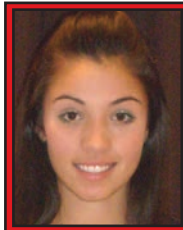




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## Remembering T.J. Peacock

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – There are many things T.J. Peacock will be remembered for.

His love for the game of baseball may be one. His smile, definitely another. Or maybe his obsessions with playing guitar and gambling at Barona Resort & Casino. But more so, he will be remembered for his courageous fight against brain cancer.

T.J., whose full name was Taylor Jay Peacock, died on Sept. 20 at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, only four days before his 19th birthday. His passing concluded a six-week stay at the hospital and nearly five years of battling brain cancer.

It all started in December of 2002, at the age of 14, when T.J. was diagnosed with brain cancer following a CT Scan that detected a large mass on his brain. The following February, T.J. underwent his first surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where his entire right temporal lobe was removed from his brain. Although he came out of the surgery with flying colors, he had to undergo chemotherapy for 18 months and radiation for six weeks following the operation.

Because of the tumor's discovery, T.J. had to resign from his position on Warren High School's freshman baseball team, later playing for the school's golf team, where he was captain his junior and senior years. Throughout his high school career, T.J. had numerous MRI's, all showing no signs of recurrence.

The summer of his high school graduation – the summer of 2006 – he and his family went on vacation before T.J. was to attend Platt College, where he was planning on majoring in graphic design and animation. But before he could depart for college, T.J. collapsed in his home. After being rushed to Cedars-Sinai, T.J. was told that the cancer had returned; only this time, it was in the right frontal lobe of his brain. The next day, T.J. underwent his second surgery, removing the entire right frontal lobe, which would later be followed with chemotherapy and stem-cell transplants.

A few months prior to T.J.'s second surgery, his wish to meet golf legend Jack Nicklaus was granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. T.J. not only met Nicklaus, but caddied the entire Toscana Country Club 18-hole course, giving direction to Nicklaus when it was asked of him.

An account of the day, written by his father Larry and posted on [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org), said:

"Not only did T.J. carry his bag (with a little help from Tony Lentendre) and hand him his clubs, but Jack (who was miked for the audience) was heard getting distances from and thinking aloud with T.J....T.J. got special white caddy overalls with 'NICKLAUS' on the back which he wore proudly that day...On 18, just before his birdie-putt attempt, Jack gave thanks and acknowledgements to the crowd and told T.J.'s story and why he was caddying. Then he told T.J. to read the putt and he would hit the ball where he said. After a little discussion, the line was decided and

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Services for T.J. Peacock will be held today at 9 a.m. at All Souls Mortuary, 4400 Cherry Ave., in Long Beach. Photo courtesy Diane Peacock

## 'Armchair Adventure' explores the Alps

CONTRIBUTED BY KEVIN O'CONNOR  
MANAGER, DOWNEY THEATRE

**DOWNEY** – "It was quite an adventure," said filmmaker Jim Thompkins, talking about his experiences shooting his new travel film production, entitled, "The Alps." Thompkins will be showing his live cinema presentation of "The Alps" this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre.

Perhaps the most beloved mountain range on earth, the Alps is a favorite destination for travelers to Europe. "Few visitors see as many places in the Alps as we will," Thompkins said of the presentation. Thompkins loaded himself up with 30 pounds of camera equipment and other gear and hiked several miles every day for two months to experience the Alps first-hand. He traveled the countries of Monaco, France, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria, and Slovenia. When asked of his favorite place, he admitted, "That's a tough one. Each area has its own character. Some places I'd like to go back and explore again, but there are other places where the atmosphere would be hard to match on a return

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The Alps and all its natural wonders will be visited in this Sunday's travelogue at the Downey Theatre. Photo by Eric Tompkins

## Apollo space capsule could land in Downey

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** – Another piece of Downey's rich space history should be coming home soon.

The City of Downey has been granted a tentative loan of an Apollo space capsule, Boilerplate 19A, which will be displayed inside the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center, currently under construction adjacent to Downey Studios along with the Discovery Sports Complex.

The capsule is presently in Palmdale, on loan to the County of Los Angeles.

The City still needs final loan approval from the Smithsonian Institute to relocate the capsule. The City Council is paying \$42,350 for the relocation, which would be paid out of a NASA grant.

The relocation, expected to take place early next month, pending the Smithsonian's approval, will take place over approximately three days as it travels from Palmdale to Downey Studios for refurbishment.

Downey acquired another space capsule, Boilerplate 6, last October from the City of Paramount.

The Smithsonian hosts an extensive gallery of NASA items, including an Apollo prototype fuel cell that underwent extensive evaluation tests in Downey.

Also at the Smithsonian is a write-up detailing local preservation efforts to save the historic McDonald's on Lakewood Boulevard.



Boilerplate 19A, an Apollo space capsule used in NASA missions, should be returning to Downey in the coming weeks where it will be refurbished for display in the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center. Photo courtesy Scott Pomrehn, City of Downey

## DRMC in financial trouble; ER closing?

■ Hospital may lose up to \$12 million in the coming year, administration officials say. De-linking from the 9-1-1 system may be a partial solution.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** – The burden of treating a surge in new and oftentimes uninsured patients since the closure of Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital this past August, coupled with years of declining revenue, has put Downey Regional Medical Center at financial risk, DRMC COO Rob Fuller said this week.

In fact, the hospital may be forced to shutter its doors as soon as next year if changes aren't made, Fuller said in comments first reported by the *Los Angeles Times*.

Downey Regional is steadfastly losing money, particularly in treating Medi-Cal beneficiaries, with the hospital losing more than \$1,000 per day of care in that program, Fuller told the *Patriot* this week.

The number isn't altogether staggering, but Fuller projected DRMC will lose up to \$12 million in the coming year under the Medi-Cal program.

"By the County's actions in closing MLK Hospital and dislocating 47,000 ER visits and over 40,000 days of patient hospitalization annually, local hospitals like Downey Regional are put at financial risk," Fuller said in a memo distributed to DRMC employees. "The vast majority of the dislocated patients are Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and Downey Regional loses over \$1,000 per day of care in that program. The County's dislocation of those patients will serve to extend our losses in the Medi-Cal program from about \$8 million to over \$12 million in the coming year. The County's offset 'Impacted Hospitals' program covers only for 1/16th of the patients dislocated, and will make only a minor dent in our issues."

Fuller continued: "Further exacerbating the situation is that some hospitals, like St. Francis (and like MLK when it was open) are so-called 'disproportionate share' hospitals and receive two to five times more funding per patient day from Medi-Cal than Downey Regional receives for providing the same care for the same patients. The money doesn't follow the patient, so St. Francis, as operationally burdened as they are, will do well financially, while Downey Regional is forced to suffer millions in additional losses under the current programs."

Still, Fuller said closing the hospital remains a last resort. In fact, city officials said DRMC's land lease with the city requires them to keep an operating emergency room.

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## Ragland replaces Alvarez as Public Works Director

■ City fills top City Hall positions as it prepares for looming redevelopment projects.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—In somewhat of a surprise, Downey City Manager Gerald Caton announced Tuesday that he had named, obviously with the City Council's blessings, erstwhile Deputy Director of Public Works Brian Ragland as Director of Public Works, replacing Desi Alvarez.

Alvarez, who had been the department director for a decade, assumed the new title of Deputy City Manager of Special Projects. A parallel appointment saw Gilbert Livas assume the other new title of Deputy City Manager of Community Development. The appointments took effect Monday.

Caton also announced that background checks are being conducted for the next Director of Economic Development, and that the position should be filled by late October.

In other action, the Council:

•After a public hearing, upheld the appeal of the denial of Zone Variance No. 07-84—involving a request to deviate from the maximum allowable amount a detached accessory structure that can encroach into the required rear yard setback—for property located at 13108 Cornuta Ave., which is zoned R-1 5,000 (Single Family Residential); and directed staff to bring back the appropriate resolution upholding the appeal;

•Set the public hearing for Oct. 9 for Zone Change No. 07-86, wherein staff recommends changing the zoning classification from C-P (Professional Office) to R-3-0 (Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential Ownership) for property located at 8603 Imperial Hwy.;

•Approved the appointment of Charles Hallums of Macerich Stonewood Lt. Partnership, as recommended by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, to serve as Downey's private sector representative to the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (SELACO WIB);

•Received and filed the Used Oil Block Grant annual report, which provides an overview of the programs and resources available in Downey, with regard to used oil collection and recycling, and submitted it to the California Integrated Waste Management Board;

•Authorized the expenditure of \$25,000 for the design of a fuel cell installation at the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center as a favored alternative source of power;

•Appropriated \$42,350 from the NASA grant for the relocation of an Apollo Space Capsule from the city of Palmdale to the Downey Studios;

•Approved the new Estoppel Certificate drawn up with Merrill Lynch as lender to IRG;

•Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with ADT Security Systems for the installation of a security system at the

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## Community Center offers new, expanded programs

**DOWNEY** – The Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center is now offering the following new and expanded classes and programs:

- The Human Services Association now provides a congregate meal service Monday through Friday at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. Meals are \$2 for seniors 60+, and \$4 for those under 60. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis at least 24 hours in advance.
- Appicare Medical Group will be offering free flu shots to seniors ages 65 and older on Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. Supply is limited to only 350 vaccines on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- CareMore will be offering free flu shots to seniors ages 65 and older on Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. Supply is limited to 200 vaccines on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Café Quill, a dinner and entertainment event, will be held on Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. The theme for the evening will be in the spirit of Halloween and attendees are encouraged to dress in costume. Registration begins on Oct. 2 at a cost of \$5 per person.
- Daddy Boot Camp, a one-day workshop offered on Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, is designed to help dad's with learning how to comb their daughter's hair, make lunches and snacks for day trips, and coordinate outfits. Cost is \$20 per person. Dad's can bring their daughters to class for free.
- Balloons and Holiday Arches, a one-day workshop on Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, will teach participants how to make balloon decorations, including arches, single towers and spiral arches. Cost is \$35 per person, plus \$20 for materials.
- Registration is still being taken for senior excursions to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Natural History (Oct. 18, \$25), Museum of Tolerance (Oct. 9, \$22), and Cabazon Outlets (Nov. 3, \$10).
- Registration is still being taken for youth excursions to the All Aboard for Thomas the Train and Friends – Orange Railway Museum in Perris (Nov. 10, \$22).

For information on any of the programs and excursions mentioned, call the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center at (562) 904-7227.

## Adult School offers florist class

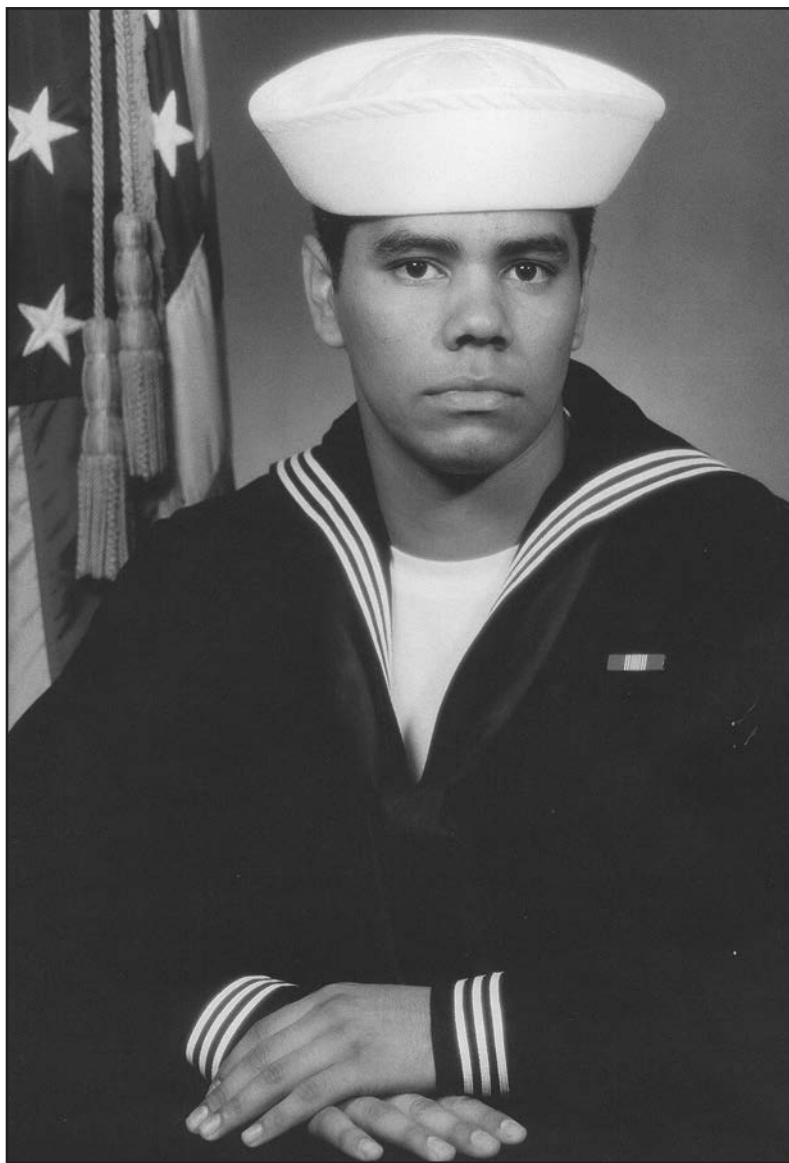
**DOWNEY** – The Downey Adult School will be offering a "Mommy & Me Halloween Florist Class" on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. The class will teach parents and children how to make a flower arrangement, which will be designed in keepsake containers. The class will be taught by florist Terrie Mercurio. Cost is \$15, which includes instruction, flowers and container per arrangement, and registration is required. To register, or for information, call (562) 940-6200. Downey Adult School is at Imperial Highway and Woodruff Avenue.

## Hume Foundation bestowing award

**DOWNEY** – The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation has announced they will honor longtime Downey residents Tony and Joyce Dusich with the third annual Margene Glenn Award at a luncheon Oct. 13 at Granata's Italian Villa. The Dusich's have contributed their time and resources to many civic projects, including the Downey Children's Theatre, according to the Foundation, and have "helped make Downey the community it was to become." RSVP's are requested before Oct. 6 by writing to The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, 10312 Birchdale Ave., Downey, 90241, or by e-mail to friggleroadrunner.com.

