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Downey's International Food Festival is Saturday

DOWNEY - The city's International Food Festival, previously known as the Taste of Downey, will take place this Saturday night in Downtown Downey.

In addition to local restaurants, the festival will feature food trucks, artists, face-painting, and more than a dozen live bands.

Participating restaurants include Wingstop, Corleone Italian Restaurant, Chinese Gourmet Express, Sunny's Sushi & Grill, Frantone's Pizza, Tacos Don Javi, Bionicos Plus, Dunkin' Donuts, and more.

Food trucks include the Carl's Jr's Star Diner, Cambalachesla (Argentinian), Curbsidecraving (Filipino), La Panini Grill, Dia De Los Puercos, Yogasaki, and Streets of Thailand.

Situated on Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th streets, the festival will have two concert stages: the main stage and also a world stage.

Main stage schedule:

Per Se the Band	4-4:45 p.m.
Jaguar	5:15-6:15 p.m.
Sonsoles	6:45-7:45 p.m.
Salt Petal	8:15-9:15 p.m.
Kool Cats	9:45-11:15 p.m.

World stage schedule:

ZaZa Dancers	4-4:45 p.m.
Rustic Rye	5:15-6 p.m.
Rockin Piano	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Alturas Music	7:45-8:45 p.m.
Polynesian Paradise Dancers	9:15-10 p.m.
When Pigs Fly	10:30-11:15 p.m.

In addition to the concert stages, there will also be traditional Greek music and Bolivian street performers.

The film "Chicago" will be screened starting at 9 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free. For more details, call (562) 904-7238 or go to downeyca.org.

IRS telephone scam on the rise

The Internal Revenue Service has issued another strong warning for consumers to guard against sophisticated and aggressive phone scams targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, as reported incidents of this crime continue to rise nationwide. These scams won't likely end with the filing season so the IRS urges everyone to remain on guard.

The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via the U.S. mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone. For more information or to report a scam, go to irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam in the last several months. Immigrants are frequently targeted. Potential victims are threatened with deportation, arrest, having their utilities shut off, or having their driver's licenses revoked. Callers are frequently insulting or hostile - apparently to scare their potential victims.

Potential victims may be told they are entitled to big refunds, or that they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS. When unsuccessful the first time, sometimes phone scammers call back trying a new strategy.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484.

You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov.

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, irs.gov.



SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Abuelo's House



Grandparents Jesus and Acacia Garcia at the turn of the century, 1919.

Yolanda Adele is a Norwalk girl who spent summers at the home of her maternal grandparents in El Paso, Texas. As she describes it, the home had "history, mystery," and limited plumbing and electricity. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Yolanda Adele

The house of my maternal abuelos (grandparents) in El Paso, Texas, is perhaps the most interesting house I've known. It was a two-story, box-like structure built around the 1800s, with a tavern downstairs at street level. *Mis abuelos*, Jesus and Acacia Garcia, resided in the living quarters on the upper level.

At one time it was the unofficial headquarters of the well-known Mexican revolutionary, Pancho Villa. It was rumored that Maximilian, the Austrian Archduke named emperor of Mexico, had also stopped at that tavern on his way to meet with Benito Juarez, then President of Mexico. Benito Juarez's forces later executed Maximilian.

Blood traces and even ghosts of a bygone era were sometimes evident throughout the house. In fact, my seven uncles swore that one wall of the saloon was blood-soaked from gunfights that occurred so often during the century before. No matter how many times the spots were washed, the maroon stain would eventually and stubbornly re-appear.

Even then, I longed to know what secrets those walls held. The house was always filled with the boisterous voices of my seven uncles, most of whom lived there. At times they said they noticed, among their own chatter, other voices and laughter of people not visible to them.

In the kitchen next to the black iron, kerosene-burning stove was a free standing claw-legged tub. It did not have plumbing fixtures. Bath water was heated on the stove in a cast iron kettle. The only time the kitchen

door was closed was when the tub was in use; otherwise, the door remained opened to the adjoining room that held a massive mission-style table and benches made from railroad planks.

When the bathtub was not in use, a large piece of butcher board was placed over the tub's opening and used as a cutting board for meats and vegetables. Many wonderful aromas from the coffee, chilies, beans, tortillas, and rice mingled with the ever-present smell of kerosene oil which fueled the stove, and filled the house with a blanket of warmth that was inviting to those sitting at the table.

The commode was down a long stretch of hallway just outside of the eating area. It had only one small exposed light bulb hanging from the ceiling. Someone had tied its cord like a hangman's noose which cast a large shadow on the walls. It loomed there like a teasing poltergeist. My hair stood on end whenever I had to negotiate past it.

There was no electricity in the "water closet." A little sunlight came in from the cracks in the wall, and so did insects. The water tank was overhead with a long pull chain coming down to flush the toilet, if you could find it in the dark. Many times the chain had to be replaced because it was stolen or broken.

On one side of the wall there was a very large railroad spike which held pieces of newspapers and catalogue pages that had been cut into squares. This was used as toilet paper. Visiting "city cousins," like me, never stayed in there long and were often seen running out half dressed when they were finished.

On very hot Texas nights I loved to sleep outside on the little balcony facing the main street, just blocks from the El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico, border. When I was a child, I remember my cousins Beto, Betty, Rachel and myself lying on a makeshift mattress out there on our perch, like birds with a birds' eye-view of people coming and going.

We tried to muffle our giggles at what we saw, couples kissing in the alley across the street or drunks relieving themselves as they staggered out of nearby cantinas. We also amused ourselves by making up stories or making fun of passengers scurrying to get on or off the streetcar.

Sometimes people lost their footing as they disembarked, but there always seemed to be someone there to give them a hand. There was a time when a man fell on the tracks while the streetcar was approaching. We all yelled, screamed, and hollered until some good Samaritans ran to pull him to safety.

On Halloween, the transportation inspectors and we kids watched for pranksters who might try to water down the rails with soap to cause

the streetcar to lose traction. Twice we witnessed automobiles cross the tracks and collide with a streetcar.

During the day we'd replace the mattress with two rocking chairs. There we waited with anticipation to hear the chiming bells of the Red Line Street Car as it passed in front of my *abuelo's* house. The street car was noisy on the rails and had a high-pitched sounding horn that also announced its arrival. We waved enthusiastically at the passengers; often we'd sing silly Mexican songs loudly to them. We were thrilled when some of the passengers applauded us, and we were only too happy to bow and blow kisses to them.

The Red Line Street Car had a sign over the door that read: "Ride a Mile and Smile the While - Only 5 cents." The street car was built before there were plastic seats marked with graffiti and aluminum rails. Air-conditioning came by opening the windows. Imagine that.

Yes, watching the streetcars on Main Street provided "reality" entertainment for us kids in lieu of television, which my *abuelos* didn't have. Sometimes our adult relatives and my *abuelos* sat on the terrace to visit with each other and greet friends they saw on the street.

We all enjoyed the simple pleasure of watching the streetcars go by until a horrible accident changed all that in the summer of 1950. At that time, my *abuelo*, Jesus, was working as a maintenance mechanic for the Red Line Streetcar Company.

Streetcars are propelled by onboard motors and require a trolley pole to draw power from an overhead wire. While working at a junction just a few blocks from his home, Jesus turned off the electricity in order to work on the overhead wire of a streetcar that was not in service.

A new and inexperienced employee saw the electricity switch was turned off and instead of investigating to find out why, he simply pulled the switch to the On position. My *abuelo* was electrocuted. Miraculously, he survived, though he was so severely burned that he had to have his right arm amputated up to his elbow. He remained in the hospital for nearly a year. After this accident no one liked to sit out on the balcony to watch the streetcars go by.

But the memories of our antics on our perch and the ever lingering aromas from the kitchen, along with the legendary stories heard, still linger in the recess of my mind. My *abuelo's* house was the only place where I was in touch with my heritage, my culture. Their humble life-style gave me a glimpse and a flavor of where my people came from and what they had to endure. I'm glad that I lived to see that house before it was torn down with its kaleidoscope of history and mysteries.

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 82°

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Things To Do



International Food Festival - Food, live music, performances, family-friendly fun. Saturday, Downtown Downey, 4-11 p.m.



Sumo wrestling - The 14th U.S. Sumo Open comes to Long Beach, with men and women competing in 100-plus matches. Saturday, 1 p.m., Pyramid in Long Beach, \$25-plus

One Thing to Know

The Dodgers' last six games of the regular season, including a pivotal homestand against the Giants, will be shown on free television station KDOC starting Tuesday.

Throwback Thursday



North American Aviation in the 1950's.

Facebook Conversation



Dollar Tree opening near Pep Boys

Misty Linden Hausmann: "Great, more stores that makes Downey look like Paramount. No thank you. We need better options and higher class in Downey."

Ramona Callahan Curtis: "I wish the city would fine the Dollar Tree for not keeping the store front clean, it's disgusting."

Javier Lizarde: "Are they hiring? Where do I apply at?"

Michael Chirco: "I love the Dollar Tree!"

Tweet of the Week

@priscilla_rolon: Moving to Downey in 4th grade was the best thing that ever happened to me.



Air Force Airman 1st Class Brittney M. Deckard has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. She completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Deckard is a 2004 graduate of Downey High School.

Clayton Araiza completes Navy training

DOWNEY – Navy Seaman Clayton E. Araiza, a 2012 graduate of Downey High School, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Araiza completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is “Battle Stations.” This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. “Battle Stations” is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Araiza is the son of Wendy M. Araiza, of Downey.

Church hosting talk on science and faith

DOWNEY – “Science and Faith: Are They Really in Conflict?” is the title of a special event at Desert Reign Church this Sunday starting at 6 p.m.

Guest speakers include author and television personality Eric Metaxas; author Stephen Meyer; and mathematician and philosopher John Lennox.

The free event is open to the public and will also be simulcast on desertreign.org.

