

Downey real estate stats for July 2017

DOWNEY – The city of Downey saw 70 new real estate listings in July 2017, down 3% from one year ago, according to statistics released by the Downey Association of Realtors.

However, closed listings for July totaled 48, up 33% from 2016.

The average sales price last month was \$532,500, which was even with prices from a year ago.

Year to date, 281 homes averaging a selling price of \$599,504 have sold in Downey.

Art of Rancho exhibit returns Sept. 27

DOWNEY – The 21st annual Art of Rancho Exhibition, featuring artwork created by patients of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 6-9 p.m.

The exhibit will showcase the masterpieces of nearly 50 Rancho "graduates" and pediatric artists, many of whom have overcome their disabilities to produce spectacular works.

Guests must be at least 12 years old to attend. Business attire is requested.

The exhibit will be held in the Room 1150 of the hospital's Support Services Annex.

Two years after killing, family still waiting for justice

DOWNEY – The family of a homicide victim is asking for help to bring their loved one's suspected killer into custody, now two years after his death.

On Aug. 14, 2015, 28-year-old Andrew Martin Rosales was shot and killed in the 7000 block of Stewart and Gray Road after an argument turned violent.



Johosua Ruvalcaba

The suspect – Jehosua Ruvalcaba – is a Latino man standing at 5 feet 5 inches tall, with horn tattoos on his hairline. At the time of the murder, he was described as around 165 pounds.

Ruvalcaba has yet to be brought into custody, a fact that has continuously frustrated and tormented Rosales's family.

The family says that there have been recent sightings of Ruvalcaba in areas around Southern California, which they say they have reported to Downey Police. Yet all attempts to try and bring Ruvalcaba into custody seem to be fruitless.

"I called them [Downey Police] and they told me that they need a location and everything else, where he's at," said Lisa Rosales, the victim's mom. "It's like you're doing their job, they're not doing the job."

Jennifer Irrobali, the victim's sister-in-law, added to these frustrations.

"When I called and told them about the recent leads and the recent viewings of him -the sightings and stuff – they don't respond to the phone call," said Irrobali. "I called them about three times already. I haven't gotten a response back."

The family has now resorted to setting up a Go Fund Me page, with the hopes to raise enough money to hire a private investigator in an attempt to get answers.

They say they want justice and communication from authorities.

"Bring him in," said Irrobali. "Let us know what we should know. We know that there's boundaries, but still we should have some communication."

According to Downey Police Detective Steve Aubuchon, there have been some leads, however, nothing has led to Ruvalcaba's arrest. The investigation remains active.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Downey Police.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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Starbucks to replace Walgreens at Florence and Paramount



An artist's rendering of the new Starbucks coming to Paramount Boulevard and Florence Avenue.

a Walgreens pharmacy, which ceased operations in September 2016. Surrounding businesses include Tacos El Gavilan, Marketplace Grill, CVS, Chase Bank, Tropicana Restaurant, and Kyoto Sushi.

According to city staff's report, the Starbucks will "bring liveliness to the southwest corner of Florence Avenue and Paramount Boulevard, that does not currently exist in the area." Staff's report anticipates that the new café will benefit the entire shopping center and the adjoining uses.

The drive-thru queue will be contained on-site and wrap around the building. Traffic in the intersection will not be impacted, city officials said.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

DOWNEY – Downey Planning Commission unanimously approved plans for a new Starbucks at their meeting last week.

The new 1,785 square foot Starbucks – located at 7966 Florence Avenue – will include a drive-thru and outdoor patio.

The location was formerly

Officer Matthew Bassi of the Downey Police Department visited Kirkwood Christian Schools last week, thrilling the staff and students.

Bassi explained all the equipment he carries on his body and motorcycle, and rode away to a standing ovation



Symphonic Society elects officers

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphonic Society has elected its officers for the 2017-18 season.

Don Marshall will serve as president, Larry Lewis as vice president, and Bill Hare and Ruth Hillecke will be treasurer and

secretary, respectively.

The board also elected three new directors: Eric Pierce, editor of the Downey Patriot; Cindy Kovach, manager of U.S. Bank; and Lars Clutterham, a professional composer from Downey.

"As we approach our 60th season, these new directors will greatly help us connect with the community and raise the support we need for the Symphony to continue offering high quality musical performances," said Don Marshall.

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In Memory of
Lorraine Colley

April 19, 1925 - August 2, 2017

On August 2, 2017, Lorraine (Laney) Colley danced off this earth into the arms of Bob, her loving husband of 71 years, who had been awaiting her arrival at Heaven's gate since August of 2014.

Laney was born on April 19, 1925 at The Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles, California. She was raised in South Gate, California by her parents who were both born on farms in Cherokee, Iowa. Her parents taught her how to garden, cook, sew and the meaning of hard work.

While attending South Gate High, she met the love of her life, Bob, at the local skating rink in South Gate at the age of 15. Laney was just 18 and Bob 19 when they were married on July 25, 1943 by Bob's stepfather, Judge E.P. Woods, in his family home. Following a one-night honeymoon, Bob immediately shipped out for army boot camp and Laney went to work at Sterling Motors, proudly serving our country as a Rosie the Riveter. Bob loved her to the ends of the earth and spoiled her with his love.

After the war Laney and Bob built their first home in Downey, eventually moving three times within the city. After working in several prior jobs, Laney found a rewarding lifetime career as a court clerk. Being entrepreneurial by nature, Laney also enjoyed many side businesses. She bought and sold fixer-upper properties and in the early 1960's one of the properties became the location of her dream business, "Lorraine's Flowers and Gifts".

Laney eventually combined Lorraine's Flowers and Gifts with Saywell's Florist in Downey. She was very proud to be the owner of Saywell's Florist as it was the oldest flower shop in Downey, having first opened for business in 1925. Under her direction, Saywell-Lorraine's Flowers designed award winning floral headdresses. After Laney and Bob retired, they both earned their teaching credentials and together they taught R.O.P. classes in Floral Design. It was their way of giving back to the community.

Laney was happy with her life all the way to the end. She had a "To Do List" any 92 year old would envy, including Golf Lessons, Bocce Ball, Computer Classes, and Vegan Cooking. Her list was endless with possibilities. Laney was a pistol and a kick in the pants all the way to her last breath!! She will be sorely missed by all who loved her and the lives that she has touched.

Lorraine (Laney) Colley is survived by her Daughter Linda; Son and Daughter-in-law Bob and Lawdra; Grandchildren Rob, Russell, and Liz; her Great Grandson Robin; along with many nieces, nephews and close family friends whom she considered family.