## Church honoring their pastor and wife

**DOWNEY** – Love, Peace & Happiness Family Christian Fellowship will honor their pastor and wife, Drs. Leon and Jacqueline Martin, with an Appreciation Service in the Pastoral Ministry on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. Scheduled to attend are Pastor Charles Smith of Shackelford Miracle Temple, Apostle Kenneth Green of Messiah Full Gospel Bible Fellowship, Dr. Zebedee Jackson of New Jerusalem Christian Center, Pastor Thomas Knight of Tabernacle of Faith, and other local pastors. The public is invited to the services. The church is located at 11022 Old River School Rd. For more information and/or transportation, call (562) 806-9890.



**Jose Manuel Moran Jr. will be returning Sunday from Iraq, where he spent six months on USS Nimitz (CVN 68), a Navy air craft carrier participating in "Operation Iraqi Freedom." He is currently based in San Diego. He is the son of Jose and Maria Moran of Downey.**



**Helen Tucker, longtime Downey resident, celebrated her 103rd birthday on Sept. 24. Tucker not only lived in Downey, but also worked in the Downey real estate market for many years. She was named "Realtor of the Year" multiple times and was in the "Million Dollar Club." She retired when her eye sight began to fail, moving to the Palms Retirement Center in La Mirada in 2001. Tucker has also been a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization for Women for nearly 50 years.**

## Community invited to meet guest conductor

■ Clyde Mitchell will share his plans for the upcoming Downey Symphony concert.

CONTRIBUTED BY ROSALIE SCIORTINO  
DOWNEY SYMPHONY GUILD

**DOWNEY** – St. George's Greek Orthodox Church of Downey will be the setting for Downey Symphony Guild's next production. A cordial invitation is extended to the community to join the Guild on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. at the church, located at 10846 Downey Ave. The occasion is threefold – first, to meet, hear, and visit with Clyde Mitchell, Downey Symphony's first guest conductor of the 2007-08 season. He will share with us, in the tradition of salons of the past, his intentions and interpretations for this concert. Secondly, guests of the Guild will tour the sanctuary and view the completion of the church's magnificent dome paintings. The third reason for the occasion is to partake of an exceptionally delicious luncheon prepared by the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society and served in the fellowship hall. To add a little suspense and some fun, door prizes will be awarded. This Guild effort is to benefit the Downey Symphony Orchestra, its Music in the Schools Program, and the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. Donation requested is \$25 per person by check made out and mailed to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA, 90240 by Oct. 6. For information, call (562) 869-0422. "This is a wonderful opportunity to view this beautiful church, meet with our guest conductor, socialize with our members and friends, and enjoy tasty Greek morsels," said Pauline Hume, program vice president who arranged this event. "We hope to see you there."

## Dump electronic waste at Stonewood

**DOWNEY** – Stonewood Center will be collecting electronic waste on Oct. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot behind Sears. The event is a free service to Downey residents and businesses that want to properly dispose of unwanted electronic products. Electronic waste includes computer monitors, televisions, PC systems, printers, home entertainment systems, copiers and fax machines, in working condition or not. For more information on the event, call Lisa Galvan, Marketing Manager, at (562) 861-9233.

## Guerra announces town hall meeting

**DOWNEY** – Councilman Mario Guerra has scheduled a town hall meeting for Oct. 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. Guerra will provide information on what is currently taking place in the City of Downey as well as what is on the horizon. "These are exciting times for Downey and our citizens should know what we are doing and what our future holds," Guerra said. Time will be allotted for the public to speak.

## Emblem Club celebrates 50 years

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Emblem Club #309 will celebrate its 50th year of service to the community and to the Downey Elks Lodge #2020 on Oct. 3. Throughout the years, the Emblem Club has donated thousands of dollars and hours to many organizations and scholarships in Downey. Those interested in joining the Emblem Club are asked to call president Jeanie Meader at (562) 697-6870.

## Honda lends a helping hand in Downey

**DOWNEY** – The Honda Helpful Guys and Girls in Blue will be distributing bottled water, carrying customers' packages, opening doors and loading cars, among other helpful gestures, throughout Downey tomorrow. The activity is part of a Honda marketing promotion.

## Solo guitarist featured at DMOA

**DOWNEY** – The New Music at DMOA series will feature solo guitarist Jim McAuley at the Downey Museum of Art on Oct. 4. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$10. The Downey Museum of Art is located in Furman Park. For more information, call (562) 861-0419.

### CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE COMPANY PAYS TRIBUTE

**Century 21 Spotlights**

CENTURY 21 My Real Estate Pays Tribute to Maude Price Elementary Kindergarten K-1 for their participation in the Character Counts Program. Miss Sophia and the K-1 Students are promoting great character strengths such as Good Citizenship, Care, Fairness, Responsibility, Respect and Trustworthiness. The above "GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE" was presented to Steve Roberson and CENTURY 21 My Real Estate by Miss Sophia and her Students. "We are so grateful to be able to contribute to and be a part of The Character Counts program. We look forward to continuing our participation and expansion of such a meaningful program," said Steve Roberson, Owner/Broker of My Real Estate. "Thank you Maude Price Elementary and Kindergarten K-1 Students." GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE IS DISPLAYED AT THE OFFICE OF CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE.

### DOWNEY'S BEHIND THE SCENE SUPERSTARS

## Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee

### Annual Meeting & General Election - October 2, 2007

The Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at the Downey City Library, Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA at 6:30 p.m.

The PAC serves as the means through which the Community can participate with the Community Development Commission (CDC) in the planning and implementation of neighborhood revitalization programs

A representative of a business owner or a community organization must be designated as a representative of the business owner or community organization through a letter from the organization and be filed with the PAC at his meeting.

Members must be present and actively participate in PAC meetings, special meetings, and deliberations. Members must comply with the disclosure and disqualification provisions of the Political Reform Act. PAC members will be required to complete a Form 700 on an annual basis.

Vacancies are available for the following categories:  
Business  
Resident Owner  
Resident Tenant  
Organization

To obtain more information and to determine eligibility for voting or candidacy, please contact Project Area Committee member Dr. Michael Sullivan at (562) 862-4892.

for the Downey Redevelopment Project. The Original project was adopted in 1978, with major amendments in 1987 and 1991. Maps of the project areas are shown on this page.

You are eligible for membership and to vote if you reside in or are a business owner including the owners of rental properties in the Downey Redevelopment Project Area and are present at this meeting. Existing community organizations within the Downey Redevelopment Project Area will be verified by the Committee.

**REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS 5A & 5C**

**5A** - Approximately 14 acres of land north of Downey Community Hospital, south of the railroad tracks and between Brookshire Avenue and Patton Road.

**5C** - Approximately 15 acres of land at the intersection of Lakewood Boulevard and Gallatin Road, the three corners not including Ralph's Market Shopping Center.



## Teens discover new (and loud!) hangout at Epic Lounge

By MARY FORNEY, CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – Teenagers and young adults have a new place to hang out on the weekends. Located at 8239 Second St., the Epic Lounge opened its doors in July to provide an entertainment alternative to residents and offer a new venue for local bands to play.

David Devis, owner of the Epic Lounge and its neighboring Icon Café, said the concept came from wanting to have a café with a lounge which offered live entertainment for young people.

"The bands attract the kids," Devis said. "This is good for the teenagers because they get bored and do devious things – like get into drugs and do graffiti. We have adult supervision and security here so they don't get into trouble."

Devis tried to open the Epic Lounge a couple of years ago, but said he had to wait for the entertainment permit. Now open Friday and Saturday nights, the lounge is often filled to standing room only as teenagers and young adults gather to socialize and dance to the guest rock, metal and jazz bands.

Recent bands have included Eulogies For Eternity, Sans Eyes, The Bellflowers, Need A Fix, Destroy the Runner, and These Three Remain.

Wanting to bring a new experience to Downey youth, Mike "Crazylegs" Lopez, 29, can be found giving free swing dance lessons on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The lessons start at 8 p.m. before the bands begin playing at 9 p.m.

"I've always loved swing music and once I saw the dancing, I had to learn it," Lopez said. "It has been dying out so I want to spark an interest in the young people to keep it alive."

Doors to the Epic Lounge open at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cost of entry is \$5 per person.

Devis is looking forward to offering more to Downey youth by turning the Icon Café into an internet café during the late fall.

"We will have filtered programs to keep kids from surfing unsafe sites," Devis said.

The filtered programs are just one of the ways Devis wants to promote safety for his young guests. Security guards are also posted in the doorways and throughout the lounge.

"This is a place where young people can learn social skills dancing with a nice, fun and clean crowd," Lopez said.

Bands interested in playing at the Epic Lounge can call (323) 841-0194.



Local rock band Destroy the Runner has been one of many bands to play Epic Lounge, a new teenage haunt in Downtown Downey. Photo by Christina Jacks Skorupa

## New children's dance program begins at Gretel's

**DOWNEY** – Gretel's Dance Studio will be offering a new dance program beginning Oct. 15 at 4:15 p.m.

The program includes an open creative movement class for 3-year-olds at 4:15 p.m., a pre-dance class for girls and boys ages 4 to 6 at 5 p.m., and a beginners dance class for boys and girls ages 7 to 9 at 6 p.m. The classes will teach students basic body movement, coordination, balance, and interaction with other students.

The dance studio, located at 12405 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, offers three classrooms with equipment, ballet barres, and hardwood-sprung floors.

Dance curriculum includes ballet, tap, jazz, and mime.

For information, call (562) 745-5869.

## THE ALPS

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trip."

He admits that his biggest surprise was the Alps of Slovenia.

"I had no idea what to expect. It's one of the most beautiful locations in the film," Thompkins said.

Another surprise were the choral groups that would break into song while on their own tour of the Alps. One spontaneous performance occurred in a palace in the Lake Country of Italy.

"A guide coaxed them into trying out the acoustics," said Thompkins. "It was an unexpected highlight of the tour."

Thompkins said the film is broken down into "ten chapters, each one a different mood of the Alps. It's not just about one country. I wanted to try and get a flavor of all the different cultures and landscapes of the Alps."

Highlights he includes in the first half of the film include Monaco, Provence, the Lake Country of Italy, the Dolomites, Liechtenstein, and the Jungfrau region of Switzerland. The second half of the film focuses on the Matterhorn, Salzburg, the Salzkammergut region of Austria, the Bavarian Alps, Lakes Bled and Bohinj of Slovenia, and France's Mont Blanc, Europe's highest peak.

"It's an ambitious project," said Thompkins. "It is like a brisk walk."

Thompkins admits to doing a lot of walking on his trip. Accompanied by his brother Eric, Thompkins covered the entire trip by bus, rail, and walking. He credits his brother with doing most of the logistical work of the trip.

"He allowed me to focus on making the film," Thompkins said. "Live cinema shows are a unique kind of performance entertainment."

Using the latest in digital production and projection, the film will be narrated live by the filmmaker, accompanied by an original film score, location sound and "clear, bright digital imagery."

Thompkins grew up among the gorges and waterfalls of the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, where he gained an early admiration of nature and landscapes. While attending Ithaca College, he studied film production and art history, acquiring a bachelor's degree in cinematography. After graduation, he moved to Southern California and spent several years working in the motion picture industry before becoming an independent filmmaker. Thompkins retraced the 2,000-mile-long Oregon Trail to produce his first travel feature, entitled "Emigrant Road – An Oregon Trail Adventure." It is one of the first travel adventure films produced in digital cinema format. His second production, "Four Corners," highlights the mountains, rivers, canyons, and cultures of the American Southwest.

Although he travels about six months a year, Thompkins eventually goes home to Valencia, Calif. He has presented his travel films throughout the United States, including showings at the National Geographic Society in Washington, the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, and the Sundome in Phoenix. The Travel Arm Adventure Cinema Society recently awarded him its "Rising Star" award.

"The Alps" is the second "Armchair Adventure" of a 10-film series. The series features ten full-color, feature-length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer. All films are Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

"Armchair Adventure" subscriptions are still available and may be ordered Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., at the Downey Theatre box office, or by calling (562) 861-8211.

Tickets for individual films may be purchased on the day of performance only, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the theatre box office. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students or seniors, cash or check only.



The lounge also offers a dance floor and free dance lessons, including a swing dancing class for people of all ages on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. Photos by David Devis



## Three students honored for academics

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School Principal Tom Houts announced Wednesday that Eunice Kim, Joyce D. Lee, and Dinora Llamas have been named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by Houts to the students.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

## Luncheon celebrates DMOA's 50 years

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Museum of Art will host its annual luncheon at the Rio Hondo Country Club on Oct. 27 at 11 a.m.

This year's founder's luncheon celebrates the museum's 50th anniversary, presenting Lillian Ashton Brooks with an award for her work in supporting the museum. The Art Angels, as well as past board members, will also be honored.

The fashion show – moderated by Marsha Moode – will include fashions from Draper's & Damon's, and will follow the luncheon and awards ceremony.

Tickets are \$35 and reservations can be made by calling (323) 773-0074, or (562) 861-0419. Checks with names of guests can be mailed to the Downey Museum of Art, 10419 Rives Ave., Downey, CA, 90241.

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Although nothing is imminent, Downey Regional Medical Center officials said this week the hospital may be forced to close if their financial situation does not improve. Photo by Art Montoya

## DOWNEY REGIONAL

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"It is my understanding that the lease requires an ER room for Downey residents," said Councilman Mario Guerra, a former hospital board member who helped facilitate talks between the hospital and the City.

Fuller appealed to the City Council for help this week, suggesting the City consider de-linking from the County's 9-1-1 system and establishing its own, a move that would potentially decrease the amount of ambulance traffic the hospital currently receives.

Fuller said he was also hoping for a rate hike in the hospital's Medical contract.

Downey Regional was forced to close their emergency room to ambulance traffic twice already since the closure of Martin Luther King Hospital, a move Fuller acknowledged was "drastic, something we try never to do."

Fuller said he was speaking to legislators in Sacramento, particularly Senator Alan Lowenthal and Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, for State assistance. DRMC has already received extra funding from the County under its "Impacted Hospital Program," but Fuller said the money doesn't cover walk-in patients, which constitute 3/4 of the ER traffic.

Fuller said he has also been speaking to city officials, including City Manager Gerald Caton, Mayor Rick Trejo, and Guerra, a meeting that insiders say never would have taken place with banished CEO Allan Korneff, who was removed from his position in June.

