Covid) just makes you be ready for hard times when I grow up. It makes you resilient and I like it."

Before getting a pet, consider vet costs

■ Caring for your animals goes beyond feeding them and providing shelter.

By Marcia Mayeda

In my March blog, I discussed findings from the February 2021 Modern Pet Parent Report that highlighted the importance pets have played during the pandemic. This report also discussed pet owners' concerns regarding the ability to pay for their pets' medical care. The survey reported, "The thing that stresses pet parents out the most is their pet getting sick (76%), their dog/cat having a chronic/long-term illness (73%), and potential unknown health issues (73%). In addition, 77% of pet parents are concerned about their pet's future health."

The costs of veterinary care have always been a factor to consider regarding pet ownership. Sometimes people express shock about the costs of veterinary medicine and believe veterinarians should discount their services so pet medical costs are more affordable. Expensive diagnostic costs such as x rays and blood tests are sometimes perceived as optional but are needed to ensure quality care is provided. This is especially true in emergency cases, in order to reach a definitive diagnosis and begin the right treatment plan as soon as possible.

Most people are unaware of the costs to operate a veterinary practice and veterinary costs are not subsidized like human medicine. Health insurance companies, local, State, and federal funding, and hospital nonprofit supporting foundations all factor into the costs hospitals for humans bill patients. Human medicine costs are actually significantly higher than what veterinarians charge, but most people never see the actual costs for human hospital services because of the subsidies mentioned above, especially for routine and non-emergency services. This leads to a misconception that veterinary medicine pricing is higher.

Veterinarians should be able to charge appropriately for their services, time, and expertise. They are doctors who have devoted years of study and passed rigorous examinations to become licensed and must be able to maintain a viable business. Many veterinary students graduate with nearly \$200,000 in student debt and it can take decades to pay off these loans. Veterinary specialists pursue advanced



board certifications requiring more investment in time and educational costs.

Veterinary hospitals are businesses that must pay for salaries and benefits, supplies, medical equipment, operating costs, overhead, liability insurance, and more.

Veterinary expenses can be regular, like vaccinations and exams, or unexpected and costly. Some low-cost routine services like vaccines and spay/neuter surgeries can be found with local service providers (contact your local animal care center for referrals), but emergency services and long-term illnesses are not offered by these sources.

I know firsthand the unexpected medical costs of pet ownership and the need to make a very expensive decision right away.

Several years ago, I took one of my routine early morning walks with our four large dogs. Suddenly Isabella, our nine-year-old Great Pyrenees, began having extreme difficulty breathing. We were three blocks from home when she collapsed and couldn't walk anymore.

She began gasping for air, her gums were turning blue, and she was in great distress. I was unable to carry her home (she weighed 95 pounds), especially with three other large dogs in tow.

Thankfully, a good friend was close by and rushed over so I could put Isabella in her car. She drove Isabella home while I ran back with the other three dogs, put Isabella in my car, and rushed her to the emergency hospital.

On my way to the hospital another friend called them ahead of me so they could be prepared to receive Isabella right away. Two registered veterinary technicians were waiting outside with a gurney and they whisked Isabella into the hospital where the board-certified veterinarian began working on her. He intubated Isabella so she could begin receiving the necessary oxygen and stabilized her condition.

Once my precious dog was out of danger, the veterinarian explained to me what was happening. Isabella had developed a severe onset case of laryngeal paralysis, a condition where the nerves of the laryngeal muscles become weak or paralyzed and the flaps that separate the esophagus from the trachea do not work. In Isabella's case, the flaps had mostly closed and were preventing her from taking in enough oxygen to her lungs.

The only treatment for Isabella was emergency surgery. One flap in her trachea had to be sutured to the tracheal wall to maintain an open airway or she would not survive. I was provided a surgery estimate of \$5,000. The veterinarian also told me that dogs that have this surgery are more susceptible to aspiration pneumonia, where food or water could enter her trachea (and into her lungs) instead of her esophagus.

Additionally, I learned that laryngeal paralysis is highly associated with myasthenia gravis, a disease where there is a malfunction in the transmission of signals between the nerves and muscles. This is most exhibited in extreme weakness and excessive fatigue and could be a condition she would face later.

My husband and I had to make a quick decision. A nine-year-old Great Pyrenees is a senior dog, and we had to consider the significant and unexpected surgical cost with Isabella's life expectancy and ability to live a good life with the potential problems the veterinarian told us she might have.

We agreed that we wanted to make every effort to save her life and proceeded with the surgery. I am happy to say it was successful and she lived another five years without any problems.

