

## In Downey, Cubans fight to keep 'Havana Nights'

■ An effort by Downey Councilmember Catherine Alvarez to reallocate funding dedicated to 'Havana Nights' was met with resistance from residents.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Downey's "Havana Nights" community event will still take place this October, and could potentially see expansion in the coming years.

The fate of the annual event was up in the air on Tuesday, as the City Council was set to discuss the possibility of reallocating funds from the rooftop party at the request of Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez.

There was some confusion early on, as Alvarez said that she did not intend to cancel the popular soiree. Instead, she stated that she had thought that the event had already been put on hold due to Covid-19.

"I do not know who said about cancellation," said Alvarez. "We're just reallocating money because it's not going to be used this year."

"I want to make it clear that neither I or my colleagues on the city council cancelled Havana Nights. The event was cancelled by the theatre committee at the beginning of the year because of Covid."

Instead, Alvarez suggested that those funds be used for another, all-inclusive Hispanic heritage month event, while adding that she would still support the Havana Nights event if it took place this year.

She also said that there was "a bigger issue facing the Cuban community than canceling cultural events."

"I would like for staff to draft a resolution in support of the Cuban people in their fight for freedom, and commanding that the abuses of power that the Cuban government is currently subjecting its citizens to," said Alvarez. "I hope my colleagues will support taking such an action."

"I love Cuba. I went to Cuba. I know how it is to be in Cuba. For two weeks, I was there. I know the community; I went to support my Cubans."

In actuality, it is the Parks and Recreation department – not the Theatre Committee – who oversees Havana Nights. While the event was canceled last year due to the pandemic, it is tentatively scheduled to take place on Oct. 7, and funds were allocated for it as part of the FY 2021/22 budget.

According to City Manager Gilbert Livas, the annual budget for Havana Nights is \$31,000.

Downey's Cuban community came out en force to voice their support for Havana Nights and their displeasure of the councilwoman's apparent move to defund it.

Councilman Mario Trujillo said "Downey would not be Downey without the influence of the Cuban community."

"Even though it's only 2% of our population, it's a vocal minority," said Trujillo. "It's so good to see cities that embrace the diversities of our residents."

Ultimately, Mayor Claudia M. Frometa suggested that the event be expanded in future years.

"This brings the community together in a way that the arts, the music and the culture of the Caribbean is celebrated," said Frometa. "Many restaurants, including several nonprofit organizations, raise money at that event. It is such a successful event that the rooftop has been outgrown. My suggestion and recommendation would be for future years to actually expand that event beyond the rooftop to really accommodate."

## Only 13, Kayla Han makes a splash at US Olympic Trials

■ The future Olympic swimming hopeful competes with La Mirada Armada at Splash Aquatic Center in La Mirada.

By John M. Sherrard  
Contributor

**LA MIRADA** – With the current USA Olympic swimmers in the midst of the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo, Japan, many young, future athletes are working and waiting in the wings.

One of those athletes is 13-year-old swimmer Kayla Han, who competes for the La Mirada Armada out of the Splash Aquatics Center.

"It's definitely a step closer to my dream of getting an Olympic gold medal," Han said. "It's a really good experience for the next Olympics and I'm still training hard for the Olympics in three years."

Han, who celebrated her 13th birthday on May 31, actually made noise on the national stage as the youngest swimmer to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials this year, making the cut at 12 years old.

She did so the day before her 13th birthday at the Speedo Grand Challenge in Irvine at the Woollett Aquatic Center.

The event in which she qualified for the Olympic Trials was the 400-meter individual medley. The qualifying standard was 4:51.79 and Han was just under it with a 4:50.70 that qualified her for the Wave I



Kayla Han, 13, practices with the La Mirada Armada swim team at Splash! in La Mirada on Monday. Han competed in the 400M IM in the Olympic Trials in June. (Photo by Keith Durflinger)

portion of the Olympic Trials.

"Going into the meet that I got the trials cut, I definitely wanted to get it," said Han, who started swimming competitively at the age of five. "I knew I would have to work really hard to get it."

"I really just wanted to break the NAG (National Age Group) record, but when I touched the wall and saw that I got the trials cut it was really shocking. I didn't expect it at all."

Kayla Han's mother, Kim, and father, Daniel, have been

at her side since the beginning of her competitive career. They were both amazed when they realized she was headed to Omaha for Olympic Team Trials.

"I'm still in shock," Kim Han said. "We are so excited for everything for her. But then, we don't want to get too excited because she is still young. She's having a good time and as long as she's happy that's good."

In addition to earning a trip to Omaha, Han also broke two NAG records in the process.

On the first night, she set the 11-12 record in the 400 freestyle (4:17.65) and her 400 IM time for 11-12 year olds was just over five seconds better than three-time Olympian and Olympic silver medalist Elizabeth Beisel. Beisel set the record 16 years ago in 2005.

Ironically, Han got the chance to meet her idol at the trials.

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## State mandating masks in public schools

**NORWALK** – State health officials say schools are ready to open for in-person instruction now that vaccines have been widely distributed, but districts face two major challenges: Children younger than 12 are still not eligible for Covid vaccines, and cases have begun to surge again a month after the state dropped most of its Covid restrictions.

The California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued detailed guidance on how to safely get students back in classrooms, relying on mask-wearing, frequent testing and other practices to prevent Covid transmission.

All K-12 students and adults in K-12 school settings are required to wear masks indoors when students are present. People who have medical conditions that don't allow them to wear a mask are exempt, but they must wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge or another nonrestrictive alternative if their condition permits it. Schools must provide students with a face covering if they forget to bring one of their own.

