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Tesla execs die in plane crash

EAST PALO ALTO – Three employees of Tesla Motors were killed in a plane crash Wednesday morning in East Palo Alto.

KTVU News in Oakland reported that at least one of the victims was a "high-ranking executive" with Tesla.

As of early Thursday, Tesla has not identified the victims. Media reports have identified the owner of the plane as Douglas Bourn, of Santa Clara, but it is not known if he was on board.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk was not on the plane.

"Three Tesla employees were on board a plane that crashed in East Palo Alto early (Wednesday) morning," Musk said in a written statement. "We are withholding their identities as we work with the relevant authorities to notify the families. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Tesla is a small, tightly-knit company, and this is a tragic day for us."

The crash occurred at 7:54 a.m. following take off from Palo Alto Airport. The plane was described as a Cessna 310 that was heading towards the Hawthorne Airport.

Musk is also founder of SpaceX, a space technology company that operates in Hawthorne.

Tesla, which has begun the process of opening a vehicle production facility here, is headquartered in San Carlos, about 15 minutes north of Palo Alto.

"Our hearts break for Tesla. We feel that Tesla is part of the Downey family," Downey Councilman Mario Guerra said Wednesday. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Blevins named probation chief

DOWNEY – Donald H. Blevins, who has been credited with turning around Alameda County's Probation Department, will become Los Angeles County's chief probation officer on April 19.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors this week appointed Blevins to head the department at an annual salary of \$227,000. He replaces Robert Taylor, who retired Feb. 5.

Cited for his experience, managerial skills and leadership, Blevins has spent his entire 34-year career in the probation field, more than 14 years of which has been in management.

"He turned around the Alameda County Probation Department, one of the most-troubled probation agencies in the state, and he is just what LA County needs at this critical juncture," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas agreed.

"This department may very well be the most broken in the

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CIF Champions!



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY WRESTLING

Vikings take home title

■ Downey wins rematch over Quartz Hill to claim title.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – For the first time since 2004, Downey High School wrestlers are CIF champions.

The Vikings defeated four schools during CIF duals last weekend to secure the championship.

Downey cruised past Foothill High School in the first round, 67-6.

The Vikings beat Schurr, 35-27, in the second round, but forfeited the last three matches to give Schurr an uncontested 18-point swing.

"We had already won and wanted to avoid injuries," Coach Miguel Soto explained.

In the third round, Soto used all of his wrestlers "to make sure they would not enter the final dual cold," he said.

The strategy worked, and Downey got by Cypress, 54-10.

The Vikings faced Quartz Hill in the final round, a rematch from last year's finals when Downey lost

on criteria after a tie. Criteria is based on wins during the match not the number of points

Downey's 130-pound senior Josh Ho, a first year varsity wrestler, defeated his opponent 1-0 to give the Vikings a 3-point lead.

Senior and team captain Brandon Pineda trailed the first two periods of his 140-pound match, but earned a 1-point escape at the beginning of the third period.

Pushing the tempo, Pineda earned two penalty points after his opponent was called for stalling and won the match.

Senior and co-team captain Aaron Esquer controlled his entire match and came away with a decision 9-2, scoring three points for Downey at 145 pounds.

At 160, fellow senior and team captain Edward Carbajal won his match in overtime.

Rudy Calderon, also a senior and team captain, wrestled at 215 pounds and scored a pin 1:55 into the match.

Junior 112-pounder David Andrade pinned his opponent 3:53 into the match.

Ivan Garibay sealed the CIF championship with a decision win

of 11-2, scoring four points for Downey. The match win gave Downey a 7-point win with only one match left. The final score was 28-24 in the Vikings' favor.

"It was a great performance from both sides," said Soto. "Quartz Hills came to battle, however, our wrestlers rose to the challenge and out-wrestled them. It was a great performance from our entire lineup -- everybody did their part, we gave up no pins and got two key pins from David Andrade and Rudy Calderon."

Co-head coach Monico Enriquez said he "couldn't be happier with my first season at Downey."

"I want to thank these wrestlers for accepting me and trusting in me since last summer when we began working together towards these goals," he said.

Downey will send 13 wrestlers (and one alternate) to CIF individual meets this weekend in Temecula. The top five wrestlers will advance to the Masters scheduled for Feb. 26-27.

Statistics provided by Downey High School athletics were used in this report.

Hanstad, Heineke honored

■ DUSD administrators will retire in June.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Board of Education Tuesday honored assistant superintendent/personnel services Stan Hanstad and classified personnel services director/personnel commission director-secretary Pat Heineke with the superintendent's Vision Award for their "long and dedicated service" in the area of personnel.

Both are retiring in June.

Hanstad practically needs no introduction as he has been as much in the public eye as anyone else in the district distinguishing himself over the years as administrator, an expert on juvenile justice and delinquency as well as labor law, an astute negotiator, and community leader.

Superintendent Wendy Doty couldn't find enough words to hail

his many accomplishments but managed, in addition to mentioning a few highlights in his bio, to praise his "inspired" work with such affiliations as SARB, Gangs Out of Downey, Downey Rotary Club's pancake breakfast and Downey Federal Credit Union. She wondered aloud if anybody can "fill his shoes." (Hanstad, a former basketball player, stands 6-foot-4).

Don LaPlante added: "[Stan] has done a fantastic job. He's the right person [indeed] for the right

job."

Possessed with a more subdued personality but no less distinguished, Pat Heineke, noted personnel commission chair Dianne Lumsdaine, has served the district also for over 30 years: "She worked her way up through the ranks, knows the education code backwards and forwards, and has always looked out for the best interests of the district and the

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Hospital may be sold to non-profit

■ Negotiations may take months, DRMC says.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center, which filed for bankruptcy last September, is currently in exclusive negotiations with the private, non-profit medical group Daughters of Charity Health System regarding a potential acquisition of the 199-bed hospital.

The Daughters of Charity Health System, whose hospitals include St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, is a regional health care organization based in Los Altos Hills with hospitals in Northern and Southern California.

In a released statement, Rob Fuller, executive vice president and chief operating officer for Downey Regional, said the boards of directors for both the Downey Regional Medical Center-Hospital, Inc. and the Downey Regional Medical Center, Inc. voted unanimously on Feb. 2 for management to execute a letter of intent for affiliation with Daughters of Charity.

"The primary goals of the proposed transaction include ensuring an ongoing, vibrant hospital presence in Downey to serve the entire community regardless of financial status," said Fuller. "This potential acquisition will allow us to continue operating Downey Regional Medical Center on a charitable, not-for-profit basis."

Although negotiations are in the early stages, Daughters of Charity Health System President and CEO Robert Issai praised the notion of another Daughters of Charity hospital in the Southeast Los Angeles County region.

"We look forward to continuing discussions with Downey Regional Medical Center," said Issai. "Their tradition of providing compassion-



ate care and service to the Downey community aligned with our Catholic health care mission of serving the sick and the poor."

"While the details of our discussions are confidential, we are excited by the benefits this potential affiliation will provide to all residents of Downey and beyond," Issai said.

Formed in 2002, the Daughters of Charity Health System is a by-product of the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac who founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633 in Paris, France. The health care organization came to California more than 150 years ago, establishing Los Angeles' first hospital, St. Vincent Medical Center, in 1856.

In addition to St. Francis in Lynwood and St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles, the system also operates Seton Medical Center in Daly City, Seton Coastside in Moss Beach, O'Connor Hospital in San Jose and St. Louise Regional Hospital in Gilroy.

Fuller is hopeful that Downey Regional Medical Center will soon join the health system in order to keep the doors of the 90-year-old hospital open.

"Given the complexity of the transaction and the requirements of Chapter 11, the process may take several months," said Fuller. "Downey employees and medical staff are hopeful that we will become officially affiliated with Daughters of Charity Health System in late spring, as a strong member of this hospital group."

Space center to host open houses for teachers

DOWNEY – The new Columbia Memorial Space Center will begin hosting open house sessions for local school teachers.

Teachers will have the opportunity to learn about the center's interactive exhibits, programs, labs, field trips and tour the Challenger Learning Center for simulated space missions.

The first open house is scheduled for Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Other open house dates are Feb. 27 (1 to 5 p.m.), March 25 (4 to 8 p.m.), March 27 (1 to 5 p.m.), April 22 (4 to 8 p.m.) and April 24 (1 to 5 p.m.).

The space center opened last October. It features a robotics lab, high-definition computer lab and a wide array of interactive exhibits that provide insights into Space Shuttle operations, living and working on the International Space Station, exploration of our solar system and aerospace engineering.

The center also explores careers related to human and robotic space exploration.

The space center is located at 12400 Columbia Way (formerly Clark Avenue) in Downey. It is open to the public Thursday through Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m., with special hours available for school groups.

Admission is \$5 per person. Children ages 3 and younger are free. Teachers interested in attending an open house should contact Christie Pearce at cpearce@downeyca.org or (562) 231-1200.

More information on the center is available at www.columbiaspace-science.org.

Probation: L.A. County probation largest in the world.

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County of Los Angeles," he said. "I look forward to Donald Blevins' urgently needed reform efforts and supporting his leadership."

Blevins acknowledged that Alameda County had some difficult issues when he joined that department as chief probation officer in 2003.

Among his accomplishments in Alameda County were the introduction of evidence-based practices to move toward assessment-driven services to clients; collaboration to create a juvenile mental health court; expansion of service to sexually exploited minors; enhanced literacy program for

juvenile hall youth; implementation of a kiosk reporting system for adult offenders; institution of cost-effective alternatives to detention, including electronic and GPS monitoring; and enhancement of revenue and fee collection.

Blevins said he would also emphasize evidence-based practices in Los Angeles County, which he described as basing department procedures and practices on what research has proven to be effective. "Something might feel good, but does it work?" With limited financial resources, the department must work more efficiently, he said.

Noting that the Los Angeles County Probation Department was

the largest probation department in the world, Blevins said he considers his new job "an opportunity of a lifetime" and looks forward to helping the department "get back on track." "I like a challenge, and this is a challenge on a grand scale," he said.

Blevins said his strength is that he knows the probation field "inside and out," starting out as a deputy probation officer in San Diego County in 1976 and reaching the position of probation director of the adult field services before going to Alameda County.

He is active in numerous professional organizations, including the National Institute of

Corrections, the Chief Probation Officers of California, the California Parole, Probation and Corrections Association, the American Probation and Parole Association, and the National Association of Probation Executives.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and sociology from the United States International University/Cal Western Campus-San Diego in 1974 and did graduate work in sociology in 1976 at the San Diego State University.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department, established in 1903, has a \$692.8 million budg-

et and 6,136 positions. Its headquarters are in Downey.

Blevins, 58, said he and his wife, Laura, will be visiting the area soon to find a place to live, hopefully not far from the Probation Department's Downey headquarters.

From a personal standpoint, he said, the move back to Southern California is a good one since he and his wife will be closer to family in San Diego, including his son Jacob, stepson Jorge in Los Angeles, and son Josh in Las Vegas.

"I am looking forward to the move and the challenge," he said.

Early glimpses of L.A. shown

DOWNEY - Newly-discovered 16mm prints portraying historic views of Los Angeles between 1901-1928 will be displayed at the Thursday meeting of Downey Historical Society.

