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Norwalk students using grant to improve campus mobility for disabled classmates

NORWALK – Norwalk High School students are embarking on an ambitious project to design and build equipment that will allow disabled classmates to more easily navigate their campus and transition into classroom settings thanks to a \$97,000 grant received this month from the State Farm Youth Advisory Board.

Dubbed Inspired Inventions, the project will be run through the school's auto repair program and involve more than 400 students over the course of the year, said Southeast ROP instructor Ken Cook, who teaches automotive repair at Norwalk High and who applied for the grant after students expressed a need.

About 12.7 percent of Norwalk High School's student population is disabled, a figure that jumps to a third of the students enrolled in Cook's auto repair class.

"We want to create fun equipment for our schools and local playgrounds, devices that would allow disabled people to be active with fewer barriers," Cook said. "Our goal is for our devices to be everywhere and, more importantly, to inspire ideas for new ones."

Creating customized and flexible

mobility apparatus like wheelchairs, bicycles and walking aids will not only provide smoother access for Norwalk-La Mirada Unified students, but also give auto repair students the benefit of taking part in a rewarding service-learning project, Cook said.

Those ideas captured the imagination of State Farm's Youth Advisory Board.

"Inspired Inventions stood out as innovative, with the ability to touch a lot of students' lives," said Kelsey West, State Farm YAB coordinator. "We are so excited to see how it works this year and to follow the progress, and hope to see it inspire a lot of other schools to do similar things."

As part of the project, Cook's students surveyed the campus community to identify needs and look for opportunities to enhance their educational experience. Many disabled students voiced the desire for a device that would allow them to transition from wheelchair to desk, and to obtain better access to portable ramps on campus.

The students established goals and compiled a list of needed tools and materials required for the

project. Inspired Inventions was born.

"Inspired Inventions encompasses the District ideals of collaborative learning, utilizing technology and applying critical thinking to overcome real world obstacles," NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik J. Danielian said. "Mr. Cook has an amazing way of connecting with and motivating his students. A heartfelt thank you to the State Farm Youth Advisory Board for supporting our student project."

Over the course of the year, students will acquire equipment, develop prototypes, conduct community outreach, confer with District and Norwalk city officials, take a field trip to the 2016 Ability Expo in Los Angeles and launch an aggressive social media campaign.

Cook plans to explore ways of

maintaining long term sustainability for the project, using the grant funds to create initial designs and the infrastructure to produce them.

"Our goal is to create a million dollars' worth of opportunity," Cook said.

The automotive courses Cook teaches are made possible through the District's partnership with Southeast ROP, which employs Cook at Norwalk High and Cerritos College.

Many of Cook's students are members of SkillsUSA, a nationally recognized Career Technical Student Organization. Additionally, Inspired Inventions will receive support from community groups, including the Collision Repair Education Foundation and deputies from LASD Motorsports.

Bellflower students shine in standardized tests

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower Unified School students met or exceeded District expectations as well as many state and Los Angeles County proficiency averages on California's first administration of Smarter Balanced standardized tests for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, according to District officials.

The data from the tests – administered in spring 2015 to grades three through eight, and grade 11 – will establish a baseline for student performance on the California Standards, now in their second year of implementation.

Test results show areas of strength – especially in English – for Bellflower Unified's English learners, economically disadvantaged students, and Hispanic, African-American and Asian students in multiple grades.

Jacobs credited the District's

performance to teacher preparation and focus on the new California standards as well as to the 2014-15 adoption of 24:1 student teacher ratios in kindergarten through third grade and elimination of elementary-level multi-grade combination classes.

"I'm proud of our dedicated teachers, who worked passionately to really connect with students on these rigorous California standards," Jacobs said. "It is an effort assisted by class structures that allowed teachers to delve as deeply as needed with the content."

District officials will spend the next few weeks reviewing the data, class by class and school by school, to determine best practices that can be emulated and areas where early intervention can bolster instruction.

"Because our understanding of the data is still in early stages, we are being careful about how we analyze and reflect on these results," Jacobs said. "We are proud that we exceed so many county and state averages for so many segments of our student population, but we also know there is much to refine so we can begin improving on our students' readiness for the next grade level and ultimately that career or college pathway they desire."

For example, Bellflower USD is developing interim assessments it will give to students periodically. These assessments will complement the state assessment, but provide more frequent data and monitoring points, allowing teachers to fine-tune their instruction and the District to support those instructional efforts.

Bellflower Unified Performance Highlights

•Hispanic students: Students met or exceeded Los Angeles County and state ELA and math average proficiency levels for almost every grade level and for the District overall.

•Economically disadvantaged students: Students met or exceeded county and state ELA and math averages for almost every grade level and for the District overall.

•All students: Students met or exceeded county and state ELA averages for almost every grade level and the District overall.

•African-American students: Students met or exceeded county and state ELA averages for nearly every grade level and the District overall.

•English learners: Students exceeded county and state ELA averages for most grade levels and county and state ELA and math scores for the District overall.

•11th-graders: 11th-graders met or exceeded state and county ELA averages for all students as well as for most high-needs subgroups. The 11th-grade tests serve as a measure of college readiness in the state's Early Assessment Program. University of California and California State University will waive freshman writing and math class requirements for students who exceed proficiency and conditionally waive them for those who meet proficiency targets.

•ELA and Math Domains: Students across Bellflower Unified posted especially strong scores in the ELA domains of Writing, Listening and Research, and in the Math domain of Communicating Reasoning.

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Developmentally Disabled: Is Downey Selling Out Its Future?



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By Lawrence Christon
Contributor

DOWNEY – A friend recently returned from Paris and mentioned how, beyond grand imperial architecture, fabulous museums, famous cuisine, and one of the world's great repositories of history and culture, it was pocket parks that make the city livable.

I've thought of that observation every time I've driven by that vast empty lot on 5th and Paramount, the one that's about to be developed into a residential complex consisting of 117 townhouses. I've often wondered if our city planners, in recommending approval, ever took into account the numerous health studies from state and federal agencies, including a 2012 California Air Resource Board report, which cite the illnesses people can develop when they live near busy highways or heavily travelled streets, like wide Paramount Blvd., which is both speedway and major traffic artery, depending on the time of day. Asthma, heart disease, arteriosclerosis, stress, neurological disorders, low birth weight and premature birth—premature death, for that matter—are among the maladies that tick up for people who live near the poisonous gases, particulate matter and nerve-racking noise that altogether fall into the category of traffic pollution.

