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Police officer killed was from Downey

■ Chad Swanson was killed driving to work Wednesday; he was a Downey native.

By City News Service

DOWNEY – A Manhattan Beach Police Department motorcycle officer was killed Wednesday in a multi-vehicle crash on the northbound San Diego (405) Freeway in the Carson area.

The crash was reported at about 5:15 a.m. at Del Amo Boulevard, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Officer Chad Swanson, 35, a 13-year veteran, died at a hospital, the police department reported. According to Manhattan Beach police Lt. Kelly Benjamin, Swanson was married with three young sons.

Wednesday was his wife's birthday, officials said.

Swanson grew up in Downey and attended Downey schools. He graduated from St. John Bosco in 2006.

"Our heartfelt prayers and condolences are with the family of motor officer Swanson who succumbed to his injuries during the multi-vehicle crash this morning," Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said in a statement.

"Officer Swanson was a native of Downey. We are with the Manhattan Beach Police Department at this time of great loss and grief. Extending our prayers and support."

Manhattan Beach officials said Swanson was on his way to work when the crash occurred.

According to the CHP, the officer was in a crash that involved three other vehicles. The driver of one of those vehicles may have been speeding and made a possibly unsafe lane change, striking another vehicle that careened out of control, according to the CHP.

The officer's motorcycle was struck by one of the vehicles, knocking him to the ground. He was taken to Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, where he was pronounced dead. One other person suffered minor injuries and was also taken to a hospital.

The other motorists remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators, the CHP reported.

Manhattan Beach police Chief Rachel Johnson said Swanson joined the department 13 years ago and became a motorcycle officer in 2017. He previously worked as a civilian parking enforcement employee at the Hawthorne Police Department, Johnson said.

Manhattan Beach Mayor Richard Montgomery said in a statement the entire community was mourning "the loss of an officer who dedicated his career to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents."

Norwalk reallocates funds to create residential improvement program

■ Residents who meet income guidelines could potentially receive up to \$30,000 for home repairs.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK – The Norwalk City Council voted unanimously to amend the 2023 - 24 fiscal year budget and reallocate funds towards city infrastructure and a new Residential Rehabilitation Program during their meeting Tuesday evening.

John Ramirez, the community development director, proposed the unallocated \$615,267 funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) be redirected toward the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to make repairs to the street, sidewalk, curb, gutter and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramps.

The general funds were initially intended for CIP, so Ramirez proposed the \$600,000 be reallocated toward a new Residential Rehabilitation Program.

"While this is technically a simple funds swap, given it's a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, the procedures can be intricate," Ramirez explained.

The proposed amendments aim to expedite spending to



Council member Margarita Rios asks the city community development director for clarification on the new Residential Rehabilitation Program during the city council meeting on Tuesday. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

prevent funds from lapsing and being returned to the federal government.

The new Residential Rehabilitation Program will cover home improvement costs including accessibility upgrades, roof insulation, water heaters, windows and air conditioners for qualifying city residents 60 years old or older or non-ambulatory people.

Applicants would qualify for improvement grants once every five years.

As the new program is still in development, exact minimum and maximum grant amounts have yet to be determined. However, Ramirez estimates the grants will be approximately \$5,000 - \$30,000.

councilmember said. "With these guidelines, many might not even consider renovating their homes."

Councilmembers Jennifer Perez and Margarita Rios empathized with Ramirez but acknowledged the city has no control over state and federal income requirements.

Rios encouraged staff to find a new way to help families make home improvements where the income threshold is not an issue.

"If we have homeowners that don't qualify because of the income threshold, but they're, they're eager to make some improvements to their home, let's see if there is something else we can potentially offer," Rios said.

Ramirez acknowledged the concerns and promised to review the income limits.

"John, thank you for having open dialogue with us to really look at how we can customize this program for our city and our residents," Perez said. "There's a lot of things that you've added that we have talked about and I'm very excited to see them there."

The council voted unanimously to approve the amendment and reallocate the funds and expressed more information on the Residential Rehabilitation Project would be available before it goes into effect.

