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Downey vs. Warren 2007

Playing for more than Pride



Downey High School will face Warren tonight in a match-up carrying large implications for the looming CIF playoffs. Downey and Warren - along with Gahr - are tied for second place in the San Gabriel Valley League, behind Dominguez. Pictured above are Downey linemen Jonathon Mancafaiga (99) and George Gabriel. Complete story is on page 10. Photo by Art Montoya

Taking golf from simple hobby to lasting career

■ Twenty-two year-old Greg Lake learns to capitalize on his greatest talent and passion: Golf.

BY SCOTT COBOS
CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY - Watching a father-son duo who owned nothing but the best golf gear and attire at the time tee-off made a young Greg Lake laugh. While playing at Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course in Cerritos, the decked out pair missed far left and far right from the green on their first shots.

Lake, 10 years old at the time, then watched his father miss left as well. With his set of rental clubs, Lake walked up to the tee box, dropped his ball then proceeded to put his first shot on the green.

It's funny how things turn out. While there's no knowing what happened to the father-son duo that had it all, it was this defining

moment that started Lake down the road of what he wants to hopefully work in the rest of his life by becoming a Professional Golfers' Association of America administrator.

Lake, 22, has been playing golf for about 12 years now and hopes to continue his life with the game by his side.

"I've been playing golf for so long, it's the business I've wanted to go into," said Lake, who currently is a starter in the pro shop at Rio Hondo Golf Club. "After being a starter, it's a good opportunity to move forward in the game I want to be in."

His sense of the game started at Iron-Wood Nine but then quickly became a way of life. As he pro-

gressed through the years, Lake developed his game from being the kid at the local pitch and putt to capturing the MVP award his senior year at Warren High School. After that, Lake participated in the Long Beach Men's City Championship tournament, his first ever amateur competition, and finished in second place out of 50 top flight players.

But as time wore on, he started to realize his dream of becoming a tour member was dwindling away. That dream started to disappear about two years ago he said.

"Yeah, you have talent but if you don't devote six hours a day to golf it's tough," said Lake. "Sure I played as much as I could in my free time but that just wasn't enough."

Lake currently is enrolled in his fifth year at Cal Poly Pomona as a

full-time student studying engineering and works close to 25 hours a week at Rio Hondo, leaving very little time to commit his described six hours a day to golf.

With that in mind, he decided to look in a different direction. Instead of playing the game, he figured he would stay in the industry and become a Class A PGA member.

"When you become a Class A member, you're well versed in every possible aspect of running a golf operation, from general management, to director of golf to strictly teaching," said Steve LaBarge who is the head professional at Rio Hondo Golf Club. "I mean there are a lot of different career paths within the golf industry once you branch out. You can become a sales representative for a

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Travelogue Series explores the Gulf Coast

■ Downey Theatre hosting "Gulf Coast Adventure: Still Wild & Beautiful" this Sunday afternoon.

CONTRIBUTED BY KEVIN O'CONNOR, DOWNEY THEATRE

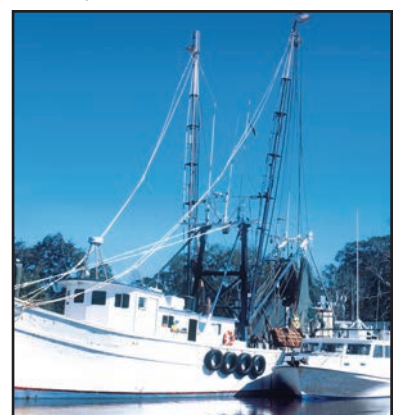
DOWNEY - The Downey Theatre will present the third film of its 2007-08 "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series, "Gulf Coast Adventure: Still Wild & Beautiful," filmed and narrated by award-winning filmmaker John Holod, on Sunday at the Downey Theatre at 2:30 p.m.

During the summer of 2005, the Gulf Coast was devastated by hurricanes. The rebuilding has been slow, but progress is being made. Despite all the destruction, there are still beautiful places to visit and that's what this new "Armchair Adventure" presentation is all about.

Our adventure begins in southwest Florida on Sanibel Island, known worldwide for its great shell-collecting beaches. While in the area, we also visit Cabbage Key, Cayo Costa State Park, and the wild iguanas of Boca Grande. While most of Florida is turning to high-rise condos and water-slides, the film highlights "old Florida" spots like the sponge divers of Tarpon Springs, the mermaids of Weeki Wachee, and the manatees of Homosassa. Cedar Key is so old-fashioned, they don't even allow fast food restaurants! In the Panhandle we visit scenic Apalachicola, Panama City, Destin and Pensacola.

Gulf Shores, Dauphin Island and Mobile are the highlights of our journey through Alabama. The Mississippi coast didn't get as much publicity as New Orleans, but was actually hit harder by Hurricane Katrina. We look in on the rebuilding process in Biloxi and Gulfport. The economy of the area was given a big lift by the comeback of the local casinos. Waveland

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On Oct. 20, students from the Gaudin Elementary Fitness Club climbed a 500-foot sand dune in Manhattan Beach after picking up trash with Keep Downey Beautiful. See Letters to the Editor on page 5.

Razorbacks swept as regular season ends

■ Midgets and Jr. Midgets advance to the playoffs; Jr. PeeWees still have a chance.

BY MIKE BAUMANN, DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

DOWNEY - The Downey Razorbacks, all six tackle teams, were swept by teams representing Palos Verde Saturday in what was the last game of the 2007 regular season. With only one day of practice last week, the Hogs were unable to match some of the best teams in the Pacific Coast Conference.

The MityMite division teams Red and White have completed their seasons as they did not qualify for post-season play. The Razorback MityMite teams were young this year, with mostly eight-year-olds, so if they return for the 2008 campaign, MityMite Red and White should be strong contenders for the playoffs.

The Jr. PeeWee Hogs would have clinched a division title with a win, because Culver City lost to Santa Monica in week eight. The loss, however, created a three-way tie for second place. Downey will meet Santa Monica and Culver City in a three-way shootout at Redondo Beach High School next Thursday to determine the second place representative in the division playoff. The winner of the shootout will play the Lakewood Spartans in the first round.

Razorback PeeWee lost 21-20 in another fine defensive effort by the Hogs. The PeeWee's had a slim chance for a playoff bid with a win, which would have tied them for second place, and set up another shootout scenario. Most of the current PeeWee's will move to the next level in the 2008 season, but a core group of younger players should return and be a basis for a fine team.

Both the Jr. Midget (5-3) and Midget (7-1) teams had a chance for a division championship with a win against Palos Verde. But neither team was up to the challenge, and both teams were defeated. Still, both teams have earned a playoff bid. Jr. Midgets play the Lakewood Longhorns and the Midgets play the Lakewood Titans.

PTA HELPS needs donations for the needy

■ With the winter holidays fast approaching, a local food pantry's shelves are growing bare.

BY BROOKE KARLI
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY - When you walk into the PTA HELPS center, it's like walking into a grocery store, except some of the shelves - actually, most of the shelves - are empty.

The shelves are particularly bare at the moment partly because the program is having to bounce back from slow summer months (most of their donations are supplied through schools), and because donations are simply not being received.

The program is run primarily off of food donations, with the occasional financial gift from private parties and businesses. Most of what the program receives is collected during food drives at the 19 schools throughout Downey.

For many families in Downey - over 600 a year, to be exact - the canned food drives held at Downey elementary, junior high and high schools are what keeps their stomachs full and their hopes alive.

Since the late 1950's, the Downey Council PTA HELPS (Health Education Local Pantry Service) program has provided emergency food to those that either reside in Downey, or have a student(s) in the Downey Unified School District. Households in need are helped once every other month with bread and non-perishable food staples such as canned soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna and beans, as well as rice, pasta, peanut butter, Jell-O and crackers.

Families may also be provided
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The PTA HELPS center in Downey distributes canned food and holiday baskets to underprivileged families in the local area, in addition to offering free dental check-ups to children. Most of the families are referred by City Hall or Downey schools. Photo by Brooke Karli

Downey High wants your blood

■ Students help raise nearly 300 pints of blood for Red Cross.

BY VILEANA DE LA ROSA,
DOWNEY PATRIOT INTERN

DOWNEY – On Oct. 17, Downey High School held a blood drive inside the gymnasium sponsored by the American Red Cross. Here students over the age of 17, and who weighed over 110 pounds, had the opportunity to donate blood towards the Southern California Blood Bank.

Put together by Downey High's Associated Student Body and Human Relations whiz Jasmin Hari, Downey fulfilled its goal of raising 290 pints of blood and saving 872 lives.

Beginning at 8 a.m., students took time from their busy school schedule to patiently wait to donate blood. Walk-ins were welcome and several adults came to donate and enjoy a few free snacks.

When student blood donor Edgar Aviles was asked why he decided to donate blood, he joked, "To get out of first period!" But he also said, "It feels good; I felt I done a good part for my community."

"We get more students here then we do at almost any other high school. Downey and Lakewood are our biggest drives," Red Cross worker Lisa Valdez remarked. "Next year when more people turn 17 (maybe) we get up to 400 units (of blood)."

When asked why there was always a shortage of blood in Southern California, Valdez said, "I think that California is just very highly populated and there are not enough people to donate. And we get a majority of our blood supplies through high schools."

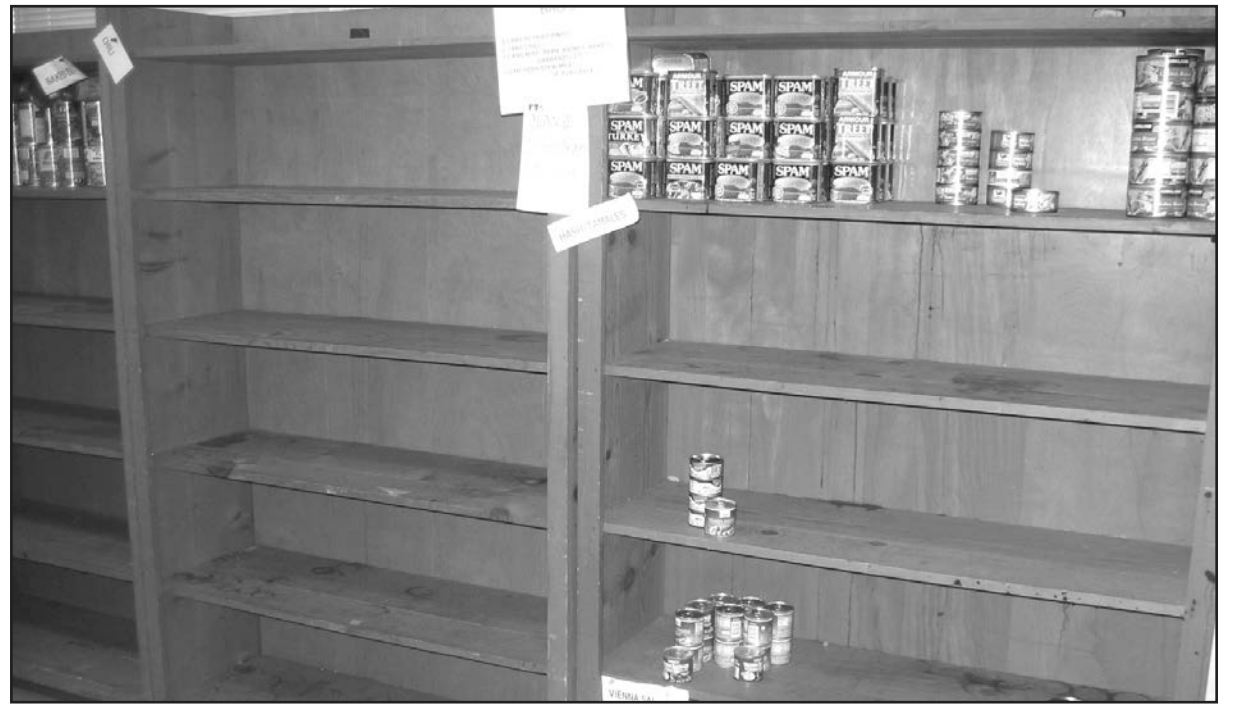
The blood drive was an overall success, and another is expected to take place at Downey High School next May.