Imagine a little park with a barrier wall in there, I've wondered. Rolling greens, stately trees, songbirds, meandering footpaths, maybe a little pond. You don't have to do(ital) anything in a park. It's one of the universally great places, like the beach, where you can experience Walt Whitman's guilt-free pleasure, "I loafe(cq) and invite my soul." If it can soften the City of Light, imagine what it can do here, the place Southland advertisers have characterized as "Where the freeways meet."

Nah, never happen, I conclude every time. Besides, considering the rising cost and general unavailability of housing, a critical issue in the region, the city probably made the right decision.

Then, in last week's Patriot, I read Joan Nieritit's thoughtful examination of the direction the city of Downey is

regional employment, and a general class of people whose education and levels of accomplishment required city services and amenities, i.e. police, schools, housing, etc., to keep them here. In turn they created clubs and civic organizations, local culture and recreation, a penchant for fine dining. In short, a pleasant, community-oriented, reasonably civilized standard of living.

Most people you encounter locally are still pleasant, but there's a general sense, particularly among the aging 20th century holdovers, that something more than a defining industry has been lost. The city, such as it is, feels more hectic, more disparate, more improvised and architecturally directionless, with everything new seemingly built on the cheap. A great many of Downey's problems, like climate change and drought, shifting demographics, globalized economics and the widening scarcity of well-paying jobs, don't originate with Downey. The city has had to scramble to keep afloat, and financially speaking, it's done well—particularly in the wake of the 2008 Wall Street meltdown, from which the national economy still hasn't recovered regardless of what you hear.

But quality of life, in the general and not the medical sense of the term, hasn't been as good. A telling metaphor is the national and A-list attention given last week's opening of the Broad Museum in downtown L.A. Downey had an art museum once, the first in L.A. County, and technically it still exists. But the building it once legally occupied was arbitrarily taken by the city over a private in-house dispute, and for years now the Furman Park site has been unoccupied while the museum's collection languishes in storage.

I don't mean to raise that issue again except as an example of how the city has failed to address the larger question, beyond providing licenses, services and conveniences like parking spaces and public toilets, of what constitutes the good, the livable and civilized life, and how best to offer it to its citizenry.

Culture and the amenities would

have to fit in here. But look around. Fine dining has given way to the sports bar—there isn't a single high quality restaurant in the city. The Downey Civic Theater, our largest municipal building and a facility that should be pulsing with day-long activity, has declined into irrelevance—nobody talks about what's happening there except the gaggle of community groups and commercial acts that book single events. It's a theater that never shows theater. For most of the week it looms in the dark like a ghost ship.

The Symphony still performs, and both the Stay Gallery and the Downey Arts Coalition have shown a lot of variety, dedication and initiative in programming numerous events throughout the year. But they haven't yet spliced into the city's DNA. The general feeling described in Nieritit's article, of loss, of inhuman commercial scale, of indifference to the look and history of things that give people their sense of belonging, still make up our atmosphere.

When Fernando Vasquez took office on the city council, I thought that was just what we needed. He majored in urban planning and he spoke of visiting small cities in Europe that know the esthetic and spiritual value of central plazas and parks, with fountains and benches and other architectural venues where people could sit and enjoy and invite their souls. But it's clear now that he's not going to bring that vision to Downey. Nor is the rest of the city council, whom I consider to be conscientious, well-intended public servants. We don't know what they're really up against in trying to guide the city into the future. I believe they're doing the best they can, and it's easy and convenient for us to criticize them, as I've done in the past, and as Joan Nieritit implicitly does in her piece. But I also believe they're not fully up to the task of reinventing Downey's identity. Slapdash branding won't do, and frankly it's insulting for them to try

and make us think it will.

We mustn't forget that we live in a representative democracy. If Downey has unraveled from its former distinction, it's up to us to ask of our future leaders, the ones who'll step up when our current crop terms out, what their vision is to make this city more than an ongoing commercial enterprise, that is, a place of happiness and fulfillment where we feel distinctly at home in the universe. The place for us like no other.

Maybe it's too much to ask of anyone, but we can at least try as we inch our way there.

Chamber golf tournament Oct. 7

DOWNEY – There is still time to register for the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 19th annual golf tournament, taking place Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

New this year is a drone drop -- golfers will have the opportunity to purchase a ball and see if their ball lands in the hole when it's dropped from the sky by a drone.

There will also be a silent auction with several prizes to bid on. Prizes include a trip to the 2016 Super Bowl in San Francisco; a trip to Costa Rica; a Disney World vacation; lunch at a Downey Fire Department fire station; and more.

To register for the tournament, call (562) 923-2191 or email mayra@downeychamber.com.

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In Memory of Nettie Goto

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Nettie Ruth Thompson Goto was born in Morton, MS - the third youngest of seven siblings. She attended Clarke Junior College, where she met her future husband, Tad and graduated from Blue Mountain College in MS. She moved to Downey in 1961 and was employed by Downey Unified School District as an elementary school teacher and administrator for more than 30 years. She earned a Masters in Education from California State University, Los Angeles and dedicated her career to teaching children to read and helping their parents support literacy at home.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Tad Goto; sisters Gladys Franklin, Thelma Franklin, Betty Still and brother Billy Thompson; daughters Stephanie McMahon and her husband Scott, and Viki Goto; and grandchildren Collin and Kira McMahon.

A service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Downey (8348 3rd Street) on Saturday, September 26 at 1pm, immediately followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Downey City Library Children's Department (11111 Brookshire Ave Downey 90241).

Esther Pagaduan passes away

DOWNEY - Downey resident Esther Pagaduan, born March 31, 1927, died Sept. 10.

Esther was born to Lebrado and Consuelo Morales of El Monte and grew up with many brothers and sisters. The family later moved to Hawthorne.

In December of 1946, Esther married George G. Pagaduan. Their first home was in Redondo Beach and they later moved to Torrance to raise their three children: Carmen, David and Gloria.

Esther became a Jehovah Witness in the late 1950's and belonged to the Gardena Central Congregation.

Esther lived in Torrance for 45 years until she decided to move to Downey three years ago to be close to her only surviving child, Gloria Pasmant, and her son-in-law, Andrew.

Esther is survived by her sister, Jenny Hart, of Lawndale; son-in-law, Benjamin R. Hemulgada, of San Diego; grandchildren Andy Pasmant Jr., Leianna P.Solis and husband Michael, David Pasmant and wife Lacey, Marie, Michael and Angelina, Benjamin P. Hemulgada and Melinda Hemulgada; and great grandchildren Brittain and William Pasmant.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, George; sisters, Eleanor Morales, Sarah Caspillo, Anna Lopez and Maggie Bautista; brothers, Dale, Alfred, Lee and Louie; son, David; daughter, Carmen; nephew, Ray Morales; and niece, Sarah.

