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## Downey steps up wooing of Tesla

BY ERIC PIERCE,  
CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** — With Tesla Motors expected to make a decision soon on a location for a new assembly and production plant — and Downey a known finalist for the plant — city officials are leaving no stone unturned in their recruitment efforts.

The city paid \$9,974 for a half-page, full-color advertisement in Monday's *Los Angeles Times*. In the ad, which appeared on page B9 of the Business section, the entire Downey City Council is shown wearing T-shirts that say "Downey ♥ Tesla" while holding a banner that reads "Downey Welcomes Tesla Motors - Apollo to Tesla - the legacy continues..."

The ad also includes an open letter to Tesla CEO Elon Musk. In it, the Council sells Downey as "a nimble, innovative, well run city" and invites Tesla "to be a part of the Downey legacy of innovation... a truly American experience."

Tesla Motors received nearly half a billion dollars in U.S. government loans this summer to begin mass production of the Model S, an all-electric sedan capable of driving 300 miles on a 45-minute charge. According to its website, Tesla expects to begin

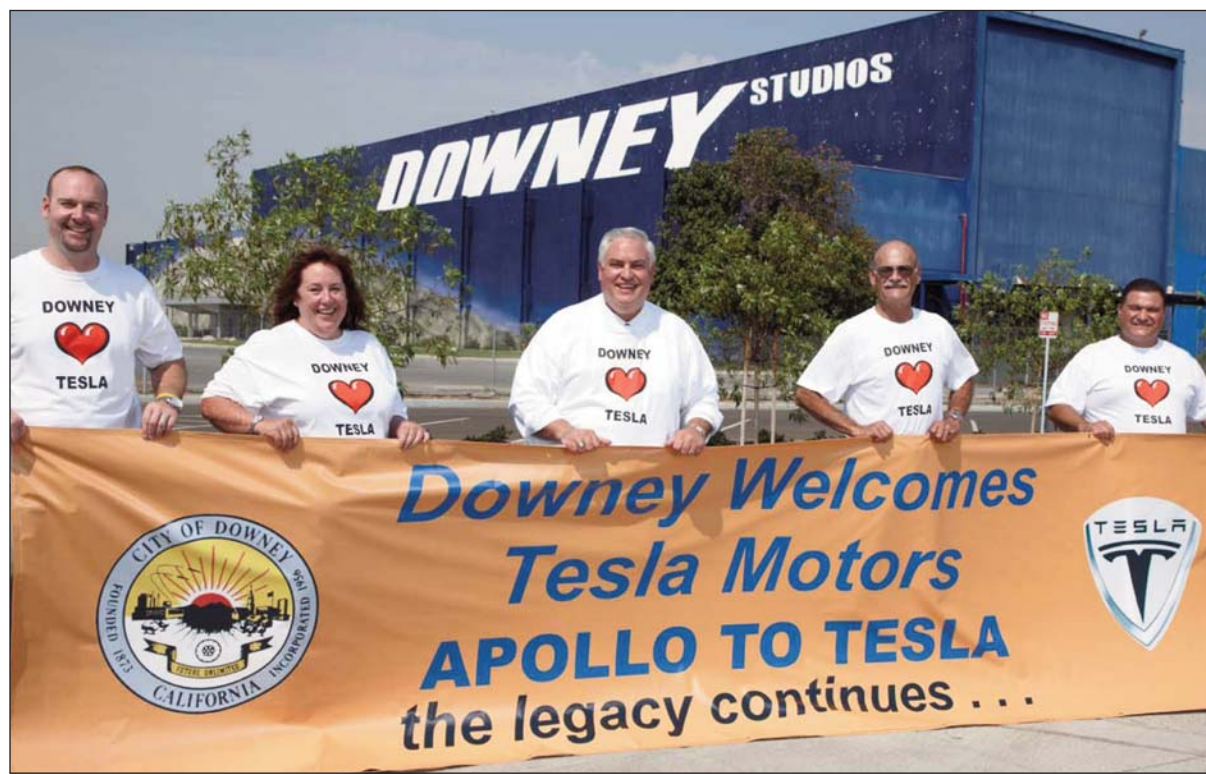


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City officials are touting Downey's good schools and fiscal soundness as it lobbies for a Tesla Motors production plant at what is currently Downey Studios. Tesla is said to be debating between Downey and Long Beach for a production and assembly plant.

vehicle delivery in 2011.

Approximately 90 acres at Downey Studios is available for Tesla if Musk chooses to build an assembly plant in Downey. Musk is reportedly also considering a former Boeing plant in Long Beach.

On Monday, all five Downey City Council members boarded a city bus for Hawthorne-based SpaceX, a space technology company headed by Musk.

The Council delivered a large gift basket filled with NASA books and artifacts, a testament to Downey's aerospace history. Mayor Mario Guerra said the basket also included an official city pen.

"It's for Mr. Musk to sign the deal with Downey," Guerra said.



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

## Downey Regional files for bankruptcy protection

■ Bad HMO contracts and deficient collection practices have hurt the hospital.

BY ERIC PIERCE,  
CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** — In the same week a new state-of-the-art medical center triumphantly opened its doors in Downey, another hospital sank deeper into insolvency.

Downey Regional Medical Center, dealing with a negative cash flow of about \$1 million per month and stifling HMO contracts, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the hospital announced in a statement Monday.

The statement said the hospital's board of directors unanimously voted to file Chapter 11, but did not indicate when the vote took place.

Downey Regional officials said they expect to emerge from bankruptcy within one year.

Since former CEO Allen Korneff was ousted two years ago, Downey Regional administration has been "feverishly working to fix literally thousands of problems within its financial systems," including inadequate billing and collection services.

The hospital has drawn nearly \$100 million in reserves over the last 10 years to stop a negative cash flow of \$1 million per month, officials said. Reserves ran out in March 2008.

Administration blamed "unfavorable terms" in capitation contracts with HMOs and medical groups. Capitation transfers the financial responsibility of HMO patients to the hospital and desig-

nated physician groups, in exchange for a monthly fee.

But Downey Regional was receiving only about \$1 million in fees per month, while the hospital's actual costs reached nearly \$3 million monthly, officials said.

As of February, Downey Regional had paid more than \$25 million to negotiate out of capitation contracts with Scan, Blue Shield, Health Net and PacifiCare, hospital officials said. The last remaining capitation contract was with Aetna and that contract was expected to be terminated with Monday's bankruptcy filing.

When Downey Regional emerges from reorganization, officials said it will operate under a self-sustaining fee-for-service business model.

"[Monday's] necessary actions will allow us to clean up the remainder of the financial morass that the current management team inherited that was over a decade in the making, and that we have been working to fix for two years," Downey Regional CEO Ken Strople said in a statement. "We are confident in our long-term prospects for success. I want to reassure our patients, our employees, the physicians, and the community that DRMC and its services will be fully open during this process, that excellent patient care will continue to be provided, that payrolls will be met, and that operations at the hospital will continue normally."



Ken Strople

## From fat boy to big boy

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**S**urrounded by eager community members, city officials unveiled the newest addition to Bob's Big Boy on Tuesday, the giant big boy that will rotate on top of the new restaurant.

"This is a great day," said Mayor Mario Guerra. "It will be an even greater day when it opens up."

As construction crews continue to rebuild what was once Johnnie's Broiler, Guerra, along with City Council members Anne Bayer, Luis Marquez and David Gafin, helped Bob's Big Boy franchise owner Jim Lauder uncover the classic big boy mascot.

Christos Smyrniotis, owner of the property, believes the unveiling was a symbolic rebirth of the 1958 diner, which was partially demolished in 2007.

