



SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day swimming  
**DATE:** Monday, Sept. 4  
**TIME:** 1:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Aquatic Pavilion

SEPTEMBER 5

City Council meeting  
**DATE:** Tuesday, Sept. 5  
**TIME:** 6 pm  
**LOCATION:** City Hall

SEPTEMBER 9

Night Out in the Park  
**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 9  
**TIME:** 6 pm  
**LOCATION:** Sara Mendez Park

SEPTEMBER 29

Brush Strokes & Beverages  
**DATE:** Friday, Sept. 29  
**TIME:** 7-9:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Cultural Arts Center

OCTOBER 6

DUSD State of the Schools  
**DATE:** Friday, Oct. 6  
**TIME:** 7 am  
**LOCATION:** Los Angeles County of Education West Conference Center

OCTOBER 7

Museum Tour  
**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 7  
**TIME:** 1-4 pm  
**LOCATION:** DD Johnston-Hargitt House Museum

Daddy Daughter Dance

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 7  
**TIME:** 6 pm  
**LOCATION:** Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex

OCTOBER 13

Movie Night: "The Addams Family"  
**DATE:** Friday, Oct. 13  
**TIME:** 6:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Glazier Park

OCTOBER 21

Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade  
**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 21  
**TIME:** 11 am  
**LOCATION:** Norwalk Blvd. & Mapledale St.

OCTOBER 27

Open Mic  
**DATE:** Friday, Oct. 27  
**TIME:** 7-9 pm  
**LOCATION:** Cultural Arts Center

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Festival  
**DATE:** Tuesday, Oct. 31  
**TIME:** 6-9 pm  
**LOCATION:** City Hall lawn

NOVEMBER 11

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical  
**DATE:** Saturday, Nov. 11  
**TIME:** 7 pm  
**LOCATION:** Downey Theatre

NOVEMBER 17

Brush Strokes & Beverages  
**DATE:** Friday, Nov. 17  
**TIME:** 7-9:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Cultural Arts Center

DECEMBER 2

SnowFest and Christmas Tree Lighting  
**DATE:** Saturday, Dec. 2  
**TIME:** 12-8 pm  
**LOCATION:** City Hall lawn

DECEMBER 16

Holidays at the DD Johnston-Hargitt House Museum  
**DATE:** Saturday, Dec. 16  
**TIME:** 1-4 pm  
**LOCATION:** DD Johnston-Hargitt House Museum

# Teen baseball player represents Norwalk at USA Baseball tournament

**NORWALK** – A local student athlete recently returned from playing in the USA Baseball 13U National Team Identification Series, where he and his teammates brought medals back to Southern California.

Derek Cruz, 13, practically lives, eats, and sleeps baseball. The 8th grader at Los Alisos Middle School has played America’s pastime since the young age of 4.

“As soon as I picked up a baseball, I loved it,” said Cruz.

Cruz started at West Downey Little League, however needed more of a challenge after only two years.

“That started getting way too easy,” said Cruz. “So I joined travel ball.”

Cruz, who usually wears jersey number 9, currently plays for the Top Tier Gamers as a pitcher and shortstop – the latter being an extremely appropriate position, due to his being named after famed Yankees player Derek Jeter.

However, Cruz recently put on a new jersey – that of the USA Baseball 13U Southern California team – at the National Team Identifications Series, representing his state and community on a national scale along with 12 other players.

Cruz - now wearing number 22 – and his team performed extraordinarily well during the single elimination tournament that took place in Cary, North Carolina, taking second place overall.

While proud of his and his team’s achievement, Cruz is definitely not completely satisfied.

“All the teams that we faced, we could have beaten them,” said Cruz.

What went wrong?

“It was the pitching rotation,” said Cruz, who explained that rules regarding days of rest per pitches thrown left his team’s usually strong pitching squad vulnerable in the last game.



Derek Cruz, 13, earned medals at the USA Baseball 13u baseball tournament in North Carolina. He’s pictured with Coach Jason from Top Tier Gamers.

“Second place isn’t bad, but it’s not first,” said Cruz, chuckling. “I’m still grateful and blessed that I had the opportunity and made it.”

