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Norwalk residents protest expansion of Hindu temple

• Residents, property owners say parking is insufficient for temple's expansion.

By Alex Dominguez
Contributor

NORWALK -The Norwalk City Council unanimously approved plans for an expansion and remodel of a Hindu Temple on Tuesday despite a fair amount of disapproval from the Temple's immediate neighbors.

The Radha Krishna Mandir Temple, located at 12634 Pioneer Blvd., is currently neighbored by a Denny's restaurant, a former Pizza Hut building, which the Temple now owns, and a residential neighborhood. The plans call for several site improvements so that the temple and vacated property can function as one, expanding the temple to connect to the existing restaurant building.

A Lot Merger application was also filed with the city to merge the two existing parking lots into one, which is currently in the process of being approved.

The plans were originally viewed on April 23, 2014 by the Norwalk Planning Commission, however the item was tabled to allow additional time to resolve parking related issues due to objections from the property owner of the neighboring Denny's. A year later on April 22, the Commission adopted resolutions to approve the project and to recommend Council approval with a unanimous 3-0 vote, with two commissioners being absent.

The project quickly drew public scrutiny, and the Council received negative public comments regarding its tentative approval.

Some community members, who called themselves "Neighbors Against the Big Temple," even purchased a quarter-page ad in the Norwalk Patriot to condemn the project and encourage the community to express their objections at Tuesday's meeting. The ad was published on Friday, May 29.

The meeting was attended by many of the individuals who attend the temple for their religious needs, as well as those who opposed the project.

A representative of Lun Tsan Chiang Trust, who owns the property currently inhabited by Denny's, said that they had no issue with the Temple, "just add parking." A letter written by Leib and Leib, who represents the Chiang trust, said that "The Church membership is already too voluminous for their existing 61 spaces, so they regularly overflow into Denny's parking. The Chiang Trust has remained neighborly and not towed their vehicles, so the practice continues, and the burden

increases." Temple Vice President of the Board Deepak (DJ) Jhaveri denied all claims that parking was insufficient and that the population of the temple would grow after expansion and provided proof to the council, becoming increasingly passionate. Jhaveri even suggested that there was some other factor besides city codes at play.

"God says 'love your neighbors.' These people love neither God nor their neighbors," Jhaveri said. "...They are being biased and discriminatory against the minority. They should know that we are building only as per the City's codes and guidelines."

Many of the members of the community who appeared before the Council on Tuesday expressed concerns for the effect of the Temple's expansion on the nearby neighborhood, especially during festival times.

One Norwalk citizen who lives nearby the religious building says that she had struggled with the Temple on many occasions before.

"My biggest complaint here is the noise. Because you are next to a residential area, you should be respectful to your neighbors as I would be respectful to you as well," she said.

"The issue here is nuisance. The issue here is being a good neighbor," said another community member who lives in the community behind the temple. "I understand they have their festivals and I respect that... to believe that with this expansion there will not be an increase in the population of this congregation is unrealistic...I don't have a problem with them having their festivals, but my goodness why do they have to have them for ten days until midnight. I am furious with the city officials of Norwalk for allowing this to happen."

However, Council members were quick to remind those in attendance that the meeting was about approval of the expansion project, and though their concerns over the impact of religious festivals on the surrounding community were valid, it was a different discussion for another time. Council member Marcel Rodarte believed that the real issue between the Hindu Temple and its residential neighbors was a lack of understanding of cultural differences.

"I've been to the temple during one of your festivals," Rodarte said. "I don't know if you've ever invited the neighbors over so maybe they could better understand what your festivals are about. That's part of being a good neighbor; maybe that's a good idea for you guys to do...maybe just take some time to get to know each other."

Downey High inducting 6 into Hall of Fame

• **HALL OF FAME:** ceremonies begin at 10 a.m., June 5, in the Downey High theater.

DOWNEY - Downey High School will induct six alumni into its Hall of Fame on Friday.

This year's inductees include Alida Bouris, Yanna Bouris, Michael Kearns, Larry Myers, Grant Neilan and Bob Winningham.

Induction ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. in the Downey High theater. Below are brief bios on each of the inductees, as provided by Downey High School.

Alida Bouris (class of 1991): Following an outstanding high school career, which included the unique honor of winning the San Gabriel Valley League Spelling Bee championship and being listed as a Rockwell International Scholar, Alida entered a lifetime of academics. She earned her BA at UC Berkeley and MSSW, MPhil and PhD degrees from Columbia.

Alida, currently an assistant professor at the University of Chicago, is a William Pollack winner for excellence in teaching. At Chicago she also holds several other positions such as co-director of the Chicago Center for HIV Elimination, co-director of an AIDS research center, and a faculty affiliate on three related organizations.

Her overall research agenda is focused on understanding how social context affects the sexual and reproductive health of youth of color.

Yanna Bouris (class of 1991): Salutatorian, National Merit Scholar, and Robert Byrd Honor Scholarship were achievements by Yanna at Downey High School. After graduation, she attended UC Berkeley, receiving a BS in Molecular and Cell Biology with Phi Beta Kappa status.

In 2003 she completed her Juris Doctor at Stanford Law School. Before law school Yanna worked in the biotechnology industry in the areas of genetics, real-time PCR and HIV diagnostics for Harvard Medical School.

Currently, she is working as an intellectual property lawyer as a partner at Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States. Yanna has handled the damages case in several high-stakes patent litigation matters.

Larry Myers (class of 1957): Larry began a lifetime of leadership and volunteerism at Downey High School in Student Council, as senior class president, and in a Key Club polio prevention program.

Larry himself was a polio survivor. When Rotary International launched PolioPlus in 1985, Larry, a Rotary governor of District 5130, led the campaign to raise funds for the eradication of this disease. Eventually, the district raised \$1,250,000 and Larry was named Rotarian of the Year for 2003.

In addition to his profession as Director of Pharmacy at Ukiah Adventist Hospital, he has enriched the lives of countless others through his work for the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts, American Diabetes Association, and numerous other local associations.

• **NEW BOOK:** Pastor pens "Lincoln Street," a novel about the heartland of America.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - When Don Burgess' adult daughter challenged him to write a 50,000-word novel in just one month, he upped the ante and wrote 124,000 words instead.

What came as a result of those 30 days of National Novel Writing Month is Burgess' latest book, "Lincoln Street: Coming of Age in Fly-Over Country," which follows the childhood adventures of lead character Billy Howard as he grows up in the heartland of America during the late 50s and early 60s.

"It's a story of gratefulness that marks the changes that have taken place," said Burgess, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Downey. "I attempted to capture the change through a group of friends and a small town."



Michael Kearns (class of 1977): Michael, usually referred to as Mikey, represents the epitome of striving to successfully reach 100% of your capabilities as he overcame Down syndrome. At age 13, Mikey swam in the Special Olympics and continued into his 30's, winning many medals and ribbons.

Mikey found his perfect niche at Downey High as manager of the football team, earning a varsity letter. After relocating with his family to Escondido, he moved into his own apartment. He became gainfully employed by Palomar Water and was twice selected as their representative to throw out the first pitch for the San Diego Padres.

Mikey belonged to the San Diego Association of Retarded Citizens, appeared in plays, and participated in a training video for the local Police Department. Alzheimer's disease, resulting from the Down syndrome, hastened his early demise after 54 years of love, laughter, and a legacy of achievements.

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Grant Neilan (class of 2005): Grant was the high school student every teacher and parent desires. He was on honor roll and a scholarship recipient, played freshman football as well as four years of basketball and baseball. His coach once commented that Grant was the hardest worker he had ever known.

In 2009 he took those qualities with him as he joined the United States Navy hoping to become a SEAL. After completing BUD/S (basic underwater demolition/SEAL training), he moved to SQT (SEAL qualification training), graduating in 2011 as a Navy SEAL. Attached to a SEAL team, Grant has served with distinction on multiple combat deployments.