Mexican performers in Downtown Downey

DOWNEY – Downey’s rooftop concert series returns this Wednesday, Sept. 24, with “Toast of Mexico,” featuring Aztec fire dancers, mariachi bands and a ballet folklorico.

The free event is from 7-11 p.m. at the top of the downtown parking structure directly behind Krikorian Theatres.

The event includes live performances by the Tlanextli Tlacopan Aztec Fire Dancers, Trio Los Brillantes, Ballet Folklorico Mixteco and Mariachi Espectacular de Beto Jimenez with special performances by female vocalists from the Grammy Award-winning Mariachi Divas.

For more information, call (562) 904-7238 or visit downeyca.org and click the “Discover Downey” tab.

Two-choir concert at Downey temple

DOWNEY – Two professional choirs will perform several rarely-heard liturgical masterpieces at a concert this Saturday, Sept. 20, at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. and is titled “Selichot,” which loosely translated means “Please forgive.”

The event is jointly sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier and features two professional choirs accompanied by organ and keyboard artists Mark Peterson and Michael Hughes.

As a service, Selichot is most often performed prior to Rosh Hashanah the beginning of the Jewish High Holidays, which is Sept. 24 this year.

Downey’s Rabbi Dany Mehlman and Cantor Kenneth Jaffee will be joined by Whittier’s Rabbi/cantor Osnat Margalith and Hazzan Lance Tapper in the service.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call (562) 861-9276.

Water barrel giveaway Sept. 27

DOWNEY – Free water barrels for emergency water storage will be given away Saturday, Sept. 27, in the Stonewood Center north parking lot (off Cecilia Avenue).

Distribution begins at 8 a.m. and will continue until noon, or until all barrels are gone. There is a one-barrel limit per vehicle.

While the barrels are free, pumps, siphon hoses will be available for purchase.

The barrels have been donated by Coca-Cola. For more information, email ready@downeyca.org.

Church hosting health fair Sunday

DOWNEY – The Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a community health fair this Sunday, Sept. 21, from 12-5 p.m., featuring health screenings, free mini massages, informational vendors, and more.

The health fair is based on the principles from the C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N. (Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal, Outlook and Nutrition) Health Series by Florida Hospital.

Admission to the health fair is free. The church is located at 9820 Lakewood Blvd., with parking behind the church.

For more details, go to [Facebook.com/DowneyCommunityHealthFair](https://www.facebook.com/DowneyCommunityHealthFair).



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

Lydia Rosales, a resident at the Brookfield Healthcare Center nursing home in Downey, had only one wish on her 78th birthday yesterday: to dance with the mayor of Downey. Mayor Fernando Vasquez was happy to oblige, dancing with Lydia before wishing her a happy birthday.



Joann Klonowski of the Special Olympics was guest speaker at a Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting last week, speaking about Downey’s role as a host town for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games. She is pictured with Councilman Alex Saab (left) and club president Ryan Fitzl.

Man fatally stabbed

DOWNEY – A man was fatally stabbed inside an apartment on the 7300 block of Florence Avenue early Thursday morning, police said.

Police officers responding to a 911 call at 2:26 a.m. found a man injured with multiple stab wounds. He later died.

Detectives have detained a woman for questioning. Her relationship to the victim is not known.

The victim’s name is not being released pending notification of next of kin. Anyone with additional information is asked to call the police department at (562) 904-2308.

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Preparations underway for symphony's 2014-15 season

• Downey Symphony's new concert season gets underway Oct. 11.

DOWNEY - September 2014 is not only the current "kick-off" time for every football program across the land, it is also the "start-up" time for fundraising events in preparation for the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 2014 - 2015 season of concerts in the Downey Theatre.

The ongoing fundraising activities to benefit the Downey Symphony Orchestra (DSO) are organized under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Downey Symphonic Society (DSS) or the Downey Symphony Guild (DSG).

Saturday, Sept. 6, you may have seen members of the board of the DSS on Downey Avenue at the local farmers market under a blue pop-up tent distributing information on the DSO's upcoming concert season and all the fundraising events happening this month.

Saturday, Sept. 13, board members of the DSS and the DSG, along with Sharon Lavery, music director of the DSO, all worked together to host a flapjack fundraiser at the Applebee's restaurant in Norwalk. Not only did these hard workers sell tickets to this event, but they served up plates of food, poured numerous cups of coffee and orange juice, and even bussed tables to keep the flow of customers happy and speedily satisfied.

Upcoming this Sunday, Sept. 21, is the major fundraising event of the month. Entitled "The Mad Hatter's Garden Party," this event provides a whimsical-themed afternoon with hors d'oeuvres, spirits and spirited conversation, a fabulous dinner and unforgettable

desserts, live performance from a USC instrumental group, and silent and live auctions, all to benefit the DSO and the Music in the Schools program.

Additionally, the DSG has arranged an easy way for you to help raise funds and enjoy dining out at the same time. At Café Opa in Downey, on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., 20% of each sale will go to the DSG to benefit the DSO and the Music in the Schools program. Mention to your server at Café Opa that you read about it here, in *The Downey Patriot*.

All the hard work and fundraising from the events mentioned above ultimately are for the benefit of the Downey Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sharon Lavery. The first concert of the DSO's 2014-15 season is on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Downey Theatre. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The concert, entitled "Seven and Counting - A Night at the Opera" will also include an art exhibit with the theme "Lucky Number Seven" and a pre-concert lecture with Lavery at 7:15 p.m.

When asked about the meaning of the title "Seven and Counting - A Night at the Opera" and also the program, Lavery explained, "I joined the Symphony as it was celebrating its 50th anniversary. I'm excited to be starting my seventh year as music director, leading the Symphony in its 57th season. I've enjoyed the last six seasons and I'm counting on many more. We are opening the concert in a special way by also counting the 200th anniversary of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key."

In September of 1814, during the third year of the war of 1812, the British, after burning the White House and other public buildings

in the nation's capitol, sailed up the Chesapeake Bay to bombard Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, Maryland. Onboard a British warship in the harbor, securing the release of a civilian held prisoner, was Francis Scott Key.

Unable to leave the ship because the British Fleet had begun its attack, Key endured the 25-hour bombardment. When the smoke had cleared, Key looked at the fort to discover that it had not surrendered, that "our flag was still there."

He began writing a poem and completed it by the time he returned to shore. Initially printed as "The Defence of Fort McHenry" (Tune - 'Anacreon in Heaven'), the title was later changed to "The Star Spangled Banner." On March 3, 1931, it became our official national anthem.

Also on the program for the Oct. 11 concert are many Mozart opera selections featuring returning soloist Anthony Moreno, Baritone. More information about Anthony Moreno and the Mozart selections in next week's issue of *The Downey Patriot*.

Concluding the concert and sticking with the 7 (seven) theme is Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92, composed by Ludwig van Beethoven between 1811 and 1812. The work premiered in Vienna with

Beethoven himself conducting and it was noted at its conclusion that Beethoven remarked that it was one of his best works.

The second movement, Allegretto, was very popular and had to be encored. It is frequently performed separate from the complete symphony.

Critics and listeners have often felt stirred or inspired by the Seventh Symphony. For instance, one program-note author writes: "...the final movement zips along at an irrepressible pace that threatens to sweep the orchestra off its feet and around the theatre, caught up in the sheer joy of performing one of the most perfect symphonies ever written!"

"Seven and Counting - A Night at the Opera" on Oct. 11 is the first concert of a three-concert season. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015's concert, "Harp and Soul" with Alison Bjorkedal, Harp Soloist and Saturday, April 11, 2015's concert, "Romantic Gems" with Hao Zhou, Violin Soloist round out the season.

For more information and season subscriptions for tickets to the concerts (with a savings over the single ticket price), please visit the website downeysymphony.org. Tickets are also available from the Downey Theatre box office at (562) 861-8211.



Joyce Sherwin, E. J. Ball, and Don Marshall, members of the Board of Directors of the Downey Symphonic Society, with Sharon Lavery, Music Director of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, prepare to serve the "Flapjack Fundraiser" breakfast at Applebee's in Norwalk this past Saturday.

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(Are they really in conflict?)

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Pat Gomez-Pratt dies at 71



• Celebration of life to be held Oct. 6 at Long Beach Yacht Club

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Patricia Gomez-Pratt was the first woman ever asked to join the Rotary Club of Downey.

And at first glance, it's not hard to see why.

"She was bigger than life," said Jacob Adajian, Pratt's fiancé. "Warmhearted, lots of energy...she just loved people."

Pratt, a past president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and the former owner of Johnny and Company, died on Aug. 27 of stomach failure. She was 71.

While Pratt was known best for her beauty salon on Downey Avenue, the Iowa-native evolved into a celebrated philanthropist and community business leader.

Born in Creston, Iowa on Aug. 7, 1943, Pratt moved to California with her parents, Lyle and Kathryn Abbott as a child. She later graduated from Bell High School and went on to attend beauty school.

It wasn't long before Pratt became owner of Johnny and Company in Downey where she

expanded the salon's staff to more than 40 employees.

During the Christmas season, Pratt would bring orphaned children to the salon for a day of hair styling and holiday celebration. Pratt would also give up many Saturdays to do the hair of wheelchair and bed-bound patients at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center.

As a community leader, Pratt served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Guild, a member of the Assistance League of Downey, and a grand marshal at the annual Downey Christmas Parade.

In 1988, Downey educators Ed Sussman and Ed Potter asked Pratt to join the Rotary Club of Downey.

"She loved Downey. She loved Downey Rotary and their charity work," Adajian said. "Pat was always generous."

While continuing to run Johnny and Company, Pratt enrolled in UCLA Culinary School, graduating with a culinary arts degree. She later launched her own catering company and taught gourmet cooking classes at various high schools and colleges.

Pratt eventually sold her Downey business and retired in Naples where she lived until her death.

"She was beautiful – she loved her clothes, jewelry, and a good party," Adajian said. "She was a wonderful friend...and should have been around a lot longer."

