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Hahn urges residents to get booster shots as Covid cases rise

■ Second booster shots are now available to residents ages 50 and older, and younger people with health conditions.

By City News Service

COMMERCE - Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn visited the Commerce Senior Center Wednesday to make a personal appeal for residents to get COVID-19 booster shots, noting the nationwide spread of the BA.2 subvariant of the virus that has led to rising case numbers.

"We know the vaccines work, but their effectiveness wanes over time," Hahn said. "If you did the right thing and got vaccinated last year, you protected yourself during the last surge. But we know that your immunity is not as high anymore. You need to look out for yourself, especially if you're a senior like me ... or if you have health challenges.

"We are most at risk for getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19," she said. "Things are getting more dangerous again. We in L.A. County are keeping our eye on the other cities in this country. The (BA.2) variant is here. ... We are monitoring the situation, but already we're seeing cities like Philadelphia being forced to reinstate their mask mandates as their case counts rise. Everybody needs to get ready and protect themselves by getting boosted."

Second booster shots are now

available for all residents aged 50 and over, and for younger residents with underlying health conditions.

Hahn noted that she received her second booster last week, and said her office will be sponsoring mobile vaccination clinics throughout southeastern Los Angeles County in the coming weeks to make the shots more accessible to residents.

"Don't wait, get boosted," she said.

Her comments echoed a statement issued Wednesday by California Public Health Director Dr. Tomás Aragón, who also noted that BA.2 is now the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the state.

"While COVID-19 hospitalization rates are near an all-time low, we are seeing an increase in COVID-19 transmission in some parts of the state," Aragón said. "This underscores the need for Californians to remain vigilant and protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated and boosted.

"Vaccines continue to offer strong protection against COVID-19, including this variant. This is why the FDA has authorized a second booster dose for those in our most vulnerable categories, including people aged 50 and older. Getting this additional booster is the best way to maintain your protection against COVID-19 and its variants."

Los Angeles County health officials have noted that while daily case numbers have been rising,



L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, center, with Southeast L.A. County officials Wednesday at the Commerce Senior Center.

hospitalizations and deaths are still low.

On Wednesday, state figures showed 256 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals, down from 270 on Tuesday. Of those patients, 35 were being treated in intensive care units, down slightly from 36 a day earlier.

The county reported another 973 infections on Wednesday, raising the cumulative pandemic

total to 2,848,030. Another 11 deaths were also reported, lifting the virus-related death toll to 31,830.

The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus ticked upward to 1.3% as of Wednesday, up from the roughly 1% rate of the past week.

According to the county Department of Public Health, the countywide increase in infections

is also being reflected at schools, where tests of students and staff had a positivity rate of 0.19% for the week ending April 8. The 822 positive tests recorded that week represented a 42% increase from the prior week, according to the county.

Norwalk marks Autism Awareness Month

■ Organizations have objected to the puzzle symbol traditionally used to celebrate autism awareness.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK - Autistic students from Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District helped the Norwalk city council proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month during their city hall meeting last week.

However, the council and school district was unaware that they used symbols that reinforced decades of harmful stereotypes and false information about autism.

Vice Mayor Ana Valencia, a K-12 educator, recognized blue as "the color of autism." She also compared autistic students to puzzle pieces saying, "Sometimes the puzzle pieces don't fit together. We are here as a Village to help put those together."

Organizations such as Autism Speaks have used the puzzle piece symbol in controversial ads where autism is displayed as a disease that needs a cure. Other individuals use the puzzle piece to view autistic people as "puzzling" or a "mysterious illness."

The puzzle piece was created by Gerald Gasson, a board member for the National Autistic Society in 1963, according to The Art of Autism. They believed that autistic people suffered from a "puzzling" condition, so they created a logo of a puzzle piece with a weeping child, leading people to believe autism is

a disease.

Autism Speaks also use blue in their "#lightitupblue" campaign, but using blue reinforces the stereotype that autism is more likely to occur in boys. The misinformation is causing autistic women to remain undiagnosed until adulthood, according to the Child Mind Institute.

Erica Aguilar, the mother of autistic NLMUSD student Elias Salazar, was unaware of why the puzzle piece is harmful to autistic people.

"The first thing that pops up when researching autism is Autism Speaks," said Aguilar. "I had no idea what the puzzle piece meant until it was explained to me. I apologize for wearing it today."

Aguilar wants to educate the community about better ways to represent autism and accommodate for others on the spectrum, starting by changing the puzzle piece to something more positive.

"Autism starts with 'au,' which is also the symbol for gold on the periodic table. So autistics have begun to use the gold infinity symbol to represent it," said Aguilar.

She advocated for including autistic children in neurotypical classrooms to help them navigate the world outside school.

"If my son works in a department store, he's not going to be in a special ed department. He will be with his community of peers," said Aguilar. "It's really important for me to educate the community. So they don't have that stigma or fear of autism."

LA County receives \$18M to buy hotels, motels

■ The county is buying up properties and refurbishing them to create interim housing for the homeless.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County received more than \$18 million from the state to purchase a hotel and two motels and turn them into interim housing for people experiencing homelessness, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Wednesday.

The county received \$5.5 million to purchase a 20-unit hotel, which needs to be rehabilitated, and turn it into interim housing with supportive services for homeless families.

The county also received \$12.9 million for the Sierra Highway Hotel project, which will convert two adjacent motels in Lancaster into interim housing, providing 39 units and supportive services for people who are homeless.

The governor's office said the motels need rehabilitation, but could welcome residence within eight months of the funding being received.

The grants are part of Project Homekey, a state program to create permanent housing in apartment buildings and hotels for people who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless.

The state so far has approved a total of 55 projects creating 3,195 housing units for people experiencing homelessness.

Newsom on Wednesday also announced grants to the cities of Berkeley and Arcata, as well as the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara County and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority.