Downey High School students donated blood for the American Red Cross recently. The 290 pints raised is expected to save the lives of 872 people, officials said. Photo by Jessica Reyes



Students helped distribute snacks at the blood drive, which was also open to local community members. Red Cross officials said Downey High School is their most productive school (with Lakewood) when it comes to blood donations. For information on how to donate blood, call the 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Photo by Jessica Reyes



The PTA HELPS center is located at Apollo Park. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Photo by Brooke Karli

PTA HELPS

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with hygiene products such as toothpaste, soap and toilet paper, and may be given a gift certificate to a local grocery store. And every so often, the program is able to help families with infants, providing baby food, diapers and formula.

"The people we help either come straight to us, or get referred to us by the City of Downey or by one of the schools," HELPS board member Lynne Corapi said. "And the only reason we would turn anyone away would be because they don't meet the criteria."

People seeking help need to apply and provide proof of residency and identification for each household member listed on the required application.

In addition to receiving emergency food, households can also apply for holiday aid, which include Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Thanksgiving baskets include complete Thanksgiving dinners, as well as a gift certificate to a local market. Christmas baskets include gifts for every child age 17 and under, and holiday food.

Over 300 families are helped each year during the holidays, Corapi said.

PTA HELPS also offers a dental program, which consists of local dentists volunteering their time and expertise to provide annual dental checks for students in the first, third and fifth grades.

PTA HELPS receives an abundant amount of help from local businesses such as Red Carpet Heritage Realty, Century 21 My Real Estate, Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate and Curves.

"The community gives so much to us and we want to be sure to give back to the community," said Bev Baumann of Red Carpet Heritage Realty. "Every season is a season for giving."

Organizations such as the Kiwanis Club of Downey, Downey Rotary Club, Sertoma Club of Downey, TLC Family Resource Center, Downey United Masonic Lodge, Downey City Library, Girl Scouts and numerous churches also provide PTA HELPS with donations.

The U.S. Postal Service helps too, hosting a "Stamp Out Hunger"

food drive every spring. They leave bags and postcards on doorsteps for residents to donate food and/or money, and then pick them up and deliver them to the HELPS center.

Volunteers at the center include high school students, school personnel, retired citizens and other community members. The room where food is stored is sectioned-off according to how the items are bagged: "Bag 1: 10 cans of vegetables," "Bag 2: 8 cans soup (concentrated), 2 cans fruit," etc. Volunteers make their way through the aisles with shopping carts, bagging each item carefully, making sure not to lose count.

"We are always in need of donations and volunteers," said Tracy Riley, a HELPS volunteer for 11 years. "It's not just about collecting food and passing it out – it's about providing food for those who need it the most."

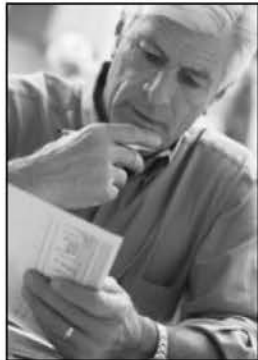
Donations can be dropped off at the PTA HELPS center, located at 7830 Quill Dr. Ste. S, or at any of the Downey schools. The center is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and can be reached by calling (562) 861-9833.

Applications to receive emergency food or holiday baskets can be obtained at City Hall or at any school office.

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Young men competing to be named next Mr. Downey

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association will be hosting the Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey Competition on Nov. 10 at the Downey Theatre at 6 p.m.

Those competing for Mr. Downey are Sergio Arceo, Carl Johnson, Josh Perez, Jerry Martinez, Jonathon Del Rio, Brandon Pineda, Erick Hayes, Michael Aviles, Azir Akil, Billy Pizano, Olme Palancio, Chris Morfin, Jesus Martinez, Andrew Castro and George Guzman.

Those competing for Little Mr. Downey are Leo Valencia, Sebastian Padron, Dimitri Politis, George Anaya, Stavros Politis and Nicholas Cueto.

Tickets are \$20 and proceeds go towards the 2008 Rose Float, "Wild Western Days."

Anyone interested in attending or sponsoring the event are asked to call Susan Domen at (562) 824-7172.

Nominations open for Violet Richardson Award

DOWNEY – The Soroptimist International of Downey is seeking candidates for the Violet Richardson Award, an award that honors young women between the ages of 14 and 17, for community volunteer action, such as fighting drugs amongst the young people in our community, crime prevention and violence awareness, cleaning up the environment, and working to end discrimination and poverty.

The Violet Richardson Award was named after the first Soroptimist president in 1921. The award program begins at the local Soroptimist club level, where Soroptimist International of Downey presents a several hundred dollar cash award to the person who displays the volunteer action level within the community, in addition to academics and social activities.

Last year's winner was Kendra Huff, a senior at Warren High School, who volunteered in several programs within the community. She also participated in Katrina relief programs and church projects in Mexico, helping the less fortunate.

Applications for the award program are available at Downey, Warren, Columbus and Pius X St. Matthias High Schools, Downey City Library, and other agencies where teens volunteer. Applications are to be turned in to the Soroptimist of Downey by the first week of December.

For information, call Patricia Kotze at (562) 319-0411.

Soroptimist helps women pay for school

DOWNEY – The Soroptimist International of Downey is currently offering Women's Opportunity Awards, worth \$750 each, to help women obtain additional skills or training to update their employment status.

This year, Stonewood Center is partnering with the Soroptimist Club, offering an additional \$750 award.

Applicants should be head of the household and in the process of completing an undergraduate program or preparing to enter a vocational technical program. Applications are available at the Downey City Library and in the financial aid office at Cerritos College. Applications must be completed and mailed before Nov. 22.

For information, call Jean Brazelton at (562) 862-4768.



Miss Downey and her Court recently visited with contestants of the Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey Competition. The competition will be held on Nov. 10 at the Downey Theatre at 6 p.m.

Praise Chapel moving to new location

DOWNEY – Praise Chapel of Downey is moving its worship services from Los Amigos Country Club to a new building at the West Downey Plaza, 7340 Firestone Blvd., suite 131, Pastor Jason Neville announced this week. Their first service at the new location will be this Sunday at 9 a.m.

Praise Chapel holds regular Sunday services at 9 a.m., Wednesday night services at 7 p.m., and "Friday Night Lights" services at 7 p.m. for middle school and high school students.

The community is invited to the services. For more information, call (562) 254-5498.

Internet dangers discussed at church

DOWNEY – Calvary Chapel of Downey will be discussing the dangers, risks and ways to protect your family on the Internet at a presentation on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker Mark Gomez will speak of the increasing dangers associated with Internet pornography, as well as how pre-teens and teens are being targeted by online sexual predators.

The event is free and will be held at Calvary Chapel of Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave. in Downey.

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Passion to serve drives mayor pro tem Gafin

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — Like everybody else, councilpersons come in all sizes, shapes, stripes, flaws, and vocal styles. When he makes a point, mayor pro tem David R. Gafin is generally all business. The often staccato statements issuing from his lips reflect his no-frills persona: direct, to-the-point, what-you-see-is-what-you-get. But they are well-thought out and incisive, not given to time-wasting verbosity. Because of this, they pack a wallop. For a Downey citizenry in need of clarity and focus, he just might be the deliverer.

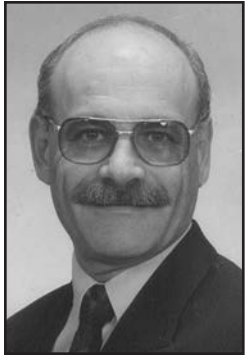
Gafin, elected in 2004 on a campaign promise "to keep our community safe" and "to listen to everyone" but not limiting his range to these, is due to be installed as mayor Dec. 5 by virtue of the city's rotation schedule, succeeding two-time mayor Rick Trejo.

A trumpet player in high school, Gafin is not about to change his tune. Always a strong advocate and supporter of a beefed-up police force, he is more convinced than ever of its wisdom: "I think the most important thing here in Downey is security. If the citizens don't feel secure here, they'd move out, they won't fix their homes, businesses will see no point in conducting business here, they too would move out. If this sense of security disappears, you'll have a city that has no purpose."

Right now, he says, Downey is behind in the staffing of qualified police officers. "We were able to fill the gap for a while with upgrades in technology, but now it's time to hire additional officers," he says.

He is of the same mind with police chief Roy Campos on the quality of police personnel. "These

are the people we trust with our lives. That's why the battery of tests, physical, psychological, etc., that we require of our police candidates is very important. I wouldn't want to have a substandard police officer that has a gun in his hand."



Looking to the future, Gafin sees benefits in setting up some sort of a farm system for potential police officers. "Wouldn't it be nice if we can homegrow them, cultivate people who will have a ready familiarity with our city?"

Another progress he's most proud of ever since he won the District 1 council seat is his open door policy. "Our job as Councilmembers is to keep our eyes and ears open to the needs of our citizens, and respond to them," Gafin says. "That's why I welcome my constituents calling me. I have received hundreds of e-mails with their complaints. It could be a Code Enforcement issue, or a pothole on the street. There's communication going on and we become informed of problems. We can't be everywhere all the time. They become our eyes and ears. This is a great help, even if they slam us at times. Thus I commend (fellow Councilmember) Mario Guerra for holding a public forum recently. I held four public forums in the spring myself.

"My parents stressed responsibility when I was growing up, and a sense of community," says Gafin, who at the age of three, moved to the Los Angeles area with his folks. He was born in Lynn, Mass., a suburb of Boston six miles to the north. His mom, who was comptroller for a small Anaheim firm at one time, was of English ancestry, while his dad's roots go back to Russia. "They allowed me a lot of leeway to skin my knee occasion-

ally, and this gave me a broad, more complete view of life. But the lesson that there are consequences to your actions never left me."

He has always liked the sciences. In fact, after graduating from Downey High School (he had attended Alameda, Gauldin, and Woodruff Junior High), he took pre-med classes, but didn't like the biology part of it. He then tried air traffic control school at Mt. SAC in Walnut, but when it was time to go to Oklahoma for the final six months of training, he decided he didn't like its high-stress nature.

His mom then suggested trying accounting. So he did, and he says he fell in love with it, and got his bachelor's in business administration, majoring in accounting, from CSU-Fullerton. After seven years of working for others, he struck out on his own and formed his own accounting firm in 1984. His office has been in the same Downey location at 7847 Florence Ave. for the past 13-14 years.

He wouldn't hesitate, he says, recommending the profession of accounting to anyone interested: "I think it's an excellent career. People always need the services of an accountant. The practice of accounting is almost recession-proof."

His marriage to wife Brenda had its own roundabout route. Gafin says they first dated briefly in high school, but the relationship didn't pan out. A few years later, he relates, "I was engaged to be married and working at Broadway in Stonewood, and in comes Brenda, who was herself about to get married. She was buying her groomsmen gifts. Later, we met at our 10th class reunion, and Brenda had since divorced and I was in the process of getting mine. After all this, we started dating again, and some five to six years down the road, we decided we were meant for each other after all. We have never been separated since. We didn't dare go to our 20th reunion. We didn't want to tempt fate."