"We need political leaders to realize that the collapsing system will continue to crumble if they take no action," Fuller said. "It won't be just the patients along the I-105 corridor who will suffer - it will be anyone in search of an ER traveling the I-105, I-5, I-91, I-710, or I-605 freeways in Southeast Los Angeles County. The currently underserved patients of this area have to go someplace, and they will overburden the few remaining ERs and increase ambulance response time to fatal levels for everyone in L.A. County."

Downey Regional is a full-service hospital, performing everything but transplants. They also don't deal with traumatic injuries.

DRMC has about \$20 million in savings left, officials said. The hospital reportedly had \$120 million in savings seven years ago.

"We had some money put aside for a rainy day," Fuller said. "That rainy day has turned into a blizzard."

Hospital officials, meanwhile, quietly questioned DRMC's board of directors on their decision to go ahead with an expensive out-of-town retreat for administrators and top medical staff that routinely costs tens of thousands of dollars.

According to the minutes of the Aug. 28, 2007 meeting of the DRMC's Board of Directors and obtained by the Patriot, the Board previously voted to cancel their spring 2008 workshop in favor of one or two-day sessions at a local site.

But the board rescinded that motion at the very next meeting, citing educational benefits and the "value of social interaction of Board members, medical staff members and administrators in a less formal setting." Board member Bill Hare moved and Ron Kolar seconded to continue with the retreat.

"Please remember that the financial impact on Downey Regional doesn't all hit this week - our share of the dislocated patients will arrive slowly but steadily over the next year," Fuller said in the memo. "Also remember that the full effect of the financial impact will occur only if nothing changes. So we have time to address these issues, and we are working very hard at doing so, including publicizing our plight."

"Lots will change and we are doing everything we can to assure ourselves of a bright and successful future."

Fuller told the Patriot he was "very confident" the hospital's financial picture would improve - possibly by Thanksgiving - and that DRMC's emergency room would remain open.

"The ER is the last thing I would close as I walk out the door," he said.

## The Poets' Corner

### When There is Only You

A hand in which to place mine in the stillness of the night  
Your shoulders strong for my weary head when nothing's going right  
Together we can face the world, our troubles will seem few  
The road won't seem so very long when I'm sharing it with you  
Your ears to listen to my dreams, a smile upon your face  
Two arms so strong to remind me too, these things will soon take place  
And I in turn will do my share from early morn till eve  
To love, share, stand by your side and honor your every need

My hand shall have a place for yours in the stillness of the night  
Your head upon my breast you'll lay when nothing's going right  
Together we can face the world, our troubles will seem few  
The road won't seem so very long when I'm sharing it with you  
Two ears to listen to your dreams, a smile upon my face  
My arms to reassure you too, these things will soon take place  
Then as we go along our way together on through life  
We'll do the things that must be done by Blessed man and wife

--Rose Sciascia Neal,  
Downey

### From a Single Pose

So many questions tend to boggle the mind  
Even the curious cat can learn to falter in prior time  
Setting out on the venture, I find  
Myself back where I bellowed before the grind  
In my mind there is no resolve  
Not a single case Sherlock himself could possibly solve  
Given a break I use what I make from the learned I take  
and use to create a new case for a brain  
So long to the brain that never ends  
Like trends and friends of my will depends your pose that mends

--James Hernandez,  
Downey

### Alex the Parrot

Alex the parrot  
who recognized words  
knowing something lay behind them  
but what  
died yesterday he  
understood that and tomorrow  
as not now  
space on a memory chip  
love Alex could say  
I love you  
did he mean  
feed me  
or die for me a little

--Lorine Park,  
Downey

## Student art competition underway

**DOWNEY** - The 15th Annual 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition is now underway, with the grand prize winner going on a trip to Washington, D.C. and having their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

All artwork must be two-dimensional, no larger than 26x26 inches, and one or a combination of the following mediums:

Paintings - oil, watercolor, acrylic, collage, etc.

Drawings - pencil, pen, chalk, pastel, charcoal, etc.

Prints - lithographs, silk screens, monotypes, woodcuts, intaglio methods.

Photography - no smaller than 8x10 inches, no computer manipulation allowed, negative of photo must be attached to qualify.

The competition is open to all high school students in grades 9 to 12 residing in the 34th Congressional District.

For more rules or information, call Veronica Flores at (213) 628-9230.

## Blood flows for a good cause at Rotary meeting

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—Appealing to the members and guests present at the Downey Rotary's Sept. 11 meeting, a young spokesperson from the American Red Cross said: "We're only asking for a pint of blood. Please help us as only two percent of the state's population actually give blood. As you can imagine, considering the dire need for it, we have to get it from outside the state."

It was the Downey Rotary's second blood drive of the year. The first one, held in July, netted only eight pints of blood, according to real estate broker and Rotarian Gracie Eshilian, who has been coordinating the drive for eight years. She said logistics might have had something to do with the low harvest—the actual blood drawing was held in a narrow hall of Rio Hondo Events Center. Last Tuesday was different, she said, "thanks to the generous support of the city of Downey. This time, the city allowed us to put the blood mobile out in the parking lot."

To be sure, even before the Rotary meeting started, a number of donors—Rotarians and otherwise—had already given blood. (Donors at large were given a 12 to 1:30 p.m. window during which they could have a Rotary-underwritten free lunch at the club). On top of this, each blood donor was given a chance to win a \$1,500 American Express gift card, the winner to be notified by Oct. 15.

Asked why she wanted to donate blood, Ingrid Martin, Downey Rotary secretary, said she had a friend who died of leukemia and "One never knows if you or a loved one will need help such as the Red Cross provides." Eshilian, who hoped to see a donation of 25 pints Tuesday (she says the Rotary's top blood harvest has been 30 pints, realized about three years ago) also told of her dad who once instinctively offered his blood on-scene to a car accident victim; their "rare" blood types matched, and the man's life was saved. She said the incident touched her to the core.

In charge of the operation inside the well-equipped and well-manned blood mobile, with its four beds, was nurse Javier Ballesteros, a graduate of El Camino College. He says the blood mobile operates out of Pomona Center.

In the same meeting, GOOD president/Rotarian Darrell Jackson, together with Los Padrinos Project chairman Bill Bowermaster, presented certificates to five former "at-risk" teen-age kids who were graduating from the 10-20 Club's demanding comprehensive program under the direction of Ernest Caldwell. Jackson said he was proud of the kids and advised them to keep their resolve.

## Downey Regional Medical Center Administration

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# Downey, 911

By Eric Pierce

I'm not going to pretend to be a financial whiz (my preferred method of saving involves dropping loose change into a jar), but it doesn't take a money expert to see that Downey Regional Medical Center is in trouble.

Trouble, actually, is putting it mildly. Any time a top administrator declares that times are so bad the hospital may shut down – as soon as next year – well, that constitutes a full blown crisis.

And I suspect that's what Downey Regional wants, to get the word out that DRMC is, in fact, in trouble and needs help. Why else would they admit their problems to the Los Angeles Times, to the Press-Telegram and to us? They'll admit their financial shortfalls to anyone who will listen, if it means a public alarm that hopefully will result in relief by way of the Sacramento legislature.

Downey Regional needs CPR. It needs a jolt of life – in the form of increased state and county funding – or else it may flat line in 12 months time.

Downey's hospital needs resuscitation. It asked the City to consider dissociating itself from the County's 911 system, thereby reducing the number of ambulance patients it sees. Will the City bite? It's hard to tell; Mario Guerra was the only councilmember to ask DRMC Chief Operating Officer Rob Fuller any questions following his presentation Tuesday night, and he had to fight with the city attorney just to do that.

Downey Regional Medical Center is threatening to close and no other council member has any questions or comments? It was disheartening for the public's sake, even if the City was simply being careful in how it approaches the matter.

The worst part about this entire DRMC debacle is that it's the lowly patients and staff – you know, the ones without the \$100,000 contracts – who are left wondering what will become of their community hospital.

## Roybal-Allard praises TELACU president

WASHINGTON D.C. – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard congratulated Dr. David C. Lizárraga, president and CEO of TELACU/Millennium based in East Los Angeles in the 34th District, for providing testimony before the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee.

Lizárraga testified in support of the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007, which would maintain and improve existing senior housing, allow housing-providers to adjust to cost fluctuations, and expand the supply of affordable housing for the elderly in our country.

TELACU (The East Los Angeles Community Union) was founded in 1968 and is self-sustained by TELACU Industries, a for-profit family of companies which provides the economic means to fulfill the company's mission. TELACU began developing senior housing in 1975 and today owns and operates Section 202 and tax credit-financed housing communities that serve thousands and thousands of low-income seniors and families in the greater Los Angeles area and throughout Southern California.

Through its businesses, services and partnerships, the company works to empower communities through the creation of jobs, responsive financial institutions, successful businesses, affordable housing, and educational opportunities for young people and veterans.

### Letters to the Editor:

#### Roybal-Allard receives a zero

Dear Editor:

The prestigious Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, a non-profit taxpayers watchdog group, has issued their report from 2006 on the ratings of each member of the congress.

Our congresswoman, Lucille Roybal-Allard, has a zero (0) rating of representing taxpayers, which puts her voting record at the bottom of the "hostile" category.

Only two other California members of congress are that low.

Obviously, she has never seen a spending bill she did not love.

—Dan Jimenez,

Downey

#### What about de-salination plants?

Dear Editor:

During our California water drought, why doesn't anyone ever mention de-salination plants to subsidize our water needs.

Saudi Arabia uses de-salination plants for 100 percent of their water needs. Catalina Island has a de-salination plant so they could be independent from the mainland. Santa Barbara also has one to subsidize what they need.

We should build four or five from Long Beach to San Diego to satisfy our growth and also provide more jobs for Californians.


—Mike Sandoval,

Downey

### CORRECTIONS

• An obituary in last week's issue incorrectly stated the birthdate for James Armstrong. He was born on June 16, 1916.

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## Economics is the dismal science

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

There are very good reasons why economics has been called the dismal science. But I suspect the main reason is that its concepts, and the mechanism by which they are structured and interrelated, are perhaps only a couple of degrees or so removed from pure abstraction embodied by mathematics. No mathematical (or abstract) dexterity, no economic understanding. It's as simple, and as dismal, as that.

How else will one get a handle on supply and demand curves, marginal analysis, productivity and growth rates, the measurement of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and the national accounts, the ramifications of the recent easing of the credit crunch by a half-point fed funds rate cut, the behavior of the capital markets, the ravages of inflation and CPI, trade and financial flows in a globalized economy—just a partial, random list of the topics economics covers.

And what about their implications on one's savings, on the interest rates banks charge on car loans and credit cards, on businesses' investments, on a slumping housing market, and on and on and on. These topics, by their simple enumeration, fall on the sensibility like dull, heavy thuds.

Dismal? You bet.

And yet one can't escape its importance, if only to be able to read intelligently what economic writers and market analysts write about in a newspaper or financial journal. Good if the writer has the

good grace to write clearly and takes pains to explain in plain language what the economic statistics and reports mean.

For instance, one business reporter recently explained what the recent announced rate cut means for you. For savers, he wrote, they could soon see lower payouts on their savings accounts, certificates of deposit and money-market mutual funds; banks, however, would be reluctant to cut savings rates because they don't want to antagonize savings account holders, the reason being consumer deposits remain one of the cheapest sources of funds available to them. For credit card holders, who recently may have been cautioned about increased interest rates, they could see some relief, too, but only if their current (interest) rate exceeds any floors established by the issuers, typically around 14 to 15 percent (today, he writes, most interest rates charged by credit card companies are in the 18 to 19 percent range). Makes a little sense, doesn't it?

I will let you in on a simple, easy-to-remember definition of economics: the study of man/woman making a living using scarce means to satisfy his/her material wants. From this simple, but profound, definition proceed all the terms, definitions, and principles that explain the economic workings of this world, and without an understanding of which render you and me travelers on a trackless desert.

Economics, er, mathematics, anyone?

## Water conservation is the California lifestyle

BY FLOYD E. WICKS

California is facing challenging times. With water shortages pending and solutions being debated by policy makers, Californians are being forced to conserve and rethink the way they use this precious natural resource. High temperatures and long, dry summers are a hallmark of life in California, so it should only be natural for conservation to be as well.

According to the National Drought Mitigation Center, California's 2006-2007 water year has been one of the driest on record. Southern California is at risk for an "extreme drought" and the Sierra Nevada snow pack is at its lowest level in almost 20 years. Combining this with a recent court decision reducing water flows through the Delta, California may well be facing a "perfect storm" of conditions that threaten the state's overall water supply.

As a local supplier, Golden State Water Company is always looking for ways to promote conservation and maintain water supply reliability. Everyone can play an important role in conserving water. Together homeowners, renters and business owners can help protect our water through simple conservation measures. In fact, there are many little things people can do to conserve water that, when combined and practiced consistently, will save a lot.

From San Diego to the Oregon border, water providers are asking consumers to reduce their water consumption by 10 to 15 percent.

How does one go about conserving 10 percent of their water usage a day? It's actually pretty simple. Following are just a few examples of ways residents can take action and save water:

- Watering the lawn only when necessary can save up to 1,500 gallons per month.
- Fixing leaky faucets saves 20 gallons per day per leak.
- Installing water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors saves 500-800 gallons per month.
- Running full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher saves 300-800 gallons per month.
- Shortening showers saves 700 gallons per month.
- Not using the toilet as a waste basket saves 400-600 gallons per month.
- Not using water to clean sidewalks, driveways or gutters saves 500 gallons per month.

Clearly, conserving water is possible, and it is more important today than it has been in decades.

Water conservation is a way of life for most Californians. If we all work together and adopt simple conservation strategies, combined with the most efficient technology, California will continue to be able to meet the needs of its population and preserve a high standard of living.