The newly-struck prints will be projected at their original speed of 16 frames per second.

Bonus footage will include 1950s and 60s television commercials featuring Southern California, with "a few surprises tossed in the mix."

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. inside the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center. The public is invited.

Tax Directory

4 steps to follow if you are missing a W-2

Getting ready to file your tax return? Make sure you have all your documents before you start. You should receive a Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement from each of your employers. Employers have until February 1, 2010 to send you a 2009 Form W-2 earnings statement. If you haven't received your W-2, follow these four steps:

Contact your employer If you have not received your W-2, contact your employer to inquire if and when the W-2 was mailed. If it was mailed, it may have been returned to the employer because of an incorrect or incomplete address. After contacting the employer, allow a reasonable amount of time for them to resend or to issue the W-2.

Contact the IRS If you do not receive your W-2 by February 16th, contact the IRS for assistance at 800-829-1040. When you call, you must provide your name, address, city and state, including zip code, Social Security number, phone number and have the following information:

- *Employer's name, address, city and state, including zip code and phone number
- *Dates of employment
- *An estimate of the wages you earned, the federal income tax withheld, and when you worked for that employer during 2009. The estimate should be based on year-to-date information from your final pay stub or leave-and-earnings statement, if possible.

File your return You still must file your tax return or request an extension to file by April 15, even if you do not receive your Form W-2. If you have not received your Form W-2 by April 15th, and have completed steps 1 and 2, you may use Form 4852, Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement. Attach Form 4852 to the return, estimating income and withholding taxes as accurately as possible. There may be a delay in any refund due while the information is verified.

File a Form 1040X On occasion, you may receive your missing W-2 after you filed your return using Form 4852, and the information may be different from what you reported on your return. If this happens, you must amend your return by filing a Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Form 4852, Form 1040X, and instructions are available on the IRS website, IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

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Thanks to donation, East has new computer lab

DOWNEY – The Downey Kiwanis Foundation has donated \$50,000 to the Downey Unified School District for a new computer lab at East Middle School.

The donation was made at a presentation ceremony Jan. 25.

“We are so grateful to the Downey Kiwanis,” said Brent Shubin, principal at East Middle School. “Our computer lab is now up to date with the latest technology and it is being used all the time.”

“In tough financial times like these, it is wonderful to have the support of organizations like the Kiwanis Club.”

Downey Kiwanis Club was established in 1924. Its charitable foundation contributes to worthy projects that serve the local community.

With its most recent donation, the Kiwanis Foundation has now contributed \$50,000 towards a computer lab for each school within the Downey school district.

“Downey Kiwanis has been a longtime technology supporter in the Downey Unified School District,” said Robert Becker, technology education teacher at East.



A \$50,000 donation from the Kiwanis Foundation paid for a new computer lab at East Middle School. From left: Superintendent Wendy Doty, Kiwanis Foundation chairman Jerry Wetzstein and East Middle School principal Brent Shubin.

“Their continued support enables our students to continue to learn with the latest state of the art technology.”

Fernando Vasquez, a member of Downey Kiwanis Club, said the donation “will have an immediate impact on a child’s education and serve access to a world of knowledge.”

“We hope this revitalizes stu-

dent interest in aerospace, engineering, math and science,” he said.

Residents interested in joining Downey Kiwanis Club are invited to attend a free lunch meeting. Meetings are held every Thursday at noon and the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Immunizations for kids Feb. 24

DOWNEY – Free immunizations for children will be offered at Maude Price Elementary School on Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

In conjunction with St. Francis Medical Center, children ages 4 to 18 can receive immunizations for chicken pox, hepatitis A and B, DTP, MMR, polio, meningococcal, HPV and tuberculosis.

All immunizations are free and no appointment is necessary. A parent or guardian must accompany children.

Maude Price is at 9525 Tweedy Lane in Downey. For more information, call (562) 904-3589.

Tickets on sale for casino trip

DOWNEY – The OLPH Women’s Guild is sponsoring a daytrip to Harrah’s Rincon Casino and Resort in San Diego on March 23.

Cost of the trip is \$10 and includes a \$10 voucher that may be used at the casino’s gift shop, buffet or for gaming.

Free bingo will be played on the bus. A valid California ID is required from passengers.

For reservations, call Anna at (562) 923-2988.

Doll show at club meeting

DOWNEY – A doll show will highlight the March 10 meeting of Downey Christian Women’s Club, starting at 11:45 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

Also at the meeting, Daisy Catchings will speak on “Serenity in Spite of Storms in Life.”

The meeting is open to the public (including men). Cost is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch.

For reservations, call Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.

Pot luck at Temple Ner Tamid

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid will celebrate the Purim holiday on Feb. 26 with a pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.

Guests whose last name begins with the letter A through Z are asked to bring a main dish, while last names starting with K through Z should bring an appetizer or salad.

No food items should contain dairy.

A Purim service and the reading of the Migillah will follow dinner at 7:30 p.m. Costumes and outrageous hats are encouraged with prizes for the most creative.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (562) 861-9276.

Artist to be at Furman Park

DOWNEY – Gene Turner, an award-winning artist known for his gregarious personality and humorous commentary interspersed with educational and interesting facts, will be at Furman Park on Tuesday for a meeting of Downey Art League.

Turner is twice past president of the Tahoe Art League and has won numerous awards, including Artist of the Year. He currently stays active by promoting youth participation in the arts.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the community is invited.

Fresh & Easy now hiring

DOWNEY – Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market is now hiring for its new Downey store.

The grocery store will employ approximately 20 to 30 people, hired “from the local neighborhood,” the company said in a news release. Employees work at least 20 hours per week and receive healthcare and other benefits.

Entry-level positions pay “well over” minimum wage with a potential quarterly bonus of up to 10 percent, the company said.

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A grand opening date will be announced “in a couple of weeks,” a company official said.

As part of its grand opening, the company will donate \$1,000 to a local non-profit organization. To nominate a charity, go to www.freshandeasy.com/goodneighbor.

Nominations will be accepted until March 26.

NARFE meets on Wednesday

DOWNEY – The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Wednesday at noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

A doll will be raffled off, courtesy of Sara Knerr.

For more information, call Robert Knerr at (562) 943-5513.



Downey resident Angel Enriquez, a student at Carpenter Elementary, has been awarded the Special Olympics’ Male Athlete of the Year Award for 2009. Angel was born with Down syndrome and Hirschsprung’s disease (an intestinal disorder). He is a member of the Challenger team for West Downey Little League and was invited to participate in the Special Olympics last year. He trained with the South East Special Olympics team at the Bellflower Aquatics Center and won two gold medals and one silver medal in swimming.

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Seminars will be held on:
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Wednesday • March 24 • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood Regional Medical Center • Conference Area, Room B 3700 E. South St. • Lakewood

THE AGING EYE • Speaker: Emma Clay, M.D. • Learn about the most common issues affecting the eyes of seniors, as well as the latest treatments and advances in ophthalmology.
Friday • March 5 • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
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Wednesday • March 10 • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
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• Cataract Screening - Our Ophthalmologist will check your eyes for cataracts and answer any questions related to eye problems.
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Symphony gala March 12

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Guild will host its annual gala fundraiser March 12 at the Embassy Suites.

The event will include dinner, entertainment and a silent auction.

Cost is \$70 with proceeds benefiting the Downey Symphony and the Music in the Schools program.

RSVP by March 4 by sending a check to Marie Eckstrom, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240.

For more information, call (562) 861-8507.

Church selling enchiladas

DOWNEY – The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will hold their annual enchilada sale tomorrow.

Enchiladas come two to a pan and are suitable for freezing. Meat and cheese enchiladas are \$4.50 per pan, and cheese enchiladas are \$4.75.

Orders may be placed by calling the church office at (562) 927-0718. Enchiladas may be picked up between 12 – 5 p.m.

Ribbon-cutting Wednesday

DOWNEY – Downtown Bar-B-Que Company, at 11045 Downey Ave., will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

The restaurant is owned by Ralph Granata, whose family also owns Granata's Italian Villa across the street.

Appetizers and refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Auction items on display

DOWNEY – Silent auction items for the month of February are now on display in the Downey City Library's foyer.

Auction items include "His Excellency George Washington," by Joseph J. Ellis, a biography that brings to life the complexity of the most important and perhaps least understood figure in American history; "The Sopranos Family Cookbook," written by Allen Rucker, tells you how to cook like an Italian mama and how to eat like a wise guy; and "Beetle," by the editors of Consumer Guide, tells the story of the Volkswagen Beetle, which is full of irony, intrigue and surprises beginning in Nazi Germany.

Bids can be placed up to Feb. 27 in the Friend's Book Store.

DUSD: Student photog recognized.

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classified employees, working collaboratively with both the board of education and the CSEA units. She has consistently put in very long work days, and then willingly commits time above and beyond her work day to serve at the local and state level in personnel-related organizations."

Her leadership role as an active community volunteer and animator at a state and local level, especially her work with Arc and Soroptimist International of Downey, are well-known, Lumsdaine said, and being a true 'Renaissance woman' has her talents and interests engaged even in community theater.

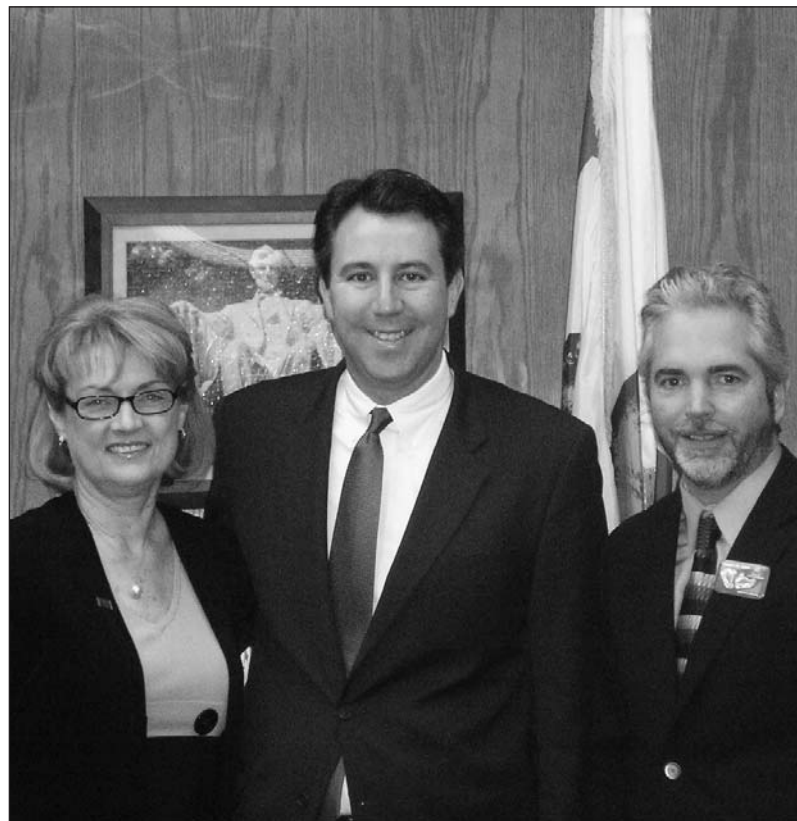
In short, she said, "Pat is the real deal" and she, too, "leaves some very big shoes to fill."