However, this was a very large and unexpected expense for us. What can pet owners do in situations like this? Here are a few

options:

Purchase pet health insurance. There are many resources on the internet that rank and rate pet insurance companies. Be sure to review each plan carefully and review the insurer's track record, research what is covered and what might affect coverage, choose the coverage that works for you, pick the type of reimbursement that works for you, review the cost and value, ask about discounts, and enroll your pets when they are young and healthy to avoid limited coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

Set aside savings to pay out of pocket when the time comes.

Acquire emergency veterinary financing on credit. Care Credit is a well-known provider of such credit and most veterinary hospitals can tell you how to immediately apply. Make sure you read all the terms and conditions for payments to avoid penalties.

Launch a crowdfunding campaign to get financial help from others. Many times, friends and family will chip in to help offset the costs of care.

I learned the benefit of having animal health insurance when my horse Murphy developed a severe case of cellulitis in his leg and had to be hospitalized for two weeks. His medical treatment came to an overwhelming \$14,000, but thanks to his insurance I only had to pay the \$350 deductible. The annual premium payments I had paid for years were a good investment and I'm grateful I had the insurance. He is now a happy 22-year-old Shire horse (often mistaken for a Clydesdale), enjoying his easy trail rides and getting petted by many hikers we meet along the way.

Owning a pet is countless rewarding, but also comes with the responsibility of being able to pay for appropriate medical care. Veterinarians can save your pet's life in an emergency, but they must be able to recover their costs to stay in business. Planning for high cost emergencies and/or unexpected diagnoses recurring long term care can alleviate worry and allow you to enjoy pet ownership more, knowing that you will be able to care for your pet no matter what comes.

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Law and order should not be political

By Froma Harrop

The conversation started on a long Uber ride. The driver, originally from Colombia, said he knows a lot of Colombians living in the U.S. “without papers.” He argued that they are good people paying taxes and should be left alone. I responded that I believe they are good people paying taxes but our immigration laws should be respected.

He then said, to my surprise, “I kind of like Donald Trump.” Why, I asked. He went on heatedly about the riots that followed the killing of George Floyd. He thought Trump was more serious about restoring order.

The public really dislikes civic chaos. Democrats, you need to address this more forthrightly.

It matters not that only 6 percent of the racial justice rallies from May through October of last year saw violence. Nor is the intention to downplay troubling cases of police brutality. And let’s not forget that the most outrageous incident of savage lawlessness, the Jan. 6 rampage on the Capitol, was staged by the Republican right wing.

It’s just that the right talks a big game on maintaining law and order while some on the left leave the impression that Democrats don’t care so much. The liberal media tend to give these radical voices outsized attention, which the right-wing media happily scoops up.

Thus, we hear stupid calls to “Abolish ICE” (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement), the agency tasked with stopping cross-border crime and illegal entry. And there are demands to “defund police,” which President Joe Biden and the vast majority of Democrats totally oppose.

I recently had dinner with progressive friends who were angry over the violent demonstrations in the liberal strongholds of Portland and Seattle. They complained that the rioters’ destructive behavior — and the apparent toleration of it by cowardly local officials — was helping elect Republicans opposed to their progressive values. And they were right.

The recurring mayhem in Portland has become a sport for punks. Though they

may invoke the usual woke causes, they are performers out for thuggish “fun.” And though they often riff on “identity politics,” the few who get arrested are almost all young and white.

Earlier this month, May Day demonstrations brought another fresh round of havoc to Portland. Buildings were damaged and windows smashed. Garbage piling in the streets prompted The Oregonian to rename the city “Dumptown.”

Seattle is still recovering from the fallout of the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone, several blocks that city leaders astonishingly made off-limits to police last year. Early on, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan naively told CNN, “We could have the summer of love.” Not quite. The area was tormented by rapes, assaults, burglaries, vandalism and shootings.

The Economist recently pointed to a study strongly suggesting that last year’s civic disorder cost Democrats support in November. Biden’s share of the vote, it noted, was lower in and around Kenosha, Wisconsin, than in similar places in the state. The apparent reason were the ugly riots that followed the Kenosha police shooting of a black man.

A poll of New York City voters has crime as the No. 1 issue. More than 60 percent of those responding said they wanted to raise the New York City Police Department’s budget and hire more cops. The top-polling mayoral candidate is Eric Adams, a former police officer and the current Brooklyn borough president. When his chief rival, Andrew Yang, bashed the movement to defund police, Adams countered that he himself had bashed the movement first.

In Los Angeles, meanwhile, Mayor Eric Garcetti recently swatted down the noisy activists, saying, “If you want to abolish the police, you’re talking to the wrong mayor.”

This is how people in America’s liberal cities feel. It’s time the rest of America knew it.

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A suspected looter takes merchandise during a riot in Walnut Creek in May 2020.

The beginning of the end for abortion rights

By Steve Chapman

In one of his 19th-century novels, Anthony Trollope depicts a protagonist who learns that his beloved has accepted a rival’s marriage proposal. “A horse will gallop for some scores of yards, after his back has been broken, before he knows of his great ruin; — and so it was with Phineas Finn,” he wrote. Soon, however, Finn realizes: “The game was played out, and all his victories were as nothing to him.”