Viewing will be at Rose Hills Gate 1 in the Visitation Center on Friday August 25th, 2017 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Funeral Services will be held at Sky Rose Chapel at Rose Hills Gate 1 on Saturday August 26th at 1:00pm. A Graveside Internment service will be conducted immediately afterwards.

Following the Internment, celebration of Laney's life reception will be held at Rio Hondo Golf Course 10027 Old River School Road, Downey, CA 90240. If you plan on attending the reception, please RSVP with Linda at (562) 225-1000.



Felo Ramirez, Hall of Fame Cuban baseball announcer, dies at 94

Rafael "Felo" Ramirez, Hall of Fame Spanish-language radio voice of the Miami Marlins, has died at the age of 94, according to multiple news sources.

Ramirez died Wednesday, according to the Miami Marlins.

"The entire Marlins organization is deeply saddened by the loss of a

great friend, Hall-of-Fame broadcaster and community icon, Felo Ramirez," the Marlins said in the statement.

"Since our inaugural season, he brought home practically every magical moment in franchise history to generations of fans. A true broadcast legend ... his extensive contributions to our game will never be

forgotten."

Ramirez was still broadcasting Marlins games when he fell while getting off the Marlins' team bus on April 26. He was recovering in Miami.

Ramirez started his broadcast career in Cuba in 1945. He called 31 World Series and All-Star games in Spanish. In 1993, he became the Spanish-language announcer for the Marlins. He was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame after receiving the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters in 2001.

His longtime broadcast partner Luis Quintana told the Miami Herald:

"There's never been anybody in Spanish broadcasting who has called as many games as he has. He's dedicated his life to baseball. When the season ended here in the United States, he would go call games in Venezuela, Puerto Rico. He would call winter league games -- even juvenile games.

"His life is baseball, and there isn't a broadcaster in Spanish radio today who isn't influenced by Felo."

Ramirez was born in Cuba in 1923. He left the country in the early 1960s, after Fidel Castro's revolution.

According to the Marlins, Ramirez was the first Hispanic broadcaster to have his narration included at the Hall of Fame, with his call of Hank Aaron's 715th home run, his call of Roberto Clemente's 3000th hit and Don Larsen's perfect game during Game 5 of the 1956 World Series.

In Memory of
Jean Mary Beleckas

October 14, 1942 - August 15, 2017



Jean was a Downey resident for 37 years; was an underwriter for Royal Globe Insurance Co. for 35 yrs; and the current president of the Downey Newcomers Club.

Survivors include: her mother Victoria Winter of Downey, CA, brothers Louis Winter (Janet) of Fredericksburg, VA., William Winter (Mary) of Cairo, GA. Niece Holly Joy Winter of Dumfries, VA, Nephews

Michael Winter (Tina) of Buchanan, WV., James Winter (Kelley) of Monroe, NC., great nieces and nephews Nicholas, Mia and Angelina Winter of Buchanan, WV., Chase and Riley of Monroe, NC.

She was preceded in death by: her father John Beleckas of Brooklyn NY and her step father Edward Winter of Livingston NJ.

Visitation & Rosary will be held Mon Aug. 28, 4-7 pm at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary, 10229 Paramount Blvd. Downey, CA 90241.. Memorial Mass, Tues. Aug. 29, 10:30 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Her interment will be in Corinth, NY.

The family invites you to a luncheon following the mass at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary .

In Lieu of Flowers the family request a monetary gift in the name of Jean Beleckas to the "Living Help" fund in c/o of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 10727 So. Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241.



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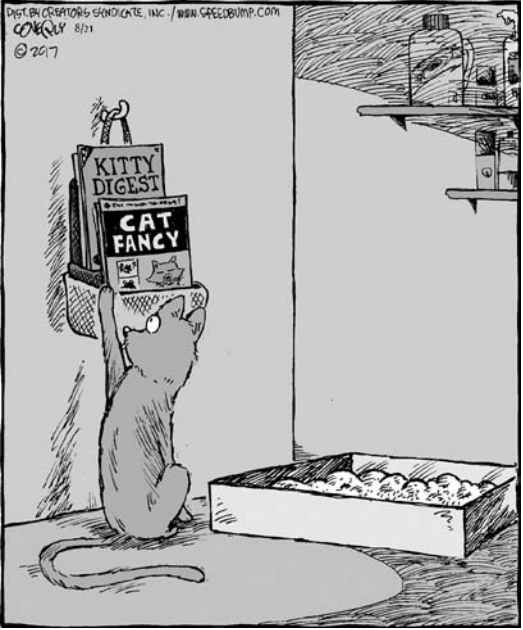
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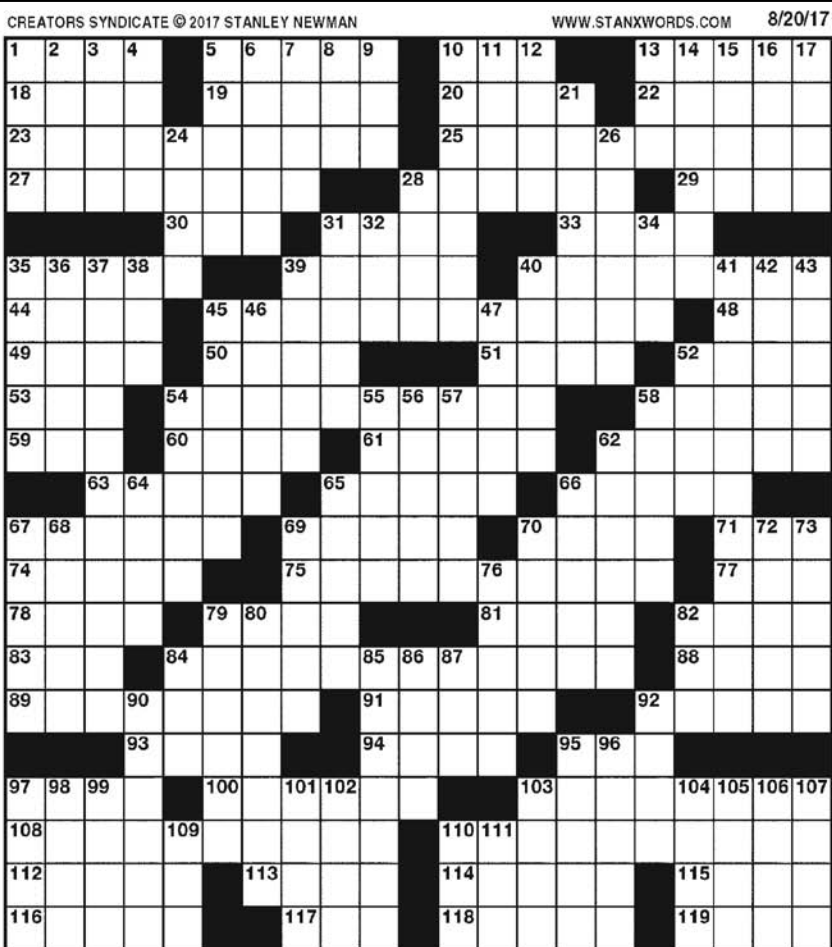
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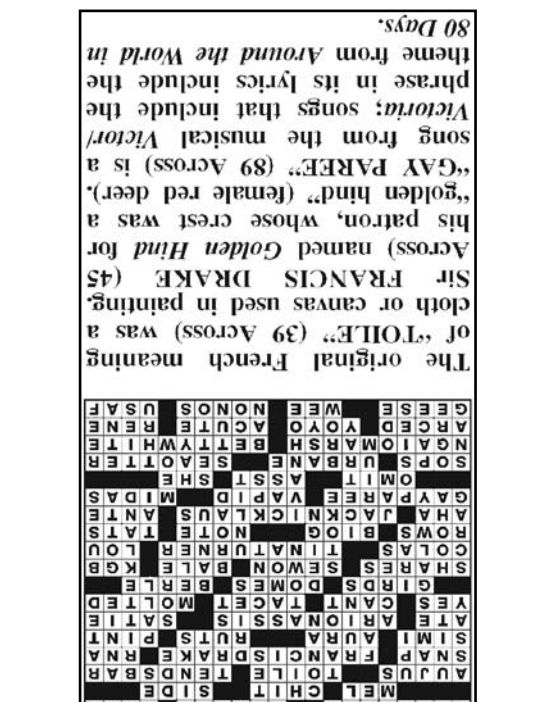