To relax, he plays golf occasionally with buddies. His handicap? "My driver," he says. Fishing is another picker-upper: tuna fishing in the waters off San Diego and trout fishing in mountain lakes (Big Bear, the Sierras) are luxuries now, but he still indulges in them, time permitting. His keen, analytical mind feeds on history and the sciences, with a good helping of documentaries. He says roundtable explorations of ideas and issues with fellow students in college fanned his curiosity and broadened his interests.

He was ready for a tour of duty in Vietnam when the draft was abolished (his dad was a tailgunner for the then Army Air Force aboard

a B-24 over Germany). "Since I didn't go to Vietnam, I consider serving on the City Council as my way of giving back," he says. "It is in any case an extension of my active volunteerism."

Gafin has at various times served as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Gangs Out of Downey (G.O.O.D.), and Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, and was, for 12 years, a member of the Planning Commission prior to his election to the Council.

"I love my time on the Council," he says. "Sometimes it entails big headaches, with some organizations requesting this and that. It took me a while to realize that you can't make everybody happy. But you try to work with it, try to resolve the issue."

Gafin likens his work at City Hall to an ombudsman between the government bureaucracy and the needs of the local citizens. Moreover, priorities change, and directions change, and he says, "If you are not aware of these changes, how do you keep up with the demands of the job?"

Above all, he says, "We should put the concerns of the citizens above and beyond our individual desires, for the common good, to benefit all of us."

Arc giving guided tours at open house

DOWNEY — Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, which provides support and services to individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, will hold an open house at its Downey campus on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arc associates will give guided tours so the public can meet Arc consumers and students, and review the many services offered. There will also be an Open Air Boutique, along with refreshments.

Arc is located at 12049 Woodruff Ave. in Downey.

For information, call (562) 803-4606.

'Scouting for Food' drive tomorrow

DOWNEY — The Downey Area Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual "Scouting for Food" drive tomorrow and Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in front of Ralph's located on Lakewood Boulevard and Gallatin Road.

Downey Troop 2 will be collecting non-perishable items on both days, with donations being given to the Downey Unified School District's PTA HELPS food pantry.

The Poets' Corner

Autumn in Maine

Maine is alive in colors so bold -
Reds, oranges, and brilliant gold
Reflecting in lakes and blanketing hills -
Creating scenes that give us a thrill!

Autumn trees among evergreens
Contrast gloriously along roads serene,
And delight our senses wondrously
With awesome beauty that we see!

--Martha J. Morrissy,
Downey

Seasons

Will you love me in winter as you did in early spring
When life was so young and robins did sing
Will you always remember the love that we shared
We loved and we laughed without worry or care
But soon spring was fading away in the past
And then came the summer with problems at last
We worked and we played, we laughed and we cried
But no matter what faced us we tried and we tried
How could I have faced a situation like this
If my marital status was much less than bliss
How beautiful is Autumn embracing our love
The future we'll face with God's precious love
Winter is coming it soon will be cold
With you at my side I won't mind growing old
But tell me my darling what news will you bring
Will you love me in winter as you did early spring

--R. Neal,
Downey

Morning Caller

Outside in the quiet dawn I heard a sound--
the faint rustle of dry leaves
then slowly, slowly it came into view
I noticed first the misshapen feet
followed by a listening head--turning, wary
In full view now, I saw the tortoise
its wet, mottled green and brown shell glistened--
it made a trail as it moved across the dew-sparkled grass
Heavy and hesitant it lumbered silently across the lawn
then, too soon, disappeared beneath a thicket of bushes.

--Rosalie Sciortino,
Downey

GULF COAST

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and Pass Christian were ground zero for Katrina and will take years to recover. It's not all bad news; a ferry ride takes us out to explore the beautiful white-sand beaches of Ship Island, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. You would never know the hurricane hit here if no one told you.

In New Orleans, we spend some time with church groups from around the country who are gutting the homes damaged by the storm so local people can move back in. "Cajun Country" near Lafayette, La. was not hit as badly as some places. Here, we head into the wild Atchafalaya Swamp, visit the Tabasco Factory on Avery Island, and learn the basics of crawfish farming. The National Wildlife Refuges in the western part of the state are still teaming with wildlife after the storms.

In Texas, we visit Port Arthur, which was also hit, not by Katrina, but by forgotten Hurricane Rita. This is the heart of the offshore oil business. Experts say it will take two years to get all the oil platforms back up and running. Galveston dodged the bullet for the most part and is still as beautiful as ever. Our 1,500-mile adventure ends on Padre Island where we explore its ruggedly scenic national seashore and spectacular wildlife.

The story of the gulf coast is one of courage and compassion — come along for the ride!

John Holod is an internationally recognized cinematographer who has filmed all over the world and has presented his documentaries to audiences across the nation.

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Dang it

By Eric Pierce

Dang it, another week and I have nary the room to write a column.

I don't know what Jennifer is paying me for.

The past two weeks may have been this newspaper's busiest in terms of reader-submitted material. From the Downey Theatre, to Gauldin Elementary, to Downey High School, to Downey Razorbacks, to Soroptimist, Kiwanis, Arc, the Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce and the Downey Rose Float Association, and a whole lot more, a ton of organizations are sending in their stories, photos and announcements.

Keep them coming. It makes our job here so much easier, and it benefits the public by informing them of what's going on in their community.

We also enjoy letters to the editor (hey, that's me), poems, wedding announcements, engagement announcements, anniversary announcements (25 or 50 years), and, finally and inevitably, divorce announcements.

We run those on the obituary page.

I'm only kidding, of course.

We're coming out with a "year in review" magazine this December. It'll be a recap of everything that's happened in Downey the past 12 months. Look for it Dec. 28.

Lacking character

Dear Editor:

I find it rather ironic that I'm writing my letter during "Character Counts Week" but I'm hoping to appeal to the conscience of one person in particular.

Several days ago between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. a Halloween display was stolen from the yard of my nephew, Max. Needless to say, he was devastated. Max loves everything about Halloween and spent a lot of time picking out decorations and arranging them in the yard for everyone to enjoy. When he discovered his pumpkin display missing he could not comprehend that someone had actually come into his yard and stolen it.

How do you explain this type of behavior to a crying five-year-old? Makes you wonder...does this thief have children? Is this stolen Halloween pumpkin display up in their yard? Is their conscience bothering them at all, knowing they stole from a child?

If a kindergartner can learn and live by the "Six Pillars of Character," you would think (and hope) that everyone could. Apparently not. Maybe Max put it best when he said, "He doesn't have any pillars. He's just a mean, bad person."

— Sindy Faust-Harloom,

Downey

A good role model

Dear Editor:

I read in *The Downey Patriot* two letters, one earlier by a reader regarding an offending incident at a game of flag football ("Rivalry at its Worst," 10/19/07), the other a response by Carnel Anderson, Sr., president of the DJAA ("An Action not Taken Lightly," 10/26/07). The first letter was about a coach of a team who was wearing an offensive T-shirt. Mr. Anderson's letter provided a sincere apology to the reader along with stating the mission, purposes and goals of the DJAA programs.

After witnessing numerous incidents of negative coach and parent behaviors at athletic events for youngsters over a period of 55 years, additionally, with the last 40 at DJAA events, I am not shocked when adults set the poorest examples for the youngster. I do, however, remain dismayed by those who just don't get it. They seem to be using children for their own ends, not of leading by example of coaching the truest values of team sports.

Mr. Anderson, an educator, a coach in high school athletics along with his involvement in DJAA, is a man of highest integrity and abilities, who shares insights, talents and philosophy with the participants in the DJAA's three-sport program in order to create sports programs as a healthy and rewarding time for youngsters. His leadership has had a profound impact, clearly seen in the changing attitudes of all youngsters, coaches, parents and game officials.

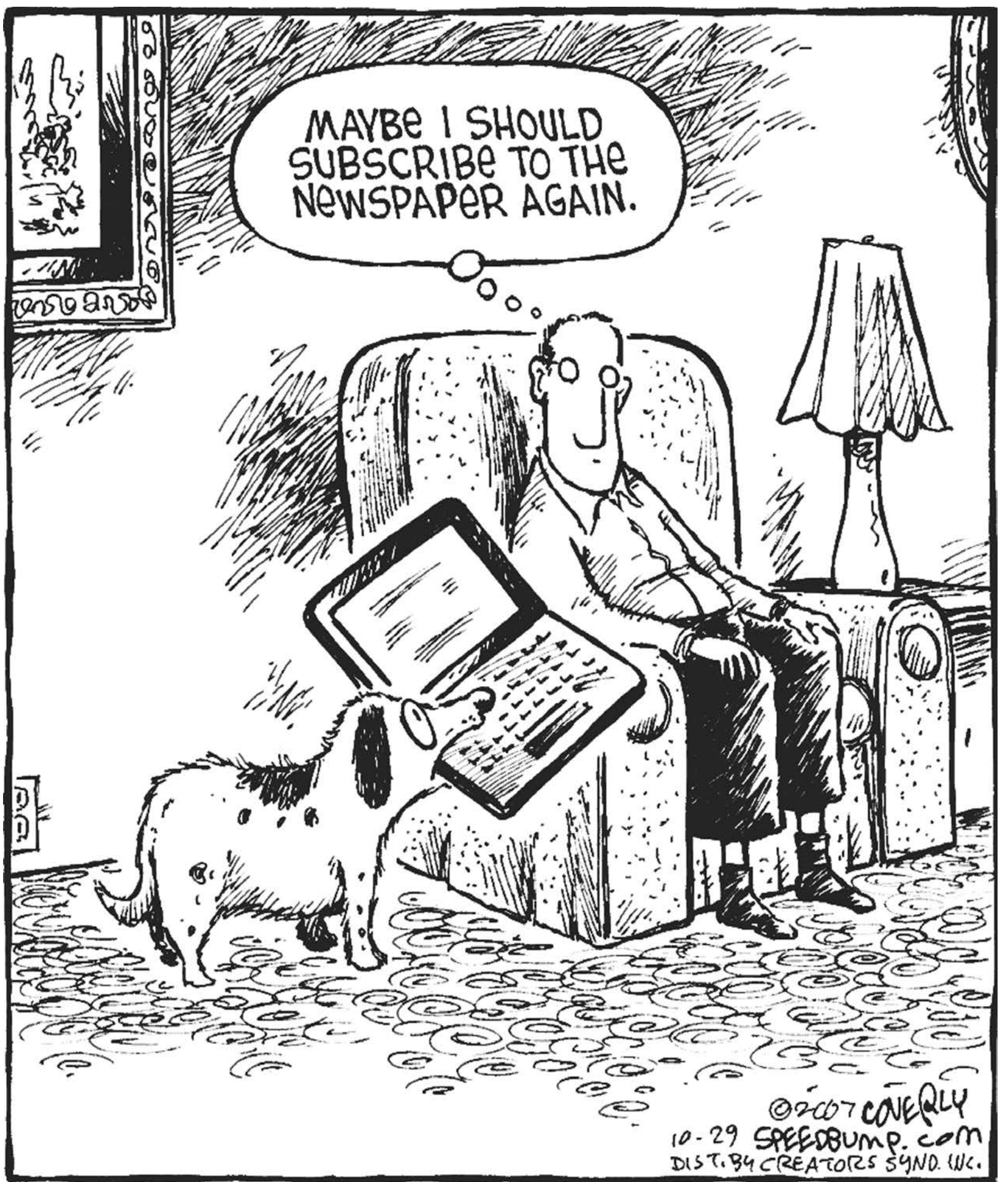
Additionally, the members of the team he coaches are taught and encouraged to be respectful and helped to be the best that they can be as individuals. Each member of the team enjoys much success, win or lose, that is not based solely on athletic skills but on developing character and learning the meaning of teamwork. The core members, nine youngsters, have been together for five years. The newer members who have since joined are quickly introduced to concepts of sportsmanship, fair play and camaraderie with their fellow teammates. Their growth and maturation is evident. Parents respect his coaching philosophy by being supportive of the examples he sets. He accomplishes the tasks of coaching/teaching in a quiet but firm and assuring manner. He emphasizes good social conduct.

