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Meadows, Callier among the best

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

On a foggy night in 1956, Downey High School walked on to the Los Angeles Coliseum field to participate in a game that would be considered one of the city's 100 greatest moments as listed by the Los Angeles Sports Council's published list.

In front of a crowd of more than 40,000 people, a young Randy Meadows would help lead the Vikings to the school's only football CIF championship in history. Meadows was a threat for Player of the Year and would go down as one of the best running backs to ever come out of the area.

Flash forward 53 years to Mira Costa High School to a scene somewhat familiar. On a recent foggy evening laced with anticipation, Warren High School was looking to finally get over the hump and advance past the second round of the playoffs. More than 300 Warren fans make the 45 minute drive along the 105 Freeway to watch the Bears and a special running back named Jesse Callier.

Callier already had drawn comparison to Meadows and statistically was having just as good a year as Meadows did in 1956. Warren's best chance at advancing to the third round of the playoffs was giving the ball to Callier and letting him do his thing. The ball is snapped. The handoff to Callier was clean. Off into the night Callier went.

Both backs were special. Both of them were critical to their team's success. But which of them is better? They both played in different eras but is it possible to name either one of them the best running back in Downey/Warren history?

We can try by looking deeper and breaking down key criteria: Era, Physical Attributes/Talents and Versatility, Supporting Cast/Intangibles, Statistics, and Opponents.

## Era

The two eras the two backs played in are very different from each other. The game of football has evolved from a kicker smoking a cigarette on the sidelines then walking on to the field and punting or kicking a field goal, to something of a science, a specific kicker is needed for specific situations.

Meadows played in a much smaller era when it comes to size of the player. The average size of a high school football athlete was much smaller when compared to today. It wasn't uncommon to see a nose tackle chime in at 5'8" and 140 pounds.

Back then, it wasn't necessarily a brute force game. It was a very fast-paced, smarter game. Running backs didn't necessarily run over people in those days, nor did they need to. They could be quick to a hole and speed away. Case and point to Meadows who did just that.

Today, Callier plays in a much

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## Second Leash on Life

■ New Year brings hope for shelter dogs, mostly abandoned Chihuahuas from Downey.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Even though the holidays have come to a close, twenty-five lucky dogs from Downey will receive a late Christmas gift this month when they get a second chance at adoption in Denver.

After receiving a \$500,000 donation, the Denver Dumb Friends League of Colorado contacted SEAACA and several other animal shelters in California looking to save more than 100 small dogs, mostly Chihuahuas, from euthanasia.

"We know moving animals around is not the answer," said Aaron Reyes, Director of Operations at SEAACA. "We've seen an influx of Chihuahuas and more small breed dogs – we don't move the animals through here – so right now, we're relying on transports to ease the overcrowding in the shelter."

Dr. Leslie Capin, who donated the funds, offered to help the private, non-profit organization rescue the dogs after hearing that many small breeds, especially Chihuahuas, were not being adopted from many California shelters.

Michelle Ray, spokesperson for the Denver Dumb Friends League, said for some shelters half of the animals in their care are



PHOTO COURTESY SEAACA

Pet Airways personnel are transporting 25 shelter dogs to a humane society in Denver.

Chihuahuas or Chihuahua mixes, making their need for transfer even greater.

"We take in transfers from across the country, state and region – we take any animals in need," Ray said. "Denver is an extremely pet-loving community – we care for more than 25,000 animals each year and place nearly 19,000."

The day after Christmas, 33 dogs from both SEAACA and the LA County Animal Care and Control Centers boarded a Pet Airways plane at Hawthorne Airport and flew to Denver in the first of three scheduled flights to the shelter.

Yesterday, more than 30 Chihuahuas and small breeds were flown to the Denver animal shelter and on Jan. 7, the humane society will receive another 50 dogs from shelters in Northern California.

Founded in 1910, the Denver Dumb Friends League is the largest animal welfare organization in the Rocky Mountain region. The organization vows to speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves, those often referred to as "dumb" during the early 20th century.

For Reyes, these dog transports demonstrate just how hard animal shelters work to save the lives of the pets they keep.

"There is a surplus of dogs and cats in this planet of ours and no owner is coming for them," Reyes said. "This is a very stressful time economically – we're trying to be as creative as possible to manage this and get them out the front door."

Ray hopes that all of the dogs coming to Denver from California will find homes.

"As of earlier today, 18 of the Chihuahuas have found homes in Colorado," said Ray. "We're just grateful to be able to take these animals in and give them a second chance at happiness."

## DUSD shaping future engineers

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Its full impact may not be determined until after a measure of years, but the latest addition to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program run by the Downey Unified School District may prove to be its most ambitious, and most far-reaching, program.

Launched at the start of the school year, it's called Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a program that has its origins in New York. PLTW began, scarcely a dozen years ago, as a school improvement initiative designed by its founders to address the shortage of engineers in the United States.

PLTW's basic idea was to combine a parallel, rigorous and relevant high school curriculum with project-based and problem-based instruction, to be taught in conjunction with the traditional 4-year math and science courses. They report that the approach has worked—not just for engineering, but as a "transformational catalyst for education improvement in any discipline for any school."

They have cited research that shows "PLTW students are more likely than their peers to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors at the postsecondary level, to suc-

ceed in those challenging programs, and to enter a STEM-related field after graduation."

In an estimate taken two years ago, they said the PLTW network had expanded across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. School involvement in the program should by now exceed 3,000 schools.

In this venture, DUSD is partnering with Cal Poly Pomona with teacher training and other resource support, undergirded by a hands-on engineering approach.

CTE's commitment is "to prepare students for technical careers or college-level classes through their acquisition of both technical and academic skills that will help them to adapt as industry needs and their fields change." The program can thus lead to college or to high-paying technical careers.

Both Downey High School and Warren High School have attracted a healthy initial enrollment of a little more than 30 students at either campus to its initial offering, "Introduction to Engineering." The two classes have a mixture of 9th to 12th graders, with seniors predominating. The course, an elective, is so new and path-breaking DUSD superintendent Wendy Doty calls it "a work in progress."

The program's "pathway to engineering" curriculum is structured around three foundation



PHOTO COURTESY DUSD

Engineering students at Warren High School experiment with a wind tunnel. Engineering courses are new at Downey and Warren high schools this year.

courses, rolled out sequentially: the aforementioned "Introduction to Engineering" course, which would normally be offered to freshmen, followed by "Principles of Engineering" offered in their sophomore year, and in their junior year by "Digital Electronics," this last subject clearly a nod to the digital revolution that has swept the world.

A specialization course will then be given. Taking advantage of the teachers' strengths at either

school, the course offered at WHS will be "Aerospace Engineering," while DHS will teach "Civil Engineering and Architecture."

A capstone course, "Engineering Design and Development," will enable teams of students to use, according to PLTW, "all the skills and knowledge gained through previous coursework to brainstorm, research, construct, and test a

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## Cultural events coming in 2010

■ City plans trio of festivals downtown this year.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** – City officials have hatched a plan to bring more cultural events to downtown Downey.

Preliminarily titled "The Downey Scene," the trio of festival-like events will feature art exhibits, live music and food and beverages from local restaurants.

The City Council, sitting as the Community Development Commission, approved \$25,100 to fund the project last month. City officials hope a business improvement district made up of downtown property owners will fund the events in the future.

Downtown business owners have expressed support for the project, which will be held in vacant retail spaces, city-owned facilities and public parking lots downtown, according to a report prepared by Gilbert Livas, director of community development.

The Downey Scene will take place either on a Thursday night or Saturday afternoon after the farmers market closes. It is slated to begin in the spring, with additional festivals in the summer and fall.

"Most cities with successful downtown areas usually have several cultural events every year, many of them occurring on city streets," Livas wrote in the report.

In planning the events, city officials consulted with Downey-based arts organizations, event producers, downtown restaurants and Cal Fest, an organization that assists new and existing festivals throughout California and Nevada.

The city's efforts to pump life into the downtown intensified two years ago when it purchased the Avenue Theatre and nearby Verizon building, with plans to build affordable housing at the sites.

The city also spent \$750,000 to attract Porto's Bakery downtown.

Further, a Downtown Specific Plan will "facilitate new and high quality development in downtown," Livas said.

## Council members to give views

**DOWNEY** – Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez and Councilman Roger Brossmer will discuss their views on redevelopment when they attend a Project Area Committee (PAC) meeting Tuesday at the Downey City Library.

The council members will also discuss their goals for the Project Area downtown.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornack Room. The public is invited.



George Pajon Jr., guitarist for the Black Eyed Peas and native of Downey, recently married the former Naomi Medina in a star-studded ceremony off the Mexican coast. The ceremony will be featured this week on the television show "Platinum Weddings," airing on WE (Women's Entertainment) TV. According to a description provided by WE, "Naomi and George have several events planned at the lush Xcaret eco park, from a rocking welcome party, to swimming with sharks, to the wedding itself. The ceremony has a very Spanish feel in its ancient open-air chapel, complete with bridesmaids in purple charmeuse gowns and red roses in their hair flanking the gorgeous bride with a custom peineta holding her veil in place." The show will first air Sunday at 9 p.m., and will replay throughout the week. George and Naomi are pictured above left with Fergie and her husband Josh Duhamel.



Local needy families received generous food baskets last week in time for Christmas, thanks to donations by the Downey Firemen's Association and Park Water Company.

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## Donations ensure happy holidays

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Firemen's Association (DFA), in conjunction with the Park Water Company, provided food baskets to 10 underprivileged families last week.

Park Water Company, a public water utility based in Downey, made a "generous donation" to the

DFA for the purpose of assisting families in need.

The DFA matched the donation and purchased enough food to provide a quality meal to the families. Each basket included a whole turkey, a ham, yams, rice, pasta, gravy, cereal, juice and more.

The baskets were distributed

Dec. 23 outside Fire Station 1.

"The families that received the gifts were extremely appreciative and several had become emotional," the DFA said in a statement. "In these current economic times, it is important that we come together as a community and spread the holiday spirit."

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## Loren DeWind was longtime physician

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Loren DeWind, a longtime physician at Downey Regional Medical Center, died Dec. 26 at his home in Palm Desert.

He is survived by his wife, Annette; daughters, Sharon (Rudy) Zuiderveld, of Illinois; Mary Ellen (Kevin) Peterson, of Utah; and grandchildren, Nick, Loren and Mark Zuiderveld.

He was predeceased by his first wife, June. DeWind was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and grew up in Muskegon, Mich. He went to medical school at the University of Chicago and completed his medical training in 1946.