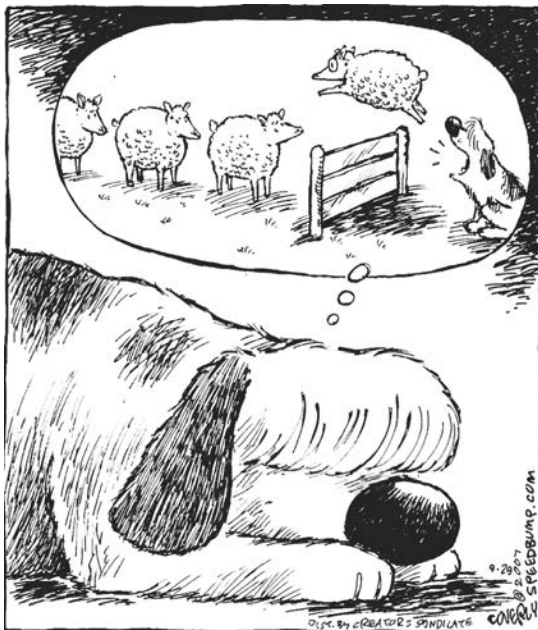
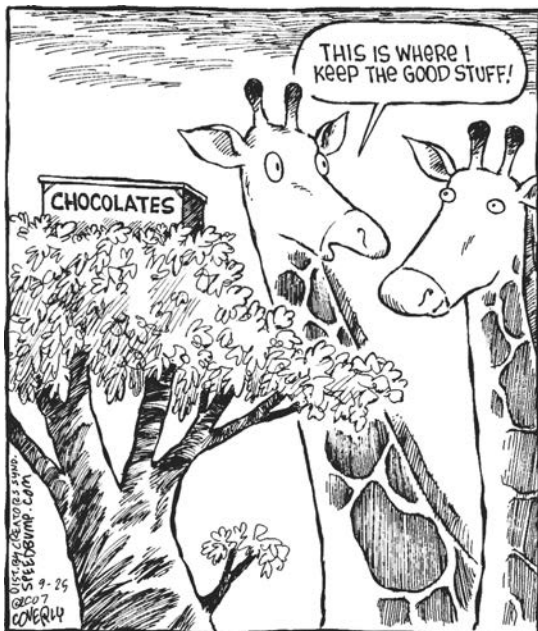
Floyd E. Wicks is president and CEO of Golden State Water Company.



## SPEED BUMP



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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For September/October

- Sat. Sept. 29: "Stroke Health and Wellness Fair," Rancho Los Amigos, 8 a.m.
- Sun. Sept. 30: "The Alps," Downey Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 1: Barbara Leigh presents "Boats, Planes and Trains," Downey Adult School, 3 p.m.
- Thurs. Oct. 4: Jim McAuley performs, Downey Museum of Art, 7:30 p.m.

### City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: Parking Place Commission, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 6:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
- 6:30 p.m.: Overeaters Anonymous, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
- 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: 2nd Century Foundation, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: American Legion Post 270, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### Tuesdays

- 9 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
- 9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 9:30 a.m.: Adventure with the Bible, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
- 12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
- 12 p.m.: Exchange Club of Downey, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
- 6:00 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.
- 7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
- 7:30 p.m.: Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at Bakers Square, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

#### Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, for information call 869-8782.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
- 2nd Weds., 11:45 a.m. - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC, Call 927-8488.
- 3rd Weds., - Downey Dog Obedience Club Apollo Park.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Thurs., 12:00 noon: Retired Federal Employees, at Furman Park West Bldg., call 943-5513.
- Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
- 12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call 928-4153.
- 12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
- 12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

#### Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

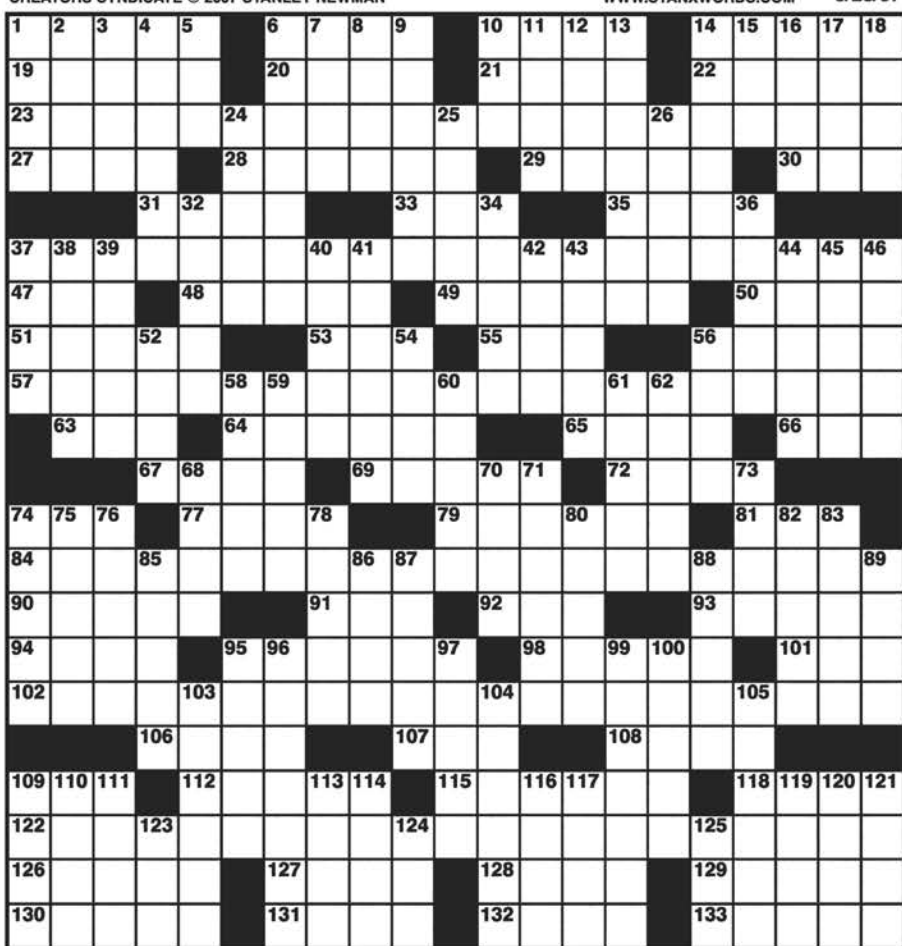
## On This Day...

- Sept. 28, 1066: William the Conqueror invades England, sparking the Norman Conquest. William would rule as King of England from 1066 to 1087.
- 1542: Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sails to what is now known as San Diego and names it "San Miguel."
- 1708: Russian ruler Peter the Great defeats the Swedes in the Battle of Lesnaya.
- 1939: Warsaw surrenders to Nazi Germany during World War II.
- 1941: Boston Red Sox great Ted Williams reaches a .406 batting average. He is the last Major League Baseball player to finish the season with an average of .400 or better.
- 1964: Actor, comedian and Broadway veteran, Harpo Marx dies after open heart surgery. He was 75.

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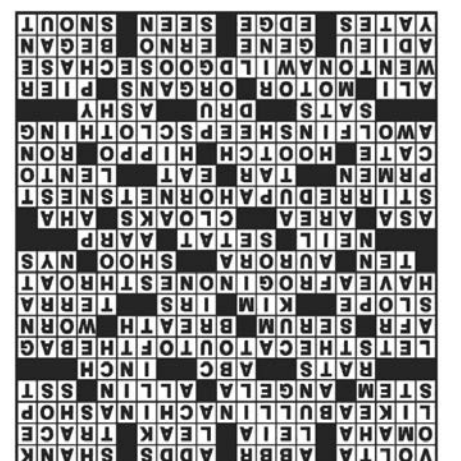
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  - 13 Mount Snow device
  - 14 Stop the flow of
  - 15 Many mins.
  - 16 Oohs' partners
  - 17 Sgts., for instance
  - 18 Held onto
  - 24 Soak in the tub
  - 25 Powerful person
  - 26 Last inning, usually
  - 32 Having left port
  - 34 Unusual collectible
  - 36 Lumberjack, on the job
  - 37 Eye protector
  - 38 D sharp alias
  - 39 Valuable stash
  - 40 My Fair Lady director
  - 41 Chihuahua chums
  - 42 Migratory bird
  - 43 Desert refugees
  - 44 Element #5
  - 45 Impressive organization
  - 46 Small files
  - 52 Ivy League school, for short
  - 54 Swampy ground
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  - 58 Laissez
  - 59 Decided, as a judge
  - 60 Slangy "Sure!"
  - 61 Agitate
  - 62 Wedding-party ritual
  - 68 Merit
  - 70 Lotion ingredient
  - 71 Sacred scrolls
  - 73 Window glass
  - 74 Humane org.
  - 75 Rumpelstiltskin raw material
  - 76 "We please!"
  - 78 Dealership display
  - 80 Ludicrous
  - 82 Artist Matisse
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  - 87 Like a rainbow
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  - 89 Grab, as ice cubes
  - 95 Discover, as an idea
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  - 104 Purifies
  - 105 Top-row key
  - 109 Off somewhere
  - 110 Spartan queen
  - 111 "What's for me?"
  - 113 Got behind
  - 114 Disreputable bunch
  - 116 The Assault on Reason author
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  - 123 Casual shirt
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You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

Italian physicist Alessandro Volta (1 Across) invented the electric battery in 1800. The reference at 94 Across is to the Oscar-winning role of CATE BLANCHETT (94 Across) as Katharine Hepburn in the 2004 film "The Aviator." In Greek mythology, LEDA (10 Down), queen of Sparta, was the mother of Helen of Troy and the twins Castor and Pollux.





## Paging Dr. Alan Frischer...

BY DR. ALAN FRISCHER

What is the simplest way to avoid getting sick? Wash your hands! Despite the proven benefits, you will be shocked at how many people don't perform this simple act regularly.



So what is the proper way to wash your hands? You must use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Antimicrobial wipes are just as effective as soap and water but are not as good as alcohol-based sanitizers.

Antibacterial soaps have become popular lately, but have not been shown to be more effective, and may in fact be detrimental. There are actually good germs on and in the body that protect us. Some of them help digest food; others help maintain defenses against and compete with more harmful germs on the skin. Using antibacterial soaps may ultimately lead to the death of some friendly or necessary germs, which can lead to the reproduction of more dangerous ones.

The American Association for Microbiology conducted both a telephone and public restroom observational study in 2000. Ninety-five percent of Americans stated by phone that they washed their hands regularly. When nearly 8,000 subjects were observed in a restroom (don't ask how they did this!), 67% of them actually washed their hands. Breaking down the data further, 75% of females and 58% of males washed. Chicago had the most hand washers at 83%, and New York had the fewest at 49%. In another study, middle school kids in Minnesota were observed, and 33% of the girls and 8% of the boys used soap while washing their hands.

Where do we pick up germs? Germs accumulate on our hands by touching people, surfaces, sponges, pens, foods, animals, doorknobs, railings, elevator buttons, books, money, and even the towel you use to dry your clean hands. We spread germs by touching our own eyes, nose, and mouth, as well as by touching others with contaminated hands. Infectious diseases such as the common cold, flu, many viral illnesses including hepatitis A, and other intestinal diseases are commonly spread through hand-to-hand contact. Improper food handling also contributes to food-related illnesses, such as salmonella and E coli infections. As many as 76 million Americans contract a food-borne illness each year.

Let's talk about a typical fellow who uses a public restroom: he opens the bathroom door with a bare hand, and already has added more germs to that hand. He uses the toilet and then reaches for the lever to flush. This too is loaded with germs, and now it also contains the ones he just contributed. This is repeated when he turns on the faucet at the sink. He then likely washes his hands for a few seconds - probably without soap. He turns off the water, using his sort-of washed hands. He dries his hands off with a paper towel and leaves the bathroom...reaching for the interior door handle with his bare hands again!

- Using warm water, wet your hands thoroughly, including the palms, back of the hands, and wrists. Nails are another source of potentially harmful germs.

- Apply liquid or clean bar soap to the palm of your hands and lather well.

- Rub your hands vigorously together, cleaning palms, fingers, between fingers, the back of hands, thumbs and wrists for at least 15-30 seconds. Note that it is the process of scrubbing your hands with soap and then rinsing them with water that loosens and removes bacteria from the hands.

- Thoroughly rinse off soap.

- You may consider turning the tap off with elbows or using a paper towel, especially if you are in a public restroom.

- Dry your hands with a clean or disposable towel and wash reusable towels often, especially if they are shared with others.

- You may choose to use a paper towel to grasp the doorknob when leaving a public restroom.

When should you wash your hands? Although it is not always possible to keep your hands germ-free, and arguably not even desirable to, there are critical times when you must be sure to wash your hands in order to limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses, and other microbes. (Note that the point of hand washing isn't necessarily to remove the dirt that you can see. These germs that can make you sick are invisible.) Here are some times to always wash your hands:

- After using the toilet
- After changing a diaper
- After touching animals or animal waste
- Before and after preparing food, especially when handling raw

meat or fish

- Before eating
- After blowing your nose
- After coughing or sneezing into your hands
- Before and after treating wounds or cuts
- Before and after touching a sick or injured person
- After handling garbage
- Before inserting or removing contact lenses
- When using public restrooms

My goal today is not to turn all of my readers into obsessive-compulsive hand washers or germaphobes! But hand washing doesn't take much time, effort, or expense, and it offers great rewards in terms of prevention. Help your children and yourself avoid getting sick by washing hands and using soap. Without soap, we simply rearrange the germs on our hands. Teach by example!

Make it a priority to always wash your hands and protect your health and the health of people around you.

*Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 11525 Downey Ave., Suite A, Downey, CA 90241*

## Hospice in need of volunteers

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** - Companion Hospice Care is in need of volunteers in the Downey area. Volunteers become friends to someone during the last phases of their lives, and sometimes help with errands and shopping.

Training sessions will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 in Santa Fe Springs. For more information, call Deanna Miles at (562) 944-2711.

Companion Hospice Care has been offering service to the community since 1994. Volunteers need to complete a written application, including three references, and a personal interview.

Health screenings are also required of all volunteers.

## Flu shots planned at CVS Pharmacies

**DOWNEY** - CVS Pharmacies in Downey will be giving discounted flu shots during the month of October.

The CVS store at 7915 Florence Ave. will give shots on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on Oct. 26 from 3 to 7 p.m.

The store at 8008 Firestone Blvd. will offer shots Oct. 3 from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The CVS at 8400 Firestone Blvd. will offer flu shots Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Nov. 13 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Flu shots will cost \$30 for cash patients or \$27 for Extra Care cardholders.

## Rancho stroke fair tomorrow

**DOWNEY** - Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Gerontology/Stroke Service will host the first annual "Stroke Health and Wellness Fair" tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair is designed to promote self-management, wellness, and empower participants to make educated choices and take control of their health.

The day will include a 5K run, 1K walk/roll, bowling, basketball, ping-pong, computer games, and dancing with the Rancho Stars. Awards will also be given to the first three finishers in the 5K and 1K.

The fair will also provide different information booths hosted by various community groups, independent living centers, vendors, and students of health professions providing health screenings. Rancho Los Amigos staff will also host booths to answer any questions and concerns, and provide educational materials on stroke prevention, recognizing signs of stroke, and general health and wellness.

