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OC FAIR

Zoot suits, lowriders
get time in the sun



Vanessa Estrella and her husband, Raymond Estrella, model zoot suits with their children, Else, 10, and Reylinda, 15, at their family shop, El Pachuco Zoot Suits, in Fullerton on Wednesday. The family-run business has been selling the old-time outfits since 1978. They'll host a zoot suit fashion show Sunday at the OC Fair. **PHOTOS BY JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Icons of Chicano culture will join together at festival grounds

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In 1978, Phyllis Estrella went on the hunt for a zoot suit after watching Luis Valdez's seminal musical of the same name. She wanted to gift the outfit to her younger brother, but an exhaustive search across the Los Angeles area yielded nothing. So Estrella opened up a tailor shop and decided to make the suits herself, daughter-in-law Vanessa Estrella said.

For nearly half a century, the Fullerton-based El Pachuco Zoot Suits has been fashioning custom zoot suits for quinceañeras, proms, weddings and museum exhibits across the country. One ensemble even made its way to the Smithsonian.

Other pieces have appeared in movie and TV productions, including the 2020 Showtime series "Penny Dreadful: City of Angels," for which Vanessa Estrella said the shop supplied more than 100 suits.

More creations from the Estrella family will be on display at the OC Fair on Sunday, in two fashion shows that the store is presenting on the Plaza Pacific Stage as part of a Chicano heritage celebration. Unlike in the past two years,

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Vanessa and Raymond Estrella sport retro fashions at El Pachuco Zoot Suits, which has supplied wardrobe for film and TV projects, on Wednesday in Fullerton.

IF YOU GO
When: The celebration is 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. The "Zoot Suit Fashion Show & Lowrider Exhibit" starts at 1 and 3 p.m.
Where: At the Plaza Pacifica Stage at the OC Fair, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa
Cost: Free with admission to the fair
Information: ocfair.com

CONGRESS

Panel
holds
Fauci in
contempt

Senate committee will send findings to DOJ to prosecute doctor for taking the Fifth

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Senate Homeland Security Committee voted along party lines Thursday to hold Dr. Anthony Fauci in contempt of Congress for his refusal to answer questions at a hearing last week, clearing the way for the committee to ask the Justice Department to prosecute him.



Fauci

The vote to adopt a formal resolution holding Fauci in contempt does not address Republicans' core allegation, that he funded research in China that set off the coronavirus pandemic and lied about it to Congress. Fauci vigorously denies that assertion.

Instead, the resolution accuses Fauci of failing to comply with a congressional subpoena, a federal misdemeanor that carries a prison sentence up to 12 months.

In a statement after the hearing, Fauci's lawyer,

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IMMIGRATION

Trump again
tries to restrict
citizenship

New executive order more limited, but critics say it will be overturned

By Will Weissert and Rebecca Santana
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Thursday that he is once more trying to limit the number of people who are born in the country who can become American citizens, in a sign that even after his first attempt at limiting birthright citizenship was rejected by the Supreme Court, he's ready to try again.

The president said he was signing two executive actions on immigration, including one limiting the number of people eligible for U.S. citizenship after

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KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

Roller coaster zooms back into use

Montezooma: The Forbidden Fortress blends old and new after a 4-year hiatus

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The reimagined Montezooma coaster at Knott's Berry Farm feels like a familiar old friend and brand-new thrill all bundled into one zippy and fun ride that's just fast enough and over before you just know it.

I rode Montezooma: The Forbidden Fortress three times — in the front, back and middle rows — on opening day of the new \$20 million multi-launch coaster Thursday at the Buena Park theme park.

Montezooma is back with a vengeance after four years of construction and delays with a retro ride designed for tweens and teens looking for throwback thrills.

The reimagined Montezooma: The Forbidden Fortress boasts a new coaster train, launch system, track, supports and backstory.

But the new coaster still retains



The loop on the new Montezooma: The Forbidden Fortress roller coaster at Knott's Berry Farm. **COURTESY OF KNOTT'S BERRY FARM**

some of the charm of the original 1978 ride that served as the first looping roller coaster for generations of kids.

I rode Montezooma: The Forbidden Fortress just after it opened without any fanfare at lunchtime Thursday when there was only a 20-minute wait time.

The station house remains the only original part of the ride, but even that won't look familiar after it was reimagined as the dig site of the Mayan temple housing the Jaguar coaster next door.

Riders stare at an imposing

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AFFORDABILITY

UCI poll shows divide on
'American dream' reality

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Orange County residents overwhelmingly agree on one thing. Buying a home is harder now than it was for previous generations.

And when you ask them about the "American dream," it's a coin toss: about 45% of respondents say it's still achievable, while an equal amount say it no longer is, according to find-

ings from a new UC Irvine poll released Friday.

But the difficulty of buying a home or achieving the American dream — which the poll called "the belief that hard work can provide the opportunity to build a better life" — is not the only thing people agree on, said Gould, nor is it a new issue: Concerns about the cost of living have been on people's

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LOCAL

Ex-lifeguard accused
of illicit videotaping

A former California State Parks supervisor accused of recording employees nude or seminude with a hidden camera appears in court. **A3**

NATION

McConnell says he's
leaving rehabilitation

Ailing Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell said he'll continue recovery from home and gave no specific date for his return to the Capitol. **A9**

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