Pratt is survived by her son Jeff, four grandchildren, Jeff Jr., Candice, Violet, and Zoe, her fiancé Adajian, sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Paul Rukasin, nieces, Paula Piltz and Cindy Rukasin, and great niece Chantra Rukasin.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Lois Waters was school volunteer

DOWNEY – Lois Waters died peacefully on Sept. 14 after a long battle with cancer.

Lois lived in Downey for 38 years and volunteer taught at Rio Hondo Elementary for 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth "Pat"; her daughter Jeni (Brian); her son Jim (Cheryl); and six grandchildren, Johnathan, Samantha, Patrick, Zachary, Evan and Tatum.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmie, and mother, Dora.

A memorial service will take place Monday, Sept. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross in Culver City.

Flowers may be sent to the chapel, or donation in Lois' name can be made to SEAACA or Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.



James Allen passes away

DOWNEY – Downey resident James R. Allen passed away Aug. 27 while on a cruise to Alaska.

He was born in Sevier County, Tenn., on Nov. 4, 1931 and served his country during the Korean War.

He was predeceased by daughter Laurie Ann Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; sons, John (Janice) and Walter; grandchildren, Preston (Ashley), Ashley, Andrew, James and Wyatt; and great-granddaughter, Haley.

He was buried Sept. 6 in the Allen Cemetery in Sevierville, Tenn.



Downey resident Isabelle Duran celebrated her 103rd birthday on Monday. She received a certificate of recognition from the city of Downey, hand-delivered by Councilman Alex Saab. Isabelle, pictured with grandson Jose Duran and great-grandson Alexander Duran, was born in Cuba on Sept. 15, 1911.



Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flores of Downey have announced the marriage of their daughter, Jamie Marie Flores, to Scott Andrew Freeman of Downey, son of Kerry and Beth Freeman, at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello on May 3, 2014. Jamie is a graduate of Downey High School and Cal State Fullerton, with a BA degree in Business. She is currently employed at Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

Scott is currently working on graphic arts and pursuing a career in aeronautics.

The couple honeymooned in Kauai and are now residing in Downey.

Man fatally shot in Norwalk

NORWALK – A man was shot and killed on a residential street in Norwalk Monday afternoon after an apparent argument.

Witnesses told detectives they heard arguing followed by a gunshot coming from a home on the 12700 block of Rexton Street at about 3:45 p.m.

Witnesses saw the victim walk from the rear from the home towards the street. He continued walking eastbound before collapsing about one block from where the shooting took place.

The victim's identity has not been publicly revealed, and there have been no arrests.

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- Gym Bleachers
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks from Dr. Stauffer

Dear Editor:

Thanks to all for changing the name of West Middle School to Mary R Stauffer Middle School. It is an incredible honor and I want to thank the Downey Unified school board and Superintendent Dr. Garcia for approving it. Thanks to Jorge Montero who thought about it long ago and promoted it. Thanks to the principal and teachers who liked it.

Thanks to all who came to celebrate the name change on September 3.

Thanks to Dr. Garcia who planned the once-in-a-lifetime celebration. It was truly spectacular and enjoyed by all.

I have been interested in West for many years. In 1991 my granddaughter, Mary Suzuki, was playing in the band at West. I went to a performance and was so impressed with the ability of the band director, Mr. Miller, that I wanted to do something to promote his program. I asked if I could pay teachers to give after-school lessons. He said they already do it and are glad to. What they needed was instruments.

The next day I sent Mary to school with a \$5,000 check for band instruments. This caused quite a surprise. It ended up with matching funds from Larry Hoag.

In 1992 the very first grant from the Mary R Stauffer Foundation was to Dan Latham for the Cyberobic Center. This was a very sophisticated computerized center. We had the same excellent programmer that Ronald Reagan had. There was eye recognition, yes in 1992. It was considered the best in Southern California. It won the Golden Bell Award for the DUSD.

Project Lead The Way is a treasure. Stan Hanstad presented PLTW to the principal of West, Craig Burch, who said he had the teacher that could do it. It was Tri Tansopalucks. Tri not only could but did. Tri became a leader in the field and is now teaching classes at Cal Poly Pomona and teaching teachers to teach PLTW throughout the USA.

We helped fund a culinary art department under the direction of Mary Jo Enyeart. We bought computers for the library, a shared resource in 1994. We funded the broadcasting equipment, changed the gym into a multipurpose cafeteria, performing arts and basketball court. Thanks to all the others that got grants and used them so effectively.

I am very proud of this school and I hope in every way I can to inspire the pupils and teachers to achieve their full potential.

Thanks to the Downey Patriot for their incredible coverage, even printed in yellow and black, the Mary R Middle Stauffer School colors.

Many thanks to all.

**Dr. Mary Stauffer
Downey**

Neel Kashkari

Dear Editor:

The pathetic absence of support by the Republican hierarchy for the candidacy of Neel Kashkari for governor should be an eye-opener – for Democrats. For once, the hard right wing nut Republicans have given you the chance to avoid having your vote dictated to you by the hard left state employee unions.

And let's look realistically at that choice. The *Los Angeles Times* reported that the California Department of Social Services is more than three months behind in investigating possible child abuse conditions in the foster care programs. "Chronic understaffing" is the excuse given. But Jerry Brown assures us that he's fixed all the state's fiscal problems and that there's money for his train. Children are suffering for that lie, and he represents the party that claims to be the one with a social conscience.

We're in the middle of a severe drought, and are told to conserve. Well, it looks like most of us are trying our best but it isn't enough. Yet I haven't read of one attempt at cloud seeding, which would possibly yield some useful results by helping ground water supplies. No, instead we wait for atmospheric conditions to dump it all in one place, where it does more harm than good.

Neel Kashkari is not the Social Conservative ideologue we usually get from the California Republican hierarchy. In addition to being an open-minded moderate, he used his business experience to help the Obama administration with the Troubled Asset Relief Program. And if there's an example of a troubled asset to be rescued, it's California. But Jerry doesn't have the answers and isn't even looking for them.

There really are moderate Republicans in California. After all, Kashkari won the primary in spite of the party leaders. We just are busy living our lives and making a living, much like moderate Democrats. All the noise is made at both ends of the party spectrums. But this time you don't have to obey your party bosses because we didn't obey ours. There really is a moderate choice available, and he's worth your attention. Who knows, we might even get to be friends.

Jerry Brown wants to be remembered as the Bullet Train Governor. But unless there's a change in his program or moderate Democrats help us replace him, it's much more likely that our lawns and hillsides will be named after him.

David Mathews

Downey

The President and Congress should work together on military intervention

By Lee H. Hamilton

In his speech last week outlining his plans to use military force against the jihadists of the Islamic State, President Obama gave Congress only passing mention. "I have the authority to address the threat from ISIL," he said. "But I believe we are strongest as a nation when the president and Congress work together."

He's right, of course. But that's not the half of it.

We live in troubled times, and over the last decade or two our military has been deeply involved somewhere in the world: Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, Syria... It's a long list that will only grow longer as we're called upon to use force in the future.

Our process for deciding to use force, however, hasn't caught up with these dangerous times. It has been decades since Congress asserted any meaningful role — pretty much everyone in the country, including most members of Congress, consider military intervention to be the President's prerogative. Congress has been far too deferential: its members prefer to avoid a potentially difficult political vote, let the President take the lead, and then criticize him if he was wrong.

At the moment, much of the debate in the press and in Washington about the President's intentions revolves around the legal justifications, which I find slightly amusing. The fact is that presidents always find the legal authority to take whatever action they believe is in the country's best interest, and they have plenty of cards in their deck: self-defense, national security, protecting Americans, and their constitutional role as commander in chief.

Indeed, there are occasions when the President must act alone. If we've been attacked or hostilities are imminent or some emergency presents itself for which force is the only response, we'd expect the President to respond effectively.

But there are powerful political reasons for making the decision to use force abroad a joint one with Congress in all but emergencies.

When our nation must deal with controversial, complicated questions, there is great value to making the President articulate his analysis of the situation and the reasons for his decisions, and to test that thinking beyond close advisors who naturally tend to support him. The best place to do so is in Congress, where fresh eyes and an independent point of view will produce tough questions. Invariably, the result is a refined White House policy and a better understanding of it by the American people.

This is unequivocally what Americans want. Even now, as a large majority of Americans support military action against ISIS, they also want Congress to weigh in, with more than 70 percent in a recent CNN

Smokers

Dear Editor:

I got a kick out of Dan Chantre labeling smokers "bad people." I think it's attitudes like this that's causing so much hate in the world. ("Hospital Smokers," Letters to the Editor, 9/11/14)

I've smoked for over 40 years, and I'm tired of hearing about it. Anyone who started smoking since the 60s on have heard all about it.

It seems nowadays that everything causes cancer, not just smoking. However, if you're a smoker, whatever ails you is caused by smoking, per the doctor, and most non smokers.

I had heart surgery in July. Everyone I know thought it was due to my smoking. It was not. It was caused by a faulty valve that I've known about for 38 years. Taken x-rays in the hospital, the doctor told me my lungs looked fine.

A buddy of mine, who has also smoked for over 40 years, was praised (after chest x-rays) because the doctor thought he'd never smoked. When told the truth, the doctor didn't know what to say.

I'm not condoning smoking, and tell the youngsters that due to people like Mr. Chantre, they don't want to start. But as of now, it's still legal. If and when they do make it illegal, all the people crying about smokers now will really cry when they have to make up paying all the taxes we "bad people" are paying now for cigarettes.

I know they say the taxes are to cover medical expenses caused due to smoking, but I have a hard time believing that any health problem a smoker has is caused by their smoking.

Everyone is so worried about their rights. For you to get 100% of your rights, I lose some of mine. Why is it OK for a young child to approach an adult and ask them "Why do you smoke," but it's not OK for the child to ask an obese person "Why are you fat"? If people would just be more willing to Compromise, this world would be much better off.

Grouping people into one label, because you don't like them or what they're doing, to me seems like a prejudice.

Jim Cuddy

Downey

Theater mismanagement

Dear Editor:

The lawsuit against VenueTech Theater Management Co. has been filed! I extend continued well wishes to Los Lonely boys frontman Mr. Garza and his family.