He entered the Army during World War II and was discharged with the rank of captain.

Upon moving to California, he began his practice in the Los Angeles area as an internist and endocrinologist. In 1968, he moved his practice to Downey.

DeWind retired from private practice in 1986, but continued to work doing quality assurance for Downey Regional Medical Center and California Medical Record Inspection. He also conducted medical record reviews and provided expert testimony for the Department of Social Security Disability Hearing Appeals Court.

Among DeWind's achievements is his work with Dr. J. Howard Payne in pioneering the development of weight loss surgery. Along with his resident, Sam Refetoff, DeWind also discovered a thyroid hormone resistant gene.

He also wrote many articles relating to various endocrine disorders. DeWind was a member of the AMA, LACMA and International Endocrine Society. He served as president of the medical staff at DRMC from 1978-80.

He served on the board of the Memorial Trust Foundation, the Downey Symphony Society, the board of Pine Rest Rehab Facility in Michigan, and the education board of the Valley Christian Schools.

He taught adult Sunday school at Bethany Christian Reformed Church in Bellflower, where he also served as a deacon and elder.

A viewing and visitation will be held today at Zrelak Family Mortuary in Downey from 4-8 p.m. Burial will take place tomorrow at Rose Hill Memorial Park at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral service at Bethany Christian Reformed Church, 17054 Bixby Ave., in Bellflower, at 11 a.m.



**Former voice actor Jimmy Weldon will be at Downey Adult School on Monday to give a presentation on "Resolutions We Can Keep." The free meeting is for senior citizens and begins at 3:45 p.m.**

## Weldon returns to OASIS

**DOWNEY** – Jimmy Weldon, a popular TV personality in the '50s and '60s, will return to Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday.

Weldon's topic is "Resolutions We Can Keep." He will offer ideas on how "we can honestly make our New Year's resolution real and not just shallow hopeful thoughts."

The OASIS program is open to older adults. Meetings are held in the Harriett Paine Event Center at Downey Adult School.

Enrollment is free and begins at 2:45 p.m. The program begins at 3:45 p.m. and is followed by an optional dinner which may be purchased for \$3.50 at time of enrollment.

Downey Dial-a-Ride can provide transportation for residents who qualify.

For more information, call (562) 940-6200.

## Casino bus trip on Monday

**DOWNEY** – The Woman's Club of Downey is sponsoring a bus trip to the Pechanga Resort & Casino on Monday.

The bus will leave the Woman's Club on Paramount Boulevard at 8 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 for Woman's Club members and \$11 for non-members, and includes a \$5 voucher for casino play.

Proceeds from the trip will benefit the club's scholarship fund. Guests must be at least 21 years old. For reservations, call Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377 or Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620.

## Tea party with Miss Bellflower

**BELLFLOWER** – Miss Bellflower and her royal court will host a tea party for children Jan. 9 at the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library in Bellflower.

Children of all ages are invited to participate by dressing as their favorite king, queen, prince or princess for crafts, snacks and stories.

The presentation is made possible by the Los Angeles County Public Library and the Friends of the Bellflower Library.

For more information, call (562) 925-5543.

## Concert tickets now on sale

**DOWNEY** – Cantor Ken Jaffee will be joined by Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel and accompanist Jerry Ripley in presenting "A Song for All Seasons" at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$25; reserved front section seats are \$36. All tickets include light refreshments during intermission and an opportunity to win several door prizes.

Also during intermission, the Temple will hold a "super raffle" where first prize is a one-week stay at a fully-equipped condo at one of four locations: Maui, San Francisco, Victoria, British Columbia or Palm Springs.

Second prize is a flat-screen TV and third is a laptop computer. Tickets are \$5 each or 12 for \$50. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold.

For tickets or information, call (562) 861-9276.

## DUSD open enrollment starts Feb. 1

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Unified School District will conduct its annual School of Choice open enrollment during the month of February for the 2010-211 school year.

Parents of students wishing to attend a Downey school out of their attendance area can pick up an application at any DUSD school or at the district office Feb. 1-26.

New students – including kindergartners – entering a Downey school for the first time should register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration for the new school year.

A lottery will be held to place students on the School of Choice waiting list for 2010-2011. Schools may accept students from the waiting list if space is available.

Deadline application is Feb. 26.

For more information, call the Office of Pupil Services at (562) 469-6554.

## Koons to give in-depth analysis

**DOWNEY** – Glenn Koons, a professor at Long Beach City College, will give his in-depth analysis on the happenings in our government when the Christian Business Mens Committee meets Thursday at noon at Sizzler restaurant, 10315 Lakewood Blvd.

Koons is a former Downey pastor.

The meeting is open to the public and women are welcome.

## Parents invited to meet tutors

**DOWNEY** – Parents of local middle school students are invited to meet tutors approved by the Downey Unified School District during a "provider fair" Jan. 9 at Sussman Middle School.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet tutors and ask questions about free tutoring services available. The information will help parents select a tutor for their child.

Free after-school tutoring is available for middle school students who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

The provider fair is from 9 a.m. to noon inside the Sussman Middle School cafeteria.

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## Crime Report

**Thursday, Dec. 17**

At 2:30 p.m., Downey officers saw a suspicious subject sitting in a car in an alley near the 12600 block of Gurley Avenue. The subject was contacted and arrested after he was found to be in possession of marijuana for sale. The officers' investigation then led to the arrest of two other males, the confiscation of about 400 pounds of marijuana, and an assault rifle from a nearby home.

**Friday, Dec. 18**

At 6:30 p.m., a Domino's Pizza delivery man was robbed at gunpoint as he was stopped for a traffic light on Barlin Avenue at Imperial Highway. Two suspects entered his vehicle, forced him into the back seat, and then drove him to a nearby residential area where they took his money before stopping the car and running from the scene.

**Saturday, Dec. 19**

At 2 p.m., officers chased a vandalism suspect, who was armed with a knife, from the 9200 block of Elm Vista to the 11700 block of Coldbrook Avenue. Officers arrested the 24 year-old Downey resident without incident.

At 6:15 p.m., an armed carjacking occurred in the parking lot at Ward Elementary School (8851 Adoree). About an hour later, Downey officers spotted the stolen vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The suspects ran from the vehicle and were subsequently caught by the officers. Both are facing armed robbery/carjacking charges.

**Sunday, Dec. 20**

At 2:15 a.m., a 32 year-old Long Beach resident backed his car into a parked Downey police car in the 7100 block of Firestone Boulevard. The collision was investigated by the California Highway Patrol, who determined the driver was intoxicated. He was arrested for DUI.

Just before midnight, a 17 year-old South Gate resident was robbed of his iPod as he walked in the area of Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway. Several minutes later, Downey officers located the suspects in the area. Officers subsequently arrested one of the suspects, but the other eluded capture.

**Monday, Dec. 21**

At 11:20 a.m., a 47 year old South Gate resident was robbed of her wallet and shopping bags as she was opening the trunk of her car that was parked at Stonewood Center. The victim was not injured.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

At 9 p.m., officers responded to an armed robbery at 11534 Lakewood Blvd. (Hall Market). The suspect entered the store armed with a handgun and wearing a mask. He demanded money and the victim complied. The suspect fled the location and the victim gave chase. The suspect fired his gun one time towards the victim then fled the location in a vehicle. The victim was not struck by the bullet. Detectives are investigating.

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

About 8:10 a.m. a female spotted her vehicle which had been stolen earlier in Downey. She phoned police as she followed her car to Utah Street in South Gate. Downey and South Gate officers responded and contained the location. Two suspects were arrested for auto theft.

About 10:20 p.m. a 22 year-old Los Angeles resident was walking in the area of the 13400 block of Lakewood Boulevard when she was approached from behind by a suspect who forced her to the ground and took her cell phone. The suspect then ran from the area.

**Sunday, Dec. 27**

At about 10 p.m. a 29 year-old Downey resident was walking in the alleyway north of the 8200 block of Comolette Street when he was struck with a metal object knocking him to the ground. The suspect then fled on foot. There was no apparent motive.

**Monday, Dec. 28**

At about 11:30 p.m., a 16 year old Downey resident was walking north on Downey Avenue approaching Luxor Street. A newer model SUV pulled up next to the victim and the suspect claimed he had a handgun and demanded money. The victim immediately ran from the suspects without giving them anything.

At 4 a.m., officers discovered an unoccupied vehicle at Rio San Gabriel Park. The vehicle appeared to have several bullet holes and was reported stolen from the city of El Monte earlier this month. No victims or witnesses were located and the case is being investigated by Downey Detectives.

Source: Downey Police Department

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## Engineers: Warren already offers more calculus classes (5) than other schools.

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model in real-life situations (or simulations); document their designs; and present and defend the designs to a panel of experts."

To prepare them for their teaching assignments, WHS' Glenn Yamasaki (a former aerospace engineer at Northrop), DHS' Jason Redfox and Alan Jamka, along with Ron Legaspi from West Middle School, joined other teachers from all over to attend an intensive 2-week PLTW session at Cal Poly Pomona in the summer, learning/reviewing curriculum content and suggested pedagogic strategies.

As envisioned, when the course rollout is complete, students can then pick and choose which courses to take depending on their interests and/or level of engineering savvy. Plans include exposing mathematically-agile and motivat-

ed middle schoolers to the PLTW program's content and approach so they, too, can join the program, if they so wish. It's been reported that a buzz about this has already been noted among parents.

Support programs/CTE director Phil Davis, already overseeing, among others, an extensive combined ROP/CTE program that includes the recently-unveiled culinary arts facility, its film and TV production, the graphics and animation pathway, computer-assisted drafting pathway, the construction technology pathway, etc., is aware of the promising possibilities ahead for the project, as do DHS principal Tom Houts and WHS principal John Harris.

Harris says any student who satisfies minimum school requirements and gets even a "C" in any of the PLTW courses he attends will gain him entrance to Cal Poly Pomona. Such is the demand for

engineers in any field, he says. In any case, he adds, he's convinced that a PLTW product will enjoy "a competitive edge."

It's been learned that the DUSD program received a \$30,000 funding from the Kiwanis Foundation to help establish it.

Why offer such a course, one may ask, when DUSD already has a strong core mathematics program? At one time Harris has said, "WHS conducts more calculus courses (five) than any high school I know of."

One answer may lie in the soundness of CTE's vision and mission statement itself. Another is that, more specifically, the program is really more "hands-on" (to be found, for instance, at Yamasaki's class is an actual wind tunnel to study aerodynamics) than the garden variety program. Its success, says Harris, has branded PLTW as "a nationally-recognized pro-

gram."