There’s still time for Cruz’s career to develop, however he has sights set for the pros in the future. Cruz hopes to play ball for UC San Diego before eventually stepping onto a Major League Field, where he sees himself wearing Dodger blue or Yankee pinstripes.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

# City Council back to square one in search for trash hauler

**NORWALK** – The Norwalk City Council met Monday in a special council meeting to review, amend and approve new guidelines for another “Request for Proposal” (RFP) regarding the selection of a new solid waste disposal company for the city.

The current contract is set to expire next year and a timeline from city staff member Adriana Figueroa showed a goal of having a new vendor in place by then.

However, in case the procedure goes past that goal, the council did vote 5-0 to approve a motion to request a contract extension for waste services from the current two vendors on a month to month basis.

According to Figueroa, “Staff used the original RFP as a starting point,” and had created some guidelines that arose from various points, most notably, the council members themselves.

During the over three-hour meeting, the five council members discussed items such as basic criteria for viable proposers, lobbying and contact issues, length of contract period, “enhancements,” franchise fees, senior discounts, size of receptacles, acceptable yearly increases, potential California Proposition 218 violations, Brown Act compliance, suggested price guidelines and other concerns.

All recommendations must now be clarified and brought together in a draft RFP for the Council to review and tweak if necessary before being announced and released for potential bidders to move forward.

Some discussions centered around whether or not to include a “No contact,” provision and an added provision for no “amended proposals,” once the bids were submitted and accepted.

Mayor Luigi Vernola appeared adamant that “no amendments be accepted,” after the initial proposals are received citing the previous practice of bidding firms amending their bids for what ever reasons.

That motion passed.

Removed from the RFP suggestion was the elimination of any reference to suggested price points for all aspects of the proposals. Such suggestions included rates for both residential and commercial



Norwalk officials said a new trash hauler could be chosen by the end of this year.

Photo courtesy city of Norwalk

rates.

Though nothing was decided on any vendor at this meeting, a new RFP was necessary after the council rejected all bidders at a recent council meeting.

No one spoke during the call for public or any comment section of the meeting.

The draft RFP will be presented at the regular scheduled meeting on September 19th with the possibility that both council members Margarita Rios and Leonard Shryock will be absent.

Final approval for the RFP is expected by October with a release date mid way through the month.

According to Figueroa’s timeline, a new provider could be approved as early as the end of the year.

Raul Samaniego, contributor

## APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

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## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 101°

Saturday 95°

Sunday 91°

## THINGS TO DO



Juanes

Sunday - L.A. County Fair, 7:30 pm

The Latin Grammy award-winning singer performs live during opening weekend of the L.A. County Fair.



Long Beach Comic Con

All Weekend - Long Beach Convention Center

A celebration of comic books and pop culture, with exhibits, guest signings, and celebrity meet-and-greets.



La La Land

Sunday - Huntington Beach, 5 pm

An outdoor screening right on the sand of “La La Land.” Tickets should be purchased online from BeachFront Cinema.



International Street Fair

All weekend - Downtown Orange

Now in its 45th year, Orange’s International Street Fair features live music, food, drinks and fun.



Blues Festival

All weekend - El Dorado Park in Long Beach

A festival dedicated to blues music, with live performances, craft beer, vendors, bbq, and food trucks.

## TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@NorwalkChamber: Oktoberfest 2017, Thur Oct 5th So-Cal Pizza, tkcts \$40 b4 Sep 5, \$45 after. #germanbeer #oktoberfest #goodeats Call 562-864-7785 for tkcts

@NorwalkLibrary: Live music at the library thanks to @SupJaniceHahn! Jazz-blues duo Finger Dancers perform SAT 9/9. Don’t miss it!