In his spare time, Grant is working on a BS in Criminal Justice and is contemplating opening a restaurant in Downey after his active military service.

Bob Winningham (class of 1973): After completing his education at Downey High School, Bob became a very successful businessman and much more. The vice president of Downey Vendors, Bob excelled in his professional career, but it was his willingness to give unselfishly of himself for others that left an enduring impact upon the community.

Bob served on the Downey City Council as member and as mayor. He was also vice president of the Independent Cities Association and a working member of numerous vital committees. Further, he served on the Board of Managers of the Downey Family YMCA as chairman, vice chairman, and treasurer, as well as a board member and president of Northwest Little League.

Bob will long be remembered as one of the brightest and most caring and effective civic leaders in the history of Downey.

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Saturday 72°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Downey Greek Festival
Saturday & Sunday- St. George Greek Church, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Downey's popular Greek Festival, featuring dance, food and shopping.



Community Clean-up
Saturday - Autozone parking lot (Gardendale and Paramount), 9 a.m. Clean-up sponsored by Keep Downey Beautiful.



Paper Shredding
Saturday - Downey Memorial Christian Church, 9 a.m. to noon
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FROM OUR FACEBOOK

LAPD detective from Downey gets probation for child pron

Eddie Serrano: That's a slap on the hand! They should take away his pension and let him rot in a cell.

Veronica Calderon: Would be nice to know what area in Downey he lives in?

Daisy Prieto: That's it, probation??? Sick!!

Christian Silver: Probation? That's what you get for a DUI!

Rosa Leon: Well moms and dads, one more documented child predator to keep our children safe from. Never let your children out of sight...and trust no one w/caring for our precious little ones.

Misty Linden Hausmann: What he did was horrible and this is a slap on the wrist but at least he wasn't accused of actually touching a child. Just for being in law enforcement, he should have served time

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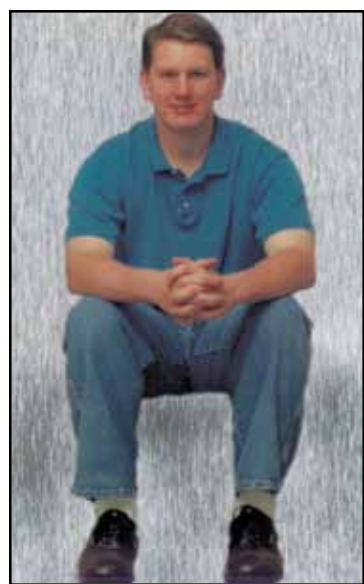
TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AsmGarcia: Congrats to those who worked on the redesign for the @DowneyPatriot New look, same great community partner. #Pride58

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Dancers perform during the Radha Krishna Mandir temple's 2012 Raas Garba festival. Residents and local property owners have protested the temple's plans to expand.



Matthew Wassenaar, son of Joe and Faye Wassenaar, of Downey, passed away May 16 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Services will be held at Whites Funeral Home in Bellflower. A Celebration of Life will be held after the service at the Downey Elks Lodge.

Dale Myers, pioneer in America aviation, dies at 93

DOWNEY – Dale Dehaven Myers died on Tuesday, May 19, at the age of 93 in La Costa, Calif.

Dale was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 8, 1922. His father was a physician and encouraged Dale to become a physician as well. However, Dale's boyhood hero was Charles Lindbergh, the aviator famous for crossing the Atlantic by aircraft.

At the age of 5, Dale's father pushed him through a crowd so he could shake Lindbergh's hand. His love of airplanes and aerodynamics was solidified and his fate was sealed. As he later recalled, "That did it. That did it."



Between 1939 and 1940, Dale attended Kansas City Junior College. He earned his way through the University of Washington by working at the wind tunnel and graduated in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. It was at the University of Washington that Dale met his sweetheart of 66 years, Marjorie Baker Williams. They were married in 1943 and moved to Southern California where he began a career in aerodynamics, space and leadership.

In the mid-1940's, he was involved in the development of various aircraft for Project Aerodynamicist, including the North American F-82 Twin Mustang. From 1946 until 1957, he worked in missile development, later being selected as vice-president and weapons systems manager.

He lost his eye in an automobile accident yet that did not stop him from being a car enthusiast, whether it was refurbishing a classic Ford Model A or owning an iconic '69 Porsche 911.

In 1963, Dale worked for what had become Rockwell International, and the following year he began to contract work for NASA's space program. From 1964, he was the Program Manager of the Apollo program's Command/ Service Module

Program. After a fire destroyed Apollo 1 in 1967, much of the program's management was discharged; Dale, however, was retained.

Soon after he had been a key member of the team that successfully landed Apollo 11 on the moon, Dale joined the Space Shuttle program in 1969. Dale would always describe his work with Apollo as a highlight of his career.

In 1970, Dale was promoted to Associate Administrator for Manned Space Flight at NASA. In this role, he had responsibility for the planning, direction, execution and evaluation of NASA's Manned Space Flight Program. He directed and had oversight of the Apollo Program of Lunar Exploration, the new Skylab Space Station Program, the new Space Shuttle Program, Cape Kennedy, Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Alabama, and Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas.

During his four-year tenure, NASA nearly lost and then rescued a stricken spacecraft, the mission profiled in Ron Howard's 1995 film, "Apollo 13." His teams also sent four more missions to the moon and launched Skylab, America's first space station. NASA also orchestrated the meeting of US and Russian astronauts in space with the Apollo-Soyuz mission.

During this time he earned three NASA Distinguished Service Medals, one in 1971 for his work on the Apollo program, one in 1974 for his work on Skylab and the Shuttle, and the third in 1974 for his work towards manned spaceflight. In 1970, he also received an honorary doctorate from Whitworth College. Dale was a former president of the National Academy of Engineering.

He returned to Rockwell, serving as its vice president; during this period he also served as president of North American Aircraft Group, during which time the company developed the Rockwell B-1 Lancer. Dale served as Under Secretary at the Department of Energy from 1977 - 1979. For five years, from 1979 to 1984, Dale served as president and COO of Jacobs Engineering Group.

After 1984, he became a private consultant, operating his own company known as Dale D. Myers & Associates Aerospace and Energy. On Oct 6, 1986, 11 months after the Challenger disaster, Dale was selected as Deputy Administrator of NASA. Dale was initially unwilling to accept the position, but a telephone call from the "persuasive" president Ronald Reagan proved convincing.

Dale was tasked with helping the agency recoup and continue the Space Shuttle program; in a Senate hearing, Dale argued that the agency had lost its "hands-on, loving care" and that the checks and balances system had "gone soft." He resigned effective May 13, 1989, having served as acting Administrator in place of James C. Fletcher for almost a month.

NASA historian Roger Launius has credited Dale with returning a sense of optimism to the agency following the disaster. After leaving NASA, Dale returned to private consulting and became a director and technical advisor for Kistler Aerospace, a venture to operate private cargo and passenger space flights.

As they moved throughout his career (Fullerton, Pasadena, Leucadia and Arlington, VA, to name a few), they met and befriended scientists, astronauts, cosmonauts, movie stars, and Supreme Court justices.

Dale and Marge retired in La Costa, Calif., near their two grown daughters. He continued to speak publicly about the space program, including testifying before Congress in 2003.

Dale is survived by daughter Janet and her husband Mike; daughter Barbara; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be scheduled for Aug. 23 at the Village Church in Rancho Santa Fe.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to: Dale and Marjorie Myers Scholarship in Aeronautics & Astronautics at the University of Washington Foundation, Box 359505, Seattle, WA 98195 or at uw.edu/giving, or the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Starla Stephens mourned

DOWNEY – Starla Stephens, a resident of Downey for over 30 years, passed away on Saturday, May 23, after a very short battle with lung cancer.

She had never been a smoker, and her sudden diagnosis and passing occurred within the same week.