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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Chloe Coscarelli ("Chef Chloe") is a well-known vegan chef and a dear family friend. It's remarkable what a following she has developed.



Some seven million adult Americans have currently adopted a vegan diet. Are there really any additional health benefits to a completely plant-based diet? What about risks? Is it a fad, or is there a scientific basis for undertaking a vegan diet?

Veganism is a way of living that attempts to exclude all forms of animal exploitation and cruelty, whether for food, clothing, or any other purpose. A vegan diet eliminates meat and poultry, fish and seafood, dairy, eggs, bee products, and animal-based ingredients like whey, casein, lactose, egg white albumen, and gelatin. It's certainly not easy! Motivations for becoming a vegan vary. They may relate to ethics or environmental concerns, or come from a desire to improve one's health.

What are the health benefits of adopting a vegan diet?

It is often accompanied by weight loss, as a result of the much lower fat content in vegetables, fruits and grains, as compared to meat and dairy. After exercise is controlled for, the vegan diet seems to result in more weight loss than the American Diabetic

Association diet, the American Heart Association diet, or the National Education Program diet. Even more interesting, researchers found that participants on vegan diets lose more weight than participants in calorie-restricted diets, even when the vegans are allowed to eat until they feel full.

- A vegan diet may help to keep blood sugar levels down, to raise insulin sensitivity, and to significantly lower the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, even when compared to the three diets mentioned above. This is likely due to the high fiber content.

- A vegan diet helps to keep the heart healthy; studies show that vegans may have a far lower risk of developing high blood pressure as well as a lower risk of dying from heart disease. Vegan diets are effective at reducing blood pressure, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol.

- There may be a host of other benefits. Studies are investigating claims that a vegan diet reduces arthritis pain, maintains kidney function, slows the progression of memory loss in Alzheimer's dementia, and may lower the risk of dying from many cancers.

What are the health risks and disadvantages of a vegan diet?

- The vegan diet may lead to low blood levels of vitamin B12, vitamin D, long-chain omega-3, iodine, iron, calcium, and zinc. Eating mostly nutrient-rich plant foods, eating fortified foods, and adding supplements will lower this risk significantly.

- Going on a vegan diet can become even more complicated if you already have dietary restrictions, such as a gluten free diet, a renal or diabetic diet, a nut allergy, etc.

- A vegan diet may involve a lot of forethought in order to get adequate nutrition, as does a diabetic diet. While ultimately diabetics can bring their sugar into much better control with a vegan diet, it does involve careful meal planning. This also pertains to patients with osteoporosis, who require adequate intake of calcium and vitamin D.

- Food shopping and dining out will be limited. As the vegan diet becomes more common, this is becoming a bit easier.

According to a study published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a diet that excludes meat, fish, poultry, eggs, and dairy could prevent 8.1 million deaths annually across the planet. Of course, following a vegan diet does not automatically lead to good health. Health is improved by a balance of diet, exercise, and lifestyle.

Still, it is clear that a plant-based diet cannot only significantly improve the health of those who practice it, but also benefit our planet.

Have I chosen a vegan diet for myself? No, not yet...but I have seriously considered it. If you should make that decision, be ready to plan and prepare wisely, consider supplements, and discuss it with your physician.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Survey: Most kids with contact lenses practice bad habits

More than 6 in 7 adolescents (85 percent) who wear contact lenses report at least one habit that increases the chance of an eye infection, according to a report published last week in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Eye infections can lead to serious problems, including blindness. All contact lens wearers can help prevent serious eye infections by correctly wearing and caring for their contact lenses.

These are the first CDC data on the wear and care habits of the estimated 3 million U.S. adolescents ages 12 to 17 years who use contact lenses. CDC is releasing this new data to coincide with Contact Lens Health Week, August 21-25. The awareness week promotes healthy wear and care practices to help contact lens wearers reduce their chances of getting an eye infection.

"Contact lenses are a safe and effective way to correct your vision when they are worn and cared for as recommended," said Jennifer Cope, M.D., M.P.H., medical epidemiologist in CDC's Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch. "However, adolescents and adults can

improve the way they take care of their contact lenses to reduce their risk of serious eye infections."

The new CDC report found:

- Eighty-five percent of adolescents (ages 12-17), 81 percent of young adults (ages 18-24), and 87 percent of adults (ages 25 and older) reported a habit that increases their chance of an eye infection and could threaten their vision.