For information, call Tim Taylor at (562) 401-6228, or Angelica Molina at (562) 401-6237.

## Internet pharmacies pose serious addiction risks

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In 1999, a 52-year-old Illinois man with a history of chest pain ordered Viagra from a website after answering a questionnaire to qualify for the prescription. After drinking a few beers on his way home from work, he went to his girlfriend's house, took a Viagra and died of a heart attack while having sex.

The next year, a 25-year-old Arizona man visited a pharmacy website, complained of depression and was prescribed powerful muscle relaxants and a diet drug by a Maryland doctor who never examined him. The man began to exhibit bizarre behavior and finally committed suicide.

This is too often the result of prescription drug purchases from unmonitored online pharmacies, often referred to as "rogue" pharmacies. Despite investigations by state agencies, the FDA, DEA and General Accounting Office, little is able to be done about the problem. A website can be shut down and open the next day with a new domain name. Some sites are run by overseas companies that are not subject to control by U.S. authorities.

The World Health Organization stated that medicines purchased from Internet sites that conceal their physical addresses are counterfeit in 50 percent of cases. Counterfeit drugs, usually manufactured overseas without quality of contaminant restrictions, may contain wrong ingredients, contaminant restrictions, may contain wrong ingredients, contaminants or little or no active ingredients. These fake drugs can harm or even kill those who consume them. In 2007, a Canadian woman purchased pills from an internet pharmacy that claimed to be in Canada. The pills were contaminated with high levels of metal and the woman died.

In recent years, teens and young adults have discovered that they can purchase narcotics or other addictive drugs from Internet sites. As reported by the National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse, a supervised 13-year-old girl was able to order Ritalin from a website, while providing her correct height, weight and age. Ryan Haight, an 18-year-old honor student in California, died in 2001 after purchasing hydrocodone from a website and consequently overdosing on the drug.

For some people, easy access to controlled substances via Internet purchasing is a way to conceal an addiction to hydrocodone, Oxycontin, Xanax or several other addictive substances.

"Too many teens and young adults fall prey to the easy access of these addictive drugs instead of addressing and handling their addictions," said Ryan Thorpe, Director of Admissions at Narconon Arrowhead, one of the country's leading drug rehabilitation centers, located in Canadian, Okla. "Between a fifth and a quarter of the people we talk to that need addiction services are telling us they are addicted to prescription drugs."

For information on Narconon's drug treatment and education program and materials, call (800) 468-6933.

## Hearing loss group meeting Oct. 11

**LAKEWOOD** - The Long Beach/Lakewood chapter of the Hearing Loss Association, a support group offering education on coping skills and resources to help survive in a hearing world, will meet Oct. 11 at the Weingart Senior Center in Lakewood.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a Founder's Day raffle. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The Weingart Senior Center is located at 5220 Oliva Ave. in Lakewood. For information, call (562) 433-6509.

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## Bellflower chorus needs more members

**BELFLOWER** – The Bellflower Civic Chorus is recruiting singers for its 45-member mixed ensemble. Most urgently needed are altos, bass and tenors.

The chorus is comprised of men and women who enjoy singing in 4-6 part harmony. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 Clark Ave., in Bellflower.

Rehearsals are currently being held for their upcoming Christmas concert, "It's Christmas."

For more information on joining the chorus, call Shirley at (323) 569-5930 or Beverly at (562) 869-5947.

## 'Anna in the Tropics' opens new season

**NORWALK** – The Cerritos College Theatre Arts Department will be opening their 2007-08 season with "Anna in the Tropics," a tale revisiting a time when cigars were hand-rolled in small, family-owned businesses, and lecturers provided the only intellectual stimulation for workers.

The production will run from Oct. 5 through Oct. 14, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, and \$10 for students, staff and seniors. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.cerritos.edu/theatre](http://www.cerritos.edu/theatre), or by calling (562) 467-5058.

## Rosemead celebrating Halloween

**ROSEMEAD** – The City of Rosemead will host their first annual Halloween Oktoberfest and street fair on Oct. 27 at Mission Drive and Rosemead Park.

The event will include food and craft booths, games, live music and entertainment, children's rides, haunted house, pie eating contest, pumpkin carving contest, coloring contest for kids, and a beer garden.

A costume contest will take place at 7 p.m. For more information, call (626) 569-2160.

# No one told her life was gonna be this way

By JACQUELINNE MEJIA, CORRESPONDENT

**COLUMBIA, MO.** – As I write my first column as a correspondent for *The Downey Patriot*, I'm listening to the theme song from "Friends," and the line "So no one told you life was gonna be this way" just passed. OK, so perhaps no one told me life was going to find me in another state for college, but I am liking my new life here in Missouri.

It has been a little over a month since I first started college at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and the objects strewn around my dorm room are testaments to the fact that I have become quite settled into my new life here: books that have post-it notes stuck in between the important pages are next to my desk, laundry (which I plan to do today) is piled in the laundry hamper, papers with important reminders about the clubs I am in are under the books, and my roommate, who I am very happy with, is listening to music on the bed next to me (her taste in it isn't too shabby either.)

Aside from all of the fun things I have been doing here, I do remember the reason why I am here and I intend to share a bit of the knowledge I have gained with you. One of the classes that I am taking is a rural sociology course, which is quite helpful because I am learning about agricultural economy and how rural life typifies some parts of the world, something I probably would have never studied in California. We just learned this past week a theory about classifying society called the Gesellschaft/Gemeinschaft Method. A *gesellschaft* is a community that is typified by urban life, where self-interest dominates, relationships are subordinate to the task being performed, and people perceive little sense of commonality. A *gemeinschaft*, on the other hand, is a community that is typified by rural life, social interaction is intimate, and there is a spirit of cooperation and unity of will.

By definition, Downey would be classified as *gesellschaft*, but by taking a closer look at the culture of our city, the evidence would greatly signify it as *gemeinschaft*. That is what makes Downey one of the best cities in the region. We develop strength in wanting what is best for the community and an interest in the common good. I am so lucky to have called Downey home for the past eight years.



Entertainer Barbara Leigh will give a one-woman variety show this Monday at Downey Adult School. The program starts at 3 p.m.

## Songstress Barbara Leigh at OASIS

**DOWNEY** – Downey Adult School's OASIS Program welcomes songstress, historian and humorist Barbara Leigh to their next class on Monday.

"Barbara is a one-woman variety show," said Harriett Paine, program director. "Her rich, unique voice and her creative presentation makes her a favorite at OASIS!"

Class starts at 3 p.m., followed by the program at 3:45 p.m. Dinner, which is optional, can be purchased for \$3.50 prior to the start of the program.

Downey Dial-A-Ride will provide transportation for those who qualify.

For information, call (562) 940-6200.

## OASIS announces October schedule

**DOWNEY** – The OASIS program at Downey Adult School has announced their fall schedule. Dates, presenter and program topics are presented below:

Oct. 1	Barbara Leigh	"Boats, Planes & Trains"
Oct. 8	Mike & Joyce Prokop	"Downey Rose Floats"
Oct. 15	Gloria Riese	"Arthritis"
Oct. 22	Harriett Paine	"Disaster Preparedness"
Oct. 29		"Halloween Party"

The OASIS program meets inside the Downey Adult School cafeteria at 3 p.m. Programs are free but registration is required. For information, call (562) 904-6200.

## Join OLPH Guild on trip to the casino

**DOWNEY** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild is sponsoring a day trip to Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino in Palm Springs on Oct. 16.

The bus will depart at 7:30 a.m. Travelers will spend five hours at the casino before arriving home by about 5:30 p.m.

The casino offers slot machines, table games, a poker room, large arcade and bowling. Various dining choices are also available.

The cost to attend is \$10, which includes \$10 in casino play. Visitors must be 21 or over. For tickets, call Sally Johnson at (562) 861-8370.

## Portuguese singer making OC debut

**COSTA MESA** – International star Mariza will bring fado, the Portuguese blues, to the Orange County Performing Artscenter (OCPA) in her OCPA debut Oct. 27.

Mariza, a triple-platinum artist, has performed sold-out concerts around the world, including Disney Hall, New York's Central Park, the Hollywood Bowl, the Belem Cultural Centre in Lisbon and the Purcell Room on London's South Bank.

Tickets to the show are \$23-\$72 and are now on sale. Tickets are available by calling (714) 556-2787 or online at [www.ocpac.org](http://www.ocpac.org).

Downey has given me so many wonderful memories and experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today. I attended school at St. Raymond, and I am still close friends with many of my former classmates. I overcame my nervousness to speak and perform in front of crowds by performing in talent shows across Downey. Yet, perhaps the two experiences that helped me grow the most were being Miss Teen Downey in 2005 and working as a journalist for a year at *The Downey Patriot*.

Being Miss Teen Downey blessed me with the opportunity to interact with so many citizens from Downey, whether it was from young children to senior citizens. I saw the strong work ethic that defines the Downey Rose Float Association, the dedication of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, and the congeniality of many of Downey's finest citizens.

Working at the *Patriot* not only enhanced my passion for journalism, but it helped give me a glimpse into the events and people that make Downey move into the direction of progression. I covered events such as Concerts in the Park, City Council elections, the Johnnie's Broiler saga, and other community events that opened my eyes to how much the citizens give to their community. I interacted with the *Patriot* staff who always give their best in order to give clear and unbiased reporting, council members and city workers who try to uphold the city motto of "Future Unlimited," and the young adults and teenagers in Downey who want to make a positive impact as they grow older.

Although Downey is not a perfect example of a *gesellschaft* or *gemeinschaft* community, as no community is, it is an integration of both that makes it unique among other urban cities. There are still things that are debated about and need to be fixed in Downey, but all in all, it is an outstanding community.

Downey and its residents will always be home to me, it is the first place I want to come see when I come back to California for Thanksgiving. I'll be sure to eat lots of turkey that week and be thankful that I can say I come from such a closely knit city, and that is something I don't think any farmer in rural Missouri can disagree with.

Jacqueline Mejia is a former Downey Patriot intern currently studying journalism at the University of Missouri. Her columns will appear periodically.

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- **"Ghost"** by Alan Lightman. After witnessing a supernatural event, David begins to question his life and the fine line between the physical and spiritual world.
- **"Peony in Love"** by Lisa See. From the author of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," this is a tale of love and death in 17th century China.
- **"Sweet Revenge"** by Diane Mott Davidson. Murder is on the menu at a Colorado library's holiday breakfast catered by crime solving Goldy Schulz. This is the 14th culinary mystery in a popular series.
- **"Terminal"** by Andrew Vachss. In this series thriller, Burke is forced back in time to keep a commitment and to avenge the cold-case murder of a teenage girl.

### Non-Fiction

- **"Can't Buy Me Love: the Beatles, Britain and America"** by Jonathan Gould. This excellent book weaves cultural history and music criticism into a new biography of the "Fab Four."
- **"8 Weeks to a Younger Body: the At-Home Workout for a Firmer, Fitter You"** by Joan Pagano. No time to visit the gym? This book gives easy exercises and clear instructions with color photographs for a total body workout.
- **"Richard M. Nixon"** by Elizabeth Drew. The Washington journalist shows how Nixon's turbulent inner life holds the key to understanding his presidency.
- **"Revolution of Hope: the Life, Faith and Dreams of a Mexican President"** by Vincente Fox. The former president of Mexico offers a candid perspective on the state of world affairs.
- **"Year of Loving Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible"** by A.J. Jacobs. This humorous and thought-provoking memoir examines what it requires for a person to live all the commandments for an entire year.

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**PJ Harvey** - *White Chalk*  
**Brooks & Dunn** - *Cowboy Town*  
**Stacy Kent** - *Breakfast on the Morning Tram*  
**J Holiday** - *Back of My Lac*  
**Trey Songz** - *Trey Day*  
**The Cult** - *Born Into This*

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### Concerts

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**Engelbert Humperdinck** - Pechanga Fenians - Grove of Anaheim  
**Heroes del Silencio** - Home Depot Center  
**Josh Rouse** - El Rey Theatre  
**Kenny G** - Pala Casino  
**Marco Antonio Solis** - Gibson Amp.  
**Michael McDonald** - Greek Theatre  
**National** - Wiltern  
**Riders on the Storm** - HOB Anaheim  
**Rose Royce** - L.A. County Fair

SATURDAY

**Los Angeles Philharmonic** - Hollywood Bowl  
**Frank Marino** - Galaxy Theatre  
**Hootie & the Blowfish** - HOB Anaheim  
**India.Arie** - Greek Theatre  
**Jimmy Buffett** - Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre  
**Marco Antonio Solis** - Gibson Amp.  
**Morrissey** - Santa Barbara Bowl  
**Neighborhood Music Festival** - Exposition Park  
**Rick Springfield** - Pala Casino  
**Ricky Martin** - Honda Center

SUNDAY

**Casting Crowns** - Anaheim Convention Center  
**Chaka Khan** - Gibson Amphitheatre  
**Earth, Wind and Fire** - L.A. County Fair  
**Edguy** - HOB Anaheim  
**Grooundation** - Galaxy Theatre  
**Stephen Kellog and the Sixers** - Coach House  
**Tony Bennett** - Santa Barbara Bowl

MONDAY

**Tony Bennett** - Santa Barbara Bowl  
**Dave Matthews, Stephen Marley** - Hollywood Bowl  
**Go-Gos** - HOB Anaheim  
**Morrissey, Kristeen Young** - Hollywood Palladium

TUESDAY

**Atmosphere** - Henry Fonda Theatre  
**Bryan Adams** - Pala Casino  
**Dave Matthews, Stephen Marley** - Hollywood Bowl  
**Morrissey, Kristeen Young** - Hollywood Palladium  
**Weakerthans** - El Rey Theatre

WEDNESDAY

**Black Label Society** - Grove of Anaheim  
**Conjunto Primavera** - Gibson Amp.  
**Mark Ronson, the Version Players** - El Rey Theatre

THURSDAY

**Agent Orange** - Galaxy Theatre  
**Thu Bryan Adams, George Thorogood and the Destroyers** - Gibson Amphitheatre  
**Foghat** - Old Town Temecula Theat.  
**Morrissey, Kristeen Young** - Hollywood Palladium  
**Saosin** - Grove of Anaheim  
**Young Jeezy** - HOB Anaheim