Here's a glimpse at what PLTW students are learning from the beginning course: "Isometric, oblique, perspective, and multi-view sketching" concepts and techniques; graphics and statistical methods to calculate the "mean, mode, median, and range" of a data set; the use of calipers to calculate dimensions, deciphering geometric shapes and areas; learning about tolerances, technical drawing, parametric and orthogonal constraints, hydraulic and pneumatic power systems; functional analysis and 'reverse engineering'; etc., etc.—all basic concepts.

In a fundamental way, the PLTW program is DUSD's response to today's call for more engineers and other STEM-trained professionals, who will be ready to compete in a "high-tech, high-skill" global economy.

## POET'S CORNER

### Race-Rider Willie

Way-Out Willie said it was all good and died on white sheets in a white room that never knew him.

Willie, who once electrocuted a horse to gain victory hadn't a dime when he went down that long Texas road.

"Pin-head" the big-bucks boys used to call him as they took their winnings at the window "The strongest boy I ever rode," one trainer once said of Willie the cops weren't as respectful...

"Don't make no big never-mind," said Willie. He danced through his ever never said never and slammed his dice on the bar.

A horse once fell on Willie and left him for dead white surgical gloves removed his guts washed them then replaced them

"Good guts," said Willie when he awaked like a princess from a bad dream.

He spent it when he had it and remembered it when he was short "Wiggles and giggles," he'd say smiling at the girls who passed by

Of course, one was special she had watermelon eyes and an artichoke heart

Don-Juan Willie a lover lusting in Life's garden had met his rock-and-roll girl he spaded his way through her tasting each leaf always expecting an answer from her mysteries

"Perhaps," she replied

If you want intellectual, read the newspapers, said Willie

drinking

The silver bird of death circled his head then lit...

they don't even know that he's gone

—John Quincy Adams

## Tylenol caplets recalled

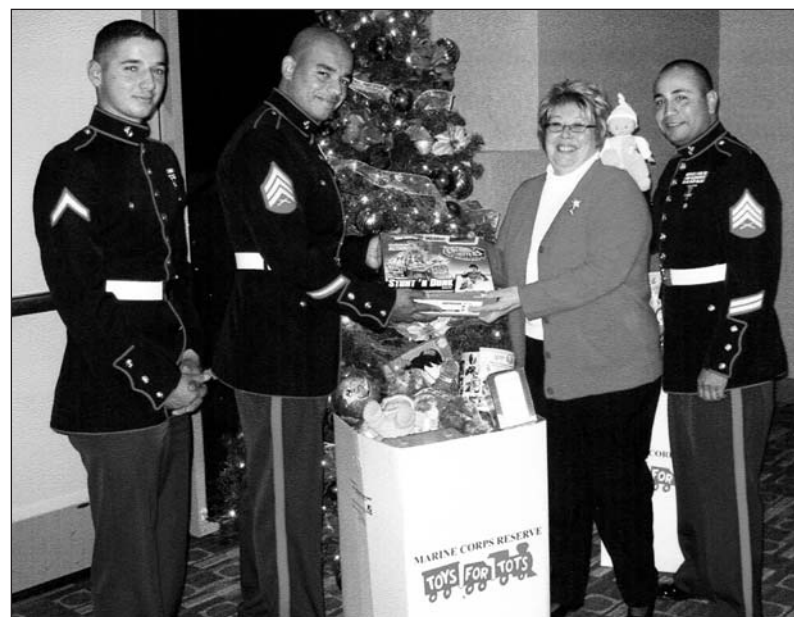
NEW YORK — Tylenol Arthritis Caplet 100 count bottles with the red EZ-Open Cap have been recalled by Johnson & Johnson after reports of a moldy smell and unusual taste that can cause nausea and sickness.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the smell came from trace amounts of a chemical called 2, 4, 6-tribromoanisole, which is derived from another chemical used to treat wooden pallets that transport and store packaging materials.

People who have consumed the tainted medicine have reported vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pain.

Consumers who have purchased the product should call (888) 222-6036 for information on a refund or replacement.

Tylenol Arthritis Caplets will be reintroduced this month after moving production to a new facility.



Members of Downey Sertoma Club collected and donated three boxes of toys for the United States Marines' Toys for Tots program. Pictured is Pat McCool, president of the club, and Marines accepting the toys.

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## A Strength to be

I'm selfish but recognize it, realize it they can try but can't penalize wit Global warming hits it's gonna hit all of us

Whether brown, black, white, yellow you're involved with us

Come see the big picture before it's too late Just because it is, it doesn't have to be fate Fate is for those that bow down

If I ever bowed down I wouldn't get the crowd now

I like that loud sound

Messing with my eardrum until they give a proud frown

Die if they think I'm just some bloke

My head may be down but not smote

And the caste will take its toll as a hoke

Keep silent, built a moat and prepare to choke

The false will choke eventually

Present to me an empty sea but, it takes strength to be.

—James Hernandez, Downey

## Rose Parade

Well it's the First again the Queen is selected the flowers look pretty the long files of marching units and floats and the Salvation Army girls are set to go down Colorado the program's six dollars maybe we can find one in the Sunday Times

This year we're in the bleachers don't care how much it costs And for Pete's sake don't call it The Rose Bowl Parade

—John Vincent, Downey

## Don't get sick

By Eric Pierce

Try not to get too political, both in conversations and in writing. It's such a hot-topic issue and never can you change another person's mind.

National politics, religion and abortion. Those are the topics I avoid talking about with people because, unless you're a senator or member of congress, what's the point?

That's not to say I don't have opinions on these issues, but they remain close to the vest.

I'm breaking tradition to speak a little on health care reform. Now I know what you're thinking: "Health care reform? Really? Yawn."

I'm not up to par with every little detail contained within the ground-breaking package passed by the Senate last week, but I do know this: The health care system in the United States, as it stands today, is broken. And here's why:

- Hard-working citizens with full-time jobs are putting off going to the doctor because they can't afford it.
- Health insurance policies are expensive, insufficient and discriminatory.
- Emergency rooms have 6-hour waits.
- Rich people with fat bank accounts receive preferential treatment.
- Medical bills are forcing people to file bankruptcy.
- Insurance companies have employees dedicated to searching for and identifying "pre-existing conditions."
- U.S. citizens are buying their prescription medicine from Canada, Mexico and the Internet.
- Government-subsidized programs like Medi-Cal are rampant with fraud and abuse.

I was hospitalized three years ago after contracting pneumonia. I was hospitalized for two days and the doctors wanted to keep me an additional 24 hours, but my insurance refused to pay for it. The extra day I would have to pay for myself, they said, to the tune of \$2,300. Needless to say, I did the rest of my recuperating at home.

Quality health care should be a fundamental right to all persons in the United States, legal citizen or not. It's the humane thing to do.

The first words a person should hear upon entering a hospital should be, "What's wrong?" and "How may we help you?", not "Do you have insurance?"

## Letters to the Editor:

### Teaching tolerance

Dear Editor:

After reading Alaina Niemann's letter to the editor, I felt sad and disgusted. ("Jennings Has to Go," 12/18/09)

I will never understand some of the opinions expressed on the Editorial pages of the Patriot. The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network does not seek to "indoctrinate" children as young as 6. To imply that literature can teach or even force a child to be or become a homosexual is ridiculous and offensive. Rather, the Network seeks to promote understanding and acceptance among school-aged children.

Words are powerful things, which is why it's important to teach our children not to belittle, harass or bully classmates whose sexual orientation is different than their own. I attended Downey High School just five years ago and as I recall, hearing the word "faggot" in the hallways of the school wasn't unusual and neither was using the word "gay" as if it were the biggest insult. Maybe Ms. Niemann condones this type of behavior but I certainly don't and I'm proud that our country currently has leaders that understand the importance of teaching tolerance.

One would think that looking into statistics concerning the suicide rate among gay teens would keep people like Ms. Niemann from saying that gay people participate in "disgusting sexual behavior." These statistics will show that the gay youth of this country — and especially those in California who have been sent the message that they're not equal and don't deserve the right to marry one day — already feel bad enough about themselves without having to hear the hateful garbage that was printed last week.

Teaching tolerance should not be picketed, protested or written about as if it's a "controversy." Older generations need to realize that the world is changing every day and with these changes come the opportunity to understand and embrace people from different walks of life.

No one is saying you have to condone or accept homosexuality, but at least be human enough and have the decency to not judge or hate or criminalize a person based on who they love.

— Tina Vasquez,  
Downey

## Jefferson's warnings about money, banks

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy hosted a dinner for 49 Nobel laureates. The occasion provided the opportunity for JFK to display his keen wit in the memorable quote, "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered at the White House—with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

I wonder how many of today's high school and college students appreciate Jefferson's genius. Our third president, author of the Declaration of Independence and founder of the University of Virginia, was a masterful scholar of history, a political philosopher for the ages, a noted horticulturist, an archaeologist, architect, and inventor. He also knew a thing or two about money and banking. Let's take a moment here to review the wise insights on money and banking left to us by this consummate Renaissance man.

Regarding money, Jefferson commented, "Paper is poverty ... it is only the ghost of money, and not money itself." We should remember this when we contemplate the loss of 95 percent of the purchasing power of the paper currency called "Federal Reserve notes" in less than a century. As Ben Bernanke and the Fed create trillions of new paper "dollars," we, the richest country in history, face the possibility of a hyperinflationary collapse and accompanying impoverishment.

Jefferson, like other Founding Fathers, understood vividly the vulnerability of paper currencies, because of the devastating hyperinflation of the paper Continental dollar during the War for Independence. That is why the Coinage Act of 1792 stipulates gold and silver, NOT paper, as money. Jefferson and the Founders knew that for money to be sound, it needed to be something objective, tangible, unvarying, as well as something that people valued independent of its use as money—something like a fixed weight of gold or silver—rather than something as transitory and insubstantial as "the full faith and credit" of a government of unreliable human beings.

Jefferson intuitively grasped one of the basic principles of free-market economics: In a free, open competitive market, people choose good stuff (food, machines, tools, etc.) over bad stuff, and so goods of superior quality and value push inferior products into oblivion. The only reason Americans today have such an inferior currency is political. Government legislation denies us the freedom to choose what to accept as money. Jefferson wrote, "I now deny [the federal government's] power of making paper money or anything else a legal tender." What a terrible price we have paid and will pay for legal-tender laws forcing us to accept mere paper as money.

Anticipating the Federal Reserve System, Jefferson believed that, "The incorporation of a bank and the powers assumed [by legislation doing so] have not, in my opinion, been delegated to the United States by the Constitution. They are not among the powers specially enumerated." In Jefferson's eyes, a central bank is unconstitutional.