The Board also heard a presentation by Warren High School teacher George Redfox recognizing Alexis Chanes, one of his photographer-students, for receiving seven first-place ribbons at the recent Los Angeles County Fair education expo, and noting that her prize-winning photos are currently on display at Kaiser Permanente.

In other action, the Board:

*Accepted with gratitude cash and in-kind donations from various donors, including \$50,000 from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation to purchase computers for East Middle School; \$10,000 from the Wells Fargo Foundation in support of the school program at Warren High School; \$3,849.27 from Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. to purchase toothbrushes for the district's elementary schools; and varying amounts from Downey Federal Credit Union, Gangs Out of Downey, etc., in support of True Lasting Connections (TLC);

*Ratified/approved regular district programs/activities as the payment of convention and conference attendance expenses; payment of special education placements; the issuance of payroll orders for hourly, overtime and Civic Center work performed by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services; B warrants covering Jan. 1, 2010-Jan. 31, 2010; the agreements between Downey Adult School Career and Education Center and several institutes/groups that furnish practical experience to students enrolled in its medical assistant/billing & coding/vocational nursing programs; and a few change orders affecting corresponding purchase orders; the indicated adjustments to the budgets under the General Fund, Adult Education Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Deferred Maintenance Fund, and Capital Facilities Fund; the purchase



Pat Heineke, shown above with Assemblyman Hector De La Torre and Arc executive director Kevin MacDonald, will retire in June from her position with the Downey Unified School District. District administrator Stan Hanstad will also retire in June.

orders by the Purchasing Department; and routine Personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education;

*Also approved/ratified the proposed revisions to MAR 4141 (Administrative /Psychologist Salary Schedule A), effective July 1, 2010; Part II of the consolidated application for funding categorical aid programs (EIA/LEP funds for all schools to serve English Learner students; Title I programs at 11 elementary schools, 4 middle school and St. Raymond and OLPH private schools, etc.; the quarterly uniform complaint (re: instructional materials, facilities, teacher vacancy and misassignment, CAHSEE intensive instruction and services) report summary; the Connect-Ed service agreement with Blackboard Connect to provide a school-to-parent communication system, effective March 6, 2010-March 5, 2013; the use of the master agreement entered into by the County of Los Angeles and Xerox Corporation for photocopying equipment, which the district can take advantage of on an as needed basis when ordering copiers and related items with the same economy-of-scale advantages, terms and conditions;

*Also approved the abolishment of two positions, one (a senior instructional assistant position) at West Middle School and the other the food service operations coordinator position, and the establishment meanwhile of a corresponding new position; the estab-

lishment of two new limited-term positions for the TLC Center and Secondary Education; the reduction in hours (from 40 hours/week to 16 hours/week) for a vacant clerical position at Downey Adult School; and the changes pertinent to positions providing support services for students with special needs with effective dates indicated;

*Accepted as complete the electrical, fencing, backhoe, plumbing, paving and concrete work performed by various contractors;

*Acknowledged a claim dated Jan. 26, 2010 and received Jan., 2010 submitted by Rosanna R. Durazo, and denied said claim in compliance with Government Code Section 911-15 and 945;

*Adopted Resolution No. 200910-06 (Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Service);

*Approved the single plans for student achievement (prepared by all schools) and Title I parent involvement policies, required for all state and federal categorically funded programs, such as English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP), No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Title I funds, etc.; and

*Endorsed the actions taken by the superintendent on all student cases, which were considered in closed session.

The next regular public meeting of the board will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 at the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

POET'S CORNER

Bee Hives Inside My Head

Who is the bee immigrating into my ear
While I sit asunder yet too near?
I forget the buzz and breezes of his/her name
The tip of my tongue would not reclaim
What shame, what human I became
To let stranger bestow my simple ear
In an act of treason positioned sincere
I say today is here in temporary restitution,
and yesterday is head of a night to be revered.

—James Hernandez,
Downey

Untitled

My thoughts are flying blind tonight;
Circling aloft in hopeless flight.
Things look prosaic, dull, routine;
Like wooden figures on a screen.
The words say nothing that I mean.
With wizardry I yearn to bring
Beauty from some hidden spring!

—Terese Akins Anthony,
Lakewood

A Winter Day

What an awesome sight, glorious sight
to see the mountains peaked in white
Jutting up so very high
Against a bright blue, sunny sky!

How nice to breathe the air so clean,
See the grasses now in green,
And relish in the sun's warm rays
On this beautiful, California, winter day!

—Martha J. Morrissey,
Downey

Cupid & St. Valentine's Day

Cupid arrives on St. Valentine's Day –
bringing hope to the old and young at heart.
His arrows are directed in such a way
to encourage love never to depart.

Love is his arrow that enters the soul
bringing the heart kindness and caring,
relieving sadness and making us whole,
and helps us start giving and sharing.

I have a thought that I want to share,
because each day as I'm growing older,
I find it easier to say that I care,
perhaps as I age, I get much bolder.

I think a hug, a kiss, or a smile,
when they're given without apprehension,
makes us feel good for a little while,
the arrow of love can relieve tension.

By receiving Cupid's love arrow today,
St. Valentine's intentions come true,
as the arrow enters your heart somehow,
you'll find love has come to you.

—Lee Woodfin,
Downey

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Congress & citizens share responsibility for failings

A newly released public opinion survey shows that neither Congress nor the citizenry is doing its job in getting the legislative process to work effectively.

The survey, conducted for the Center on Congress, found 77 percent disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job. And when asked, "Do you believe that the delays in Congress are due to serious differences on the issues, or that members just like to bicker and score political points?" 65 percent attributed delays to bickering.

But according to the survey, citizens also bear some responsibility for shortcomings in the functioning of Congress. Respondents gave citizens a D on "their understanding of what Congress does and how it works," a C-minus on "contacting members of Congress on issues that concern them" and a C on "following what is going on in Congress."

Only 25 percent of those surveyed said they had attended a public meeting in the past two years where one of their members of Congress was present.

"Interestingly, the public makes harsh judgments not only about how Congress functions, but also about the public's lack of effort in relating to Congress," said Edward G. Carmine, Director of Research for the Center on Congress. "This suggests that the public takes some responsibility for their dismal assessment of the institution."

Overwhelming majorities of those surveyed see America as a nation with a wide diversity of opinions, and believe the legislative process should move at a pace that enables multiple viewpoints to be considered.

When asked, "Would you say that most Americans typically agree on what Congress should do, or are there usually wide differences of opinion?" 84 percent said there are wide differences of opinion. And when asked, "Is it better for Congress to pass legislation quickly and efficiently, or take the time to consider issues thoroughly and carefully?" 84 percent of respondents preferred the thorough and careful approach.

But the public's awareness that Congress faces a difficult challenge making policy for a diverse nation does not translate into clear guidance on how disagreements should be resolved in Washington.

When asked if members should "stand up for their principles no matter what," or "compromise with their opponents in order to get something done," a solid 55 percent advised the unyielding course. Only 45 percent said members should be willing to compromise.

Whichever path members decide to choose in the months ahead, one thing is clear: It would be hard for the public's regard for Congress to sink much lower.

Eighty percent of those surveyed said "the main thing that influences what members of Congress do in office" is either "personal self-interest" or "special interests."

Asked to assess Congress in several areas, respondents consistently gave the legislature a grade of D — on "controlling the influence of special interest groups"; on "keeping excessive partisanship in check"; on "holding its members to high standards of ethical conduct"; on "conducting its business in a careful, deliberate way"; on "dealing with key issues facing the country"; and on "engaging in productive discussion and allowing all points of view to be heard."

These negative feelings carried over into questions about the degree to which Congress should be calling the shots in our system of government. When asked, "Over the last decade, has the power of the Congress been about right, too much, or too little?" 56 percent responded "too much."

Although the Constitution gives Congress the power of the purse, and the authority to declare war, only 22 percent said Congress "should take the lead in determining the federal budget," and only 15 percent said Congress "should take the lead in deciding to go to war."

The findings are based on a nationwide survey of 1000 people completed in October and November 2009 by the internet polling firm YouGov Polimetrix.

Contributed by the Center on Congress at Indiana University.

CSULB Super Sunday celebrates 5 years

Encouraged by their contribution to a 78 percent increase in African Americans applying to the California State University (CSU), Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) President F. King Alexander and others on Feb. 28 will again address church congregations to discuss early college preparation during the fifth annual CSU Super Sunday.

The program is part of the CSU's African American Initiative, which strives to find new ways to educate youth and parents about the value of a college degree and the steps that must be completed in launching a successful college career.

Alexander will speak at Friendship Baptist Church, located at 17145 Bastanchury Road in Yorba Linda during the 8 to 11:30 a.m. service. CSULB Vice President for Student Services Douglas Robinson will address the congregation at First AME Church, located at 2270 S. Harvard Boulevard in Los Angeles during the 8 to 10 a.m. service.

"Over the past five years, Super Sunday has proven to be an increasingly important component of California State University's and Cal State Long Beach's overall commitment in reaching out to local and regional underserved communities," said Alexander. "Because of our, CSU's and the churches' efforts, tens-of-thousands of students and their families learn that planning for college should start as early as the sixth grade."

Since Jan. 31, CSU officials, such as Chancellor Charles Reed, trustees, campus presidents, and other higher education representatives

Letters to the Editor:

Excursion to the past

Dear Editor:

We at the History Center are so pleased with Christian Brown's series "Looking Back..." The Hansen and the Parley Johnson House stories were well-researched and very well written and tell stories which need to be told about "the way things were."

We are looking forward to Christian's next excursion into the past.

— **John Vincent,**
President, Downey Historical Society

No Wi-Fi at the library

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago I somehow got the courage to go to one of the Downey City Council meetings that was hosted on a Tuesday night. It was my first time seeing how plans and projects were approved by council members and it was also my first time looking at how people stand in front of a waist-level podium and voice their concerns about pertinent issues.

I was the last one to speak I was shaky and a nervous wreck not to mention the fact that I looked like a bum in my gray slacks and blue/yellow tennis shoes. If you also throw in the fact that I have a fear of speaking in front of people, this should have been a recipe for disaster before I even stepped into city hall that night.

However, what I had to speak about was more important than myself. The issue at hand was the lack of wireless Internet at the Downey City Library. How is it even remotely possible that the Downey library, a central hub of tutors, students, educators, retirees, and avid book readers has rejected plans to implement Wi-Fi connectivity?

You never build a home without a bathroom, you don't build a car without air bags and you don't have a respected library that is supposed to be a facilitator of information to NOT have wireless internet! I don't get it. I myself am a tutor and it is so difficult to not have the Internet available for my laptop and I find it frustrating that the librarians are just as frustrated as I am and also embarrassed that city hall looks as if allowing the Information Super Highway into our library is somehow an issue to avoid and even reject.