Adolescents most frequently reported these risky habits:

- Not visiting an eye doctor at least once a year (44 percent)
- Sleeping or napping while wearing lenses (30 percent)
- Swimming while wearing lenses (27 percent)

The most frequently reported risky habits among young adults and adults were:

- Not replacing lenses as often as prescribed (52 and 45 percent, respectively)
- Not regularly replacing storage cases (41 and 42 percent)

- Sleeping while wearing lenses (33 and 33 percent)
- Swimming while wearing lenses (28 and 33 percent)

Wearing contact lenses can increase your chances of getting a severe eye infection caused by germs commonly found in water. It is important for people who wear contact lenses to properly clean their lenses and regularly visit an eye care provider to keep their eyes healthy. CDC encourages parents of adolescents to promote healthy habits so their children can develop and maintain these healthy behaviors as young adults and adults.

- Replace your contact lens case regularly. Germs are more likely to get on the case when they are not replaced regularly. This leads to more complications and eye problems.

- Don't sleep or nap while wearing contact lenses. Sleeping in contact lenses increases the chance of an eye infection by 6 to 8 times.

- Don't swim or shower while wearing contact lenses. Contact lenses can carry germs from the water into the eye.

JOINING FRISCHER MEDICAL GROUP



Dr. Laura Frischer has joined Frischer Medical Group in Downey this July.

Dr. Frischer earned her medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed her residency at Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles Medical Center. She has been honored for her work in Neuroscience, and as a

medical student won scholarships and awards for commitment to patient care.

Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Frischer traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina where she provided volunteer medical services. She is the daughter of Dr. Alan Frischer.

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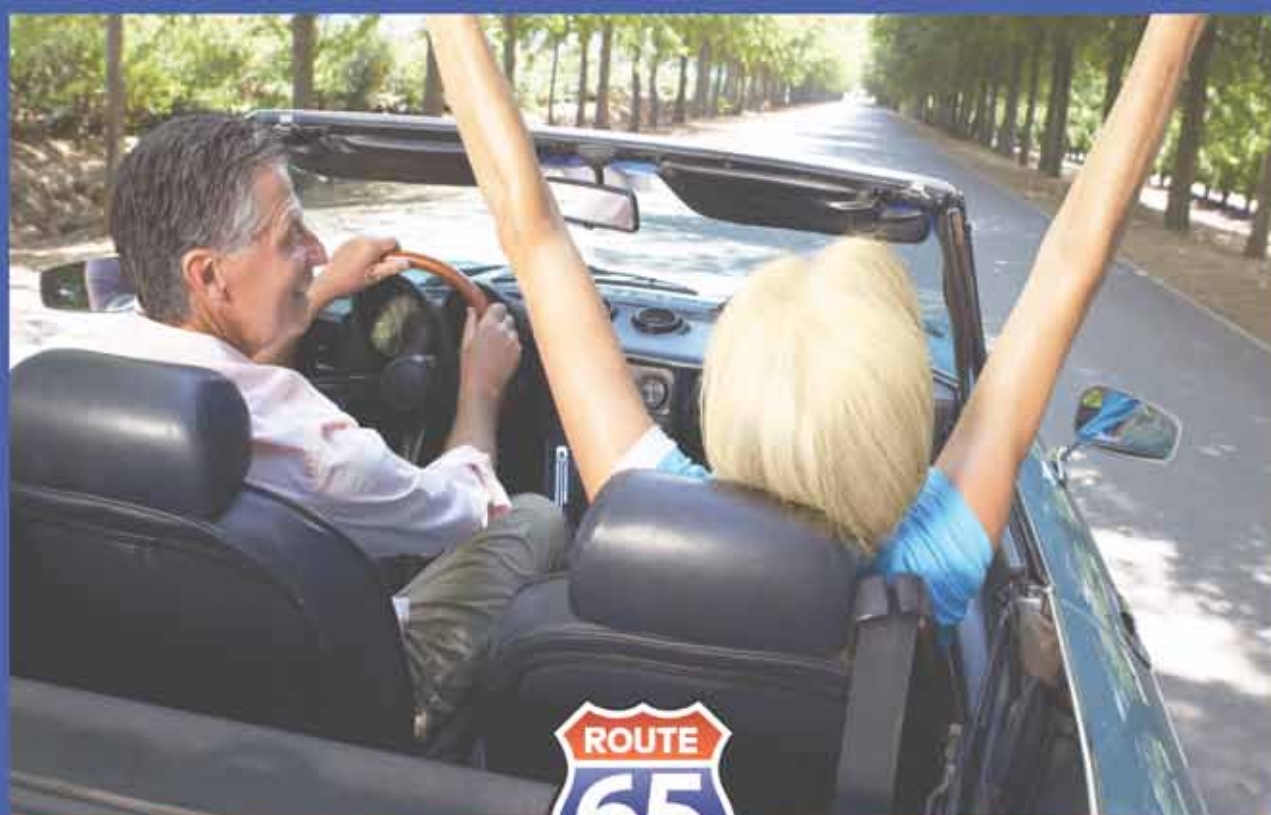
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Local magician John Zander will present three unique magic acts this Sunday at the Downey Masonic Lodge at 1 p.m.

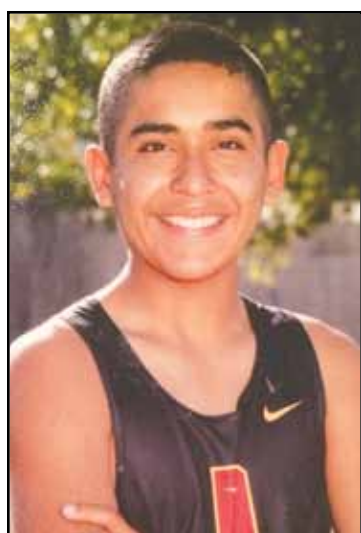
The show will feature magic by Tony Baron and his unique brand of fun magic.

Following Baron will be Downey's own John Zander. He was voted Orange County's Stage Magician of the Year two years in a row, and his routines have sold around the world. His show is filled with comedy, magic and audience participation.

Closing the show will be comedy mentalism team known as the Zaron Twins, who are said to possess the ability to read minds.

The show is family-friendly and will take place inside the Masonic Lodge's air-conditioned theater. Snacks will be available for purchase.

Tickets to the show are \$10 and can be purchased online at johnzander.com/showtickets or at the door.



Downey High School senior Sergio Salas II ran with the USA Cross Country Down Under team over the summer, spending two weeks in Australia to participate.

Salas placed 37th out of over 3,025 runners in the Gold Coast 5.7k challenge, and 11th over 100 boys in his age division in the All American Race.

In all, Salas earned three medals.

Mayor's Corner: Five years of balanced budgets

By Mayor Fernando Vasquez

Hello, Downey!

At our City Council meeting in June, my council colleagues and I passed the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. This budget is something our residents can be proud of. Hindsight is 20/20, and our city staff has put forth a solid, balanced, responsible and most importantly fiscally conservative budget. This will be the fifth straight year of having a balanced budget.