It is said that words best received through the ears of listeners are ones kindly whispered, not screamed in anger.

That is Mr. Anderson's strength and character. His words should be heard and used for the best of all DJAA participants. Matured insightful parents and volunteers help maintain the best of the DJAA program in the culturally rich, diverse community of Downey.

— Donn C. Irving,

Downey



Letters to the Editor:

Teachers left behind

Dear Editor:

I need to voice my disappointment at your front page layout for the October 19th issue. An article entitled "Two Teachers Honored for Student Achievement" was printed and mislabeled. It should have been named, "The Minutes of the School Board Meeting."

Under the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) morale of education, I felt more attention should have been paid to those two teachers "who will never leave a child behind." Your paper paid a brief tribute to the teachers with a story beginning on the front page, then continued the story on page 11, the obituary page, with the remaining information bullets from the school board meeting and a picture of each about the size of a large postage stamp.

It saddens me to think that two pictures, one of a group of football players from 50 years ago and the other of a student eating Philly cheese steaks, warrants higher priority than two teachers going above and beyond the call of duty to teach and to guide their students to achieve their goals.

This subject hits home because I work with Lucy Atlas at Old River Elementary, and I am married to Bonnie Roybal from Downey High School. I am not an unhappy husband, but a disappointed colleague.

In the future, I hope Downey doesn't have a hot dog eating contest to coincide with the CST's (California Standardized Test); you might have to make room for two more teachers amongst the real estate listings on the back cover.

— Ross Roybal,

Downey

Ain't no mountain high enough

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 20, around 60 students from Gauldin Elementary Fitness Club, along with their parents and family members, took a fitness challenge and boarded the Metro-Rail Green-Line that headed to a location two miles away from the city of Manhattan Beach.

Upon arrival, several parents were selected as team leaders to run with a group of kids up to Manhattan Beach Sand Dune Park. The rest of the parents and family members who chose not to run were challenged to power-walk. It was an amazing sight to see nearly 100 people, young and old, running and walking down the streets of Manhattan Beach. A police officer, who witnessed the event, followed along and complimented the families passing by.

Once everyone arrived at Sand Dune Park, the kids were challenged to run up the 500-foot-high dune. Many were intimidated, but knew that there was a lesson to be learned. Once the kids climbed to the top of the dunes and overcame their fears, the whole mood of the group changed and everyone began to have fun. Several kids were able to share what lessons they learned about their own personal character.

Later that afternoon, the whole group walked across the park and onto the beach to jump in the water and end the day. The purpose of the challenge was to build character in the kids by teaching them the importance of self-respect, responsibility to oneself, and always finishing what you start.

At the end of the day, the ultimate lesson was learned: everyone has a mountain to climb in their life and in order to get to the top, one must be determined to pay the price and never give up — no matter how hard it gets!

— Alex Gaytan,
Gauldin Elementary School

Don't forget to vote

Dear Editor:

As a 25-year Downey firefighter, I know how important quality education is to our community.

This Nov. 6, quality higher education lies in the balance for Downey voters. A community college should give 100 percent to supporting student success, and to spending responsibly the taxpayer dollars entrusted to it by the legislature. That's why I'm joining Cerritos College faculty, staff, and student leaders in supporting Rosa Barragan, Tom Chavez, Tina Cho, and Martin Greenidge for Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

You can learn more about these candidates by visiting www.bettercerritoscollege.com. Please vote on Nov. 6.

— Daryl Boyd,

President, Downey Firemen's Association

Time for change at Cerritos

Dear Editor:

I have been a counseling faculty member at Cerritos College for 20 years. I teach in the classroom and work as an academic counselor helping students develop plans of study, identify colleges, life goals and cope with personal and socioeconomic challenges.

Most of our students enter the college with poor academic backgrounds and are not prepared for college-level courses. Many find success here and gain access to promising new careers. But many others fail, and the failure rate is increasing: in the 2006-07 school year, 44 percent of students taking basic English and math courses did not successfully complete the courses.

I know that we, the faculty, can do much to improve the student success at Cerritos College, but we need a college governing board that will work with us and listen. The existing board is removed and distant and resistant to change and fresh ideas.

That is why I'm supporting the candidates that I feel will change this: Martin Greenidge, Tom Chavez, Rosa Barragan, and Tina Cho — for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in the Nov. 6 election. Over 3,000 Cerritos College students live in the city of Downey. This election is important to our community!

I hope you'll join the faculty, staff, community and student leaders in voting for a better Cerritos College on Nov. 6.

— Sylvia Bello-Gardner,

Counseling Department, Instructor Chair, Cerritos College

Cut off funding

Dear Editor:

Here we go again, now President Bush wants to start a war against Iran, the same way he tricked us into invading Iraq. Are we going to follow this president, like the Germans followed Adolph Hitler, as he invades one country after another? If we had put our collective feet down when he tried this with Iraq, we wouldn't be in the mess we are in now.

If you think this is outrageous, as I do, please call or e-mail your senators and representatives and tell them to censure the President and cut off funding for the war.

— Anita Rivero,

Downey

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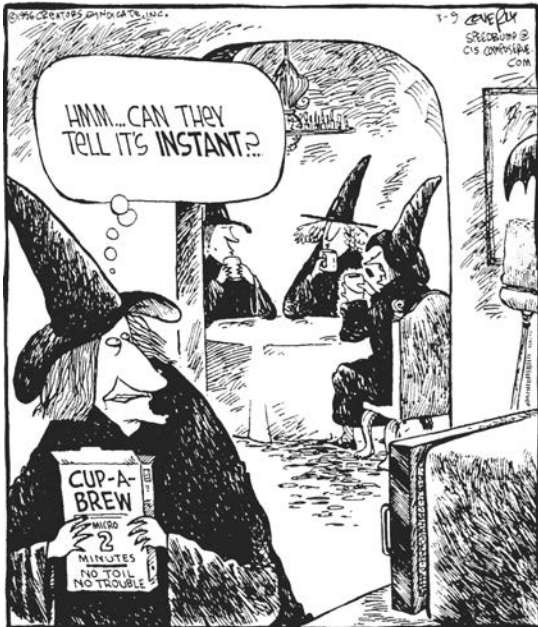
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

- Fri. Nov. 2: **Downey/Warren Football Game**, Warren High School, 7 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 3: **"Scouting for Food" Drive**, Ralphs grocery store, 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. Nov. 4: **"Gulf Coast Adventure: Still Wild & Beautiful."** Armchair Adventure Travelogue Series, Downey Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 8: **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 7 a.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**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 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.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:00 a.m. - **AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley CC, Call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 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 Weds., 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 Sambis, for information call Steve Allen at 822-7655.
- 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.

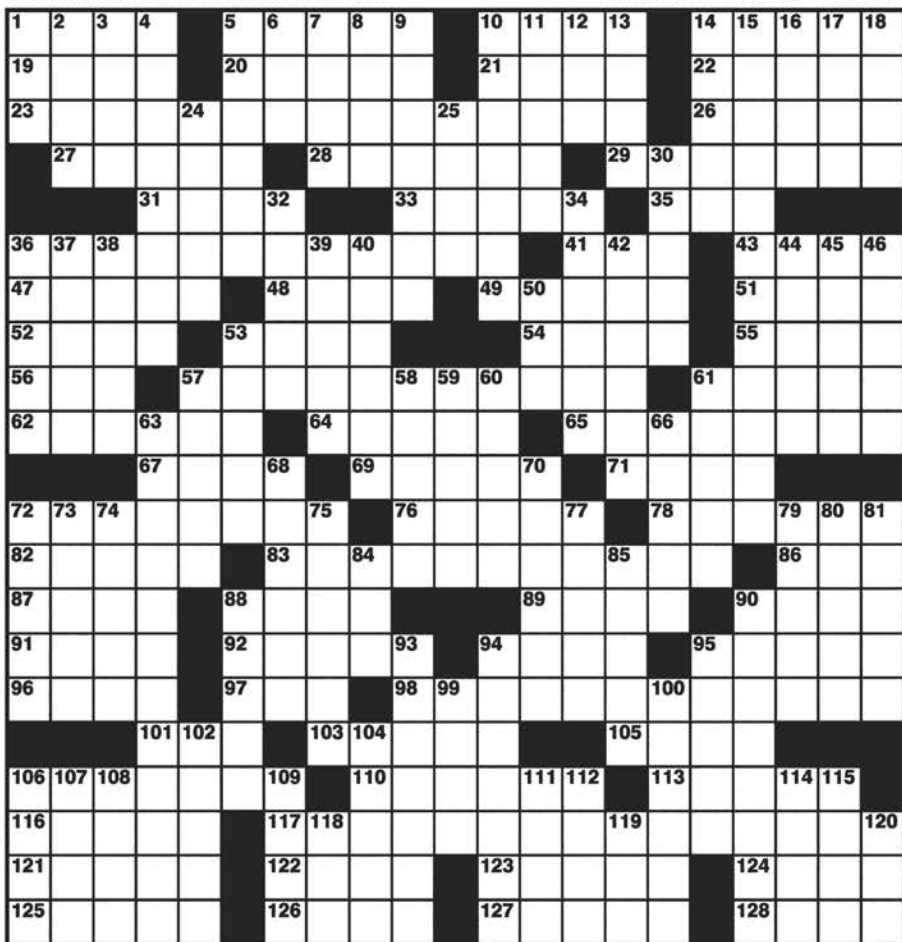
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- Nov. 2, 1947: Howard Hughes flew the Spruce Goose, a large and mainly ineffective wooden airplane, on its only flight, a one-minute trip over Long Beach Harbor.
- 1948: Harry S. Truman defeats Thomas E. Dewey to become United States president.
- 1957: Several UFOs are reported in and around Levelland, Tex. Officials later attributed the sightings to lingering lightning storms.
- 1959: Charles Van Doren, a contestant on the game show "Twenty One," admits he was given questions and answers in advance of the show's taping.
- 1983: A federal holiday is established to honor civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.

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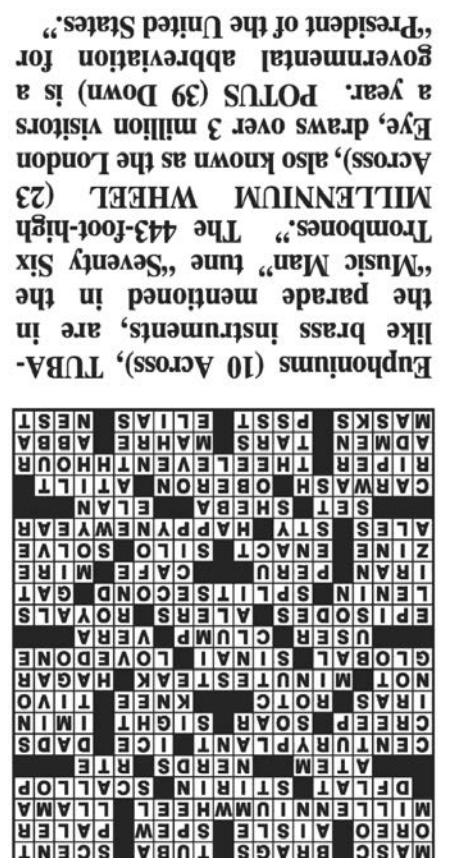
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SEAACA not your average dog pound

BY GWYNN GUSTAFSON, KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNEY

DOWNEY – The Kiwanis Club of Downey was enlightened by Capt. Aaron Reyes, director of operations at SEAACA – Southeast Area Animal Control Authority – and what a timely message with fires engulfing large areas of Southern California, putting families and their pets in grave danger.