"As beautiful as it [Johnnie's] was, I predict that phoenix is going to take place here," said Smyrniotis, relating the old diner to the mythical bird that dies in flames and is reborn from the ashes.

However, as a result of some modifications to the diner, it will not return exactly the same way it left. Lauder said the 75,000-square-foot restaurant will have 185 seats, 75 more than Johnnie's, as well as 185 new employees, some of which will serve as waiters, hostesses and carhop girls.

"We couldn't get everything exactly the way it was in '58," said Lauder, whose family will operate the diner. "But we've tried to preserve all the original themes and reuse a lot of the original poles, stone and wood planks."

Lauder also said the old fat boy character that once sat atop Johnnie's Broiler will be placed in the back parking lot with a plaque that will describe the history of the mascot.

"We're really happy to be here — we're looking forward to serving them [customers]," said Lauder, who has a suggestion for new customers. "The original double-decker cheeseburger — before McDonald's and the Big Mac, there was Big Boy's."

Bob's Big Boy restaurant is expected to open next month.



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

## Kaiser hospital now open for business

■ First baby born barely 67 minutes after opening.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** — Under patchy grey clouds and a warm morning sun, cheers rang out from Kaiser Permanente employees on Tuesday as the first patient being transported from the Bellflower Medical Center arrived at the new 700,000-square-foot Downey Medical Center.

One by one, white ambulances pulled up to the front of the hospital, bringing more than 100 patients to the \$390 million facility, which will largely replace Kaiser Permanente's Bellflower Medical Center.

Dr. Binesh Batra, medical director of the new center, walked around smiling, excited to see the six-story structure finally turning into a full-service hospital.

"It's a big day — it's a great day not only for Kaiser Permanente but for the city of Downey," Batra said. "Our staff practiced for months for the 1.5 mile trip — the patients will be waking up in Bellflower and will be sleeping in Downey."

However, before the first patient arrived, Rudy and Rosemary Olivarez had already made a some-

what unexpected trip to the Downey Medical Center.

Scheduled to have a cesarean section on Wednesday morning, Rosemary, 37, suddenly went into labor on Tuesday morning.

"They told us last week if anything happened to come here," said Rudy, who drove the Los Angeles couple to the medical center.

At 8:07 a.m., Mia Luna Olivarez was born, the first baby born in the new hospital. Kaiser staff members presented the family with a gift basket wrapped in white lace with a green bow on top. Inside employees put a stuffed animal and some colorful blankets.

"This is our second child, we have a 2-year-old daughter," said Rudy, 39. "We are super excited."

For Batra, the new medical center represents the future of health care.

"We focus on the total health of our patients," Batra said. "We promote prevention and it gives us the best health care outcomes."

By monitoring hip fractures and osteoporosis in women, Batra said Kaiser Permanente saved patients more than \$25 million.

The Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center will serve the Southeast Los Angeles County community and a portion of the 3.3 million Kaiser members living in Southern California.



## Test figures show mixed results

■ Alameda Elementary shows most improvement out of DUSD schools.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** — API (the state's Academic Performance Index) and AYP (the federal's Annual Yearly Progress) growth report figures that are said to measure the progress made by schools and school districts for the past school year, as well as a 'watch list' identifying which schools/school districts need to improve their AYP scores, were released Wednesday and the results for the Downey Unified School District were mixed.

First the good news. The district's overall API score of 760 exceeded last year's score by 16 points and thus, according to DUSD officials, "met the 2009 API criteria," in addition to meeting its graduation rate (some 92 percent vs. a target of 83.1 percent).

Further, whereas last year only five schools met their API growth target school-wide and for all sub-

groups, this year 12 schools met or exceeded their targets: Alameda, Gauldin, Old River, Price, Rio Hondo, Unsworth, Ward, Williams, Griffiths Middle, Sussman Middle, West Middle and Warren High. The growth rates ranged from 5 points for Imperial and Williams to a whopping 56 points for Alameda.

Where an 800 score indicates solid performance (800 is the state's performance goal), equivalent to saying that the school as a whole has achieved the desired criteria of proficiency to advanced levels of knowledge and skills the student should possess in their appropriate grade levels, the following five elementary schools had scores of at least 800: Alameda (821), Price (850), Unsworth (802), Ward (800) and Williams (801).

A notable increase of 21 API points has been ascribed to Columbus Continuation High School as it registered a score of 579 under the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM), enough to further encourage school officials' efforts to strengthen their program serving 'at-risk' students.

Now the bad news. The subgroup growth targets were not met at these six schools: Carpenter,

Gallatin, Imperial, Lewis, Rio San Gabriel, East, and Downey High. Moreover, the API scores declined at Carpenter (-4), Gallatin (-1), Lewis (-5) and Rio San Gabriel (-6).

Most of the 'bad' news really is concentrated in the AYP standards, which factor in different criteria from those used in API, but which the school officials said is getting "more and more difficult to meet" as the bar is raised every year until by the school year 2013-14 "100 percent of students (Gr. 2-8 and 10) falling under No Child Left Behind indicators [should] achieve proficiency in English-language arts and mathematics."

Officials said such standards are "practically impossible to meet" especially considering that the district has a lot of English learners and Special Education students in its midst (AYP brooks no argument on this: each one should achieve 100 percent proficiency by 2014 regardless.)

This is such a hot topic nowadays in the educational community that there are moves afoot to restructure NCLB. Contemplated reforms even extend to considering using students' test scores to evalu-

ate teachers, which is at the core of the debate now raging as a way to get a share of the \$4 billion federal 'Race to the Top' fund, as enunciated by President Obama.

In any case, 2009 AYP targets for schools was to attain 46.0 proficiency in English-language arts, and 47.5 percent in mathematics, for elementary schools, middle schools, and elementary school districts; 44.5 in ELA and 43.5 in mathematics for high schools; 45.0 in ELA and 45.5 in mathematics for unified school districts as a whole; and to meet the API requirement for AYP purposes, a school or LEA (local educational agency) must demonstrate a growth at least one point or a minimum API score at least 650. Because "as a district, we did not meet the AYP growth targets for English-language arts and mathematics for the second year," say school officials, "DUSD is in Year I" of the so-called 'watch list'; the four middle schools are now in Year 4. (The list applies only schools receiving Title I funds). There are of course rules by which a district or school can get out of the 'watch list', but it won't be easy.



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY CIVIC LIGHT OPERA

Jason Marquez plays Freddy Eynsford-Hill in "My Fair Lady," opening Oct. 1 at the Downey Theatre. Marquez recently appeared as Brujon in "Les Miserables" at the Moonlight Amphitheatre in San Diego. For tickets to "My Fair Lady," which runs through Oct. 18, call (562) 923-1714.

## Danish Parliament looks to Downey for help on anti-gang efforts

■ Facing increased gang activity, Danish officials look to Downey for help.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** — A delegation comprising 20 members of the legal affairs committee of the 179-strong Parliament of Denmark paid a visit to Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) Wednesday afternoon in what was the last leg of their 4-day tour in the Los Angeles area to gather ideas on local anti-gang practices.

Peter Skaarup, head of the delegation, said gang activity in the Scandinavian country isn't a big problem yet but red flags such as Hells Angels-type activities are slowly being detected due to an influx of immigrants, especially

from the Middle East.

The group was met here by three Danish Embassy officials stationed in Washington, D. C., who then accompanied them on their tour.

Their itinerary included visits to and comprehensive briefings by the L. A. District Attorney's office, the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, Compton Task Force, the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Center, the County Board of Supervisors, and Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, as well as interfaces with gang trial judges and Homeboy Industries (where former gang members are gainfully employed).