It's up to the school or district as to how they wish to

handle students who refuse to comply with the mask rules. But if the district or school opts to exclude students who refuse to wear a mask, they must provide the student with "alternative educational opportunities."

Outdoors, masks are optional for all.

## New school board members pledge to follow CDC recommendations

■ Narcis Brasov and Dr. Robert Cancio say they will follow guidance from county and state health officials but they disagree on holding vaccination drives on campus.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

**NORWALK** – The Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School District special election results show that Narcis Brasov and Dr. Robert Cancio are the front-runners for the two available seats on the school board. As of July 23, Brasov holds 32.02% of the votes while Cancio holds 29.94% of the votes.

As Brasov and Cancio feel confident they will win the election, cases of the highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant are rising in California. The variant now accounts for 84% of cases in Los Angeles County.

The district plans to return to

full in-person learning on Aug. 12, but students under 12-years-old are still ineligible for the vaccine.

The Delta variant is 60% more contagious than the original virus, and more dangerous among the unvaccinated. Vaccinated individuals are less likely to be hospitalized than people who have not received a vaccine.

Brasov, a lawyer and former Norwalk High School teacher, believes that the experts and county guidelines should determine the best course of action.

"We can't be epidemiologists and come up with our own ideas," says Brasov. "It's not our area of expertise. So we will follow the county protocols and let the experts determine how to best protect the kids."

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## Concerts on the Lawn

Latin, funk and R&B band SOTO will perform on the Civic Center lawn this Wednesday starting at 7 pm.

Based in Norwalk, SOTO has performed around the world. It was the first Latin American band to play in Beijing, China.

Food will be available for purchase from various vendors.



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**1619:** The first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown, Va.

**1792:** The French national anthem, "La Marseillaise" by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris.

**1863:** American automaker Henry Ford was born in Dearborn Township, Mich.

**1930:** Host Uruguay won soccer's first World Cup with a 4-2 victory over Argentina in the final in Montevideo.

**1942:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or WAVES.

**1945:** The USS Indianapolis, which had just delivered key components of the Hiroshima atomic bomb to the Pacific island of Tinian, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Only 316 out of 1,196 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

**1956:** "In God We Trust" became the United States' official motto.

**1965:** U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Social Security Act of 1965 into law, establishing Medicare and Medicaid.



**1966:** England won the World Cup when Geoff Hurst scored a hat trick in a 4-2 victory over West Germany at London's Wembley Stadium.

**1975:** Former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit. (His remains have never been found.)

**1981:** As many as 50,000 demonstrators, mostly women and children, took to the streets in Łódź to protest food ration shortages in Communist Poland.

**2002:** Expelled from Congress a week earlier, James A. Traficant Jr. was sentenced to eight years behind bars for corruption.

**2003:** In Mexico, the last 'old style' Volkswagen Beetle rolled off the assembly line.

## Birthdays

Pop singer **Paul Anka** (80), actor and former California governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** (74), "The Matrix" actor **Laurence Fishburne** (60), "Friends" star **Lisa Kudrow** (58), "Independence Day" actress **Vivica A. Fox** (57), "America's Got Talent" host **Terry Crews** (53), comedian Tom Green (50), "Suavevito" singer **Elvis Crespo** (50), "Million Dollar Baby" actress **Hilary Swank** (47), "My Name is Earl" actress **Jaime Pressly** (44), soccer player **Hope Solo** (40), "Jane the Virgin" actress **Gina Rodriguez** (37), and "Ramona and Beezus" actress **Joey King** (22).

# Norwalk school board members disagree on vaccination drives

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Cancio, a veteran and doctor with a Ph.D. from the University of Miami, says that he will follow the superintendent's plan for the semester.

"The superintendent's plan is following the LA County of Public Health directive and the CDC recommendations," said Cancio. "I feel confident that we will be able to go back to a safe environment for students, staff, and teachers."

The front-runners disagreed on the idea of a vaccine drive. Similar to the blood-drive held occasionally during the school year, healthcare workers would administer the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible students with parental consent.

"It's very easy for kids to forge a letter, I've seen it in high school," said Brasov. "Verifying parental consent would be very tricky and unreliable. I would say no for that reason, because I'm not sure we could accurately verify consent."

Cancio is open to the idea, but says he will wait and see if a vaccine-drive has community support.

"The county and other healthcare organizations are doing a good job with vaccine drives. If it has support from the community, then I don't see why not," said Cancio.

The two candidates did agree that anyone who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine should get vaccinated.

"With the amount of data we have, there have been favorable results. I would recommend getting vaccinated," said Dr. Cancio.

Brasov recommended that people talk to their doctor if they have concerns about the vaccine, or if they have a health condition that would make them ineligible to take the shot.

"I personally know people with rare blood disease that the vaccine is contraindicated for," said Brasov. "If you have concerns, talk to your doctor. I did, because I had recently recovered from COVID. He recommended I get vaccinated, and I'm glad I did."

The NLMUSD school board election results will be confirmed on Aug. 2, once the final ballots are counted and certified.



Concerts on the Lawn returned to Norwalk on Wednesday with Anything for Salinas Band, a Selena tribute group.

Concerts are free and start at 7 pm. Music usually finishes by 9 pm. Residents who arrive early are eligible for giveaways. Face masks are optional.

For more information, call the Recreation and Park Services Department at (562) 929-5573.

## Residents invited to virtual community forum

**NORWALK** - A virtual community forum will be held on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

The forums, held on a quarterly basis, provide an opportunity for the public to engage with Council on a variety of issues impacting quality of life.