NLMUSD robotics program emphasizes student engineering passion

■ Norwalk-La Mirada students discover passion for engineering capabilities.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

NORWALK – John Glenn High School senior Marc Reyes, 18, walked into the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District board of education meeting behind the four-legged robot "MORT," demonstrating what his AP Computer Science class has taught him.

The school board members reached over their dias and attendees jumped from their seats to get a better view of the robotics demonstration during the meeting on Sep. 25. Reyes made the robot dog roll over, stand on its hind legs and march across the room.

Student board member Janelle Calderon, a senior and the ASB president at John Glenn High School highlighted the school's computer science pathway and emphasized the program's focus on four essential programs, including JavaScript, Python, Java, and C++.

"One of the wireless ways to connect to the robot dog is actually hacking into one of the four computers within the robot,"



NLMUSD board of education members reached over their dias and attendees moved to get a better view of Marc Reyes' program the four-legged robot during the meeting on Sep. 25. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

Reyes said as he demonstrated the robot. "This piece of equipment can be programmed from someone who has beginner level experience to researchers level experience using block coding to C++ that takes thousands of lines of code."

Reyes immigrated from the Philippines just a year ago and took a keen interest in engineering from a young age. His passion led him to join the school's robotics club, where he has been able to apply his skills in hardware and software.

On top of his five AP courses

and two college-level courses, the high school senior is president of the John Glenn High School Robotics Club, which has nine members. They are preparing for an upcoming Vex regional competition, where they will showcase robots designed to solve specific challenges.

His AP Computer Science teacher, Sergio Franco, also weighed in on the significance of the robotics program. He explained the robot has significant potential, however the goal is to improve the student's experience.

"My goal as a teacher is for

this piece of equipment to build student's skills, to get them through to college and career ready," Franco said. "They asked what it could do and some of the ideas that we have is to use that as motivation tool for younger students."

Shaye Fairchild, an NLMUSD teacher on special assignment, praised Reyes' and the robotics team's achievements, noting the rarity of students programming such advanced technology.

"This is such new technology. It didn't come with any instructions, they figured it all out as students," Fairchild said.

As a senior, Reyes has begun looking into universities after he graduates to continue his education in engineering and computer sciences, with his top choice being the California Institute of Technology.

"Anyone can program this robot given the opportunity, the time and the push Mr. Franco did in his class, and helped take my skills from a beginner level to an AP level," Reyes said. "I was given the opportunity to take what I learned from circuits to actually apply it to software."

"I see this as a passion. I see this as something I want to further foster and develop as a skill."

Weekend at a Glance

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SOMETHING TO DO



WHAT: The 25th annual Bellflower Boulevard Car Show returns with hundreds of cars, live music, food trucks, and more.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 7, 2-6 pm

WHERE: Bellflower Boulevard in Downtown Bellflower

ON THIS DAY

1927:

"The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson, premiered in New York City, introducing the sound era of motion pictures.

1960:

"Spartacus," directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Kirk Douglas, had its world premiere; it won several Academy Awards.

1973:

On the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur, Egypt and Syria attacked Israel, which suffered heavy casualties, but Israeli forces successfully fought back, and the war eventually ended inconclusively.

1979:

Pope John Paul II became the first pontiff to visit the White House.

1981:

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated by members of the radical fringe of the Muslim opposition.

1993:

Michael Jordan retired from professional basketball, saying "I don't have anything else to prove," only to return in March 1995.

2007:

Jason Lewis became the first human to circumnavigate the earth by human power.

2010:

Instagram, a mainstream photo-sharing app, was founded.

2018:

The United States Senate confirmed Brett Kavanaugh as a Supreme Court Associate Justice, ending a contentious confirmation process.

BIRTHDAYS

"Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" star **AMY JO JOHNSON** (53), basketball hall of famer **REBECCA LOBO** (50), reality TV star and trans activist **JAZZ JENNINGS** (23), TikTok star **ADDISON RAE** (23) and college basketball player **BRONNY JAMES** (19).

Works begins on 605 Freeway improvements

■ The massive project got underway Wednesday and is expected to last through 2030.