The grants are expected to create a total of 232 units.

"Homekey is proof that we can solve homelessness," Newsom said. "We've swiftly created safer places to live for thousands of unhoused individuals throughout



The Saddleback Hotel in Norwalk was previously part of the state's Project Roomkey, providing transitional housing for the homeless.

the last two years and today's awards continue that progress -- creating 232 housing units for folks experiencing homelessness across the state and providing them with the supportive services they need."

The governor's office said officials will announce more Project Homekey grants in the coming weeks. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

The state expanded the program with a \$2.75 billion investment last year, with a goal of creating 14,000 long-term housing units. The state began the program with an \$846 million investment.

"It's encouraging to see so many great Homekey projects brought forth by our local partners," Department of Housing and Community Development Director Gustavo Velasquez said.

"Our staff continues to work diligently to review many

applications and provide assistance to jurisdictions so we can help individuals in need in every corner of the state. This is the coordination that we need to work our way out of this homelessness crisis."

According to a 2020 homeless count, the county's homeless population increased by 12.7% over the previous year, while the city of Los Angeles' homeless population jumped by 14.2%.

In January 2019, Los Angeles County had 58,936 people experiencing homelessness, but by January 2020, the number rose to 66,433. The city of Los Angeles counted 36,165 in 2019 and 41,290 in 2020.

The homeless count was canceled last year due to the pandemic.

Results from this year's homeless count - conducted in February - are expected to be released in the summer.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	72°	
Saturday	70°	
Sunday	75°	

THINGS TO DO



Jeff Garcia
Saturday, 7 pm
Stand Up Comedy Club in Bellflower

Comedian Jeff Garcia performs two live shows. 21 and older, two item minimum.

ON THIS DAY

1865: President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington. Andrew Johnson became the 17th president.

1912: The Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

1945: British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

1947: Jackie Robinson became baseball's first black major league player when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers.



1955: Ray Kroc opened his first McDonald's restaurant, in Des Plaines, Illinois.

1986: The United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya said 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

1989: Students in Beijing launched pro-democracy protests upon the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang.

1998: Pol Pot, leader of the Cambodia's brutal Khmer Rouge regime, died at age 73.

2002: Retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White died at age 84.

2013: Two bombs exploded near the finish line at the Boston Marathon in Boston, Massachusetts, killing three people and injuring 264 others.

2014: In the worst massacre of the South Sudanese Civil War, at least 200 civilians were gunned down after seeking refuge in houses of worship as well as hospitals.

2019: The cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris in France was seriously damaged by a large fire.

Birthdays

Retired Lakers shooting guard **Michael Cooper** (66), pop singer **Luis Fonsi** (44), comedy actor **Seth Rogen** (40), "Harry Potter" star **Emma Watson** (32), and "Game of Thrones" actress **Maisie Williams** (25).



Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

It is often touted as the most healthful beverage at the bar. Is red wine good for you?

The answer is not straightforward. Red wine has been shown to be beneficial in moderate amounts, mostly due to the antioxidant resveratrol. And, let's begin with the obvious: Some of us should not consume any alcohol in any quantity. Alcoholism is a terrible disease, and potential benefits from red wine can be gained from nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle.

A glass of red wine is indeed delightful. It is prepared by crushing and fermenting dark-colored grapes. Some common varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Zinfandel, and Malbec. While there is some resveratrol in white wine, there are far higher levels in red wine, because red wine is fermented with the grape skins. (Note that resveratrol supplements have not yet been shown to offer the

same benefits.) The average glass of red wine contains 200 milligrams of polyphenols, including resveratrol, compared to merely 30 milligrams in a glass of white wine!

Red wine's reputation for being good for heart health came from the "French paradox." A 1980's study explored France's relatively low incidence of coronary heart disease, despite their high consumption of saturated fats (think cheeses and sauces). Wine makers (and drinkers) were delighted when this benefit was unscientifically and incorrectly linked to France's high consumption of red wine.

What are some of the potential health benefits of drinking red wine in moderation? Research suggests that:

- The resveratrol in grapes acts as an antioxidant, preventing cell damage and protecting cells against free radicals.

- Antioxidants can help to protect against heart disease by lowering blood pressure, keeping blood vessels more flexible, slowing the oxidation

of the "bad" cholesterol LDL, and lessening the risk of metabolic diseases.

- Resveratrol can help to control chronic inflammation, which, in addition to causing heart disease, can lead to some cancers (basal cell, colon, prostate, and ovarian) and autoimmune disorders.

- Studies have shown that those who drink red wine are less likely to be depressed. Note that, on the other hand, drinking in excess can have the opposite effect!

- Wine can aid digestion by reducing the risk of infection from *Helicobacter pylori*, a bacterium that can lead to ulcers. It may also promote the growth of "good" gut bacteria.

- Resveratrol inhibits the formation of beta-amyloid protein, which is found in the plaque of the brains of those with Alzheimer's dementia.

- Resveratrol reduces sugar levels in the blood.

- Resveratrol leads to the creation of piceatannol, which among other functions has lipid-regulating effects and can control the production of fat cells.

What is moderate drinking? It differs between men and women. For women, that level is likely one five-ounce glass per day. For men it may be as high as two five-ounce glasses per day. This would represent the total amount of any type

of alcohol consumed. (Cooking with wine offers the same benefits as drinking it.) I would also suggest skipping alcoholic drinks at least three days per week.

It is quite clear that consuming more than moderate amounts of any form of alcohol has numerous negative health effects, and that many are best off drinking none at all. Let's again make it clear that alcoholism is a tremendously destructive disease. At least one in ten deaths among those aged 20-64 are related to excessive drinking. Drinking too much alcohol is clearly linked to heart problems, stroke, liver disease, pancreatitis, and mental health conditions.