Brief presentations on economic development and public safety will be provided followed by a Q&A session with City Council and city staff.

The Zoom dial-in number is 669-900-6833, and the meeting ID is 709 573 2685.

Translation services will be available for residents who speak Spanish. Questions and comments can be submitted in advance to publiccomments@norwalkca.gov

For more information, please call Public Affairs at 562-929-5735.

## Blood drive at Social Services Center

**NORWALK** - Norwalk's Social Services Center is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 11 am to 5 pm.

Residents can make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org (enter sponsor code "NorwalkSS") or call Social Services at (562) 929-5544. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Farmers market open twice a week at City Hall

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# Simone Biles demonstrated a true champion mindset

By Lindsay Crouse

What kind of champion withdraws at the Olympics?

One who can recognize her limits and stop before she crashes into them. And so in dropping out of the team gymnastics competition at the Tokyo Olympics, Simone Biles, the best gymnast America has ever produced, issued a statement as powerful as anything she's done in competition: She said "enough."

After an unusual underperformance at the preliminaries — by her own high standards — Biles realized she could not execute her planned vault in the team finals. After some deliberation, she bowed out.

"At the end of the day, we're human, too, so we have to protect our mind and our body rather than just go out there and do what the world wants us to do," she told reporters after the competition, in which her team earned Olympic silver medals.

Biles joins a growing number of younger athletes, including her fellow Olympian the tennis star Naomi Osaka, who are pushing against the traditional American narrative of gold at all costs, including the expense of their own mental or physical health.

There was, predictably, plenty of pushback. Critics on Twitter lamented that quitting is the new winning, casting it as weak and lazy Generation Z behavior. But in a social-media-driven world, young elite athletes have a new power, too: They have more control of their own careers, and the narratives around them.

Obviously, everyone wants to win. So it's exciting that many of these stars are also recognizing that being the greatest means knowing your own variable limits and when to push through the pain — and when not to force it. How many Olympians have we seen push, persevere and then crumble when the Games are over? Some compared Biles unfavorably against Kerri Strug, the teenage gymnast who landed a vault on a torn ankle to help her team win the 1996 Olympics. (It later turned out that this heroic performance was unnecessary; America already had enough points to win.)

In fact, that's a worthy comparison, but not in the way Biles's critics contend. While it was roundly applauded at the time, and it still is often held up as a moment of Olympic glory, what Strug went through was horrific — hurting herself while America cheered. She never competed professionally again.

This is what change looks like: choice.

Biles has spent her entire career defining her own boundaries — usually by pushing them. She won the national championships with broken toes and the world championships with a kidney stone. She survived sexual assault at the hands of her own team doctor, Larry Nassar — and instead of running away, she stayed and leveraged her

fame to push for progress. Her desire to be a symbol for change is part of why Biles has stuck around to compete in these Games at all, she has said.

So Biles knows how to be tough. But, of course, the burden of that toughness gets heavy. This week, she posted on her Facebook page, "I truly do feel that I have the weight of the world on my shoulders at times."

The pressure on athletes may be more intense now than it's ever been. It's a time when any armchair sports analyst can dissect your form, question your commitment or remind you that the goblins sowing doubt in your mind may be right.

Biles said that she dropped out for mental health reasons, in addition to physical ones. But they're not so different — especially when you're performing moves as difficult as those Biles has wowed crowds with lately. (Some of these moves were so potentially dangerous that judges scored them lower to discourage other, less-skilled, gymnasts from attempting them.)

And sometimes the best thing an athlete can do for her performance is to take a break. Especially when you're in a rut, quitting to regroup can be the fastest way to refresh and re-energize. After two disappointing performances in a row, Biles was wise to stop and refresh, said Steve Magness, a performance coach for Olympians and the author of a forthcoming book, "Real Toughness."

"We have a fundamental misconception of what it means to be tough," Mr. Magness told me. "It's not gritting our teeth through everything; it's having the space to make the right choice despite pressure, stress and fatigue."

It's impossible for most of us to understand the kind of pressure that elite athletes face, Mr. Magness said. And in her decision to stand down, Biles offered a master class in how to deal with that pressure. If anything, she probably only helped her team by ignoring ego and staying out when she recognized she wasn't capable of performing at her high standard.

"Performance is all about self-awareness," said Mr. Magness. "You are trying to match your skills on that day with the demand of the event. So Simone is aware when to go for broke and pull out the big difficulty tasks, but she also knows when she is slightly off and needs to scale it down slightly."

It's worth remembering: Simone Biles is not a viral gif flipping through your phone. She may be wearing a U.S.A. leotard, but she



doesn't work for us. No matter what hopes and dreams we invested in her, she earned her place, and she gets to decide. Athletes, and their physical and mental health, are not commodities. Biles knows that — and is not willing to be disposable. Rather, she is investing in her longevity.

Despite all the hullabaloo and recriminations against Biles for not competing, the American team performed brilliantly and took silver. Biles still has the opportunity to perform in the individual competition. Rather than sulking, she cheered for her teammates from the stands, hugged the gold-medal-winning gymnasts from Russia and proudly posted a picture of her teammates smiling with their medals on her Instagram feed.

Ultimately, this is just sports. As Biles herself said after the competition, "there's more to life than gymnastics." These young women and men have extraordinary talent and perform under incredible pressure, but they are not superhuman. We have no right to expect them to be.

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# Dysfunction keeps 'Dreamers' in purgatory

By Steve Chapman

Someday, many years from now, historians will use the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program as a case study in the monumental dysfunction of American democracy in the early 21st century. But there is no guarantee that the issue will be consigned to the history books by then. Many of the "dreamers" could pass on to the next world before our political institutions have settled their fate in this world.