SANTA FE SPRINGS – State and local transit officials and leaders on Wednesday, Oct. 4, kicked off a major freeway project along Interstate 605, designed to enhance the corridor from Los Alamitos to the San Gabriel Valley.

The \$298.3 million, multi-phased effort – dubbed the Super 605 Freeway Enhancement Project – aims to improve overall ride quality along the route while bolstering safety for drivers and for state highway workers.

The new pavement itself will extend the life of the roadway from Long Beach to the San Gabriel Valley for up to 40 years,

officials said.

“I-605 is a major artery for residents of the Gateway cities and the San Gabriel Valley and is a vital resource for commuters and the movement of goods throughout Southern California,” said District 7 Director Gloria Roberts. “Made possible by federal funding and continued support from SB 1, these projects will also lengthen the service life of this key thoroughfare.”

The project is broken in into three segments.

In Segment 1, from Katella Avenue in Los Alamitos/Long Beach to Telegraph Road in Santa Fe Springs, Caltrans crews will replace distressed pavement and concrete slabs, rehab 96 “lane miles” of pavement, upgrade curb ramps, replace signage and stripes and build in an in-roadway warning light system where the off-ramps

from southbound I-605 meet the Spring St. bridge bicycle lanes. The project begins this fall and planned completion in early 2028.

In Segment 2, from the I-10 to the I-605 terminus north of I-210, similar improvements will be made, but upgrades will also include pedestrian upgrades at on- and off-ramps, and upgrades to six traffic signals. Construction will also include eight new vehicle maintenance pullouts, more than 12,000 linear feet of guardrail and the replacement of 27 overhead sign structures. It gets going in the fall and anticipated completion is fall 2026.

In Segment 3, Telegraph Road in Santa Fe Springs to I-10 is set to begin in spring 2024, and construction will include 93 lane miles of new pavement, upgrading more than



Work on the 605 Freeway will be completed in three phases and is expected to last through 2030.

16,000 linear feet of guardrail and replacing 16 overhead sign structures. The project also includes 53 acres of landscaping and stormwater improvements to help prevent trash and other pollutants from draining into the San Gabriel River. Anticipated completion is in early 2030, according to Caltrans.

The third segment is the most expensive, at \$181.6 million.

But all told, Caltrans officials say the improved corridor is a needed investment.

Funding comes from \$273.2 million in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and more than \$23.2 million from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and \$1.98 million from the state’s State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

Officials point to major

injections of transportation funding as generator of jobs and better transit. According to the state, California has had \$22.5 billion announced in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding. Of that, \$15.57 billion is dedicated to transportation-related projects, \$4.72 billion is meant for clean energy, power, and environment projects, \$2.14 billion is for broadband projects, and \$36.84 million is for other projects.

The total number of jobs created in the state since May, because of the funding is 47,992, according to the state.

“Caltrans is aggressively upgrading and rebuilding our infrastructure in California, including pavement rehabilitation on major interstate routes that transport goods and connect local communities,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. “The department and

our federal partners are making a significant investment to rebuild and maintain our state transportation system.”

Most of the repaving on the 605 segments will happen at night, but motorists can expect occasional daytime and weekend closures, officials said Wednesday.

Caltrans will provide updates to the project schedules that affect travel to the public in advance.

As thousands of commuters each day along the 605 know, the corridor runs through through dozens of cities from just north of the 405 Freeway and Long Beach to the San Gabriel Valley. Along the way cities nearby include Cerritos, Bellflower, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Downey, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Whittier, Baldwin Park, Duarte and San Gabriel.

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Dianne Feinstein's complicated legacy

Feinstein was a trailblazer but kept her Senate seat too long.

By Jill Filipovic

Jill Filipovic is a journalist based in New York and author of the book "OK Boomer, Let's Talk: How My Generation Got Left Behind."

Traiblazing Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the longest-serving female senator in US history, died on Thursday night, according to a family member. She was 90 years old, and had been facing calls to step down, given her fragile health and declining memory.