Starla was born in Rapid City, South Dakota and was the daughter of Patrick and Bonnie Callanan. She grew up in South Gate and moved to Downey soon after marrying her husband of 31 years. Starla was a stay-at-home mom for 27 years and was a mother of two.

She is survived by her husband Jeff; her son Brett and his wife, Jessica; her daughter Brianna; her mother Bonnie and Step-father, Ron; her three sisters; in addition to many family members and friends.

Her celebration of life will be held on June 14. In lieu of flowers, her family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.



Paty Bennett was Bellflower native

BELFLOWER – Patsy Mary Bennett, 79, of Lexington, Okla., passed away June 2 at the Norman Health Plex.

She was born Aug. 24, 1935 in Los Angeles. Patsy was the oldest of two daughters born to George Bagwill and Mary (Ellis) Bagwill.

Patsy grew up in Bellflower and graduated from Bellflower High School in 1953. She later met and married Melvin Dewite Bennett. They were married in 1956 in Yuma, Ariz.

Together Patsy and Melvin raised two children, Melanie and Dewite. She worked as a homemaker while Melvin worked for Rockwell International. They lived in the Lawndale and Torrance area until Melvin retired.

In 1978 they moved back to Oklahoma and settled on a small farm in Lexington.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Bagwill, and one sister, Peggy Bagwill.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin Bennett; two children, Melanie Bennett of Lexington and Dewite Bennett of Norman; one granddaughter, Summer Morgan of Lexington; three great grandchildren, Autumn, Alissa and Avin Morgan; two brother-in-laws, Harold Bennett and wife Bonnie of OKC, Sonny Bennett and wife Betty of Norman; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 5, at the Lexington First Baptist Church in Lexington, OK. Interment will be at the Noble I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Arrangements are by Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mary Blomgren pass away at 89

DOWNEY – Mary Catharine Blomgren passed away May 26. She was 89.

Mary was born Dec. 15, 1925 in New York City. She was the second child and only daughter of William and Catherine Murphy.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Blomgren, and two sons, Richard and Thomas Blomgren.

She is survived by her sons, Robert and Gerald Blomgren; her brother, Michael Murphy; grandchildren, Sean, Jason, Christopher and Kevin Blomgren, Sheila Pinheiro, Jamie Duerr and Kelly Goepf; and great-grandchildren Makenzie, Brooke, Warren, Avery, Kendal, Sophia and Henry.

Services were handled by McWane Family Funeral Home.

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Brittney Martinez, left, and Idalis Gonzalez celebrate after the signing day ceremony.

Downey's top athletes reveal college choices

DOWNEY – Downey High School's top eight athletes announced their post-graduation plans during a scholarship signing day ceremony last Thursday.

With much fanfare, coaches and classmates alike gathered in the school's gymnasium to celebrate the achievements of the senior athletes who set records in their five respective sports.

Downey High's committed athletes include: Giovanni De Loera (Robert Morris University), Eddie Preciado (Capital University), Kimberly Schnars (Hope International), Randy Labaut (Arizona University), Luis Munoz (Cal State Northridge), Brittany Martinez (UC Irvine), Idalis Gonzalez (University of Louisiana at Monroe) and Charlotte Chavarria (Cal State San Bernardino).

Offensive tackle De Loera and Preciado, a jack of all trades, were members of Downey's San Gabriel Valley League championship football team, helping lead the Vikings to the CIF-SS Southeast Division championship game last season.

Hitting .330 during his baseball career, Labaut, who emigrated to the U.S. from Cuba, was a standout for Downey's baseball team and is getting considered by professional teams.

Schnars, an outside hitter in volleyball, was selected for the Press-Telegram first-team Dream Team last winter. She led the girls' volleyball team to another league championship this season.

Martinez and Munoz both finished their track and field/cross country careers as two of the best distance runners in Downey High's history. Gonzalez and Chavarria were instrumental in pushing the Vikings girls' soccer team to a share of the league crown with rival Warren.

—Story and photos by Christian Brown



Goodyear blimp flies over St. John Bosco

BELFLOWER – The iconic Goodyear blimp "Spirit of America," which has soared above Southern California for the past 14 years, celebrated the 75th anniversary of St. John Bosco High School on May 21 during one of its final journeys.

The blimp will be decommissioned in August after conducting its final tour of the west coast beginning on June 2.

Carrying the president of St. John Bosco High School, Paul Escala, as well as several photographers, the blimp departed from its home base in Carson on the morning of May 21, destined for the campus of St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower.

While scheduled to fly over the campus at noon, the blimp was delayed about 20 minutes due to strong headwinds.

Bosco students welcomed the blimp by forming a large number "75" on the school's lacrosse field, commemorating the 75th anniversary of St. John Bosco High School which was founded in 1940. Students welcomed the blimp by waving and cheering as the airship circled the campus, and many took souvenir photos with their cell phones.

"We are incredibly grateful to the folks at Goodyear Airship Operations in Carson," said Escala. "This is a unique and fun way to help us celebrate Bosco's 75th anniversary."

Founded in 1940 when Bellflower was principally an agricultural community, St. John Bosco High School was originally an elementary boarding school with students through 8th grade. It was transformed into a high school in the early 1950's, and it graduated its first high school class of only sixteen students in 1956.

Today, Bosco has 820 students in grades 9 to 12.

Bosco's 75th anniversary will culminate in September, with a major celebration to be held on the school's campus.

Newcomers Club fashion show

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will host its annual fashion show, themed "Hooray for Summer," on Monday, June 22, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Barbara Emry at (562) 869-1044.

Free paper-shredding Saturday

DOWNEY – Downey Memorial Christian Church is hosting free paper-shredding this Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The church is located at 8441 Florence Ave.



Barnes & Noble donates \$4,300 in books to Columbus High

DOWNEY – The Barnes and Noble bookstore at Long Beach Town Center has donated 12 large boxes of books -- worth a combined \$4,300 -- to Columbus High School.

The donation was the result of the bookstore's "Donate a Book" program. The program is supported by City National Bank in Long Beach, whose assistant vice president, Luis Dubon, is a former Warren High student who became interested in banking after taking an ROP class.

Barnes and Noble had already donated \$1,000 in books to Columbus earlier this year.

"I felt like a kid in a candy store," said Debbie Jordan, Columbus High's records and attendance clerk, when picking up the donations. Sussman Middle School and Dooley Elementary in Long Beach also received donations.

"Every day we strive to meet the needs of our at-risk students and balance those with the teaching methods of our instructors," said Columbus High principal Kathy Succa. "Columbus High School utilizes everything from sandpaper to high tech computer systems to help our students become career and college ready by the time they graduate. There are many people to thank for their generosity. Columbus High School is most grateful for all the help we receive."





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Bellflower school district expands enrollment in college credit program

BELLFLOWER – Seven Bellflower Unified incoming juniors will be welcomed at a 4 p.m. Monday, June 15 reception into Cerritos College's Middle Scholars program, which allows students to take a two-year slate of college courses for both high school and college credit.

The students represent the second group of participants in a dual-enrollment program launched at Bellflower Unified School District this year with three juniors each at Bellflower and Mayfair high schools.

The program is aimed at students interested in pursuing teaching credentials, especially those who hope to specialize in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects.

Students attend classes at their high schools each morning during their junior and senior years, attend Cerritos College from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and volunteer as tutors at elementary and middle schools on Fridays.

"Our Middle Scholars program provides an innovative avenue to success for students with clearly defined educational goals and who are ready for college-level instruction," Bellflower Unified Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "I congratulate our seniors as they enter the program's second year and welcome our new cohort of juniors as they begin this exciting journey."

The dual-enrollment program – which includes students at ABC, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada and Paramount unified school districts – requires students to perform at high levels in English and Algebra II to participate.

Middle Scholars attend about eight Cerritos College classes, worth about 24.5 units. Courses include basic college orientation programs as well as freshman composition and a trio of geology, biology and chemistry classes.