DACA was initiated in 2012 by President Barack Obama after he gave up on persuading Congress to pass legislation that both Democrats and many Republicans — including President George W. Bush — thought was wise and necessary. The program allowed foreigners brought here illegally as children to remain in the United States and eventually gain citizenship if they met certain criteria.

Broad public support for legislation was not enough to overcome irresponsible fearmongering and partisan gridlock. The blameless became the victims of the feckless.

Obama resorted to executive authority to grant a reprieve to hundreds of thousands of young people who were American in everything but citizenship documents — having grown up here, attended school here and even served in the U.S. military. But DACA was quickly mired in litigation that cast the intended beneficiaries into a perpetual purgatory.

Last week, a federal judge in Texas struck it down as a violation of federal administrative law. "The executive branch cannot just enact its own legislative policy when it disagrees with Congress's choice to reject proposed legislation," wrote Judge Andrew Hanen. At the same time, he specified that his decision does not "require DHS or the Department of Justice to take any immigration, deportation, or criminal action against any DACA recipient, applicant, or any other individual that it would not otherwise take." The "Dreamers" remain in limbo.

Americans can reasonably disagree on how to combat undocumented migration and what to do with foreigners who choose to break our laws in coming here. But the point of expelling those who didn't make that choice is beyond comprehension.

It would amount to punishing children for the sins of their parents. It would also amount to punishing grandchildren: DACA recipients have given birth to 250,000 U.S. citizens.

It would mean wasting the investment Americans have made to educate these members of our community. It would mean forfeiting their productive skills, to the detriment of the economy. It would deprive companies of workers and destroy small businesses founded

by people pursuing the American dream.

But it would not deter migration. The Central Americans now waiting at our southern border didn't embark on a death-defying 1,000-mile journey because of an executive order issued nine years ago that may not survive. They did it out of a desperate desire to escape violence and poverty. Expelling every "dreamer" wouldn't keep a single migrant away.

On Monday, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recognized as much, ruling against environmentalists and ranchers who said DACA violated the law mandating an environmental impact review for some major federal actions. The unanimous panel rejected the ridiculous claim that the program entices more foreigners to sneak in.

Wrote Judge Jay Bybee: "Plaintiffs ask us to assume that aliens outside the United States who are, by definition, ineligible for DACA relief would learn about the policy; mistakenly believe it applicable to them or that they might obtain similar relief from a future administration; come to the United States based on their

misconceptions; and permanently settle near Plaintiffs, thereby increasing the population and straining environmental resources. The attenuation in this chain of reasoning, unsupported by well-pleaded facts, is worthy of Rube Goldberg."

Republicans in Congress have long criticized DACA as an illegal use of executive power. But the logical response would be for them to usurp this presidential decree by passing a bill to protect the "Dreamers." Many GOP members say they can't abide such legislation until the border is "secure," which is the equivalent of not going to confession until you're sure you'll never sin again.

A Pew Research Center poll last year found that 74% of Americans, including 54% of Republicans, support legislation to grant permanent legal status to the "Dreamers." The support has been there for a long time. But the state of our democracy is such that the solution the American people want is one they may forever be denied.

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# Remembering John Glenn, a small-town hero

By Jeff Robbins

On July 4, 1997, Sen. John Glenn hosted a lunch for his staff in his hideaway office underneath the Capitol dome. Born in New Concord, Ohio, population 1,800, the plumber's son turned war hero turned astronaut Glenn felt America's birthday in his bones, and he was in good spirits.

At the time, Glenn was the ranking Democrat on a Republican-controlled Senate committee investigating former President Bill Clinton's administration for alleged fundraising improprieties during Clinton's 1996 reelection campaign. The Democrats had engaged in the same routine, legal but sometimes malodorous practices in which both parties have historically engaged, dangling access to top officials in order to stroke large donors. The Republicans, barely recovered from the shock of seeing Clinton defeat former President George H.W. Bush in 1992, fairly levitated with rage at Clinton's easy defeat of Bob Dole the previous November. They professed to be shocked — shocked! — that the Democrats had solicited campaign contributions in the exact same way Republicans had. And they saw an opportunity to blacken former Vice President Al Gore and undermine his prospects for succeeding Clinton in 2000. The political charges and countercharges were not only predictable but old as the hills.

It was, in short, nothing more than politics, and Glenn, though given a central role in the investigation as the senior Democrat on the committee, was barely able to mask his disinterest. Almost 76, the first American to orbit the earth was far more interested in lobbying NASA to permit him to return to space, arguing that this would enable scientists to better study the effects of aging. Glenn had to pass a rigorous, highly invasive series of physical examinations, ones which, to put it delicately, involved no shortage of tubes and other unpleasant objects being run through parts of the body that God did not create in order to have tubes and other unpleasant objects run through them.

"How long will you be up there if NASA lets you do it?" one of Glenn's committee lawyers asked him.

"Seven to 10 days," Glenn replied.