While in the Senate, she became the first female member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. She was also the first woman to chair both the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. She was the force behind the unfortunately now-lapsed federal assault weapons ban, and the 2014 torture report that revealed the many abuses of the CIA detention and interrogation program that happened during the Bush administration.

Feinstein's legacy is, sadly, now a mixed one. She was an incredible breaker of glass ceilings, a pioneer for women in politics. And had she stepped aside and let someone else fill her shoes at the end of her career, today's obituaries would be talking only about her many firsts and her many accomplishments. Instead, the news about her passing is punctuated with what it means for

a looming government shutdown and a slim Democratic majority.

But it's important not to lose sight of what Feinstein accomplished. She graduated from Stanford University in 1955, long before many Ivy League universities even began admitting women. In 1978, she became the first female mayor of San Francisco, after becoming the first female chair of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

During her time leading the Board of Supervisors, Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, were assassinated. Feinstein found Milk's body. And it was up on her announce the news to a shocked press. Feinstein, stunned but steady, is widely credited with leading her city out of one of its darkest eras.

The shooting was also politically galvanizing. Feinstein spent her career trying to rein in largely unfettered access to deadly weapons, in an effort to keep Americans safer from gun violence.

After 10 years in the mayor's office, in 1992 Feinstein was one of the first women California sent to the US Senate. Her victory came as part of the "Year of the Woman," galvanized by outrage over an all-male Senate Judiciary Committee's treatment of Anita Hill during Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas's confirmation hearings, as well as the 1992 case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which had threatened to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Feinstein criticized the confirmation hearings, and ran with abortion rights in her platform.

Feinstein forged a path that many other women would follow. When she was elected in 1992, she was one of four new female senators, who brought the total number

of women in the chamber to six (two of them from California). Now, nearly a quarter of the Senate is female — still far from parity, but a sea change nonetheless. And all of the women who now represent their states in one of America's most important halls of power owe some credit to the women who paved the way, including Feinstein.

Which is why the flaw in Feinstein's legacy — her refusal to step down — is such a shame. It's easy to see how that refusal came to be. Feinstein was tough — she certainly had to be, blazing as she did into so many mostly-male spaces. She was not a woman who waited her turn or stepped aside. That determination is what makes her obituaries dotted with so many firsts.

But it also kept her in her Senate seat for too long. Luckily, the Democrats have a strong enough majority that Feinstein's death won't throw the whole country into crisis. But she couldn't have known that in 2018, when she chose to run again at age 85. By 2020, she was showing clear signs of health issues. And in her final term, she missed almost 100 votes because of a shingles infection.

Her refusal to step down became a potent symbol of America's political gerontocracy, as aging political leaders largely retain their grip on power and younger people struggle to break through.

There are many lessons from Feinstein's phenomenal life. How to push forward against the odds. How to ignore those who tell you that you can't do something because of who you are. How to lead with integrity. How to persevere through adversity. And, crucially, one lesson that Feinstein's death leaves us with is one that she didn't carry out herself: when to pass the baton to the next generation.

Why EVs are suddenly controversial

American energy use has become a political talking point.

By Meg Jacobs

Meg Jacobs teaches history at Princeton University. She is the author of "Panic at the Pump: The Energy Crisis and the Transformation of American Politics in the 1970s."

"You can be loyal to American labor or loyal to environmental lunatics. You can't be loyal to both," former President Donald Trump said at a rally last week in Macomb County, Michigan.

Trying to win the support of blue-collar workers in the Rust Belt as he seeks the 2024 GOP nomination, Trump repeatedly attacked President Joe Biden's climate policies and called the massive investment in electric vehicles a "hit job in Michigan and on Detroit."

Trump's visit came a day after Biden appeared on the picket line in Michigan in support of striking autoworkers, who are demanding higher pay amid fears that electric vehicles will destroy their livelihoods. Those EVs can require fewer workers to manufacture than gas-powered ones, especially when most of the batteries are currently produced in China.

Unlike Trump, who thinks that playing up this tension between pocketbook concerns and environmentalism wins him votes, Biden is offering a future where green energy can preserve jobs and the environment at the same time. It remains to be seen which perspective voters, especially those walking the picket lines, will choose.