Credit for most courses is transferable to UC and/or CSU campuses; the science classes are among those required of teachers who specialize in STEM subjects.

Mayfair High School junior Camille Burrus said the college classes were tougher than those at her high school, but they also provided her with more freedom in the learning environment.

"Students' opinions are encouraged and professors do not manage assignments for you," Burrus said. "As a result, you become a more responsible student."

Classmate Jeremy Huff agreed with Burrus, saying he liked the fast pace of the college classes and the chance to interact with professors.

Both students said the tutoring program helped show them the challenges of teaching.

"Students have different learning styles, like kinesthetic, auditory and visual," Burrus said. "So you approach teaching them differently."

Colleen McKinley, Bellflower Unified's Director of Secondary Education, said the program provides invaluable insight both into future careers and college demands.

"This program is a terrific early starting point for students who want to become teachers, especially those interested in teaching in high demand STEM areas," McKinley said. "The program is also an amazing opportunity for our students to earn college credits while in high school."

The June 15 reception will be held at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

DUSD celebrates achievements of SkillsUSA students

DOWNEY –Providing opportunities for Downey Unified students to be college and career ready, as well as globally competitive, on June 1, the Downey community gathered to celebrate the students who competed at the SkillsUSA State Championships in April.

The second annual SkillsUSA Banquet was held at the Rio Hondo Event Center on Monday evening, with the support of the Downey Unified Board of Education, Career Technical Education (CTE) staff, and Downey Unified's industry partners from McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. and the Masonry Industry Training Association (MITA).

The banquet opened with president of the Board of Education, Tod Corrin, addressing the crowd of approximately 300 people. The Mistress of Ceremony, Warren High School senior Debora Jeong who will attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, and Master of Ceremony, Downey High School senior Aron Ramirez who will attend Stanford University after graduation, next took the stage welcoming guests and illustrating to the crowd their journey through the SkillsUSA experience.

Both moving on to the national championships at the end of June, these two young individuals said they have been changed by competing in SkillsUSA.

"SkillsUSA gives us [students] a chance to compete in what we love and it teaches us things you can't learn in a text book," stated Jeong.

Continuing the evening, Jeong and Ramirez called upon each teacher advisor to congratulate their students in specific areas of competition. Downey and Warren high school students competed in categories such as: Robotics Technology, Crime Scene Investigation, Electrical, Plumbing, Masonry, Photography, Principles of Engineering Technology, Criminal Justice, Firefighting, Esthetics, Extemporaneous Speaking, and the list continued.

Following the applause of the SkillsUSA student recognitions, keynote speaker Kris Nordbak took the stage. Currently the Project Director at McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., one of America's premier construction companies, and a Warren High School alumni, Nordbak said he is passionate about SkillsUSA and what it provides to students, telling the students that

SkillsUSA "puts you ahead of the competition."

Nordbak illustrated his own career journey after high school and shared with students that finding a career you are truly passionate about is worth the wait.

"SkillsUSA gives students the opportunity to find something they love before graduating from high school," expressed Nordbak. "Don't be afraid to try new things and keep looking for what you love."

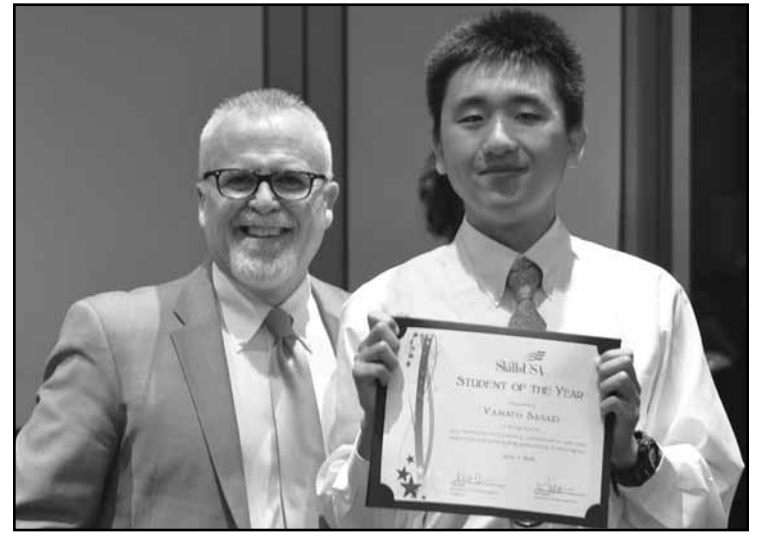
Downey Unified has a partnership with Nordbak and the McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., providing hands-on and interactive opportunities for students. McCarthy professionals communicate with students continuously, visiting classrooms as guest speakers and acting as mentors, giving Downey Unified students the competitive edge that will help them succeed after high school.

Honoring a student from each of the comprehensive high schools, the awards for SkillsUSA Student of the Year was next to be announced. A senior at Downey High and a Downey Unified student since elementary, Yamato Sasaki was called to the stage. Beginning his SkillsUSA journey as a freshman and attending UCLA in the fall to study Engineering, Sasaki received a gold medal at the state level and will be representing California in the category of Related Technical Math.

Already holding two certifications in construction technology and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certified, Edgar Munoz, was also presented the Student of the Year award. A senior, Munoz is currently the construction technology project manager for Warren High School's SkillsUSA Chapter, heading a variety of student lead construction projects across Downey Unified.

To conclude the second annual SkillsUSA Banquet, CTE and STEM Director Phil Davis called the gold medal recipients to the stage. Finishing out the state championships with a total of 26 gold medals, these Downey Unified students will be traveling on June 22, 2015, to Louisville, KY, to represent the state of California.

In addition to this great fete, two students from Warren High School were elected by their peers to serve as SkillsUSA state officers for the coming year. Gregory Garcia and Anayansi



CTE and STEM director Phil Davis with Downey High School's SkillsUSA Student of the Year award winner Yamato Sasaki.



CTE and STEM director Phil Davis with Warren High School's SkillsUSA Student of the Year award winner Edgar Munoz.

Rodriguez are the first two SkillsUSA students from Downey Unified to be elected as SkillsUSA student delegates representing the state of California.

Sending these dedicated and passionate individuals off to Louisville with some final words, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia took the microphone and expressed how proud he was of each student competitor. With the vision that all students will graduate college and career ready, students of strong character and globally competitive, he faced the students and stated that they were enacting this vision.

"What's better than to show the national competition that Downey Unified is globally competitive? Challenge yourself and your teammates

and let's bring home our first National Champion."

Currently with over 15,000 school chapters, DUSD is the largest chapter involved in SkillsUSA, with one or more students qualifying for Nationals every year since 2009. Last year resulted in 350 students competing in the Regional Championships, 145 qualifying for the State Championships and seven making it to Nationals.

Now having 500 compete at the Regional level, with a total of 225 high school students qualifying for the State Championship and 26 competing nationally, it is Downey Unified's goal to have one or more students attend the international WorldSkills Competition.