Jefferson warned, "If the American people ever allow the banks to control the issuance of their currency, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers occupied ... I sincerely believe the banking institutions having the issuing power of money are more dangerous to liberty than standing armies."

Today, Uncle Sam is woefully dependent on the Fed and a few "too-big-to-fail" banks. That is because Uncle Sam is the world's largest debtor, and without these giant banks to maintain a market for its oceans of debt, the federal government would have to shut down.

I once spoke with a congressman after hearing him complain about Federal Reserve policy. When I reminded him that the Fed had been created by an act of Congress, and that the creator controls the creation, he turned ashen, speechless. Is Congress a bunch of cowards or do the banks have a choke-hold on our government?

Are the Fed and the giant money-center banks as "dangerous" as Jefferson believed? Certainly, their power is undeniable.

The wealth of the American people is jeopardized by paper money and big banks. We should have heeded Jefferson's warnings.

Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and contributing scholar with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

## Letters to the Editor:

### Dangerous move

Dear Editor:

Relocating dangerous terrorists from the maximum-controlled Gitmo prison to a small prison in Illinois merits considerable concern.

Unlike a military court, the defense in the civil trial can demand the FBI and CIA, and others, open their files to prove guilt and put our military, every agent, and their families, in danger worldwide. Remember, O.J. walked despite considerable evidence of guilt, and they could do the same.

The move is dangerous. Military courts should try military prisoners, not civil courts.

— James Hawkins,  
Downey

### Richie's Drive-In

Dear Editor:

I graduated from Downey High School in 1946 and my father, Fred Cade, bought a home in the newly-developed Orange Estates in 1948. A few years later, Richie's Drive-In was opened directly behind our house. There was so much commotion and wild racket every night that my father leased the house and moved over to 4th Place.

There was an alley that ran behind our property, but it came from Wiley-Burke Street and dead-ended at Richie's. The frontage on both sides of Firestone Boulevard was still planted in large orange trees. What a great place this was for the high school kids to hang out and...?

I do not contribute the demise of Richie's to increased competition from Harvey's Broiler or McDonald's. Remember that Downey, in the early 50's, was not a city and that under the county there were two policemen on duty in the daytime and one at night. When Downey incorporated as a city, they started with a 60-man police force. At about the same time they alley was extended through to Rives Avenue.

I think that the extra police surveillance and the elimination of the dead end alley surely must have led to the closing of Richie's.

— George Cade,  
Downey



## Communication key to good politics

By Lee Hamilton

Not long ago, I was speaking to a group of high-school students when one raised his hand, declared that he wanted to run for Congress, and asked what he should study in order to prepare. I suspect my answer surprised him. I told him to study English.

What I had in mind were writing, reading, and public speaking. Members of Congress need to be good at a lot of things if they want to be effective, but chief among them is the ability to communicate. Politics — both getting elected and making a meaningful contribution to public life — is largely about interaction with other people. You won't succeed if you can't make yourself understood, don't know how to pay attention to what others think, and don't care about the dialogue that underlies our democracy.

When I say "communication" I mean it in the broadest sense: formal and informal; one-on-one and before a mass audience; in writing, in speeches and in discussion; with small, friendly groups of admirers and in front of larger, not-always-friendly crowds; on television, on the radio, on the Web, and in print; in the formal setting of the House or Senate floor and sitting at a formica-topped luncheonette table over coffee and doughnuts.

Sometimes politicians have a chance to spend time choosing their words, but more often they have to speak off the cuff, weighing the import of their words even as they say them. Some people are born with this ability, but for lots of us it's a skill we learn with practice, and it's invaluable to a politician.

When you accept an invitation to speak, you never know what the environment is going to be — not just in terms of the venue, which could be anything from an old VFW hall to someone's living room, but in terms of the political moment. More than a few times, I've prepared for a public appearance only to have my speech become irrelevant when some national issue became the only topic people were interested in discussing.

And the truth is, most audiences are less interested in hearing a speech read than in having it delivered in a way that seems fresh and spur-of-the-moment. They prefer dialogue with their elected representative rather than a set speech.

It also helps to remember that in public life, presentation matters. You have to be able to write clearly and, even more important, speak clearly: don't slur your words, don't let your voice fade — you'd be amazed how many people have difficulty hearing.

Be enthusiastic and energetic, and speak with conviction: if you don't believe what you're saying, your audience won't, either.

Learn how to calibrate what you say to the medium you're using: you'll be much more convincing on television if you speak conversationally than if you come across as angry or impassioned; but before a crowd, speaking conversationally will just put the audience to sleep.

These are things you can practice, though only experience will teach you how to relax in front of an audience, put them at ease, and, most important, enjoy your time in front of them.

All of these things are helped enormously by preparation. You may not have to know your exact words ahead of time, but you most certainly want to master your subject. When you're not sure of the facts or even of your own position, you have to tread extremely carefully: that's when politicians make mistakes, and in politics a bad slip can be devastating, especially in the age of mini digital recorders, camcorders and YouTube.

At the same time, the best politicians know that a crucial part of good communications is the ability to listen to constituents, to members of an audience, and to political opponents. The importance of paying attention to the first two should be obvious. You want to be able to address the concerns of listeners and to be ready to learn from them: not only do you not want to come across as an arrogant know-it-all, but also you'd be surprised and humbled to discover how much a crowd of average Americans can teach even the best-versed politician. The same is true of your colleagues and opponents. Any public policy debate of consequence will have good points on both sides, and learning to welcome multiple perspectives is vital.

Because in the end, politics is a discussion among many interested parties — lawmakers, lobbyists, policy analysts, journalists and ordinary Americans. Being a good politician means being a good conversationalist, not simply scoring a few rhetorical points and then going home. Our system depends on give and take, not on drawing lines in the sand, and the more budding politicians there are who understand that, the better off we'll all be.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

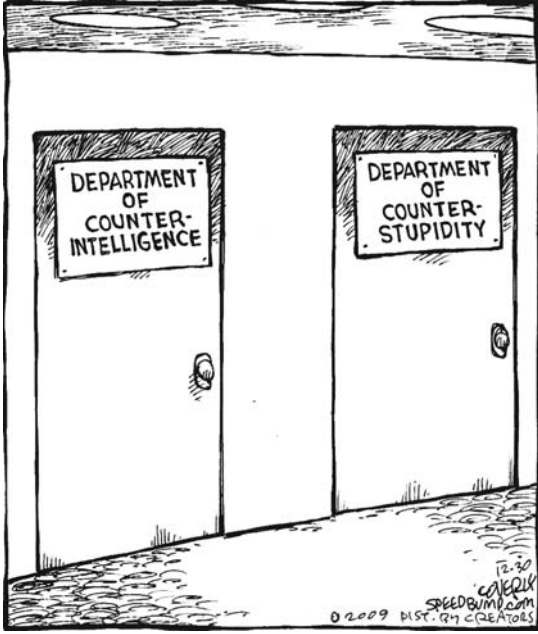
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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

- Mon. Jan. 4: **Bus trip to Pechanga Casino**, Woman's Club of Downey, 8 a.m.
- Tues. Jan. 5: **PAC meeting**, Downey City Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan. 7: **Christian Business Men's Committee meeting**, Sizzler, 12 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan. 7: **Councilman Roger Brossmer talk**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 6:30 p.m.

### City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 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 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.
- 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.: **Water Board**, at City Hall.
- 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 8:00 a.m.: **Job Club**, 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

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 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 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 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-Bear 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 Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 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.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 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.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

## On This Day...

- Jan. 1, 1863:** President Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.
- 1898:** New York City is consolidated into five boroughs.
- 1953:** Country singer Hank Williams Sr. dies of an alcohol and drug overdose. He was 29.
- 1993:** Czechoslovakia splits into two new countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- 1998:** A new California law prohibits people from smoking inside bars.
- Birthdays:** Author J.D. Salinger (91), wrestling manager Jimmy Hart (66), rapper Grandmaster Flash (52), actor Morris Chestnut (41) and "Mini Me" actor Verne Troyer (41).

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

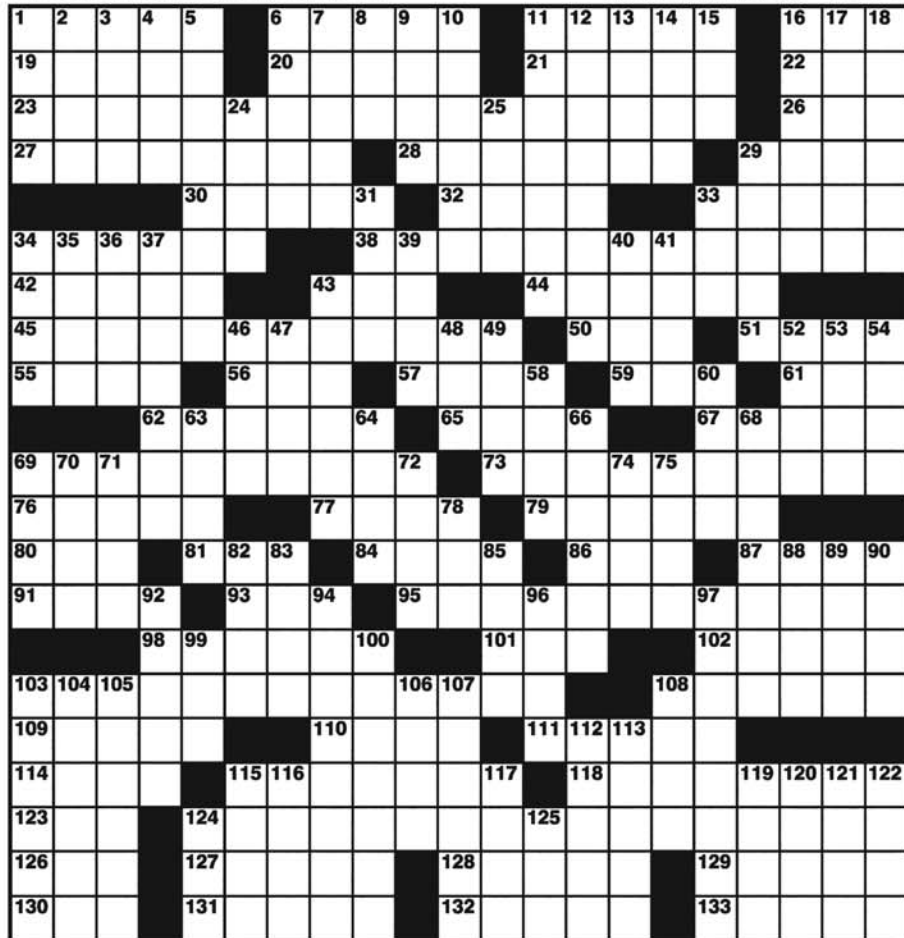
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**AFTERTHOUGHTS:** Last-minute wordplay