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SEPT. 1 BIRTHDAYS

Zendaya, the singer and actress, turns 21



Dr. Phil McGraw  
TV personality  
67



Gloria Estefan  
singer  
60



Lily Tomlin  
actress  
78

Results from Norwalk restaurant inspections

**Mi Riconcito**  
11693 The Plaza  
Date Inspected: 8/22/17  
Grade: **B**

**B&H Liquor**  
10917 E Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/23/17  
Grade: **A**

**Jim's Burger**  
12949 E Rosecrans Ave.  
Date Inspected: 8/23/17  
Grade: **B**

**CVS/ Pharmacy #8865**  
11011 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/23/17  
Grade: **A**

**Rock's Cocktail Lounge**  
19019 E Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/23/17  
Grade: **A**

**Goldens Express**  
11770 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/24/17  
Grade: **A**

**Tacos Los Guerro**  
12115 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/24/17  
Grade: **B**

**Albert's Mexican Food**  
11610 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 8/29/17  
Grade: **A**

**Zebra Cafe**  
11110 E Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/29/17  
Grade: **A**

**Frantone's Pizza**  
11110 Alondra Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 8/29/17  
Grade: **A**

Cerritos Library exhibit tackles financial literacy

**CERRITOS** – Cerritos Library hosts "Thinking Money," a new traveling exhibition designed to teach tweens, teens and the adults in their lives about money, from Wednesday, September 6 through Saturday, October 7.

Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities, "Thinking Money" explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, imagining your future self and avoiding financial fraud.

Mayor Grace Hu said, "Financial

literacy is an important topic and I am proud that the Cerritos Library will be presenting the fun and educational Thinking Money exhibition."

The public is also invited to attend programs planned in conjunction with the exhibition,

including the kick-off presentation "Rich 'One' Cofinco: Pioneering Artist & Fashion Industry Innovator" that will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6 in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Additional programs will include How to Buy a Car, a Community Shredding Event, Teen Finance 101, Fraud Prevention, Money Bingo for Kids, Cyber Security for Finance Workshop and Create Your Own Business for Teens. Detailed information about the programs is available on the Cerritos Library's website at [cerritoslibrary.us](http://cerritoslibrary.us).

Cerritos Library was one of 50 sites selected to host "Thinking Money," out of more than 130 public libraries in the United States that applied for the opportunity.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Cerritos is offering a Community Shredding Event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The event will be held in the parking lot of the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South Street.

Community members may bring up to two banker-sized (12" wide, 15" long and 9.5" deep) boxes of paper documents to be shredded at no charge. Documents will be shredded on-site at the program.

Help will be available to unload boxes if needed.

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A new Family Medicine office will open at the same location in September.

Call today to learn more about our PIH Health services or visit [PIHHealth.org](http://PIHHealth.org).

PIH Health Brookshire Medical Office Building

11411 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241

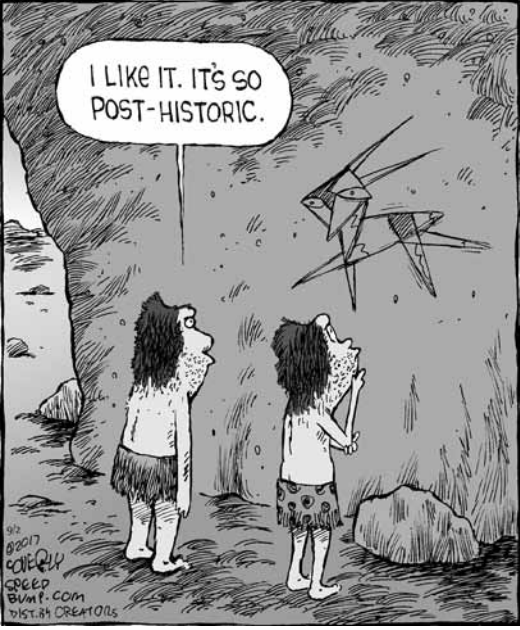
Women's Center, Suite 207, T: 562.904.5151

Otolaryngology (ENT), Suite 302, T: 562.789.5456



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On This Day...