Aaron Reyes

SEAACA is a public animal care center that focuses on returning animals that have come to the center due to abandonment, abuse or cruelty, to good health. Or, as in the case of the 2003 fires, 72 horses, two-dozen dogs, several pigs and an alpaca were rescued, and care was provided.

With primary responsibility to 12 cities, including Downey, they were still involved in coordinating the care of an airplane full of animals from hurricane-ravaged Louisiana. And I expect you will see this hard-working staff caring for animals coming from areas devastated by recent wildfires.

Reyes emphasized, “SEAACA is not your average dog pound. It is the Marriott of animal shelters, where they live in stainless steel cages with anti-microbial flooring. Music plays to soothe and each gets a bedtime toy for comfort. Less stress gives you healthier animals.

“Despite the fact the law only requires a five-day stay, this center has one mission – we care for the healthy animals until we can find a home for everyone.”

The exceptional care given by hired staff and volunteers comes from one important qualification – compassion. Volunteers help out for love of animals and from local schools, where a graduation requirement is “volunteer service.” A 2004 school volunteer found more than animals – he found a home. Not doing well in school when he began volunteering, the teen graduated with honors and now works full-time at SEAACA.

Two programs SEAACA is especially proud of are “Pet Therapy” and “Border Puppy Task Force.” “Pet Therapy” brings comfort to folks in retirement and assisted living facilities, many of them having few visits by family members. The animals lift their spirits and give them someone to look forward to seeing on future visits.

The “Border Puppy Task Force,” in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control, has already stopped dozens of underage and unvaccinated animals from illegal transport into the U.S.

And if that wasn’t enough, there are also the field service programs. SEAACA and local police help bring in code violators. A recent call from Bellflower brought a six-foot crocodile to SEAACA. Working with “Zoo to You,” the crocodile found a home. There is an annual door-to-door campaign to register all animals. At community and school events, SEAACA educates pet owners on the need for spaying and neutering.

If interested in getting involved with SEAACA, call (562) 803-3301.

If interested in joining the Kiwanis Club of Downey, call John Casillas at (562) 658-4460.

College application help available

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library is offering a free workshop to help students write college application essays on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Former English teacher Jean Brazelton will present tips on essay writing, helping students emphasize their strengths when answering common questions on college applications. The library also offers a number of books to assist students in the essay writing process.

For information, call the Information Desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

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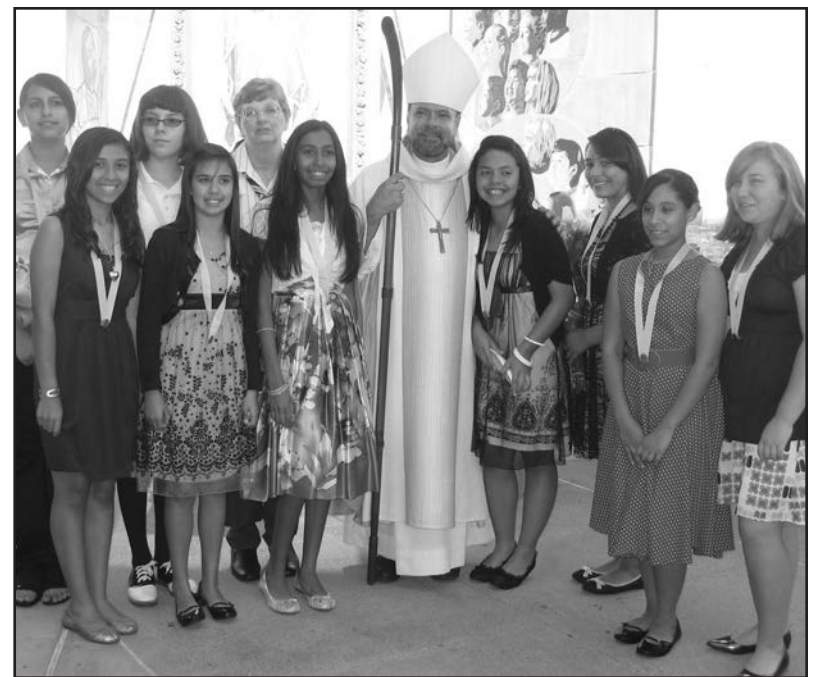
Eunice Hammond, Sue Kline and Carol Woods (left to right) stand by last year's Friends of the Downey City Library's Annual Open House and Holiday Marketplace's raffle table. This year's event will take place tomorrow, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Nine eighth grade girls from St. Raymond School were among 26 youth from throughout the Los Angeles area to receive the Marian Medal, a National Catholic Award for youth ages 12 to 15, on Oct. 20. The girls worked for ten months on over 30 spiritual, cultural and community service projects to earn their medals. Pictured are Amanda Altmann, Brianna Becerra, Amber Cavazos, Sheona De Silva, Angelica Gonzalez, Ashley Gutierrez, Brenda Palafox, Samantha Palmer, Nichelle Valle, and moderator Diane Garcia.

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 Anita Baker - Nokia Theatre
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November Fashion Tips



Matt



Josh



Priscilla



Kristine



Travion



Carlee



Nichole

The following fashion tips are courtesy the "Teen Life of Style Crew" of Stonewood Center, Lakewood Center and Los Cerritos Center. For more fashion tips, visit www.teenlifeofstyle.com.

Joe Cool- Matt: The haunts and scares now disembodied from the month of October are now over but there is, however, one more: when you realize you need something warm to go out in. OK, so maybe there are two scares: the price of this jacket is \$219. Wait! Before you ditch me, let's rethink things. First, you're going to a party — don't you think this look would flout your style? Second, it keeps you nice and warm (believe me). Sure, there are

alternatives to finding a jacket, but this particular one only at G by Guess at the Lakewood Center puts a whole new definition to "cool". So while others are cold during this chilly season, you'll be looking GQ — so much, in fact, that you will heat out that pup they consider "Joe Cool".

Looking Fresh-Josh - Teen Life of Style Southern California Spokerperson: I was in Los Cerritos Center the other day to suit up for the upcoming holiday parties. Of course I went straight to my favorite store in the mall, Orsini. I started with a navy blue wool suit with powder blue pinstripes, made by "Mantoni" straight out of Milan, Italy. Then I picked out a "Verre" light blue button up shirt to accent the stripes of the suit. Just to add some festive holiday flavor to the outfit, I chose to finish it off with a contrasting gold silk scarf by "Steven land". I got all of these designer items for under \$700. If you want to stand out from the crowd this holiday season hit up Orsini, the friendly employees will treat you like you are family, and make sure you come out looking fresh.

Holiday Passion for Fashion- Kristine: With the holidays rapidly approaching, we ask ourselves, what are we going to wear for Thanksgiving dinner or

Christmas or New Years? As women we need an outfit that can say a lot with out physically saying anything. So I have come up with the solution to our problem; it's called "Baby Doll Dresses."

They are flattering on almost every shape and size. The trick is to find a dress that is flattering from the top with added details like sequins or lace to draw attention to your upper body leaving your lower body with a "flowy" finish. The reason this tip is so great is because you can eat all you want during the holidays without thinking after, "Oh man, I should have gone for the bigger size." Let's face it, what woman doesn't like that?

I was strolling through Lakewood Center and came across Windsor where I found tons of dresses that fit this description and the best part was they were all within my budget. For example, this dress I'm wearing was only \$60.

"Turkey Day Turtleneck"- Carlee: The holiday season is rapidly approaching and a cute holiday outfit is a must! Sport this warm light brown cotton turtle-neck on Thanksgiving with a fitted dark pair of jeans for an outfit comfy enough for a day laid in with extra calories and cozy enough for a nap on the couch! The turtleneck is available for \$13.80 at Forever 21, the jeans at Wet Seal for \$29, and gold accessories for various prices at Icing. Find these buys all at the

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"Think Color"- Travion: Find a new eye for color. If your all black gear isn't hittin' with your eye candy, go outrageous with these different styles and colors. Check out Zumiez in all three centers now, and remember to think color.

"Cute, Casual, and Classy"- Nichole - Teen Life of Style Southern California Spokerperson: When going to parties this holiday season, make sure you're wearing this seasons must haves. Sweaters in a wide range of styles and fits are showing up everywhere, so why not pick one up and start creating new looks? This black sweater was a perfect fit and felt so comfortable to wear. It's under \$40 and available at Macy's. To complement the black sweater, I picked black Coach heels which were by far the most comfortable shoes I've ever worn! They're also available at Macy's for under \$210.

"Lil' Red Dress"-Priscilla: November, the leaves are as colorful as can be and fall is in full swing which means Holiday celebrations are very close. It's the time of year where most of us spend the most time with our families eating, so why not look cute at the same time? That's exactly why you can't go wrong with this gorgeous red dress from Express for only \$70! It's perfectly wearable night or day and, best of all, you can eat all you want because this flowy dress leaves room for more. Thanks to Express at the Stonewood Shopping Center for all their help.

"Button up"- Chad: For the holiday seasons it's good to keep warm while looking your "best". So why not go out and purchase this nice button up shirt by Liz Claiborne at an affordable price of \$59.50. It's not over the top formal but perfect for any holiday get together. You can find this in Macy's at Stonewood Center.

"Casual Roca"- Brianna: Winter is here. Step out in style and be warm in a casual way. Whatever your style is, I'm sure there's a RocaWear sweat suit to fit it. So buy one, be warm and casual, stand out, and look good. If your money is right you can add some pizzazz and buy the bag and shoes to match. Visit Macy's or d.e.m.o. in the Stonewood Center.

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Symphonic concert is a magical one

By Brooke Karll, Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Orchestra kicked off its 2007-08 season with “The Magic Flutist,” a program put together by guest conductor Clyde Mitchell, on Saturday at the Downey Theatre.

In a preview discussion prior to the eight o'clock performance, Mitchell described his musical selections as being some of his personal favorites.

“Mozart is my favorite composer – he’s the best Italian opera composer without having been born in Italy,” Mitchell said jokingly. “I almost always insist on having at least one Mozart piece in every concert.”

The evening’s program included Mozart’s “Overture to the Magic Flute, K. 620,” as well as Antonin Dvorak’s “Symphony #9 in E Minor, op. 95 ‘From the New World’” and Lowell Liebermann’s “Concerto for Piccolo, op. 50,” which featured Mitchell’s wife, Sarah Jackson, as piccolo soloist.

The program opened with “Fanfare for Downey,” a piece composed by Mitchell in celebration of the symphony’s 50 years in Downey, followed by the “Star Spangled Banner.”

“I only consider myself a conductor, not a composer,” said Mitchell of his “Fanfare to Downey” composition. “I gave up music to become a conductor (laughs).”

“And I think it’s important to start any concert with a salute to our country.”

Mitchell is one of the leading candidates to succeed the late Tom Osborn and encouraged all patrons to critique his performance by filling out evaluation cards, which in turn would be reviewed by the Downey Symphony Search Committee.