Meanwhile at the Downey Theater as we approach fall and what would have been the opening musical of the new Downey Civic Light Opera season, VenueTech has instead offered three single-performance shows: 1) Rhythm City Tours in September 2) Mesto Orchestra in October 3) Dia De Los Meurtos, a free show in November.

For those who attended the DCLO musicals, who will ever forget uplifting shows in recent years such as "Cabaret," "My Fair Lady," "Singin' In The Rain?" Also, the stellar salutes to the great American songbook composers such as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Kander & Ebb...

VenueTech has misrepresented themselves. Their amateurish incompetence has become a danger even to the very performers that they book.

Here and now I call on the city of Downey leaders to end VenueTech's contract early before more harm can be done.

Citizens of Downey and surrounding cities who support this position, please express your feelings in a written letter to Downey City Council, 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey CA 90241.

Mike Sanburn

Bellflower

poll believing President Obama should seek Congress's backing for military strikes.

This may be because Americans understand innately that military action supported by both the President and Congress carries more legitimacy at home and more conviction abroad. Internal debate on foreign policy unsettles our allies, who begin to doubt the sustainability of our chosen course. The U.S. is in a far stronger position before the world if it is clear that the branches of government are unified and that we are speaking with one voice as a nation.

Though my chief concern is with the politics of authorizing force, there is one legal argument I find paramount. It is common wisdom that our Constitution is ambiguous on this subject, since it makes the President the commander in chief, yet gives Congress the ability to declare war. In a sense, though, the Constitution's message is anything but ambiguous: by giving a role to each branch, it clearly considers the use of force to be a shared decision.

This imposes a responsibility on Congress. Our system is built on the notion that Congress cannot be a bystander when it comes to the grave decision to use our military abroad. It, too, needs to take ownership of decisions to use force, for the good of the American people's understanding and acceptance of the issues at stake, and for the benefit of the nation's profile abroad.

But Congress needs to assert this role, not hide behind the expediency of letting someone else make the decision. And the President should embrace it.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Failures in math and science education beginning to add up

By Dick Resch

Americans could use a crash course in math.

According to a new study from the Brookings Institution, jobs in science, technology, engineering, and math are vacant for more than twice as long as non-STEM positions -- largely because employers can't find people with the requisite math and science skills to fill them. In fact, high school graduates with STEM skills are in greater demand than college grads without them.

Our nation's schools simply aren't producing graduates with the level of numeracy needed to succeed in today's economy. To change this, we must change the way we teach math and science. By replacing passive, lecture-based styles of instruction with an alternative that more actively engages students in the learning process.

Conventional approaches to math and science education are failing. Twenty-nine nations or other jurisdictions outperform U.S. students in math, according to the latest rankings from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international think tank.

Only one-quarter of American twelfth-graders is proficient or better in math. The average eighth-grader is below proficient in science.

Such consistently poor performance threatens our entire economy. American firms, including my own, can't find the employees they need to grow and compete. By 2020, the shortage of skilled workers with postsecondary degrees will reach 5 million, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

Since President Obama proclaimed STEM education a "national priority" back in 2009, American students have actually fallen behind many of their foreign peers.

Reversing these discouraging trends will require a radically different approach to science and math instruction. Fortunately, there's evidence that just such an approach -- called "engaged learning" -- can deliver the improvement our nation needs.

Engaged learning empowers students to play a more active role in knowledge acquisition -- in other words, "to learn by doing." The technique involves a combination of reading, writing, discussion, personal reflection, and interaction with technology.

School systems are increasingly partnering with the firm I lead, KI, to design and build learning environments that encourage collaboration and discussion. In these classrooms of the future, students work in small groups while instructors move around -- interacting with groups of students, posing questions, provoking discussion, and offering individualized help and coaching.

The results of this approach have been impressive.

For instance, 14 colleges, including North Carolina State University and the University of Central Florida, implemented an engaged-learning program known as SCALE-UP for some larger undergraduate classes. Across all the schools that participated, SCALE-UP classes saw a significant reduction in failure rates, as well as marked improvements in conceptual understanding and student attitude.

SCALE-UP didn't just help students avoid failure. Those in the top third of the class experienced the biggest improvements.

The University of Minnesota experimented with engaged learning by teaching the same biology course in two different environments: a traditional lecture hall and an "Active Learning Classroom" outfitted with glass markerboards, group table seating and shared large-format computer monitors.

Students in the conventional setting performed exactly as their ACT scores predicted they would. But those in the Active Learning Classroom scored nearly 30 points higher than their standardized test scores forecast.

Without a dramatic overhaul of math and science instruction, American students will continue to lag behind those in the rest of the world. Engaged learning strategies have proven successful in boosting student achievement quickly and dramatically.

It's time to embrace this approach to education, and take our students -- and our economy -- to the head of the class.

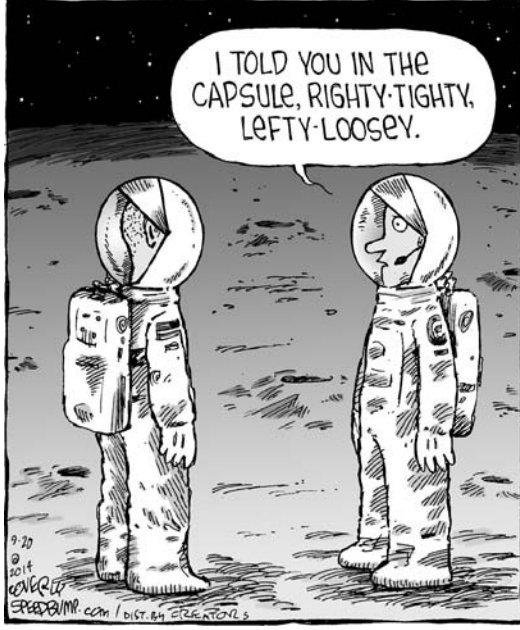
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

- Sat., Sept. 20: **Health fair**, Downey Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 20: **Space collecting**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 1 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 20: **Downey International Food Festival**, Downtown Downey, 4 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 20: **Two-choir concert**, Temple Ner Tamid, 7 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 21: **"Science and Faith"**, Desert Reign Church, 6 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 24: **"Toast of Mexico"**, Downtown Downey, 7 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **City Council**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.
- 4th Mon., 5 p.m.: **Green Task Force**, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info call 304-3439
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at dianedavis4sc@gmail.com.
- 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Karika Austin 260-3856.
- 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3:30 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 p.m.: **American Legion #270**, at Sizzler Restaurant, for information call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call Cindy 803-4048.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call (310) 322-2342.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10**, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 p.m.: **Downey Arts Coalition**, at Epic Lounge.

On This Day...

Sept. 18, 1850: Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which allowed slaveowners to reclaim slaves who had escaped to other states.

1851: The first edition of The New York Times was published.

1970: Rock musician Jimi Hendrix died of a drug overdose at age 27.

Birthdays: Actor Fred Willard (75), college basketball coach Rick Pitino (62), actress Holly Robinson-Peete (50), actress Jada Pinkett-Smith (43), cyclist Lance Armstrong (43), actor Jason Sudeikis (39) and Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo (37).

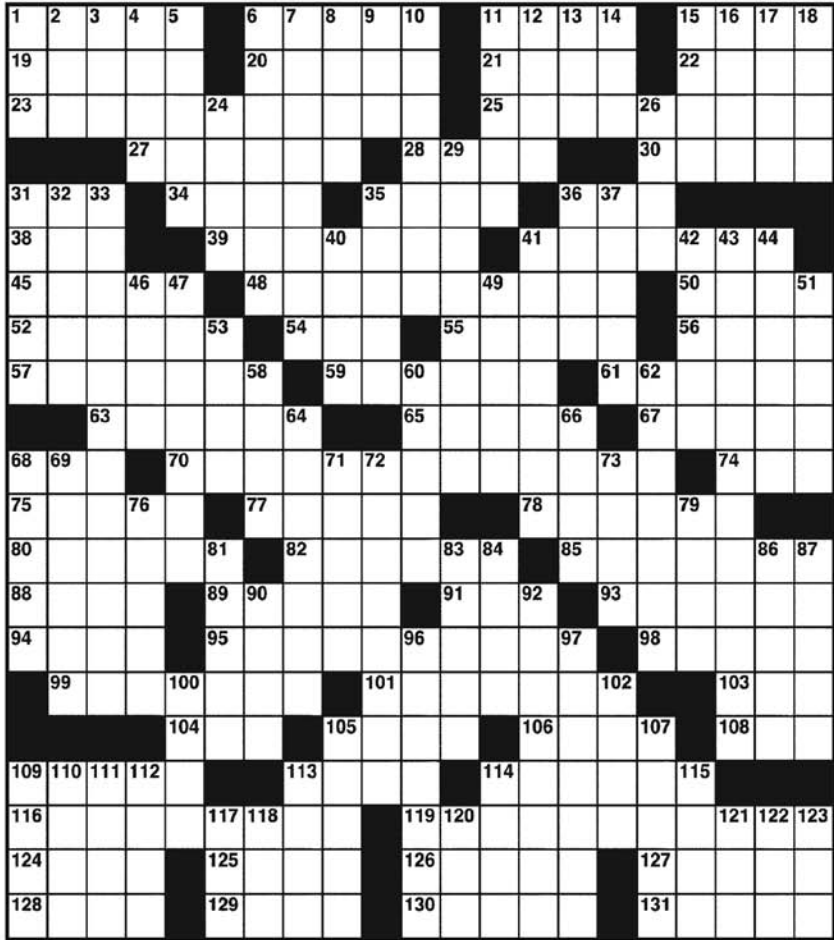
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SPORTS BRIEFS: Bears fall to Buena Park

• Warren High still searching for first win of the football season.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football team lost to Buena Park at home last Friday night, 25-0. With the loss, the Bears fell to 0-2.

With the win, the Coyotes improved to 3-0. The Coyotes have outscored their three opponents 143-6.