- Sept. 1, 1942:** A federal judge in Sacramento, Calif., upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals.
- 1972:** American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, defeating Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union.
- 1983:** A Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace; 269 people were killed.
- 1997:** The tobacco industry agreed to an \$11.3 billion settlement with the state of Florida.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School  
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library  
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge  
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village  
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant  
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center  
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge  
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk  
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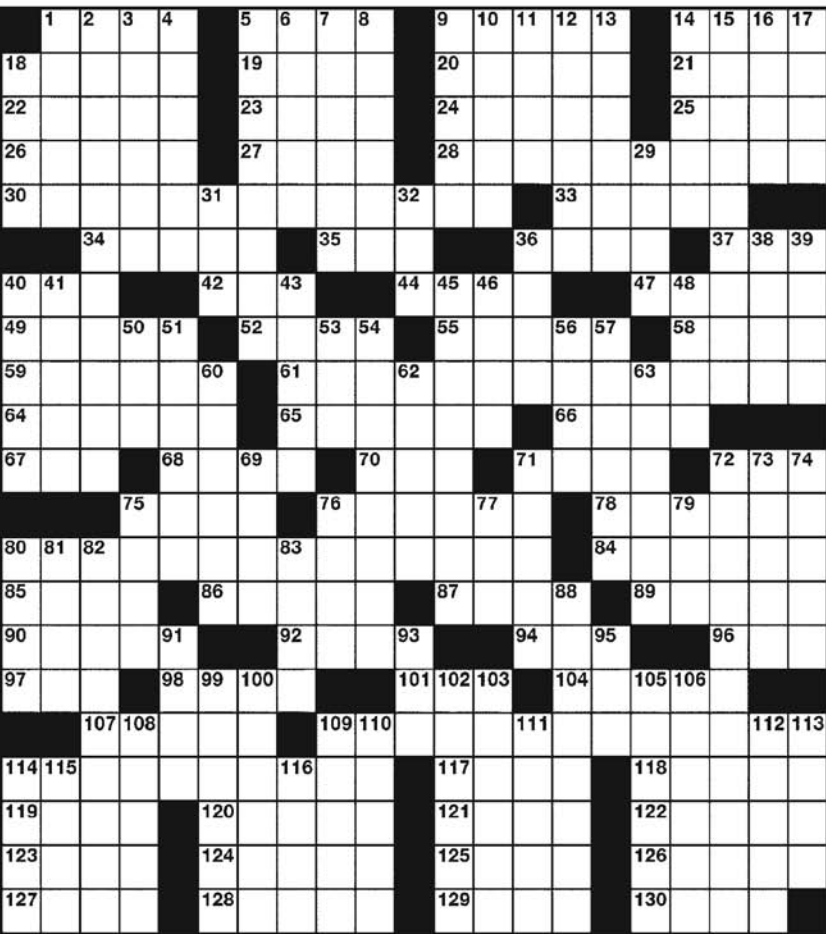
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72 Former MGM rival
- 75 Get ready to blow one's stack  
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78 Reach successfully  
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85 Swear to  
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87 Bus schedule listing  
89 Miraculous fare  
90 Pixar title robot  
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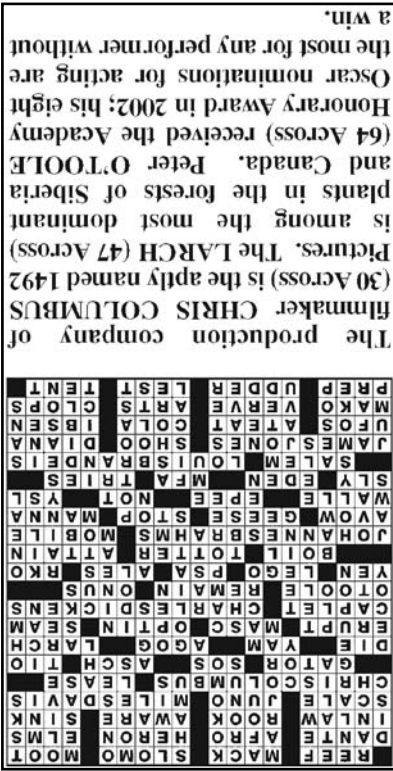


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# Netflix in September: what’s coming and going



Several Disney films, including “Pocahontas,” “Mulan” and “Hercules” are coming to Netflix this month.