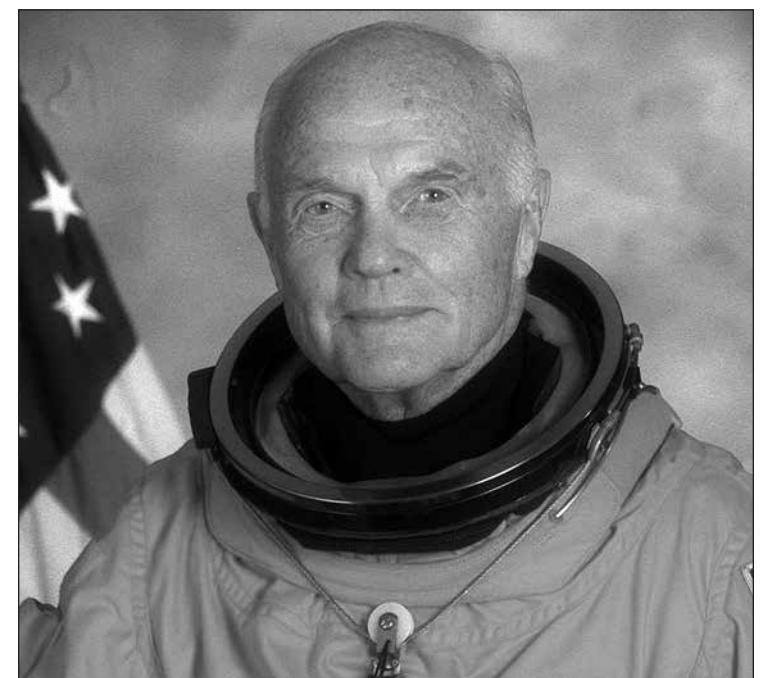
"So, you have to spend weeks having tubes run through you in order to win the right to have tubes run through you for seven to 10 days in space?" asked the uncomprehending lawyer, suddenly without any appetite.

"Pretty much," said Glenn.

"Haven't you heard of Club Med?" his lawyer asked.

"For me," Glenn replied, "this would be Club Med."

Glenn was made of different stuff. He quit college to enlist after the United States entered World War II, flew 149 combat missions for his country in that conflict and then in Korea, winning a crateful of military honors. After the Soviet Union leapt ahead of America in the space race, Glenn gave his countrymen a badly needed lift in 1962



when he orbited the planet. His 1984 presidential campaign fell flat in part because of his down-to-earth personality. "If you were driving through New Concord, Ohio, and you needed directions," remembers Jonathan Dorfman, who ran Glenn's New York state campaign, "he was the guy who would get in his car and say, 'Hey, follow me.'"

Glenn ultimately got his wish to serve his country yet one more time. On October 29, 1998, the 77-year-old returned to space as a payload specialist on space shuttle Discovery.

John Glenn would have turned 100 this month, a month that saw billionaires Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos flaunt their galactic wealth and double-galactic egos to travel to the edge of space. Their trips, which earned them the media attention they crave, marked a new frontier in self-promotion. This was quite a contrast with Glenn, the small-town boy who took self-effacing national service to new heights.

"Glenn lived the life that Ronald Reagan played in the movies," observes Dorfman. As the country searches its soul and wrestles with the meaning of patriotism, we could do worse than to reflect a bit on American patriot John Glenn on his 100th birthday.

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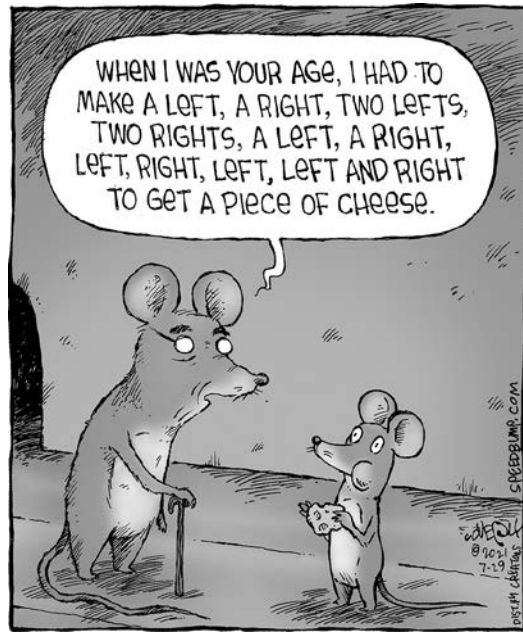
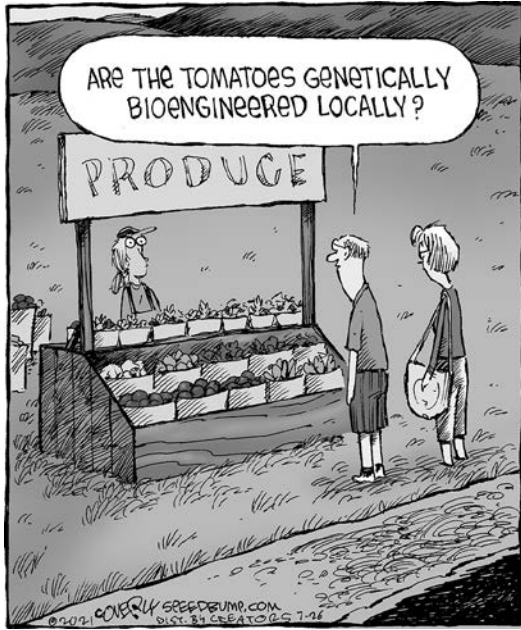
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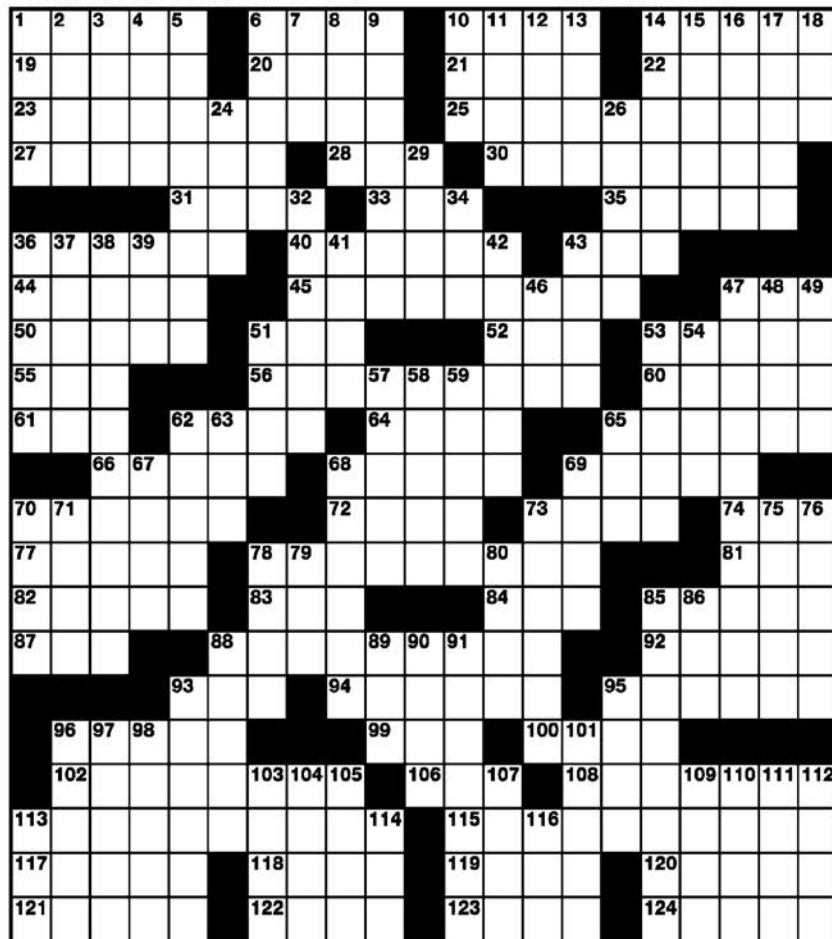
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# Obituaries