If we want to think about how we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels without causing economic pain, we must appreciate that the tension between these goals runs deep. Here history provides a cautionary tale about how hard it will be for Biden to go green without the loss of jobs or lifestyles that Americans are accustomed to.

How did we get here?

The conflict between economic and environmental concerns dates back most pointedly to the energy shocks of the 1970s, when Americans, who started the decade with a historic commitment to environmental policy, abandoned many of those ideals when the first oil shock hit.

October 17th marks the 50th anniversary of the Arab oil embargo. Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) boycotted sales to the United States in retaliation for American support of Israel in the Yom Kippur War and then cut production, officially launching the United States into an energy crisis. Within three months, the price of a barrel of oil had quadrupled.

Today's inflation is kids' play compared with that of the 1970s. Americans had been paying a few cents per gallon for gas, and prices increased so quickly that gas stations struggled to display the price when it broke through the dollar barrier.

It was, as one White House adviser put it, "an energy Pearl Harbor."

The rest of the decade would be defined by this oil shock and another that came in 1979 after the Iranian Revolution.

But rather than rousing Americans from their reliance on gasoline, the public insisted politicians do whatever they could to preserve their way of life.

The '70s initially seemed to be the decade of environmentalism. In 1970, President Richard Nixon signed the sweeping National Environmental Policy Act into law after a disastrous oil spill off Santa Barbara, California. He went on to support the Clean Air Act of 1970, which imposed astounding limitations on corporate America's ability to pollute. Regardless of his personal views, this skillful politician knew being green would play well, especially with a younger generation.

But Americans still loved their cars. And when that suburban way of life — made possible in part by a seemingly limitless supply of cheap gas — was threatened, much of that environmental mindset went on hold.

As soon as the oil shock struck, there was a reversion to coal and to drilling for oil. Sen. Henry Jackson, a leading environmentalist, became the Alaska pipeline's main supporter. Instead of letting gas prices go up, and thereby inducing cutbacks, there was enormous pressure on politicians to keep them down, resulting in a price control policy that even the conservative Nixon felt compelled to support, though it was ultimately ineffective.

There was no better symbol of the failures of environmentalism to take hold, in the face of rising prices, than the long gas lines that snaked across the country. Americans waited for hours, sometimes running out of gas, sometimes getting into fistfights, just to tank up at sky-high prices.

It was that much more of a blow when the second oil shock struck under President Jimmy Carter's watch, as he had told Americans he would solve the energy crisis. The long lines in the summer of 1979 made it clear he had failed.

True, Carter famously installed solar panels on the White House's roof and promised that the country would receive 20% of its energy from the sun and other renewable resources by 2000. But there was not much political will to make this happen.

Even as he urged Americans to change their consumer habits and shamed them for their indulgence, Carter, motivated by national security concerns, promoted a failed synthetic coal program and called America the

Saudi Arabia of coal.

Still, that was not enough to save Carter, who went down in defeat to Ronald Reagan in the 1980 election, with Democrats in Michigan's Macomb County, and elsewhere, switching their partisan allegiance.

A reason for optimism

So where are we today? In 2023, environmentalism, even as it is subject to the rampant polarization of our time, is seemingly more popular than ever as we are living through wildfires, floods and record heat, all with devastating consequences. We see the consequences of climate change all around us.

And yet Americans still do not want to pay for a green future. In a recent poll from the AP-NORC Center and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago, only 38% of Americans said they would be willing to pay \$1 a month in a carbon tax to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Such reluctance is especially true as inflation has gone up and made Americans that much more price-conscious — and many workers fear an energy transition that will threaten jobs in coal and the automobile industry.

It is that tension that Trump seeks to exploit, stoking fears that Biden's policies will lead to the death of American car production.

And yet there is reason to embrace some optimism. The Inflation Reduction Act not only promises to be a once-in-a-generation piece of climate legislation, but it also offers an essential reframing that is necessary for sustained progress.