The family would like to thank Brookfield, Downey Retirement center for all the attention and she received. On behalf of my mother and our entire Family Thank you Dr. Alan Frischer and staff for 25 years of tender and loving care.

Services will be Sept. 25 at the Glenn Abby Memorial Park in Bonita at 1 p.m.



NEWS BRIEFS

Playground dedication Saturday

DOWNEY - The public is invited to a dedication ceremony this Saturday, Sept. 26, for the new playground at Rio San Gabriel Park.

The event is from 10-11:30 a.m., with the dedication ceremony taking place at 10:30 a.m.

A Parks and Recreation Department booth will provide community information, arts and crafts, and giveaways while supplies last.

For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

Live poetry, music this Saturday

DOWNEY - A gathering of poets, musicians, artists, filmmakers and other creative people will gather for an event known as "100K Poets for Change" this Saturday from 5-10 p.m.

Below is the event schedule:

- 5 p.m. - Bunny and the Echomen (music)
- 5:15 p.m. - Full-length film on Sufism
- 7 p.m. - Short talks
- 7:15 p.m. - Steven Delamater and Jenn Spazzmaster (music)
- 7:30 p.m. - Open mic
- 7:45 p.m. - Merlin Snider (music)
- 8:15 p.m. - Scott Noon Creely (poetry)
- 8:45 p.m. - music

Featured artists include Angel Luis and Terry Walker.

The event will take place at a private home in Downey but is open to the public. For specific details, visit the 100K Poets for Change Southern California Facebook page.

Donald Duckett passes away at 77

DOWNEY - Donald Edward Duckett, 77, passed away on Sept. 20.

Formerly from Downey, Donald was a resident of Sparks, Nev., for the last five years.

He was born Sept. 10, 1930 in New York to William and Betty Duckett. He was the father of Robert Duckett (Riverside), Elizabeth Estes (Sparks, NV), Donald Duckett Jr. (Reno, NV), Kevin Wilson (WA), Molly Courts (Pinion Hills, CA), and Monty Wilson (Denver, CO).

He was the brother of Robert Duckett (Downey), James Duckett (Downey), and William Duckett (Thailand).

Donald had 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

An open service will be held by the family on Oct. 10 from 1-5 p.m. at the Norwalk Elks Lodge.



LivingHelp golf tournament Oct. 16

DOWNEY - The LivingHelp Center will hold its 17th annual Harold G. Frenz Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 16, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

The LivingHelp Center is a pregnancy resource center in Downey, offering free pregnancy testing, counseling and adoption referrals.

Cost to participate in the golf tournament is \$130 per golfer, and includes green fees, golf cart and a buffet dinner. Golfers can also purchase mulligans and raffle tickets.

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

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, call Jim Miller at (562) 928-3539 or Dennis Pagenkopp at (562) 928-1429.

Dia de los Muertos lineup announced

DOWNEY - The Downey Civic Theatre has announced its scheduled lineup of performers for the Nov. 1 Dia de los Muertos art festival.

Performers include Tonatiuh Danza Azteca (11 a.m.), Grandeza Mexicana Dance Academy (noon), Ballet Folklorico Fuego En La Sangre de California (1 p.m.), Studio Danza Folklorico (2 p.m.), Innocent Mind (3 p.m.), ZaZa Dancers (4 p.m.), Grupo Folklorico (5 p.m.), Analise Hoveyda (6 p.m.) and Grupo Folklorico Desafio (7 p.m.).

The festival is free and runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Donations sought for Skid Row outreach

DOWNEY - Action Faith Ministries in Downey is collecting donations for a Skid Row distribution planned for Nov. 14.

The church is collecting food items such as granola bars, applesauce, fruit cups, nuts, jerky, fruit, crackers and bottled water.

Hygiene items are also needed, including travel-sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and female hygiene products.

The church is also accepting monetary donations. Every \$7 donation is enough to purchase one blanket (the church's goal is to raise \$1,400 to distribute 200 blankets).

To make a donation, or for more information, call Monica Sanchez at (562) 644-6514.

Driver's Ed prep class at the library

DOWNEY - The Downey City Library will hold practice driver's education seminars every Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. during the month of October.

Students will learn techniques and strategies to successfully pass a driving test. The class will go over real exams from the California DMV, instructional videos, and more.

Classes are free. Sign-up at the library's Adult Reference Desk or call (562) 904-7360.

Drought-tolerant landscaping workshop

DOWNEY - Downey's Public Works Department will host a free workshop on drought-tolerant landscaping Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Downey City Library.

Participants will learn how to help their landscape survive the water shortfall, and how to transform their thirsty lawn into a beautiful, drought-tolerant, outdoor space.

The workshop includes light refreshments in the morning and lunch in the afternoon.

To register for the free event, visit the library or call the Adult Information Desk at (562) 904-7364.

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On July 12, the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Downey voted to welcome Reverend Maricarmen Campos Castro as their new pastor.

Pastor Campos Castro has been an ordained Presbyterian Teaching Elder for over 13 years, serving in Los Angeles, Houston, Texas and Huntsville, Alabama. Her missionary work has taken her to Latin America, Europe, Africa and the Mideast.

She has a passion for spiritual formation and recently published her book "Warriors: In the Spiritual Battle, Victory is Ours." She loves running, fencing and the outdoors.

Pastor Maricarmen Campos Castro will begin her ministry at 1st Presbyterian Church of Downey on September 15, 2015. We welcome you to join us! Our services are every Sunday morning at 10:00 am.

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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 Events Center, call William Medina 413-3477.
 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.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 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 905-7103.
 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., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
 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...