Like every other city, we have challenges, but we are still in a good position. Our unemployment rate is at 3.6%, the lowest since September 2008. The U.S. economy has been in a steady but slow-growth mode for years and as a result, Downey residents' median household income is 104% and 108% of the county and national average, respectively. Still, there are challenges that lie ahead.

A challenge that all cities face is the lack of affordable housing which is driven in part by the high cost of land in Southern California. In response to the high demand, the City proposed a first-time homebuyer assistance program to further the access to low and moderate income Downey families. Through a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), the City's contribution of \$353,000 in HOME funds will be matched 100% by NHS.

Applicants receive up to \$60,000 in down payment assistance. The program will allow approximately seven low-to-moderate income households become local homeowners. For more information and how to apply, please visit our City's website or contact the Housing Department at (562) 904-7161.

We currently have four new housing developments being built in our city limits. This will not only help with the housing situation but also bring in much-needed tax dollars.

In November of last year, voters adopted Measure S, a 20-year, half-cent sales tax for safety, infrastructure, and crime prevention

programs, with 62% in support. Businesses began collecting the new tax on April 1. Council appointed an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to review expenditures of revenues and make appropriate recommendations.

Council has already approved funds from the measure to be used for the hiring of 10 new police officers. Additional funds are planned to be used for a new radio system for our first responders, much needed fire station infrastructure repairs, and the roll out of the Downey Library Master Plan.

Downey continues to evolve and change. In order to keep our residents up to speed on all the new developments, we have created a map with detailed information on each project site. This interactive map contains projects that have been submitted for the Planning Commission's review. The information can be located on the City's website under "Development Activity." Simply click on an icon to learn more about the project.

Save the date for our Havana Nights Rooftop Concert on August 31 at 6:30 p.m. This rooftop concert is a free event that celebrates live music and art in Downtown Downey. Join me and your fellow Downeyites in the conga line.

Did you know that only 15 minutes of walking a day can help relieve back pain, keep knee joints healthy and lowers risk of blood clots? Join us this summer every Saturday at 8 am at Furman Park for "Walks With Your Council Member". These walks will help to improve fitness, health and well-being as well as give you a chance to speak with your elected officials about any city issues or questions you may have. No special equipment needed, just your walking shoes and a bottle of water.

As your mayor, it is a privilege to share the City's recent accomplishments and upcoming events. As always, I welcome your comments, concerns, and questions. You can reach me at (562) 904-7274 or at fvasquez@downeyca.org.

New PIH Health facility opens in Santa Fe Springs

SANTA FE SPRINGS – PIH Health on Monday announced the opening of its Bloomfield Medical Office Building in Santa Fe Springs, located at 12400 Bloomfield Avenue, at the corner of Imperial Highway.

The three-story, 35,076 square-foot facility provides the local community with access to high-quality medical services close to their homes and places of work. While PIH Health has updated and revamped many existing medical offices throughout the area, this is its first completed ground-up construction project in the Santa Fe

Springs/Norwalk area.

Centrally located between PIH Health Hospital - Whittier and PIH Health Hospital - Downey, the new Santa Fe Springs medical office building brings multi-disciplinary care to the neighborhood coupled with the latest in medical technology and facility design.

"This new medical office building is our first large expansion into Santa Fe Springs," explained Andrew Zwiers, vice president at PIH Health. "The facility brings primary care and specialty services together, under one roof, so patients can access comprehensive care closer to work and home."

The Bloomfield Medical Office Building offers the following services:

- Eye Care Center
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- Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Radiology
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday & Holidays, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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Long Beach theater company releases 2018 schedule

LONG BEACH – International City Theatre has announced its 2018 season of five plays at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

Season selections include the chamber musical "Daddy Long Legs"; the West Coast premiere of Ugandan war-set "Cardboard Piano"; the wildly inventive "The 39 Steps," based on the Alfred Hitchcock movie; Tennessee Williams' first success, now considered a modern classic, "The Glass Menagerie;" and A Splintered Soul, a heart-wrenching yet optimistic examination of war refugees in America.

A detailed schedule follows:

Feb. 23 – March 11:

Daddy Long Legs — An intimate musical, with music and lyrics by Paul Gordon and book by John Caird, set in suffragette-era New England where a spirited orphan girl is sent to a prestigious college by a mysterious benefactor. Jerusha's heart-warming journey to independence, education and romance is chronicled in a wealth of witty letters and glorious songs. Based on the classic novel by Jean Webster that inspired the 1955 movie starring Fred Astaire.

May 4 – May 20:

West Coast premiere of Cardboard Piano — Against the backdrop of Uganda's civil war, the union of the daughter of an American missionary and a local teenage girl is disrupted by violence. Hansol Jung's haunting drama confronts the religious and cultural roots of intolerance, as well as the human capacity for forgiveness and love.

June 22 – July 8:

The 39 Steps — Hitchcock meets hilarious in this fast-paced comedy mystery thriller for anyone who loves the magic of theater.

"Daddy Long Legs," a musical based on the 1955 film starring Fred Astaire, is coming to Long Beach early next year.



Train chases, plummeting planes and old-fashioned romance lead to a death-defying finale as a cast of four actors breathlessly reenacts hundreds of characters, locations and famous scenes from Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 film of the same name. Winner of the 2007 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy and the 2008 Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatrical Experience. Adapted by Patrick Barlow from the novel by John Buchan, based on the Alfred Hitchcock movie and an original concept by Nobby Dimon and Simon Corble.

Aug. 24 – Sept. 9:

The Glass Menagerie — The iconic American classic that launched the career of American playwright Tennessee Williams, this autobiographical "memory play" captures the fragility and stifled yearning of characters clinging to hope against the harsh realities of a rapidly changing world. Confined to a tiny St. Louis apartment on

the eve of World War II, the Wingfield family struggles to find beauty amid the rough circumstances that surround them.

Oct. 19 – Nov. 4:

A Splintered Soul — A gripping drama by Alan L. Brooks about war refugees haunted by the death of their loved ones — and by memories of the things they had to do to survive. It's 1947 in San Francisco, home to a group of resettled Holocaust survivors from Poland whose very existence depended on blurring the lines between right and wrong. How can these splintered souls adapt to a new life in a new land, where all the rules have changed?

All performances take place Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information about ICT's 2018 season and to purchase subscriptions or single tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit internationalcitytheatre.org

Staged reading series returns to LB

LONG BEACH – Musical Theatre West in Long Beach will close its final staged reading series with Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Pipe Dream," opening Sept. 17 at the Beverly O'Neill Theater, located at the Long Beach Convention Center.