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### DVD Releases

MOVIES

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### Video Game Releases

**MLB Power Pros** - PS2, Wii  
**NBA Live 08** - PS2, X360, PS3, Wii  
**NBA 2K8** - PS2, X360, PS3  
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**King of Fighters XI** - PS2  
**Spider-Man: Friend or Foe** - PS2, X360, Wii  
**Spyro: The Eternal Night** - PS2  
**FlatOut Ultimate Carnage** - X360  
**Project Gotham Racing 4** - X360  
**Heavy Rain** - PS3  
**Hot Shots Golf 5** - PS3  
**Interstellar Marines** - PS3  
**Monster Kingdom** - PS3  
**The Wall** - PS3  
**Necro-Nesia** - Wii  
**Wii Music** - Wii

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### Book Releases

**"Celebrity Detox: The Fame Game"** by Rosie O'Donnell  
**"Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944"** by Rick Atkinson  
**"Be the Pack Leader: Use CESAR'S WAY to Transform Your Dog...and Your Life"** by Cesar Millan  
**"Beyond the White House"** by Jimmy Carter  
**"Down River"** by John Hart  
**"It Had to Be You: The Gossip Girl Prequel (Gossip Girl Series)"** by Cecily von Ziegesar  
**"1776: The Illustrated Edition"** by David McCullough  
**"The Terror Dream: Fear and Fantasy in Post 9/11 America"** by Susan Faludi

Source: barnesandnoble.com



# Fall Fashion Tips

*By the teens who know their style*



From left: Matthew Garcia, Kristine Urzua and Nichole Hamilton. Kristine and Nichole are both Downey High School students. Photos courtesy Macerich

The "Teen Life of Style" crew of teenlifeofstyle.com, recently modeled this season's latest fashions at Stonewood and Los Cerritos Center. And they had the following fashion advice to impart, exclusively for The Downey Patriot:

• **Priscilla** – "Grungy Glam" – So I know fall fashions are fast approaching, but its September and it's still super hot in Los Angeles, but I still wanted to incorporate fall trends in my outfit without making it too hot to wear throughout the day. I thought of no better place to find exactly what I needed than Nordstrom. Personally, I think black is back with a vengeance – you just can't go wrong with black. Fashion is all about comfort for me, so I chose a flowy black top by R R Dakota and paired it with the very trendy "skinny jeans" by Jolt. To make the outfit really stand out, I chose a pair of adorable Vince Camuto heels that put a modern day twist on old fashion shoes. Modern day vintage is classy, yet casual and comfortable. This whole look can be found in the Brass Plum section at Nordstrom. I would like to thank Nordstrom at Los Cerritos Center for being so kind and helpful as usual.

• **Carlee** – "Cute to Boot" – Sadly, summer is over. But make sure you step into fall with this cute boot. These caramel-colored leather boots are so comfortable. The strap and buckle on the side allow for a casual or dressy look. Tuck them into a cute pair of skinny jeans and you'll be set for those chilly fall nights. Available at Macy's in the Stonewood Center, \$119.

• **Chad** – "Go Designer" – While I was shopping in Los Cerritos Center, I came across Metro Park and its by far the most legit store in the mall. They have almost all the top designer brands. I picked out a pair of True Religions, which were \$240, and a Monarchy collection shirt for \$69. I loved how the True's fit – they weren't too baggy and they fit perfectly. I chose the Monarchy shirt because of the print and the softness of the shirt. A dark shirt with light jeans is money. Plus the white on the shirt really made the stitching on the True's stand out.

• **Matt** – "Union Jack" – Thrive for edge. Union Jack is back. If you don't mind doing a little splurging before the winter season, then you'll have a holiday all to yourself with this sharp look provided by GUESS? at the Los Cerritos Center. Stand out and still feel comfort-

able during this fall season.

• **Nichole, Teen Life of Style expert spokesperson** – "Brrrr" – Yes, it's that time of year again. It's getting cold and all the best jackets are finally coming into season. Winter is the most fun time to layer clothes and make new trends. Get a furry jacket to keep you warm, and go from there. Scarves, mittens, cute hats, etc., are finally ready for use. This jacket can be found in Forever 21 at the Stonewood Center. Get one, and start creating your new outfits from there.

• **Kristine** – "Accessories" – They recently asked Kristine Urzua what she thought was the "hot" must have item for the month of September, and with no hesitation she enthusiastically shouted, "Accessories! They have the ability to take any outfit to another level. They give you the opportunity to dress anything up or down while still expressing you, yourself, and ultimately your sense of style." She explained how the layering of necklaces and bracelets was a must because they give simple things such a flare, and the best part of that is you could go bold and add color like she did in this outfit, or go simple and classy with a single charm necklace while adding different lengths. She chose this simple Forever 21 dress in the hottest colors of plum and turquoise. This great outfit was all just under \$60. Until the next time folks, I now leave you with one of Kristine's famous quotes: "Fashion is a commitment, and it is what you devote to each day to define yourself." This was Kristine Urzua reporting from the thoughts of the one and only Kristine Urzua.

• **Joshua, teen Life of Style expert spokesperson** – "Fly & Dry" – It's time to get ready for cold weather at Zumiez. Start off with some fresh denim, like these LRG "Adorn Exquisite" jeans for less than \$80. These jeans are finished in a dark blue wash and has a contrasting golden stitch on all the seams. Next, pick up a black and gold shirt like this "Burton Society" tee. Finish it off with a warm and versatile soft-shell snow jacket, like this Empyre Matador Black and White Softshell. This jacket combines style and practicality, all for around \$100. It's all-over newspaper print keeps you looking fly, while the water resistant material and zipper pockets keep you dry.

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Destinee Mary Padilla, born with a form of schizencephaly, died last Friday. She was 3.

## Foundation established for Destinee Mary Padilla

**DOWNEY** – Destinee Mary Padilla, born April 30, 2004, died on Sept. 21. She was 3.

Destinee was born with a debilitating form of schizencephaly, a rare developmental birth defect characterized by abnormal clefts in the cerebral hemispheres of the brain.

"In her short life, she accomplished some mighty and spectacular things," said Monica Sanchez, a friend of the family. "She created the desire in her parents to form a family unit and maintain a strong marriage. She taught many people around her that they didn't need to be afraid of children with developmental disabilities.

She loved and laughed with abandon, and reminded us all of how beautiful life can be."

Her parents, Steven Jacob Padilla, Jr., and Cecilia Padilla, ages 20 and 19, respectively, met at Warren High School. They also have one son, Steven Noah Padilla III, age 19 months.

Destinee is survived by her parents, Steven and Cecilia; brother, Steven; and grandparents, Steven Jacob and Donna Padilla of Whittier, and Inez Galindro of Downey.

Services were held yesterday at Action Faith Ministries in Downey.

The Destinee Foundation has been established to help other children like Destinee. If you would like to make a contribution, send a check to Action Faith Ministries, 10839 La Reina Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

## Tulia Blanchfill was longtime resident

**DOWNEY** – Tulia Blanchfill, Downey resident for 36 years, passed away on Sept. 20 at the age of 77.

Blanchfill was preceded in death by husband Ira in 1971.

She is survived by sons Stephen and John; daughters Patricia Walker and Cynthia Vance; brother Mario Castro; sisters Lia Pillsbury and Teresa Gutierrez; grandsons Randy and Justin Vance; and great-grandson Gabriel Vance.

Visitation is today from 5 to 8 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m. at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary. Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Santa Fe Springs, followed by interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Huntington Beach.



## Minnie Ortner, owner of Harvey's Broiler, dies

**DOWNEY** – Minnie Elizabeth Ortner, best known in Downey for owning, with her husband, the revered Harvey's Broiler, died Tuesday.

Minnie and her husband, Harvey Elmer Ortner, opened Harvey's Broiler in 1958, the diner later being sold and renamed Johnie's Broiler. In its heyday, Harvey's Broiler was reported to have been the largest drive-in ever built in the United States.

Minnie Ortner was born in Oklahoma City, Okla. on Nov. 30, 1909. Harvey Ortner died May 9, 1991. They were Downey residents since 1934.

Minnie Ortner is survived by her daughter-in-law, Joyce Ortner; grandson, Harvey James Ortner; granddaughters, Sherri Truelove and Paris Steepleton; great-grandsons, Ryan and Daniel; and great-granddaughters, Mellanie, Vera and Natalie.

Viewing and visitation is today at 6 p.m. at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Graveside services are scheduled for tomorrow, Sept. 29, at Rose Hills at 3 p.m.

A memorial service will also be held tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the Downey-Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd. Officiating will be her grand-nephew, Pastor Erik Carter, from Seventh-day Adventist Church in Louisville, Ky.



Minnie Elizabeth Ortner owned Harvey's Broiler with her husband, Harvey Elmer Ortner, who died in 1991. The couple moved to Downey in 1934.

## Charlene Apel was active in her community

**DOWNEY** – Charlene Apel, Downey native, passed away on Sept. 22 at the age of 60.

Apel was born on July 13, 1947 and attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grammar School, Pius X High School, and Immaculate Heart College.

After graduating from college, Apel worked as a social worker for the Department of Public Social Services, later working in computer software and development for 20 years. For the past ten years, she was president of a telemedicine software company that made it possible for patients in rural areas to receive expert medical attention.

Apel was active in her community, serving as a member of the Harbor City-Gateway Rotary Club, and president of the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Area Chamber of Commerce.

She was preceded in death by father Ralph J. Apel.

She is survived by mother Genevieve Apel; brothers Ralph (Elaine), Dennis (Tensie) and KEnn (Lynda); sisters Theresa (Russ), Catherine (Michael) and Veeve (Rod); 15 nieces and nephews; and seven great-nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are today at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to The Hunger Project, 5 Union Square West, New York, NY, 10003.



## Mr. Downey deadline extended

**DOWNEY** – Applications for the 2007 Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey Competition are being accepted for two more weeks.

Contestants for Mr. Downey must be between the ages of 15 and 23 and must live, work, or attend school in Downey. They are to have never been married, fathered a child, or been convicted of a crime.

Contestants for Little Mr. Downey must be between the ages of 5 and 8.

The competition will be held on Nov. 10 at the Downey Theatre.

Applications are available at Downey City Library, Downey Rent-A-Tux, Downey Chamber of Commerce, and at [www.downeyrose.org](http://www.downeyrose.org). For information, or if interested in becoming a sponsor, call (562) 824-7172.

## Johnie's Broiler cruise planned Oct. 14

**DOWNEY** – A "Holy Ghost Cruise" to "help rebuild Harvey's Broiler" is planned for Oct. 14. Cruisers will depart Bob's Big Boy in Burbank at 9:30 a.m., making their way to Johnie's Broiler in Downey.

The event is being coordinated by the Coalition to Save the Broiler.

Bob's Big Boy is located at 4211 Riverside Dr. in Burbank. For more information, visit [www.saveharveysbroiler.com](http://www.saveharveysbroiler.com).

## Frank J. Gisler, Jr. passes away at 87

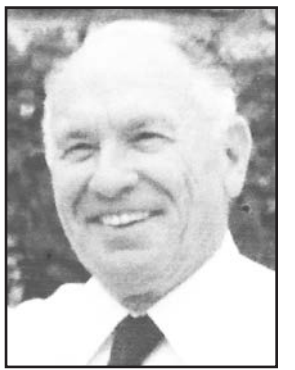
**DOWNEY** – Frank J. Gisler, Jr., longtime Downey resident, passed away on Aug. 31 at the age of 87.

He was preceded in death by brother Walt, sister Ann; and wife Helen, who passed away on Aug. 8, 2007.

He is survived by son George; daughter Shirley; grandchildren Lisa and George; great-grandchild Scott; brother Joe; and sister Margaret.

A Mass was held in his honor on Sept. 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Rowland Heights.

Services were arranged by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.



## Harvest Festival at Methodist Church

**DOWNEY** – The Downey United Methodist Church will be hosting their Annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission is free and the festival will include a rummage sale, white elephant exchange, baked goods, and numerous food booths. There will also be a children's section with a jumper, sponge toss, face painting, and more.

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## 'Friends' of the library host auction

**DOWNEY** – Final bids for silent auction items currently on display at the Downey City Library must be received by noon tomorrow.

The Friends of the Downey City Library have selected numerous items to be auctioned off, including coffee-table book, "Golf Courses of Hawaii," and sugar-free receipt book, "Sweet & Natural Baking." Also to be auctioned off is a signed copy of Jan Burke's "Kidnapped."

Bids can be placed at the Friends Bookstore & Gift Shop located in the library.

## Service academy workshop Oct. 27

**DOWNEY** – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard will host her annual "Informational U.S. Service Academy Workshop" at the Downey City Library on Oct. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

The service academy is for those interested in earning a university degree in return for five years of service in the military.

Academy representatives and current students will be at the free workshop to answer questions regarding eligibility requirements, cadet life, academics, athletics and career opportunities after graduation.



## Will the real Downey Vikings please stand up?

BY SCOTT COBOS, CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – Questions continued to swirl around the enigmatic Downey High School football team after a 48-41 loss to the Millikan Rams on Friday night. In a tale of two halves, the Vikings were at the bottom of the barrel then at the top of the mountain but to no avail running out of steam at the end.

At the end of three quarters, a momentum swing gave Downey and their fans hope of climbing out of the gaping hole they were in. But they were unable to do so, throwing three consecutive interceptions in the fourth quarter eliminating any chances of completing the comeback.

The Vikings were plagued with indecision and a loss of confidence mixed up with mental errors and a lack of discipline in the first two quarters. By halftime, Downey gave up 103 yards in penalties. A mental lapse also cost them one more play on a possession as they punted away the ball on a third down situation.

Downey's offense stumbled out of the gates not being able to get past the 50-yard line until the final minutes of the first quarter. With field position like that, special teams struggled to keep the Rams at bay having to punt out of their own end zone twice. Two of Millikan's first four possessions started within Downey's 15-yard line.

Tempers started to flare on Downey's sideline when a few players started a small scuffle amongst themselves. Things were not looking good going into the locker room at the half. Downey had a tall mountain to climb being down 41-14 with two quarters to go.

Millikan could be seen strutting out of the locker room getting ready to start the third quarter. What seemed like a laugh quickly became a close game.

Downey started the half with a 66-yard kickoff return by Jeremiah Higgins. They would run one play on the possession and score, letting Higgins finish what he started by hooking up with quarterback Antonio Mendez on a 34-yard touchdown reception.