Sept. 24, 1957: The Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field before moving to Los Angeles for the next season.
1976: Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery.
1991: The album "Nevermind" by Nirvana was released.
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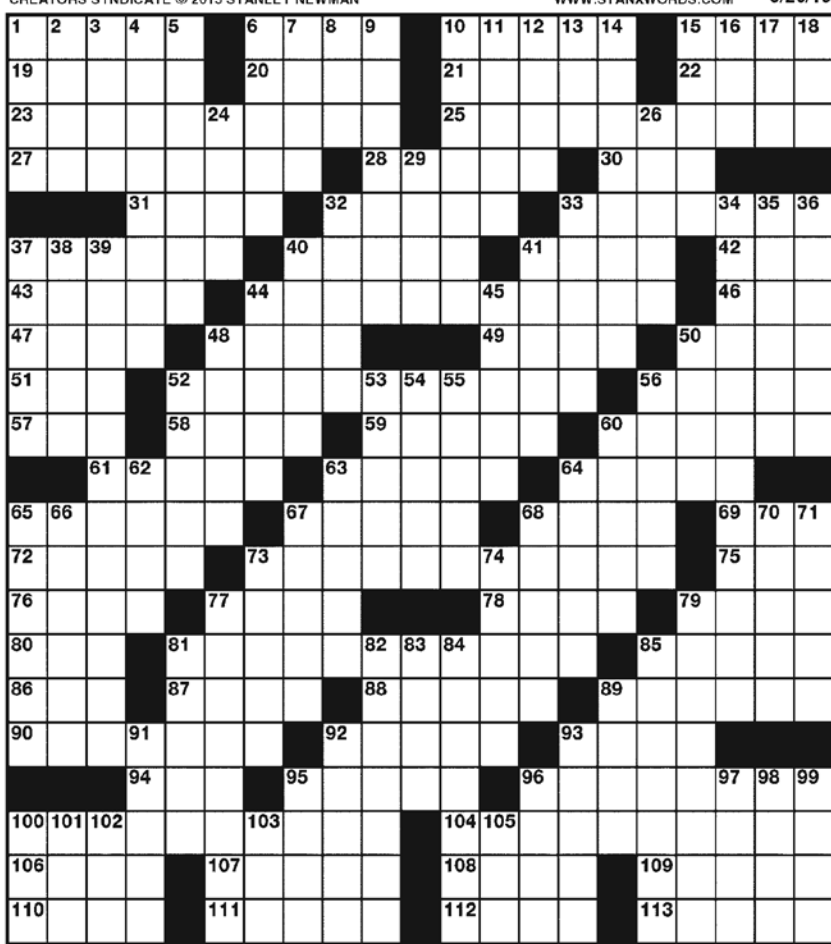
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Author, humorist and pop culture expert Charles Phoenix will lead a program titled "Up With Downey" on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Phoenix will lead a conversation on Downey's storied history complete with music, slideshows and upside-down pineapple cake. Tickets are \$29 and can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com/event/2084086. Proceeds benefit the Downey Conservancy and the Downey Rose Float Association.

"From the moment Steve Lippia starts singing ... you would swear that Frank Sinatra has been resurrected," cheered the New York Daily News. The acclaimed vocalist pays tribute to Sinatra on what would have been his 100th birthday year in a showcase of the legend's hits at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m.

Tickets, starting at \$45, are available at the CCPA Ticket Office and cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

Backed by a 10-piece Swing band, Lippia takes audiences on a musical journey of the icon's timeless songbook in "CENTENNIAL SINATRA," which spotlights Sinatra's early days (with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey) to his historic collaborations with great arrangers (Billy May, Nelson Riddle, and Don Costa), to his work with the Count Basie Orchestra, and the epic concert at Madison Square Garden.

The evening showcases Ol' Blue Eyes' hits, a long list that includes I've Got You Under My Skin; The Lady Is a Tramp; My Way; That's Life; Come Fly With Me; Night and Day; All The Way; My Kind of Town; New York, New York; and The Best Is Yet to Come.



From strip to chip: Everything you need to know about the new generation of payment cards

By Nathaniel Sillin

If you've received a replacement for your credit or debit cards in the mail lately, take a closer look. That little gold chip on the front is going to make it tougher for thieves to steal your data.

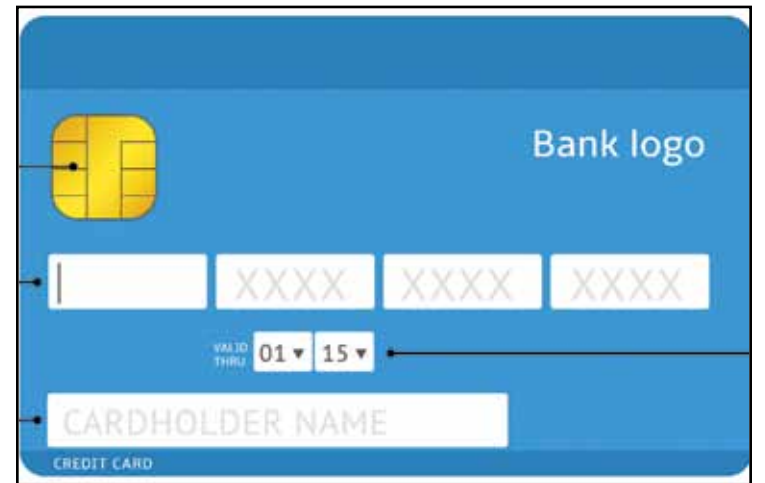
By year-end 2015, Visa estimates that 63 percent of cards in American wallets will feature this new technology (www.VisaChip.com) aimed at derailing counterfeit fraud. The new chip adds a unique, one-time code that changes every time you use your card to make an in-store payment. That automatic security code change makes your data nearly impossible to use to create a counterfeit card.

Counterfeit or "cloned" cards account for about two-thirds of in-store fraud to the tune of \$3 billion, according to Boston-based research firm Aite Group. The transition to chip cards is expected to be nearly complete by year-end 2017.

You'll see very slight differences in using these cards. First, you'll need to insert a chip card into a new slot built for chip cards and keep it there until your purchase is complete. You won't have to swipe traditional magnetic strip on the back anymore. You will still be able to sign, enter a PIN or just pay-and-go for everyday transactions as before. Just remember to take your card with you when the transaction is complete.

However, if you are currently using an old but unexpired card or if the business where you're doing a transaction doesn't have the upgraded chip card equipment, don't panic. The strip on the back of your card will continue to work with all card terminals for the foreseeable future.

For merchants – the collective name for the stores, restaurants and other businesses where you use credit and debit cards every



day – the transition to chip cards is moving along as well. According to a recent survey by Visa, approximately 90 percent of business owners are aware of chip technology and about 70 percent have already upgraded their equipment or have plans to do so. Current estimates show that 47 percent of U.S. terminals will be able to read chip cards by the end of the year.

There's one more incentive for all businesses to get on board with chip card technology: Starting October 1, liability for some counterfeit fraud may shift from the card-issuing financial institutions to retailers unless they are able to accept and process chip card transactions.

For merchants, processing chip transactions will likely involve a hardware or software upgrade somewhat similar to upgrading a cellphone contract. In many cases, the terminal will be included in the cost of the service. About a third of merchant terminals are already chip card-capable and just need a software update to fully function.

For the smallest businesses, some low-cost options for upgrading card acceptance terminals can cost \$100 or less. Square <https://squareup.com/contactless-chip-reader>, for example,

recently announced a new \$49 card reader that accepts chip cards as well as mobile payments and they're giving away 250,000 of them to small business customers at no cost.