During the preview discussion, as well as during the performances, Mitchell was humorous, kind-spirited and passionate about music.

“The best place in the city is right here in my living room,” said Mitchell of the Downey Theatre. “I can say we have a fun program tonight because I put it together (laughs).”

The program, indeed, was more than fun – it was fantastic.

“Fanfare for Downey” was victorious, threaded with adventure, excitement and optimism. The piece was composed using several references to the number five, representing the five decades the Downey Symphony has brought music to our community.

Mozart’s “Overture to ‘The Magic Flute’ K. 620,” composed in 1791, was my favorite, balancing deep, bold, haunting melodies with soft, delicate, dainty melodies. According to the evening’s program, the piece was “essentially a coded introduction to the Masons, and included several symbolic gestures.” Mozart was a Freemason and often advocated the spiritual beliefs in the order of the Masons in his music. For example, the number three, representing the Holy Trinity, was used frequently throughout the piece, beginning with the orchestra opening with three strong chords, symbolizing the traditional Masonic knock.

“The main key of the opera is E-flat, which has three flats in the key signature,” the program stated. “There are three priests, three ladies, and three boys on stage. Very importantly, Mozart uses three trombones in the orchestra, and everyone knows that the trombone is considered the most royal and noble of instruments, reserved for performances in churches and religious music!”

Liebermann’s “Concerto for Piccolo, Op. 50,” composed in 1996 and consisting of three movements, featured Sarah Jackson as piccolo soloist, who in turn played the “Flute’s cousin” in middle and lower ranges, in addition to its high, loud shrill – a sound the instrument is best known for. Hence, why we get the name “Piccolo Pete.”

The opening movement, “Adante comodo – Allegro,” was mysterious and somewhat dark, taking the audience on a dramatic journey, which led

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agent” as he worked behind-the-scenes to get California to secede from Mexico and become part of America.

The community is invited to attend the free class. Registration starts at 3 p.m. and the program will be followed by an optional full-course dinner.

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into an expressive melodic second movement, “Adagio,” accompanied by sustained chords in the strings, a few triangle strokes, and the Vibraphone.

The third movement, “Presto,” was a “cross between a John Phillip Sousa parody and an evocation of Prokofiev in a sarcastic mode,” the program said. Jackson considered the concerto’s finale as a competition between the piccolo and the rest of the orchestra, claiming victory in the end.

The second half of the evening’s concert consisted of Dvorak’s “Symphony #9 in E Minor, ‘From the New World Symphony’ Op. 95,” composed in 1893.

The four movements, each having a relationship with the others, opened with “Adagio – Allegro molto,” a slow introduction of three main tunes – an opening horn call, a folk-like tune heard on flutes and clarinets, and a joyful melody on the flute. “Largo,” the second movement, opened with a solemn procession of chords, introducing the English Horn, later closing with themes and cords from the first movement.

In “Scherzo: Molto vivace,” the third movement, Dvorak said he was recalling Native American dances from Longfellow’s poem “Hiawatha.” The final movement, “Allegro con fuoco,” was energetic, proclaimed by French horns and trumpets, woodwinds and violins. The clarinet later offered great contrast, with the movement also recalling themes from previous movements.

An interesting tidbit about this piece is that Neil Armstrong took a recording of the ‘New World’ symphony to the Moon during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969, the first Moon landing.

“The Magic Flutist” was my first symphony attendance and without a doubt, not my last. It was an evening of elegance, art and culture.

The Downey Symphony Orchestra’s next concert is on Feb. 2 at 8 p.m.

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Festivities include door prizes, drawings, hand-crafted items, collectibles, homemade treats and “spirit baskets.” There will also be a silent auction and clothing and jewelry vendors, as well as an opportunity to win decorated Christmas trees.

The Citrus College Singers will be the event’s entertainment. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under, and must be purchased by Nov. 10.

Proceeds from “Celebrate the Season” will be used to fund Assistance League of Downey projects such as HOME, Operation School Bell, Kids on the Block, Books on Wheels, Hug-A-Bear, and more.

For information, call the Second Tyme Around Shoppe at (562) 869-0232.

Book Lover’s Club talks canines

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library Book Lover’s Club will have their next book discussion on Nov. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

The group will be discussing “*Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World’s Worst Dog*” by John Grogan, a columnist for the *Philadelphia Enquirer* who wrote his memoir as a tribute to his naughty, neurotic but much-loved canine.

New members are welcome and light refreshments will be served. Reservations are recommended by calling (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

Money tree raffled off at bingo luncheon

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond’s Parish is having a “Bingo Luncheon” on Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

Donation is \$10, which includes one free bingo card, door prizes and lunch. A \$25 money tree, as well as other prizes, will be raffled off.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatista at (562) 693-9430.

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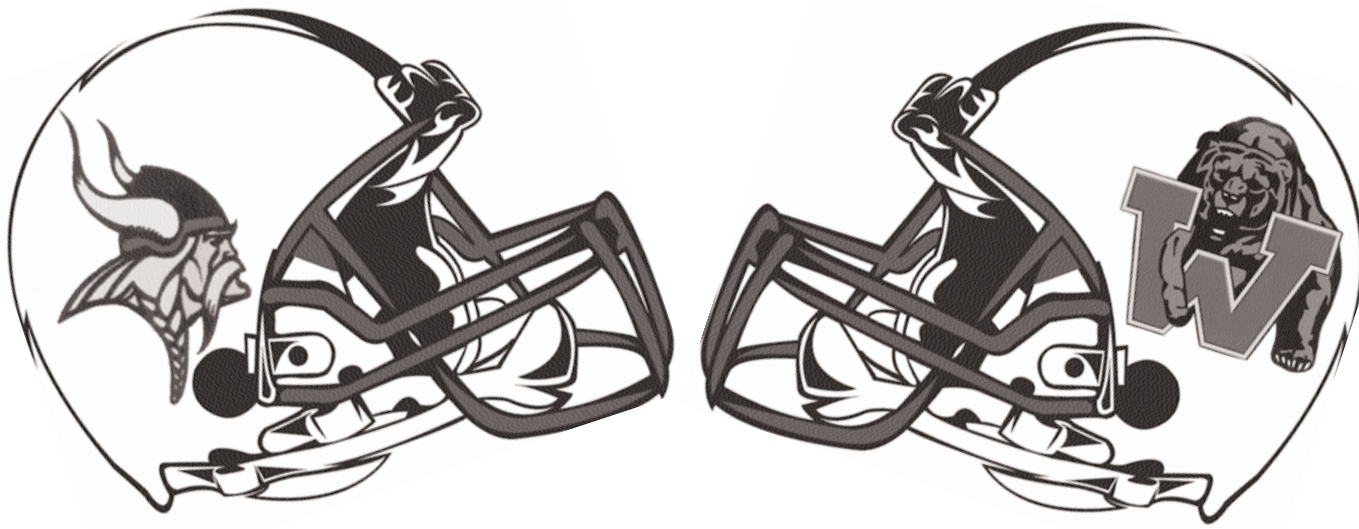
Jeremiah Higgins

Vikings Roster

- 2 Jeremiah Higgins FS, RB
- 3 Cameron Woo SS
- 4 Nick Hildreth LB
- 5 Joseph Diaz SS
- 6 Gabriel Jordon DB
- 7 Antonio Mendez QB
- 8 Jaime Ochoa LB
- 9 Juan Lopez LB
- 10 Vincent Huitt DL
- 11 Jonathan Mahoney QB
- 13 Tony Williams DB
- 15 David Mullins WR, DB
- 20 Keith Holland TE
- 22 Troy Fodor LB
- 25 Andre Roldan LB
- 28 Kalief Rollins FS
- 29 Eric Lopez DB
- 31 Kyle Minor DB
- 32 Aaron Shaffer LB
- 33 Ommar Guerrero SS
- 34 Eric Hayes RB, DB
- 35 Isaiah Medina FS
- 40 Jorge Monarrez DB
- 42 Chris Saldana SS, LB
- 44 Caleb Shifflet FB, DE
- 45 Joaquin Campos LB
- 48 Jose Romero LB
- 50 Manny Alba DL
- 51 Marcoantonio Castro OL
- 53 Pete Lora OL
- 54 David Rodriguez OL
- 55 Mario Sanchez OL
- 58 Esteban Lasso DL
- 58 Ernie Smith OL
- 60 Raul Reveles OL
- 61 George Gabriel OL
- 62 Christain Pena OL
- 63 Sebastain Flores OL
- 64 Edgar Velasquez OL
- 65 David Lujan OL, K
- 66 Diego Mira OL, K
- 66 Markus Garcia DL
- 67 Fabian Correa OL
- 70 Asbel Ramirez DL
- 71 Terry Grout FS
- 73 Krystopher Hall OL
- 74 Albert Viillaruel DL
- 75 Jesse Nolan OL
- 76 Anthony Baker OL
- 77 Rudy Carlos OL
- 78 Ivan Bracamontes WR
- 80 Jesse Williams WR
- 81 Joe Hill RB
- 83 Favio Suastegui WR
- 84 Brian Sandoval K, WR
- 85 Ernesto Vasquez WR
- 88 Damon Hogan DE
- 89 Emmanuel Cirojano DB
- 98 Ceiair Sippo DL
- 99 Jonathan Mancafaiga DL

Downey vs Warren

Playing for More than Pride



By SCOTT COBOS, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – This year's game is a little different from years past. Instead of having a full week's time to prepare for each other, both teams were faced with the task of preparing for a game in three days as both teams had to make up last week's game this past Monday. One team is returning back to its old tradition in blue and gold while the other team is trying to recapture the magic from years past while doing it with new parts and tools.

The premise remains the same. Two storied high schools playing against each other in what is believed to be one of the longest running and most popular rivalries in prep sports. Downey versus Warren tonight at Justice Stadium. Game time is at 7 p.m. Here's the breakdown of both teams.

Downey Vikings

The Good: Downey has finally found some balance in their play compared to the Jekyll and Hyde moments they had earlier in the season. Not much has changed from the way they play now to the way they played last year. OK, that might be a lie. There have been some huge changes over at Downey and one of them has to do with their offense - they are not afraid. This group of kids is a passionate bunch that likes to play the game regardless of what the outcome may be. Even though the team is comprised of a lot of new faces, the task remains the same as last year: beat Warren. They did last year, and the year before that, so what makes them think they can't win again this year? Nothing. Especially after walking away with a win versus a very good Lynwood team this past Monday.

The Bad: A new head coach normally means a new system. With a new system come new coordinators and new philosophies. With those come new offenses and defenses. And finally, with time, come new players to fill big shoes. Head Coach Will Capps basically had to take this bucket of parts and build something with it in no time flat. Although his vision is starting to take shape, earlier in the season the team looked like a broken down jalopy that would run whenever it felt like. We've seen flashes of brilliance (like their first half versus Dominguez and their second half versus Milikan), but we've also seen sloppiness (such as their first half versus Milikan and their overall game versus Santa Fe). Even though the team is starting to play more consistently, there's still that doubt that the night could be the football version of Charles Dickens's "A Tale of Two Cities."

Offense: The style of offense Downey runs is very much the opposite of last year. Downey had one huge weapon in running back Darren Tubbs. They handed off to him often and let him do the rest of the work. Now that he's gone, there isn't anyone ripping off 10-yard runs. Because of this, they decided to try something different and take to the air. The departure of Anthony Moreno (transfer) has new starting quarterback Antonio Mendez busy throwing the ball all over the field this year. Running back Eric Hayes gets the load of carries for the team.