After their delayed arrival at DUSD offices, GOOD president and concurrent DUSD pupil services director Dr. Robert Jagielski led a panel explaining the components of GOOD's collaborative strategy linking the local city government, the district, and the whole commu-

nity in combating gang encroachment in Downey.

Jagielski said that as a result of the combined commitment of the community's segments and the alertness of its police department and auxiliaries ("and luck"), Downey has over the last four years experienced declining trends in the incidence of serious crimes, i.e., homicides, forcible rape, robbery, etc. It thus focuses more, he said, on intervention in juvenile "at-risk" situations and, thus ultimately, on prevention of potentially serious gang issues/problems.

The Danish delegation heard Jagielski expound on GOOD's programs that included the important roles played by the 10-20 Club, the Character Counts and after-school programs, police presence on campus, counseling, outreach assemblies, site administrators, the True Lasting Connections (TLC), and so on. The effectiveness of these pro-

grams has contributed in no small measure, he said, to declining suspension and expulsion rates in the district as well.

Weaving their comments through Jagielski's presentation, Council member and Downey Adult School principal Roger Brossmer spoke on the graffiti tracking program, Downey Police Lt. Carl Charles on the presence of officers on campus and monthly school safety meetings with vice-principals and officers, facilitators Julian Mendoza and (DUSD teacher Anthony Zegarra) on Amer-I-Can, and City Manager's office's Juddy Cenicerros on Downey's flourishing Neighborhood Watch program.

Said Skaarup: "The story of GOOD is inspiring. We go back to Denmark filled with good ideas."

The delegation was scheduled to fly back home yesterday.

## Last chance to buy Golf Classic tickets

**DOWNEY** — The 13th annual Downey Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic will take place next Friday, Sept. 25, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey.

Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and help sponsor scholarships for Downey children.

Entry fee is \$140 per person and includes green fees, golf cars, lunch, dinner and raffle tickets. Additional dinners are \$30 each.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at noon. Dinner and awards begin at 5:30 p.m.

Sponsors of the event include Stonewood Center (gold); Downey Nissan and Trilogy Financial Services (silver); Financial Partners (tournament sponsor); and Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning (cart sponsor). Downey Nissan is also sponsoring a hole-in-one contest.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, including a silver sponsorship for \$800 which includes a foursome, plaque, tee sign, group banner plus raffle tickets and mulligans. Tee sign sponsorships are available for \$100.

To participate in the tournament, or for information on sponsorships, call the Chamber at (562) 923-2191.

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## At age 94, Dr. Kelley's sense of humor still intact

■ Dr. Walter Kelley, who says he once delivered 100 babies in one day, is happily enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

By HENRY VENERACION,  
STAFF WRITER

Whatever his secret for longevity, the fact is that Dr. Walter Kelley is 94, still alert, and, in his own words, still "fine for the activities of modern life."

He's had to sell his trusty Lincoln Continental recently because the DMV wouldn't permit him to drive anymore, but getting around and about has not been a problem: his children look in and "get me what I want" and otherwise help him with transportation. Besides, there's always Downey's Dial-a-Ride.

His having to use a walker is another one of those slight inconveniences, but his mind is as keen as ever, and to him this is far more important: "I'm lucky. My brain is [still] working fine."

The retired general practitioner is looking forward to Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, as he again hosts the Downey Symphony's annual garden party at his spacious home. Numerous friends and supporters of the Symphony have been invited to the summer event which last year drew an estimated 75 guests.

It is anticipated that this year's garden party fundraiser, whose proceeds are earmarked for the Symphony's much-appreciated Music in the School's program, will draw an even greater attendance, to include Dr. Kelley's long-lost friends and acquaintances. The Music in the Schools program benefits the thousands of public and private elementary school kids in Downey. In addition to the "great food, dessert, champagne," and more, there will be "great music," according to Downey Symphony stalwart and publicist Joyce Sherwin.

Harold Tseklenis, a board member since the '60s, says "many well-known performers who have over the years appeared as soloists with the Downey Symphony have been invited, including last fall's piano soloist, Pauline Yang."

The other major Symphony fundraiser is held in the fall. The total funds target, says Tseklenis, is "in the order of \$150,000," with the Symphony's three annual concerts as well as its Concerts-in-the-Park performance(s) accounting for the larger portion of the annual budget. He adds: "Within the last few years, it's been increasingly difficult to raise the funds for the full program of the Symphony."

Dr. Kelley, who also gained a reputation for delivering babies ("One time I delivered 100 babies in one day," he says), was born in the rural town of Fordville, North Dakota (pop. 400), graduating from Fordville High School in 1932. It was the height of the Depression, he says, and after a five-year hiatus, during which he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, he was able to matriculate at the University of North Dakota, where he earned both a BA in pre-med and a BS in medicine. The year: 1942.

A recommendation from his mentor landed him in New York City, where he enrolled at New York Medical College. Because of WWII, the medical program at the college was accelerated to two years, and, taking advantage of a U.S. Army program which paid his tuition for a year and a half, he got his medical degree in 1944.

He married dietitian Arlyss, whom he met back at the University of North Dakota, soon after. The war was over then, but not his obligation to the Army. He recounts his tour



PHOTO COURTESY KELLEY FAMILY

Dr. Walter Kelley will host a garden party fundraiser Sunday with proceeds benefiting the Downey Symphony. Kelley, a retired physician, has lived in Downey since 1951.

of duty thus: "The Army sent us nine men and two officers to the very south South Pacific, to New Caledonia, Fiji, the British and American Samoa, Rurātanga, and Tongariva, which was a coral atoll. What did we do? We essentially went sight-seeing and fishing."

Moving to Southern California in 1948, Dr. Kelley worked for Dr. Hickey in South Gate for a while, then opened his own clinic. Afterwards he was to work for 39 years at St. Francis Hospital, while also getting actively affiliated with Downey Community Hospital (now DRMC) the last five years of his active medical practice. They had moved to Downey in the meantime in 1951.

After he retired, and some two or three years before Arlyss died nine years ago, the couple did a little traveling, including trips to Germany, Italy, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and Alaska.

Arlyss was very active in the community, and served on the Symphony board for years.

Not exactly an athlete in his youth, Dr. Kelley achieved a golf handicap of 15, playing at Candlewood Country Club. He swore he'd quit golf if his game were to deteriorate to a 30-handicap, which of course happened. Accepting the inevitable, he promptly mothballed his golf set.

Today he enjoys playing bridge Tuesday nights with his buddies.

There's no ifs and buts about the highlight in his life. "Unquestionably the two greatest things that ever happened to me were getting my medical degree and getting married [to Arlyss]," he says, "and both happened in 1944."

Downey Symphony board member Dr. Kelley says he enjoys listening to the music of the Downey Symphony, but at this point in his life one senses that there's no music sweeter than the ringing of his land phone: the caller may be a friend or his son Burt or daughter Maureen who's checking up on him or another daughter calling from Germany to say 'hello'.

His sharp sense of humor intact ("My biggest problem is I'm 94. Living too long is fatal"), he says, "Family is the most important thing to me."

## POET'S CORNER

### Dark Clouds 2026

A series of leaves bathes the grounds below us  
We must rake them just before they pile sky high  
If work is left undone then the work gets worse  
The problems persist and linger near and far  
I can't wait to see the problems put to waste  
But shoot and die the people fight and cry  
The night is bitter blue and roams our land  
It craves the people, ripe and ready made  
I am the hand that works so bit my hand  
If done, you're done, and work will never be.