If you travel overseas regularly, you've probably already seen chip card technology in action. It's based on a global standard called EMV and is already at work in countries moving to cashless options for private and public goods and services.

One final note. While you're waiting for your new chip cards, you'll still be able to use your current strip-based credit cards in new machines under their zero liability fraud protection rules. However, debit card security rules are different, so it is best to check with your bank on their guidelines so you know your funds are secure.

Bottom line: The move from strip to chip cards will create a more secure environment for credit and debit card users. However, consumers will still need to keep their cards safe and confirm the accuracy of all their spending data.

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Charles Phoenix: UP WITH DOWNEY!!



DATE: Saturday, October 3, 2015
TIME: Doors open at 6pm
LOCATION: Columbia Space Center
 Get your tickets at
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2084086>

Prepare for your local pride to SWELL when Ambassador of Americana, Charles Phoenix, sweeps us away on a retro madcap slide show adventure in search of ... and paying tribute to ... Downey's classic and kitschy landmarks, legends and lore galore!

With his gracious sense of humor, unbridled enthusiasm, and keen expertise, Charles tells the stories and glories of the worlds oldest McDonalds, world's first Taco Bell, Bobs Big Boy Broiler, Chris 'n Pitts, secret "ghost town" remains of the "LA Co Poor Farm", the Carpenters and their Only Just Begin and Close to You Apts, plus mom and pop businesses, mid-century architecture, oddities, local food and Downey's EPIC role in the race for space and so much more!

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ABOUT CHARLES PHOENIX

Ambassador of Americana, Charles Phoenix is a showman, tour guide, food crafter and author. His spirited retro slide show performances, "field trip" tours, "test kitchen" creations and colorful coffee table books celebrate classic and kitschy America's life and style.

Charles was educated at SoCal's theme parks, thrift shops, shopping malls and his dad's used car lots while growing up in Ontario, California.

Look for him on TV this Holiday season as a judge Food Network's Christmas Cake Wars. He has also appeared on Storage Wars, Martha Stewart, Queen Latifah, Conan O'Brian, and is often heard on National Public Radio.

Fans enjoy his colorful spin and genuine reverence for Americana and trust his guide to attractions from coast to coast.

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 on the grass beside a command module
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Festive dress is encouraged but not expected !!!

**Museum Doors at 6pm
 Live Outdoor music 6:30pm
 Slide Show outdoors 7:30pm - 9pm**

Glennfest Film Festival opens this weekend

DOWNEY – Opening night for the fourth annual Glennfest Film Festival in Downey will be Tuesday, Sept. 29. A special screening for children and young adults with special needs will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Krikorian. For more information, visit Glennfest on Facebook or the website at www.Glennfest.com. Below is the full festival schedule:

- SEPTEMBER 26**
Krikorian Theatre
9:00 AM MOVIE SCREENING
(Kids and Young Adults with Special Needs)
- SEPTEMBER 29 (OPENING NIGHT)**
Krikorian Theatre
7:30 PM GRASSLAND
- SEPTEMBER 30**
The Krikorian Theatre
6:00 PM WELCOME TO THE SPACE SHOW (Japanese with English subtitles)
8:20 PM WHEN MARNIE WAS THERE
(in Japanese with English subtitles)
- OCTOBER 1 (World Ballet Day)**
Krikorian Theatre
6:30 PM BALLET BOYS (Norwegian with English subtitles)
8:00 PM MATCH
- OCTOBER 2 (LGBTQ)**
Epic Lounge
6:00 PM Senior Dinner (free)
7:00 PM BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
- OCTOBER 3 (Anime Block)**
Epic Lounge
7:30 AM MAID'S CAFÉ (Snack Bar)
8:30 AM WELCOME TO THE SPACE SHOW (English)
10:45 AM SUMMER WARS (English)
12:00 PM MAID'S CAFÉ (Snack Bar)
1:15 PM JELLYFISH EYES (Japanese with English subtitles)
3:15 PM WHEN MARNIE WAS THERE (Japanese with English subtitles)
9:00 PM ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (Retro-Participation 18+) VIP Seating Available
- OCTOBER 4**
Downey Civic Theatre
3:00 PM LANDFILL HARMONIC (Spanish with English subtitles)
- OCTOBER 5**
Krikorian Theatre
7:30 PM THE GOOB
- OCTOBER 6 (LGBTQ)**
Krikorian Theatre
7:30 PM BOY MEETS GIRL
- OCTOBER 7**
Krikorian Theatre
6:45 PM CHAMP OF THE CAMP (Hindi with English Subtitles)
8:20 PM 100 BLOODY ACRES
- OCTOBER 8 (CLOSING NIGHT)**
Krikorian Theatre
7:15 PM BUTTERFLIES OF BILL BAKER
Epic Lounge - After Party



The Noble Gasses surf band will open Charles Phoenix's "Up with Downey" celebration of Downey history Oct. 3 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center. The Hollywood-based instrumental rock trio will play their usual roster of space-age, surf, and gritty rock and roll numbers, along with their versions of songs by Downey Records recording artists of the past such as The Rumlbers, The Pastel Six, The Chantays, The Hustlers, and The Revels. The Noble Gasses have played throughout Southern California for the past nine years in venues as diverse as The Santa Barbara Spirit of '76 Independence Day Parade, The Los Angeles Museum Of Natural History, The Hollywood Heritage Museum, The Los Angeles Zoo, The Alexandria (Los Angeles), El Cid, The Velaslavasy Panorama Theater, The Besant Lodge, and others.



Fitness trainer Carl Causley was guest speaker at Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis' meeting last week. Causley operates several fitness classes at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, including cardio kickboxing and body sculpting. He is pictured with Los Amigos Kiwanis president Bernice Madariaga.



Don Lamkin, creator of "Downey Doodle-icious," will host his own exhibit at Stay Gallery. "Catch 22" will pay tribute to the gallery's third anniversary and opens Oct. 23. "It's going to be a fun night with live music, food, drinks, art, and friends," Lamkin says.



Local musician Sebastian Sidi will perform a live concert, titled "A Magical Night of Music and Romance," at the Bristol Auditorium in Bellflower on Nov. 7. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at sebastiansidi.com or by calling (562) 544-7774.



"Flashdance," the musical about a Pittsburgh steel mill welder by day and a bar dancer by night with grand dreams of one day becoming a professional performer, will be performed at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Nov. 6-7. Tickets start at \$40 and can be purchased online at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the box office at (562) 467-8818.