Warren has given Buena Park their toughest game of the season thus far. Buena Park defeated Orange 65-0 on 8/28 and California 53-6 on 9/5. The Bears held the Coyotes to 25 points after Buena Park averaged 59 points in their first two games.

Warren will face Firebaugh of Lynwood later tonight at Warren at 7:00 p.m. The Falcons come into tonight's game with a record of 1-2. Firebaugh lost to St. Paul 62-0 on 8/29, lost to Marantha of Pasadena 49-9 on 9/5 and defeated Century of Santa Ana 7-6 last Thursday.

In the Buena Park game, Bear quarterback Jordan Yancy completed 4/18 passes for 28 yards. Yancy did not throw a touchdown pass and threw two interceptions. The Bear rushing attack accumulated 173 yards on 19 carries. Warren averaged over nine yards per carry against Buena Park. Through two games, the Bears running attack has been paced by Jordan Mayes' 16 carries for 62 yards, Yancy's 10 carries for 142 yards, Eduardo Figueroa's eight carries for 25 yards and Fredrick Reed's six carries for 13 yards.

Through two games, the Bear receiving corps are led by Ulises Cota's four catches for 58 yards, David Escobedo's four catches for 58 yards and four other Bears with one reception each. Angel Luevanos, Christian Mendez, Jordan Mayes and Joseph Vargas have all caught one pass during a game. Coach Lara, his staff and players continue to work hard

in search of their first win of the season.

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The Warren High School girls' cross country team finished first among Division 1 schools and third overall at the Laguna Hills Invitational last Saturday. Capo Valley (Division 2# 3) and Bishop Amat (Division 3 # 1) defeated the Lady Bears while Warren outran local Division 1 powerhouses Dana Hills (# 3), Vista Murrieta (# 4) and San Clemente (# 6).

Lisa Vasquez and Janeane Hernandez paced the Lady Bears to the strong showing. Marissa Pluma (sit-out mandate) and Gwendolyn Hurtado (surgery) were forced to sit out the competition. Once healthy and at full strength, the Lady Bears will be tough to beat. At the time of this writing, the Lady Bears are ranked fourth in the latest Division 1 Girls' XC poll.

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Warren High School will be hosting its annual carnival later this month. This carnival was created in order to help support clubs and sports programs at Warren.

There will be rides, games, food, fun and entertainment for everyone.

The carnival will be held Sept. 26-28. Hours will be 5-11 p.m. on Friday, 1-11 p.m. on Saturday and 1-10 p.m. on Sunday.

The carnival will be held on the corner of DePalma and Paramount Blvd. Pre-sale tickets are on sale at a discounted rate and students are strongly encouraged to buy early and save. Come out and help support Warren clubs and sports programs.

Warren High School Athletic Director Russ Heicke maintains that Kim Kardashian and Kanye West may be at this year's carnival. You never know...

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The Downey High School girls' volleyball team improved to

4-3 on the season with a three set win against Artesia at Downey on Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings won in straight sets 25-11, 25-12 and 25-17. Kimberly Schnars had 19 kills, setter Amy Crowell had 21 assists and libero Victoria Trejo had 15 digs.

Downey went 1-2 at the Molten Tournament in Lakewood in early September. The Lady Vikings lost to Mayfield of Pasadena 3-0 on 9/1 at 8:30 a.m. and defeated Pacifica 3-0 on 9/1 at 1:30 p.m. Downey lost to North Torrance at the same Molten Tournament 3-1 on 9/3. The Lady Vikings lost to Yorba Linda 3-2 on 9/6 and Torrance 3-0 later in the same day. Downey defeated Mayfair 3-1 last Thursday and Artesia 3-0 on Tuesday. The Lady Vikings are currently on a modest, two-game winning streak.

The Lady Vikings played La Serna at La Serna yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Downey will host Troy next Tuesday and will also host Valley Christian next Thursday. The Lady Vikings will start San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Lynwood on 10/2. Downey will host cross-town rival Warren on October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Coach Sims, her staff and players are looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. play. Gahr and Warren look to challenge Downey for the league title. Downey is the reigning 2013 S.G.V.L. champion and have dominated league play in recent years.

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The Downey High School football team fell to Mira Costa at Mira Costa last Friday night 48-31. With the loss, Downey fell to 1-2 while Mira Costa improved to 1-1.

Downey will play at Millikan tonight at 7 p.m. Millikan comes into tonight's game with a record of 3-0.

Millikan has outscored their

three opponents 117-16. The Rams defeated Artesia 50-7 on 8/29, Aliso Niguel 20-6 on 9/5 and Western of Anaheim 47-3 last Friday. The Rams are led by standout senior running back Donald Gordon.

In the Mira Costa game, the Downey offense was led by junior quarterback Rafeeq Rahim's 16/32 passing for 274 yards. Of Rahim's 16 completions, seven went to different Viking receivers. Rahim threw one touchdown pass and had three interceptions in his first start. The Viking rushing attack was led by Daevon Vigilant's 19 carries for 201 yards and Justin Huff's 18 carries for 152 yards. The two Downey running backs combined for 353 rushing yards on only 37 carries.

The Viking receiving corps were led by Stacy Chukwumezie's four catches for 55 yards, Jalen Thompson's three catches for 83 yards, Darrian Franklin's three catches for 41 yards, Jacob Cook's two catches for 24 yards, Vigilant's two catches for 14 yards, Albert Padilla's one catch for 48 yards and Justin Huff's one catch for nine yards. Downey kicker Omar Juarez converted 2/3 PAT's and was 1/1 on field goal attempts. The field goal was from 34 yards out.

The Viking defense saw 14 different players make tackles. Defensive back Miguel Esquinin had eight solo and one assisted tackle. Linebacker Kiefer Enslin had six solo and two assisted tackles, linebacker Cameron Carr had seven solo tackles and Hinckley Ropati, Jacob Cook, Chris Blanton, Manny Ramirez and Eli Garcia all had six tackles each. Enslin and Blanton had four and three tackles for loss, respectively.



The Downey Ladyhogs won the eighth grade division championship in the AVAC HOYAS Back-to-School Invitational Tournament held Sept. 13-14 at the Next Leven Sports Complex in Garden Grove. Pictured, left to right: Coach Julio Avila, Ilana Avila, Stephanie Chavarria, Surie Camacho, Darlene Berberabe, Eburn Kalejaiye, Alyssa Munn, Macy Pakele and Coach Lovel Johnson.



Pictured here with the Rose Float's Past President Mike Prokop is the purchaser of this year's Parade of Winners Ticket No. 1, Vahid Babaeian, DDS. He is the owner of Brace Connections, 12102 S. Paramount Blvd.

On Sunday, October 26, 2014 Downey's Rose Float Association will present its 37th Annual "Parade of Winners" at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Cocktails: from noon to 1 p.m.

Buffet lunch served promptly at 1 p.m. and the game will begin at 2 p.m. sharp. Come join in the fun!

Each ticket buys lunch for two, only 250 tickets will be sold. There will be over 50 prizes along with the Grand Prize of \$10,000.

Come celebrate the 62nd year the Downey Rose Float Association will be entering a Float into the Grand Daddy of all Parades, the 126th New Year's Day Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. Come see this Year's Float and meet the folks who design and build the float.

For tickets call (562) 760-5250.

Free Hearing Screenings

Sat. Oct. 11, 2014

The Downey Sertoma Club will be offering their annual Free hearing Screening Program on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 A.M. to noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior center, 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Appointments are recommended by calling (562) 862-9629.

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Coming Home: Hector Gomez

DOWNEY – A strong desire to serve is an accurate description of United States Marine Corps veteran Hector Gomez.

Hector is a Downey native and graduate of Warren High School. At the age of 17, Gomez was determined to join the United States Navy. At that time, he was approached by a United States Marine recruiter. Hector quickly learned about what it means to be a part of "The Few and The Proud." Hector states that when he saw his "Marine recruiter, the uniform and the way that he presented himself," his mind was changed. Within a short period of time, Hector went from future sailor to future Marine.

Hector served a total of eight years with the Marine Corp. Hector was deployed four times to Iraq from 2004-2006 and 2008. Gomez describes that from his "first deployment to his last that things changed radically."

"Being fired at constantly was now commonplace," he says.

Gomez's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) included a 1345 Engineer and

an 8411 recruiter. Hector also holds the title of sergeant with the infantry. Hector describes a particular challenge that arose was not being able to successfully complete his assignment. As an Engineer, he "was with an infantry and being attached to the infantry men meant that I was not able to complete my job."

Another challenge that was apparent was realizing the things taken for granted – no matter how small.

"Being able to walk around in flip flops and shorts and know that you aren't going to get stopped by anyone is something that we here in the U.S. take for granted."

Gomez describes that he missed his family deeply when he was deployed. He joyfully adds that his fellow Marines helped fill that void.

"Family is different from your Marine family; your Marine brothers replace your family. You fight like brothers and love each other like brothers."

Hector describes that his transition back into civilian life was "hard and easy at the same

time." Even though he spent his last two years of service as a recruiter and was always in the public eye, "starting fresh was hard." Hector was able to transition back into public service where he is currently involved in a law enforcement agency in Orange County.

When asked whether or not he would relive his experience while serving, he replied "In a heartbeat. I miss the camaraderie. It was a huge family and I was good at it. I loved being a Marine."

Hector's advice to anyone considering joining a branch is to "do your research and make sure that you know exactly what you are getting yourself into." He also states that it is important that young people consider enlisting because this is an excellent way to support their community.

Gomez states that his training has greatly impacted his civilian life as he applies it on a daily basis. He states that being able to be an effective communicator is something that was vital to establish.

"Communication and being



able to speak well is important." Without proper communication skills we are at a loss, he says.

Gomez plans to put his Criminal Justice degree from Cal State San Bernardino to work as he plans to continue pursuing a career in law enforcement. Hector continues to live life day by day with the endless support of his family and friends as well as the support of his hometown city of Downey. He mentions that the city "makes you feel important and that you're not forgotten. The city of Downey has your back."