"Pipe Dream" premiered in 1955 as a musical adaptation of John Steinbeck's novels "Cannery Row" and "Sweet Thursday." The

show was unsuccessful but provided a score true to the heart of the dynamic musical team.

Set in Monterey, California, the drifters and the dropouts of Cannery Row spring to life in an uncommon story of love and hope. When Suzy, a homeless girl is picked up for stealing food, she is taken in by Fauna, a big-hearted madam. While working in her establishment, known as the Bear Flag Café, she meets Doc, a carefree marine biologist and soon romance is in the air.

The show illuminates the stories of these two outcasts who, although seamy and degraded, are infinitely capable of the same needs and emotions as those who are more fortunate in life.

Tickets to see "Pipe Dream" are available at musical.org or by calling (562) 856-1999, ext. 4.

Other productions in the reading series includes "Once Upon a Mattress" (Nov. 19); "Louisiana Purchase" (Feb. 11); "Do Re Mi" (June 3); and "The Most Happy Fella" (Aug. 19).

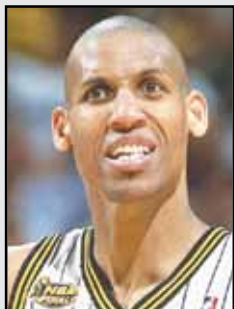
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Upcoming national holidays

- Friday, Aug. 25**
National Whiskey Sour Day
National Kiss and Make Up Day
National Secondhand Wardrobe Day
National Cherry Turnovers Day
Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day
- Tuesday, Aug. 29**
National Banana Split Day
National Chop Suey Day
- Saturday, Aug. 26**
National WebMistress Day
National Dog Day
National Women's Equality Day
National Cherry Popsicle Day
- Sunday, Aug. 27**
National Pots De Creme Day
National Just Because Day
- Monday, Aug 28**
- Wednesday, Aug. 30**
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The Downey Masonic Lodge held a pancake breakfast last week exclusively for military veterans, raising money to benefit local veterans organizations.

Pictured are former Downey residents Art Hernandez and Jose Lopez, who read about the breakfast in the Downey Patriot. Hernandez, 94, is a Purple Heart and Gold Star recipient who served in the infantry, while Lopez, 92, served in the Navy Seabees.



Sherrie and Allen Collier, and Mary Kitchener, recently completed some summer traveling, visiting Fiji, Australia, and Ayers Rock before finishing at the Great Barrier Reef.



The Adamson family of Downey were recently in the Carolina's. They traveled with their copy of the Downey Patriot to Fort Sumter National Monument.

"The best part was, if you are on the first ferry of the day to the Fort, you can help raise the American flag."

Pictured from left: Annie, Heather, Julie and Mark Adamson.

"They didn't know each other until today," said Aleksey Duplinsky, worshipful master of the Downey Masonic Lodge. "As the breakfast and conversations went on they learned that both of them served in Okinawa

during World War II and were in the same attack, one on land and the other one from the sea."



Downey Girl Scout Troop No. 2735 traveled to New York City earlier this month and took a copy of the Downey Patriot. From left: Olivia Baltazar, Lisette Santana, Adriana Baltazar, Marisa Zavala, Lucia Rios, Chelsea Chavarria and Kris Nguyen.

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Shared Stories: Merrimack and Me

For some time now, current stories in the media have been reflecting deep divisions within our country. This story by Frank Novak recalls the turbulence over the Vietnam War and the killings at Kent State. Our country was similarly divided – and we lived through it. 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 Frank Novak

I didn't go to my college graduation. The year was 1970, and student unrest over the Vietnam War had been boiling for some time. On April 29th, US and South Vietnamese forces entered Cambodia, and demonstrations immediately erupted on college campuses throughout the country.

The afternoon of May 4th was clear, with the jacket-weather crispness of early spring. I had driven up through Andover Center to the Merrimack College campus and was almost to the student parking lot. The car radio interrupted its broadcast; four students had just been killed on the campus of Kent State, shot by Ohio National Guard troops.

I remember clearly my first emotion; "they're killing us." In the light of history, the categories of "they" and "us" were complex, but for myself, and thousands of other college students at the time, there was no confusion. The shootings were a sharp personal assault, and life just could not go on as before.

So by the end of the day, the students of Merrimack College, along with those in over 450 colleges and universities around the country, were on strike.

Merrimack was a small college at the time. It was founded in 1947, just after World War II, by a Catholic order of priests (the Augustinians)

who projected a need for colleges in the suburbs of Boston to educate the returning soldiers from World War II and the subsequent baby boom.

In 1970, with 2000 students and 500 in each class, it was smaller than many urban high schools. Classes were small, the professors were accessible, and there was only the large cafeteria and basement lounge in the student union for common areas. There was a real sense of community among the faculty and students.

So when the strike was declared, it was a personal thing, a rift in the family. And it wasn't just a rift between students and faculty. For two years, I had been part of a loosely organized ongoing game of hearts in the basement lounge of the student union.

Of the six or eight guys who floated in and out of this game, half of them were older ex-servicemen getting their college education on the GI Bill. All of them had been involved in the ongoing war in one way or another. Their beliefs and priorities were very different from those my age who still faced the draft and service in Vietnam.

For me, the rift in the college community was even more personal. My father began his teaching career at Merrimack College when the college was a tiny affair operating out of a gym and some other temporary buildings.

After several years, he left Merrimack to teach at the University of Maine in Bangor. In 1958, when I was 10, the college had grown large enough to have a separate Mathematics department, and my father returned as the first chairman.

I had been in and around the school for most of my life. I knew the smell of every classroom, the rumble of every elevator. I knew nearly all the faculty: the faint Italian accent of the engineering professor Mr. Parotta, the laugh and mannerism of the half dozen members of the Math department. As a child, I could walk past waiting students into my father's window office, and put my feet up on his desk if he wasn't

around.

The details of the strike have faded. It was much the same across the country; the students formed a committee, a list of demands was created, there were negotiations. Agreements were made about more student input into the college.

But the strike was not about the school really. There was a much bigger drama being played out, and this small school was just one little act. Looking back, what I now appreciate was the grace with which the school, the administration, and the faculty, handled the whole thing.

There was no panic, there was no retribution that I remember. There were meetings. I remember that Dr. Parotta, a native of Italy where the political spectrum is much more vivid and above board than in America, asked a group of us exactly what was it that we wanted. Our lists made little sense; we wanted so much, and really nothing that they could offer.