## Dusty Hill, bassist for ZZ Top

Dusty Hill, the longtime bassist for the legendary rock band ZZ Top, died July 27 at his home in Houston at the age of 72.

After playing in bands including the Warlocks and American Blues, Hill joined ZZ Top in 1969, just after they signed a record contract with London Records.

The band hit it big with their 1973 single "La Grange" and followed it with enduring 1970s hits like "Tush," "I Thank You," and "Cheap Sunglasses."

They built their reputation on blues riffs and clever lyrics, along with their unmistakable style – Hill and lead singer/guitarist Billy Gibbons both wore long beards, sunglasses, and hats onstage.

In addition to playing bass, Hill sang backing vocals as well as lead on several songs including "Tush," "Bad Girl," and "Hi Fi Mama."

ZZ Top brought their bluesy rock into a new decade as they entered the 1980s, incorporating synthesizers into huge hit singles including "Legs," "Gimme All Your Lovin'," "Sharp Dressed Man," and "Sleeping Bag."

In the '80s, ZZ Top were popular on MTV as well as scoring their first Top 10 hits.

Hill and his bandmates were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. The band remained together for more than 50 years, keeping their famous lineup of Hill, Gibbons, and drummer Frank Beard intact. Their most recent album was 2012's "La Futura."

## Joey Jordison, founding drummer for Slipknot

Joey Jordison, a co-founder and the original drummer for the popular metal band Slipknot, died peacefully in his sleep Monday at the age of 46, according to a statement from his family.

Jordison was one of the founders of the aggressive metal band Slipknot in Iowa in 1995. They self-released their debut album in 1996, which led to the band being signed by popular hard rock label Roadrunner Records in 1998.

Slipknot was known for their exciting live shows, wearing masks, and showcasing a unique nu metal sound.

Jordison was acclaimed for his aggressive rhythms and skill on a double bass kit. He was voted best rock drummer of the past 25 years in 2010 by readers of Rhythm Magazine, beating out the Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl and Neil Peart of Rush.

Jordison was apparently fired by the band in 2013; at the time of his passing he was a member of the band Sinsaeum.

## Phyllis Gould, original 'Rosie the Riveter'

Phyllis Gould, a World War II defense plant worker who fought for recognition for all the Rosie the Riveters who worked on the home front, died July 20 of complications of a stroke at the age of 99.

During World War II, Gould worked as a welder in a California shipyard, one of many women who took on traditionally male jobs in factories as the U.S. fought in World War II. She was one of the first six women hired at Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, California, because she already had welding experience.

She and the other "Rosie the Riveters" became immortalized in song and in the iconic "We Can Do It" wartime poster, but Gould sought more than pop culture fame for her fellow Rosie the Riveters. She helped push for the creation of the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park in Richmond in 2000.

Gould also worked toward the declaration of Rosie the Riveter Day on March 21, and she was part of the movement to recognize all the Rosie the Riveters with a Congressional Gold Medal. She was

involved in the design of the medal, which will be issued in 2022. Gould also worked as an interior designer.

## Steven Weinberg, physicist won Nobel Prize

Steven Weinberg, a theoretical physicist who won the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work with elementary particles, died July 23 at a hospital in Austin, Texas at the age of 88.

Weinberg's Nobel Prize was awarded for his work in studying the tiny particles that make up all matter. He shared the prize with Abdus Salam and Sheldon Glashow, though the three scientists worked separately.

His work expanded the work Albert Einstein did to develop a "theory of everything." Among Weinberg's discoveries was the existence of W and Z boson particles.

Weinberg was known for his ability to explain complex theories of physics in an understandable way, and his 1977 popular science book, "The First Three Minutes: A Modern View of the Origin of the Universe," was widely read.