Defense: Like they showed in their first half versus Dominguez, they can stop a well-oiled machine. But the problem is that it's taxing on the players during the game. Players get tired and become a step slower and it shows dramatically, especially when you're playing a running team like Warren. Downey is a good defensive team. You can quite possibly compare them to Warren. They may not be as fast as the Bears, but they're just as down and dirty as them. And with a rivalry game, it's expected the kids will be salivating to get out on the field.

Overall Analysis: At this point in the season, it really is hard to determine who the better team at this second is. Warren looked great at the beginning but has shown some wear and tear while Downey looked pretty bad at first but is all of a sudden keeping expected blow out games close and even breaking out with some upsets. At this point, it really looks like Downey has the momentum while Warren may be reeling from their first loss in league play. The problem with this game is that anything can happen because it's a rivalry game. The one distinction is this: Warren has defended their home turf all year long. Look for Warren to win but not by much if the Downey who played Lynwood shows up.

Prediction:

Warren wins, 24-14

Warren Bears

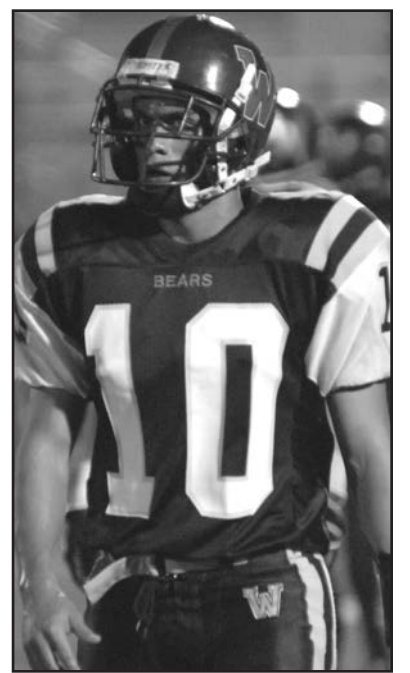
The Good: From the ashes of two years ago, Bears' head coach Jeff Welch is writing the next chapter in his return back to Warren. Under his supervision the Bears have become faster, stronger and more confident in their ability. These young cubs from last year are showing their true form becoming a year older and a year wiser and showing to the league that they should be noticed again. Warren has one loss in league and is undefeated at home this year and are challenging for the SGVL crown. It's not just Welch willing them to win though. The Bears have weapons. Not only do they have weapons, they have *young* weapons that are only going to get better.

The Bad: The Bears were cursed with the cancellation and rescheduling of their game versus Gahr last Friday. The game was rescheduled for this past Monday. Only three days removed from a championship-implicated game with the Gladiators, Warren is now expected to quickly heal and refocus on Downey. Will this be a little much for this team? Possibly, but knowing the Bears' coaching staff, they will have this team prepared in what is typically known as a roll-of-the-dice type game.

Offense: Warren mixes a complete running game along with a polished, efficient passing game. Sophomore running back Jesse Callier has been carrying the load of rushing yards per game since Nate Colbert went down earlier in the season. Make no mistake, Callier is a player with very raw talent that could at times take over the game. Young players are prone to making young mistakes though.

Quarterback Alfonso Gonzalez keeps the team calm and ready to play. You never see him force any passes. This year, Gonzalez is completing over 60 percent of his passes and averaging around 110 yards a game through the air. But like every Welch-coached team, expect them to keep it on the ground all game long.

Defense: Probably this team's biggest strength, their defense provides the psychological confidence that a clock-eating offense needs. They're young, fast, and physical and love to play. Sometimes it looks like the defense is more psyched to play defense rather than the offense wanting to get back on the field and score points. Without a doubt, they want to hit you then, after you get up, hit you again. Although quite feisty, the team did show weakness versus the pass against Gahr this past Monday.



Armando Gomez

Bears Roster

- 1 Ricky Gonzalez DB
- 2 Patrick Pellegrino RB, LB
- 3 Bailey Cowins WR, DB
- 4 Christian Cruz DB
- 5 Anthony Lopez RB, LB
- 8 Andrew Gasdia LB
- 10 Armando Gomez WR, DB
- 11 Alphonso Gonzalez QB
- 12 Jesse Callier QB, LB
- 15 Matt Clouser WR, DB
- 19 Manuel Olivarría WR
- 20 James Orozco RB, LB
- 26 Jose Valencia K
- 27 Giovanni Mayoral K
- 28 Nate Colbert RB, DB
- 30 Juan Romano DL
- 31 Brian Escandon LB
- 33 Kevin Kim LB
- 35 Andre Degarmo RB, LB
- 46 Matt Gonzalez RB
- 49 Stephan Steele DL
- 50 Adrain MacLás OL, DL
- 51 Chris Duran OL, DL
- 52 Carlos Salas LB
- 53 Michael Kim OL, DL
- 54 Sam Nunez OL, DL
- 55 David Del Toro LB
- 57 Josh Guerrero LB
- 58 Emmanuel Alba OL, DL
- 60 Ernesto Rodriguez OL, DL
- 61 Jorge Rivera OL, DL
- 66 Chris Gutierrez OL, DL
- 68 Josh Rodriguez OL, DL
- 69 Anthony Pianelli OL, DL
- 70 Garrick Garnica OL, DL
- 72 Cesar Penicé OL, DL
- 73 Steve Montanez OL, DL
- 74 Cory Peterson OL, DL
- 75 Alex Gutierrez OL, DL
- 77 Daniel Singh OL, DL
- 78 Daniel Capilla OL, DL
- 80 Billy Trevino WR, DB
- 82 Pete Llanes WR
- 83 Dylan Juarez TE
- 85 Augafa Vaalu TE, DL
- 88 Cody McAlister TE, LB

Warren alumni returning to play more basketball

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls basketball program will be having their annual Alumni Game on Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Warren gym.

Lady Bears alumni are invited to play and the community is welcome to attend. A reception will follow the game.

For information, call Coach Shefonda Colbert at (562) 869-7306, ext. 5858.

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Former intern enjoys Midwest success

By JACQUELINE MEJIA
MISSOURI – As the fall season is starting to reach the middle marker, the leaves that are strewn around the campus at the University of Missouri are not the only golden colors worth glimpsing at. The country has been recognizing the gold and black force of the Missouri Tigers, now ranked (as of press time) ninth in the country in terms of football.

The players have been a mighty force throughout the last couple of weeks of play. So far the Tigers have managed to keep a lucky streak of 7-1, with the main ferocity of the offense being in Chase Daniel, a junior and the starting quarterback of the team. Daniel is ranked 5th in the NCAA in total

offense, and on Tuesday was named one out of 15 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

Missouri has played relatively easy teams thus far. The game that is scheduled for this weekend in Boulder, CO against the Colorado Buffaloes will be monumental to a team that has had a history of losing on the road. It is dire that the team wins the last four games against tough opponents that include the Colorado Buffaloes, the Texas A&M Aggies, the Kansas State Wildcats, and finally, the border showdown game between the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

Head football coach Gary Pinkel stated at a press conference on Monday "If you want to win a

championship, the teams that win championships win on the road, win at home, they win where they have to win, and that's exactly where we're at. I can't say it any more simply than that. I really believe in our team, I believe in our kids, in our coaches, we're real excited about being in this position, now what are we going to do with it?"

What they are going to do in the position they are in is up to the team. They have managed to disappoint many of the Big 12 Teams, and now are ranked high above such glorious Southern Californian teams as USC and UCLA. This weekend, their fans will watch in excitement and nervousness to see if the Tigers can truly pounce on their competition.

Hitting the pavement in search for a cure

BY BROOKE KARLI
STAFF WRITER

When Suzanne Middelburg, 62, became involved with the Alzheimer's Association six years ago, she was told from the get-go that if she didn't already know someone with Alzheimer's, she would at some point.

Middelburg, a director of business customer support services for Southern California Edison's Business Customer Division, first experienced the effects of Alzheimer's when one of her co-workers' father was diagnosed with the disease. She didn't know exactly how to help, but knew that help was readily available — she just needed to find it.

"I was so interested in knowing more about the disease," Middelburg, a Downey High School graduate, said. "I went from not knowing anything about Alzheimer's to being able to help those affected by it. I didn't just want to help those that I worked with, but also those that I came in contact with on a day-to-day basis."

Middelburg's involvement with the Alzheimer's Association became particularly useful when her cousin was diagnosed with the disease.

"You don't realize how much the disease affects your family until you're faced with it," Middelburg said. "Many times, family members lose themselves in the process of trying to help another. It's a financially and emotionally devastating disease."

Middelburg's cousin passed away last year, but she still continues to be heavily involved in the association, promoting Alzheimer's awareness, providing help, and participating in the annual Memory Walk fundraiser.

This year's Memory Walk — the association's 15th — will take place



Downey High School graduate Suzanne Middelburg (third from left), participated in last year's Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk. Celebrities in attendance included Leeza Gibbons, Shelley Fabares, David Hyde Pierce, Sharon Lawrence, Victor Garber, Steve Edwards, Bryan Cranston, Ron Rifkin and Rafer Johnson. Photo courtesy Suzanne Middelburg

this Sunday at 7 a.m. in Downtown Los Angeles, starting in The Watercourt at California Plaza, and passing by Disney Hall, Maguire Gardens, and the Los Angeles Central Library.

"Some walk in honor of lost loved ones, some walk to raise money and awareness, and some walk just for the cause," said Middelburg, who now resides in Palos Verdes. "Regardless of their reason, they walk because Alzheimer's has no boundaries — it's a disease that can affect everybody."

From 2004 to 2007, Middelburg chaired the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, also serving as the first Corporate Chair during a previous Memory Walk. Through her posi-

tion on the board, she was able to get Edison International involved, becoming corporate sponsors.

Over 3,000 participants are expected to walk this year, including celebrities Peter Gallagher, Steve Edwards, Lea Thompson, Leeza Gibbons, Victor Garber, Tony Plana, Bryan Cranston, Kate Burton, Rafer Johnson, Shelley Fabares, Ron Rifkin and Bob Goen.

The event will also include live entertainment, and opening and closing ceremonies. In total, the walk is expected to raise over \$600,000.

"Every walk has its own culture — its own life," Middelburg said. "More importantly, the walk is all about family and finding a cure."

According to www.alz.org, more than five million people in the United States suffer from

Alzheimer's, with one person developing the disease every 72 seconds.

"The great thing about the Alzheimer's Association is that for every victim, there are 10 people touching their lives," said Middelburg. "It's a wonderful support system and I'm proud to be a part of an organization that helps thousands of people every year."

For information on the Alzheimer's Association, visit www.alz.org, or call (800) 272-3900. Rancho Los Amigos Adult Day Services, Downey's Alzheimer's support group, can be reached at (562) 401-7991.

To participate in the Alzheimer's Association's 15th Annual Memory Walk, visit www.alzla.org/mw, or call (323) 930-6228.

Veterans share their favorite stories

Downey — Parents and preschool children ages 3 to 5 are invited to honor the men and women of the U.S. military at the Downey City Library's "Veteran's Day" story time on Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in the Cornack Room.

Veterans will read their favorite books to the children, who will also get to meet the soldiers and sailors committed to serving our country.

For information, call the Children's Services Desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.

'Light of Love' celebrates those lost this year

Downey — The Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary will be hosting its 7th Annual Holiday "Light of Love," a celebration of life service in remembrance of those who have passed away this year, on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Services will be held at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary and the community is invited to attend.

To RSVP, email downeyzrelak@yahoo.com, or call (562) 927-2644.