Church hosting annual rummage sale

DOWNEY – Downey United Methodist Church will host its annual Harvest Festival Rummage Sale on Oct. 10 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church courtyard. Sale items will include household items, toys, tools, furniture, jewelry, books and collectibles. All clothing items will be priced at \$1 each.

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Retired police officer receives award for volunteer work

DOWNEY – Retired Downey police officer Jeff Toussieng was honored by the Downey Board of Education last week for his extensive volunteer work with Downey schools and students.

Toussieng was hired by the Downey Police Department in 1974 as a police aide and became an officer in 1976. During his extensive career he worked as a patrol officer, K9 handler, DARE officer and detective.

After retirement, he was re-hired by the department in 2008 as a part-time IT technician to maintain the cameras and computers in patrol vehicles.

With his expertise as a lighting technician, electrician and general handyman, Toussieng has volunteered with drama programs at every Downey school. He helps deliver a real theater experience for students, providing state-of-the-art equipment.

“We are not sure where we’d be without him,” said Doty Middle School principal Brent Shubin.

“It’s a pleasure to do what I do at the school,” said Toussieng. “It’s a lot of work, but seeing the parents and students’ reactions to the performances is what makes it all worth it.”

Toussieng was presented the school district’s Shared Value Award in the area of Relationships and Partnerships. Shubin and Stauffer Middle School principal Alyda Mir made the presentation.

“Downey Unified would like to thank Mr. Toussieng for all he has done for our students,” said D. Mark Morris, vice president of the Board of Education. “His dedication goes above and beyond for our students and we are very lucky to have him as a major part of our drama programs.”

Church hosting clothing drive

DOWNEY – First Presbyterian Church of Downey is hosting a clothing drive through Oct. 1.

Clothes should be placed in bags or on hangers, and be clean, washed, wrinkle-free and in good condition.

The church is open during the week and after worship at 11 a.m.

Light and Life Church hosted its 50th anniversary celebration last week. Originally known as The Huntington Park Free Methodist Church, the congregation relocated to Downey and met at McKinley Mortuary. They eventually purchased property at 9245 Florence Ave. and the doors to the new sanctuary opened Sept. 18, 1965.

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Downey vs. Chino Hills HS @ Chino Hills HS; 7 p.m. Warren vs. Western HS @ Western HS; 7 p.m.

Girls' Tennis

Downey vs. Warren @ Warren; 3p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Boys' Cross Country

Dana Hills Invitational (Warren) @ Dana Hills HS; 8 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 28

Girls' Golf

Long Beach Poly vs. Downey @ Recreation Park; 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Girls' Tennis

Gahr HS vs. Downey @ Liberty Park; 3 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

Downey vs. Troy HS @ Troy HS; 3:15 p.m. Warren vs. Santa Fe HS @ Santa Fe HS; 3:15 p.m.

Girls' Golf

Downey vs. Warren @ Rio Hondo Golf Course; 3:30 p.m.

Boys' Water Polo

Downey vs. Whittier HS @ Whittier HS; 3:15 p.m. El Rancho HS vs. Warren @ Warren; 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Girls' Volleyball

El Rancho HS vs. Warren @ Warren; 3:15 p.m.

Girls' Golf

Whitney HS vs. Warren @ Warren; 3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1

Girls' Golf

Downey vs. Warren @ Rio Hondo Golf Course; 3 p.m.

Girls' Tennis

Paramount HS vs. Downey @ Downey; 3 p.m. Lynwood HS vs. Warren @ Warren; 3 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

Downey vs. Dominguez HS @ Dominguez HS; 3:15 p.m. Paramount HS vs. Warren @ Warren; 3:15 p.m.

Boys' Water Polo

Los Amigos HS vs. Downey @ Downey; 3:15 p.m. Warren vs. Millikan HS @ Millikan HS; 3:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Football

Gardena HS vs. Warren @ Warren; 7 p.m.

Girls' Tennis

Warren vs. Paramount HS @ Paramount HS; 3p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS: Bears appear ready to defend tennis league title

By Mark Fetter Contributor

Downey - The Warren High School girls' tennis team currently has a 5-1 record. The Bears defeated Mayfair at Mayfair 13-5 on 9/2, defeated Millikan at Millikan 10-8 on 9/3 and defeated Lakewood at Lakewood 13-5 on 9/10.

Warren defeated Schurr at Warren 11-7 on 9/14, were defeated by Long Beach Wilson at Wilson 16-2 on 9/16 and defeated Whittier at Warren 15-3 on Monday. The loss against Wilson was the first of the year for the Bears.

The Bears have played four of their first six matches on the road in preparation for the start of their busy league schedule. The Bears have been battle tested and are now ready for league play to start and to defend their league title.

Warren is the 2014 S.G.V.L. champion. The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 18-2 and league record of 11-1. Warren defeated Lompoc at Warren in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs before losing to Cerritos at Cerritos in the second round.

Warren began S.G.V.L. play Tuesday against Paramount at Warren and played Gahr at Gahr yesterday (score not available at press time). The Bears will host cross-town rival Downey on Sept.25 and then host Lynwood on Oct. 1.

The S.G.V.L. will be highly competitive once again this year. Downey and Paramount should challenge Warren for league supremacy. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are looking forward to the start of league play and making another run in the C.I.F. playoffs.

The Downey High School football team defeated Long Beach Millikan last Friday night at Downey, 41-28. With the win, Downey improved to 2-2 on the season while Millikan fell to 2-2.

Downey will travel to Chino Hills later today to play the Huskies (2-2). Chino Hills is coming off a 63-28 loss at Bishop Amat last Friday night. Downey did not play the Huskies last season but did play Huntington Beach in week five.

In the Millikan game, the Downey offense completed 5/12 pass attempts for 161 yards and one touchdown. The Viking ground game accumulated 391 yards on 34 carries and five touchdowns. Running back Daevon Vigilant led the way for the Vikings with 268 of those rushing yards and four touchdowns.

Downey amassed 552 yards on offense.

The Millikan offense completed 14/35 pass attempts for 170 passing yards and two interceptions while the Ram rushing attack had 204 rushing yards on 31 carries. The Rams had 374 yards of offense.

Downey jumped out to an early lead and led 20-3 at halftime. Millikan cut Downey's lead to 27-15 at the end of the third quarter as they outscored the Vikings 12-7 in the third quarter. Downey answered back by scoring two quick touchdowns in the fourth quarter and took a commanding 41-15 lead with ten minutes to play. The Rams scored two late touchdowns to close the score to 41-28 but it was not enough. Downey won by that same 41-28 score.