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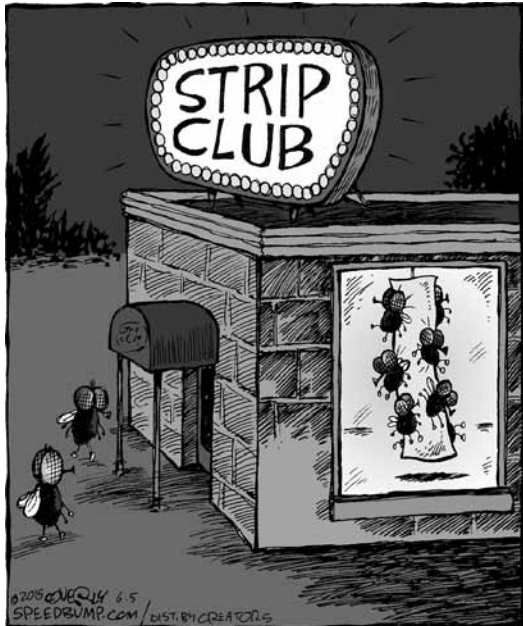
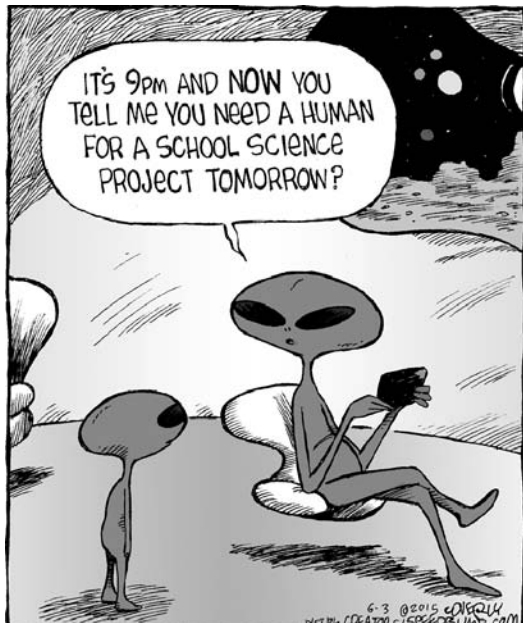
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Fri., June 5: Downey High School Hall of Fame ceremony, 10 a.m.
 Sat., June 6: Downey Greek Festival, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Sun., June 7: Downey Greek Festival, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

On This Day...

June 4, 1896: Henry Ford completes the Ford Quadricycle, his first gasoline-powered automobile, and gives it a successful test run.
1912: Massachusetts becomes the first state of the United States to set a minimum wage.
1928: The President of the Republic of China, Zhang Zuolin, is assassinated by Japanese agents.
Birthdays: Actor Scott Wolf (47), actor Noah Wyle (44), actress Angelina Jolie (40), comedian Russell Brand (40) and actor Theo Rossi (40).

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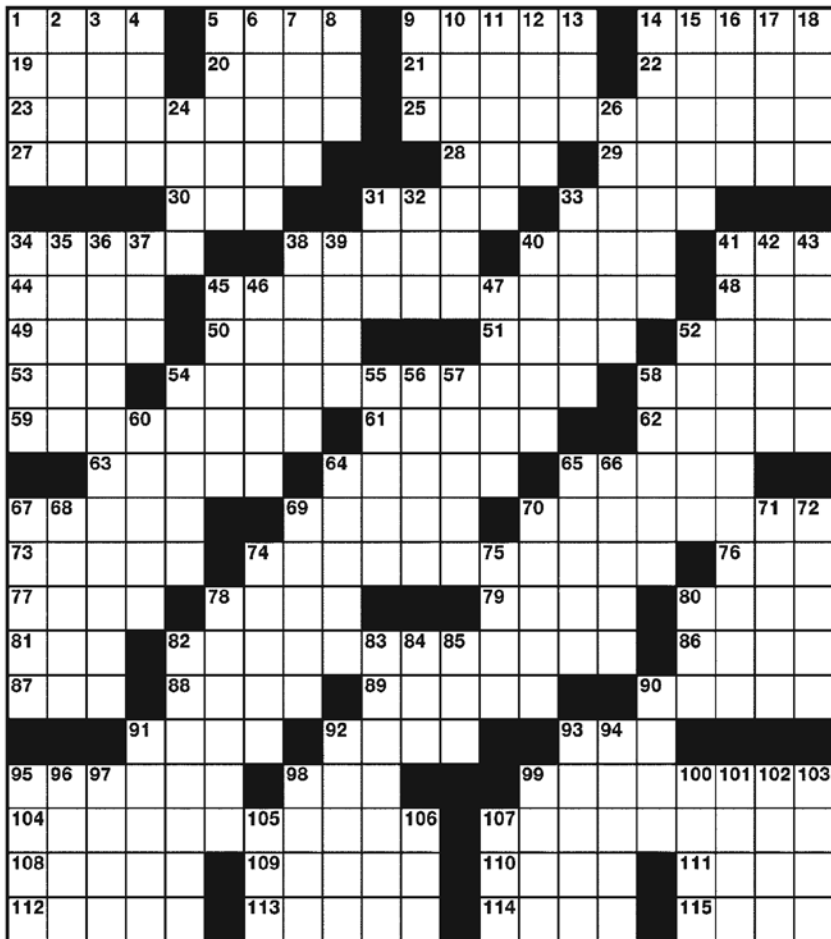
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by Fred Piscop

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CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, MAY 22

At 9:15 p.m., Downey officers responded to the Downey High School Carnival regarding a robbery investigation. Responding officers spoke with two victims who reported an unknown suspect approached them from behind and punched one of the victim's in the face. The suspect forcefully removed the victim's backpack and the other victim's cell phone and money. The suspect fled on foot. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect. Detectives are investigating.

At 10:55 p.m., officers responded to PIH (11500 Brookshire Ave) regarding a male patient who had assaulted hospital staff and fled outside. Officers found hospital staff struggling to detain the subject and assisted in gaining physical control by handcuffing him. The suspect was restrained onto a hospital gurney and was held by hospital staff on a psychiatric evaluation.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

At 5:00 p.m., Downey officers were sent to 10030 Lakewood Blvd (Arco Gas Station) regarding an assault investigation. Responding officers spoke with the victim who reported an unknown male approached him as he was preparing to pump gas. The suspect swung a 4-inch knife and lunged at the victim, but missed him. The suspect left in a car which was stopped by an officer a short distance from the location. The victim was uncooperative and claimed the altercation was verbal only and left after refusing to give officers more information. Surveillance video showed the suspect lunge at the victim with an unknown object. An independent witness positively identified the suspect. Two knives were located in the suspect's car. The suspect was arrested for the attempted assault.

At 5:25 p.m., Officers responded to 7814 Firestone Blvd (Stater Bros) regarding a robbery investigation. Officers spoke with the victim who reported that an adult male entered the market with a female and selected several store items. They placed the items in a hand basket and then exited without paying. The suspect was confronted outside by the manager and two other store employees. The employees grabbed the basket and the suspect attempted to strike the manager with his fist but missed. The suspect yelled at the manager and he and the female fled on foot. Detectives are investigating.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

At 12:05 a.m., officers responded to the 11400 block of Old River School Rd regarding a burglary investigation. Responding officers found that unknown suspects forced open the rear door to the business and had already fled the location. The business owner responded and confirmed that no items had been stolen. A witness later told officers that three adult male subjects had fled in a vehicle just prior to officer's arrival.

At 12:30 a.m., officers were patrolling the area of 11000 Downey Avenue when they located a female adult laying on the ground to the front of the Hookah Lounge. The female appeared to be intoxicated and was screaming. She was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the police station. A few hours later, she began to vomit and Downey Fire Department was called to transport her to the hospital. While being attended to, she slapped a fireman on the arm. She was ultimately transported to a local hospital and received a citation for assaulting an emergency worker.

SPORTS BRIEFS: Bears make college choices

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Warren High School Athletic Department hosted their annual Scholar Athlete Signing Recognition Day yesterday in the Library. The ceremony started at 1:30 p.m. and recognized those student-athletes who are taking their individual skill sets to the next level.

The Bears have three boy cross country runners who have signed commitment letters. Andres Barragan will be running at Cal State Long Beach, Benjamin Gonzalez will be running at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Jonathan Rodriguez will be running at UC Irvine.

The Bears have two girl cross country runners who have signed commitment letters. Marissa Pluma and Lisa Vasquez will both be running at UC Irvine.

The Bears also have Jose Ruiz attending Cal State Northridge for baseball, Denise Gonzalez attending Westminster College for basketball and Isabella Lopez attending Cal State Los Angeles for tennis.

The Bears have three softball players who have signed commitment letters. Nadia Amezcua will be playing softball at CSU Bakersfield, Megan Narvaez will be playing softball at Coppin State and Whitney Pemberton will be playing softball at UC Santa Barbara.