"Coming Home: A Veteran's Story" is a project between the Living Tree Foundation and the Downey Patriot, with the goal of telling the stories of local veterans. If you are interested in telling your story, contact Julie Garcia at (562) 884-8683 or julieg@yourlivingtree.org.

Input sought on veterans event

WHITTIER – Local veterans, civic groups, churches and residents are invited to a planning meeting Tuesday at Rose Hills to offer input and direction for the 2015 Veterans Resource Fair and Homeless Veterans Funeral Service.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. inside Rosie's Cafe on the cemetery campus.

The resource fair and funeral service will provide military veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan with resources and information.

Veterans who died homeless will be provided a proper military funeral service.

For more information, call Phyllis Grabot at (805) 341-7269 or Bonnie Quintanilla at (818) 681-5777.

Skate competition Sept. 27

DOWNEY – A skating competition for kids will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, from 4-6 p.m. at Meredith Perkins Skate Park, located at Rio San Gabriel Park.

The competition is open to kids ages 6-18. Cost is \$5 and includes a hot dog and drink.

On-site registration starts at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call the Barbara J. Riley Center at (562) 904-7223.

Military festival at Downey High

DOWNEY – The Living Tree Foundation will celebrate Blue Star Family Day, an event honoring families with loved ones currently in the Armed Forces, on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Downey High School.

The event is free to the general public.

Activities include live music, food trucks, silent auction, raffles, vendor booths, military vehicle displays, and more.

Rick Rodriguez, founder of the Living Tree Foundation, said the purpose of Blue Star Family Day is to "help active military families pre-plan before their loved ones return home."

"If we can provide only one resource to them on this day that they did not know of, then we've done our job," he said.

For more information about Blue Star Family Day, contact Julie Garcia at (562) 884-8683 or julieg@yourlivingtree.org.

Best-selling book comes to life

DOWNEY – Actor and producer Duffy Hudson will lead "an exciting and spirited conversation" on Karl Marlantes' best-selling work of narrative non-fiction, "What It Is Like to Go to War," at City Hall this Monday at 7 p.m.

Through the use of dramatic passages from the book, Duffy will lead conversation designed to learn about what is takes to serve your country in war.

"This is an opportunity to bring our community, veteran and non-veterans alike, together to share their thoughts and feelings about what it means to go to war," library officials said.

The event will take place in the city council chambers at City Hall, adjacent to the library.

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Fall concert lineup at Cerritos College

NORWALK – Students and faculty in the Cerritos College Music Department will showcase their talents in a variety of concerts this fall.

Most performances are free and open to the public. One-day parking passes may be purchased for \$2 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10.

For updated information visit the Music Department's website at cms.cerritos.edu/music.

Wednesday, Oct. 15
7 p.m., Student Center, free
Jazz Exchange Concert

The concert will feature the Cerritos College Jazz Band in an evening of high-energy jazz tunes. The group will be directed by Dr. David Betancourt, music professor, and will also feature a guest jazz group.

Friday, Oct. 17
11 a.m., Room BC-51, free
Piano Recital: Piano Concert
Lecture Series

Lecture features Franz Schubert, the great "Viennese" composer; Auf dem Strom, Impromptu: Op. 142, No. 3, Klavierstucke; Fantasie in F minor for one piano/four hands; and a lecture on piano will be

presented by Dr. Christine Lopez, director of keyboard studies.

Sunday, Oct. 19
4 p.m., Room BC-51, free
Piano Ensemble Concert

Friday, Oct. 24
7 p.m. Student Center, free
Band & Orchestra Exchange Concert

The Cerritos College Concert Band and Orchestra will present an evening of modern and classic medleys and overtures. The band is conducted by Dr. David Betancourt and the orchestra will be conducted by Alan Hallback, music instructor.

Friday, Nov. 14
11 a.m., Room BC-51, free
Piano Recital: Piano Concert
Lecture Series

Rhonda Dillon, soprano, and Greg Schreiner, piano, in a program titled "Pop Goes the Classics!"

Sunday, Nov. 16
2 p.m., Burnight Center Theatre
Tickets: cerritos.edu/music
Fall Faculty Gala

The Faculty Gala is a scholarship fundraiser for students in the Applied Music program. The event will feature the Cerritos College Music Department faculty,

and will include a wide variety of musical genres and performances by accomplished musicians from across the greater Los Angeles area. Faculty will showcase their talents in support of their students, many of whom have gone on to pursue degrees at various music schools.

Tuesday, Nov. 18
7 p.m., Burnight Center Theatre, free

Choir and Band and Orchestra Music Exchange Concert

Featuring the Cerritos College Choir, Concert Band and Orchestra, the concert will present an evening of modern and classic medleys and overtures. The band is conducted by Dr. David Betancourt, the orchestra will be conducted by Alan Hallback and the choir is conducted by Dr. Anna DeMichele, music professor.

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Friday, Dec. 19
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Choir, Jazz, Band & Orchestra Winter Concert

The event will feature the Cerritos College Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble in an evening of traditional and modern holiday favorites. The bands and orchestra will be conducted by Dr. David Betancourt and Alan Hallback and the choir is conducted by Dr. Anna DeMichele.

College theater students to perform 'Waiting for Lefty'

NORWALK – "Waiting for Lefty," a play set during the Depression years that is based on the real-life struggles of the New York cabdriver's union strike of 1934, will open at the Burnight Studio Theater at Cerritos College Oct. 10.

As drivers struggle to gain fair wages, the union bosses secretly work to sell them down the river. Things are boiling over and plans for a strike are brewing.

Performances are Oct. 10-11 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 16-18 at 8 p.m.; and Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale online and at the theater box office one hour prior to each performance.

Presale tickets are \$15 general

admission, \$14 for students and seniors, and \$12 for kids ages 5-12. No children under age 5 permitted.

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INSIDE OUT

Forgive me morning,
it's been thirty-five years since I last spoke with you—
thirty-five years of trudging
thirty-five years gone
and I did not once lean in to you.

Remember
how you raved about tiptoeing night's meadows, gently,
slowly, until you reached the edge of darkness -
that hallowed place where you could spread your virtues
across vices and ignited hope, and how you insisted
that only love could have infused you with this gift
of awakening the day with your soul-songs.

Remember
when you'd sing to me, how your eyes would light up
and your rays would stream through my blinds, tickle
my sleepy eyes massage my weary soul.

Remember
how I'd yawn, and stretch my legs, and wiggle
my toes. And how all your light upon me
caused me to smile and blush, and then rage
at you, because in twelve hours you would, again,
surrender to a darkness that gnawed at my purity
and turned my whole world inside out.

Zane Marty, Spoken Word

This address to morning uses abrupt line breaks, deep stanza breaks, and long internal pauses, to make visible the internal struggles of the speaker. The word "Remember" anchors the stanzas, from childhood's sweet dreams to the disillusionments of a thirty-something. Zane Marty is the pen name of Tina Johnson, who read for Poetry Matters at the Epic Lounge in 2013.

-- Lorine Parks, curator, Poetry Matters

Jacob Cook: paying it forward on and off the field

• Downey wide receiver raising money for mothers who have children with terminal cancer.

By Michelle Melendrez
Contributor

DOWNEY – Most kids look for excuses. Reasons why they weren't able to do something to the best of one's capabilities or why they failed. But every now and then you meet a kid who just blows everything out of the water.

What he lacks for in strength, he makes up for in strategic intelligence. He makes his own destiny and constantly strives to be a better person and football player every day. He has such an inspirational story and you would have never guessed just by watching him play football.

Jacob Cook, wide receiver for the Downey Vikings, is a game changer. I watched him run a play during the Mira Costa game where he just took off with the ball with such great speed. He reminded me of that part in the movie "Forrest Gump" when he is playing football and he is given the ball and told to run. Jacob Cook is that man.

Every time I see him with the ball, I instantly get the urge to yell, "Run, Cook, run!" Once that ball is in his hands, he runs and doesn't look back. Speed and agility both play into his unique skill set.

"I'm always overlooked in my position because I'm not the strongest or the biggest," he says. "Other players have it easy because they have that natural physical talent. I have to work harder to get there, I don't mind it because I love the game, but don't underestimate me."

There's this uniqueness in his talent that can clearly be seen when he hits the field. He plays with such passion, precision, and technicality. It truly is captivating.

"Our team loves being the underdog. We love being judged by our size. But when we hit that field the other team doesn't realize that they actually have to work hard," Cook says. "We won't be easily defeated. It's always a good feeling proving them wrong. It's funny to see them worry when we close that gap on the scoreboard. We came to win not to accept defeat without a good fight."

He loves baseball but started playing flag football for the Downey Razorbacks at the age of 7. Cook was called up to varsity his freshman year.

"Being a wide receiver in high school is pretty intense, you have 5-7 passes thrown to you on average per game and you are expected to catch every one," he says. "My greatest moment though was my sophomore year; CIF championship, I was a sophomore and we had this amazing rollout play that led to a touchdown. It was a good moment. That moment

was for my dad, grandpa, and my best friend Jamari Mintz."

Jamari was 12 years old when he passed away due to stomach cancer. Jacob and Jamari were the best of friends.

For the past five years, Cook has been raising and donating money to alwayssamom.org, an organization that supports mothers who have children diagnosed with terminal cancer.

"Kim Jones, Jamari's mom, is like another mom to me. I try to visit her as much as I can," Cook says. "Sometimes she comes to watch me play. It's always an emotional time for me but it pushes me that much more to do better on the field. This is for Jamari. I made it to high school, he didn't. I have to honor his memory by being the best. He loved football and he's my motivation every day. I make it all count. Life's too short."

For a kid to understand how important it is to pay it forward brought tears to my eyes. It's a rare and beautiful thing to hear a kid talk this way. He's not only a student of the game; he's a student of life.