While there are potential benefits to drinking red wine in moderation, it may well be that other aspects of the lifestyles of wine drinkers actually confer the benefits. Keep in mind that these health benefits can be achieved through nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle. The antioxidant resveratrol is found in peanuts, grapes, blueberries, plums, cranberries, many vegetables, and cocoa. (Allow me to repeat that last one: COCOA!)

If you drink, enjoy a nice glass, but please drink responsibly and safely.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center.

Downey loses deputy city manager

Shuffling inside Downey City Hall continues as Aldo Schindler departs to become assistant city manager in Moreno Valley.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer



Aldo Schindler

DOWNEY - Downey deputy city manager Aldo Schindler is leaving Downey for a new job later this month, city officials confirmed.

Schindler has spent the last eight years as part of the city's leadership, having been hired in 2014 as director of community development. He was named deputy city manager in 2020.

Schindler's final day with Downey will be April 21.

Schindler had previously worked in the cities of Long Beach, Bell Gardens, and Whittier. He now goes on to the City of Moreno Valley to serve as its assistant city manager.

Schindler was honored by the city with a certificate of recognition at the council meeting on Tuesday.

"Aldo has been with the city for eight years. He has led the community development department masterfully during that time period," said City Manager Gilbert Livas. "It's one of the departments that has the most interfacing interaction with the public. It's a regulatory department, so things don't always go as smoothly as people would like them to go, but I will tell you this: in each and every condition, people are treated with respect, dignity in every interaction they encounter with the city."

"...at the end of the day, I think the overall product that Aldo has been able to achieve over these eight years is nothing short of phenomenal."

Schindler said that his thoughts

were racing, "but they are all of gratitude."

"I want to thank the mayor, the city manager, and the council for allowing me to serve the community for these eight years. They've been very supportive on all the things we've pitched them, they've been very supportive of us also moving their vision through the community," said Schindler. "We always hoped that we could move it at a faster pace, and they've also been patient and gracious from that perspective as well."

Livas also thanked planning staff.

"They're the rubber that meets the road," said Schindler. "They're the ones that are picking up the calls on a daily basis, they're the ones that are serving our residents and our businesses on a daily basis, and they're the ones that are moving plans through so that we can help achieve the vision of our mayor, city council, and our city manager."

After Tuesday's meeting, Livas confirmed that Schindler's successor will be current city planner Crystal Landavazo.

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Norwalk man charged with murder

NORWALK - A Norwalk man was charged today with killing his partner and injuring others in a DUI crash on the city freeway.

Alex Barragan (DOB 8/22/1961) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Arraignments was scheduled for Wednesday at Los Angeles County Superior Court, DelGrosso Division.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear-ended a disabled van, igniting a fire and causing injuries to three others who were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years in state prison.

Bail is set at more than \$2.2 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

Freeway off-ramp closed for 3 months

NORWALK - Caltrans announced the scheduled closure of the Norwalk Boulevard off ramp from northbound 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) at 10 p.m., Sunday July 15.

The off ramp will remain closed for up to 90 days for reconstruction and paving.

The reconstruction of this ramp is part of the 3-5 widening project which is adding two lanes in each direction of 1-5 between I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) and the Orange County Line.

This segment of the project includes reconstruction of the Norwalk Boulevard interchange and the San Antonio Drive Bridge.

SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Photos by city of Norwalk

Next week: The Holidays

Norwalk restaurant grades

Sancho Grande
 1001 S Pioneer Ave
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Diana's Mexican Foods Market
 16102 S Pioneer Blvd
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Franco's Grill
 12405 E Rosemead Ave
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

United Oil
 11913 E Imperial Hwy
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Tacos y Mariscos Mi Pueblo
 1201 Rosemead Ave
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Uma Services Corp
 11405 E Firestone Blvd #2
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

AMC Norwalk
 12200 E Civic Center Dr
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

AMC Norwalk Restaurant Bar
 12200 E Civic Center Dr
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Jew's Food Mart and Liquor
 10541 Imperial Hwy
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

El Parador Juice Bar
 15001 Pioneer Blvd
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Luciano's Pizzeria
 15008 Pioneer Blvd
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Tacos Chihuahua
 11122 The Pits
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Home Style Donuts
 12040 S Pioneer Blvd
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Sp Food Market
 12344 Pioneer Blvd
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Ami's Bionicas
 10577 Rosemead Ave
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Elle's Cafe
 13220 San Antonio Dr
 Date Inspected: 7/17/18
 Grade: A

Weekend at a Glance

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 Saturday 85° ☁️
 Sunday 87° ☀️

China has to choose: Russia or us

By **Froma Harrop**

President Joe Biden warned China that if it helps Russia in its savagery against Ukraine, the U.S. might apply sanctions to Chinese products. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman expanded on that thought: Sanctions imposed on Russia should give President Xi Jinping "a pretty good understanding of what might come his way should he, in fact, support (Vladimir) Putin in any material fashion."

Then there is the American consumer whose closets and toy boxes bulge with stuff from China. This may be the most powerful voice as mass disgust over Putin's war crimes sticks to countries that defend him, much less weaken efforts to squeeze Russia's economy.

Over the weekend, yours truly was rustling through the clothing racks when her heart quickened at the sight of a turquoise blouse selling at a freakishly low price. She can report that the "made in China" label quickly extinguished any shopper's lust.

Bill Browder, the former hedge fund manager in Russia who fought corruption and remains a Putin target, speaks of the high moral cost now attached to Chinese products. "China has been very clear that it's not going to join the rest of the world in challenging or punishing Putin for what he's doing," he said. "I think that China has to be careful."

Browder thinks our consumers may start boycotting Chinese products —

even before the U.S. government installs any official sanctions. And it's not just things from China.

The owner of Uniqlo, a Japanese fast fashion chain, originally refused to leave Russia as other retailers had. A consumer backlash quickly forced Uniqlo to reconsider. It has since changed course and pulled out of Russia.