Downey will have their bye week after the Chino Hills game tonight. The Viking preseason schedule will now come to a close. The Vikings will open S.G.V.L. play when they host Dominguez on October 9. Coach Williams, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of San Gabriel Valley League play and another playoff run.

The Warren High School football team defeated Firebaugh last Friday night at Lynwood 66-0. With the win, Warren improved to 2-1 on the young season while Firebaugh fell to 0-4.

Warren will travel to Western High School of Anaheim later today for their game against the Pioneers. Western is 1-3 and is coming off a 34-7 loss against El Modena at home.

In the Firebaugh game, the Bears jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Warren scored 36 points in the first quarter and tacked on another 23 points in the second quarter. The score at halftime was 59-0. The Bears scored another touchdown in the third quarter and led 66-0 at the end of the quarter. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter and Warren won the game by that same 66-0 score.

Warren will host Gardena next Friday night in their last preseason game. The Bears will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Paramount on October 9. The Bears have an excellent chance of winning their two remaining preseason games and starting league play with a 4-1 record. Coach Lara, his staff and players have certainly opened some eyes with their improved play.

Warren will host cross-town rival Downey on Oct. 23. That game against Downey will serve as a measuring stick

on how far the Bears have come in the past two years. The Bears lost last year's Downey-Warren game 49-19. The Bears are looking forward to the start of league play and proving how far they have come in such a short period of time.

Downey High School is in the process of producing a school newsletter to keep followers up to date on the "goings and the successes of Downey student athletes and alumni."

This week's edition featured information about football by Millikan, girls' volleyball, girls' golf, alumni Joy Miley (Marquette University), alumni Idalis Gonzalez (University of Louisiana-Monroe) and alumni Jabari Ruffin (USC).

Nicole Boyle is the new girls' volleyball coach at Downey High. Boyle is taking over from long time head coach and alumni Andrea Sims. Downey currently has an overall record of 2-6 and have not started league play.

The Lady Vikings were defeated by Gustine at Gustine 2-0 on 8/29, were defeated by Lakewood at Lakewood 3-0 on 9/3 and were defeated by Millikan at Millikan 3-2 on 9/5.

Strong defense paces Bosco to 55-7 win

CERRITOS - With the Crespi Celtic Drum Brigade playing in the background, St. John Bosco's defense didn't miss a beat as they shut down the Crespi Celts in a 55-7 win last Friday.

The Braves defensive unit took head coach Jason Negro's challenge "to play more physical" to heart and completely shut down the Crespi offense in the second half of this game.

Lead by the defensive line play of Jacob Collier and Adam Sanchez the Braves swarming defense didn't allow the Crespi offense past midfield the entire second-half of the contest. The Celts offense was stifled by Bosco, going three and out on their first four possessions and then having their fifth possession end in an interception by the Braves' Level Price on the final play of the game.

Offensively the Braves continued to put up Arena Football like numbers as they jumped out to the early 20-0 first quarter advantage. By halftime the Braves had stretched their lead to 34-7.

Coming out of the locker room Bosco took the second half kickoff and capped off their 75-yard scoring drive with a Sean McGrew 16-yard scamper up the right sideline for the touchdown and put the game out of reach at 41-7. McGrew's score was set up by a 26-yard pass from QB Quentin Davis to WR Kristian Gilbert, Davis finished his night completing 14 of 19 passes for 256 yards.

By the middle of the third quarter the Bosco coaching staff was able to freely rotate players in and those players hit the ground running, literally.

Junior Tailback Terrence Beasley bolted threw the line of scrimmage and left the Crespi defense grasping at air en route to his 58-yard touchdown run.

Fellow junior tailback Adrian Ochoa finished off Bosco's scoring for the night. Ochoa carried the ball four consecutive plays covering 54 yards before pounding his way into the end zone from five yards out and ending the evening's scoring at 55-7.

Tonight, Bosco takes their 4-0 record to New Jersey to play St. Peter's Prep (Jersey City, NJ). Kickoff is 5:30 p.m. EST.

-Michael Smith, contributor

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DUSD test scores climbing

Downey - Scores on the California Standards Test (CST) in the Downey Unified School District continued to increase, even while scores by the state slipped down slightly for the first time in years.

Students are tested in history in grades 8 and 11 and at the end of courses in other high school grades. Science CST scores were even better with 65.3 percent of Downey students scoring proficient or advanced, an increase of 3 percent from the prior year, which was 6.2 percent above the state average.

PIH HEALTH BUYING LAND FROM DOWNEY

Downey - PIH Health is still awaiting approval from the California Attorney General to take over Downey Regional Medical Center but in the meantime has reached a deal to purchase the city-owned land for \$9.8 million.

The purchase agreement requires PIH Health to operate a hospital on the site until 2016. After 2016, PIH Health must operate a hospital or medical-related use on the site long term.

Archbishop Gomez helps rededicate St. Matthias

Downey's only Catholic high school re-opened Monday as co-ed campus.

The turnout was large, fully 500 and celebratory last Friday at the hour-long history and dedication ceremony of the reconstructed and newly-named St. Matthias Academy on Gardendale Street.

School board race gets crowded

Downey's school board incumbents face challengers in November election.

Downey's school board incumbents face challengers in November election. Samperi, who has been on the board since 2011, represents District 2, which extends from Imperial Highway beyond the I-105 freeway over to the intersection of Woodside and Rossmore avenues.

Funding opportunity for non-profit arts groups

Applications are now open for Los Angeles County nonprofit arts organizations interested in hiring college undergraduate interns through the Los Angeles County Arts Internship Program. The deadline to apply is November 4, 2015. Program guidelines and eligibility requirements can be found at lacountyarts.org/internships.

The internship program is for ten weeks during the summer of 2016 and provides undergraduate students with paid on-the-job training and experience working in nonprofit arts management, while offering organizations an opportunity to foster and develop future arts leaders.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission, on behalf of the County, provides grants totaling \$514,000 to fund approximately 130 internships at arts organizations throughout the region.

Organizations interested in hiring a summer intern can apply to receive grants of \$2,700 to \$4,700, depending on budget size, to be used to pay an intern.

The program is for Los Angeles County nonprofit performing, presenting (including film and media organizations with a presenting program), arts service, municipal and literary arts organizations that are interested in mentoring an undergraduate college student for ten weeks during the summer of 2016. For detailed guidelines and eligibility requirements, visit lacountyarts.org/internships.

A number of free application workshops will be held across the County in early October. For more information on workshop dates, locations, and registration, please visit lacountyarts.org/InternWorkshopOrgs.html.