2008 Rose Parade tickets for sale

Downey — The City of Downey Community Services Department has been assigned grandstand seating for the 2008 Rose Parade, where Emeril Lagasse will preside as Grand Marshall.

Tickets are \$66 each and there is no limit on the amount of tickets to be purchased. The bus will depart from the City Hall flag pole area on Jan. 1 at 6:30 a.m. and will return around 2 p.m.

Sign-ups will be taken at the City Hall Community Services Department, as well as at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For information, call (562) 904-7238.

Class helps adults with Microsoft Word

Downey — The Downey City Library will be offering "Beginning Microsoft Word" on Nov. 14 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Computer Lab.

Students will learn how to create, select and modify text, as well as how to edit and save documents.

For information, call the Adult Desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 3.

Mary U. Burrows was longtime resident

Downey — Mary U. Burrows, longtime Downey resident, passed away Oct. 24 at the age of 84.

Burrows was born on June 15, 1923 in Pawtucket, R.I. to Earl and Marie Marsh.

She wed Leo E. Burrows in 1948, later moving to California, settling in Downey two years later.

Burrows was preceded in death by husband Leo.

She is survived by sons Leo, Paul and Tom (Christy); daughter Ann (John) McIntyre; and granddaughters Amanda and Skyelar McIntyre.

Services were held on Tuesday at St. Raymond's Catholic Church and interment took place at All Souls Catholic Cemetery.



LAKE

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major manufacturer, you can be strictly a teaching pro that does nothing but teach or you can be an administrator that runs the whole facility."

But first Lake must complete an apprentice program that was constructed by the PGA of America. The PGA Professional Golf Management program as it is called is the starting point for all of those who want to continue down the career path of professional golf.

Lake describes the program as a trade school. According to the PGA's website, it involves approximately two solid years of schooling on different aspects of running day-to-day golf operations, such as managing a pro shop, dealing with food and beverage concessions and giving lessons as a club pro. Along with the program, apprentices are required to take a Player's Ability Test where the PGA member candidate must shoot a certain 36-hole score in one day.

The program, albeit difficult, prepares the apprentice to be "outstanding golf professionals who provide exceptional service to their customers, employers, fellow professionals and the game of golf." The PGA gives a person eight years to complete the program, otherwise any completed tasks will have to be done again.

"An individual who becomes a PGA member is much more prepared to enter the golf industry than, say, I was when I became a PGA member," said LaBarge. "It's much more difficult. Much more time consuming and much more difficult to get through and much more detail."

After finishing the program, Lake is looking forward to giving lessons to people who want to learn the game of golf. He says the hardest thing is going to be teaching a player with absolutely no experience.

"There's so much to a golf swing," he said.

Lake said he believes the key to teaching a beginner is to simplify everything. He also believes the easiest thing after the program will be teaching someone with experience.

"Teaching someone that has been playing a while will be easy because they have a knowledge of the vocabulary," he said. "There's a difference between a 70s player and a 90s player."

Lake says that this program is going to be a grind but feels confident because he has the support from his parents.

"They told me to finish school first because it's the most important thing," he said. "But they're happy to see their son going after his passion."

Lake's parents aren't the only one with confidence in his ability to complete the program. He also has the backing of the whole staff at work. "I think he's going to do great," said LaBarge, who will also act as his mentor while in the program. "He's a good student to begin with. He has a good support staff here."

LaBarge continued: "He's got the college background to be successful in that regard. And I don't think that's going to be a problem with him at all."

Already a couple months into the program and Lake thinks it's going pretty well. He believes it's going to take him a few years to complete the program, but he's looking forward to the challenge.

Who knows, maybe some day he'll be the pro at a golf course watching a kid with rental clubs upend a pair of gimmick players on the first green.

West TV receives Golden Bell Award

Downey — The Downey Unified School District will be honored at the 28th Annual Golden Bell Awards program of the California School Boards Association on Dec. 1.

West TV, an entirely student-run daily live news program that incorporates information on school events, world news, universities, nutrition and state standards at West Middle School, won the award in the Technology category. The news program is under the direction and efforts of Mike Brown, Ron Legaspi, Dina Carter, Sara Maples, Phil Davis, Craig Bertsch, Gene Friese, Jeff Collier and Robert Kaplinsky.

"When you take passionate educators and put them to work with a talent-rich student population like the one in Downey, you get to witness unbelievable accomplishments," said Craig Bertsch, West Middle School principal. "We have great students and great teachers working in great schools!"

The award will be presented at a ceremony during CSBA's Award Luncheon at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The event is held in conjunction with the CSBA's Annual Education Conference.

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards program promotes excellence in education by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. The goal of the awards program is to contribute to the development and evaluation of curriculum, instruction and support services.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Nov. 8

Downey — The 22nd annual Downey Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held this Thursday at 7 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event's keynote speaker will be Bill Morrow, who is a former California State Assemblyman and Senator.

The Downey Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is the local community version of the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington D.C., which was inaugurated in 1952 by spiritual leadership groups in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives as a time for rededication of the individual and the nation.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$150 for a table of 10. Checks can be made payable and sent to Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 279, Downey, CA, 90241.

For information, call George Cade at (562) 923-9616.

Christian club celebrates Thanksgiving

Downey — The Downey Christian Women's Club will have their next meeting, "Happy Thanksgiving," on Nov. 14 at 11:45 a.m. at the Los Amigos Country Club.

The day will include a special feature by Music Boxes, music by Beverly Madra and guest speaker Donna Jacobson, who will discuss, "Chosen Twice for Adoption."

Cost is \$12 and includes a buffet lunch. Reservations are requested to be made by the Monday prior to the event.

For information, call Sonja at (562) 862-4347, or Delores at (562) 868-7135.

Yoga sessions begin Tuesday

Downey — Yogi Ramesh, yoga guru, will be starting new yoga sessions on Tuesday at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

For information, visit www.universalyoga.com, or call (562) 904-7223.

Moravian Church hosts boutique

Downey — The Moravian Church of Downey will be hosting a boutique on Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Home economists discuss new technology

NORWALK – The Whittier Home Economists in Home and Community will discuss “Sew What’s New?” at their meeting on Monday at Norwalk Sewing and Vacuum at 7:15 p.m.

Diane Pagencopp, who has 20 years of teaching experience, will share and demonstrate new sewing and embroidery technology.

Home economists, as well as students and graduates in family and consumer sciences, and related fields, are invited to attend.

Norwalk Sewing and Vacuum is located at 14529 Pioneer Blvd. For information, call (714) 256-1575.

Guest speaker discusses ‘buried treasure’

WHITTIER – The Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) will have their next meeting on Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave.

Wendy Elliott, the featured speaker, will discuss “Buried Treasure: Techniques in Finding Entries Lost in Indexes.” She will share common problems of indexes and ways to overcome them. Elliott is currently president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and is a professor of history at California State University, Fullerton.

The Beginner and the Beginner/Refresher classes will meet from 11 a.m. to noon, which will also be taught by Elliott on the topic of “Using Libraries for Genealogical Research.”

For information, call (562) 941-3184 or (562) 695-5431.

Century 21 raises \$35K for Easter Seals

DOWNEY – Century 21 My Real Estate announced that its 2007 contributions to Easter Seals Southern California totaled \$35,000 in cash and/or in-kind donations. Its participation this year marked the office’s 30th year of affiliation with Easter Seals.

“Our relationship with Easter Seals Southern California enables our sales associates and employees not only to give something back to the community, but to also help raise awareness of this worthwhile and reputable charitable organization,” said Steve Roberson, broker/owner of Century 21 My Real Estate. “It is a great feeling to know that our contributions go directly toward helping people with disabilities achieve greater independence.”

The entire Century 21 company has been affiliated with the National Easter Seals Society since 1979 and has raised more than \$91 million for the non-profit organization.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (center) met with Enrique Aranda (left), Mexican American Opportunity Foundation’s director of operations community services, and Martin Castro (right), the foundation’s president and CEO, to discuss the organization’s health promotion and physical activity programs.



Century 21 My Real Estate announced it has raised \$35,000 in donations for Easter Seals Southern California this year. Pictured presenting the donation, from left to right, is Bonita Carr, Director of Corporate Development; Mark Whitley, President and CEO Easter Seals; and Steve Roberson, owner/broker of My Real Estate.

Roybal-Allard discusses health and physical activity

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) recently met with representatives from the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation to discuss the organization’s health promotion and physical activity programs and other services it provides to families in the 34th District and greater Los Angeles area.

In the congresswoman’s district, the foundation’s programs operate in Downey, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Boyle Heights, Commerce, Huntington Park and Walnut Park.

Foundation officials also discussed future efforts to expand its services to include an after-school tutoring program in Commerce, where the organization’s HSBC Financial Literacy and Computer Technology Center is currently located. Open daily, the center houses multiple computers, printers, and a general reference library. The computer lab provides a venue for youth programs, job training programs, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and workforce development.

Founded in 1963, the non-profit, community-based organization is the largest Latino-oriented, family services organization in the United States, serving 100,000 Californians in seven countries. The foundation offers 20 different free or low-cost programs and services to individuals and families who are socially and economically disadvantaged. The foundation’s programs include, but are not limited to, health promotion and education; infant and toddler programs; child care centers; state preschools; Head Start centers; a network of child care providers; senior and disabled services; employment services such as job training; a food bank; financial literacy; and computer literacy education.

For more information about the foundation’s services and locations, visit www.maof.org, or call (323) 890-9600.

Orientation offers information on adoption

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Aspira Foster and Family Services will be hosting an orientation for those interested in receiving information on adoption, through foster care, on Nov. 17 at 10 a.m., in recognition of Adoption Awareness Month.

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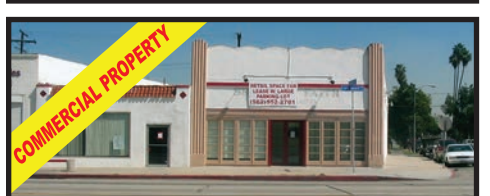
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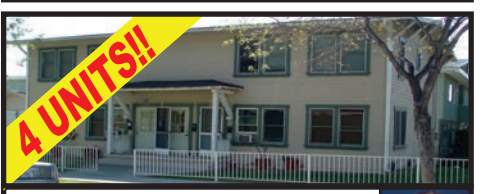
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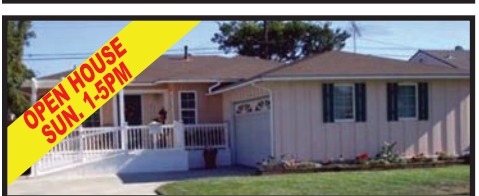


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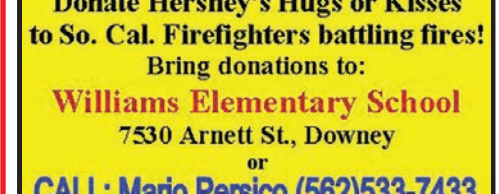
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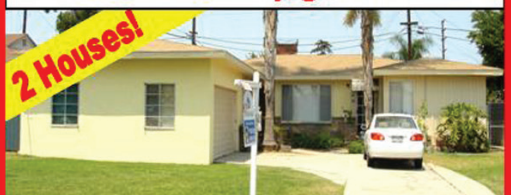
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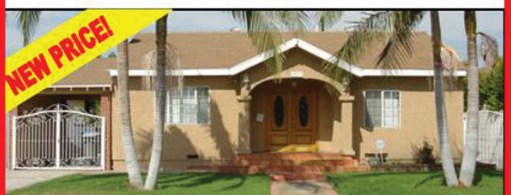
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