Early reports suggest that this infusion of government funds is fundamentally changing the direction of American energy use and doing so in a new, more palatable way. Instead of strapping Americans with higher prices and inconvenience, the act offers the opposite: lower prices and greater convenience. And that is a real game changer.

When Biden, in an unprecedented act, joined the United Auto Workers picket line the day before Trump's rally, he was promising a win-win scenario. Car companies could afford to pay higher wages and protect jobs, even as they adopt an EV fleet.

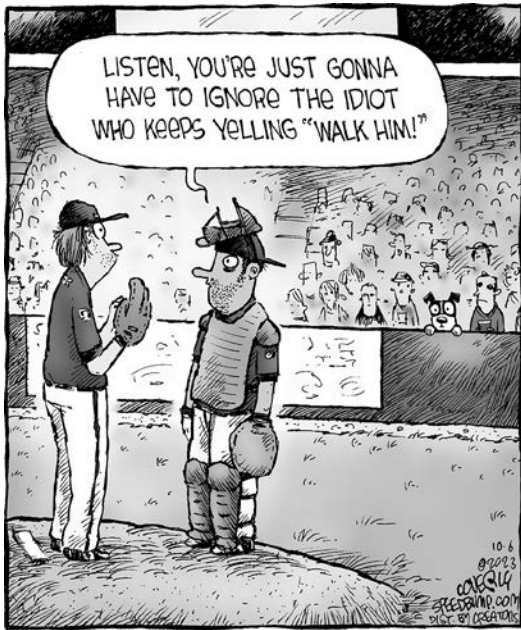
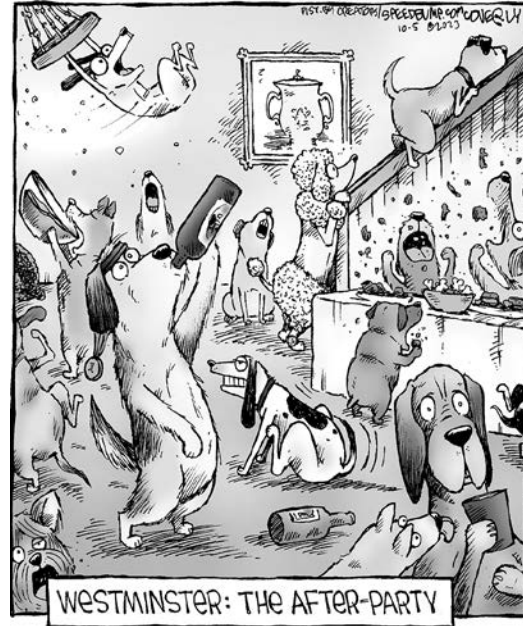
The lesson of the 1970s is that the only way for real, permanent change to occur is to offer a better life. In their most ambitious version, Biden's policies do that: Through incentives and credits, a new network of electrical vehicles will make it ultimately easier and more affordable to drive a car, and he has also offered billions for stimulating EV battery manufacturing in the United States.

If Biden can deliver on the promise of his policies, it would not only redound to his political benefit but also put Americans on a greener path.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers
2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall

SUNDAYS

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - 12201 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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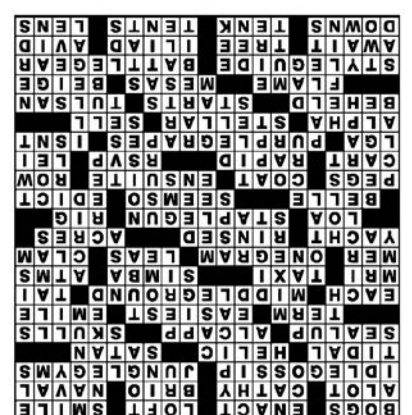
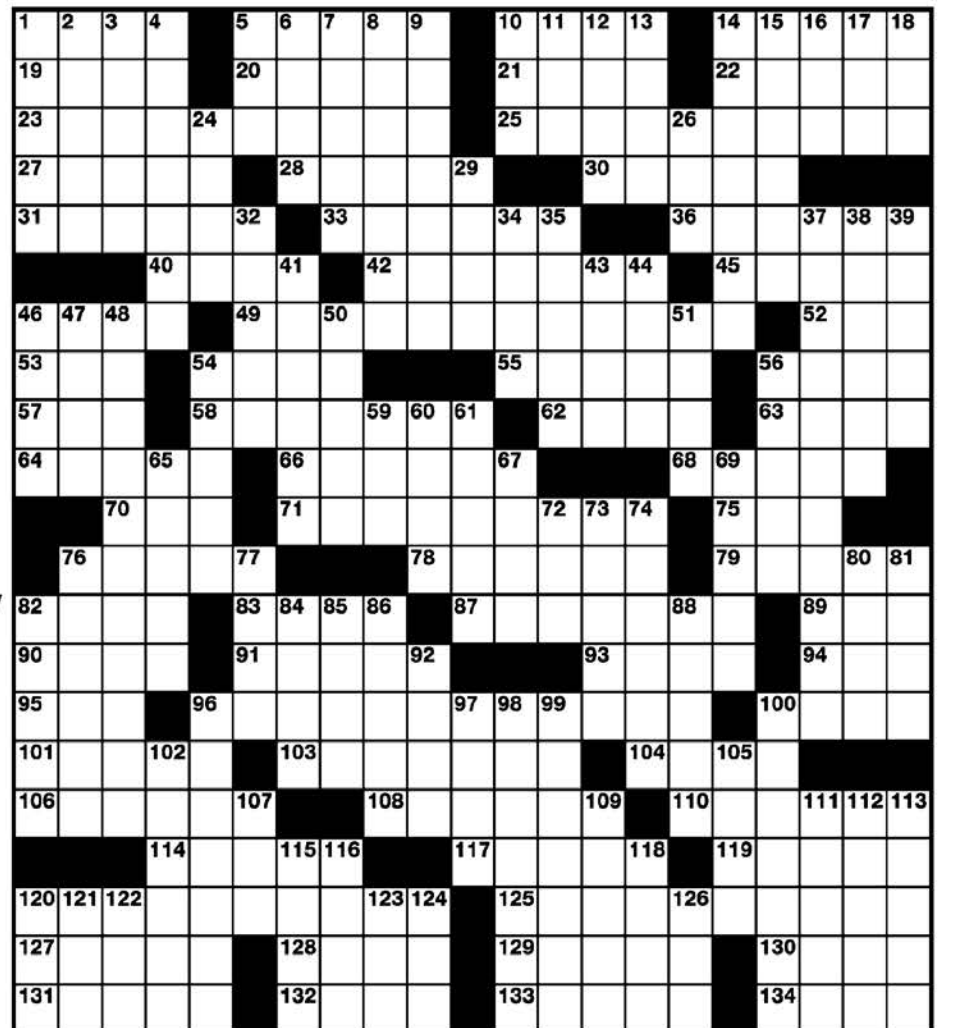
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 - 12 Flounder propellers
 - 13 Julius Caesar costume
 - 14 Moved furtively
 - 15 Large wine bottle
 - 16 Climbing plant
 - 17 On the (fleeing)
 - 18 Golf pro Ernie
 - 24 Sticky stuff
 - 26 Sgt.'s superiors
 - 29 Bulk buy
 - 32 Image consultant guy
 - 34 Pen pals, perhaps
 - 35 Danger
 - 37 Young ladies
 - 38 Alpaca relatives
 - 39 Earthquake
 - 41 Kitchen appliances
 - 43 Vague quantity
 - 44 Sousaphone, e.g.
 - 46 Tube trophy
 - 47 Neck of the woods
 - 48 Pie chart, e.g.
 - 50 Finger or toe
 - 51 Curiosity rover launcher
 - 54 Wreck completely
 - 56 Pungent-smelling
 - 59 Single-strand molecule
 - 60 African snakes
 - 61 Free-for-all
 - 65 The Planets composer
 - 67 TV chef Paula
 - 69 Move slowly
 - 72 Baseball execs.
 - 73 Take forcibly
 - 74 Creaks and squeaks
 - 76 Tricolor pooch
 - 77 Neutral tone
 - 80 Producer/director brothers' surname
 - 81 Tease
 - 82 Techie's campus hangout
 - 84 Dinghy movers
 - 85 Calendar notation: Abbr.
 - 86 Ceramic squares
 - 88 Sports bar fixture
 - 92 Shoulder muscle, for short
 - 96 Warehouse platforms
 - 97 Glitzy, briefly
 - 98 Cheese dish
 - 99 Gallery event
 - 100 Not sanctioned
 - 102 Airport actor Van
 - 105 Garage job
 - 107 Bumstead's nickname
 - 109 Glossy fabric
 - 111 Strainer
 - 112 Once more
 - 113 Geeks
 - 115 Not a pedigreed pooch
 - 116 Word on Irish euro coins
 - 118 Numerical datum
 - 120 Unfortunate
 - 121 Seesaw complement
 - 122 Go off course
 - 123 Room for relaxation
 - 124 "A spider!"
 - 126 Mormons' grp.