The Chinese telecom giant Huawei is now closing its office in Russia, as have other IT companies before it. Russia was a big and growing market for Huawei, but the risks of doing business there, including the prospect of additional sanctions, caused a turnaround.

Early in February, Xi and Putin joined forces at the Beijing Olympics to declare their alliance and enmity toward nonauthoritarian governments supporting freedom of thought. Even now, China is submerging its people in Russian lies — among them, denials that Russians are viciously attacking civilians in Ukraine. Such reports are hoaxes created by the West, says official Chinese media.

China's softening economy and shutdowns over new COVID-19 outbreaks have also rattled the leadership, raising speculation that China would turn its focus on helping Russia out of its economic isolation. For example, as Europeans try to cut their consumption of Russian oil and natural gas, talk grows that China could replace that market. (Europe now spends \$1 billion a day for Russian oil and gas.)

And China could fill in Russia's loss of access to Western financial infrastructure and technology. But China's financial systems can't nearly match the Western ones for size. China is certainly behind Europe in internet services. In any event, if China sells it to Russia, its companies face secondary sanctions or consumer boycotts, witness the decision of Huawei to close offices.

Western private equity companies have been getting cold feet about investments in China, according to Bloomberg. Some of it is Xi's crackdowns on the private sector. Some of it is travel restrictions in China. But a lot of it is political disquiet over China's soulless alliance with the cruel leadership in Moscow.

Behind all these flashing red lights stands the mighty and mightily pissed American consumer. If Browder is right, U.S. shoppers may now already be on the case. To which we might add that even before the Russian aggression, American companies were trying to replace Chinese supply chains snarled by the pandemic.

China has to choose: Russia or us. The better bet seems clearer all the time.

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist who writes about culture, economics and politics.

Who to blame for rising inflation

By **Jackie Cushman**

"It's the economy, stupid," is the infamous mantra conceived by Democratic political consultant James Carville that underscored the main issue driving the 1992 presidential race. A few months later, Bill Clinton replaced George H.W. Bush as president; it was the voters' focus on the economy that put Clinton in the White House. While this year is a midterm, and presidential politics are not in play, Democrats will face a tough election cycle if a lot of changes are not made soon.

If you're in shock from the rapidly and seemingly never-ending increases in prices, you are not alone. Despite the Federal Reserve's initial description of the increases as "transitory," we now know that these increases have set up camp for the long haul and are draining our purchasing power.

President Joe Biden and his administration have attempted to blame Russian President Vladimir Putin for the price increases. While in Iowa on Tuesday, Biden said "Putin's price hike in gasoline" is driving inflation. Biden knows well that inflation started before Putin invaded Ukraine.

But, as we know, facts often don't matter, and news outlets love easy-to-understand slogans. Several media outlets are simply repeating this slogan rather than investigating what is really happening. But consumers who pump their own gas, shop for their own groceries and must make their paycheck stretch until the next pay cycle are feeling the pinch.

This week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released inflation numbers for

March, and they are not good news. The annual rate of 8.5% is the highest level of inflation in this country since December 1981. The rate was driven by energy and food. If you take out those two categories, the increase was "6.5 percent, the largest 12-month change since the period ending August 1982. The energy index rose 32.0 percent over the last year, and the food index increased 8.8 percent, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending May 1981."

Those of us who remember the late 1970s and early 1980s know that high inflation results in a lower standard of living. What cost \$1 a year ago now costs \$1.09. The real challenge is what is driving the overall inflation. If it is driven by items that people don't have to buy, then they can control the impact. Unfortunately, it is primarily driven by energy and food costs.

Over the last year, food costs at home increased 10%. This is "the largest 12-month increase since the period ending March 1981." The category of "meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 13.7 percent ... and beef rose 16.0 percent." While you can substitute beans for beef to save money, or as we did when I was growing up in the 1970's, you can't substitute away the increased cost of food, unless you quit buying food altogether. "The index for food away from home rose 6.9 percent over the last year, the largest 12-month increase since December 1981." It costs more to eat whether you eat at home or go out.

The largest overall driver of inflation in the past year is energy. If you have a car and have filled it with gas recently, you are aware of the dramatic

increase in gasoline prices — up 48%. Natural gas (used for heating) increased 22%, while electricity rose 11%. While it might be possible to substitute various food categories, energy is harder to control. You can cut back on out-of-town trips, but heating and commuting to work must continue, regardless of the price. This means that you must choose between filling up your car and doing something else, maybe it's going to the movies or going out to eat.

While Biden and Democratic talking heads are trying to blame Putin for inflation, people who live paycheck to paycheck know better. They were feeling the squeeze way before the Russian invasion of Ukraine and no longer believe the Federal Reserve's cheer that it's only transitory. Additionally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on Wednesday that the Producer Price Index, which "measures the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers for their output," rose by an annual rate of 11.2%. "The prices included in the PPI are from the first commercial transaction for many products and some services." This means that inflation will most likely continue to increase.

Democrats should take seriously Carville's decades-old warning that it's all about the economy. If they don't, they too will pay a high price — at the polls.

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Where are the Democrats?

By **Jim Hightower**

I think we can now say the obvious: The Republican Party has gone bull-goose bonkers. Its leaders have turned the once-proud GOP brand into an unprincipled gaggle of corporate profiteers, hatemongers and screwball conspiracy theorists. They're so far-out that the Hubble Space Telescope can't find them!

But where is my Democratic Party? Here's a transformative opportunity to forge a solid political coalition — a multiracial, urban-rural, farm-labor alliance based on fundamental principles and programs of fairness and opportunity for all. Isn't that what the party says it stands for? This is the prime time to demonstrate it, to reach out and unite ordinary Americans behind a national agenda of lasting progressive change.