My students will benefit from Wi-Fi because they allow me to connect to interactive media online and find other ways to stimulate their minds rather than bore them with tedious pencil and paper exercises. Today's students want to be entertained while learning because learning is fun when taught correctly. Wireless Internet allows me, other tutors, students and others to open a whole new world of information that our library may not have and why city hall shuts the door on that new world I have absolutely no idea.

We need to push this issue and push it hard otherwise Wi-Fi will once again be a rejected proposal not only this year but probably for another 10 years.

I want to mention that when I finished my little speech in front of the council members, councilman Mario Guerra told me, "I agree with you 100 percent, Edgar." That felt good but I hope we can work together with Mr. Guerra to make Wi-Fi possible for our beloved library.

— **Edgar Espinoza,**
Downey

Set me down

Dear Editor:

Reading and hearing of all the fires, floods, mud slides and budget woes of various neighboring areas leaves me with one grateful thought: "Set me down in Downey," as our city's song says.

Sure glad that my mom and dad decided to settle here in the middle of WW-2.

— **Hugh T. Hoskins,**
Downey



NOT A GOOD SIGN

Photo exhibit's turnout

Dear Editor:

I expect that the Downey Patriot will cover in its next issue the remarkable attendance to the photo exhibition presented by the Downey Art Vibe last Feb. 4 at the Downey Theatre.

It was indeed a remarkable event from many aspects. Hundreds of young adults, late teens and early 20s flocked to the theater to view, react and discuss a wide range of photographic art by two young photographers, both products of Downey's high schools. It was impressive to observe the interaction among the attendees and listen to their animated exchanges.

Although the Downey Theatre proved more than an adequate venue in this instance, in great part due to the use of the second floor gallery (used for the first time), this remarkable event also provided a clear demonstration of the need of a permanent affordable venue available for young adults — indeed all residents — to meet and share their interest in the arts, visual, performance, musical and other cultural activities on an ongoing basis.

We hope the City Council will take notice and consider this need in the plan for Downtown, currently under preparation. Such an art center would certainly be a major element to a successful revitalized downtown area.

— **Harold Tseklenis,**
Downey

A prescription for lower costs — with no co-pay

By Peter Pitts

Alas, it's unlikely that Washington will pass meaningful healthcare reform any time soon. Yet healthcare costs are still exploding — making quality care unaffordable for too many Americans and putting a financial burden on us all.

Surprisingly, though, there's a smart move that health insurers can make that'll lower costs for consumers and insurers alike, and improve patient health: Reduce co-pays on prescription drugs.

High drug prices lead many Americans to skip doses or quite prescriptions entirely. Yet prescription drug prices aren't rising — it's patients' out-of-pocket costs, or co-pays. Over the past several years, insurance companies have become increasingly reluctant to foot the bill for brand-name medications.

Indeed, since 2000, co-pays have increased four times faster than prescription drug prices.

Patients respond to higher co-pays by skipping their meds more often. In 2003, researchers at Oregon University studied the effects of introducing a \$2 to \$3 co-pay for prescription meds among 17,000 patients. Adherence to treatment dropped by 17 percent.

Some insurers are even refusing to cover new prescription drugs. According to a study from Wolter Kluwer Health, insurers' denial rate for brand-name meds was 10.8 percent at the end of 2008 — a 21 percent jump from the year before.

Abandoning treatment — a practice known as "non-adherence" — has serious consequences for patient health. For instance, people with hypertension that neglect their meds are over five times more likely to experience a poor clinical outcome than those that don't. Heart disease patients are 1.5 times more likely.

It also results in higher medical costs, as patients who go off their meds often end up in the hospital. Minor conditions that might have been controlled by inexpensive meds can sometimes balloon into life-threatening illnesses that require surgery or other costly treatments.

This makes sense. After all, a daily cholesterol-lowering drug is far less expensive than emergency heart surgery.

As Congress figures out what to do next on healthcare reform, private insurers can act now to control their own costs and vastly improve medical outcomes by lowering co-pays. State lawmakers and insurance regulators, too, should look to co-pay reform to help make healthcare more affordable for average Americans.

Peter J. Pitts is President of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest and a former FDA Associate Commissioner.

Girls to learn about careers

LONG BEACH — The seventh annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Career Conference will be held at Long Beach City College on Feb. 26.

Women with careers in math, science, technology and engineering will present workshops to middle school girls to excite them about the possibilities of such careers and encourage them to attend college.

More than 500 girls have participated in the program over the past six years. The conference is organized by the American Association of University Women of Long Beach.

Girls can pre-register through select after-school programs and Long Beach schools.

For more information, visit www.aauw-longbeach.org.

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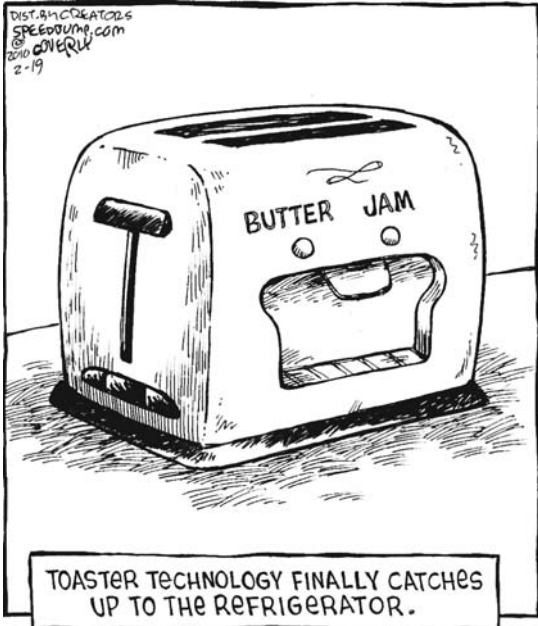
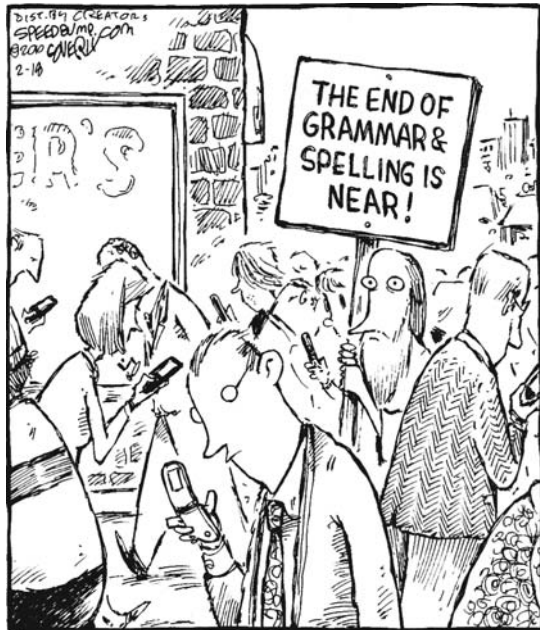
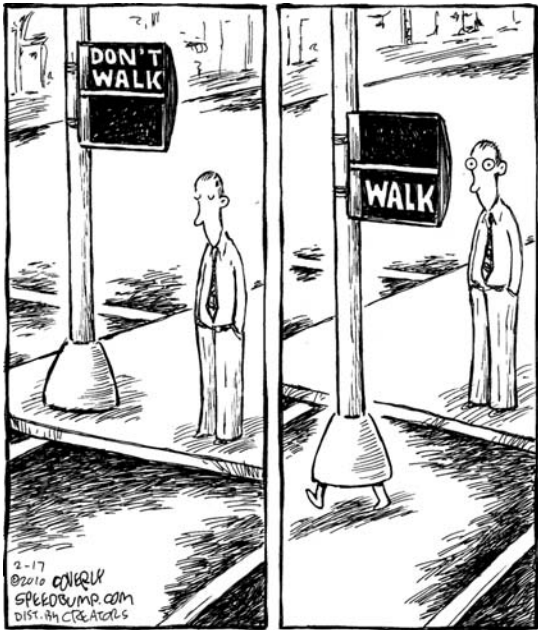
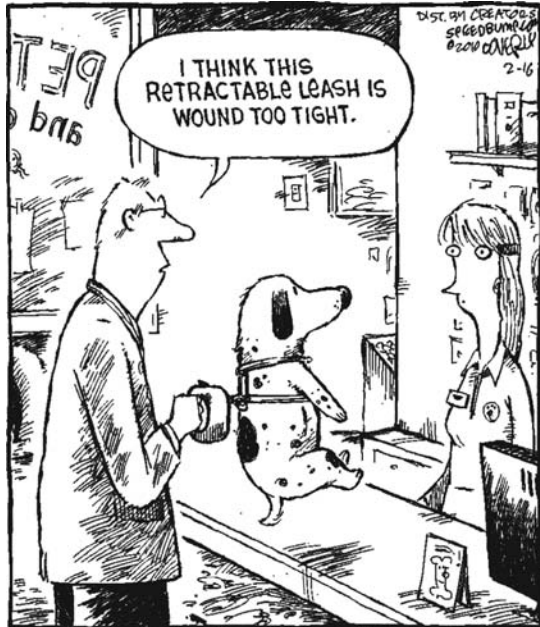
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

- Sat. Feb. 20: **Razorbacks registration**, Furman Park, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Feb. 20: **Enchilada sale**, Moravian Church of Downey, 12 p.m.
- Mon. Feb. 22: **Meeting regarding Treasure Island Park**, Price Elementary, 9 a.m.
- Tues. Feb. 23: **Financial workshop**, DUSD's ROP Room, 5 p.m.
- Tues. Feb. 23: **Artist Gene Turner**, Furman Park, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 24: **NARFE meeting**, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 12 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 24: **Immunizations for children**, Maude Price Elementary, 3 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 24: **Ribbon-cutting**, DOWNTOWN BBQ, 4:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Feb. 25: **Downey Historical Society meeting**, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7:30 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.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 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., 7:30 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Sister City Assoc.**, at Maude Price School, for information call 884-9657.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
- 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.
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- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
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- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
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- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
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On This Day...

- Feb. 19, 1878:** Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.
- 1881:** Kansas prohibited all forms of alcoholic beverages.
- 1942:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern all Japanese-Americans.
- 2004:** San Francisco sued California, seeking to overturn its ban on same-sex marriages.
- 2008:** After nearly a half-century in power, Fidel Castro resigned as president of Cuba.
- Birthdays:** R&B singer Smokey Robinson (70), author Amy Tan (58), NFL commissioner Roger Goodell (51), singer Seal (47) and actress Haylie Duff (25).