—James Hernandez,  
Downey

### Proverbs

Never judge a man by his garment, for like an unread novel you know not the inside or the ending, for his garment as well as the title may be misleading.

The Bible is likened to a pinata, when struck hard with perusing it will burst forth abundantly with Heaven's sweetness.

Don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, unless it's willing to help.

Be sure you chew your words well before you spew them out, taking care to refine and saturate them well with love.

Do not pick the scabs from your sores as they are God's medicated band aids.

Receiving and giving go hand in hand, for you take out of yours to put into others.

Put your priorities in order by helping others before thinking of self, the means will justify itself, with never ending blessing from God.

I will consider evolution when I see an ape walking out of a jungle with the Bible in hand and reading aloud.

—Rose Sciascia Neal,  
Downey

### God's Child

God sees Babies to be loved  
Cherished, diapered  
And rocked-a-byed

Babies no longer ---  
Loved, cherished, molded  
Taught, learned from  
Laughed with, enjoyed  
Free to explore, to grow

How did you become so beautiful?  
When did you grow so tall?  
And ready to see the world

The decades race pass  
Twenties, Thirties, Forties, Fifties,  
Who knew what they would bring?

SIXTY -- Senior already!  
This second chance at life!  
The time to be all you can be!  
A time to dream  
Your time

OCTERIAN! Eighty years young  
No looking back  
Time to enjoy, you've earned it all

NINETY already  
Time to rest  
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WELL DONE  
My Child  
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—Leona Swanson,  
Downey



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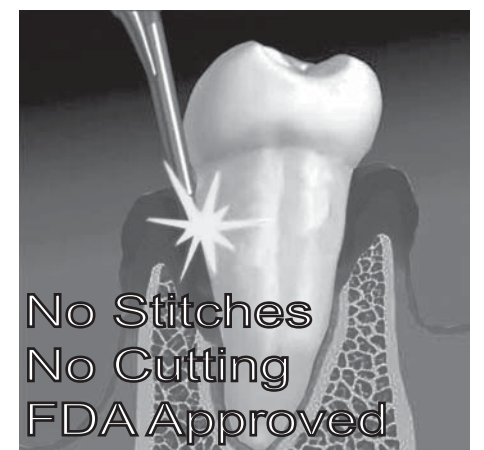
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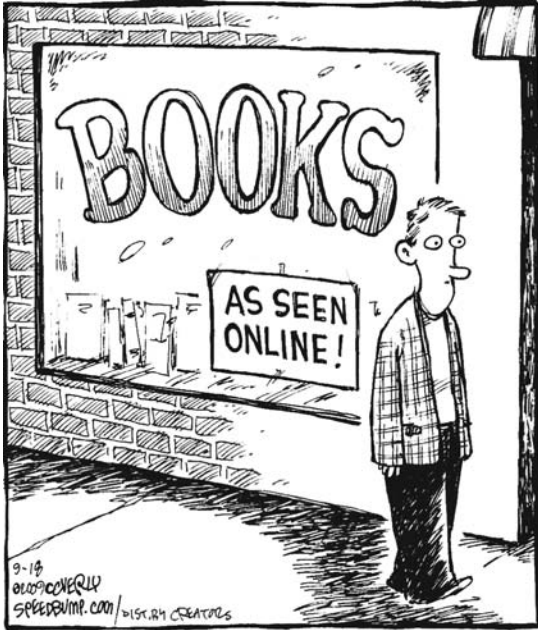
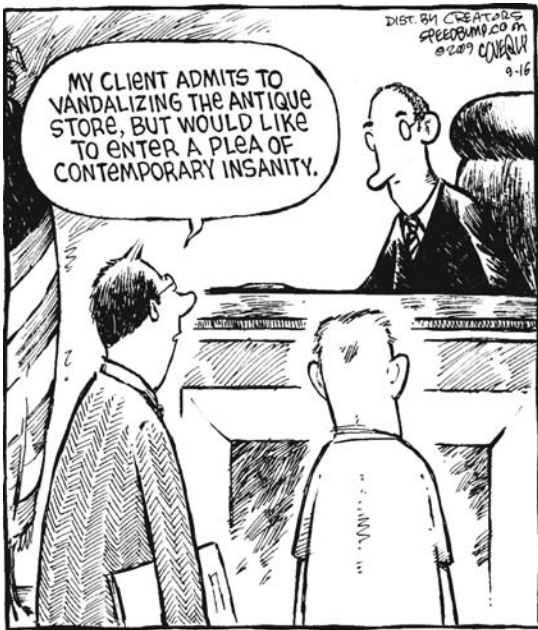
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### Events For September

- Sat. Sept. 19: **Cheer camp**, Downey High School, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. Sept. 19: **Free hearing tests**, Downey Senior Center, 10 a.m.
- Wed. Sept. 23: **NARFE meeting**, Community Center, 1 p.m.
- Wed. Sept. 23: **Gardening workshop**, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 24: **Blue Mass**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 8:30 a.m.

### City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 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.
- 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 7:30 p.m.: **Job/Career Coaching**, at The First Presbyterian Church, for info. call 861-6752.
- 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.
- 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 Pat Rooney at 923-5352.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Brian Saylor at 927-2000.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.

#### Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 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.
- 2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Sister City Assoc.**, at Maude Price School, for information call 884-9657.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 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.
- 4th Weds., 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Cafe N Stuff, for information, call Sandy Esslinger, (310) 491-8989.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 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.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

#### 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.

#### Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call (562) 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

## On This Day...

- Sept. 18, 1502: Christopher Columbus lands at Costa Rica on his fourth, and final, voyage.
- 1809: The Royal Opera House in London opens.
- 1837: Tiffany and Co. is founded by Charles Lewis Tiffany and Teddy Young in New York City.
- 1851: First publication of The New-York Daily Times, which would become The New York Times.
- 1895: Booker T. Washington delivers the "Atlanta Compromise" address.
- 1972: Voyager I takes first photograph of the Earth and the Moon together.
- 2001: First mailing of anthrax letters from Trenton, New Jersey in the 2001 anthrax attacks.
- Birthdays: Actress Jennifer Tisdale (28), rapper Xzibit (35), and actor James Marsden (36).