It's not like the party elders would have to start from scratch, for an energized, feisty movement of grassroots battlers against corporate greed and government injustice is already organizing, winning and growing popular support all across the country. But the national party's old-line clique of big funders, paid consultants and corporate politicians shun the little-d democrats as unruly outsiders. Rather than welcoming and building on the exciting advances of these popular movements, the insiders keep hoping that the GOP's goofiness and nastiness will turn off enough voters that Democrats can win by default.

Meanwhile, the establishment insists that Dems only push modest,

incremental reforms so as not to offend corporate funders or spook moderate Republicans. Helloooooo, brilliant strategists: A primary function of the Democratic Party is to offend the corporate powers! Also, there are only about six moderate Republicans left in America, so appeasing them is not a big win — especially when it costs you the support of grassroots voters eager for a politics bold enough and big enough to end business-as-usual economics.

As our own history teaches, it takes intentional gutsiness to create a politics that matters — one that actually advances America's historic democratic promise. Republicans won't do that. Will Democrats?

The opposite of courage is not cowardice — it's conformity. And right there's the problem with the Big Money establishment that now controls the Party.

This group certainly wants Democrats to be the majority party... but for what purpose? Based on the policies they actually push, they seek "progress" without change. Go slow and go small, they urge, only offering policy tweaks that conform to the existing corporate structure. Their idea of change is what near beer is to beer — only less satisfying.

Worse, when grassroots progressives put real, FDR-style, "Big D" Democratic ideas on the national agenda, the Dem hierarchy turns into a bunch of fraidy-cat Democrats, mewling that a federal living wage, a tax on billionaires, health care for all, breaking up monopoly power, strengthening

unions, a nationwide child care program and other fundamental changes are too extreme. Such boldness, they cry, will frighten voters!

They are, of course, wrong... and politically inept, for such direct-benefit, we're-on-your-side changes in today's corporate-run system are the Democrats' most popular proposals. Polls confirm that this is especially true among working-class voters in small and medium-sized manufacturing towns, where Democrats have been getting creamed. In-depth surveys by a group called American Family Voices show that these people don't think the party is too socialist or too "woke," but rather too meek, too corporate, and especially MIA: missing in action.

After all, they've seen CEOs move their decent-paying jobs out, watched monopolies and Wall Street squeeze the lifeblood out of family farm opportunities and witnessed Amazon and Walmart eating Main Street alive. Where, they ask, is the Democratic Party that once stood up for us? Contrary to the contrived "wisdom" of party elites, these people despise big corporations, love unions, and have minimal interest in the GOP's culture war issues. They yearn for a party that'll join the grassroots battling the bastards and fight for a no-BS agenda of economic fairness.

The question they have for Democrats is basic: Do you just intend to hold office... or use it?

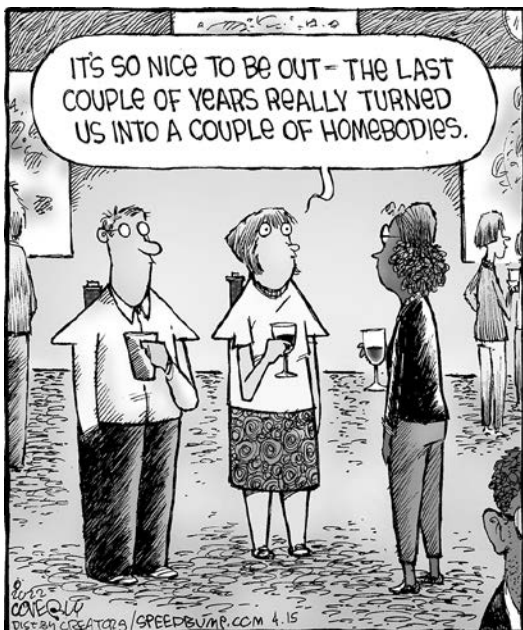
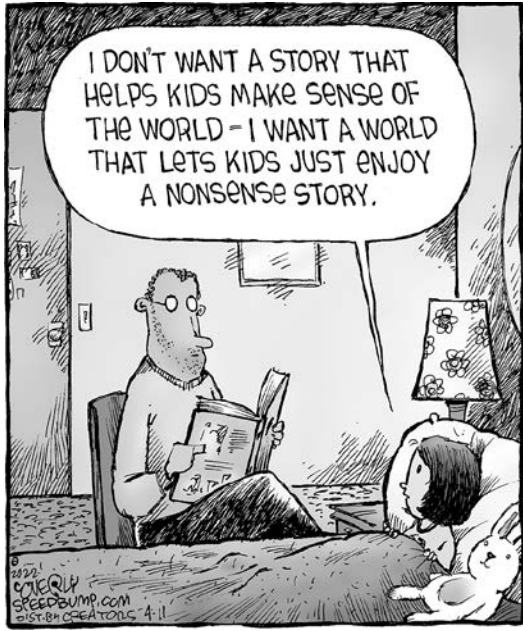
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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers
 2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
 3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
 2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
 2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
 4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
 2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
 2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
 2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 1st Christian Church of Norwalk