The Warren High School administration, faculty, staff and alumni are extremely proud of these student-athletes and wish them luck competing in the classroom and on the court or field at the next level.

It was written in last week's *Downey Patriot* that Downey High School standout volleyball player Heather Schnars was going to attend Hope International University on a volleyball scholarship. It is Kimberly Schnars who will be attending Hope International University on a volleyball scholarship.

Kimberly Schnars started playing volleyball when she was eight years old. She received scholarship offers from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Sam Houston, UC Davis and Hope International University. Schnars holds a 3.5 G.P.A. and plans to study business management in college.

Schnars said that the highlight of her volleyball career at Downey was winning a C.I.F. title as a freshman when her sister, Heather, was a senior. Schnars stated that the highlight of her senior year was being selected to the Long Beach Press Telegram's Dream Team. Best of luck in college, Kimberly.

The middle school track and field season completed its third and final dual meet last Wednesday as Doty and Stauffer traveled to Warren on Wednesday and Griffiths and Sussman traveled to Downey on Thursday.

At Warren, Doty defeated Stauffer in six of six competitions. The Doty eighth grade boys defeated Stauffer 73.5 to 12.5, the Doty seventh grade boys defeated Stauffer 52-34 and the Doty sixth grade boys defeated Stauffer 76.5 to 9.5. The Doty eighth grade girls defeated Stauffer 65-20, the Doty seventh grade girls defeated Stauffer

60-26 and the Doty sixth grade girls defeated Stauffer 60-26.

At Downey, Sussman defeated Griffiths in five of six competitions. The Sussman eighth grade boys defeated Griffiths 52-34, the Sussman seventh grade boys defeated Griffiths 65-21 and the Sussman sixth grade boys defeated Griffiths 69-17. The Griffiths eighth grade girls defeated Sussman 44-42, the Sussman seventh grade girls defeated Griffiths 62-24 and the Sussman sixth grade girls defeated Griffiths 57-29.

The District championship track and field meet will be held at Downey High School later today at 4 p.m. Doty, Griffiths, Stauffer and Sussman will all send their best athletes to compete for city championships. Six teams will compete from each school, including a boy and a girl team for sixth, seventh and eighth grade levels. This year's track and field meet is the second to be held after nearly a four year absence of middle school sports.

Warren High School standout track and field runner Lisa Vasquez finished fifth last Friday at the C.I.F. S.S. Masters Meet held at Cerritos College. Lisa broke her own school record of 4:53.86 with a new time of 4:51.51 in the 1600 meters.

This new time ranks Lisa eighth in California and 36th in the nation. Lisa will compete this weekend at the state meet in Clovis. Lisa Vasquez will be attending UC Irvine in the fall and pursuing her running career as an Ant eater.

Warren High School and W.O.N. Fitness will be having their information meeting on Wednesday, June 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Justice Stadium on the campus at Warren.

The Lady Bear cross country program is looking for young ladies who want to be challenged. W.O.N. has a unique fitness camp that hosts a variety of fitness activities. 150 girls joined last year because they wanted to try something new. Camp dates will be from June 29 to July 10 from 7:00-11:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday and works well with soccer camp.

Lali Avila, Yajaira Zarate and Dani Moreno are three girls who are running at the next level and all ran sub 5:10 miles while attending Warren. At the W.O.N. Fitness Camp, diet and nutrition, conditioning and endurance training, strength, mobility, getting into shape, meeting new friends, setting goals, having fun and feeling well will all be emphasized.

For more information regarding W.O.N. Fitness Camp please contact girls' cross country head coach Jay Waldron at jwaldron@dusd.net.

The Downey High School wrestling program will begin its summer program on Monday, June 22, at 9 a.m. in the Downey High School Gym. The summer program fee of \$60 is due, along with the completed summer packet, on June 22.

During the summer, new wrestlers will attend practices Monday-Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and returning wrestlers will practice 5-7 p.m.

The summer program is essential to be introduced to and to develop the proper techniques of wrestling, lifting and running essential for a successful

high school wrestling season. Wrestling season is from November to March and practices are in the morning 6:00-8:00 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 a.m. This is great for your student who will be awake and ready to learn in class. There will be days when there will be a study hall in the morning and practice after school.

During summer, wrestling competitions take place once a week in the evening and Saturdays 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will teach students time management and prepare them to balance the many demands they will face in the future.

Summer Basketball Camp

with Downey High School Head Basketball Coach Larry Shelton and Staff

June 23 - July 9

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Note that the first day of camp will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd due to the Athletic Open House at DHS on Monday, June 22nd

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16 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Summer is the time for fun outside with family and friends. However, it's also when many accidents occur around the home. Keep your family, friends and neighbors safe with these tips.

Around the pool

Swimming pools and spas may be fun to play and lounge in; however, children and pets can get hurt in and around them. Follow these safety tips to ensure everyone's safety around the pool*

- Never leave children unattended.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and openings.
- Make sure everyone knows how to swim
- Learn CPR and first aid-they can save lives.
- Don't swim if the pool has flat, broken or missing drain covers. Drains can suction hair and body parts, causing serious injury to children and adults.
- Install a fence at least four tall around the perimeter of the pool.
- Make sure pool and spa covers work.
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates.

Around the home and yard

Enjoy your time around your home and yard this summer and make sure it's free of hazards with these tips

- Supervise children whenever they're outside, and keep them inside when you're mowing or trimming.
- Always grill in an open, well-ventilated area, and keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill.
- Put away hoses when not in use to prevent falls.
- Remove dead trees before they become hazard.
- Keep paint, fertilizers and hazardous chemicals out of reach of children and animals.
- Put away lawn and garden tools and machinery when you're finished with them.
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MAYOR'S CORNER: Downey bustling with excitement

Hello Downey,

We are halfway through the year and the City of Downey has been bustling with excitement and living true to its motto of "Future Unlimited." We continue to move forward and improve the quality of life for our residents with ongoing community development projects and lively recreational events.

The Downey Library Volunteer and Major Donor Awards Lunch event took place last month to give recognition to volunteers who spend countless hours volunteering to better the lives of others. They are an inspiration and great role models to follow and we are fortunate to have them in our City. If you are looking for a way to give back to the community, come to the library and discover summer opportunities. You can speak with representatives about what the volunteers do and start this summer with a plan.

City of Downey honored the Public Works staff with an Awards Ceremony for the Public Works 2015 Employees of the Year. The men and women of our Public Works department maintain the infrastructure and services that provide us with our daily quality of life. I would like to congratulate our Public Works 2015 Employees of the Year: Ed Estrella, Grissel Chavez and Randy Humphrey, and thank them for all their hard work they do for our City and the citizens of Downey.

As Mayor, public safety in the City of Downey is a top priority. We are fortunate enough to have resources such as Andrew Stevens the city's, Emergency Manager, available to train us on community disaster planning and volunteer disaster relief. He recently represented Downey at the CFED-California Fire EMS Disaster, and elite symposium where firefighters, EMS personnel, law enforcement, emergency managers, and public health officials from across the state networked and trained together. With this kind of knowledge on hand, the City is addressing our greatest earthquake vulnerabilities proactively and strategically.

The Promenade construction is continuing at a vigorous pace. A majority of the main road has been completed, the 24 Hour Fitness building has been erected, and the adjoining building that will host the 16 screen CineMark Theaters is currently under construction. I am happy to announce two new tenants have joined the Promenade: Floor & Décor and Green Olive Restaurant. Two new Starbucks locations are also coming to Downey. Both will be on Imperial Blvd, one on the corner of Bellflower Blvd and the second off Paramount Blvd. This is part of our ongoing commitment to our residents to provide big city amenities while keeping our small town feel.