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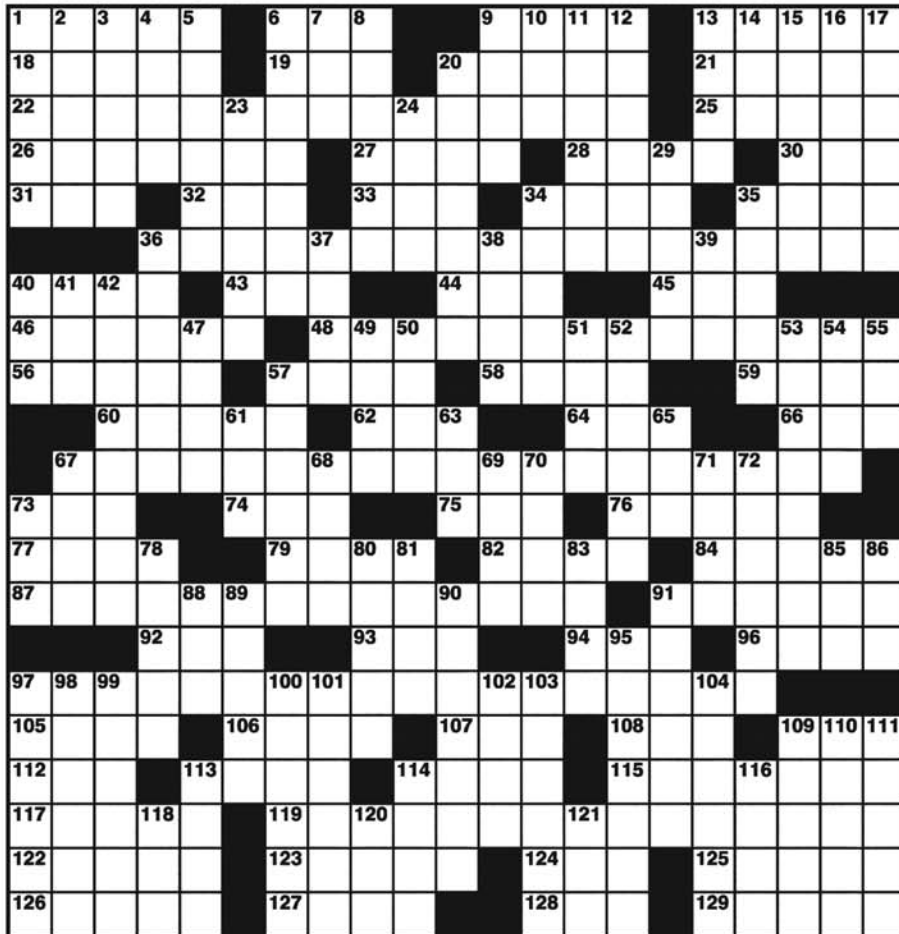
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PLAY IT AGAIN: Let us reiterate ...

by David W. Cromer

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 - 6 Butcher's discard
 - 9 Sport in a ring
 - 13 Sorority letter
 - 18 Personal preference
 - 19 Serving size: Abbr.
 - 20 Delay, as payments
 - 21 Audibly
 - 22 Long-play album?
 - 25 Stirred (up)
 - 26 Beam eater
 - 27 Perfectly
 - 28 Held onto
 - 30 Scale nos.
 - 31 Sign of a smash: Abbr.
 - 32 Dorm helpers, for short
 - 33 Once possessed
 - 34 Make better
 - 35 Aria, for one
 - 36 Fond memory of *Peanuts*?
 - 40 Hemingway nickname
 - 43 John _ Lennon
 - 44 Neither partner
 - 45 Ostentatious neckwear
 - 46 Soup starters
 - 48 Nuptial compensation?
 - 56 Sharp argument
 - 57 Part of TAE
 - 58 Fifth-century pope
 - 59 Manuscript mistake
 - 60 Fake coins
 - 62 Go off
 - 64 Retired flyer: Abbr.
 - 66 Poetic contraction
 - 67 Money back for a defective fastener?
 - 73 Dove's sound
 - 74 Guitar innovator Paul
 - 75 Item on a book flap
 - 76 "Chill!"
 - 77 Tiny colonists
 - 79 Hinge (on)
 - 82 Ends of wks.
 - 84 Dutch cheeses
 - 87 *Gunsmoke* cast get-together?
 - 91 Witty comment
 - 92 Gardner of Hollywood
 - 93 Greek T
 - 94 French friend
 - 96 Catch sight of
 - 97 Garden store customer-service worker?
 - 105 Lotion additive
 - 106 Cockeyed
 - 107 Martini ingredient
 - 108 Young fellow
 - 109 Skillet
 - 112 Computer-hookup letters
 - 113 Arbitrator's goal
 - 114 Hatcher of *Desperate Housewives*
 - 115 Part of France's motto
 - 117 Author Calvino
 - 119 Comprehensive preparation?
 - 122 Grand _ National Park
 - 123 Awakens
 - 124 Hubbub
 - 125 Send in payment
 - 126 Perfect places
 - 127 Hard to hold
 - 128 You can stand to lose it
 - 129 Small valleys
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 - 2 Levy assessor
 - 3 National Leaguer
 - 4 Hollywood couple, perhaps
 - 5 *Raging Bull* star
 - 6 Arrives by jet
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 - 8 Tithe amounts
 - 9 Sunni, e.g.
 - 10 ET transport
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 - 12 Trying period
 - 13 Go- (kid's vehicle)
 - 14 Poetic pugilist
 - 15 Hoi _
 - 16 City south of Denver
 - 17 Appends
 - 20 Not a through street
 - 23 John of *Full House*
 - 24 Leonine sound
 - 29 First-year cadet
 - 34 Singer Lena
 - 35 Get going
 - 36 Ranch animals
 - 37 Monk's hood
 - 38 Heating element
 - 39 North Atlantic food fish
 - 40 *Antiques Roadshow* network
 - 41 " _ you kidding?"
 - 42 Random criticism
 - 47 Time of day
 - 49 At any time
 - 50 "Rats!"
 - 51 "Gee whiz!"
 - 52 Choir-concert accessories
 - 53 Where pupils are tested
 - 54 Eject, as lava
 - 55 Business partner, at times
 - 57 Nautical direction
 - 61 Toothpaste type
 - 63 Reiner or Lowe
 - 65 Mao _-tung
 - 67 Sound quality
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 - 69 Name for a poodle
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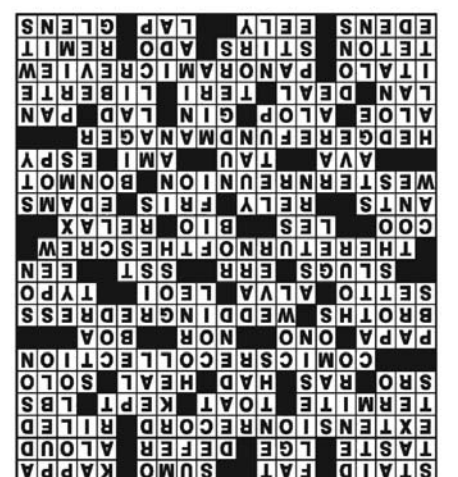
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'Hide & Seek' adored by students

BY ALYSSA WYNNE,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Booming sounds, flashing lights, and rampant weather are natural effects usually associated with thriller movies. But these elements were not involved in a movie, but rather a play performed by Downey High School's drama program. "Hide and Seek" created much controversy and brought light to the locals of what is truly inappropriate for high school drama.

"Hide and Seek," the little-known thriller by Lezley Havard, was presented to the Downey community in early February for a week. The stage was rather in shambles with the mix-matched furniture, rags lying about casually, and assorted knick-knacks. The agenda for the play explains that the Crawford's have currently relocated to farmhouse in upstate New York that is undergoing severe renovations.

Elena Ortiz, playing the "very pregnant" lead Jennifer Crawford, opens the play by descending the stairs and complaining about the disastrous house. Soon enough Richard Crawford, played by Jose Zuniga, arrives to his broken home and he and his wife begin to argue. The play continues with Jennifer spotting a small girl, with messy braids and dressed in a frayed pinafore, swinging in the backyard. But this is impossible because this little girl has been missing for years, and coincidentally she is the daughter of neighbor's John and Elly Bart (played by Jesus Juarez and Jeanette Nitao).

Later, Richard's brother, Tony Crawford, played by Ian Adams, and his fiancée, Vicky Bennet, played by Natalie Medrano, arrive for dinner and Tony taunts Jennifer about the little girl—amongst other things. Through Tony's tone, it is implied that he is the father of Jennifer's unborn child. There is a storm, the power goes out, and the mystery ensues.

Ortiz and Adams, with foul sin-filled roles, were the support and frame of the entire play. The passion shown in their lines, interactions, and expressions was epic, to say the least. By placing herself in Jennifer's shoes, Ortiz pictured how she would react to a particular situation, and was thus able to understand her. Adams, who has a knack for eerie genres, saw this play as another way to discover the mystery in all forms of art.

"Hide and Seek" received wonderful reviews from students. Yet the teachers that attended the play could not help but disagree with their views. The edgy and dark attempt made by the director(s) was shortsighted, they said.

A little research would have told the directors that the play was a failure when it was initially performed in 1980. After only nine performances it was removed from stage.

Downey High's black market

■ Students find easy access to 'forbidden' foods at Downey High.

BY JOANNA QUINTANA,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Call it the undying entrepreneurial spirit of students or a covert means of getting tasty items and making a delicious profit, but Downey High School has its own "black market" in which students sell and buy forbidden delights.

Despite the risk of getting caught and punished for making revenue off an eager student body, young entrepreneurs still do business during lunch and snack, and oftentimes even during class.

"They sell something every time I'm on my way to class or even in class," said junior Stephanie Gutierrez. "Occasionally on my way to class, there have been people who offered discreetly to sell me candy."

Attempting to make the maximum profit available, especially since there are risks involved, these young businessmen and women are not afraid to get a little creative. Some reach into the depths of their culture while others simply go for what is in demand these days. All make money—some more than others.

"DHS has such a black market, it's hilarious," said ASB member Yaheli Aguilera. "I know a guy who sells tortas, one who sells candy, [and] a group that sells soda and Cup-Of Noodles."

The latest food item offered on

Downey's "black market" consists of the average gummy worms with—and here's the twist—Kool-Aid powder sprinkled on top. These treats are handed out to students willing to pay for a creative little snack during school. And how do students become aware when there is another seller on this supposed black market? Well, they just ask other students.

"If you want something, you're going to know where to get it from," said a fellow senior who asked to remain anonymous. "If I know someone has food, I'm going to go up to them and ask them. It's word of mouth. It's high school and everyone spreads rumors about everything. Everyone asks where'd you get it from and oh, it was this one guy. It's all through word of the mouth."

The motives lying behind a seller to sell during school may not have anything to do with wanting to simply break the rules, as some students have realized. There are teenagers who are affected by the current recession and having to go undercover with stuffed bags, selling candy and such to other students at Downey, can simply be seen as a call for help.