"I dedicate each game to someone new. I honor life that was lost. This feeds into my expectations of myself," says Cook, who plans to attend a university and major psychology or become a pediatrician. "I'm constantly pushing myself more. I'm a perfectionist. Every play

needs to be neat and clean. I run all these scenarios in my head and anticipate each ball. I factor in all the variables of velocity, acceleration, resistance, gravity, how I stand, and how I plant my feet to formulate in my head where I need to be and how I need to catch this ball thrown to me.

"I'm all about precision, dynamics, and the mechanics of football. I watch films on myself and the competition in my position so I apply technique that works and doesn't work to adjust myself accordingly."

"I have to say thank you to my coaches," he added. "They are the most random group of coaches I've ever had, but their stories are such an inspiration to all of us. It's not just about football with them. We can go to them for anything. They make us into better men and get us ready for life after high school. They each sacrifice so much to teach us and coach us the least we can do is play the best for them.

"That's why we cry at games because that win isn't for us, it's for our coaches. Coaching us isn't just a job for them and we appreciate everything they do. Thank you for caring and investing in our future."

We wish Jacob the best of luck both on and off the field. Stay tuned for next week's highlight player of the week!

Discussion on space collecting

DOWNEY – Dr. Jim Busby will lead a discussion on space collecting this Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Columbia Memorial Space Center, as part of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation's regular meeting.

Busby's talk, titled "Space Collecting: What's in your Garage? What's Valuable and What's Not?," begins at 1 p.m.

The meeting will also include discussion by special guests Alan Lipkin of Regency/Superior Auction Gallery and Steve Hankow of farthestreaches.com.

Admission to the meeting is free with this notice or \$5 general admission.

Norwalk brings back retired superintendent

NORWALK – Retired Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Superintendent Ginger Shattuck began her post as interim superintendent last week until a permanent replacement can be found for Dr. Ruth Pérez, who left the District Thursday, Sept. 11 to pursue a position at Los Angeles Unified.

Shattuck started working with the District as a teacher and reading specialist at D.D. Johnston Elementary School in 1962 and started her career as an administrator in 1974. She served as principal at Dolland and Glazier elementary schools, and in 1986 became director of elementary

education.

In 1993, Shattuck began her tenure as deputy superintendent and became superintendent in 1994, where she served until her retirement in 2009.

Shattuck was awarded the Association of California School Administrators' (ACSA) Superintendent of the Year; District Administrator of the Year in 1991-92 and 2002-03; Region XIV Marcus Foster Memorial Award in 2004; and the California Music Education Music Educator of the Year Award in 2007.

Due to her efforts, the District was one of five original Vanguard

Districts selected to work with the California Arts Alliance and Arts for All. She developed partnerships with the Panasonic Foundation, UCLA and the Center for Leadership in School Reform.

"If there is anybody who knows this District inside and out, it's Ginger Shattuck," Pérez said. "I'm confident that she will do a superb job while the Board of Education seeks a permanent replacement."

At the regular meeting on Monday, the Board of Education also honored Pérez, who will serve as deputy superintendent of



instruction at LAUSD, overseeing the education of more than 650,000 students in the second-largest district in the nation.

The Board of Education will soon launch a search for a permanent replacement.

New Metro Fares Now in effect

Metro Briefs

GATEWAY CITIES

New Metro Fare Structure In Effect
Metro has adjusted its bus and rail fares effective September 15, 2014. The new structure allows customers to transfer to connecting lines to complete their one-way trip on a single fare when paid with a TAP card. For complete details, visit metro.net/fares. Also find out if you are eligible for a reduced fare at metro.net/riderrelief.

Four Blue Line Stations Closed
As part of a major Blue Line update, the 5th Street, 1st Street, Downtown Long Beach and Pacific Avenue stations are closed for refurbishing through mid October. Free bus service is available between the closed stations and Anaheim Station. More at metro.net/bluelineupgrades.

Comment On Eastside Transit Corridor
Metro is currently seeking public comment on the environmental report for the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 released last month. Among the alternatives studied are extending the Metro Gold Line farther east from East LA along either the Pomona Freeway or Washington Boulevard. Find out more at metro.net/eastsidephase2.

Alondra Bridge Opens On I-5 South
The largest of three bridges on Alondra Boulevard over the I-5 Freeway has reopened in Santa Fe Springs as part of the I-5 South Widening project between the 605 Freeway and Orange County. The project is adding lanes in each direction to ease the traffic bottleneck caused when it meets the 10-lane portion at the county line.

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Applications now available for Young Legislators program

DOWNEY – Assemblymember Cristina Garcia is now accepting applications for her Young Legislator program, aimed at high school students interested in government.

Participants will learn about the legislative process and learn the process by which proposed bills become law.

Students will meet regularly to discuss possible ideas for legislation and learn how to draft, submit and ultimately win approval for their proposals.

As students proceed in the program, the Young Legislators will be given hands-on experience working within their community as they participate in local events hosted by Garcia's district office.

Students who successfully complete the program will travel to the State Capitol in Sacramento where they will coordinate with Garcia and her office to participate in bill development, mock committee hearings and a floor session in the State Assembly chambers.

"As a teacher, I am enthusiastic about expanding opportunities for students to grow and enrich their perspective," Garcia said. "It is my goal to give students who have the desire and dedication an opportunity to learn how to be effective change drivers in their communities and participate fully in their government."

"It is really exciting to see students take the skills they pick up in the program and see them apply them to improve their community," Garcia added. "I am investing in these students because in return, I expect them to invest in their communities."

To be eligible for the Young Legislators program, applicants must be incoming high school seniors and possess at least a 2.5 grade point average.

To apply, visit Garcia's website at asmdc.org/members/a58/ and click the "Young Legislators Application" button on the homepage, or call (562) 402-4893 for more information.

Deadline for applications is Oct. 31.

Garcia's 58th Assembly district includes Downey, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Norwalk, Bellflower, Cerritos and Artesia.



St. John Bosco switches to solar power

BELLFLOWER – St. John Bosco High School on Thursday switched on its new solar power facility which had been under construction since May.

As a result of this installation, up to 80% of the electricity required by the school will be produced by the sun.

Constructed by Xero Solar of Manhattan Beach, the solar facility has an output of 499,000 kilowatt hours of power annually, which is the equivalent of powering 56 average American households a year. The system is monitored by a Locus Energy monitoring system, and will produce a net savings to the school of approximately \$70,000 per year.

Over the 25-year life expectancy of the solar panels, the energy savings are anticipated to be \$3.2 million when adjusted for inflation.

"Our school has been ecologically responsible for many years with our energy efficiency program (i.e. lighting and heating), recycling efforts and paperwork reduction initiatives," said Paul Escala, president of St. John Bosco High School. "This solar effort brings Bosco to its next step in creating a greener campus. The end result is that the majority of our school's electricity needs will be met through the sun."

Solar generated power will serve three facilities on Bosco's 36-acre campus: the main academic building, the gymnasium and locker room complex, and the 5,000-seat football stadium.

"Furthermore, the savings generated by the solar generation of power will be put directly back into the future improvements at St. John Bosco High School. Both the physical plant and the curriculum will see enhancements because of this efficiency," Escala noted. "These kinds of initiatives are critical to maintaining a top quality school which does not receive the benefit of school taxes."

Xero Solar has installed energy-monitoring software produced by SMA-American, so that any student can log onto a live online web link via their iPad, laptop, PC or smartphone to monitor the energy produced by the system and measure its positive effect on the environment.

In addition, the school is participating in a second phase of a Southern California Edison (SCE) energy efficiency program to replace all of its existing light fixtures with high-efficiency devices.

These efforts, combined with other energy saving projects conducted over the past several years, including the school's pool heating and pump system, gym lighting and campus air conditioning systems, will further reduce energy costs. These projects are being financed with a combination of state rebates, SCE and Sempra Energy grants, donor contributions and school investment.



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

St. John Bosco president Paul Escala is congratulated by Downey councilmen Mario Guerra, Alex Saab and Luis Marquez.

Casey Yeazel, Principal of the school, said, "This installation represents one of the most extensive solar installations of all private schools in the greater Los Angeles and Orange County areas. We are very proud of that."

Councilman Alex Saab, a St. John Bosco alumni, congratulated the school on its "incredible solar panel project" and said he would like to see similar upgrades in Downey.

"This is something we need to do at City Hall and at city of Downey facilities," said Saab. "I will be working with our staff and council members to bring this technology to our city. We are long overdue and need to think bigger."

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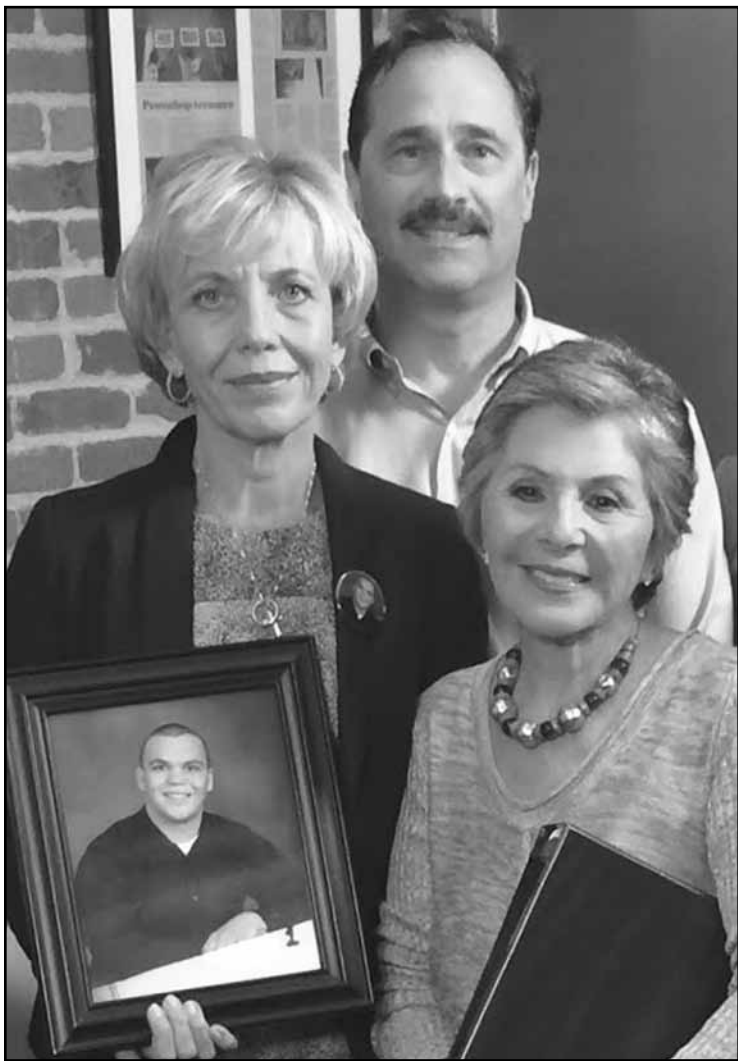
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Tammy Smick (left), Bob Pack, and Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Downey teacher advocates for Prop 46

DOWNEY - Tammy Smick, a teacher with the Downey Unified School District, joined Sen. Barbara Boxer and Bob Pack, author of Prop. 46, at a press conference in San Francisco last week.