Stunned by the quick strike from Downey, Millikan's next drive resulted in a blocked punt that put the Vikings one yard away from scoring again. Running back Caleb Schifflet would score on the next play. Two plays, two touchdowns to start off the third quarter.

Millikan started to feel the heat offensively as they were unable to get anything going in their second possession of the half, fumbling the ball away to Downey and not getting another chance in the quarter to score. Mendez would make them pay throwing an 18-yard touchdown pass to Eric Hayes to bring the Vikings within 7 points. Unfortunately, that's as close as Downey would come to tying the game.

With the three interceptions, Mendez finished his night with three touchdowns, completing 22 of 40 pass attempts accumulating 291 yards.

The Vikings were unable to spread the field due to the lack of a rushing threat. Downey finished in negative yards running the ball, a product of life after graduated running back Darren Tubbs. Millikan saw the pass coming all night long forcing three crucial turnovers in the fourth quarter. Millikan banged out yards on the ground giving the ball to Jonathan Sanders nine times in the fourth quarter. He finished his short but effective night with 88 yards helping his team suck precious seconds off the clock and allowing Downey enough time to score only once more.

The question of who the real Downey Vikings are still remains. After a season opening loss, the Vikings won their second game convincingly but then ran into more problems in their third game. They'll continue to look for that consistency tonight when they host Kennedy at 7 p.m.

## Flag football for kids at Bernabé Center

**DOWNEY** – The Bernabé Community Center After-School Sports Program is now taking sign-ups for flag football for boys and girls ages 11 to 14.

Cost is \$25 and all games will be played on the fields behind Lakeside Middle School in Norwalk on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Volunteers are also needed to serve as coaches, referees, board members, program coordinators, photographers, journalists, and more.

Those interested in signing up can do so at Lakeside Middle School, or by calling the Bernabé Community Center at (562) 863-1899.



Razorback Derek Smith, with San Austin trailing, returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown as Downey beats Lakewood, 48-7. It was the third game in a row in which Smith returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Photo courtesy Mike Baumann

## Razorbacks weather the rain, edge Inglewood

BY MIKE BAUMANN, DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

**DOWNEY** – Downey's MityMite White weathered the weekend rain-storm by edging a quick Inglewood team. 13-12. But it was feast and famine for the Downey Razorback's five other tackle teams last weekend while playing teams from the city of Lakewood at Veteran's Stadium in Long Beach.

MityMite Red lost for the first time this season to a Lakewood team, 20-0. Downey's PeeWee team also lost their first game in a defensive struggle, 6-0. Lakewood's score came on the first play after a Razorback fumble deep in their own territory.

Junior PeeWee remains unbeaten at 3-0 by shutting out Lakewood, 19-0. The dazzling running of wingbacks Justin Huff (three TDs) and Jake Cook were just too much for their opponents. The defense played well, even blocking a punt which led to a score.

Downey's Junior Midgets fell behind in the first quarter, 6-0, but in the second quarter the Razorbacks began an offensive surge that was not to be denied. Robert Davalos started the Razorback scoring with a short run followed by a similar run by a David Saenz. With less than a minute remaining in the first half, a 48-yard pass/run from Saenz to Arthur Espinoza led to Downey's 20-6 halftime lead.

In the fourth quarter, another Saenz to Espinoza connection for a score and fine running by Vaughn Cuttress put the Razorbacks ahead, 32-6. The Jr. Midget record is 2-1.

For the third game in a row Derek Smith and his teammates ran the opening kickoff back for a score and once again the unbeaten Hogs (3-0) went on to dominate their Lakewood opponents, 48-7. Smith followed the kickoff return with a 67-yard TD run on the next series. After a 35-yard run by wingback Shane Baumann, Dominick Cortez blasted into the end zone for a 24-0 lead. The Hogs capped the first half scoring with a dazzling TD run by Dwane Franklin who covered most of the 35 yards with one shoe.

The second half was much of the same. After a 40-yard run by Alex

Martinez, Cortez punched it in for another score. Quarterback/defensive back Andrew Magana picked off a Lakewood pass and scampered 45 yards to make the score 42-0. After a defensive lapse against the Razorback reserves, Lakewood scored on a 40-yard sweep. However, Derek Smith and the Hogs matched that run with a 25-yard sweep to cap the scoring.

The Razorbacks are on the road again this week playing teams from Culver City and Redondo Beach.



The Downey High School girls' volleyball team participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Fashion Island in Newport Beach on Sunday. Along with fundraising, the girls participated in the 5K race/walk and promoted awareness and education on breast cancer. Coach Andrea Sims said she wanted her girls to "experience the race and the survivor ceremony so they would realize they too can make a difference. We salute the girls for participating in such a great event and representing Downey High for such a worthy cause."

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# T.J.

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Jack hit it where T.J. read it. It dropped for a birdie, a great finish.”  
 The account goes on to explain that when Nicklaus heard of T.J.’s recurrence, he phoned the family, speaking to T.J. for over 10 minutes.  
 “This goes to show what kind of man Jack is,” said Larry. “Forget about being the greatest golfer that ever lived, he’s a great man.”

T.J. not only captured the hearts of those at Make-A-Wish Foundation and Toscana Country Club, but also the hearts of those in Downey.

When the Peacock family hosted a yard sale in honor of T.J. last November, the community’s involvement was overwhelming. With proceeds aiding rising medical costs, the community donated enough items and funds to help the family tremendously.

“Everywhere he went, he was recognized,” said Diane, T.J.’s mom. “We always knew that he had a strong support system.”

In March of this year, T.J. was scheduled to participate in a surgery that would ultimately allow for a cancer vaccine to be tested. But while doctors were preparing to clean out the designated area, they realized he was not cancer-free, and immediately started radiation treatments.

It was during that time when entertainer Carmen Electra, co-founder of Head to Hollywood – a non-profit organization that gives brain tumor survivors and their families an all-access pass into a world usually reserved for celebrities – paid a visit to T.J. Originally, T.J. was supposed to participate in a week’s worth of events through the organization, but with the recurrence of cancer, he could not attend. When Ken Baker, Head to Hollywood founder, and Electra heard he would not be in attendance, they made it a priority to visit him at Cedars-Sinai.

Baker is a pituitary brain tumor survivor and Electra’s mother passed away from a malignant brain tumor in 1998.

Baker also arranged for T.J. and his family to attend a taping of “American Idol” and an “InStyle Magazine” party, as well as play golf at the Trump National Golf Club in Palos Verdes.

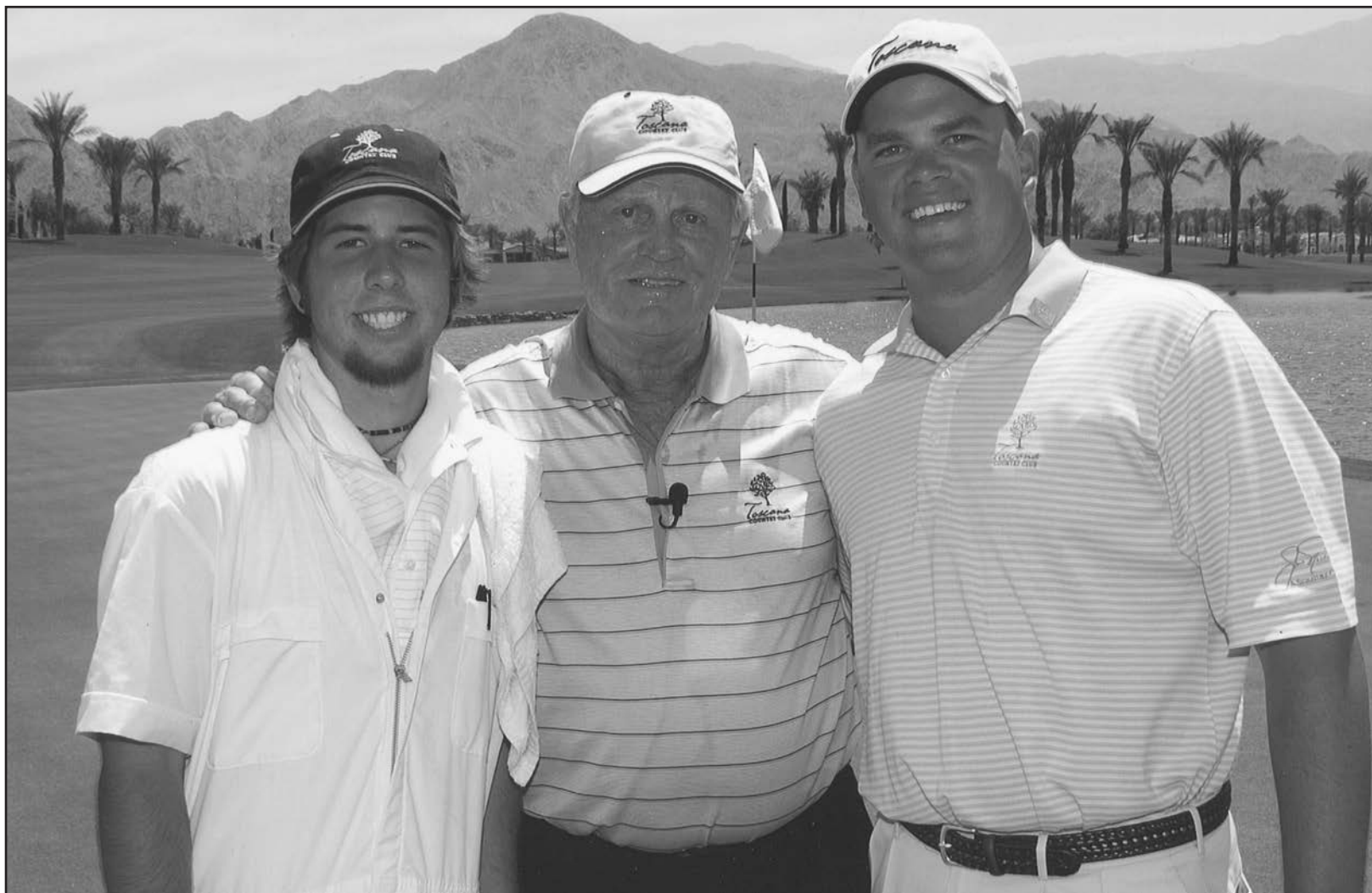
“Ken [Baker] has made so many dreams come true for T.J.,” Diane said.

T.J.’s final bout with cancer came after gradually losing feeling in his face. In June, T.J.’s family began to notice that his smile was not quite the same. Little by little, T.J. began losing all feeling in his face, ultimately not being able to completely close his eyes, speak or move his mouth, or chew and swallow. Doctors said the loss of facial nerves was due to low blood count from chemotherapy treatments and radiation could not be done to shrink the nerves because T.J. lacked bone marrow.

A day before T.J. was supposed to return home, while surrounded by family and friends, he passed away.

“He fought hard, did everything the doctors suggested and never complained once in five years,” said Diane. “He was just a very special individual and the best son any parent could ask for.”

Fortunately, doctors said that the cancer affected nerves that would in



T.J. Peacock (left) caddied for Jack Nicklaus (center), an event made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. T.J. also met Tony Lentendre (right) of the Toscana Country Club, which recently made a donation to Warren High School’s golf program in honor of T.J. Photo courtesy Diane Peacock

Donations in T.J.’s name can be made to the Little Star Foundation ([www.littlestarinc.com](http://www.littlestarinc.com)) or Head to Hollywood ([www.headtohollywood.com](http://www.headtohollywood.com))

turn communicate and relay pain to other parts of the body. So it is believed that at the time of his death, he was not in any pain.  
 “We don’t know why he had cancer – doctors don’t seem to believe that it was hereditary or environmental,” Diane said. “It was just rotten, bad luck.”

In his honor, the Peacock family held a tribute at Angel Stadium on Tuesday, gaining access to the field with the help of Ken Baker.

“T.J.’s main focus was always on baseball,” said Diane. “It was only

fitting that we pay tribute to him at his favorite team’s dugout.”

The Toscana Country Club, in honor of T.J., has made a donation to Warren’s golf program and suggested creating an annual award, also in honor of T.J., which would be given to a player of outstanding sportsmanship each year.

Those that knew T.J. Peacock were changed by his life, and those that did not, were inspired.

He will not be remembered as a person that lost his life to brain cancer, but rather a young man that a community fell in love with.

## COUNCIL

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Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center;

- Approved an agreement with KFM Engineering for the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of street improvements at the southwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Firestone Boulevard for an amount not to exceed \$24,000;

- Appropriated \$20,000 for pursuing the city’s National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Unfounded Mandates Claim with the State of California Commission on Unfunded Mandates, to recover costs incurred by the city in complying with certain portions of the Stormwater Permit;

- Adopted a resolution establishing an all-way stop at the intersection of Suva Street and Guatemala Avenue in response to resident concerns regarding high vehicle speeds and volumes along a specified stretch of the street;

- Adopted a resolution granting salary increases to the salary range for the position of Fire Chief, to reflect similar compensation adjustments granted to rank and file employees;

- Adopted a resolution amending and restating the City of Downey alternative retirement system for hourly employees; terminating the agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company for administration of the plan; and, for the reasons given, appointing Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) as trust administrator of the plan and Union Bank of California as trustee of the plan;

- Adopted ordinances amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limits for Cecilia and Fifth Streets, and for Telegraph Road, respectively; and

- Instead of waiving the estimated \$1,950 fees to cover the cost of an additional City House Manager (for 10 performances, and for the reasons given) at the Downey Theatre, deemed it more prudent to grant the amount as a donation.

The next regular public meeting of the City Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey.



Karen Volpe stars in the DCLO’s production of “Oklahoma!” opening Oct. 4 at the Downey Theatre.

things and allow us to recreate our characters.”

When asked what she looked forward to the most with this run of “Oklahoma!,” she said, “Seeing my mom, who is a three-year survivor of pancreatic cancer, in the audience on opening night. She made my costumes for my first run with ‘Oklahoma!’ in the fifth grade.”

“Oklahoma!” will be showing from Oct. 4 to Oct. 21 at the Downey Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office, open daily from 1 to 5 p.m., at (562) 923-1714.

For more information on Karen Volpe, visit [www.prestonandvolpe.com](http://www.prestonandvolpe.com), or [www.myspace.com/karenavolpepreston](http://www.myspace.com/karenavolpepreston).