This is roughly the position of abortion rights supporters in America. But on Monday, the Supreme Court announced that it would review a Mississippi law that bans nearly all abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy.

The case won’t be heard before October, and a decision may not come down for more than a year. But the devastating blow has fallen. We now know that the constitutional right that has been recognized for nearly half a century will not survive in its current form, if at all.

The Mississippi law, enacted in 2018, prohibits abortions after 15 weeks, except “in a medical emergency or in the case of a severe fetal abnormality.” No exception for rape, incest or nonemergency risks to the health of the mother. The state declares that any abortion performed after this stage “is a barbaric practice, dangerous for the maternal patient, and demeaning to the medical profession.”

The law represents a direct challenge to the Supreme Court’s own rulings, which allow states to forbid abortions only after the fetus is viable, or capable of surviving outside the womb, about 24 weeks into

a pregnancy. The court established that rule in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and reaffirmed it in 1992.

Under its existing precedents, the law is flagrantly unconstitutional, as both a district court and an appeals court concluded. Five years ago, the justices declined to review a lower court ruling that threw out an Arkansas ban on abortions after 12 weeks.

What’s changed? The Supreme Court, which now has three conservative members appointed by President Donald Trump. There is only one possible explanation for why the court would agree to review the statute: At least five justices are ready to let states outlaw abortion long before viability.

Otherwise, the court would have let the lower court ruling stand. “I’d be absolutely shocked if they didn’t intend to uphold the law,” University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone, author of “Sex and the Constitution,” told me.

As he notes, the ban would allow most abortions. Some 90% of Mississippi abortions take place in the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. Some of those performed later involve the sort of medical emergencies and fetal defects that are covered by exceptions in this ban. For most women, getting a termination would remain within the realm of possibility.

But these figures are cold comfort for any woman who believes she should not be forced to endure the rigors of pregnancy and the dangers of giving birth, which are vastly greater than the risks of abortion. Poor women are particularly likely to be affected. If this law is upheld, some

two dozen states are likely to enact similar measures — if not stricter ones.

If abortions after 15 weeks can be outlawed, why not after 12 weeks? Or 10 weeks? Or zero weeks? Having erased the bright line of viability, the conservative justices will find no obvious place to draw a new one — if they want to draw one at all.

Eleven states, including Mississippi, have passed laws that would ban all abortions as soon as the court overturns Roe v. Wade. They now have a realistic hope that those laws will eventually take effect.

If anti-abortion advocates think such bans would prevent women from ending unwanted pregnancies, though, they are kidding themselves. Many abortions involve taking a couple of pills — which, like other illicit drugs, would find willing sellers in a soon-to-thrive underground market. Women in red states could travel to blue states to find legal clinics.

The truly desperate would seek out illegal providers, some of them unsafe, or even try to self-induce. Each year, thousands of women around the world die from illegal abortions, and millions suffer medical complications. The United States can’t expect anything different.

For the time being, abortion remains legal and mostly accessible in this country. But it won’t be long before Americans who cherish the right to make their own decisions will know of their great ruin.

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

Liz Cheney, a profile in courage

By Jeff Robbins

Addressing Suffolk University graduates on Saturday, retired Washington Post editor Martin Baron summarized the sociopolitical virus afflicting the nation in three sentences. “We learned in recent years that our institutions were more vulnerable to pressure and intimidation than we ever imagined,” said Baron. “Many turned submissive when a powerful leader demanded it. Others went quiet for fear of reprisal.”

Though Baron refrained from mentioning you-know-who or the not-so-Grand Old Party that continues to ask, “How high?” when Donald Trump tells it to jump, everyone knew what he was talking about. For, over four years, even Republican politicians who knew how sociopathic and anti-democratic their president was shilled for him or simply stayed silent, fearful of being primaried. When he demanded that state election officials declare him the winner of elections he had lost, they remained silent. When The Master of Mar-a-Lago declared that he had won the presidential election and that it had been “stolen” from him, assertions that were fraudulent, they nodded.

Trump then summoned a mob to Washington on Jan. 6, the day Congress was to certify the election results, promising them a good time and exhorted them to go down to the Capitol and show that “they’re not going to take it any longer,” that “we will stop the steal,” and that they were ready to “fight like hell.” He could not have been that much more explicit about what he wanted them to do for him. “So we’re going to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue,” he shouted. “And we’re going to the Capitol... So let’s walk down Pennsylvania Avenue.”

The ensuing ransacking of the Capitol by Trump supporters was a dark day for America. It occurred as 147 Republican members of Congress did some ransacking of their own, voting to reject the election of Joe Biden,

an election that the compos mentis among them knew Biden had won.