I don't remember if classes ever resumed. The semester fizzled to an end. A graduation was held, but I had no heart for it. In my sadness and rage at a deeply divided country, I was walking away from a longtime love, and there were no words or actions that could stop me.

Register now to Kiwanis golf tournament

DOWNEY – Sign-ups are now being taken for the 20th annual L'Abri Classic, the annual golf tournament benefiting Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis.

The tournament takes place Monday, Sept. 25, at Rio Hondo Golf Club with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be catered by In-N-Out and Mexican dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a taco cart on the car, along with a shaved ice stand and bloody Mary bar.

Raffle tickets will be sold, with past prizes including big screen TVs, golf clubs, wine baskets, Angels tickets, and various electronics.

Entry fee is \$175 per person and includes green fees, cart, access to the driving range, and lunch and dinner. Extra dinner tickets are \$40.

Tee signs can be purchased for \$125. Sponsorships range from \$250-\$1,000.

To sign up as a golfer or sponsor, call Jeremy Fitzl at (310) 594-4980.

Some of the charities Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis supports include The Arc, Boy Scouts, Gangs Out of Downey, Warren High School Key Club, Meals on Wheels, Downey Symphonic Society, Keep Downey Beautiful and Food Helps.

The service club has awarded more than \$60,000 in college scholarships to Warren High School students over the past five years.



Creamistry, a new ice cream shop at Downey Avenue and Firesone Boulevard, will celebrate its grand opening Friday, Aug. 25, at noon.

There will be free ice cream, giveaways, and a photo contest with the winner receiving free ice cream for a year.

POETRY MATTERS

Song at the End of Summer

A second crop of hay lies cut and turned. Five gleaming crows search and peck between the rows. They make a low, companionable squawk, and like midwives and undertakers possess a weird authority.

Crickets leap from the stubble, parting before me like the Red Sea. The garden sprawls and spoils.

Across the lake the campers have learned to water ski. They have, or they haven't. Sounds of the instructor's megaphone suffuse the hazy air. "Relax! Relax!"

Cloud shadows rush over drying hay, fences, dusty lane, and railroad ravine. The first yellowing fronds of goldenrod brighten the margins of the woods.

Schoolbooks, carpools, pleated skirts; water, silver-still, and a vee of geese.

- Jane Kenyon

As the seasons turn, crows suggest both midwives and undertakers; the garden both sprawls and spoils. After this point of balance, there is no more ambiguity, No "they have or they haven't." Kenyon sees Nature on the move. Shadows rush, fronds begin to yellow, and the lake, once rippled by water skiers, is now "silver-still." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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SPORTS: Battle for SGVL supremacy will be tough

DOWNEY – The San Gabriel Valley League will once again be a very competitive league.

Downey will once again be the team to beat as they were 5-0 a season ago and return many players. Paramount is always tough and Gahr made a nice run last year to earn a postseason spot. Dominguez always has talent and Lynwood competes hard too. Cross-town rival Warren won a share of a league championship two years ago and looks to get back to that form.

The San Gabriel Valley League certainly puts some good teams on the field and into the playoffs.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 10-2 and was 5-0 in league play. Paramount finished last season with an overall record of 8-2 and were 4-1 in league play. Gahr finished last season with an overall record of 8-3 and were 3-2 in league play.

Downey, Paramount and Gahr all qualified for postseason play. Downey was defeated by Charter Oak 35-21 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs. Paramount was defeated by Los Altos 49-41 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 6 playoffs and Gahr was defeated by St. Anthony of Long Beach 24-21 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 10 playoffs.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 2-7-1 and was 2-3 in league play. Lynwood finished last season with an overall record of 4-6 and was 1-4 in league play. Dominguez finished last season with an overall record of 2-8 and was 0-5 in league play. Warren, Lynwood and Dominguez did not qualify for postseason play last year but are looking to do so this year.

All San Gabriel Valley League coaches and players are looking

forward to the start of league play. Games should be competitive and fun to watch. It will be interesting to see which three league teams earn playoff spots this year. All S.G.V.L. action begins tonight. Check out these high school kids playing and working hard.

■ The Downey High School football team scrimmaged against Orange Lutheran at Downey High School last Friday night. It proved to be an excellent opportunity for players on both offense and defense to demonstrate the skills they have been working on since the end of last season.

Orange Lutheran and Downey took turns running their offenses and defenses. Players were rotated in and out in order to see what each player could do at their respective position(s). Orange Lutheran is a Division One school who competes in the Trinity League with powerhouses like St. John Bosco and Mater Dei. It is always a good test to see how Downey stacks up against such quality competition.

Coach Williams enjoys the scrimmage and sees it as a vital way to get ready for the season. The Vikings have scrimmaged Orange Lutheran several times over the past few years and it has helped prepare each team for the rigors of each season.

Downey will kick off their season later today against Santa Margarita. Santa Margarita is another school from the Trinity League. The Eagles finished last season with an overall record of 7-5 and were eliminated in the second round of the C.I.F. Division One playoffs by eventual C.I.F. and state champion St. John Bosco 54-14.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 10-2 and was 5-0 in S.G.V.L. play. The Vikings were eliminated by Charter Oak 35-21 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs. Coach Williams, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2017 football season and making another run at a league and C.I.F. title.

■ The Warren High School football team scrimmaged against Bellflower at Bellflower High School last Friday night. The scrimmage proved to be an outstanding opportunity for players on both offense and defense to demonstrate the skills they have been working on since last season ended.

Bellflower and Warren took turns running their offenses and defenses. Players were rotated in and out in order to see what each player could do at their respective position(s). Bellflower is a school who competes in the Suburban League with the likes of La Mirada, Mayfair and Norwalk. Bellflower finished last season with an overall record of 2-8 and were 2-4 in league play.

Coach Lara enjoys preseason scrimmages so he can see how

his players perform in game like situations. This scrimmage also presented an excellent opportunity for players wanting more playing time to establish themselves as reliable options.

Warren will kick off their season later today against Don Lugo. Don Lugo is a school from the Mt. Baldy League. The Conquistadores finished last season with an overall record of 10-3 and was 5-0 in league play. Don Lugo was eliminated in the third round of the C.I.F. Division Eight playoffs by the Burbank Bulldogs 44-14.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 2-7-1 and were 2-3 in S.G.V.L. play. The Bears did not qualify for postseason play. Coach Lara, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2017 football season and competing for the San Gabriel Valley League title. Cross-town rival Downey will once again be the team to beat.

■ The St. John Bosco High School football team scrimmaged against Long Beach Wilson last Thursday night. The scrimmage proved to be an outstanding opportunity for players on both offense and defense to demonstrate the skills they have been working on since last season ended. Since the scrimmage, St. John Bosco has flown across the country to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to take on 2016 7A state champion St. Thomas Aquinas tonight.