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by Shirley Soloway

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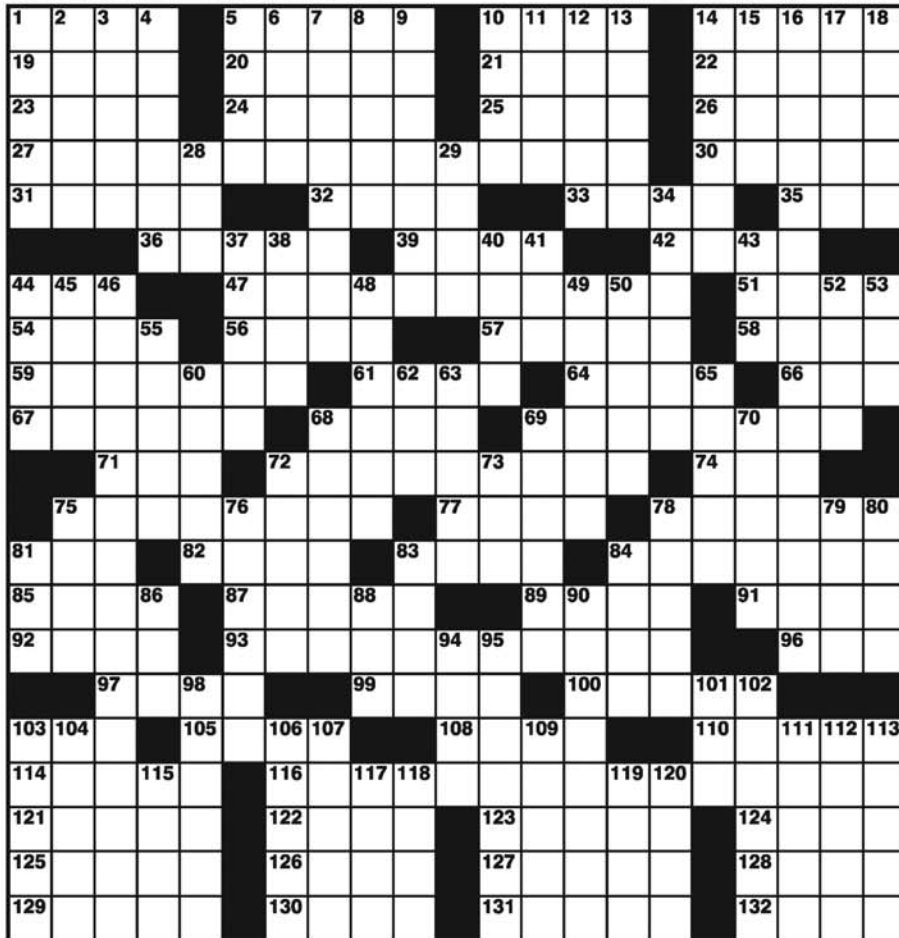
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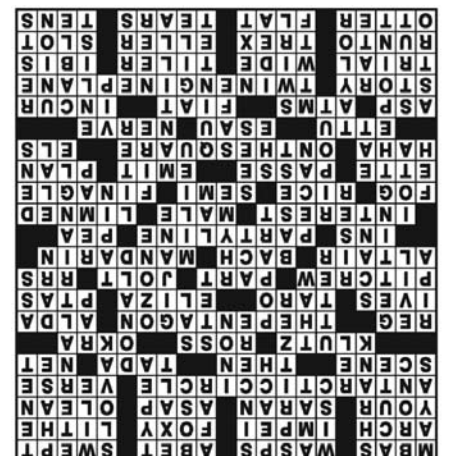
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SARAN (24 Across) has lost its triameter status in much of the world, because of its frequent usage as a generic term. ALTAIR (67 Across), one of the closest visible stars, is the 12th brightest in the night sky. SAL Paradise (41 Down), narrator of "On the Road," was acknowledged by author Jack Kerouac to have been modeled after himself.





## Parking Lot Imposes Safety Hazards, Leads to New Regulations

By Deborah Won

Precautionary measures have been taken to reduce the risks of high traffic around the Warren High School parking lot requiring parents to drop off their students by 7:30 a.m., and students driving vehicles must be within the parking structure by 7:45 a.m.

In addition, straggling students who enter the parking lot in vehicles will be required to identify themselves with their school identification card. Particularly this year, the chaos of students and vehicles weaving through the entrances and parking structure caused uneasiness amongst many, including the administrators.

"We want to avoid and prevent any accidents," said Vice Principal Gilberto Rodriguez when asked why these regulations were being enforced. Rodriguez, head of the school safety at Warren, called these new regulations as procedural, and that they are being enacted with the best interests of the students' safety in mind.

"Too many parents are dropping off their students close to 7:40 [a.m.], and not giving them enough time to make it to class," said Rodriguez.

Truly, with approximately 4,000 students needing to arrive at school simultaneously, the traffic certainly does get hectic, and therefore dangerous. The rushing vehicles amidst the crowds of pedestrian students impose a safety hazard, as numerous accidents and incidents could potentially occur in such a congested area.

Therefore, by regulating the time that vehicles can enter through the gates, "congestion will be reduced in the parking lot," said Rodriguez. "And students can travel faster to their classes without worrying about moving vehicles."

In order to enforce these rules, both gates on Paramount Blvd. and DePalma Avenue will be closed after 7:30 a.m. However, the two pedestrian gates on both these streets will remain open for students. The regulations only apply to vehicles.

Nevertheless, talk amongst the student population suggests that many believe these rules will not be carried out, or that if they are in the beginning of the school year, they will eventually cease to be enforced. Several students and parents disagreed about these regulations, and had negative comments on the subject.

"I don't think it's a good idea because I think more kids will be tardy," said senior Natalie Bedran. "If a student happens to miss the gate, then they'd get into school even later than they normally would since the gates are closed off."

Other students made comments such as Bedran's, and seemed upset about the new policy. In addition, several parents have also called the school office with complaints on the regulations.

Above all, Rodriguez firmly believes that these regulations need to be enacted for the students' safety, and asks for parent and student compliance.

## The Downey Legend

By Jennifer Cho

It's going to be a legendary year for Downey High because for the first time ever, the school will have a multimedia-based student-run online newspaper called The Downey Legend.

The Downey Legend is still in its developing stages, as Editor-in-Chief and Downey senior Crystal Fresquez is assembling a staff with the help of advisor Michelle Napoli. Fresquez says she formulated the idea of an online newspaper while at a five-day summer journalism camp at Cal State Long Beach this past August. Since Downey currently does not have a newspaper, Fresquez says she felt that the school was in great need of one. "Although I don't have experience, all I have is a vision," she said. "With this online newspaper, I hope that it will be able to highlight the achievements of Downey High students, which often go unrecognized."

According to Fresquez, The Downey Legend will start off by focusing on school sports and eventually branch off to promote school events and student achievement. Because The Legend will be online, she says this will allow visitors to the site to interact through polls and videos. With multimedia journalism making headway through social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, she hopes to incorporate these into the online newspaper as well. Fresquez says she is willing to learn from her peers and advisor in order to make The Downey Legend a success.

"I don't know everything and I'm still new to journalism, but I'm willing to learn from other students," Fresquez said.

This brand-new publication is a class offered on campus where students will learn to write stories, shoot photos and videos, and upload content online. Since this multimedia publication is unprecedented, Napoli says she is looking forward to what the students can accomplish in the course of the school year.

"Because there is no already established expectation, as this has never been done before at Downey, it allows room for creativity," Napoli said. Students at Downey are anticipating the launch of The Downey Legend, as it will be a source of news and information the school has never seen before. Students have a positive view of the online publication, since they will be able to read about school events and announcements at their own leisure.

"I would definitely read the online newspaper," said Megan Newbold, a junior at Downey. "I can't hear the morning announcements, so I can catch up on what's going on at school online at anytime."

"I think an online paper would be great," said Downey junior Zac Wickham. "It'll allow students to find out what's going on in a school wide basis."

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## Junior College or a Four-Year University: Which is the Better Route?

By Joanna Quintana

The decision between transferring from a Junior College and landing straight into a university has remained a puzzle for students however, the faculty and graduates of Downey High express their opinion on which route is best.

Five out of the six Downey administrators completed their first two years at a community college, followed with a transfer to a university. Tom Houts, principal of Downey High School, is one of the administrators who took the Junior College route, not having any regrets for the choice he made, but also recognizing that each student differs in their situation and career plan.

"If you want to be a teacher, you don't go to Harvard or USC and pay \$200,000," he said. "You go to Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton, and pay \$20,000. It really depends on what you want to do. Four-years are a lot of money and I just hate to see people go into a four-year, spending a lot of their parents' money when they don't know exactly what they want to do."

What perhaps makes the Junior Colleges so attractive is not only the amount of money a student saves on an education equal to that of the first two years at a university, but also on the smoothing of transition from teenager to adult. A student may bide their time transitioning into a mature adult while saving money and having no disadvantage through their curriculum.