Among the phonies, frauds and cowards who dominate the Republican Party, one Republican stood out for her courage. That was Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney, who minced few words about what was transpiring. “We Republicans need to stand up for genuinely conservative principles,” she declared, “and steer away from the dangerous and anti-democratic Trump cult of personality. History is watching. Our children are watching.”

Guzzling Kool-Aid is a prerequisite for Republicans these days, and Cheney understood that by taking on the crazies who control her party she was assuring that she would be booted out of Republican leadership. “If you want leaders who will enable and spread (Trump’s) destructive lies, I’m not your person,” she told the Republican caucus. In a move that suited them perfectly, House Republicans decided to oust Cheney by voice vote, rather than have their individual votes recorded, a maneuver designed to permit them to appease The Donald on one hand while hiding from history on the other. For her part, Cheney has nothing to fear from history, which will treat her as the profile in courage that she is. “I will do everything I can to ensure that the former president never again gets anywhere near the Oval Office,” she said defiantly after she was ousted.

The Republicans’ sharp preference for fiction over truth continued on display this past week, with 175 out of 210 Republican members of Congress voting against having a bipartisan commission investigate “the facts and causes relating to” the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. One would not want to know the facts and causes relating to the unprecedented violent takeover of the Capitol by weapon-toting domestic extremists, after all.

Fighting climate change

Dear Editor:

All my life, my younger brother and I have been trying to escape the dark clouds of smog that loom over Los Angeles. Growing up in Downey, only a 20 minute drive from Downtown LA, left little room for us to breathe clean healthy air.

According to Dr. Allen Frischer, Downey Regional Medical Center’s former chief of staff and medicine, “88% of the world’s population breathes air that does not meet the World Health Organization’s air quality guidelines,” which includes Downey residents like my brother, who suffers from asthma.

The effects of climate change leave people like my brother and the two million other Californians who suffer from asthma in a state of constant worry for their health.

However, it is not too late to fight for clean air. With the passage of Senate Bill 100 in 2018, Governor Newsom has committed California to 100% renewable energy by 2045, a huge victory in the battle against climate change.

Commitments like these could not be made without the help of groups such as CALPIRG Students, a statewide student organization that fights for environmental justice. Currently, CALPIRG Students is working to speed up California’s commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2045 to 2030.

This move will not only set a precedent for other states’ reaction to climate change, but will also help reverse some of the detrimental effects of unhealthy air on Angelenos and more importantly, the world.

Zoelli Ortiz
Downey

But there is good news. Thirty-five Republicans — fully 1 out of 6 Republicans in the House — bucked their leadership’s fierce opposition to finding out the truth, concluding that finding out the truth might actually be in the national interest. That’s 35 out of 210 votes for the truth on the Republican side of the aisle in our House of Representatives. This counts as a good day.

Things are looking up.

Jeff Robbins was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Thoughts on recent stories

Dear Editor:

I am in 100% agreement with Downey Councilman Sean Ashton that the discharge of illegal fireworks in Downey is completely out of hand, and we’d never be able to eliminate the illegal fireworks without first banning the ‘safe and sane’ fireworks.

From May through August, it is reliably routine to have periodic explosions throughout the city, including May 19-- fireworks came from Downey High School that lasted until nearly 10 pm.

And “fundraising” is a weak excuse. Organizations that need funding can find other ways, if they’re willing to put in the work. Some veterans have varying degrees of PTSD so unplanned, non-July 4 explosions can be especially off-putting. And the yearly ER, Police and Fire Department expenditures due to fireworks must be significant.

As a city, we got along fine-- for many years-- without fireworks and I think we need to clamp down hard again.

I thought Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez was going to be recalled due to her criminal history, but if not, shouldn’t she be able to apply and pay for a personal-use reservation-- just like any of us can-- at any of the Downey parks for whatever organization she wants to celebrate? Why, again, does the city need to be involved?

Waiving of fees and reimbursements for city staff sounds like use of city funds to me, but I think a better use of city funds would be for our decaying roads. I had over \$500 of suspension work performed on my personal car recently and I’d appreciate Downey diverting these types of city resources into correcting the multitude of paving defects that are shortening the lives of all of our vehicles. I believe that would benefit 100% of the driving-age Downey population-- not just Alvarez’s special interests.

Additionally, the time for “hazard Pay” has past. It was a poor idea to begin with. Cities that implemented this experienced business closures that we don’t really want here in Downey. It’s also time to put away the additional unemployment, stimulus, rent forgiveness and other freebies as well, and ask people to get back to work.