Weinberg was considered by many to be the greatest living theoretical physicist.

## Bob Moses, civil rights activist

Bob Moses, a civil rights activist known for his work in the South registering Black voters in the 1960s, died July 25 at his home in Hollywood, Florida at the age of 86.

Moses was working as a high school teacher in New York City in 1960 when he was inspired to relocate to Mississippi to help register Black voters.

He became known for his calm determination even in the face of violence – he once continued registering voters even after he was hit in the head with a knife handle, later seeking medical attention and getting nine stitches.

Moses worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was a founder of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project, bringing Northern college students to the South to aid in voter registration efforts. He was also an organizer of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, which worked to include Black delegates in the state's delegation at the Democratic National Convention.

In later years, Moses developed the Algebra Project, a math literacy program that helped underprivileged students excel.

## Jackie Mason, legendary comedian

Jackie Mason, a legendary stand-up comedian known for his outrageous ethnic-based humor, died July 24 in Manhattan at the age of 93.

Mason was ordained as a rabbi, just like his father, before beginning to do comedy sets at the resorts in the Catskills during the summers.

After his father's death, Mason devoted himself to comedy full time, struggling for years before a 1960 appearance on "The Steve Allen Show" gave him his big break. Mason became known for his Jewish humor, based on amazed and annoyed observations of the world around him.

His career was at its height in the early 1960s before slumping later in the decade. He came back in the 1980s and later with movie and TV appearances including "History of the World: Part 1," "The Jerk," and as Krusty the Clown's father on "The Simpsons."

His humor didn't always fit in the modern world; Mason invited controversy in recent years when he used Yiddish ethnic slurs.

## Gary Corbett, keyboardist and songwriter

Gary Corbett, a keyboardist with Kiss and Cinderella, who also co-wrote the Cyndi Lauper hit "She Bop," died July 14 of lung cancer.

He was 63.

Corbett toured with artists including Ian Hunter and Mick Ronson before co-writing "She Bop," which was a No. 3 hit in 1984.

The song's success opened doors for Corbett, and he went on to tour with Lou Gramm before being asked to join Kiss' touring band in 1987. Corbett played keyboards with Kiss until 1992, also touring with artists including Debbie Gibson and Taylor Dayne.

He joined Cinderella in 1991, playing keyboards and singing backing vocals until their breakup in 2017. Corbett died the same day as longtime Cinderella guitarist Jeff LaBar.

## Mike Howe, lead singer of Metal Church

Mike Howe, the lead singer for the heavy metal band Metal Church, died July 26 at his home in Eureka, California at the age of 55.

Howe joined Metal Church in 1988, replacing their previous lead singer, David Wayne.

Previously a member of the band Heretic, Howe was with Metal Church when they scored a Billboard 200 hit album with 1989's "Blessing in Disguise" and when they signed with major label Epic Records in 1991.

When Metal Church broke up in 1996, Howe left the music world and worked as a carpenter while raising his family. Later, Metal Church reformed, and Howe joined them in 2015. He recorded two more albums with the band before his death.

"It was awesome for me because my oldest son was 18 when I came back to Metal Church and he came to shows," Howe said of rejoining Metal Church. "I took him on the first Monsters of Rock Cruise that I did and that was the greatest thing for me. I could tell he had a great time and it's something I'll never forget."

## Greg Knapp, NFL quarterbacks coach

Greg Knapp, an assistant coach with the New York Jets, Denver Broncos, and several other teams in a 25-year NFL coaching career, died July 22 in San Ramon, Calif., after a traffic accident at the age of 58.

After playing as a quarterback at Sacramento State University and briefly in the NFL, Knapp began his coaching career at Sacramento State.

His first NFL coaching job was for the San Francisco 49ers, and he moved on to coach the Atlanta Falcons, Oakland Raiders, Seattle Seahawks, and Houston Texans.

Knapp was the quarterbacks coach for the Broncos when they won Super Bowl 50 in 2016. He had just been hired by the Jets in early 2021.

## Johnny Ventura, merengue singer

Johnny Ventura, a superstar of merengue music who later became the mayor of Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, died July 28 of a heart attack at age 81.

Born Juan de Dios Ventura Soriano, Ventura began his career in the 1950s in the Dominican Republic. He became widely known after forming his own band, the Combo Show, in 1964.

He was an innovator of merengue music, helping the genre evolve from its big-band origins as he brought the energy of rock and roll into the merengue sound.

His band was smaller than those that came before him, and they sped up the tempo of merengue and offered exciting stage shows with flashy costumes. Ventura was called the "Elvis of merengue" for his pioneering style.

Nicknamed "El Caballo Mayor," Ventura won six Latin Grammy Awards, including a 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1994, he was elected vice mayor of Santo Domingo, and he became the city's mayor in 1998, serving until 2002.

# Short Story: I Only Have Cow Eyes for You

By Yolanda Adele

**M**y dad came home from work and found me sitting on the steps of our house with my head on my lap. He asked what was wrong. I told him that I had run out of excuses for not having found something really "cool" for show and tell.

"Papi, everyone in my class has already brought things that I thought of too late. If I don't come up with something, I will not be allowed to see a Disney movie at the school assembly."

"Mija, what about taking one of your toys?" he asked.

"No! Those are for babies and not cool for junior high!"

"What about a worm or spider?"

"No, Papi! That's already been done. I want something really different and not boring! You don't understand."

"Go in the house and tell your mama," he said. "I have to

go back to the slaughterhouse to get something and to keep my dinner warm in the oven until I come back."