"It's hard to get a job now, especially being how it is," said Gutierrez. "I do totally support it because you have to make a living and even though it's breaking the rules, candy, I don't think, is such a big deal. Gummy worms, dirty worms and dirty bears—almost anything you might find in a regular market is sold here, but for a more reasonable price. For me, it's just another way for a student to

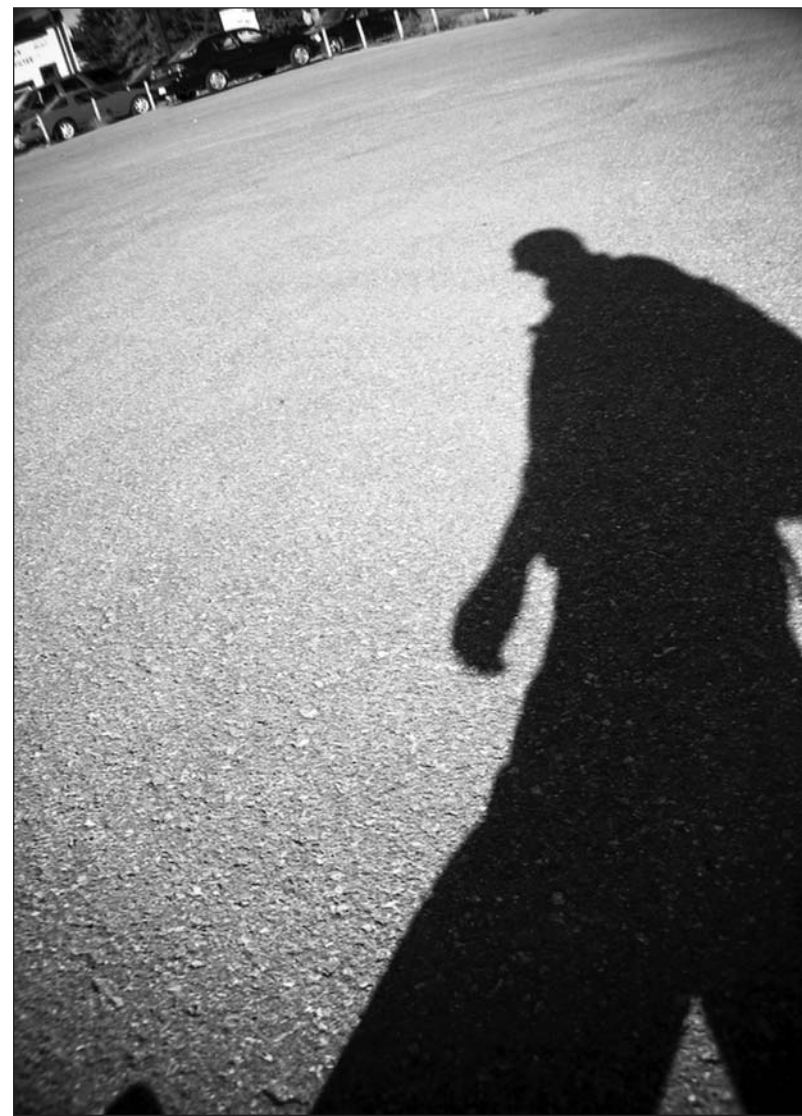


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A favorite treat among students are gummy worms with Kool-Aid sprinkled on top. The candy is available from students who sell the food out of their backpacks.

make profit and they're very, very discreet about it."

Be it a cry for help, or a means to make a profit, Downey students take their candy vending very seriously. They are not afraid to create

their own economy in a time when the actual one is unsatisfactory, or to take matters into their own hands. Whether or not their actions are justifiable, the entrepreneurial spirit at Downey refuses to die out.

School adjusts w/o cafeteria

BY GABRIELA COYA,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Ever since the demolition of the cafeteria at Downey High School late last year, the students and staff have had to adjust to another form of distributing food to nearly 4,000 students.

The new system, composed of several food tuff sheds located on different parts of the Downey campus, has had its failures and achievements.

Without a cafeteria, students find it more difficult to get shelter in bad weather and the cafeteria faculty has needed to find another way of cooking enough food and keeping it warm until lunchtime.

"It's been a logistic nightmare," said Downey principal Tom Houts. "The faculty has been hit hard. There is no cafeteria to keep students out of the rain and the food has to be cooked in the morning and kept warm in room PEX, a room in the girls' locker rooms."

With the absence of a cafeteria, the wait in line for lunch seems to have substantially increased and students have much less time to eat their food and talk to friends.

"It takes so much time to make line, especially with so many kids that cut in line," said Downey senior Zulzly Guerra. "Now, I only have time to get my lunch and sometimes eat it. The new system takes too much time, and if you have B lunch, it is more unfortunate because if you are one of the last ones to get food, you have to settle for yogurt or Pop Tarts."

Although the new system has many complications, more students are buying lunch.

"The count of students buying lunch is actually going up," said Food Service Manager Betty Lukas. "Students adjusted very well to the new situation and so has the staff."

Contributing to why more students are buying lunch might be the change in quality of the food. The school now offers barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs among regular menu items such as pizza, sandwiches and salad.

"Ironically, the absence of a cafeteria has actually brought on a better menu," said Downey senior Lisa Kim.

The new cafeteria is projected to be styled after a food court with large flat-screen televisions that will constantly play music videos and ESPN.

Bears will rock out in the name of leukemia

■ Guitar Hero tournament will raise money for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

BY DEBORAH WON,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Joining the ongoing fight against leukemia and other blood cancers, the Warren Bears are doing their part for humanity in a unique way this year with the Rockin' Against Leukemia Battle of the Bands Tournament, which will be held on March 9 at 6 p.m. in the Warren High School gym.

The tournament, facilitated by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, is essentially a competition in which the best Guitar Hero band wins, all the while raising money for crucial blood cancer research.

"I think it's a good way to raise money because it's a way for students to have fun in the Guitar Hero competition, and it's also for a really good cause," said sophomore Jose Castillo.

The tournament will consist of all the Warren Guitar Hero bands that are formed and registered.

Each band must have four members, and must submit a \$100 fee in order to be a part of the tournament. A first deposit of \$25 is due on Feb. 18, while the rest of the fee is due by March 4. Then, at the Battle of the Bands Tournament, all the submitted bands will go head to head to compete for the No. 1 Guitar Hero Band Title.

In addition to bragging rights, every member of the winning team will also each receive their very own Guitar Hero World Tour game, and will move on to the Rockin' Against Leukemia Championships on April 24 at the Victor Lopez Auditorium located in Whittier to compete live against 30 other schools. The winner is selected according to the game score, judges' score, audience votes and applause meter, as the highest-scoring band will take home the title and the prize.

Not only is this an exciting way for students to get involved and have fun with their fellow students, this tournament also acts as a creative outlet to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. All funds raised through the registration of each band, as well as the entrance fees collected at the door of the tournament day, will be donated to contribute to the pivotal research that will hopefully enable the discovery of blood cancer cures.

"It's great because we can raise a lot of money for cancer patients, while still having fun," said sophomore Amanda Chagollan. "And I like Guitar Hero because I can just hang out with my friends and play."

Merging the urgent need to find a cure for blood cancers with the popularity of Guitar Hero, Warren is hoping for a great turnout and success with the Rockin' Against Leukemia event, particularly with high hopes to largely contribute to blood cancer research.

The Rockin' Against Leukemia Championship particularly is expected to be a thrilling event,



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with celebrity judges, audience voting, and prize incentives. Tickets for the championship in April are being sold now at www.itsmyseat.com for \$10 online.

Registration for Guitar Hero bands will remain open until March 2. Any Warren student or faculty is allowed to congeal and form their own band to participate. Those who wish to register for the

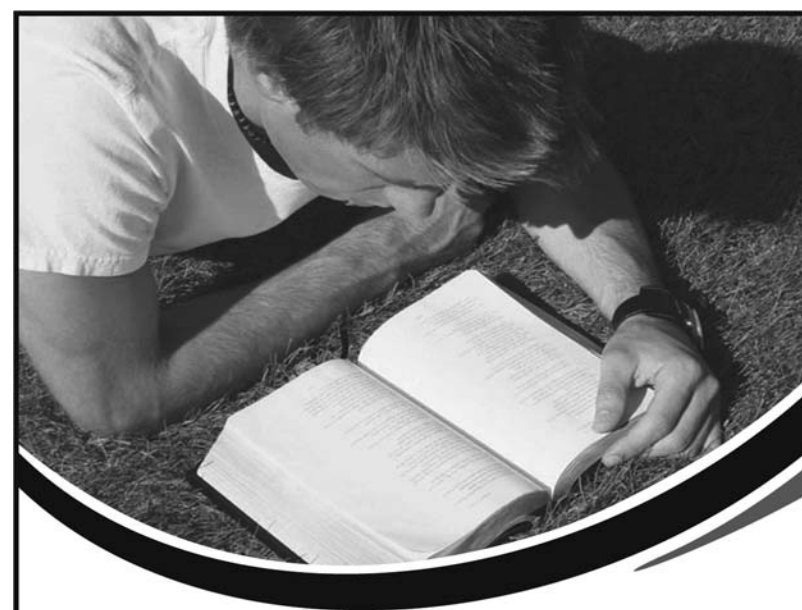
tournament may do so by contacting Warren ASB Director Cari White before the given deadline.

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Warren's Danielle Rodriguez guards a driving Downey player last week.

Defense key to Warren win over Downey

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Warren stifles Downey offensively to secure 50-38 win.

By ALYSSA WYNNE, INTERN

DOWNEY – If only Downey had started running the game in the first quarter, then maybe their last basketball game against Warren would have been close, but instead it ended with a 50-38 victory for the Bears.

"I don't think we were all there tonight as a team," said point guard Katie Marifian. "I think once the score got to where they were beating us by a lot, we just didn't know what to do."

Downey had a 9-point deficit at the conclusion of the first quarter. But if they had played like they did in the second half, their chances would not have been as slim. Downey lacked key player Debra Lovell after the Viking received a concussion in a previous game. Lovell usually helped to contribute to Downey's score, as well as warding off the adversary with her rebounds. Without her, the first quarter was weak. But the loss should not be placed merely on injured players, said Downey head coach Nathan Harris.

Warren dominated the game and Downey found it very difficult to score. However, Warren met a wall as well and had to actually

fight Downey so that they could make their points. Neither team scored more than 20 points in any quarter, and even Warren's Danielle Rodriguez's 13, and Marifian's 18 seemed minimal. Warren player Stacey Deleon scored 10 points for her team after hardly being noticed all season.

Each team played solid defense and it proved to be worth it. Warren's consistency protecting the ball during the game proved to be a big boost in the Bears' winning efforts.

Franny Vaalu stood out rebounding the ball 14 times, thus helping the Bears scamper off to another blow out of their cross town rivals.

Downey's Demetria Love was unable to meet that number but she brought her own heat with nine rebounds. Sadly, Love was slightly off her game. Being a young player, her confidence started to wilt as she saw the score mount.

"I don't think that our team fell apart," said Harris. "It's not so much as we fell apart as it is we played a team that is really good and talented and well coached. They came out and they played good. In every athletic game there's always a winner and a loser. We went out and battled and obviously we gave everything we have."

Downey goes AWOL

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Vikings struggle to score in 49-21 loss in playoffs.

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – It took them winning out in the regular season to get to the CIF playoffs, but now they had to prove that they belonged.

But, in their worst offensive night of the season, the Downey Vikings boys' basketball team watched their dream season come to a screeching halt in an offensively anemic 49-21 loss on the road against the Rancho Verde Mustangs Wednesday night.

"We were awful tonight," said Downey head coach Larry Shelton. "I don't know if it was the long bus ride or what, but I don't have an answer to why the offense played so poorly."

Downey went scoreless until the 1:37 mark in the first quarter where Edgar Ruiz finally scratched for his team, also stopping a 10-0 run by the Mustangs to begin the game.