In the article about Congresswoman Roybal-Allard praising the use of relief funds for “college students”, the title was unfortunately misleading-- which buried the main point, which is that \$32 billion in US taxpayer provided “relief funds” were going to be given to illegal aliens by the DOE. US taxpayers already waste over \$150 billion every year on the care, feeding, medical, education, legal protection and other specifically-focused giveaways to illegals. We could have built five border walls every year with that budget.

We cannot keep giving away US taxpayer money like this.

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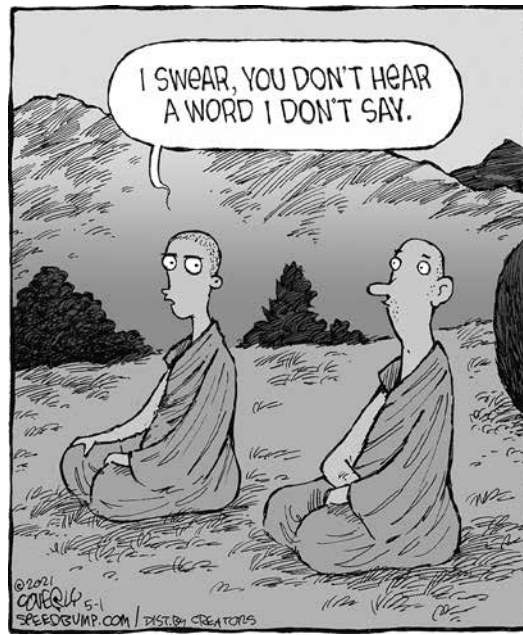
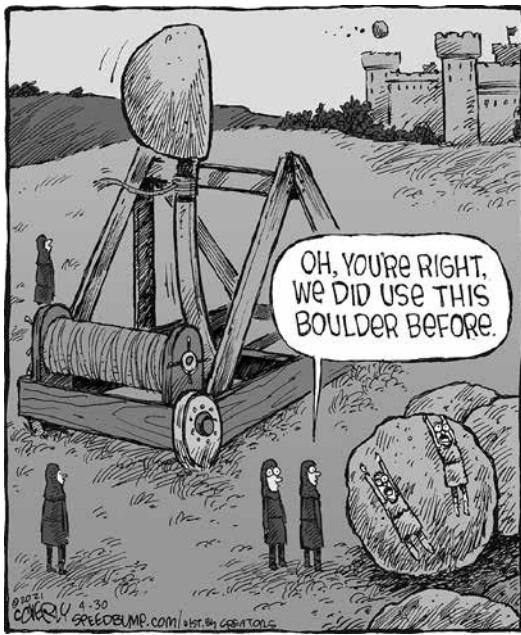
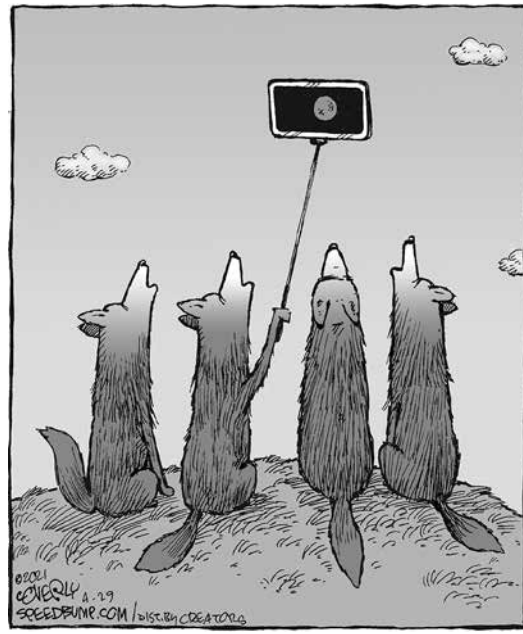
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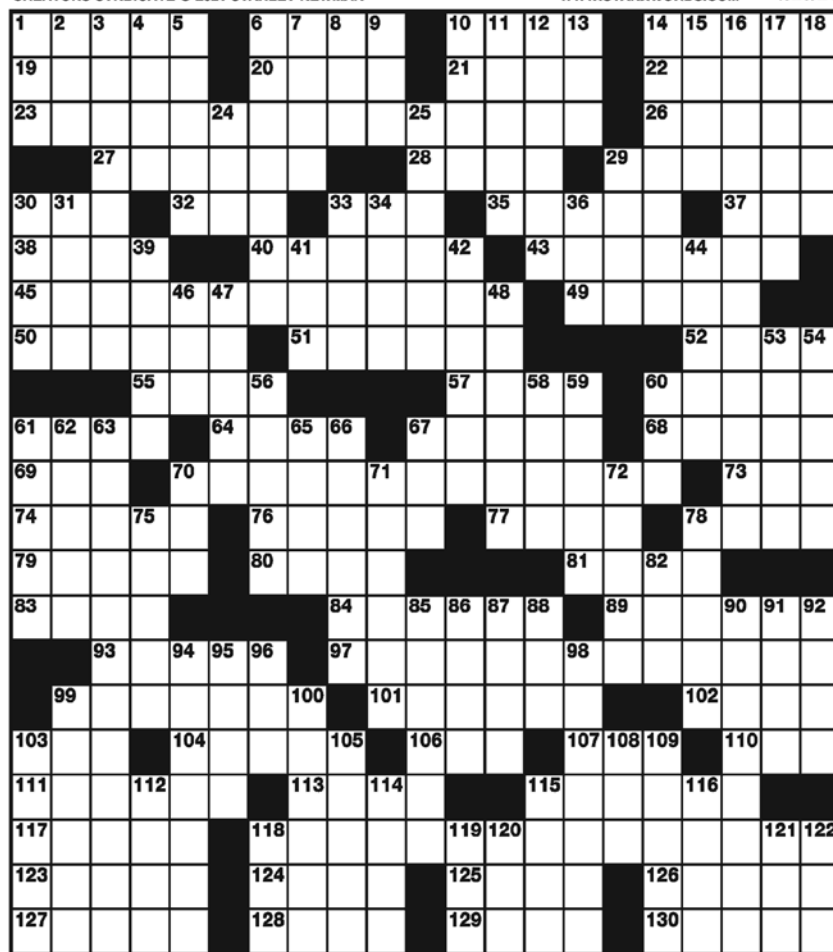
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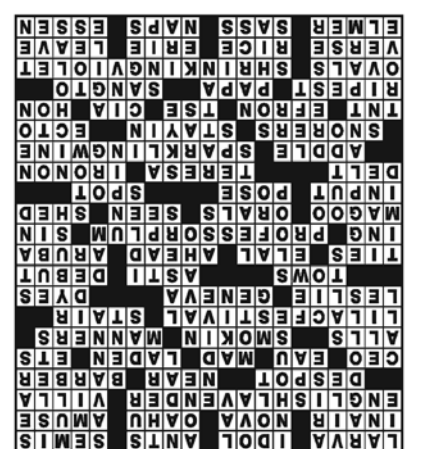
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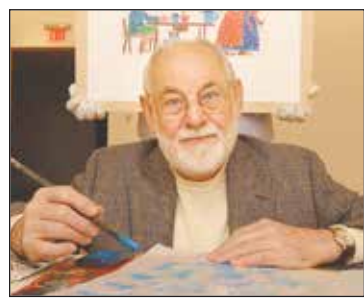
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Obituaries