Summer is just around the corner and the City of Downey has worked hard to put together a schedule full of fun, safe and exciting activities and events for our residents. The Summer 2015 City News and Parks & Recreation Guide was mailed early last month and features numerous

activities to keep little ones busy during school vacation and to enjoy what our City has to offer.

What better way to Discover Downey than by discovering the library? There are an array of classes available in June including free computer classes for adults and kids. Don't miss out on the "Book Your Summer" all-ages all summer reading program: Help Downey read ONE MILLION MINUTES and enter to win raffle prizes all summer! The library has chosen its winners for the new library card design. Check out the winning designs and get your new card today. Lastly, the library has partnered with the Downey Civic Theatre to co-present a six-part Monday family performance series beginning June 22nd. For details and times, as well as more information on Storytimes and Family Story Nights please visit the library's website at www.downeylibrary.org.

Another event that promises to add to a memorable summer is the Rooftop Concert Series. This free event celebrates live music, art and performances. Bring the family, grab dinner from one of our local downtown restaurants, and enjoy the night overlooking the Downey skyline. In honor of being chosen as a host town for the Special Olympic World games, we will open this year's event with Irish band Slugger O'Toole and the Kerry Dance Troupe on June 24th in Downtown Downey.

Talking about the Special Olympics World Games, there is still time to volunteer and to be a part of this wonderful event. Please visit the City's website, www.downeyca.org, and search for the Volunteer Interest Card to learn more about the Host Town Volunteer Program including "Fans in the Stands" opportunities. In addition, our official Downey Host Town fundraising merchandise is available at the Parks & Recreation office and at major upcoming City events. To view the merchandise, log on to our City website or City Facebook page. All proceeds go toward supporting the Special Olympics athletes' visit. The actual Host Town program will take place July 21st to the 24th with a concert to welcome our guests at the Downey Civic Center on July 22nd.

The Rio Hondo Golf Club will have its annual Music on the Greens event on June 28th featuring classic rock tribute band Kings of 88. The public is invited to attend a free community open house with free activities throughout the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to come see what Rio Hondo Golf Club has to offer including two lakes, pristine fairways, a driving range and banquet and restaurant facility.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that radio station KNX 1070 will be at Porto's on Friday, June 12th to record its live show "On Your Corner". The Downey community will be highlighted including Porto's, the Taco Bell building, Bob's Big Boy Broiler, and the oldest operating McDonald's among many others. I will be on the air promoting our city. Tune-in to KNX 1070 and listen with Downey pride!

It's a wonderful time to live in the City of Downey and I am honored to serve as your Mayor!

As always, the City Council welcomes your comments, concerns, or questions. You can reach me or any other Council Member by calling 562-904-7274, or by using the links to our email addresses located on the "Mayor & City Council" page of the City website at www.downeyca.org.

Until Next Month,
Mayor Luis H. Marquez



PHOTO BY GREG WASKUL

Warren High Humanitarian Society Members who traveled to La Cañada Flintridge Library to turn the library there into an outstanding venue for last Saturday's presentation by renowned author Lisa See (center) included, from left: Felipe Dorado, Sarah Aguilar, Ashley (Liz) Torres, Angie Franco, Andrew Del Valle and Bernard Castillo.

Humanitarian Society members pitch in at author event

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE – Six Warren High School Humanitarian Society members traveled to the San Gabriel Valley to turn the La Cañada Flintridge Library into a special event venue for the eagerly awaited appearance of New York Times bestselling author Lisa See last Saturday night.

The students included Humanitarian Society President Andrew Del Valle, Sarah Aguilar, Ashley (Liz) Torres, Angie Franco, Bernard Castillo and Felipe Dorado. Saturday was Ashley's birthday, and she chose to spend it by helping her fellow Humanitarian Society members move dozens of tables and more than 200 chairs in the process of turning the usually quiet library into a venue for Lisa's presentation.

When they were done, the students had helped librarians Mark Totten, Elaine Braddock and Sarah LoVerme create a wonderful look for the library's most significant literary event since Ray Bradbury spoke at a special Saturday night event 32 years ago.

"The kids had a great time," said Warren Humanitarian Society Advisor Jackie Pardo. "They loved meeting Lisa See, who was so gracious and complimentary of their work. And of course, they loved getting delicious George's pizza as a special dinner-time treat after their work was done!"

Virtually every seat was filled for the event, which was sponsored by the Friends of La Cañada Flintridge Library. During her presentation, the renowned author discussed her creative process for virtually all of her books throughout a career that has made her one of America's most beloved writers.

Once the students finished their work in the foothills, they traveled back to Downey for another volunteer assignment that lasted until 10 p.m. Saturday night. It's just this sort of remarkably selfless service that has earned the Humanitarian Society a well-deserved reputation as one of the most effective student service clubs in all of Southern California.

"I had heard that these students were special, but the way they worked as a team was very impressive," Mark said. "They did an absolute fantastic job moving some very heavy pieces and setting the room up so beautifully. Without them we never could have totally changed the look of the library in just 40 minutes, which was all the time we had between the time we closed and then reopened for the Lisa See event."

"We knew this assignment was going to be very challenging, but these wonderful students made it look easy and did their work with smiles on their faces," said Rosemary Hook, the President of the Friends of La Cañada Flintridge Library. "I hope they'll be there to help the next time we have a major event, because their volunteer efforts helped make our Lisa See event truly special!"

-Greg Waskul, contributor

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The free mini-scoop features Blue Hawaiian syrup-infused snow over a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream.

Mexican Repatriation bill advances

SACRAMENTO - A bill authored by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) but the brainchild of a classroom of strong-willed elementary school children, has passed the State Assembly with strong bi-partisan support.

Assembly Bill 146 encourages that the "Mexican Repatriation," the unconstitutional deportation in the 1930's of over 1 million U.S. citizens and lawful residents of Mexican descent in California, be included in student history textbooks and studies.

The idea for the bill was submitted as part of Garcia's Annual "There Ought to Be a Law" contest by a 5th grade class at Bell Gardens Elementary School. In September she visited the class to talk about a trip she had taken to Mexico and Central America to learn about the plight of unaccompanied migrant children coming to America.

Garcia said that she was "pleasantly surprised" by the students who had prepared skits, poems, power points and a book about the Repatriation Act.

"The students spoke about how difficult it was for them to find historic information on the Repatriation, but as they dug and learned more, the impacts of this tragic period affected them on a very personal level," she said. "I encouraged them to dream big and submit their idea to my districtwide contest and today their bill has passed the State Assembly."

National concert tour makes stop at Lynwood High

LYNWOOD - About 1,500 students jumped to rhythms of up-and-coming artists and participated in developing their own talents in arts and music for two hours in the campus Quad on May 19 as Lynwood High hosted the High School Nation Tour.

The event not only brought musical acts to the campus but also exposed the students to a world of music, arts and media through interactive areas including the Guitar Center Music Zone, Tilly's Clothing Zone, Sony Media Zone and the Tulip Art Zone. In these zones, students could play music on top instruments, silk screen T-shirts and create designs for shoes.

Along with the show, High School Nation donated more than \$10,000 in music and arts equipment to the school and gave away more than \$5,000 in prizes to the students, including Gibson guitars, backpacks and art supplies.

The crowd swayed and danced to the artists including, Jacob Latimore, Leroy Sanchez and The New Officials as part of the multi-state tour. Booths were also available for students to meet and take photos with the artist.

The show also gave journalism students a taste of covering a large music festival as they were allowed to go back stage with press passes, shoot photographs and do interviews. Drama and music pupils were welcomed to a question-and-answer session with the performers before the festival.

"It was such an honor to be selected as one of the campuses that High School Nation visited this year," said Lynwood Unified Superintendent Paul Gothold. "These young artists inspire our students to achieve their goals. They know that if they put in the time and hard work, they too



can become successful. High School Nation's donation of musical and arts equipment will help us continue to encourage our young artists."

Five students also had the opportunity to get on stage and sing in front of their peers in a contest.