WHAT’S COMING

- Available 9/1

Amores Perros  
City of God  
Dead Poets Society  
Deep Blue Sea  
Disney’s Hercules  
Disney’s Mulan  
FINAL FANTASY XIV Dad of Light: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Fracture  
Gangs of New York  
Gone Baby Gone  
High Risk  
Hoodwinked  
Hotel for Dogs  
Jaws  
Jaws 2  
Jaws 3  
Jaws: The Revenge  
LEGO Elves: Secrets of Elvendale: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Little Evil -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM  
Maniac: Season 1  
Narcos: Season 3 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL TEASER  
Outside Man: Volume 2  
Pulp Fiction
- Available 9/6

A Good American  
Hard Tide
- Available 9/7

The Blacklist: Season 4
- Available 9/8

#realityhigh -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM  
Apaches: Season 1  
BoJack Horseman: Season 4 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Fabrizio Copano: Solo Pienso En Mi -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Fire Chasers: Season 1  
Greenhouse Academy: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Joaquín Reyes: Una y no más -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Spirit: Riding Free: Season 2 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
The Confession Tapes: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
The Walking Dead: Season 7
- Available 9/9

Portlandia: Season 7
- Available 9/11

The Forgotten
- Available 9/12

Jeff Dunham: Relative Disaster -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL
- Available 9/13

Offspring: Season 7  
Ghost of the Mountains
- Available 9/14

Disney’s Pocahontas
- Available 9/2

Vincent N Roxxy
- Available 9/4

Graduation
- Available 9/5

Carrie Pilby  
Facing Darkness  
Like Crazy  
Marc Maron: Too Real -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Newsies: The Broadway Musical
- Available 9/6

Requiem for a Dream  
Resurface -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL TRAILER  
Shaq & Cedric the Entertainer Present: All Star Comedy Jam  
Shaquille O’Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam: Live from Atlanta  
Shaquille O’Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam: Live from Dallas  
Shaquille O’Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam: Live from Las Vegas  
Shaquille O’Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam: Live from Orlando  
Shaquille O’Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam: Live from South Beach  
She’s Gotta Have It  
The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman’s Portrait Photography  
The Last Shaman  
The Lost Brother  
The Rugrats Movie  
The Secret Garden  
The Squirrel and the Whale  
West Coast Customs: Season 5  
Who the F\*\*K is that Guy

- Available 9/15

American Vandal: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
First They Killed My Father -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM  
Foo Fighters: Back and Forth  
George Harrison: Living in the Material World  
Larceny  
Project Mc²: Part 5 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Rumble  
Strong Island -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
VeggieTales in the City: Season 2 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL
- Available 9/18

Call the Midwife: Series 6  
The Journey Is the Destination
- Available 9/19

Disney’s Beauty and the Beast  
Jerry Before Seinfeld -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Love, Sweat and Tears

- Available 9/20

Carol
- Available 9/21

Gotham: Season 3
- Available 9/22

Fuller House: New Episodes -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Jack Whitehall: Travels with My Father: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
The Samaritan

- Available 9/23

Alien Arrival
- Available 9/25

Dark Matter: Season 3
- Available 9/26

Bachelorette  
Night School

- Available 9/27

Absolutely Anything
- Available 9/29

Big Mouth: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Club de Cuervos: Season 3 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Gerald’s Game -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM  
Real Rob: Season 2 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Paul Hollywood’s Big Continental Road Trip: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
Our Souls at Night -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM  
The Magic School Bus Rides Again: Season 1 -- NETFLIX ORIGINAL

- Available 9/30

Murder Maps: Season 3

WHAT’S GOING

- Leaving 9/1

Better Off Ted: Season 2  
Do Not Disturb  
Frailty  
Hope Floats  
Jackass: The Movie  
Julia  
LEGO Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu: King of Shadows  
LEGO Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu: Way of the Ninja RV  
The Batman: Season 1 - 5  
The Deep End: Season 1  
The Omen  
Wilfred : Season 1 - 2  
Something’s Gotta Give  
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street  
Tears of the Sun  
Scream  
A Nightmare on Elm Street

- Leaving 9/3

Drumline: A New Beat

- Leaving 9/4

The A-List

- Leaving 9/5

Lilo & Stitch  
The Emperor’s New Groove

- Leaving 9/9

Teen Beach 2

- Leaving 9/10

Army Wives: Season 1 - 7

- Leaving 9/11

Terra Nova: Season 1

- Leaving 9/15

Katt Williams: Kattpacalypse

- Leaving 9/16

Jackass 3.5: The Unrated Movie  
One Day

- Leaving 9/19

Persons Unknown: Season 1

- Leaving 9/20

Bombay Velvet  
Finding Fanny  
Raising Hope: Season 1

- Leaving 9/22

Philomena

- Leaving 9/24

Déjà Vu

- Leaving 9/26

A Gifted Man: Season 1  
Sons of Tucson: Season 1  
CSI: Miami: Season 1 - 10

- Leaving 9/30

Last Man Standing: Season 1 - 5

## PART I: A trek to Oregon for the total eclipse

By Raul Samaniego Contributor

**JOHN DAY, OREGON** – Along with an estimated 100 million Americans, on Aug. 21, I too found myself transfixed on a glowing yellow corona in the sky standing atop a mountain in Eastern Oregon.