Eric Carle, beloved children's author

Eric Carle, an author and illustrator of children's books, including "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?," died May 23 at his summer studio in Northampton, Massachusetts at the age of 91, according to his family.

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar," published in 1969, has sold about 50 million copies and been translated into at least 40 languages. It has consistently been ranked among the best children's books and best picture books.

Carle's dozens of other books for children include "The Grouchy Ladybug," "The Very Busy Spider," "From Head to Toe," and "The Mixed-Up Chameleon." Carle's honors include the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for children's literature, awarded in 2003, and the Regina Medal of the Catholic Library Association.

Carle's distinctive illustrations charmed generations of children and their parents. He used collage to create his brightly-colored illustrations, layering hand-painted paper. Multiple shades of the same color came together for a vibrant, textured effect.

His books often included extra dimensions, such as die-cut pages or twinkling lights. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" featured holes in the pages to suggest the caterpillar had eaten through them.

"Many children can identify with the helpless, small, insignificant caterpillar, and they rejoice when it turns into a beautiful butterfly," Carle said in 2016. "I think it's a message of hope. It says: I too can grow up. I can unfold my wings (my talent) and fly into the world. This is a

universal concern that children have: Will I grow up? Will I be able to function as an adult?"

Samuel Wright, voice actor in 'The Little Mermaid'

Samuel E. Wright, an actor and singer known for roles including providing the voice of Sebastian the crab in Disney's "The Little Mermaid," died May 24 of prostate cancer at the age of 74, according to his daughter.

Wright was best known for his role in "The Little Mermaid," for which he sang the iconic songs "Kiss the Girl" and the Oscar-winning "Under the Sea."

But he was also a stage actor as well as doing live-action screen roles. On Broadway, Wright starred in "Pippin" as the Leading Player. He was nominated for two Tony Awards, for "The Tap Dance Kid" in 1984 and "The Lion King" in 1998 - he originated the role of Mufasa in the stage version of the Disney animated classic.

In the 1988 movie "Bird," Wright played Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993). He starred on the TV show "Enos" and in the TV adaptation of "The Little Mermaid," as well as appearing on "The Cosby Show" and "Law & Order." In a Fruit of the Loom commercial, Wright played a dancing bunch of grapes.