"The two years you do at a community college are just as challenging if you did them at Cerritos or if you did them at UCLA; otherwise UCLA wouldn't take them," said Downey High counselor, Linda Riggs, who also received her general education at a Junior College.

Though the general education might not differ between a transfer student and a student who ventured straight into a university, the difference between the two types of institutions, even in their first two years, is imminent.

"The difference is where you're

going to fit in, where you're going to meet people of similar ideas as you, and I think that intellectual curiosity is going to be more met on a more competitive campus," said Bernie Glasser, Downey High teacher and UCLA graduate. "So when you're surrounded by a bunch of kids who are very bright and driven, I think the chances for you to be driven and challenged are greater, and I think there are less of those at a JC than at a UCLA or Berkeley. Now, there are many people at a JC who are very serious and want to go on and do great things. I just don't think there are just as many percentage-wise. It is very dependent on you as an individual."

Not only may the environments between the two institutions differ, but contrary to belief, transferring might very well bring more stress on a student. Rather than being the easy road taken, there are certain dates to be met, specific documents to be completed and delivered, and a definite amount of credentials to be met before a student can be allowed to transfer.

"At a university, you can just stay there for four years and you don't have to worry about transferring and everything; so for right now, since I am at Cerritos, I have to worry about that and about getting all my credits and seeing what is transferable to a university," said Myra Salina, 2009 graduate of Downey High and current freshman at Cerritos College. "I regret not going straight into a four-year. I think anybody can find a way by getting a loan or scholarship."

The transfer system might be preferred or seen as the simpler route by those in certain situations; however, both institutions contain their own benefits, as well as disadvantages. It can be discerned that the route a student partakes in their education can only be chosen by that particular student to best match their unique situation.

## "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" Book Review: A Literary Classic...With a Twist

By Gabriela Coya

Since its publication this past April, "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" has gotten readers—including Jane Austen fans—talking. The novel by Seth Grahame-Smith, an altered zombie version of the famous Jane Austen novel "Pride and Prejudice," has risen to No. 3 on the New York Times bestseller list and already has a movie in the works.

The novel includes all the same characters and inherent plot-line, with a twist. A plague troubles the English countryside during the 19th-century causing dead people to become zombies and infect those living. The Bennet family protects themselves from the "undead" by highly training all five daughters in martial arts and weaponry, and Mrs. Bennet continues to be concerned with marrying them off.

Elizabeth Bennet—also the female protagonist in the original novel—masters the art of zombie combat and remains strong-willed while the famous Mr. Darcy continues to appear completely arrogant and proud and also happens to be well-trained at zombie killing. They have had first impressions of each other, but eventually discover that there is more to one another than meets the eye and that they have a lot in common.

Austen fans may be hesitant to pick up the book believing it has desecrated a masterpiece. While certain parts of the novel have changed to adapt to the zombie plot-line, Jane Austen's voice and style of diction remain. After all, both Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith are listed as authors on the cover. The parts that Austen intended to be comical continue to be comical, and the parts Austen intended to be tragic continue to be tragic.

The novel may even attract those who have never read an Austen novel. By itself, the adapted novel stands as an interesting piece of zombie fiction with two compelling protagonists who fall in love and are determined on vanquishing every "undead" person in their paths. Perhaps by reading this novel, readers may be interested in knowing what inspired the novel and pick up an original Jane Austen book.

With the sudden popularity of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies," the same author and company are also publishing "Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters" Sept. 15.

Who would have thought that supernatural creatures and Jane Austen would make such a compatible team?

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ERIC PIERCE

## Spare 50 bucks for a fight?

Can't believe I'm saying this, but thank heaven for Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Make no mistake, I can't stand the guy. He's cocky, arrogant, self-centered and egotistical. He hasn't beaten anyone worth mentioning since Oscar De La Hoya in 2007, and these days, that's not saying much.

Still, as tough as it is to admit, boxing needs Floyd Mayweather Jr. And the worst part is, Mayweather *knows* it.

He's edgy, controversial and, most importantly, a box office magnet. People shell out big money to watch Mayweather fight. And despite his knack for controversy – or perhaps because of it – his reputation as pay-per-view gold grows incrementally larger with each mega-fight. (His self-given nickname isn't "Money" for nothing.)

If boxing is not currently on life support, it's in full cardiac arrest and in immediate need of resuscitation. Much of the problem is that boxing is not as accessible to the average fan as it used to be.

These days, if you want to catch a Saturday night boxing match, you need to tune in to HBO or Showtime. That seems alright right now, but what happens three months from now when my DirecTV free trial runs out? The question is not rhetorical.

The situation is not dissimilar to the NHL, which rejected a revenue-sharing agreement with ESPN for a deal with Versus, which is allegedly a television station. How did that work out for the NHL? The 2007 Stanley Cup Finals were the lowest-rated in its history.

Nielsen ratings are not necessary to know the lack of television exposure is choking the sport of boxing. Any casual boxing fan now needs premium TV to stay connected and, heaven forbid a fight has any potential to be good, expect to shell out \$49.99 for a pay-per-view.

When I was a kid, pay-per-view was strictly reserved for WrestleMania, and that was only because the WWF (as it was known then) had weekly shows on regular free TV that fed us our Hulkamania fix. When WrestleMania or SummerSlam or the Royal Rumble rolled around, how could we *not* order it?

Floyd Mayweather Jr. gets it. Just a few weeks ago even, he was on the Monday Night Raw wrestling show promoting tomorrow night's bout with Juan Manuel Marquez.

I don't like Mayweather – I predict he'll win by unanimous decision, but here's hoping he gets knocked out – but he gets it. If only the boxing powers that be got it too.

### RAZORBACKS WEEK 2 SCHEDULE

Road	
Flag Red Hogs vs. Lynwood Gold	8 a.m. at Lynwood MS
Flag White Hogs vs. Lynwood White	8 a.m. at Lynwood MS
Flag Gray Hogs vs. Lawndale White	11 a.m. at Serra High
Home	
Flag Blue Hogs vs. Gardena	8 a.m., Warren High
MM vs. Gardena	9 a.m., Warren
JPW vs. Gardena	11 a.m., Warren
PW vs. Gardena	1 p.m., Warren
JM vs. Gardena	3 p.m., Warren
M vs. Lakewood Panthers	5 p.m., Warren

Times subject to change



PHOTO BY CARLOS ONTIVEROS

Downey rallied to score six goals in the third and fourth periods, but lost 16-7 to La Habra on Tuesday.

## Vikings' offense stagnant in loss

Boys water polo struggles to score in 16-7 loss to La Habra.

BY JOSEPH APODACA, SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – The opening match didn't go as planned for Downey boys water polo, losing 16-7 against La Habra on Tuesday.

The Vikings took to the pool for four periods, with sprinter Derek Klotzer winning the sprint for three periods. Serro Park remained in set for the duration of the game, while Derek Dodson, Joshua Kim,

Andrea Caero, and Juan Rivas assisted. New goalie Matthew Sims blocked several goal attempts throughout the game, but was not enough for the La Habra offensive line.

After gaining possession of the ball, it was passed to Park in set, who passed it to Klotzer, then to Caero who had access to move the ball closer to the goal. A pass to Dodson was made, where he attempted to score on the La Habra goalie. His shot was blocked and the Highlanders gained possession, resulting in their first goal of the game. Following the goal, Sims fouled a La Habra player and was

ejected from the game for 30 seconds, resulting in the goal being empty and leaving it accessible for La Habra to score again despite Downey's attempts at defending it.