For more information about the Internship Program, email internship@arts.lacounty.gov or call (213) 202-5858.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission fosters excellence, diversity, vitality, understanding and accessibility of the arts in Los Angeles County. The Arts Commission provides leadership in cultural services for the County's 88 municipalities including funding and job opportunities, professional development and general cultural resources.

For more information, visit lacountyarts.org.

POETRY MATTERS

Try to Praise the Mutilated World

Try to praise the mutilated world.
Remember June's long days,
and wild strawberries, drops of wine, the dew.
The nettles that methodically overgrow
the abandoned homesteads of exiles.
You must praise the mutilated world.
You watched the stylish yachts and ships;
one of them had a long trip ahead of it,
while salty oblivion awaited others.
You've seen the refugees heading nowhere,
you've heard the executioners sing joyfully.
You should praise the mutilated world.
Remember the moments when we were together
in a white room and the curtain fluttered.
Return in thought to the concert where music flared.
You gathered acorns in the park in autumn
and leaves eddied over the earth's scars.
Praise the mutilated world
and the grey feather a thrush lost,
and the gentle light that strays and vanishes
and returns.

Adam Jagajewski, translated by Renata Gorczynski

Can poetry save the world? Published a few days after the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers, this poem quickly became the most memorable verse statement on the tragedy, and arguably the best-known poem of the last 10 years. Zagajewski had taken a trip with his father through Ukrainian villages which had been forcibly abandoned. "There were these broken houses. It became in my memory this mutilated world, these villages, and at the same time they were beautiful," he says. "It's something that I reacted to, this contest between beauty and disaster." The refugees and the music Matter co-exist even today. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

The Fire

Gail Earl's family experience with a threatening fire near the Colorado River reminds us all to reflect on what is important in life. While "her" fire was not as destructive as the recent fires in northern California, it evokes similar feelings and lessons. 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 Gail Earl

As we were half way to the river, we received a phone call from our neighbor there. He knew we were coming and he wanted to warn us not to come. There was a big fire and they were in the process of evacuating the area of our house. Everyone was being evacuated to a school.

We decided to continue on and hope for the best. When we got there we were stopped by the police and told we couldn't enter our street. Our property is on the river and enclosed by a private gate, so there is only one way in or out.

We drove across the river and parked in the boat launch and watched all of the helicopters hover over the river, suck up water, take off, and drop it on the fire. There were several planes with

scoop buckets and many helicopters all working together.

It was quite a sight to see. The smoke was very black and thick and growing. We are surrounded by desert so there is a lot of brush to burn.

The most amazing sight was how many idiots on jet skis and boats were in the water right under where the helicopters were trying to scoop up water. I so wished there was a police boat there at the time to give them all tickets for being so stupid. It was really irritating.

Because of the smoke it was very hard to tell just how close the fire actually was. There were fire trucks at the entrance to our home and they were there to hold the fire back from getting to the nine homes inside the gates.

We watched all of the activity for a while and then decided that we would go to a hotel and stay. Now, I am the calm one and I expected my husband to be a little more concerned than he was. He was so calm it seemed weird. He just kept saying, "We have good insurance. If it burns down, it burns down."

The fire burned for three days before they had complete containment.

Our nine-year old granddaughter Savannah loved the idea of staying in the hotel. She thought this was great fun! She instantly called "dibs" on the shower caps and little soaps in the room.

I asked her what in the world she wanted a shower cap for, and she told me she was going to wear it every time she cooked with her mom, just like the lunch lady wore. That little girl sure keeps a smile on my face. And yes, I have seen her wear it since.

The fire destroyed 18 structures, caused no fatalities to humans, and burned over 6000 acres; but it never touched our house. I am very thankful. That house is our dream home that we designed and built fifteen years ago. I would hate to lose it, but this experience has reinforced by life-long beliefs. It is all just stuff and can be replaced. My treasures are all in the people I spend my life with.

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Buyers are still out there: buyers never stop looking. A serious buyer is looking at new homes online 24/7, even through the holidays. If the right home appears, they're ready to make the move. In fact, it could be that buyers in the early winter months are even more motivated than buyers in warmer months because there is less going on. They have fewer distractions and are laser focused on finding a home.

Less competition: A lot of people still buy into the old thinking that real estate slows to a crawl by October and virtually stops from Thanksgiving until, say, Valentine's Day. As a consequence, many potential sellers figure there's no reason to go on the market during these months. So they wait for spring. And that's good news for you, because less inventory on the market = less competition for you.

Existing Market Is More Flexible: Fall is the perfect time to enter the real estate market because while you're coming in, confident that selling in the "off season" will work for you, everyone still left on the market from summer is desperate for a sale. Since selling a house usually means you're looking for another, you'll find the existing market is much more flexible in negotiations. If you find a bargain on your new autumn home, you'll be more empowered to make strategic decisions in the selling process of your former house.

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NEW DOWNEY LISTINGS!

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY

ELEGANT MANSION

6 BD, 6 BA, 6,063 sq. ft., family room w/ fireplace, office & kitchen w/ built-in appliances. Master suite w/walk-in closet, master BA w/sauna room & 2 car garage.
List Price: \$1,199,950

N.E. DOWNEY POOL HOME

4 BD, 4.5 BA, 4,942 sq. ft., 12,112 sq. ft. lot, large pool, luxurious master suite with fireplace, and guest house with bathroom behind 2 car garage.
List Price: \$1,349,950

CENTRALLY LOCATED

3 BD, 2 BA North Downey Home!
1,785 sq. ft. living space, den with fireplace, hardwood floors, 5 year old kitchen & new roof.
List Price: \$574,950

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY!

4 BD, 3 BA NW Downey home with upstairs master BD & BA, junior master BD, updated kitchen, den, bonus room & 2 car garage.
List Price: \$659,900

OPEN HOUSE SAT & SUN

FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET

4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2,331 sq. ft. NW Downey home on a 10k sq. ft. lot. New roof, new kitchen appliances, fresh paint and new garage door.
List Price: \$699,900

THE PERFECT STARTER HOME

3 BD, 1 BA, family room with fireplace, remodeled kitchen & bathroom, newer windows, & new carpet in bedrooms.
List Price: \$439,950

ORANGE ESTATES SPANISH CHARMER

2 BD, 2 remodeled baths, den with fireplace, hardwood floors, & central A/C -- all on a 9,921 sq. ft. lot w/pool.
List Price: \$595,000

NEAR STONEMOOD MALL

N.E. Downey! 4 BD, 4.5 BA, 2,808 sq. ft., large master suite, all BD's have their own BA, freshly painted exterior & central A/C.
List Price: \$799,000

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