by Doug Peterson

- ACROSS**
- 1 Put on an act
- 6 Steers clear of
- 11 Mohawk Valley city
- 16 O'Hare arrival
- 19 Garlicy sauce
- 20 Measure of purity
- 21 Big wheel
- 22 Hearth residue
- 23 CD problems on a coast-to-coast trip?
- 26 One of the girls
- 27 Aired
- 28 Pride member
- 29 Squabble
- 30 Milo of *Barbarella*
- 32 High-tech apt. books
- 33 Bizet work
- 34 Look at casually
- 38 Gallery exhibit of defective lumber?
- 42 Asterisk's key
- 43 Educ. auxiliary
- 44 Map explanation
- 45 Freeway exits near the Gateway Arch?
- 50 "Right you \_!"
- 51 Jason Lee TV role
- 55 Golf-ball holders
- 56 The Righteous Brothers, e.g.
- 57 Light-bulb circler
- 59 Allen-wrench shape
- 61 Name for an unknown
- 62 Totalities
- 65 Smear
- 67 2009 Peace Nobelist
- 69 Where shades can be found?
- 73 Seaside sand dunes?
- 76 Peer's title
- 77 Drains of energy
- 79 Boors
- 80 Lennon's lady
- 81 Matched, as a bet
- 84 Vintage soda pop
- 86 Life story, briefly
- 87 Firecracker feature
- 91 Enjoys a buffet
- 93 Unruly bunch
- 95 Pithy complaints?
- 98 Largest city on the Illinois
- 101 World Cup team
- 102 Satellite circuit
- 103 Word-contest signals?
- 108 Guatemala gala
- 109 Brunch time, perhaps
- 110 Cap'n's subordinate
- 111 Very short putt
- 114 Host
- 115 Fuel-mining site
- 118 Scholarly paper
- 123 Long-running CBS drama
- 124 Losing one's ability to be shocked?
- 126 Set of parts
- 127 Future flowers
- 128 Short skirts
- 129 Dazzling success
- 130 Recite
- 131 Bin contents
- 132 "Curlouser and curlouser!" speaker
- 133 Sniffer parts
- DOWN**
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- 2 Ending for billion
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- 4 Ultimatum ender
- 5 Leisure-suited *Simpsons* character
- 6 Teensy bit
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- 8 Spigoted vessel
- 9 LA Dodgers' league
- 10 Sign of rank
- 11 Disentangle
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- 13 Long-billed wader
- 14 Speeder stoppers
- 15 Sit-up muscles
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- 17 F equivalent
- 18 Greek consonants
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- 25 *Return of the Jedi* sage
- 29 Trench-making tool
- 31 Encouraging start
- 33 Possess
- 34 Second to none
- 35 Ceremonial act
- 36 Eyeball rudely
- 37 List of notables
- 39 Soccer great Mia
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- 43 Introductions
- 46 Mega-celebrity
- 47 Toni Morrison novel
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- 49 Shot in the dark
- 52 Economist Smith
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- 54 Idyllic meadows
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- 63 Female turkeys
- 64 Duration
- 66 Cote cries
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- 69 Wind-quartet member
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- 74 Fashionable
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- 82 Mine, in Marseille
- 83 Dog-eared
- 85 "It's my turn"
- 88 City areas, informally
- 89 Rotisserie rod
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- 94 Swing Era ensembles
- 96 Hushed "Hey!"
- 97 Newly invented words
- 99 Stately shader
- 100 Do away with
- 103 Arranges in piles
- 104 Iran, formerly
- 105 Ill will
- 106 *SportsCenter* ailer
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In addition to "Carmen," French composer Georges Bizet (33 Across) wrote over a dozen other OPERAS and operettas. "My Name Is EARL" star Jason Lee (51 Across) was a prominent professional skateboarder before becoming an actor. The BOSS'N (110 Across), short for "boatswain," is typically responsible for a ship's rigging and anchors.





## Warren's Most Eligible Bachelors and Bachelorettes Auctioned Off

By Deborah Won, Intern

**DOWNEY** – Crowds of curious students engulfed the stage area of Warren High School as the traditional Santa's Helpers Auction was once again held at lunch on Dec. 17.

The Santa's Helpers Auction auctions off a date with one of the volunteer senior bachelors and bachelorettes. Thus, the highest bidder per individual snags a "lunch date," which was held on Dec. 18 on campus. During the date, the bidder and the senior were able to spend time together while enjoying a meal from Acapulco, courtesy of ASB.

"The Santa's Helpers Auction is a traditional event that always takes place before the holidays," said ASB President Kayleigh Cook. "It's always a fun activity for students to get involved, and is also a fundraiser for the senior class to make money for senior activities."

Overall, the purpose of the auction was thoroughly fulfilled, and was considered a success for both the ASB account of the senior class and from the students' perspectives.

With just 22 seniors being auctioned, the grand total raised was a bit over \$300. The range of prices that the bachelors and bachelorettes were auctioned off at ranged from \$7 bids to the highest bid of \$42 for Joey Fairas. Included in the list of seniors that were auctioned were Jesse Callier, Lauren McCaughan, Giovanni Mayoral, Jacob Morrero and several others. In addition to single auctions, there were a few "two-for-one" auctions, where students could bid for a pair of seniors.

Quite an interesting event, the students had a great time as the hosts of the auction imitated real auctioneers and yelled out prices, as eager students raised their hands whenever they were interested in placing a bid. The host called each senior onto the stage one by one, and read out a quick resume as the bachelor or bachelorette posed.



Dates with Warren High School bachelors and bachelorettes helped raise money for ASB. Winning bidders were treated to lunch from Acapulco.

Within the resume was a description of what the senior looks for in a girl or guy, what their favorite pick-up line is, and a few of their hobbies.

"I had so much fun watching the auction, especially because a lot of my friends were being auctioned off," said junior Briana Bedran. "People even started get-

ting competitive with their bids, and it was interesting to watch. I even placed a couple bids myself!"

There was a general consensus among the student body that the auction was an entertaining event, and those that participated certainly had a lively time.

"I had a great time being a part of the auction because it was a fun

experience, especially because I got to see who thought I was cute," said Mark Stancil, one of the bachelors that was auctioned off during this event.

Thus, the success of the event this year will propel ASB to host another auction next year when the holiday season arrives.

## James Cameron succeeds again with 'Avatar'

By Gabriela Coya, Intern



**DOWNEY** – For months I had seen trailers and heard about James Cameron's new film, "Avatar." I think I even watched the extended trailer twice in a row on YouTube trying to figure out what this film was about to no avail. Yet it kept grabbing my attention.

Walking into the theater, I felt uneducated because all I knew about the film was that it featured strange blue creatures. How humans played a role, I had absolutely no idea.

After watching the 2 hour and 40 minute long film, I immediately understood: the plot of "Avatar" is far too complex to explain with video clips 30 seconds to three minutes in length. But I'm very thankful that I knew very little and decided not to search plot spoilers online. Every image and event came as a complete surprise to me, the way it should be with every movie.

"Avatar," speculated to have a \$300 million budget and be the most expensive film ever made (a record Cameron also set with the \$200 million "Titanic" 12 years ago), is not just spectacular entertainment, it's a visual masterpiece. Nearly all the scenes were created by meticulous animators using computer generation that created a world previously unimaginable.

Taking place in the year 2154,

the film's story involves U.S. Forces going to the planet of Pandora which contains a mineral very valuable to humans; the only thing standing in the humans' way of getting the minerals are the strange, blue, humanlike inhabitants. But they seem to hardly pose a threat with bows and arrows to defend themselves against the humans and their advanced technology.

The Na'vi, a tribe of these inhabitants, are under the most danger to lose the wealthy minerals the humans covet. In order to make a pact with the Na'vi and have them leave their ancestral land, the humans create "avatars," Na'vi lookalikes created by mixing the DNA of the natives with that of humans. The humans can then mind-control them when they are wired into capsules.

After the death of his identical twin, Jake Sully (Sam Worthington), a Marine paralyzed from the waist down, is asked to go to Pandora and use the avatar intended for his scientist brother since he is the only match living. On Pandora, Jake can walk once again and meets the brave and beautiful Neytiri, daughter of the head of the Na'vi tribe. After becoming immersed in their culture and tribe and gaining their trust, Jake must face the decision on whether to defend the inhabitants or go through with his original mission and get the Na'vi to compromise.

The film, filled with fantastic special effects and likely to be a strong Oscar contender nominated for categories such as "Best Director," "Best Picture," and "Best Visual Effects," is definitely worth watching on a big screen, preferably in IMAX 3D. Only on such a large screen can a viewer feel completely immersed in the story, almost as if he or she was there.

I have no idea how James Cameron did it, but he has created another soon-to-be legendary film.

## Downey students get down to business

By Joanna Quintana, Intern

**DOWNEY** – Working to earn a profit off items bought in downtown Los Angeles, Downey High school students in Jeannette Hernandez's business and entrepreneurship class did some of their own business on Friday, Dec. 18.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, around 76 DHS students and 10 adult chaperones made their way on bus to Downtown Los Angeles. Each student was sponsored 25 dollars by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, or NFTE, and was given the task to spend their given amount on a product the students could make a profit on when it came to the actual selling event, which occurred during lunch for other DHS students.

"The selling event was a success" said Hernandez. "One stu-

dent made over 200 dollars profit from his 25 dollar buy and there were many students who made 90 dollars profit. I think its successful when a kid understands the power of business and the power of work and communication."

While Hernandez's job was to supervise the DHS students at work with the world of business, the students took what they learned from their class and used negotiation, communication, and marketing skills to buy a product at the cheapest available cost and make the maximum profit possible. The selling event was an opportunity to put more of what they learned to the ultimate challenge, many coming out with a higher sense of awareness of their capabilities.

"I would like to become an entrepreneur but I want to be in

public relations and I know I have to be able to negotiate prices with my clients," said senior Stephanie Rico. "I think now, if I wanted to be a business person, I'd be successful. It was a really fun class and the selling event gives you an opportunity to make extra cash before winter break. It shows you how much of a business person you can be and I believe I can be successful."

Other than gaining a heightened awareness, Hernandez's students experienced the difficulties that come with buying and selling a product. Jordan Levy is one such student who had to overcome his own obstacle of pricing in order to make a higher profit.