Following a tough first half, the Vikings attempted to get back in the lead, with six of their seven goals being scored in the third and fourth periods. Referees ejected Matthew Sims from the goal a second time, after fouling a La Habra player while trying to gain possession of a ball that came close to the goal. Dodson was able to score three of his five goals during the third period, which also saw three goals by La Habra.

During the fourth period, Downey lost the sprint to La Habra, who took control of the game first. The Highlanders scored two goals at the top of the period while Kim from the Downey squad was ejected. La Habra went onto to score four more goals and Downey one more.

Made up of mostly new members, the Downey water polo team is aware they have much to improve on as the season progresses. Practices, tournaments, and non-league matches such as their season opener are cited as great warm-up rounds until they begin league games.



PHOTO COURTESY MIKE BAUMANN

The Downey Razorbacks' Justin Huff (21) found a hole and ran for an 88-yard touchdown in Week One action at Downey High School's Allen Layne Stadium.

## Razorbacks look sharp in opener

Razorbacks will host Gardena teams at Warren High School tomorrow.

BY MIKE BAUMANN, DOWNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Pop Warner Razorback tackle football program opened the 2009 season last Saturday at Allen Layne Stadium, on the campus of Downey High School, with resounding wins over teams from Lawndale, Lynwood and Buena Park.

Each of the Razorback tackle teams displayed potent offenses and stingy defenses in their quest for playoff spots in the Pacific Coast Conference and AYP National Championships.

Downey Flag Red (5-6-7 year

olds) and the Midget Razorbacks (11-12-13 and 14) unfortunately had bye's on Week One of the eight-week regular PCC schedule and will open their season this Saturday.

Flag Grey's Kevin Brown rushed for 91 yards and had one touchdown of 45 yards to lead the Hogs against Buena Park. Xavier Nida and A.J. Vilarreal were also valuable in moving the ball against BP Green. Flag White outclassed Lawndale Red 35-7, and Flag Blue shut out Lawndale White 12-0.

The MityMite Razorbacks (7-8-9 year olds) thoroughly dominated Lawndale's Cardinal by an official score of 30-0.

Junior PeeWee Razorbacks (8-9-10 year olds) destroyed Lawndale, erupting with a 8 touchdown offensive display while shutting out the Cardinal 56-0.

PeeWee Razorbacks (9-10-11)

outclassed the Lynwood Knights 33-12 in the 2PM game.

In the first quarter, the Junior Midget Hogs (10-11-12 year olds) unleashed a talented newcomer, Jelani Dozier-Jones, for a quick score. After Justin Huff's long gainer in the next possession, quarterback Jacob Cook tossed a 22 yard touchdown pass to Dozier-Jones to made the score 12-0.

Downey's defense was unable to contain the Lawndale shotgun offense in the next series but after the kickoff, the Hog's moved the ball steadily down the field. Downey's Moses Alaniz blasted into the end zone for a touchdown from the 5 yard line and, Austin Espinosa made the first of his three two-point kick conversions to make the score 21-6.

After a successful on-side kick, Downey's Cook took a handoff from Rafael Rodriguez for a touch-

down and a 29-6 lead. Once again, the Hogs lost containment on the very quick shotgun quarterback who scampered into the end zone making the score 29-12.

Justin Huff, with the assistance of some great blocking and fine faking, dashed for 82 yards and his second score. Another Razorback newcomer, Nicholas Luna, made his presence felt with a couple runs, the second of which was his first score of his tackle football career. Espinosa's two-point conversion made the score 43-12.

At the end of the game, the Hog reserves, lovingly called Bacon, were driving towards the end zone when time ran out.

All five tackle teams and Flag Blue will entertain the Gardena Mohicans at Warren High School tomorrow. The Flag game begins at 8 a.m. and the tackle games follow every two hours.

## Downey tennis squeaks by Mayfair

BY ALYSSA WYNNE, SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – After an incredibly suspenseful game, Downey High girls tennis won by a slim margin of 78-75 in games against the Mayfair Monsoons.

Tuesday was certainly an exciting day for the Vikings, and a suspenseful one as well.

"We won," said varsity head coach Denise Diego. "It was a very close games. 9-9 set score but we won in games."

She, like the majority of her team, was very excited and was unable to control her happiness.

"It was a very close match," said Diego. "It could have gone to either team."

Current No. 1 varsity singles player, Sandra Lee, won all of her matches including a tiebreaker with an overall total of 18 points out of 19. Irene Saavedra earned a total of eight points for her team.

Former No. 1 player Christina Arsenescu was very disappointed with her sets.

"I lost like 2 sets," said Arsenescu. "I'm so mad."

Arsenescu has put a lot of pressure on herself for losing her top position in her event. Though she greatly contributed to her team's score with 11 points, she is nonetheless disappointed in herself for not performing better.

No. 1 varsity doubles team Janette Rico and Katie Medina won all of their three matches with a point contribution of 20 due to two tiebreakers. Rosanna Calderon and her partner Claudia Guzman were unable to win any of their matches against the Monsoons; but the combined strength of Caroline Tran and Christine Tran, along with subs Jennifer Cho and Jennifer Kheang acquired a total point count of 14.

After such a close game, it is no wonder why the girl's were anxious for their match against Millikan yesterday. Scores were not available at press time.

## Warren tenacious in loss

BY ALYSSA WYNNE, SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** – In their match against Millikan High School on Monday, Warren ladies tennis remained relentless and held on strong, even when the score teetered to a depressing 16-2 to Millikan.

Varsity head coach Mary Starksen never lost faith in her girl's and the team refused to admit defeat as well.

"Even though the score was lopsided, the girls played competitively," said Starksen. "The Millikan coach put it very well: the girls never gave up."

With Millikan's coaching staff even agreeing that the Bears were tenacious, it is quite obvious that though this was a staggering defeat, the girl's definitely have talent and passion.

Varsity singles players Rebecca Lopez and Renee Morales each had one win out of three matches, and singles teammate Angelika Sosnowski did not have any wins.

The varsity doubles teams of Ariel Gonzalez and Eran Kalashyan, and Deni Dominguez and Brianna Bordette did not have any wins either.

Varsity doubles partners Helena Park and Hannah Kroeger had two losses when Kroeger was subbed out for teammate Jen Solis.





JARED HEAD

## Tirades make the game

Serena Williams' recent tirade at the U.S. Open made me realize how much I love it when an athlete explodes all over the playing field. I love the grainy video of George Brett storming from the dugout to have at umpire Tim McClelland's throat for over-turning his home-run in the now famous Pine-Tar Game in 1983.

Speaking of Tennis, am I the only person on this planet who found it ironic to see ESPN asking John McEnroe his opinion on Serena's blow-up? Then again, if anyone were to be deemed an "expert in meltdown" McEnroe would take the cake. You can't be serious if you plan to nominate someone above him.

Dennis Green's classic post-game press conference rant when the Arizona Cardinals blew a 23-3 lead in the 4th quarter to the Chicago Bears led me to believe Green is who I thought he is. Woody Hayes was rather upset when Charlie Bauman intercepted an OSU pass at the 1978 Gator Bowl. With a quick punch, Hayes turned a simple play into a legendary moment. Lest we forget Hayes turned back to the OSU player restraining him and began to pummel him.

But the winner of the Ultimate Meltdown Ever Award would have to be Brave's minor-league manager Phillip Wellman. His ultimate going-out-of-my-head argument on June 1, 2007, coupled with covering home-plate in dirt, throwing two bases (eventually taking them off the field with him) and an immortalized military-style crawl up to the pitcher mound to throw the rosin bag like a grenade at the home plate umpire dwarfs anything Lou Pinella or Bobby Cox could throw our way.