"It was so great to share my talents with my classmates," said Ervin Garcia, 17, who won a wireless microphone by singing a few bars of Etta James' "At Last." "It's going to be karaoke every Friday night at my house."

For 10 years, High School Nation has worked with thousands of public high schools and middle schools across the country. It began with a focus on providing free lunchtime concerts for students, and has since grown into a facilitator for talented student artists. High School Nation provides

opportunities for teens to express themselves through the arts, while also learning first hand from established professionals in all areas of the arts. Lynwood High was the 22nd of 25 stops on the 2015 High School Nation Tour, which visited schools as far away as New Mexico and ended May 22 in San Diego.

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DOWNEY - The Downey Theatre is accepting applicants for Facility Usage Grants for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

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The applicant must be Downey-based, a current State of California recognized non-profit, have a board of directors/officers, and have liability insurance and records of the current and previous year's financial statements including the current year's operating budget.

Applications are received by the Downey Theatre's subcommittee year round and reviewed on a quarterly basis beginning prior to each fiscal year, based on the advertised date, to determine which organizations will be awarded financial assistance. These awards will be based on the selection criteria and availability of funds.

For more information or to apply for the Facility Usage Grant, contact theatre manager Amber Vogel at (562) 904-7230 or avogel@downeyca.org.

To download the Facility Usage Grant Application or information sheet visit DowneyTheatre.com.

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Razorbacks sign-ups, fittings Saturday

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football will hold registration and jersey fittings this Saturday, June 6, at Furman Park.

Fittings for jerseys and cheer uniforms begin at 9 a.m. with specific times assigned by teams. This is the last registration date for new players and cheerleaders.

Practices at Rio San Gabriel Park begin July 27 and the first game is Sept. 12. All home games are played at Downey and Warren high schools.

The Razorbacks offer flag football, tackle football and cheerleading to boys and girls ages 5-14.

For more information, or if you are interested in coaching football or cheer, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or go to downeyrazorbacks.com.

Warren High class of '95 reunion

DOWNEY – Warren High School's class of 1995 will hold its 20-year reunion Aug. 22 at the Renaissance Long Beach.

The first 35 tickets are \$99; after those are sold, tickets are \$109.

No tickets will be sold at the door. Online registration is required at reuniondb.com.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. and include an open bar, DJ, photo booth, and dinner.

Downey High basketball camp this summer

DOWNEY – Downey High School basketball coach Larry Shelton and his staff are hosting a summer basketball camp June 23 through July 9.

The camp meets daily, Monday through Thursday, from 8-10 a.m. in the gym.

Parents can sign-up their kids on the first day of camp, June 23, at 7:30 a.m. in the gym. Early registration is available by emailing lashelton@dusd.net.

Cost is \$150 and includes a Downey basketball jersey and shorts.

Students will learn basketball fundamentals and participate in games and tournaments.

Larry Shelton has been Downey High's varsity basketball coach for 27 years. He is a two-time L.A. Times coach of the year, and three-time San Gabriel Valley League coach of the year.

For questions, call him at (562) 412-7528.

SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Fingerprints

Dora Silvers is a real New York kinda' girl. In this essay on fingerprints, her humor is dry, and some of her stories would fit right into a Seinfeld episode on TV. 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 Dora Silvers

When my twins were born, their footprints and thumbprints were on their birth certificates. Also my thumbprints.

When my brother Ben was in New York, a man was running down the street and gave him a heavy typewriter. Then the man hopped on a waiting bus and disappeared. A policeman tapped my brother on the shoulder.

He said to Ben, "I have to take you in, you have stolen property." Ben looked around, and there was a patrol wagon.

Dada's Home

By Yolanda Adele

In 1963 my husband, Vic, was stationed in Okinawa before shipping out to Vietnam; our daughter, Yvette, was just three months old.

I kept framed pictures of her daddy dressed in his Marine Corps uniform throughout our apartment. For over 15 months I'd kiss his picture good night. As our little daughter began to talk and walk, she'd go over to her daddy's photo and say, "Dada, nite, nite" or "Dada bye, bye." Sometimes she'd look to me to hand her the photograph of her daddy so she could kiss, hug, or put it in to her little baby doll buggy and take it for a ride.

On a beautiful crisp morning I was outside hanging diapers on the clothesline when I heard my little girl, who was behind me in her playpen, say, "Dada." It was not unusual for her to chatter about her daddy, but then she said something I had never heard her say before. She said,

Ben told him, "Someone gave it to me and then got on the bus."

The officer insisted, "We have to take you in, and that is it!"

When they got to the police station, Ben asked if he could call his father. My dad said he would call cousin Max who was a lawyer in New York.

After Ben was fingerprinted, Max showed up. Max asked to talk to the owner of the shop where the typewriter was stolen. The owner described the thief as short and with gray hair. Ben was tall and had dark hair. So Ben was released and cousin Max treated him to a dinner at a fancy restaurant.

My daughter Nancy had just been hired at a bank in the New Accounts department. After work, Nancy changed into her leotards and sweatshirt She was going to the gym to work out.

As she was leaving, her boss called her over and said, "Nancy, you have to go to the Sheriff's station and get fingerprinted. That's a requirement at this bank." So Nancy drove to the Sheriff's station where they took her fingerprints.

A week later, as she was again leaving work in her gym outfit, her boss said to her, "Nancy, your fingerprints did not take. You have to go back and have them done over."

So she drove to the Sheriff's station again, but this time there was a bus and men were lined up. She told the officer,

"I have to get fingerprinted."

He said to her, "Get in line!" She was so embarrassed at having to stand in line with men who were wearing handcuffs.

When she got to the front of the line, the deputy said, "Are you back again?" All of the men laughed and said, "Atta girl!"

When she told this to her friends who were waiting for her at the gym, they all thought it was funny and laughed. Nancy was embarrassed.

When I got hired as a secretary at McDonald Douglas, my boss told me, "Next week an agent from the FBI will come and interview you for your top security clearance because you will be handling government documents." Then he handed me several forms to fill out. The first form was AKA, which means "Also Known As," so I put in my maiden name.

The government agent was real cute, with blond hair and the nicest blue eyes. I gave him my forms and he said, "I will have to fingerprint you." First he took my thumbprints, and then my thumbprint and my index finger and my middle finger.

I looked into those blue, blue eyes and asked him, "Why?"

He said to me, "In case you open your boss's top drawer." I did not know if he was kidding, but a week later I did get my security clearance. And I never did open my boss's top drawer.



Yolanda, Vic and their daughter, Yvette.

"Dada home, Dada home!"

I quickly turned around to find that she was announcing her daddy's homecoming with her arms stretched out to the daddy she had only known in photographs.

It took my breath away to see our daughter swept up in her daddy's arms. I rushed to join them in our hearts' embrace; with tears in my eyes, I repeated her refrain, "Dada home, Dada home."

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When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
My father, digging. I look down

Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
Bends low, comes up twenty years away
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
Where he was digging.

The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep
To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.

By God, the old man could handle a spade.
Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
To drink it, then fell to right away
Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
Over his shoulder, going down and down
For the good turf. Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.

By Seamus Heaney

June is Dad's Month. In this poem devoted to the natural world and a sense of regional and family tradition, the poet explores his father's life. Seeing how to adapt his father's example and form his own identity, he creates a poem chock full of rhyme and other sound effects. Haney was the fourth Irish writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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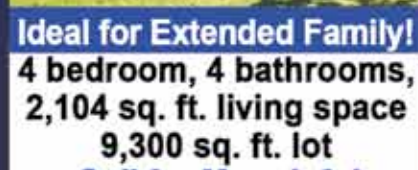
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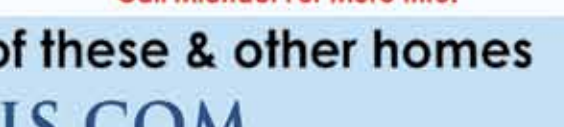
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