In the scrimmage, St. John Bosco and Long Beach Wilson took turns running their offenses and defenses. Players were rotated in and out in order to see what each player could do at their respective position(s). Long Beach Wilson is a school who competes in the Moore League with the likes of Long Beach Poly, Lakewood and Cabrillo. Long Beach Wilson finished last season with an overall record of 10-3 and a Moore League record of 5-1. The Bruins only league loss was to Long Beach Poly 32-7.

Preseason scrimmages provide valuable insight to coaches. It gives them a god idea as to who can do what in game like situations. It also gives players an opportunity to showcase their talents.

St. John Bosco will kick off their season later today against St. Thomas Aquinas. The Raiders are the defending 7A Florida state champions. St. Thomas Aquinas defeated Plant High School 45-6 in the state title game last season.

St. John Bosco finished last season with an overall record of 13-2 and was 4-1 in Trinity League play. The Braves defeated Mater Dei 42-28 in the C.I.F. title game and defeated Concord De La Salle 56-33 in the state championship game. Coach Negro, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2017 football season and defending their C.I.F. and state titles.

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15K-plus students return to class in Paramount

PARAMOUNT – More than 15,000 Paramount Unified School District students bid farewell to their summer break and hello to classmates and teachers, new and old, on Aug. 16, the first day of the 2017-18 school year for all 18 PUSD elementary, middle and high schools.

Paramount students received increased access to technology this year after the District purchased Google Chromebook laptops for all third-graders, sophomores and students of Leona Jackson

Middle School. The laptops arrive as part of the District's new tech implementation plan, which aims to provide a personal technology device to every student in grades three through 12 by 2020.

"Paramount is well-equipped to meet the challenges of preparing our students for 21st century technologies and jobs," PUSD Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez said. "We are introducing new technology and academic programs this year to honor our commitment of creating lifelong achievers."

Paramount middle schools will implement Amplify, a digital English language arts (ELA) reading comprehension program with interactive tools that allow an entire class to work together on the same text and enable teachers to track progress in real time.

Additionally, Project Lead The Way (PLTW) engineering courses

will now be available as seventh-grade electives and college-prep elective Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes have been expanded to include three elementary schools and all sixth-grade students.

"Our first week of school is concentrated on welcoming back our students, establishing expectations, and introducing them to opportunities for academic excellence and extracurricular activities," Paramount Park Middle School Principal Kevin Longworth said. "We encourage our students to seek out adults for any concerns they may have."

At Tanner Elementary School, students learned the importance of safety through a series of Grade Level Safe and Civil Assemblies, while parents met the staff and discovered what's on tap for the new school year during a "Coffee with the Principal."

"We want to underscore to our families that we are committed to providing a safe, clean academic environment for the students to excel," Tanner Elementary Principal Holly Hennessy said. "It's important for our kids to know the power of a positive attitude, that you treat others the way that you would like to be treated."

Freshmen at Paramount West High School took part in the school's second annual Pirate Pride Day, attending a pep rally and expectation assembly, finishing with an ice cream social which included games and activities. The West campus is undergoing a modernization project beginning this year that will improve all classrooms and building structures.

"This will be a year of increased expectations and rigor for our freshmen," Paramount West Principal Elizabeth Salcido said. "We like to start with something fun, where the students can socialize and bond ahead of what will be a demanding year of study and instruction."

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Updates from the Downey Police Department

This morning (Aug. 24) at 3:45 am, a Downey officer on routine patrol spotted a stolen vehicle in the area of Firestone Boulevard and Paramount Boulevard.

The officer was able to place the car thief under arrest and during the officer's subsequent investigation it was discovered that the suspect was in possession of a loaded handgun, was a convicted felon, and as a resident of Los Angeles came to Downey with no apparent legitimate reason.

We would like to think this individual was out under these circumstances with bad intentions, and we are glad this officer made this excellent observation allowing us to get this dangerous criminal off the streets before he victimized anyone.

► Wednesday evening, at approximately 11:00 pm, several alert residents in the Horton Avenue and Brunache Street area called the Downey Police Department to report a suspicious male in their neighborhood.

Downey officers quickly responded and caught the male in the act of breaking into a car. Further investigation revealed the male had broken into a second vehicle up the street. The male was arrested, booked for felony burglary and remanded to the county jail.

As Chief Charles has said before, "Together, we can make a difference. If you see something, say something." These alert residents saw something and said something, the result of which helped us get this burglar off our streets.

► The Downey Police Department is now selling shirts, pink versions of our patch, and challenge coins as a participant in the Pink Patch Project.

We have designed a new shirt this year and still have

a limited supply of last year's design. The shirts are \$20 each while the patches and coins are each \$10. All proceeds are being donated to City of Hope for cancer research.

All items are available for purchase at the Records window at the station Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

You may also contact Lieutenant Loughner at (562) 904-2346 or sloughner@downeyca.org to purchase items outside of the listed hours or for any additional information regarding the pink patch project.

The Downey Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on August 25, 2017, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

► In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Downey Police Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in

a DUI.

The deterrent effect of High Visibility Enforcement and DUI Saturation Patrols has proven to lower the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug impaired crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized proactive DUI operations are conducted routinely.

DUI Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1,155 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver.

Over the course of the past three years Downey PD officers have investigated over 1,200 DUI collisions which have claimed 2 lives and resulted in more than 120 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily.

When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Studies of California drivers have shown that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.

Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication - whether prescription or over-the-counter - drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or "DDVIP," free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more.


The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-

DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this

checkpoint is provided to the Downey Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver - Call 911'.



CRIME REPORT

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

At 11:15 a.m., two male suspects entered the Sprint Cell Phone Store (12214 Lakewood Blvd.), each armed with a handgun. The suspects ordered the employees to the backroom and then placed approximately 100 smartphones into duffel bags. The suspects fled the location in a vehicle with no license plates. Detectives are investigating.

MONDAY, AUG. 21

At 3:00 a.m., officers located a stolen vehicle at Rosecrans Avenue and the 605 Fwy. The male driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

Downey Real Estate Market

In July, 2017 Downey had 70 new listings (down 3% from 2016) and 48 closed listings, (up 33% from 2016). The average sales price was \$5532,500 which is even with June of 2016. There is currently an inventory of 130 Downey homes for sale. Year to date, 281 homes averaging a selling price of \$599,504 have sold in the city of Downey. Report provided by the Greater Downey Association of REALTORS (DAOR).

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