"I was charging two dollars and I wasn't very successful but once I lowered the price, I was getting

more sales," said Levy, a DHS junior. "I learned that people are very cheap, especially because of the economy. I had to lower my prices, dropping it to a half price. It was pretty easy money, though. I think my people skills helped out a lot and my bargaining skills—I had to make the sale."

Business and entrepreneurship teacher, Hernandez, continues to look out for business professionals who are interested in assisting with the program and in playing a part in the lives of our world's future entrepreneurs. The selling event continues to be a success, giving DHS students the opportunity to become the businesspeople they truly are.

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## Holiday party thrown for La Casita

By Joanna Quintana, Intern

**DOWNEY** – No child will go ignored during these holidays -- Downey High's KIWIN's and Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis noon club, threw a holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 17 at La Casita, a rehabilitation center for mothers who have experienced drug and alcohol abuse.

"These women do not just have an addiction of some sort—it's a chronic illness and they probably haven't been sober for any holiday before this one," said Kiwanis Vice President and KIWIN's advisor, Susan Robison. "They are trying to get their life together. One woman stood up and said how grateful she was that her kid got a Christmas present because they wouldn't have been able to provide it for them on their own. It was wonderful and Kiwanis supports the community. Our club is a community service club and that is what we do. Our motto is serving the children of the world, one child at a time."

These children received the gifts wrapped by both of Downey High's community service clubs from a Santa Claus who made his entrance on a Harley Davidson motorcycle. The gifts and Santa Claus were provided by the Kiwanis noon club, the adult version of KIWIN's. The children

also received the opportunity to take a picture with the motorcycle-riding Santa Claus.

"The kids all got presents and the women all got pictures," said Robison. "It had a great affect on the mothers and the children, but also on the members of the club. It is a very positive and rewarding movement and we will continue to sponsor it in the years to come."

Robison's statement seems to ring true as the students of Downey High were not the only ones giving on Thursday's holiday party—they received their own gifts from the women of La Casita.

"The women made some food for us and sang Christmas carols," said KIWIN's President and Downey High senior Zach Gauderman. "They shared their stories and told us how long they've been clean. It was a touching event."

La Casita is located on Downey Avenue and acts as a long-term residential center that provides substance abuse treatment for women. However, beds are provided for the children of these recovering women. It was for these kids that KIWIN's and Key Club wrapped gifts and held a holiday party, and it is the mothers of these kids that will always be grateful for the help they received.

## Ying Quartet brings music to Cerritos

**CERRITOS** – The Grammy-winning Ying Quartet will bring its blend of chamber music to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts in a Masterworks Series concert on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m.

The *Los Angeles Times* hailed the Ying Quartet for its “versatility, passionate performing style and admirable technical accomplishment.”

The ensemble will present a program featuring Robert Schumann’s Quartet in A Major, Op. 41, No. 3, Clara; Leos Janacek’s Quartet No. 2, Intimate Letters; and Beethoven’s Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3.

The Ying Quartet won a Grammy for “Best Classical Crossover Album” for “4 + Four,” a collaboration with the Turtle Island String Quartet. Now in its second decade, the Ying Quartet has established itself as an ensemble of the highest pedigree with various acclaimed tours across the United States and abroad.

In April 2009, founding members and siblings David Ying (cel-

list), Phillip Ying (violin) and Janet Ying (violin) welcomed violin virtuoso Frank Huang, who replaced original violinist Timothy Ying.

Called “ravishing” and “refreshing” by The Washington Post, the group earned a Grammy nomination for the Tchaikovsky: String Quartets: Souvenir de Florence Sextet in D Minor album and was honored with the 1993 Naumburg Chamber Music Award.

The group has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, schools and juvenile prisons.

Based in New York, the Ying Quartet first emerged in the professional spotlight in the early 1990s, performing in Iowa homes, churches, schools and banks. It eventually moved on to festivals, including the prominent Aspen Music Festival and the Bowdoin International Music Festival.

The group’s recordings, reflecting many of its wide-ranging musical interests, have generated consistent, enthusiastic acclaim. The *New York Times* raved about the



quartet’s “agility and precision.” Tickets to see the Ying Quartet in Cerritos are \$21 to \$45 and available by calling (562) 467-8818 or at the ticket window.

## New Titles at the Downey City Library

### Fiction

- **“The Favorites”** by Mary Yukari Waters. From an award-winning author comes an elegant work about mothers and daughters, secrets and silences, and familial bonds in a culture where custom dictates behavior.
- **“Generosity : An Enhancement”** by Richard Powers. From the National Book Award-winning author of “The Echo Maker” comes a playful and provocative novel about the discovery of the happiness gene. Funny, fast, and magical, “Generosity” celebrates both science and the freed imagination.
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- **“The Original of Laura”** by Vladimir Nabokov. When Nabokov died in 1977, he left instructions for his heirs to burn the rough draft of his final novel, “The Original of Laura.” But the manuscript was never destroyed and the novelist’s son, Dmitri, has finally agreed to allow publication of the narrative. Photos of the author’s handwritten index cards accompany the text.
- **“The Penny Pinchers Club”** by Sara Strohmeier. Kat’s favorite recreational activity is a no-brainer: shopping. But when she discovers that her husband, Griff, has been hiding a secret bank account, her joyful consumerism suddenly loses its appeal.

### Non-Fiction

- **“The Age of the Unthinkable”** by Joshua Cooper Ramo. Drawing upon history, economics, complexity theory and his own extraordinary experiences, Ramo delivers a brilliant new paradigm for understanding the dangerous—and dangerously unpredictable—new global order.
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- **“A Brave Vessel : The True Tale of the Castaways Who Rescued Jamestown and Inspired Shakespeare’s The Tempest”** by Hobson Woodward. A riveting historical narrative which tells the story of William Strachey, an aspiring poet whose chronicle of a disastrous sea voyage and its aftermath had a profound influence on Shakespeare’s writing of “The Tempest.”
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## Student art competition opens for entries

**DOWNEY** – Entries are now being accepted for an art competition sponsored by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34).

The contest is open to students in grades 9-12 who live in the 34th Congressional District, which includes all of Downey.

Artwork must be two-dimensional, not larger than 26 inches by 26 inches, and must be an original concept. Digital art entries are acceptable this year.

The winning entry will represent the 34th District for one year in a national exhibit at the U.S. Capitol. The winning student will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a gift certificate for art supplies, a cash prize, and travel arrangements for the student, a guardian and their art teacher to attend the opening exhibit in Washington, D.C.

“The congressional student art competition helps build self esteem in young artists and provides the community with valuable insight into the life experiences, challenges and joys of our talented high school students,” said Roybal-Allard, who is honorary chair of the competition. “The art competition also recognizes the hardworking and caring teachers who provide their students with the inspiration, skills and tools they need to develop their artistic abilities.”

Entries and completed entry forms should be delivered to Roybal-Allard’s District Office at 255 E. Temple St., Suite 1860, in Los Angeles. Entry deadline is Feb. 11.

Complete guidelines and information packets are available at all high schools and online at [www.34thedsac.org](http://www.34thedsac.org). For more information, call Angelita Ramirez at (213) 628-9230.

## Obama popular among potential neighbors

U.S. adults would most like to be neighbors with the Obama family, according to the third annual Zillow Celebrity Neighbor Survey.

“Octomom” Nayda Suleman was named the least desirable neighbor of 2009.

The survey asked more than 2,000 U.S. adults which celebrity they would most like to have as their neighbor, and who they

wouldn’t want to share a fence with.

In 2010 more adults would like to be neighbors with the Obamas (14 percent) than second-place Sarah Palin (12 percent) and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres and Portia DeRossi (12 percent). Country music superstar Taylor Swift ranked third with 9 percent of the vote, followed by Oprah (7 percent) and football legend Tom Brady and his model wife Gisele Bundchen (3 percent).

According to adults surveyed, not all celebrities would make good neighbors. Seventeen percent of adults named Suleman the worst neighbor of 2009, followed closely by Jon and Kate Gosselin

(16 percent).

In light of recent news, adults appear to be indecisive about whether or not professional golfer Tiger Woods would make a good neighbor. Three percent of adults found him to be a desirable neighbor for 2010, while only slightly more (4 percent) thought he was the worst neighbor of 2009.

The same confusion surrounds Sarah Palin, who last year was ranked at the top of the desirable neighbor list. While 12 percent thought Palin to be a desirable neighbor for 2010, 11 percent voted her as the worst neighbor of 2009 - ranking her simultaneously near the top of both the “best” and “worst” lists this year.

“For two years in a row now, Americans have made it clear that they think politicians and talk show hosts make the best neighbors. If nothing else, there will be plenty to talk about at the summer

barbecue,” said Amy Bohutinsky, Zillow.com vice president of communications. “Meanwhile, this year we noticed a trend on the worst-neighbor side; apparently Americans are opposed to living next door to a brood of young children, particularly those that come with a television crew and paparazzi.”

Two controversial couples famous for capitalizing on media attention also made the worst list. One in ten (11 percent) did not want to live next to Richard and Mayumi Heene, parents of the infamous Balloon Boy in 2009. Reality TV stars Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt received 8 percent of the vote.

Britney Spears, voted number one worst neighbor of 2008 (19 percent), received only 7 percent of the vote in 2009, ranking seventh on the “worst” list.

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## Baseball market is crashing

Do you remember Vernon Wells? No? If not, let me remind you of who he is. He's the current centerfielder for the Toronto Blue Jays. Yes, he's part of a team that doesn't matter much, but about three or four years ago, they did matter.

Why are we talking about a player that plays for a team that really has no chance of making the playoffs? Wells, during a contract year where he hit .303, 32 home-runs and drove in 106 RBIs, was rewarded by the Blue Jays with a 7-year contract worth more than \$100 million.

I guess that's worth a big time player who can consistently put up these numbers. Ever since he's signed that multimillion dollar contract, however, Wells has averaged less than 20 homeruns a year, has only eclipsed the .300 mark in average once, and hasn't driven in more than 80 runs in a season.

Yet, we stare at his contract and think about what he should be doing with that kind of coin in his pocket.

Now if the Blue Jays only had a player like Jason Bay to play the outfield for them, then they would have some serious firepower in their lineup. But unfortunately for the Blue Jays, Bay went on to sign a 4-year deal with the New York Mets.

Why is this relevant? Simple. Baseball's free agent market is finally starting to crash. Players aren't worth what they were worth just a couple years ago, and all of a sudden teams are upgrading from within the organization, cultivating young talent and drafting others.

No longer are teams willing to drop \$100 million dollar contracts on players who really no longer produce. How is this evident? Look at Bay.