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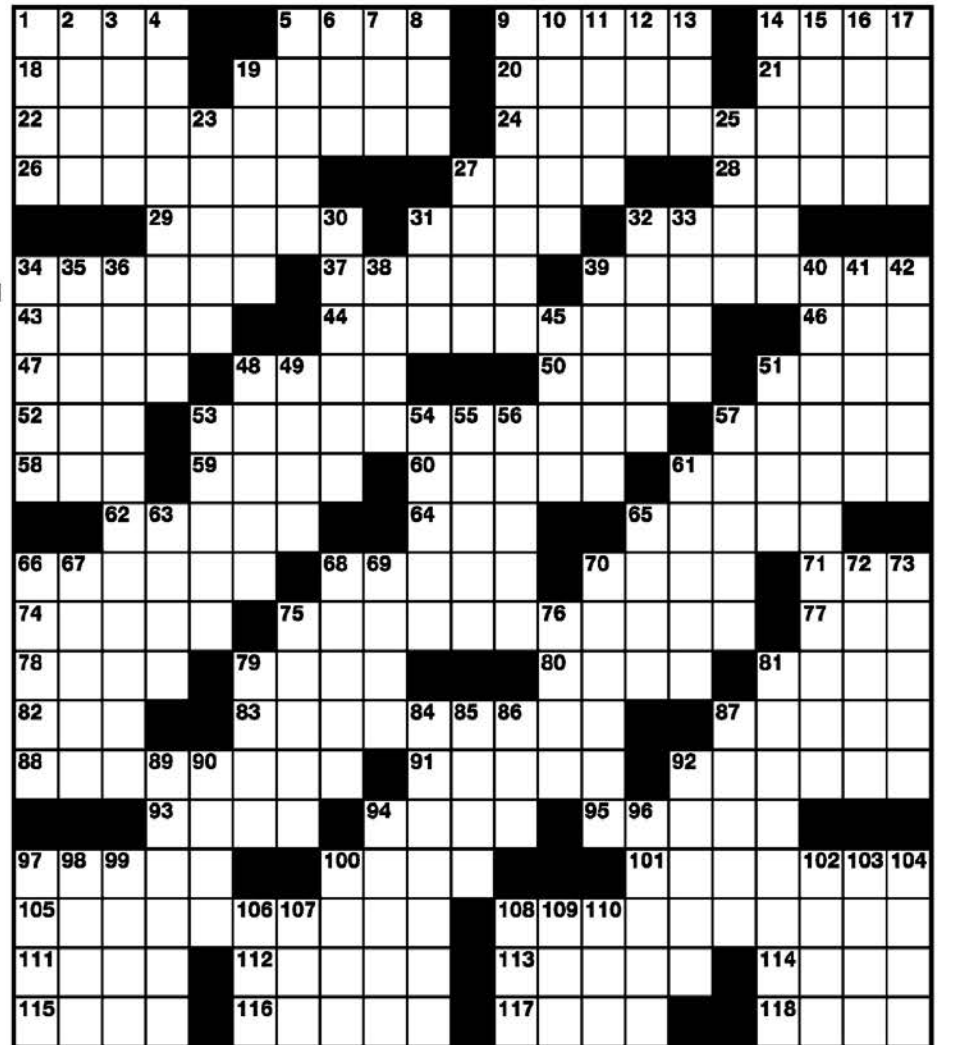
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2022056916
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TONY'S SHOE REPAIR, 132 SHOPPERS LN, COVINA, CA 91723 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MIGUEL RIVERA, 637 W 43RD PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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Santa Fe High displays in graphic detail dangers of impaired driving

SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL - Students from Santa Fe High School witnessed the real-life consequences of driving under the influence during the school's "Every 15 Minutes" program, which featured a simulated car crash that claimed the lives of their peers, an overnight retreat and a mock funeral.

The event, held April 6-7, included a pre-recorded 9-1-1 call that triggered an emergency response by local law enforcement agencies, firefighters and paramedics. Students were classified as "critically and fatally wounded" during the staged crash and transported via ambulance to a local hospital. As part of the simulation, an "injured" student was arrested for drunken driving.

"I thought the event was very impactful," Santa Fe senior and Associated Student Body (ASB) vice-president Elizabeth Salgado said. "It brought very strong emotions. I had a little idea of what would happen but seeing it up close was an unsettling experience. The lesson is to always think twice before you make a decision. There is always someone who can help. Call them before a tragedy occurs."

Throughout the first day of events, a "Grim Reaper" visited classrooms every 15 minutes and selected students to be a part of the "living dead." These students represented the numbers of lives lost in alcohol-related collisions. Participants took part in an overnight retreat without contact with family or friends. During the retreat, students felt the impact of drunken driving as they heard emotional stories from people involved in or affected by the issue and wrote letters to their loved ones.

Santa Fe High ASB president Chloe Blackburn was a sophomore when the school staged an "Every 15 Minutes" event in 2019. After the event, Blackburn remembers being in class and hearing a loud knock on the door, announcing the arrival of the Grim Reaper. The classmate sitting next to her was taken away. Though just a simulation, it was a chilling moment for her.

"Because of 'Every 15 Minutes,' I am 100% certain I am going to be careful about who I get in a car with," Blackburn said. "This event is one of the reasons I love Santa Fe High and am part of ASB. Santa Fe works so hard to make us better students, whether through lunchtime activities or dances but also through these events that can save lives. It has helped motivate my peers and I to be better people."

A mock funeral was staged inside the school's gymnasium the following day, during which parents of the "living dead" shared the emotional toll they felt in losing their child - even for just one day.



Students, parents, teachers and staff also watched a video that recapped the previous day's event and heard from Chelsie Hill, founder of the wheelchair dance team Rollettes. Hill discussed her tragic, true story of being involved in a drunken driving accident and suffering a spinal cord injury that resulted in paralysis from her waist down at just 17 years old.

The two-day program was held in partnership with the City of Santa Fe Springs; participants included the Whittier Police Department, Santa Fe Springs Fire Rescue, Mercy Air and the California Highway Patrol.

The "Every 15 Minutes" program is a national campaign which focuses on high school junior and seniors and aims to challenge students to think about the dangers of drunken driving. The campaign also encourages

students to think about the impact their decisions can have on their family, friends and community.

"We know our students will face tough challenges and we are hoping this is not one of them. If we can save just one life in this process, that is enough for us," Santa Fe High School Principal Craig Campbell said. "Our students matter to us. We see them every day, greet them, say hi, but what is most important is they learn from these experiences and use them throughout their lifetime. 'Every 15 Minutes' is one way to ensure that Santa Fe Chieftains will grow to be valuable and contributing members of the community, and our future leaders."