The trip to John Day was four months in planning.

Earlier this year, I approached my sister Eva and produced a map of California pointing to a small green area in the Northern area named Lassen Peak National Park. I suggested we make a go for that place neither of us had visited before.

Growing up, our parents took us to National Parks like Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Petrified Forest, the Painted Desert and Carlsbad Caverns in a nine passenger station wagon with a used one wheeled trailer attached. We slept in canvas tents and cotton sleeping bags.

Decades later, we traveled to other National Parks including the Grand Canyon, Zion, Mesa Verde, Arches, Bryce Canyon and finally

last year, made it to California’s diamond, Yosemite Valley.

With no knowledge of Lassen, we decided to look into it and plan for a week’s excursion up to the North area of the state including Chico and surrounding watersheds.

As information was gathered, I found that it was located in some of the most celebrated Trout and Steelhead fishing anywhere. Additionally, the Sacramento River might offer a new experience in going after the salmon which season opened on July 16th.

Thinking about a stop at the State’s capitol and a tour of the area including some of the state’s hatcheries along the American River, we planned accordingly.

I reserved a small truck for the week and booked a room near the capitol for the first night’s stay. We’d be driving all day and I figured since we’d be camping the rest of the week, why not get a good nights rest and be ready to tour the area.

We were set.

Setback

Seemingly, all was set for travel to the north on the 12th. Reservations were made, sleeping bags and tents were checked, new fishing tackle was bought to handle the larger fish and maps for all areas north were secured including campgrounds, Sacramento area and even an Oregon map.

All seemed to be going smoothly. On August 8th, my friend Victoria came up to celebrate her 60th birthday with a Saturday visit to the Getty Museum and then a Sunday jaunt to take her back to San Diego.

I welcome inspiring things. The Getty visit provided many. With works from Rembrandt, Picasso and Van Gogh, I can’t explain it. I was moved.

That was a welcomed adventure.

The day ended and we prepared to drive back to San Diego the next day early so I could turn around and head home to finalize preparations for the trip north in a couple days.

Sunday in San Diego had

no surprises, so I loaded up and started back to Norwalk around 5:00 pm to beat the afternoon traffic heading back toward Los Angeles I’ve come to expect after making the trip many times over the course of two decades to just wait until the late afternoon.

Since I don’t normally drive and feel right at home on a bike, it took a while for my legs to adjust to the pushing of the gas and break pedals in the light evening Sunday traffic. I wondered if I could actually make the 500 mile trip up to Chico.

It was during this drive that I first saw the “floater,” in my left eye. It looked like an ink blot dropped into a glass of water.

I thought, “Oh no.”

Diagnosis and Postponement

The blood leaking into my left eye was a result of my diabetes. It had happened before. The last big episode was in October of last year when I had a full on hemorrhage in the same eye which impaired my vision 100% in the eye.

This wasn’t as severe, but I knew I’d have to delay my trip for it would endanger everyone. I felt down.

I didn’t hesitate to go to my Retinal Specialist in downtown Los Angeles Monday morning. The prognosis was that it was indeed a moderate hemorrhage again, but not as severe as before. I’d say my vision was 30% impaired.

I was given an injection directly into the eye which would stop or slow the bleeding and given the option to have surgery to stop the bleeding completely in a month or so. I could also continue seeing the Specialist and receive injections as needed. I agreed to the surgery option. Again, I had a heavy heart.

The planning for a trip to a new national park and a trip for the ages had gone on for months, but in an instant, my vision for a great adventure diminished and I contemplated options.

Victoria in San Diego agreed she’d be right there when the surgeon cut into the vitreous to remove the blood debris and to cauterize the bleeding blood vessel.