Since 2006 Bay hasn't hit the average that Wells hit in that one contract year, but he's averaged around the .270 mark which is great for a power hitter. Bay has been averaging around 28 homeruns a year and has been driving in over 100 RBIs since his time in Pittsburgh.

Why is all of this important and how does it show a crash of the baseball free agency market? Bay is looked at as one of the premiere power hitters in the game. On top of that he's still very young. The Mets signed him to a 4-year deal that is worth only \$66 million. That's over \$40 million less than what Wells is making.

Yes, you have to factor in the notion that Bay will be playing for three fewer years than Wells at New York, but that's just another sign of the times changing as well. No longer are we going to see the long term contracts that players used to sign.

Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees will only be getting contract extensions from now on, along with Albert Pujols with the Cardinals, Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins, and do I dare even say this name? Manny Ramirez.

In a way, baseball is finally returning back to what it used to be quite a long time ago. Back then, teams used to put a high value on their scouting and player development sects of their organization.

For whatever reason, in the past decade, free agency has been a monstrosity to the game and almost single handedly destroyed the beauty of baseball. Super agent Scott Boras almost took down the game by himself when staging the Ramirez and Rodriguez coups.

Yes, he did what an agent is supposed to do in bringing his clients money. But those were days where respect for the game was lost. There were no allegiances toward teams and no loyalty.

Now we look at teams like the Dodgers where Chad Billingsley, Matt Kemp, Andre Ethier, Jonathan Broxton, Russell Martin, and James Loney are the future of the team. And guess what? They're loyal to the Dodgers.

But then again, they don't really have a choice. Because of the little Major League service they have, they're not eligible for free agency for quite some time.

Hopefully though, during their time in Los Angeles, they along with other younger players in the game will remember that what made this game beautiful were not only the actions on the field, but with their organization. Loyalty breeds great games and memorable ones at that.

It means so much to the fans to see a player on their team that wants to be where he's at. But if the fans see players that are only there for the money and cause the price of tickets to go up, what's the point of even sitting and watching?

Yeah, they have great talent and all but they're going to be gone real soon.

What's the point to this whole rant?

We're starting to see the beginning of something fantastic in the game. Bay signing for way less than what he's actually worth is a gigantic sign that baseball is starting to come back to where it was.

Former Anaheim Angels (yes, Anaheim Angels, not Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim) pitcher John Lackey signed with the Boston Red Sox for much less than what he's probably worth.

Now, not only will young players want to stay with the clubs they're at, but free agents will start to think that they need to get any long term deal they can get, even if that means taking less money.

With thoughts like that, a player would more likely want to go to a team that they really want to play for. At first, it was thought that Lackey would go to the Rangers, but apparently Lackey wanted to play for a contender and continue the excellence that the Red Sox have put out there lately.

This is a return to sanity for the game. Let's face it. The economy is bad and people aren't going to be willing to put forth too much of their hard earned money to watch a baseball game.

Sports are supposed to be a distraction from the every day stresses of life. It becomes a problem though when purchasing a ticket to a sporting event becomes a distraction. When the entertainment becomes a problem itself, there's no reason to continue going to the game.

As far fetched as this might sound, the crashing of the free agency market that is being caused by the dwindling economy might be one of the best things to ever happen to the game of baseball.



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## Greatest: Callier, Meadows both epic.

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more physical era. Kids in high school football have sprouted staggeringly. It wouldn't be uncommon to find a 6'6", 250-pound behemoth on the opposing team filling up the gaps at the line of scrimmage. Running backs definitely need to be more physical playing in today's game. If not, they'll get pancaked and thrown all over the place. Strength and size are now factors in football today. But because of that, the intelligence has started to fade and smash-mouth football has become more common.

But what really sets aside both eras are the rules that are now enforced in the game. Clips still circulate of quarterbacks in the NFL dodging a diving lineman; but what isn't shown is the hand the lineman reached out with, grabbing the quarterback's facemask and violently yanking him down to the ground.

Also, helmet-to-helmet contact was not against the rules. Football in the '50s and '60s was a much more aggressive and free sport to play. There wasn't much protection for any player in those days so you had to be tough.

Today's game doesn't allow you to touch the quarterback after he releases the ball or runs out of bounds. You're not allowed to touch the facemask of a player, and helmet-to-helmet collisions could get you ejected from a game.

With that said, it's without a doubt that while it was a smaller generation of players, the '50s was a much tougher generation to play in. People were always looking to take your head off. If you weren't tough enough to take on the dangers, you probably weren't playing.

Don't assume present day football is soft though. Getting hit on a regular basis still takes durability and toughness, but Meadows could have easily gotten his head ripped off back then and probably not now. One can assume that he had that in mind and he still succeeded in lofty ways. Advantage Meadows here.

### Physical Attributes/Talents and Versatility

Meadows was a football-built, 155-pound, good looking man in high school. Callier is a 5'11, 180-pound, physically chiseled specimen of a football player. Times have changed how players approach the game physically. It used to be that eating healthy and practicing all the time would be plenty to keep you in football shape. Today, not so much.

Football and sports in general has become such a science that players are almost groomed to be quarterbacks, running backs, receivers, defenders, safeties and other positions.

But first, science is useless unless the right ingredients are mixed. Both players had great football gifts and the way they were developed was quite different. But what did each player do well?

Callier has above average field vision and, according to his head coach Chris Benadom, fantastic improvisation ability.

"He's good at finding something when there is nothing," said Benadom. "He always seems to find that crease."

Not only that, according to Benadom, Callier also has great finishing speed, meaning once he breaks away he's normally not caught. Callier has only been caught one time when breaking into the secondary of a defense this year.

Callier is also a very physical back that can do a multitude of things. He can run behind a fullback, he can go up the middle and take a defensive line on his own, he can break off to the sidelines with his great speed and turn corners, and he can be used as a slot receiver with his soft hands and be a receiving threat.

But where Callier can sometimes suffer is defensively. Benadom said that if he works hard enough, Callier could be a very good defender. But as it stands, he still has room for improvement.

"He has moments when he can be great (defensively)," Benadom said. "He could be a great defender, but sometimes he lacks concentration."

Meadows on the other hand was a back that used his smarts and fantastic field vision to get out of the backfield and into the end zone. Former teammates raved about his ability to see the smallest of holes that he would hit with speed allowing him to blow into the end zone.

While Meadows was a smaller runner, he had a quick first step and was able to run circles around defenders pursuing him. He also had great finishing speed that saw few, if any, defenders catch up to keep him from scoring. He was also a tenacious defender according to a few old teammates.

The edge has to go to Callier in this category though. Callier has state-of-the-art strength and speed training facilities available to him. He also has trainers, physical therapists and nutritional diets that make his body more of a sports temple rather than a growing man.

Meadows knew he had to eat right and lifting weights would help performance, but he didn't have anything close to the specialization that Callier has at his disposal. If Meadows had what Callier has, maybe Meadows beats him out. But he didn't, so Callier just barely edges him out.

### Supporting Cast

A running back can only be as good as his offensive line and other players on the field that are willing to block for him. Also, the running game is opened up even more with a good passing game.

But still, players will sometimes find themselves out on an island alone with no one around to help.

While that may not necessarily have been the case for either back, they both have a supporting cast that can help us gauge what kind of ability they have.

Meadows' offensive line was a proud bunch that would do anything to help the team win. They would also do anything to see Meadows bust into the secondary and run for days.

"Coach Dick Hill made us believe that if we worked harder than our opponents, we couldn't be beat," former teammate Lash Stevenson said in an e-mail discussing Meadows versus Callier. "We became smarter, faster, and tougher than our opponents. Randy had a great supporting group of teammates."

And that he did, especially after review of the 1956 CIF Championship game where Meadows was actually hurt in the first quarter and was never the same after. A tie game without your best player at 100 percent only means that he had a great cast around him.

Callier's teammates, specifically his offensive line, has been a revol-

ving door of players for the past three years. Callier's first chance on the field at the varsity level found him behind a more experienced offensive line full of juniors and seniors. His second year found him behind those same juniors from the year before. This year though found him behind an experienced line full of seniors that played junior varsity the year before.

Warren still doesn't have the strong passing game that would blow the running game wide open, and the offensive line did an adequate job. But still, Callier had an excellent season and is probably again a lock for all-CIF honors.

With that said, Callier's supporting cast is not the 1956 championship team from Downey High School. In fact, they are just San Gabriel Valley League champions.

It was tougher from a cast point of view for Callier to perform at his level. Meadows had a great cast that made his job much easier. Callier had some extra work to do. The edge goes to Callier.

### Statistics

Numbers can be deceiving but nevertheless they measure where players stand amongst the rest. Callier had his eye popping statistics, but so did Meadows. But the most jaw dropping statistic between the two is Meadows' 15.47 yards per carry in 1957.

With a statistic like that, who needs a pass game or additional running back? Just give the ball to Meadows and let him do his thing. He would guarantee a first down every time he touched the ball, he would score on every possession, and he would chew valuable time off the clock.

In 1957, Meadows also rushed for 2,150 yards on only 139 carries. It always seemed that every touch Meadows had resulted in a huge gain. That season, he found the end zone 36 times. What makes that number so special is in the fashion he did it. Out of 36 touchdowns, 21 of them came on runs over 50 yards, meaning that once he was gone, no one was catching him.

But Callier strikes back with his own set of amazing statistics. In his best season to date, 2008, Callier rushed for 2,466 yards in fewer games played than Meadows.

The Bears running back also had 30 touchdowns, just six short of Meadows in fewer games played, but carried the ball a startling 313 times and averaged 7.88 yards per carry.

Callier this year though has improved on yards per carry, upping his number now to 10.63. He scored more than 30 touchdowns this year, despite having his work load cut in half, carrying the ball less than 200 times.

If Callier had as many games played as Meadows, we could be looking at a virtual draw in statistics. But because of that game differential, there's no real way to tell. So, while both players have shocking statistics, you can't tell who wins the point. Draw.

### Opponents

Warren played Santa Fe, Downey, Gahr, Vista Murrieta, Lynwood and Dominguez in the regular season this year.

Downey, in 1957, played Fullerton, Long Beach Poly, Long Beach Jordan, Wilson, San Diego and, of course, Anaheim in the CIF Championship game.

When looking at the strength of Warren's schedule, Santa Fe beat them like a drum last year but fell to the hands of Callier this year in a nail biter. Gahr passed for 380 yards and five touchdowns against Callier's Bears, but still lost because of a 303 yard, five touchdown performance by the stud running back. Lynwood was supposed to give them competition but was run off the field, and Dominguez, typically a very athletic team, didn't have the juice to keep up with Warren.