Downey rejects planning commissioner over porn job

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Council members on Tuesday voted to deny Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez's appointment of Sean Barrios to the Planning Commission, citing concerns with his professional connection to the porn industry.

Barrios is currently a product licensing manager with Hustler magazine according to his LinkedIn.com profile.

It was Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa who threw up the red flags on the appointment, though she admitted that she "did not know Mr. Barrios"

"I think from a perspective of being a character counts city, we really want to think about the appointments that we vote on for the various commissions."

"We recently - and when I say recently, within the last two years - found ourselves in a position to have to establish codes of conduct for every commissioner serving in every committee, as well as for all of us on

council. I think we agreed collectively the importance of having certain parameters, and certain codes of conduct.

"Again, as I have indicated, I don't know the individual being appointed. What I do know, and what has been verified is his employment, and I have some concerns regarding that. I have concerns, there's been so much that has been discussed regarding the restaurant that is coming into town, and I don't approve; I don't believe it is in our city's best interest to appoint someone who is employed by the porn industry to the planning commission for the city of Downey."

The final vote would ultimately land on a 2-0-1 decision, with Mayor Pacheco and Councilwoman Frometa voting against Barrios's appointment and Councilman Mario Trujillo abstaining, wishing instead to table the decision until Alvarez - who was absent from the meeting - was present.

District 3 is currently without a planning commissioner.

Montoya's previous Planning Commissioner Arturo Montoya recently resigned from his seat after moving out of the district. However, he was appointed Tuesday and will now serve as one of Alvarez's representatives on the Public Works Committee.



L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva delivered the keynote address to a sold out crowd last week at the Rio Hondo Event Center for Gangs Out of Downey's fundraising luncheon. Photo by Alex Dominguez

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Record crowds return to 47th Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

By John Sherrard
Contributor

LONG BEACH - The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach is back where it belongs - in the month of April.

And it's bigger than ever, as the 47th Annual event drew a record crowd Friday April 8 through Sunday April 10.

Officials say figures could exceed 187,000 for the three-day event.

This is the second GPLB race in six months, as the 2021 event took place in September instead of April because of the pandemic.

Capping off the weekend's activities was the main attraction - The NTT Indy Car race around the streets of Long Beach.

Coming home the winner on the 11-turn, 1.968-mile course for the first time in 11 tries, was Josef Newgarden of Nashville, Tennessee, driving the Team Penske No. 2 Chevrolet.

Newgarden didn't take the lead until the last 28 laps, and he never relinquished it, as the race actually ended the final lap with a yellow flag, that was caused by Takuma Sato in the No. 51 Honda.

This is the third win to start the 2022 season for Team Penske. The last time that was accomplished was in 2012.

"It's incredibly special (to win here)," said Newgarden, of winning at Long Beach. "This place is a hard nut to crack. It's a lot of pressure like the Indy 500. Everyone loves this place, like the crown jewel of our sport and it's an honor to win here. It does mean a lot more than some other tracks."

"I'm glad it didn't go yellow with three laps to go. It was a half lap and seemed to be pretty much over at that point, bearing me not making an outrageous mistake with a couple of corners left. It was not easy (Sunday) by any means."

With the win, Newgarden takes over the lead in the Indy Car series after three races with 118 points.

Team Penske's Scott McLaughlin, driving the No. 3 Chevrolet, finished 14th and is currently second in points with 113, followed by Spain's Alex Palou in third with 103 points. Palou finished third in the race behind Frenchman Romain Grosjean in second place.

Newgarden, who will soon become a father for the first time, has previously won the series championship in 2017 and 2019.

Defending Long Beach Grand Prix winner, Colton Herta, who was the pole-sitter, got off to a great start and led 28 laps before the first pit stop.

However, that all changed after that.

Not only did he lose the lead

coming out of the pits to Palou, but also a second car, which turned out to be Newgarden. Palou, who won the series title last year, had a quick 7.5-second pit stop that made the difference as he took the lead.

Even the race commentators were a bit confused on when and how Newgarden also appeared in front of Herta, who grew up in nearby Santa Clarita.

Things got much worse for the 22-year-old Herta on lap 56, when his day came to an end as he hit the wall.

"It's just a stupid mistake," said Herta, during an on-track interview after going out of the race. "They (Team Penske) gave me a great car. I was keeping up with Alex (Palou) and Josef (Newgarden). It was just unfortunate."

Herta, who was running in third behind Palou and Newgarden, is the son of former Indy car driver Bryan Herta, who is a big part of his team as a race strategist.

The turning point of the race for Newgarden came on lap 5, as he beat Palou, who races for Chip Ganassi Racing, out of the second pit stop for the lead. Newgarden would lead the remaining 28 laps for the win.

Palou, 25, later would eventually fall back to third, as Grosjean passed him with 16 laps to go, but couldn't get past Newgarden the rest of the way. That would be the final finishing



Josef Newgarden tries to spray champagne on Alex Palou, right, after the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach IndyCar Series race on Sunday. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

order.

Grosjean, who is in his second season in NTT Indy Car after 180 starts competing in Formula One, made an outside move into Turn 1 to pass Palou and tried to track down Newgarden.

Six laps later, that chance to get closer to Newgarden appeared a reality, as former NASCAR Champion Jimmie Johnson, racing for Chip Ganassi in his No. 48 Carvana Honda, spun into the tire barriers in Turn 8. Johnson, winner of seven NASCAR titles, was through for the day.

Both Newgarden and Grosjean got strong restarts after the caution, but Grosjean didn't have enough to track him down in the remaining laps.

"The last restart was very good for my engine," said Grosjean, who had his third second-place finish in the Indy Car series. "For some reason (Newgarden) had just a little bit more top speed. I tried to go inside and gain a little more momentum. He just did a real good job and I couldn't catch him."