So what am I getting at? It's not a glorification of violence or putting moments of sheer flat-tone laced dialogue on a pedestal. It's realizing that these athletes and coaches have so much passion for their sports they're willing to do and risk anything in the name of the game. That's the kind of team I'd want to be a part of.

## Cheer camp tomorrow

**DOWNEY** - Downey High School cheerleaders will offer their cheer camp tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon inside the school gym.

Girls between the ages of 5-13 will learn game action cheers and perform during halftime of the Sept. 25 Downey varsity football game at Allen Layne Stadium.

Cost of the clinic is \$25. To register, call Kim Buss at (562) 822-4265.

## Travel team raising money

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Express travel baseball team is organizing a fundraising trip to Stateline, Nev., on Oct. 3.

The bus will depart from Downey City Library at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$30 and includes a buffet.

For tickets, call Dianne Pacheco at (562) 889-3816.

## Vikings off and running

Downey muscled its way to 17-13 win over La Serna in season-opener.

By JOSEPH APODACA, SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** - After a grueling first half, the Downey Varsity Football team pulled through to victory in their season opening game against the La Serna Lancers last Friday at Whittier.

At a game packed with fans, the Vikings took the crowd on a roller-coaster ride through each quarter, starting up 7-0 in the first quarter, down 7-13 in the second, down 10-13 in the third, and finally achieving victory with a finish of 17-13.

Following their touchdown in the first quarter, the Viking's game began to suffer, as La Serna offensive player Andrew Rosaes scored a touchdown on the fourth down, putting the Lancers ahead in the game. Right after their touchdown, the Lancers attempted a conversion after a high snap, but was ruled no good. The Vikings then took possession of the ball in the first down, where quarterback Steven Cervantes rushed to the 45-yard line, stopping the clock.

By the game's fourth quarter, Isaac Dan brought the team back to the top after receiving the ball in a pass at La Serna's 20-yard line and rushing towards the goal post, resulting in the game winning touchdown. Elation from the stands, sideline, and from Dan himself was audible throughout the stadium.

Towards the end of the game, the Vikings endured a scare, when Matt Mazone took a shot to knee from a Lancer, causing what appeared to be a serious injury. The team, cheer squad, and fans in the bleachers all took their feet and waved a peace sign until he was able to be escorted off the field by his teammates and applause soon followed.

Once the score was 17-13 at the bottom of the fourth quarter, the La Serna Lancers relinquished their attempts of a comeback and the Vikings took the victory. Downey was visibly excited to bring home their first win of the season.

"I'm happy to have won the first game," said Coach Will Capps. "La Serna is a very tough team but we persevered after a let-down in the first half. Because we were able to preserve, we became



PHOTOS BY CARLOS ONTIVEROS

Junior cornerback Perry Gomez, above, takes a handoff in Downey High School's 17-13 victory over La Serna.



victorious."

Though the game was held at neither Downey nor La Serna's respective fields, the Whittier College stadium saw a mass of both Lancer and Viking fans alike. Olariu had the band, drumline, and color guard out in full force, get-

ting the cheer squad, crowd, and the team pumped throughout the night. Downey staff members Robert Nevarez, Teresa Hill, and even Principal Tom Houts were out on the sidelines to support the Vikings in their victory.



PHOTOS BY ART MONTOYA

Jesse Callier ran for 214 yards and four touchdowns in Warren's 30-21 win over Santa Fe.

## Even without Cowins, Warren avenges loss

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** - It was eerie not seeing Warren receiver Bailey Cowins at wide receiver or safety last Friday, but even without him, last year's loss to Santa Fe was avenged, 30-21.

Cowins had been taken off of the game day roster due to academic struggles late in the week and Bears head coach Chris Benadam had to make some last minute adjustments, one that saw his starting quarterback Sam Bettencourt play safety. At first glance, it would seem that it would disrupt the week's game plan, but not in Benadam's mind.

"I don't want to say ruined," he said. "It happened late in the week. It changed our game plan, but you adapt, you adjust, and hopefully you have things in your bag of tricks. The kids play hard and hopefully you come out with a victory."

Even with Cowins on the sidelines, Santa Fe still wasn't able to stop standout running back Jesse Callier. Callier, who started the season with much promise, improved on last year's total yards rushing from 63 yards to a booming 214 yards on 33 carries with four touchdowns.

In fact, Callier's first touchdown run was from two yards out on the opening drive for the Bears. In the drive, Callier rushed for 37 yards, one of them being the touchdown rush, on five carries.

After the touchdown, Warren missed the PAT, taking an early 6-0 lead. Within minutes though, the Bears gave it right back allowing Santa Fe to march down the field and score on a 4-yard touchdown

run. Santa Fe made good on their PAT and took a 7-6 lead.

That would be the last time they saw the end zone until the latter part of the third quarter. By then Warren would have already scored twice, both on rushing touchdowns again by Callier, giving the Bears a 21-7 lead.

The ultimate dagger came within a minute to go when Callier broke out of the backfield and down the sideline for a 42-yard rushing touchdown, his fourth of the game. Warren would miss the PAT, but Santa Fe would still be down by two scores and not have enough time to make any comeback.

Callier continues to stand out in the San Gabriel Valley League, leading all running backs with 395 total yards in only two games. Friday's game was anything but easy for him though, watching the Chiefs commit seven personal fouls for 105 penalty yards.

Warren will be on the road tonight against Whittier at Cal High School for their first road test of the season.

### WEEK 1 FOOTBALL RANKINGS

Western Division Football	
1. Mira Costa (1-1)	
2. Alemany (1-1)	
3. Culver City (1-0)	
4. St. Francis (1-0)	
5. Palmdale (0-1)	
<b>6. Warren (2-0)</b>	
7. Inglewood (1-0)	
8. Quartz Hill (0-1)	
9. Leuzinger (1-1)	
10. West Torrance (1-0)	
<b>Other:</b> St. Paul (1-1), Chaminade (1-0), Downey (1-0), Paramount (1-0)	
<i>CIF rankings are compiled based on votes by coaches and media.</i>	

## Getting past Schurr is no sure thing

By JOSEPH APODACA, SPORTS INTERN

**DOWNEY** - Hosting Schurr tonight in their first home game of the season, Downey football looks to continue their momentum from last week's win.

Last season, the Vikings took home the victory against Schurr, winning 17-13 last fall. The Downey is looking to repeat that win, coming off their season opening win against La Serna High School.

Though the team was victorious in the first game of the season, they have not let it go to their head. They continue to put valiant effort into every practice and are aware that in every game, there is always something to improve on.

Tonight's game pairs up the Almont league Schurr Spartans against the San Gabriel Valley Division Vikings. Both teams are 1-0 so far this season.

"Schurr is a very tough team," said Downey head coach Will Capps. "They come well prepared and are very skilled players."

The Spartans may come pre-

pared and skilled, but the Vikings don't let that kind of reputation get in the way of their own game. With only one injured player sidelined for this week, the varsity boys are sure to bring only their best game onto the field. The Vikings plan on bringing their game full force on the offense and promise a well thought out defense strategy.

"Everyone is ready for the game," said Capps. "We have all of our best players ready this week so it's sure to be a good game."

The Vikings may be ready to give it for tonight's game, but it doesn't come without a challenge. Schurr is coming off a 20-7 win against Burroughs High School and a previous league ranking of 5-0. The Vikings were previously ranked 3-2 in league.

"It's going to be a big challenge," said Capps. "It's going to be a tough game to win but we're a good team."

Expect large crowds and a lot of Viking pride, as it is the first game this season to be held at the Allen Layne Stadium. Parents, fans, faculty and alumni are all expected to appear at the first home game.

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