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Kershaw greets Lynwood students

LYNWOOD – Nearly 75 elementary school students at two Lynwood Unified schools had the experience of a lifetime when they met Los Angeles Dodgers greats, World Series champion Clayton Kershaw and Al “The Bull” Ferrara, as part of the L.A. Reads literacy program.

Over two dozen Rosa Parks Elementary School students met Ferrara – a world champion outfielder who made his MLB debut with the Dodgers in 1963 – on Sept. 12, while over 50 Abbott Elementary School students met Kershaw – a left-handed starting pitcher who made his Dodgers debut in 2008 – and his family on Sept. 22.

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, in partnership with the Dodgers, Think Together and Lynwood Unified School District, hosted the two L.A. Reads literacy events to promote a lifelong love of reading among the community’s youth.

Clad in their Dodger blue baseball caps and “Read More Play More” baseball shirts, Rosa



Parks Elementary students in the Think Together afterschool program lined up to sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” and pose for pictures with Ferrara, who read “Muncha, muncha, muncha!”

Ferrara also autographed pictures, books, hats and shirts for students, who received a copy of “A Kids Book About Equality.”

During the Sept. 22 event, Abbott students sat excitedly in the school library, pounding the floor while waiting for Kershaw and his family to make their debut.

After being welcomed by thundering applause from the young students, Kershaw and his family read “Bigger Than Me” and took questions from the audience.

“Whatever you want to do, whether it’s coloring, running, playing baseball, playing with your friends, you can always impact everyone around for the better and that’s what this story’s about,” said Kershaw, who then distributed copies of the book to students as they returned to class while chanting “Dodgers, Dodgers!”

La Serna teacher honored with award

WHITTIER – La Serna High School intervention specialist Lisa Barnes is known by her peers as someone who continually goes above and beyond, whether it’s conducting her Homework Club, providing mentoring opportunities for students and local community partners, or working with the Wellness Team to monitor the health and wellness of La Serna students and staff, all while maintaining the school’s successful Guided Studies, OASIS and Haven programs.

Barnes received the surprise of a lifetime on Sept. 19, when a routine meeting with La Serna principal Griselda Castro turned into a celebration for the popular instructor, who was named a 2023 Extra Yard for Teachers recipient by the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation and the Pac-12 football conference. UCLA assistant director of marketing, Bri Hutchings, virtually presented Barnes with a \$1,000 donors gift card.



“I’m still in shock, but tremendously grateful for this honor,” Barnes said. “Honestly, I feel like my colleagues have gone the extra mile for the students in this post-Covid period. I’m looking at options for the \$1,000 to use it in a way that benefits our student/mentor run Homework Club, in class or afterschool, so that our students can benefit from this award.”

Castro said she nominated Barnes for the award based on Barnes’ tireless efforts to ensure equity in education, keeping

students on track to graduate, and leading wellness teams on campus to make sure that teacher’s needs are being met.

“Lisa is a very humble person who does everything from the bottom of her heart,” Castro said.

Barnes has been at La Serna High for 30 years, beginning in 1993 when she came to the school as a student teacher from Biola University.

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