# Jaime Garcia brings unique perspective to job

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—The job of interfacing with a company’s public, such as the one Jaime Garcia holds as area director of public affairs for Kaiser Permanente’s Bellflower Medical Center, logically calls for an unusual set of knowledge and skills, with special emphasis on an ability to convey medical ideas. It doesn’t hurt if one also has an intimate familiarity with legislative and regulatory issues affecting health-care.



Garcia, who is three full months into his tenure as president of the 520-member Downey Chamber of Commerce, fits this job specification to a T. He has been Kaiser Permanente-Bellflower’s spokesman – representing the company before community-based organizations, businesses, other chambers of commerce, school districts, and residents – for well-nigh seven years, reporting to senior vice president/executive director Jane Finley.

Garcia’s presence especially at TLC’s (True Lasing Connections) functions attests to the hospital’s commitment to helping the uninsured/underinsured in Downey cope with, say, their dental problems, in partnership with the USC School of Dentistry. (The hospital operates two other school-based clinics which address sundry community needs, not necessarily just health-related).

There is also a hospital-sanctioned program creatively addressing the problem of obesity and other health issues. This year is Needs Assessment Year, Garcia says, which will look into high priority health care areas, and incorporating inputs from such agencies as the Departments of Education, Corrections, Health Services, Labor, all the regulatory agencies.

After getting his bachelor’s in political science (minor: criminal justice) from UC Irvine in 1992, he worked briefly for his chiropractic brother’s Los Angeles-based clinic, Garcia Chiropractic, as assistant administrator. He had earlier interned at the Office of State Senator David Roberti, where he had a hand in communicating information to Roberti’s constituents regarding Med-Fly spraying, meanwhile co-authoring the Malathion Report for Sacramento officials.

His first professional job, he says, began in 1994 as a field representative, for a year, for the Office of State Assemblyman Bob Epple. This was followed by five years of service with the Office of State Assemblyman Martin Gallegos, first as field representative, then district director, then chief of staff. He earned his MPA degree from CSU Long Beach during this period, in 1998. He joined Kaiser Permanente in October 2000.

# Volpe brings talent - and comedy - to DCLO

BY BROOKE KARLL, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – This October, Karen Volpe will return as “Ado Annie” in the Downey Civic Light Opera’s production of “Oklahoma!,” a musical she first starred in when in the fifth grade.

“I have always been one to play comedic characters,” said Volpe, a resident of North Hollywood. “So it doesn’t surprise me that I would return to this role. In fact, the instincts I had at 11 years old have come back to help me.”

Volpe’s history with musical theatre dates back to when she was in the third grade. She later dabbled with improvisational comedy while attending Jamestown Community College, falling in love with improv after visiting The Second City, an improvisational comedy club and education center, in Toronto.

She then transferred to Fredonia State University, where she graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theatre. While attending Fredonia, she met comedy partner and future husband Paul Preston. Together, they performed their own two-person improvisational

show at The Second City in Toronto. They were later hired by Astors’ Beechwood Theatre Co. in Rhode Island and The Pocono Renaissance Faire, eventually moving to Chicago to continue their studies at The Second City in Chicago and ImprovOlympic.

While in Chicago, Volpe played a bridesmaid in “Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding,” and “unpacked her adjectives” in “Schoolhouse Rock Live!” She also performed with Second City Communications and Disney Cruise Line.

“One of my favorite gigs was performing with an improv group on Disney’s cruise line,” said Volpe, an Ellington, New York native. “I felt like I was getting paid to be on vacation all year.”

Some of Volpe’s other stage credits include “Gilda” in “Bunny Bunny: Gilda Radner, A Sort of Romantic Comedy;” “Donna” in “The Taffetas!;” and “Sister Robert Ann” in DCLO’s 2006 production of “Nunsense.”

“I really enjoy working with DCLO because they give me the freedom to play with my character,” Volpe said. “They encourage us to try new



# Pace shooting revisited at Citizens Academy

**BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR**  
**DOWNEY** — Long before World of Décor took up residence, the expansive concrete building at Florence Avenue and Studebaker Road was home to Pace Warehouse, a membership-only retail and grocery store (the company would eventually merge with Sam's Club).

The store would become the scene of a bloody shootout between Downey police and a heavily-armed, highly-strategic band of thugs responsible for half a dozen take-over robberies throughout the Southland.

A chilling video reenactment of the incident — which nearly claimed the lives of two Downey police officers — was played for students of the Downey Police Department's Citizens Academy this week.

The incident began on an early Sunday morning — before daybreak — in early 1990, when Downey police responded to a robbery call at 11111 Florence Ave. First responding officers had no way of knowing they were about to confront members of the notorious Black Guerilla Family (BGF) prison gang, an African American, politically-motivated gang started in 1966 by members of the Black Panthers.

The six members robbing the Pace Warehouse were particularly cunning in their operation: underneath Army-type clothing and black ski masks to conceal their identity, they donned heavy body armor capable of stopping small arm fire. They used walkie-talkies to communicate with each other, used gloves to ensure no fingerprints were found anywhere, carried diagrams of the Pace Warehouse store layout, and prohibited each other from drinking alcohol the night of the robbery.

They traveled in a stolen white van with no windows on either side. Inside the van, the gang packed an intense arsenal of high-powered weapons.

The thieves cut a hole in the Pace Warehouse roof, climbed inside, and waited for the morning employees to arrive. When they did, the employees were ambushed, forced to the ground at gunpoint and robbed of their personal belongings.

One employee managed to sneak to a phone and call 9-1-1. Downey police were dispatched.

The store manager, meanwhile, arriving a few minutes after the employees, was kidnapped outside the store as he arrived. He was pistol-whipped, dragged and taken inside the store and forced to open the cash safe for the robbers.

At about this time the first

Downey police officer arrived on the scene. Because he knew Pace wasn't open for business yet, he checked out the adjacent gas station first. Seeing nothing, he proceeded to Pace. Through the front glass window he saw armed men in ski masks holding up employees. He radioed back to dispatch what he saw.

By now, more officers were on scene. One officer, gun drawn, crept past the white van stationed in the front parking lot, making his way to the store's front entrance. He placed a hand on the van, feeling for any movement inside, and felt nothing.

But the van was not empty. According to police, an assailant inside the van lay motionless and radioed to the gang leader inside Pace and notified him of the police. The leader's cryptic response: "Waste them."

With that, the gunman burst out the side of the van and opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle on the officer, who had his back turned. One bullet pierced his right lower buttock and exited his knee; another shot went through his leg. He collapsed.

By now, all hell broke loose. Officers, confused of where the shots were coming from, rushed to cover the fallen officer, who was returning fire as best he could with his right hand, even though he was left-handed (the left side of his body had gone numb).

Another officer was hit. A radio call went in to dispatch:

"Code 3, officer down!...Two officers down!"

The entire shootout took no more than 60 seconds. The suspects dropped most of the loot and shot their way out the back entrance, towards the 5 Freeway. The van fled, the assailants inside hijacking another vehicle in Santa

Fe Springs, stuffing that driver in the trunk (who would survive).

The resulting manhunt found one suspect hiding in the brush along the freeway. The suspects in the van got away, although two were ultimately killed in unrelated street shootings. Three other suspects are still believed to be at large.

No police officers lost their lives that day.

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The Pace shooting was just one situation the academy studied this week. The class also heard from Downey Police Sgt. Dwayne Cooper, an East L.A. native who previously worked gang detail and robbery/homicide before overseeing patrol operations.

One of Cooper's previous cases was recently featured in an episode of the television show, "Cold Case." The case dealt with a Downey woman who went missing along with her two children in 1994. Just recently, the bodies were found buried in Vegas and Downey detectives were able to crack the case, ultimately charging the father. The episode, for those curious, is titled "Daddy Dearest."

Cooper went over patrol operations, and the differences between "routine" stops and felony stops. The biggest difference, as Cooper noted, is that during a "routine" stop (there really is no such thing as a routine stop; all are unique), officers will approach the car. During a felony stop, the occupants come to the officers.

Cooper said the primary function of motor officers is to enforce the traffic code. Contrary to popular belief, Cooper said, officers do not have quotas to meet.

Police patrol the city in six different beats, divided by Firestone Boulevard, Paramount Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard. Some

officers act as "wildcards" and can be in any part of the city at any time.

Cooper also emphasized the extensive training Downey police officers undergo, which sometimes reaches three times the state mandated requirement. Cooper played an audio tape of a real police pursuit in Downey, and explained the police jargon and techniques the officers were using to keep the public — and suspect — as safe as possible. "We don't want officers driving 100 miles per hour down Brookshire Avenue and blow through the intersection," said Cooper.

In the audio tape, police can be heard communicating with dispatch as they chased a black Chevy Camaro down Downey streets, the car having just been hijacked. The car was heading west on Imperial at "a high rate of speed." The Camaro turned south on Garfield, still barreling through moderate traffic.

A sergeant could now be heard on the radio, confirming the charges the suspect was being chased for. Did the charges warrant a chase through residential streets? In this case, a felony armed carjacking, police supervisors decided to continue the pursuit.

More officers joined the chase. The trailing officer was now in charge of communicating with dispatch, offering locations, speeds, traffic conditions (both pedestrian and vehicular), and anything the driver might toss out the car. The officer directly behind the fleeing suspect uses all his concentration on driving.

The Camaro hopped on the 105 Freeway, exited Lakewood, and eventually jumped a curb where he surrendered.

Cooper said domestic violence calls are typically the most dangerous calls an officer can go on; for that reason domestic violence calls are always handled with at least two officers. And if officers spot an injury to somebody, and have reasonable belief of who caused the injuries, "nine times out of 10 someone's going to jail."

Sgt. Randy Patrick, meanwhile, explained to the academy how Downey Police recruits new officers. The department, Patrick explained, only wants the best officers; they don't want people only interested in the job for the money and benefits. Applicants need to possess a real desire to be a police officer, and rest assured that desire will be tested at the police academy.

Downey officers regularly attend job fairs, military bases, school events (including Grad Night), and advertise extensively on the Internet. The department is in the midst of producing new fliers and circulars, Patrick said, to keep the literature fresh.

The entire hiring process takes about 11 months, Patrick said. It begins with filling out an application available at Downey's City Hall. From there the applicant completes a written test, physical agility test and an oral interview in front of a three-person panel. The interview is conversational, Patrick

said, with the panel gauging whether the applicant would be a good fit to attend the police academy.

If the applicant passes, he moves to the academy where he is officially put on salary. Starting salary here is \$29.50 per hour.


Recruits also undergo a comprehensive background investigation; police will speak to your neighbors, co-workers, family, just about anyone they can to determine your true character. Applicants are also required to answer some very invading questions: Have you ever had sex in a public place? Have you ever been publicly intoxicated? Have you ever shoplifted?

Any dishonesty, Patrick said, results in immediate elimination.

After the academy, recruits spend 18 weeks with a field training officer. Under constant supervision, police observe how the recruit applies his academy training. Officers are under an 18-month probation period.

Officers, Patrick said, receive competitive pay and excellent benefits. Pay for beginning officers ranges between five levels, starting at \$29.70 per hour for a police recruit, and topping off at \$36.79 per hour. This doesn't include promotions, paid training, and overtime. The department pays for the uniform and all equipment, and officers can utilize a gym and workout center for free.

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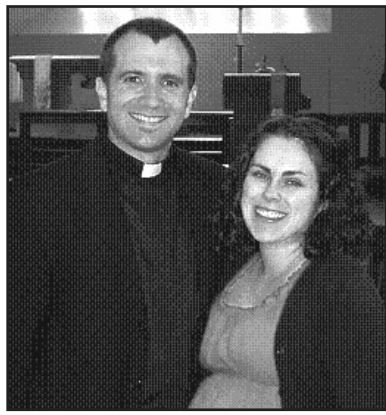
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## Messiah Lutheran Church welcomes pastor Michael Hayes

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Hayes was born in Orange, Calif. on May 31, 1974. Shortly thereafter, he was brought to the waters of baptism at St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange. At St. John's, many wonderful spiritual leaders influenced Hayes but foremost among them was the Director of Christian Education, Bryon Porisch. Through confirmation introduction and youth ministry, Byron helped foster Michael's relationship with Christ and passion for the Word of God and reaching the lost.



After graduating high school, Hayes desired to make Christ known to others just as many spiritual leaders had done for him. Therefore, Hayes went to Concordia University in Seward, Nebr., where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology, as well as a Director of Christian Education certification and a specialization in family life ministry. Hayes also first began to formally study God's Word in Greek and Hebrew in Seward.

In 1996, upon completion of studies in Nebraska, Hayes was placed as Director of Christian Education at Calvary Lutheran Church in San Lorenzo, Calif., a culturally diverse region of the San Francisco Bay area. For four years, Hayes served in various capacities in this congregation but primarily sought to make Christ known through youth and music ministries.

While serving in San Lorenzo, Hayes was accepted into Concordia Seminary St. Louis's Satellite Program at Concordia University in Irvine, the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center. He left his position of Director of Christian Education to study full-time for the pastoral ministry. During this course of study, Hayes served a four-year vicarage at Christ Lutheran Church in Costa Mesa, Calif., and also worked there as an assistant director of music. His primary responsibility as vicar was to begin an outreach to the local Hispanic community in Costa Mesa. After four years of study, Hayes received the Master of Arts degree in theology and culture and was certified for pastoral ministry in 2003.

of Biblical theology. This program has allowed Hayes to continue advanced studies in the original languages of the Bible. Hayes has completed all course-work, residency requirements, and comprehensive examinations for this doctoral degree. He is currently writing a dissertation in the area of New Testament Greek grammar to more readily bring forth the meaning of the text.

Hayes met his wife, Rachel, while serving as Director of Christian Education in San Lorenzo, Calif. and they were later married in 2002. She

studied at Concordia University in Irvine and received degrees in both art and education. She will be teaching part-time as an art professor at Concordia University in Irvine starting Spring 2008.

The couple welcomed their first child, Hope Elizabeth, on July 23. Hayes' personal mission statement is "Knowing Christ – Making Christ Known." He looks forward to growing in the knowledge of Christ with the members of Messiah Lutheran Church and together making Christ known in Downey, Southern California, and to the ends of the earth.

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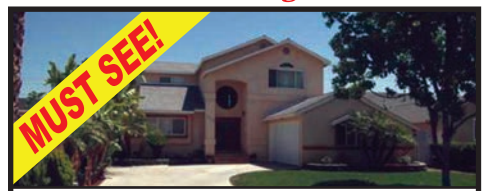
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