"Maybe not every actor would say this, but if I didn't want to be immortal I wouldn't be acting," he said in 1991. "I do want to make my little mark on the world. An actor's worst nightmare is to hear, 10 years from now, 'Sam Wright? Who was Sam Wright?' If you have that kind of attitude, you tend to take each role and make it the best role you've done. You don't know what people are going to judge you by. It doesn't matter if it's a cartoon, Dizzy Gillespie or Othello, I'm going to play it with the same fervor - just in case anybody's watching."

Yuan Longping, helped ease famine

Yuan Longping, a Chinese plant scientist who created

high-yield hybrid rice that helped alleviate famine in Asia and Africa, died May 22 in Changsha, China of multiple organ failure at the age of 90.

In the 1960s, as China was suffering a great famine, Yuan began working to develop a hybrid rice that would feed more people via higher yields. He made a key breakthrough that allowed hybrid rice to reproduce, making it widely available.

But this hybrid rice didn't yet have significantly higher yield than what was previously available. By the mid-1970s, Yuan had determined that introducing a strain of wild rice into the hybrid would increase its yield by 20 to 30 percent.

As his hybrid rice became available for farmers to plant, it helped bring an end to the Chinese famine. Farmers in other countries began using Yuan's rice as well, easing famines around the world. Yuan became a national hero in China, known as "The Father of Hybrid Rice."

"Famished, you would eat whatever there was to eat, even grass roots and tree bark," Longping wrote in his memoir. "At that time I became even more determined to solve the problem of how to increase food production so that ordinary people would not starve."

Roman Kent, Holocaust survivor who sought reparations

Roman Kent, a Polish Holocaust survivor who led a movement seeking reparations from the German government, died May 21 at his home in Manhattan at the age of 92.

Kent was just a teen when he was imprisoned in the Auschwitz concentration camp and later moved to other labor camps. As he and his brother were being transferred to Dachau on a death march, they were liberated by U.S. soldiers. Kent lost his parents to the horrors of the Holocaust. He was able to come to America after the war, where he studied business and became an entrepreneur working in imports.

Kent became involved in gatherings of Holocaust survivors, and he eventually became a leader of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

and Their Descendants. The organization offers services and advocacy for Holocaust survivors, as well as organizing reunions. Kent was also a board member of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Here, he led the campaign for reparations for Holocaust survivors. Kent and other survivors were able to secure billions of dollars for survivors. He served as president of the International Auschwitz Committee, educating the world about the truth of the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex. Kent was also president of the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

Lee Evans, Olympic gold medalist who protested racism

Lee Evans, the runner who won two sprinting gold medals at the 1968 Olympics and protested on the podium against racism, died May 19 at the age of 74 at a hospital in Nigeria following a stroke.

Evans was a star sprinter at San Jose State University who started the Olympic Project for Human Rights with teammates Tommie Smith and John Carlos.

The trio almost boycotted the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City but instead decided that competing and winning was the best message.

Famously, Tommie Smith and John Carlos protested with raised fists after winning medals and were removed from the U.S. team.

Evans set a world record in winning gold in the 400 meter race and another world record on the 4x400 relay team. On the podium, he protested racism by wearing a black beret and raising his fist.

Later, he became a track coach in Nigeria and was elected to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

Alix Dobkin, lesbian singer

Alix Dobkin, a singer and songwriter whose 1973 album "Lavender Jane Loves Women" was a milestone for the lesbian community, died May 19 at her home in Woodstock, New York of a brain aneurysm and stroke, according to her family, at the age of 80.