Along with other grieving mothers, the group called on California voters to join them in supporting the patient safety provisions in Prop. 46, the Toy and Alana Pack Patient Safety Act.

Smick, who is a lifelong Downey resident, has become a vocal advocate for Prop. 46 and for improving patient safety in California following the death of her son, Alex Smick, to preventable medical negligence.

Alex died in 2012 in an Orange County hospital after he was given a lethal combination of medications and then left unmonitored for more than seven hours.

Jobs experts at farmers market

DOWNEY - AARP jobs experts will be sharing career searching tips with Downey residents this Saturday at the Downey farmers market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AARP experts will be onsite to provide practical advice and support on how to market your skills and experience, and get noticed.

For more information, visit aarp.org/work.

Christian club meets Oct. 8

DOWNEY - The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet Oct. 8 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The buffet luncheon will feature a "country fair sale" and begins at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Carrie Payne.

Admission is \$15 and reservations are requested by calling Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Lunchtime concert

SANTA FE SPRINGS - Downey resident and recording artist Devin Clarke will perform a lunchtime concert starting at 11:30 a.m. at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs next Thursday, Sept. 25.

Clarke, who will be accompanied by his band, will perform songs from his latest albums and also a few standards.

Cafe & Stuff restaurant is catering the concert.

Rhythm and blues benefit ball

WHITTIER - A rhythm and blues ball to benefit SPIRITT Family Services will take place Thursday, Oct. 23, at California Country Club in Whittier.

The event includes a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing and entertainment.

Individual tickets are \$100 or \$175 for a couple.

SPIRITT serves more than 8,000 people each year with social services and mental health services. They also provide children and their parents "with the tools, resources and support to achieve their personal goals related to the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, mental health, violence, trauma and child abuse prevention and treatment services."

For tickets or more information, contact Daisy Pizana at (562) 236-5045 or email info@spiritt.org.

Fall festival at St. Bernard's

BELLFLOWER - St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Bellflower will hold its annual fall festival Oct. 3-5, featuring live entertainment, games for all ages, ethnic food, jumpers, bingo, a granny's attic, and potted plants.

There will also be a raffle, with a \$5,000 top prize.

The festival is from 5-10 p.m. Oct. 3, 12-10 p.m. Oct. 4 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 5. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For questions, call the church at (562) 867-2337.

State of the Schools Oct. 3

DOWNEY - Superintendent Dr. John Garcia will present the second annual "State of the Schools" on Friday, Oct. 3, a breakfast event where keynote speakers will share the Downey Unified School District's achievements and strategic direction.

The 7 a.m. event will also offer details about the major initiatives implemented throughout the district.

Tickets are \$25, with all proceeds benefiting True Lasting Connections.

For tickets, sponsorships or more information, contact Ashley Greaney at (562) 469-6513 or agreaney@dusd.net.

Chamber golf tournament Oct. 8

DOWNEY - The Downey Chamber of Commerce will host its 18th annual golf tournament Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

"Fun, fun, fun is the name of the game for this tournament, all in the name of helping our veterans return to the workplace with on-the-job training," said the chamber's events manager, Mia Vasquez.

In addition to golf, the event will include a barbecue lunch, a Mexican buffet dinner, and contests such as beer pong for extra raffle tickets.

To sign up, or for information on how to become a sponsor or volunteer, call Vasquez at (562) 923-2191 or email mia@downeychamber.com.

ALF hosting fundraiser auction

DOWNEY - The Aerospace Legacy Foundation (ALF) will hold an auction at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 2-5 p.m.

Money raised from the auction will help fund projects such as aerospace history preservation, picture and document archiving, and education and scholarship funding.

Auction items include memorabilia from the Apollo and Shuttle eras; space art; rare signed and unsigned books from Springer Press; signed items from authors; and more.

SpaceX and other organizations have donated auction items as well.

Auction items are still being collected and can be viewed on ALF's Facebook and Pinterest pages. Emailed bids are also accepted, and should be sent to alfauction@yahoo.com by 12 p.m. on Sept. 25.

The auction is open to the public but limited to 48 people in the space center's Theatre Room. Admission is free.

LivingHelp Center golf tournament

DOWNEY - The LivingHelp Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Downey, will host its 26th annual Harold G. Frenz Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 17, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Cost is \$130 per player and includes green fees, golf cart and a buffet dinner. Golfers can also purchase mulligans and raffle tickets.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

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Hometown Hardware & Garden customer Donald Tovar and his grandson, Gabriel, accept the \$1,000 shopping giveaway check from store manager Martha Ramirez.

Hardware store awards \$1K prize

DOWNEY – Donald Tovar was chosen as the winner of Hometown Hardware & Garden's \$1,000 shopping giveaway on Sept. 3.

Tovar was selected at random from more than 2,100 entries submitted at the store from June through August.

"Everyone has a few extra chores this time of year, and we're glad that Donald was able to choose whatever he wanted to get the job done," said Greg Fuller and Ray Brown, owners of Hometown Hardware & Garden. "We thank all those who entered the giveaway for their participation."

Hometown Hardware & Garden, located near the corner of Paramount Boulevard and Florence Avenue, celebrated its second anniversary this past July.



David and Rosie, both Downey residents, visited the University of Notre Dame. They are pictured in front of the Hesburgh Library and the mural "The Word of Life," created by Millard Sheets. The mural is commonly referred to as Touchdown Jesus.

ESSAY: Valentine's Day in China

DOWNEY – A Chinese member of the Downey Toastmasters Club recently gave a speech describing Chinese Valentine's Day. The speech is reprinted with permission:

Does anyone know which day Chinese Valentine's day is on? Chinese Valentine's Day is on the 7th day of the 7th lunar month in the Chinese calendar. Do you know what date it was on this year? It was August the 2nd. Do you know why it was raining that day? Because it was the tears of the Weaving Maiden and the Cowherd's falling on earth. It resembles the story of "Romeo and Juliet," but the Chinese version. The Weaving Maiden was forced to move to the Vega star and the cowherd was moved to the Altair Star. They were only allowed to meet once a year on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month - Chinese Valentine's Day.

The festival originated from the romantic legend of two lovers, the cowherd and the seventh daughter of the Emperor, also known as the Weaving Maiden. The story begins with a handsome but poor orphan who lives with his older brother and sister-in-law. After his parents passed away, the boy's brother inherited the house and the land. The boy only had an old ox. As a cowherd, the boy had to work hard on the fields every day with his ox.

The Weaving Maiden, was good at handcrafting. Especially weaving clouds. The Emperor particularly appreciated her skills of weaving clouds with rainbows, to make the world more beautiful. One day she fled from the boring heaven with her sisters to look for fun on earth.

The cowherd's ox, was actually an immortal who made a mistake in heaven and was reborn as an ox to toil on earth. One day, the ox was suddenly able to talk and said to the cowherd: "You are a nice person. If you want to get married, go to the brook and your wish will come true."

The cowherd went to the

brook and asked the seven pretty daughters of the Emperor take a bath. Fascinated by the youngest and the most beautiful one, the cowherd hid her clothes. When the other six sisters went back to heaven, the youngest could not fly back without her fairy clothes.

The cowherd then appeared and told the Weaving Maiden that he will keep her clothes until she agreed to be his wife. It was love at first sight, so the maiden accepted the handsome man's proposal. The couple was then married, lived happily, and had two children two years later. They proved to be a wonderful family.

One day, the old ox was dying and told the cowherd that he should keep his hide in case of an emergency.

Meanwhile, up in heaven, the Emperor found that the skies were not as beautiful as before. He found out his daughter had married a mere mortal and he was furious. He ordered his daughter's grandmother to go find her and bring her back. As the seventh daughter was forced to fly back to heaven, the cowherd put on his old ox hide and he put their children into two bamboo baskets laced with his wife's clothes to chase after her.

But the grandmother created the Milky Way in the sky with her hairpin, to keep the lovers apart. The seventh daughter was moved to the Vega star in the Lyra constellation. And the cowherd and their two children stayed on the Altair star in the Aquila constellation. The daughter begged her father not to separate them. In the end, the Emperor allowed them to meet once a year.

The distance between those two stars is sixteen light years.

The Vega star of the Weaving

Maiden is the fifth brightest star in the sky and is sixteen times larger than the Sun.

The Altair star of the Cowherd is the eleventh brightest star in the sky and is four times bigger than the Sun.

The Magpies were touched by their story and they gathered together and formed a bridge for them to meet. That is why they say that it is hard to find a magpie on Chinese Valentine's Day. Now

you understand why it was raining Saturday 2.

This famous myth dates back to over 2600 years ago. In today's China, people also call this day "Daughter's Day" because young unmarried girls will go to the local temple to pray for their luck of love. Married people also hope that their marriage is as happy and true as the lovers' were. After hearing this story, will you look at the night sky differently?

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