It didn't get much better though as Downey scored only one field goal in a 11:54 drought that saw the next bucket come later in the second quarter, again by Ruiz. At the half, Downey had its worst offensive output in the season, scoring only 8 points, 6 of them by Ruiz and the only other bucket coming from Dami Adefeso.

"We really thought we could make this a game," said Shelton saying after watching video on Rancho Verde that they could match up offensively. "We really did think we could play with them."

It almost seemed like nerves got to the Vikings with nothing working for them offensively, turning the ball over 20 times, and defensively not being able to defend the 3-point shot or stop dribble penetration.

Rancho Verde's Sonny Reese burned the Vikings for 16 points with 15 of them coming from behind the arc. Kyle Fuller, the team's leading scorer on the season, was also a handful for the Vikings, providing the Mustangs with the dribble penetration they needed to open up shots all over the court and also scoring 16 points and pulling down seven rebounds.

The trouble for the Vikings did start early in the first quarter after the 10-0 run put them in a bind, but it was really the second quarter that doomed them. Though Downey turned over the ball only four times in the quarter, it never seemed like they were in position to pull down defensive rebounds when needed.

Easy opportunities to score for the Vikings also slipped through their fingers, missing many lay ups and open shots. Downey's best shooter on the team, Tyler Ellis only had 2 points in the game, and they came on an inbounds play to start the third quarter.

Downey tried to fight back to start the quarter with Ellis' open look, and Adefeso's lay up, also off an inbounds play, but every time the Mustangs needed to respond, someone on the team provided the answer.

Shelton after the game could do nothing but laugh off the tough loss



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Downey beat Warren last week, 54-41, but fell to Rancho Verde Wednesday in the opening round of playoffs.

because he said his team has been put in more difficult playoff games before citing last year at Martin Luther King in the first round, and the year before that against Mater Dei.

"I don't want to focus on this game," he said. "I'm very proud of my kids. They over achieved all year to get here. There's just not a lot of firepower on this team."

Downey finished 13-14 overall including Wednesday's game, and was 6-4 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

"I'm very proud of them," Shelton repeated himself. "Thirteen wins and beating Warren twice was definitely the highlight of the year."

Roundup

About two weeks ago, Shelton said after a heartbreaking loss against the Paramount Pirates that his team would have to probably win out in order to get a playoff berth and that an at-large bid would probably be the best they could do.

After a dominating win over Dominguez, then a resume-building 68-63 victory over the Lynwood Knights last Tuesday, and a blowout 56-41 win at home against their cross town rivals Warren, Shelton's prayers were answered.

Downey had barely lost a game

against Lynwood in the opening round of San Gabriel Valley League play 49-45 at home. In the game, the Vikings actually led part of the fourth quarter then fell apart in a game that they probably could have won.

Shelton said that he expected his team to play tough against the Knights the second time around, and they delivered with a hard-fought, but convincing 68-63 win in a hostile environment on the road.

Then flying high and coming close to the goal at hand, Downey handed Warren their ninth SGVL loss at home, being up by as many as 18 points at one time, to complete the sweep that they needed to get in order to get into the playoffs.

The Vikings, in a season that Shelton had told small circles of people that might result in them not winning a game in league play, finished SGVL play with a 6-4 record which might as well have been an 8-2 record with a couple games that they thought should have been wins.

In what could have possibly been Shelton's best coaching job, the Vikings went into league play with a below .500 record and still managed to finish the season at 13-13, good enough for a playoff appearance.

Playoffs evade Bears

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Despite lackluster season, program is improving.

By JOSEPH APODACA, SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – There will be no playoffs for the Warren Bears this season, but it was a season of improvement as they won one league game for the first time in three seasons but losing their last two games to Gahr, 67-46, and Downey 56-41.

Gahr routed Warren 67-46 in a game that was led by the Gladiators from wire to wire. Warren also managed to lose to Downey in their final game of the season 56-41 being down by 18 at one point in the game.

The Bears ended their season with a final season record of 11-16, which included non-league, league, and tournament games, and an overall SGVL record of 1-9.

This was not the first time the Bears lost to the Gladiators and the Vikings. Earlier in the league effort, they were defeated 85-46 by Gahr and 49-42 by the Vikings.

The Bears suffered throughout their entire league campaign, where they saw only one win in their second game against the Dominguez Dons with a final score of 49-42. In their previous game they had lost by one bucket, 62-60. They subsequently lost both games against the Paramount Pirates (47-69, 50-60) and the Lynwood Knights (37-62, 45-66).

The season wasn't entirely bad for the Bears. Early on, they took home several big victories against schools like Schurr, Santa Fe and Anaheim. They also took charge during their tournament season, where they defeated teams from across Southern California such as Narbonne of Harbor City, South Torrance and Bonita of La Verne.

While the Bears did not reach the momentum they had hoped for this season, head coach Ryan Hart said he worked the boys extremely hard and they nonetheless gave a full effort.

Whether or not the coaching change from a year ago made any difference, the program made a complete 180 from their woes of last year.

Compared to their last two seasons, scoring averages per game went up, and defensive statistics along with rebounding also improved.

Moises Benitez, Devin Garner and Cejay Anderson finished as Warren's top scorers this season.

Crush win title on penalty kicks

■ **AYSO team beats** Wilmington to claim title.

By SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Downey AYSO U10 boys Orange Crush soccer team competed in the area playoffs this past January after winning the Downey league, composed of 14 teams.

The 12 teams that competed in the area playoffs came from surrounding cities. The Orange Crush came away in the playoffs victorious with a dramatic game against Wilmington in penalty kicks.

The Orange Crush's goalie Isaac Rincon, blocked three shots and scored twice in the game as a mid-fielder.

The Crush advanced to the regional playoffs in February, competing against the top eight teams in Southern California. The team



finished in second place out of 720 teams in the whole state.

The team roster includes: Rincon, Luciano Veron, Sebastian Perez, Andrew Cervantes, Daniel Appel, Joshua Salguero,

Christopher Daniel, Mark Lujan, Isaac Cuevas, Jaco Garnica, Joe Bolanos, and coaches Manuel Rincon, Leonel Perez and Pepe Cervantes with team manager Shirley Appel.

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JOSEPH APODACACA

The girls had talent

The end marks the beginning for the Downey girls' water polo team, who, for the first time since 2006, has emerged from the water as San Gabriel Valley League champions after going undefeated throughout their conference schedule.

With a league record of 5-0 for the season, being declared No. 1 in the most recent CIF polls for their division and an overall record of 15-3, the girls are looking forward to making a major splash once they enter into the CIF playoff matches.

It has taken the team lots of eggbeaters, cross-cage shots and sprints to get to where they are today. While they have always given their best season after season, their attitude about this season is different.

"The last two years have been kind of slow and it's really hard to keep your head up when you're losing. But I guess that's making us appreciate winning so much more now and we don't want to lose that feeling," said captain Dominique Diaz, who has been a staple on the team since her freshman year.

When the girls began their 2009-2010 season, it began like any other. Summer practices were held at the Downey pool in the early weekday mornings. Intense conditioning continued in the fall, where their Olympic-size pool was able to house both the girls and boys, who were in season at the time. Once their season started, they blew almost every opponent that came their way out of the water, with exception of three closely called games. However, despite all their early success, never did they think they would defeat their biggest rivals, which include Warren, Millikan and Cerritos, or even make it all the way to CIF.

"We had joked about it in the beginning because Meghan [Nevarez] was dying to win CIF, but once we found out we were ranked No. 1, we were all ecstatic," said Diaz.

In addition to their newfound success this year, the girls were given a new coach this year in Mark Jones, who succeeded Dani Bell after three years as head coach. While many want to give Jones credit for the team's success, he is the first to point the finger back at his team.

"He says, 'It's not my doing. I keep telling people you guys are the most talented ones out there,'" said Diaz.

Now that their regular season is over, the team has plenty to look forward to in the future. Jessica Badalamenti, Meghan Nevarez, and goalie Faith Hundtoff are expected to return for another season next year while seniors Diaz, Sarah Aguayo, Brenda Rosero, and Felicia Aguirre graduate in June.

"I think the reason for our great success this year has to do a lot with our chemistry. We've played together since we were freshmen and we play club together so we're really comfortable in the water together," said Diaz.

While they have enough to be proud of already, they intend on taking CIF by storm. They've come a long way this year and the one thing that's going to keep them afloat is something they have always had: talent.

Downey-Warren share SGVL title

■ **GIRLS SOCCER:** Warren beats Downey for first time in three years.

BY ALYSSA WYNNE, INTERN

DOWNEY – The winning streak ended last week when the Downey girls' soccer team lost their first match against the Warren Bears, 3-1, their first loss against their cross-town rivals in more than three years.

With Warren's win, the Bears and Vikings share the San Gabriel Valley League championship with both teams posting 8-1-1 record going into the CIF playoffs.

Downey recently won the coin-toss and will play today at 3 p.m. at Allen Layne Stadium against Santiago High School.

The loss to Warren left Downey players disappointed.

"Offensively we just rushed," said Downey captain Crystal Fresquez. "We didn't keep the ball. We played kickball most of the game. We didn't build out of the back and we just shot balls up front and hoped that someone was going to get there. I think we just needed to settle down more and play to defeat and we didn't do that."

The ball had just been kicked when a referee called a penalty against Downey, providing Warren with a penalty kick. Downey's crowd cheered for Downey goalkeeper Lorena Ruiz in hopes that she would get pumped enough to prevent the ball from soaring in.

The Warren player shot the ball directly above Ruiz, bouncing it off her fingers and into the goal behind her.

Warren fans cheered from the stands for their score, and Downey walked back to the line with frowns etched on their faces.



PHOTO BY CARLOS ONTIVEROS

Downey will open CIF playoffs against Santiago High School at home today at 3 p.m.

"[The penalty kick] really pumped [Warren] up a lot and we weren't really ready. We weren't marked up real tight," said Downey head coach Rachel Godfrey.

After the goal, Warren increased their intensity, said Godfrey. The Bears were much more aggressive than they have been in the past and were marking each player that Downey completely relies on.

Downey's hope seemed to be

slipping through their fingers. Their defense fell apart and the ladies were getting tired.

In a last attempt at a goal, Fresquez kicked the ball at the 30 yard-line and miraculously made the goal after it slipped through Warren's goalkeeper's fingers.

The ladies cheered and hoped the goal would help them fire up enough to score another and even the match, but the goal came too late, as there was only a minute left

in the game. Downey players were upset following the game.

"I know they didn't deserve this win, we deserved it," said injured Downey player Alexis Gomez. "We worked way harder than they did. We put in hours and hours of practice. Even in the rain we practiced, there was even thunder and lightning in some of our practices and we'd still be out there, trying to perfect everything we could."



PHOTO BY ART MONTOYA

Moreno opts for Santa Barbara

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Warren High School cross country runner Dani Moreno has decided to sign a letter of intent with UC Santa Barbara, according to cross country coach Jay Waldron.

Two weeks ago, Moreno participated in festivities that saw five of her Warren varsity colleagues commit to the college that offered them scholarships and she sat and watched with a decision still having to be made.

At the time, six schools, including UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Sacramento State University (who was thought to be a front runner), Arizona, and UC Berkley all made offers.

After deliberation with her coaches and family, she decided to become a Gaucho and run cross country for UCSB.