"Joseph (Newgarden) was up there and he didn't make one mistake.

It was a great day."

After Johnson came in from his mishap, he said in an on-track interview, "I lost it so early going into the turn. The rubber was unlike anything I had ever seen before."

"I feel bad I put the team in this position and learned from it and will come back."

Johnson, who injured his hand in practice on Friday, will be testing in the next two weeks for the upcoming Indy 500 race in May.

Rounding out the top five was Will Power (Team Penske Chevrolet) and Pato O'Ward (McLaren SP Chevrolet).

Palou was fairly happy with this third-place finish saying, "Ya, it was a good day for us," said Palou, in the post-race press conference. "We started third and we had an aggressive finish to try and beat Newgarden. We were leading for some laps, but I could see that we were lacking in speed compared to Josef (Newgarden). It was a good battle with him."

The next NTT Indy Car series race is the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, presented by AmFirst on

Sunday, May 1.

On Saturday, Frenchman Sebastien Bourdais came from last place after dropping back from hitting the wall slightly on Turn 11 and won the 100-minute, 73-lap IMSA WeatherTech race, teaming with Renger van der Zande.

Finishing second was Alex Lynn and Earl Bamber in a Chip Ganassi-owned car and in third place with a clean sweep for Cadillac was the JDC Miller Motorsports duo of Tristan Vautier and Richard Westbrook.

The race immediately following the GPLB - the Speed Energy/UTV Stadium Super Trucks - was a family affair.

Youngster Max Gordon, in his 680-horsepower, V-8 pickup, finished in third behind Matthew Brabham for second and his father, Robby Gordon in first.

And, the race prior to the Indy car race Sunday morning, saw Kay van Berlo lead all 45 laps of the Porsche Carrera Cup in the 40-minute sprint. Trenton Estep finished second, followed by TJ Fischer in third.

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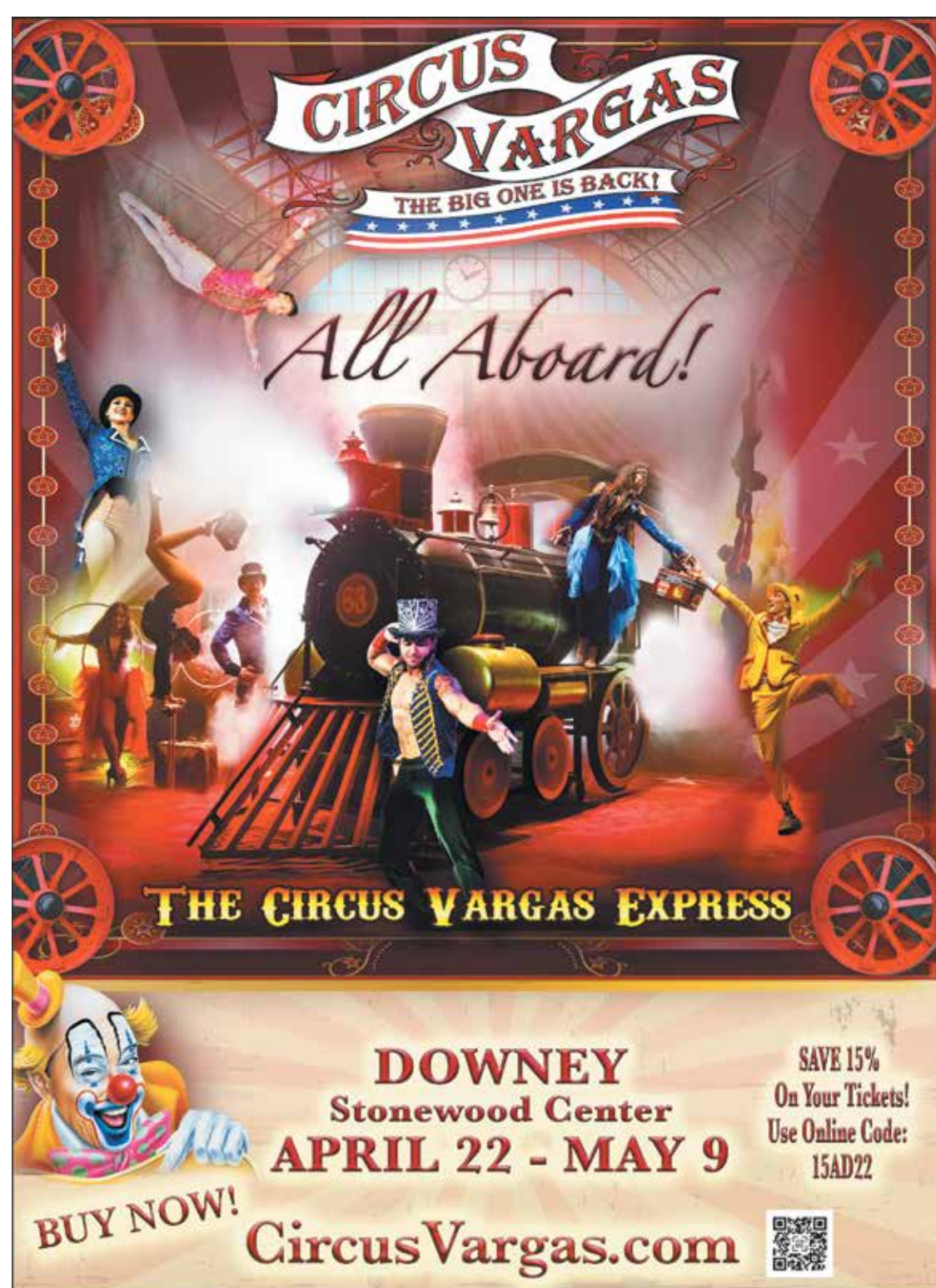
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