Warren's only vice this year was Vista Murrieta, a team that was ranked as high as No. 9 in the state. Callier ran for just under 200 yards in the game. The Bears lost the game, but Vista Murrieta without a doubt was the best team they have seen in years.

The schedule Meadows and Downey took on in '57 consisted of Fullerton, a team that held them to only one touchdown in a 7-0 game; Long Beach Poly, a team that is historically dominating even to this day; Long Beach Jordan, a very tough football school; Wilson, a member of the Moore League that has nothing but fantastic football; San Diego, another state powerhouse; and Anaheim, then regarded as the best program in the area with the reigning player of the year Mickey Flynn.

With Downey and Meadows taking on challenge after challenge that season and winning every game until the fateful CIF championship tie, Downey saw the best the state had to offer. The better opponents faced off against Downey that year making what Meadows did more impressive. Point to Meadows.

After grading all of the criteria listed, it's very close to impossible to know who the better player is. If you add up all the categories, it comes out to a tie, but it's not to say that both players are once in a generation type players when it comes to football in Downey.

We will never know who would out perform who because of the era difference. But with that said, we should enjoy the performances that were put on because they are definitely something extraordinarily special.




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# Project explores history of censorship

**LONG BEACH** – “Banned, Blacklisted and Boycotted,” a project plan created by the Carpenter Performing Arts Center at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) to examine the history of censorship in Southern California, was recently named a semifinalist in the 2010 Creative Campus Innovations Grant Program.

Awarded by the Association of Performing Arts Presenters (Arts Presenters) and funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Carpenter Performing Arts Center (CPAC) and 30 other semifinalists (out of 150 original entries) have received \$7,000 to fully develop their projects’ concepts. All the projects will compete for 10 one- to two-year project grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 each. The winners will be announced in August 2010.

“One of our goals at the Carpenter Center is to provide more avenues for performing artists to participate with and integrate into the academic depart-

ments of Cal State Long Beach and our larger Long Beach community,” said Michele Roberge, CPAC’s executive director. “This grant opportunity will provide support and impetus to forge new collaborations on campus and off to do just that. I am thrilled that our proposed topic—censorship and the response to it in Southern California—received such an endorsement and encouragement from the grant panel.”

The Creative Campus Innovations Grant Program supports innovative partnerships for projects that go beyond conventional practice and perspectives on collaboration and learning. The program also connects arts and non-arts constituencies through the creation of new interdisciplinary work and stimulates discussion and debate on such issues as creativity, knowledge transfer and community interaction.

The partnerships developed through the grant program also integrate the work of arts presen-

ters across campus, including but not limited to, the academic curriculum and within the surrounding community.

“Banned, Blacklisted and Boycotted” will examine the history of censorship in Southern California through a variety of collaborative programs and activities to establish a more vibrant link between the activities of CPAC and non-arts academic life at CSULB and the community.

Selected by Art Presenters for its wide-ranging scope, the artistic goals for the project include the expansion and deepening of artists’ participation on campus and reaching students for whom the arts are an “undiscovered country,” according to Roberge. The project is also designed to increase the awareness of the value of creative expression, engage new urban audiences, increase visibility for participating artists and arts institutions, and potentially commission new dance work.

Artists will be selected for par-

ticipation in the project based on the artistic merit of their work. They will also be chosen for the ability of their creative output to enhance the understanding of protected speech as well as the issues surrounding public access and/or funding for art that is considered unpopular or controversial.

“The issue of censorship and Southern California’s historical response to it is a far-reaching topic. With such broad appeal, this project will allow us to involve many other departments on campus and other community organizations,” said Roberge. “We hope it encourages many CSULB students and the general public to discover, or remember, what has been done in the past regarding censorship, and inspire critical thinking and discussion about current events. As this examination uses the arts as a primary avenue, it is a perfect fit to accomplish CSULB’s campus-wide goal of cultivating a ‘creative campus.’”

# Arrest made after carjacking, pursuit

**DOWNEY** – A man is in custody today after a carjacking and police pursuit on Christmas Eve.

On Dec. 24 at around 11 a.m., a female driver was in the parking lot of the Shell gas station at 8140 Telegraph Rd. when a man entered the back seat and demanded that she exit the car. The victim did as she was told and the man fled with the vehicle.

Two Downey police officers spotted the vehicle “a short time later” and began to follow the suspect, the Downey Police Department said in a statement. The suspect ditched the car and fled on foot.

Police established a perimeter and began searching for the suspect when he “suddenly opened the garage door of an unoccupied residence and drove away in a vehicle which had been stored inside,” the statement said.

The suspect led police on a pursuit to the Los Angeles neighborhood of Highland Park, where he collided with three parked vehicles, police said. He attempted to flee but was apprehended before he could exit the parking lot.

The suspect, identified only as a 23-year-old resident of Los Angeles, was booked on charges of carjacking. Additional charges are pending, police said.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Lt. Phil Rego at (562) 904-2311 or Sgt. Brian Baker at (562) 904-2304.

# Christian club meets Jan. 13

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Christian Women’s Club will celebrate the New Year on Jan. 13 with guest speaker Susan Anderson, whose topic will be “How to Overcome Anything.”

The meeting begins 11:45 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club. Cost is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch.

RSVP by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.

# Brossmer to speak at evening meeting

**DOWNEY** – Councilman Roger Brossmer will be guest speaker when Kiwanis Club of Downey hosts its inaugural evening meeting Thursday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Brossmer, who is also principal of Downey Adult School, is expected to speak on city issues.

Social drinks begin at 6 p.m. and is followed by dinner and Brossmer’s talk at 6:30.

Kiwanis is one of the oldest service organizations in Downey, operating since 1925. It is made up of volunteers dedicated to helping children, and help sponsor the monthly barbecue for patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center; the Rancho Los Amigos Carnival for patients and their families; scholarships for Downey high school students; La Casita Rehabilitation Center; Arc; and more.

Kiwanis has also funded computer labs for all DUSD schools, and, with *The Downey Patriot*, honors local youth the Downey Youth Service Award.

Downey residents are invited to attend the free event. For more information, contact Fernando Vasquez at (562) 261-7601 or fvasquez562@gmail.com.



The staff at Price Elementary took a different approach to the traditional holiday gift exchange this year. Rather than purchasing gifts for one another, the staff selected an employee and made a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation in that person’s honor. “Christmas is about the children and making their wishes come true,” said Jenny Liepitz, who came up with the idea. In total, Price staff donated \$850 to Make a Wish.

# Learn about federal student aid

**DOWNEY** – Potential college students and their parents are invited to “FAFSA Night” at Downey High School on Jan. 14 to learn about free federal student aid.

Financial aid experts from Cerritos College will be on hand to answer questions and guide students through the application process.

Students who attend FAFSA Night do not need to attend Cerritos College.

Students are advised not to use www.fafsa.com because the site charges unnecessary fees.

The meeting is free and begins at 6 p.m. inside Downey High School’s new theater. RSVP by calling (562) 869-7301, ext. 5545, or go online to www.downey.dusd.net.

# Hospice needs volunteers

**DOWNEY** – A Downey hospice is in need of volunteers to spend time with residents in the final stages of their lives.

Volunteers can also relieve tired caregivers for short periods of time or help with errands and shopping.

Training will be held at Companion Hospice Care in Downey on Feb. 27, March 6, March 13 and March 20.

Volunteers will receive 16 hours of orientation and training. Afterwards, volunteers will be given assignments close to home.

For more information, call Deanna Miles at (562) 944-2711.

# Medicare changes discussed

**WHITTIER** – Changes to Medicare in 2010 will be discussed at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier on Jan. 8 beginning at 10:15 a.m.

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11707 Coldbrook - Downey  
3 BD, 1.75 BA house, \$1,850 - Month

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10530 Shellyfield Rd. - Downey  
3 BD, 1 BA house \$1,850 - Month

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8951 & 53 Atlantic, South Gate  
640 sq. ft. commercial \$650 - Month

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The Downey Association of Realtors conducted various fundraisers and donated more than \$8,600 to local community organizations. Left to right: Anthony Mendez, president of DAOR; Kevin MacDonald, Arc; Nancy Messineo, Downey City Library; Larry Lewis, Music in the Schools; Stacy Brabant, PTA HELPS; Darrell Jackson, 10/20 Club; and Luz Perez, TLC Family Resource Center.



Local realtors recently received their "Realtor Service Pin" marking their years of service to the community. Left to right: Don Kay, 25 years; Jenny Atherley and Lourdes Cotaya, 20 years; Jackie Funk, 30 years; Sossi Gabriel and Angie Pierce, 20 years; Larry Kooiman, 35 years; Amelia Manios, 25 years; Helen Lancaster, 30 years; and Teresa Pulido, 20 years.

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**New Construction!**  
6 BD, 5 BA, 4,770 sq. ft., on a 13,661 sq. ft. lot w/ pool, 3 car detached garage.  
**Price: \$1,350,000**

**Budget Beater!**  
3 BD, family room or 4th BD. Gated w/ remote & 2 car att gar w/ automatic opener.  
**Price: \$359,900**

**COMING SOON!**

**Very Remodeled**  
3 BD, 2 BA, remodeled kitchen, hw floors, & large master BA w/ jacuzzi tub, 10,000 sq ft lot.  
**Price: \$449,000**

**A-1 Neighborhood!**  
Lg 3 BD, 2 BA, open floorplan, approx 2,000 sq. ft. master BD & BA. on a 7,500 sq. ft. lot.  
**Price: \$539,000**

**Dont Miss This!**  
3 BD, 2 BA, new kitchen, master BD, liv rm & family rm, new windows & roof, & lrg yard.  
**Price: \$529,000**

**Northeast Downey**  
5 BD, 2 BA, new kitchen w/ granite countertops, new cabinets, bonus room, pool.  
**Price: \$589,000**

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The Downey Association of Realtors has recognized Mario Acevedo of Century 21 My Real Estate, left, with the Realtor Associate of the Year Award. Other awardees include Claudia Contreras of Presidential Escrow, Affiliate of the Year Award, and Chris Baumann of Red Carpet Heritage Realty, Realtor Broker of the Year Award.



Sossi Gabriel, broker and owner of Nova Realty in Downey, has been elected president of the Downey Association of Realtors. She is pictured above, center, with 2009 DAOR president Anthony Mendez and Patty Lee, director of Habitat for Humanity. The DAOR donated more than \$8,600 to local non-profits this year, including Habitat for Humanity, which helped construct a house in Downey.