When Papi returned he found mom and I in the kitchen. He handed me a package wrapped in butcher paper that was sticky. I asked, "What is this thing?"

He laughed in his typical boisterous manner.

"It's your ticket to the Disney movie, Mija, at your school assembly."

I cautiously unwrapped the slimy mystery package to find, to me and my mom's horror, two very large and bloody cow eyes. I quickly dumped those eyeballs into the kitchen sink.

"Juan, are you crazy, Loco!" yelled my mother.

"Papi, that's awful and not funny," I said. "Why are you giving me this slime?"

He just laughed harder.

"No wonder you can't find anything, how you say, 'cool.' It's you who don't understand. I'm trying to help you. I only have cow eyes for you to share."

Then I got it!

"Thank you, Papi. That is perfect."

My mother did not agree and called us both "loco crazies." I thanked Papi with a big hug and promised to tell him all about my show and tell when I came home from school.

The cow eyes were a big hit at my show and tell. All the kids were excited to see it. (My teacher, well, not so much.) And I got to see the Disney movie in a front row seat.

*Sharon Benson-Smith a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.*

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# Kayla Han sets sights on 2024 Olympics

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"I look up to her a lot and I broke her NAG record and it was a cool coincidence that I met her at trials after I broke her NAG record," Han said.

Getting to the Olympic Trials was one thing, but the biggest splash Han made was an unbelievable comeback and win in her 400 IM race.

Han, who was the youngest swimmer of the 1,400 qualifiers at the trials, gained a lot of attention with the way she finished the race.

First, flash back to her very first competitive race at the age of five. The youngster, who was swimming the 100 IM, trailed in the third leg (breaststroke). By the time she hit the wall for her final turn home in the freestyle, Han was ahead and easily won the race.

Not quite the same finish at the trials in the B Final, but 5 ft. 5 in. Han trailed the leader by more than three lengths heading into the final 100 (freestyle). She still trailed the top three swimmers at the final turn, but the final 50 meters was a different story.

Han, whose favorite stroke is the freestyle, came all the way back and out-touched her opponents and the video of the race became a sensation all

over the swimming world. She finished with a time of 4:51.08.

"I was definitely a little bit nervous, but mostly happy about being the youngest," said Han, who is nicknamed by her team as Baby Beast. "I just tried to enjoy it as much as I could."

Han received help at the trials from her former age group coach, Kathy Hall, and her current coach Rick Shipherd.

"Coach Rick is a really good coach because he not only pushes me real hard, but understands my feelings a lot," Han said. "He does everything he can for the team."

Shipherd, who is the head coach for the Armada, says of Kayla, "She's probably ahead of the game. We've had forty kids in the trials, but Kayla is pretty far ahead."

"She has a good support team with her friends and her family and her coaches. She has an outstanding work ethic, it's incredible. It's as good as anyone I've ever coached. Her engine is her biggest talent and she recovers really well. We'll see how that develops as she gets older."

Shipherd also sees her getting stronger of course.

"She will have no problem with her growth staying in sync with her power," Shipherd

added. "And, when you pair that with her great engine and strong work ethic, you will see steady progress."

Shipherd has been active as a leader in USA Swimming and Southern California Swimming for over 30 years.

Patty Caretto-Brown, an Olympic swimmer at the 1968 games in Mexico City, saw the video and commented, "that was amazing."

Caretto-Brown, who finished fifth in the 800 in the Mexico Games, was also a 13-year-old, but had already set multiple world records, especially in the long distance events.

"She definitely has a very, very promising career ahead of her," Caretto-Brown said. "As long as she keeps doing what she is doing, she will be the one to watch."

"She is definitely an Olympic hopeful for 2024 in Paris. It's got to be so unbelievable for her."

Caretto-Brown and Han had similar beginnings. Caretto-Brown was swimming at a young age. "When I was 10, I was in age groups and that's when my coach said, 'I want to train her.'"

Kayla, however, saw her first competitive race at five and at seven was coached by Hall until she was eight. La Mirada Armada's Don Garman, who is in his 53rd year of coaching, coached her up until nine years old.

"She (Hall) actually was the one that helped me fix my freestyle stroke," Kayla Han said. "She taught me a lot about technique and she did a lot for me now (at the trials)."

Kayla's dad, Daniel, remembers Garman commenting on her talent -

"I remember Don saying, 'I haven't seen a talent like that in years.'"

Garman is in charge of the 12U age group.

Daniel Han noticed that Kayla seemed to have talent at an early age.

"We used to just play around in the backyard pool," Daniel said. "I noticed that she would pick things up quickly and thought that maybe she could be a decent swimmer."

"I put her on the club team and the rest is history."

"It's still early and she still has quite a ways to go. So far, all of the goals that she has set for herself, she has been able to meet and exceed. The main thing is that she is having fun."

As for her energy, Daniel just says, "Kayla was born with that motor. And Rick will develop it."

As for family activities, they all pretty much revolve around Kayla's schedule. It is all worth it as Daniel Han was totally elated on her qualifying for the trials.

"It was crazy," he said. "We didn't expect it at all. To get it



Kayla Han, 13, swims the breast stroke as she practices with the La Mirada Armada swim team. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

at that age and the event, it was quite shocking."

The final event of the season will take place Aug. 3. Kayla will be competing in four events at the US Open (18U) in Irvine. It's a big season-ending national event.

Kayla has done a lot in her short 13 years, but perhaps the

most important thing about her is her quiet personality out of the water and her fellow teammates and friends.

"I like the sport of swimming mostly because of my friends and seeing friends do good when they touch the wall," Kayla concluded.

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