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Poet brings written word to Grossmont

"The Elements of San Joaquin."

"The pores in my throat and elbows

have taken in a seed of dirt on their own.

The skin of my belly will tighten like a belt

and there will be no room for pockets."

Listeners will likely hear this poem and many more from the popular poet Gary Soto on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Room 220, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Soto is an inspiration to many current Latin/Chicano writers and has published over fourteen books of both fiction and poetry, including "Summer Life." In addition to his literary works, Soto recently produced a move, "A Pool Party."

As a Senior Lecturer at the University of California, Berkley, Soto incorporates his gift of almost total recall to write about the human condition. His bilingual knack appears in sparkling imagery, and tends to be clear, crisp and pleasing.

Admission is free, and all are encouraged to attend and support Grossmont's Creative Writing Program.