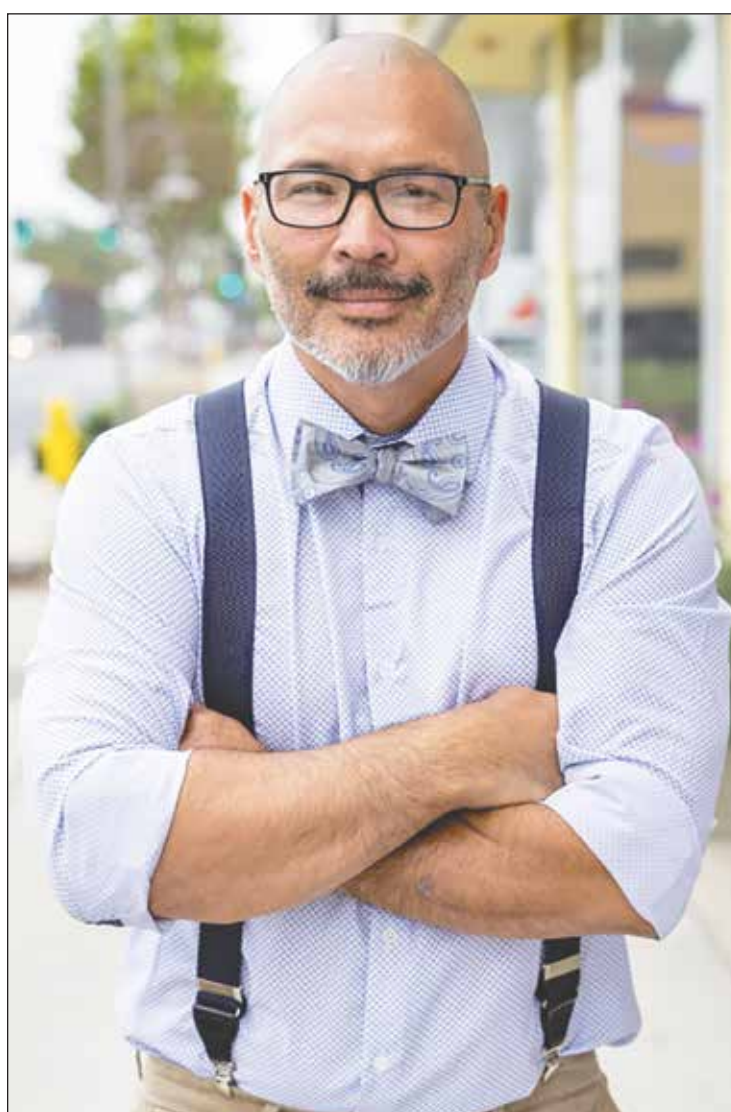
Dobkin began playing music in Greenwich Village coffeehouses in the 1960s. Married to a man at the time, she came out as a lesbian in 1970 and began playing music that boldly talked about the lesbian experience, which was rare at the time.

"Lavender Jane Loves Women" is considered the first full-length album to celebrate lesbianism, with songs including "View from Gay Head" and "Talking Lesbian." Dobkin became popular in feminist circles and was nicknamed "The Head Lesbian" by her fans.

A 1975 photo of Dobkin by her then-partner Liza Cowan became iconic. Dobkin wore a t-shirt reading "The Future Is Female" in the photo. Four decades later, the photo went viral and the slogan was revived as a motto for feminists.

Dobkin released music into the 1990s and wrote the 2009 memoir "My Red Blood: A Memoir of Growing Up Communist, Coming Out to the Greenwich Village Folk Scene, and Coming Out in the Feminist Movement."

In later years, she was co-director of Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, an advocacy group that fights ageism and offers support to the lesbian community.



Larry Hart

For Larry Hart, confidence starts at the hairline

By Alexandra Romero

DOWNEY - "The last guy you could ever imagine shedding a tear... I look up and I see he's crying," said Larry Hart.

Meet Larry Hart, Downey's one and only person who practices scalp micropigmentation and he definitely has a heart for it. Larry owns Downey Hair Loss Solutions SMP on Firestone Boulevard next to Don Chente's Tacos. His business has been in Downey since 2018.

Larry has always had an artistic inclination and was inspired by a friend who had gotten this procedure done to start doing micropigmentation. Scalp micropigmentation is a hair tattoo, meaning it is permanent. It is a non-surgical, superficial cosmetic tattoo that gives the illusion of a close buzz cut hairstyle on a bald head or density to a thinning crown.

"The goal is to make it look as natural as possible," said Larry. "I go over with the pigments of the dots of the hair follicles. I wear these really strong magnifying glasses and I look very closely at the scalp and look where the old hair follicle was and I put the dot where it was to make it look natural. It's pretty rewarding to be able to do it and people are grateful to have me do this for them."

"It is really a life changing experience for a lot of people... It is not uncommon for these guys to shed a tear. I had a guy recently, an older salty guy, the last guy you could ever imagine shedding a tear. I finished the work for the first session, I was looking down and I see in the corner of my eye that he's looking at the mirror. I see his arm go up to his eye...all of a sudden I hear a sniffle. I look up and I see he's crying."

Larry finds his work to be a moving experience and feels grateful to offer this work. Though it is not an easy service to provide as it requires patience and focus.

In total the procedure takes 4-5 weeks and each session can go up to 3-4 hours or even longer. It is a tedious and time consuming procedure but Larry said he enjoys it and gets excited every time he gets a new client. He serves both male and female clients.

As an end result, his clients leave the last session looking like they have a new set or a full set of hair that looks completely natural. Larry mentioned that men have found the procedure to hurt more than women have and some clients have said it feels like a massage.

He has two assistants, Brittany Velasquez and Kirsten Velasquez. They both have been trained in scalp micropigmentation as well as micro blading. Although due to Covid-19, Larry works alone for now.

To receive a free consultation from Downey Hair Loss Solutions SMP, call or text (562)-445-3882.

"My success is the feedback I get from my clients," Larry said. "My whole goal is always to make sure I am left with nothing but good feedback from my clients."

Though his clients come from different cities, his office will make you feel like a part of a community, welcomed and safe.

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