The Vitrectomy would remove some, most or all of the clear jelly like liquid in the affected eyeball and be replaced by a saline based solution.

Eyesight would be instantaneously cleared 100%. There would be side effects though.

Having a need for clarification, I researched more and found that the complications called for a cataract to develop in all cases at some time after the surgery. Most called for a two year period after the procedure.

Being concerned about that last issue, I asked for the Doctor to call me. He did.

Confirming that indeed a cataract would develop, I felt compelled to act. If I were to lose sight in my left eye, I wanted to see as much as possible before that occurred. I made a decision to go for it!

We would make a run for the total eclipse zone in Oregon, Eastern Oregon to be specific.

That would be about ten days from then.



### Mendoza to give ‘State of the State’ address

**PICO RIVERA** – State Sen. Tony Mendoza will present a “State of the State” address Wednesday, Sept. 27, at noon at the Pico Rivera Municipal Golf Course.

The event is being put on by the chambers of commerce from Downey, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Whittier and Montebello.

Admission is \$30 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members, and includes lunch. Register at your local chamber of commerce.

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# Rock & Brews holds ribbon cutting, will open Labor Day

■ **RESTAURANT:** KISS band members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley visit Downey for opening of new bar and grill at Stonewood Center.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Downey’s newest restaurant Rock & Brews hosted its official ribbon cutting ceremony at the Stonewood Center Tuesday evening amongst a crowd of veterans, city officials, and two notable superstars.

Rock & Brews offers American comfort-food style cuisine and large selection of craft brews against the backdrop of rock and roll.

Downey’s location is the franchise’s ninth in California (21st overall), and is set to officially open its doors to the public on Labor Day, September 4. This also the restaurant chain’s first California location that is attached to a retail establishment.

According to Stonewood Center property manager Benjamin Gonzalez, Rock & Brews is a “great brand.”

“We’re really looking forward to its being received so well from folks in Downey,” said Gonzalez. “We think it ties in really well with our community and who our shopper is. We just think it’s a great addition.”

According to franchise owner Jon Mesko, he has been looking to



Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley were at the new Rock & Brews restaurant in Downey on Tuesday, serving lunch to military veterans and first-responders. The restaurant opens to the public Wednesday.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

bring a restaurant to Downey for the last four years.

“It’s a great community, and I feel like it’s slightly underserved,” said Mesko. “I thought they’d appreciate a Rock & Brews here.”

Amidst the excited crowd at the ceremony stood two legendary Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famers – Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley.

In addition to being the make-up wearing, bass and guitar playing frontmen of rock band KISS, “The Demon” Simmons and

“The Starchild” Stanley are also co-founders of the Rock & Brews chain.

Simmons, Stanley, and the Rock & Brews team shared the spotlight with many local veterans and first responders during the opening event. This included presenting a \$5000 check to Courage Forward, a Downey non-profit organization that supports veterans by helping them obtaining benefits, job training and placement.

Stanley said that the only people who think freedom is free are the ones who didn’t have to pay the price.

“It’s an opportunity for us to recognize the people that make this country what it is,” said Stanley. “Obviously giving a check and helping with media coverage is not

going to change the world, but it is a way to spotlight something that people should be aware of.”

According to Simmons, Rock & Brews is “good for local economy.”

“We like to give back,” said Simmons. “We hire locally, we train locally, the craft beers are local...”

Stanley said that “this is your Rock & Brews.”

Simmons added that the restaurant has something for everybody.

“If you want to eat healthy you can do that, if you want to pig out you can do that,” said Simmons. “You may not be a rock star, but we’re sure as hell going to make you feel like one.”

## Career, trade fair in Pico Rivera

**PICO RIVERA** – A career and trade fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pico Park in Pico Rivera.

The fair is presented by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia in partnership with Women Build Metro-LA.

Attendees can learn about job openings, trades, certifications, apprenticeships, internships, and more.

There will also be opportunities to meet experts and professionals from a variety of fields, along with resume and professional development workshops.

For questions, contact Ashley Rozatti at (562) 861-5803 or ashley.rozatta@asm.ca.gov. Pico Park is at 9528 Beverly Blvd. in Pico Rivera.

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