Moreno was part of the record-breaking girls' cross country team where they broke every school record and even a couple school records of their own twice. Moreno was ranked in the top 5 in CIF and also helped the Bears catapult to their first national ranking as seen on ESPN Rise.

The runner also just participated in the indoor mile competition in Fresno and become the indoor state champion, the competitions' first champion in their inaugural competition.

Downey beats Warren to win title

■ **GIRLS WATER POLO:** Downey finishes league perfect 3-0.

BY JOSEPH APODACACA, SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – Victory never tasted so sweet for the No. 1 CIF-ranked Downey girls' water polo team, as they took home their final victory from cross-town rival, the Warren Bears, cementing their status as San Gabriel Valley league champions, winning 10-6.

Downey captain Dominique Diaz led the goal count with 4 total goals, one of which was a 5-meter penalty shot. Seniors Sarah Aguayo and Brenda Rosero followed Diaz with 3 and 2 goals respectively while freshman Meghan Nevarez scored 1 against the Bears. Nevarez also managed to win two sprints in the game, to start the game's second and fourth period, while the Bears started the first and third period.

With their big win against the Bears accomplished and CIF playoff off on their radar, the girls can reflect happily on their 15-3 overall season record and their undefeated league record of 5-0.

It was anyone's game to start things off, where the Bears were the first to score a goal within a minute of its start. Downey's head coach Mark Jones quickly called a time-out to calm his team, who from there were an unstoppable force in the water.

The Vikings led the way with a few 6-on-5 plays and goalie Faith Hundtoff made good use of her long arms and torso to keep the Bears from scoring goals. Rosero and Aguayo scored Downey's first two goals in the first period, ending with a 2-1 score.

From then on, the Vikings remained ahead, scoring 7 goals

throughout the second period while the Bears scored 2. A personal victory went to freshman Nevarez in the final two seconds of the second period where after appearing visibly upset in the water brought the Vikings to a 6-point lead. Though only a freshman, her teammates think extremely high of her.

"I definitely see Meghan going far, she is already better than most girls I know," said Diaz.

After ending the second period with a score of 9-3, the score remained the same all throughout the third period. Downey kept their defense up and Hundtoff was able to block all goal attempts made by Warren. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, a 5-meter penalty was called on the Bears, allowing Diaz to take a free shot at the goal giving the Vikings a 7-point lead, pushing the score to 10-3. While the Bears scored 3 more goals to close out the game, the Vikings managed to emerge victorious, ending at 10-6.

The lady Vikings now move on into CIF playoffs, with their first match against Montclair taking place yesterday at Downey [score was unavailable at press time].



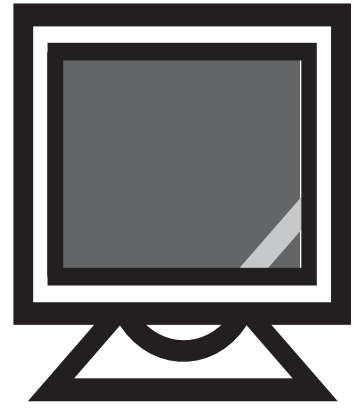
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The Vikings were set to play Montclair in the opening round of CIF playoffs yesterday. The score was not available at press time.

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'Dalmatians' musical casts its villain

HOLLYWOOD – Broadway's Sara Gettelfinger has been added to the cast of "The 101 Dalmatians Musical," playing at the Pantages Theatre for two weeks this summer.

Lee D. Marshall, co-founder of Magic Arts & Entertainment, said Gettelfinger will "provide a wickedly comic villain in the infamous Cruella De Vil and we are confident she and our talented company will continue to inspire

theatergoers of all ages through the show's unique story-telling, amazing new music and tremendous performances."

Gettelfinger has appeared in numerous Broadway shows, including "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," "Nine" and "Seussical the Musical." On television, she has appeared in "Guiding Light" and "Without a Trace," and on film, her credits include "Sex in the City."

In addition to a bevy of human actors, the musical will also feature 15 Dalmatians, many of which were rescued from animal shelters across the country.

"The 101 Dalmatians Musical" follows Dalmatians spouses Pongo and Missis Pongo, who are living the good life in London. When their 10 puppies are suddenly dog-napped by the villainous Cruella De Vil, they summon the help of a vast network of dogs and set off to res-

cue their pups.

Tickets for "The 101 Dalmatians Musical" are currently available only as part of a season ticket package, or to groups of 10 or more attending a single performance.

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Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

The cold, wet wintry weather in Southern California over the past month has caused people to fire up their furnaces and, for some, be exposed to potential carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Southern California Gas Co. (the Gas Company) is urging customers to ensure their equipment is operating safely by taking advantage of the utility's free furnace inspections.

"While carbon-monoxide poisoning incidents are rare, we usually see a rise in the number of occurrences when the weather gets really cold," said Richard M. Morrow, vice president of customer services for SDG&E. "Often, the cause of carbon-monoxide in a home is due to a problem with the furnace, so we're urging customers to be safe and get their furnaces inspected by a licensed, qualified professional."

The utility also warns against using ovens, ranges or outdoor barbecues for home heating. These appliances are not designed for such use and pose a severe and potentially fatal risk of carbon-monoxide poisoning if used for space heating.

To schedule an appointment for a free furnace inspection by the Gas Company, visit the Gas Company's website at www.socalgas.com or call toll-free at (800) 427-2200 or (800) 342-4545 in Spanish. Customer service representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is formed when carbon-based fuels, such as kerosene, gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil, charcoal or wood, are burned with inadequate amounts of oxygen, creating a condition known as incomplete combustion.

Signs that may indicate the presence of carbon monoxide:

- A yellow, large and unsteady gas appliance burner flame (with the exception of decorative gas log appliances).
- An unusual pungent odor when the appliance is operating.
- Unexplained nausea, drowsiness and flu-like symptoms.

What to do if someone suspects carbon monoxide is present in their home:

- If safe to do so, immediately turn off the suspected gas appliance.
- Evacuate the premises and call 911.
- Seek medical attention if anyone in the home experiences possible carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms.
- Contact the Gas Company or a licensed, qualified professional immediately to have the appliance inspected.
- Don't use the suspected gas appliance until it has been inspected, serviced and determined to be safe by the Gas Company or a licensed, qualified professional.

How to maintain and use gas appliances safely and efficiently:

- Clean inside the burner compartment of built-in, vented wall furnaces once a month during the heating season to prevent lint build-up.
- Inspect and replace furnace filters on forced-air units or central heating systems according to manufacturer instructions.
- When installing a new or cleaned filter, be sure to re-install the front panel door of the furnace properly so it fits snugly. Never operate the furnace without the front panel door properly in place.
- Never store anything near a gas appliance that might interfere with normal appliance airflow.
- Assure that appliance venting is intact and unblocked.

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Marquez spends day with child care provider

BELLFLOWER – Downey City Councilman Luis Marquez, a candidate for the State Assembly's 50th District, "walked a day in the shoes" of family child care provider Tonia McMillian last week.

Marquez was taking part in the Service Employees International Union's program "to ensure that candidates for elected office experience firsthand what life is like for working families," the union said in a statement.

Marquez joined McMillian during her job as a child care provider at her home in Bellflower, where he helped make lunch, played with the children and read them books.

Eight of the children McMillian cares for are subsidized by the state and are funded by programs currently slated to be cut. McMillian and other providers testified against the proposed cuts to child care funding last week at an Assembly budget committee hearing in Sacramento.

"I'm glad that Councilman Marquez got to walk a day in my shoes," McMillian said. "Providers like me work hard every day to keep Californians working and it's important that he sees that firsthand. We need elected officials to fight for working people and their children during a budget crisis, not to slash important programs for short-term gains."

The SEIU said it was "inviting all candidates" to participate in the "walk a day in their shoes" program.

Rummage sale for candidate

BELLFLOWER – A rummage sale with proceeds benefiting the campaign of Assembly candidate P.J. Mellana will be held tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 14515 Eastbrook Ave. in Bellflower.

The event will be held rain or shine.

Mellana is a candidate for the state Assembly's 50th District, which includes southern parts of Downey and other local cities. Primary elections are in June.

Mellana will be on hand for a meet-and-greet.

For more information, visit www.vote4pjj.com.

Meeting to discuss Treasure Island

DOWNEY – Residents who live near Treasure Island Park are invited to a community meeting Monday at 9 a.m. to discuss possible modifications or improvements to the park.

The city of Downey is applying for a state Prop. 84 grant that allows cities and counties to fund open-space acquisition, as well as expansion and revitalization of parks.

The application process requires input from residents.

The meeting will be held in the Price Elementary cafeteria, located at 9525 Tweedy Lane.

For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

Garry Sanders, recovering alcoholic, says he'll prevail

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

Downey resident Garry Sanders, who will turn 49 on May 10, became a victim of alcohol when he was 16, and in a natural progression two years later became addicted to drugs as well. He describes this period in his life as a descent into "the pit of hell."

For 13 years, he languished in this state marked by a diabolical admixture of alcohol- and drug-induced pleasure and inexplicable pain. Then, attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous and following its "12-step" program would lead to sobriety—and a ray of hope—in 1990. He was 29.

During this time, he had graduated from Don Bosco Tech high school in Rosemead and had started working for Toyota in 1980. He started as a mechanic and would later become assistant service manager.

He would suffer a relapse in 2003. It was also the year he would retire from Toyota on a permanent disability. He says of his stay with Toyota: "I got fired twice by the same manager; he would rehire me three times."

He got sober again in September, 2007 and, adhering faithfully to the AA preamble which says, "Your first duty is to stay sober; your second is to help another do the same," he has stayed sober since.

Contributing to his continued sanity, he says, is, to begin with, his unconditional love for his 10-year-old daughter, Hannah, who is a straight-A fifth grader at a private school here in Downey, a student of taekwon-do ("It's teaching her discipline"), and attends catechism class. (He shares custody of the child with his estranged wife, with whom he's undergoing divorce proceedings.)

Another deep and powerful source of strength has come from what he calls a Higher Authority whose nature and grace he meditates on upon waking in the morning.

Yet another pillar of hoped-for serenity and guidance is the spontaneous sharing of experience with his fellows, regulars and newcomers, at the daily meetings he attends.

He is neither a writer nor a poet, he says, but in March last year, obeying an impulse from his Higher Power, he wrote down a first 'story-poem' that just formed in his head, to be joined in the days



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Garry Sanders and his daughter, Hannah.

that followed by others that all in all eventually totaled 24 poems. He would read (share) them at his meetings, and his support group urged him to have them published.

Result: Sanders, describing himself as a 'recovering alcoholic and drug addict', is now the proud published author of a book of poems, titled "Poems from the Twelve Step Podium." Its dedication reads: "This book is dedicated to my ten year old daughter, Hannah, for never giving up on her daddy. The open-hearted love that she showed me, in spite of my alcoholism, helped to pave the way to my recovery. You are the miracle of my life, and I pray never to let you down again."

Here are a few verses from his first poem, "My Alcoholism":

*"Covered by this thick blanket they call a disease
Running from everything, I was never at ease
Spiritually bankrupt, I never gave myself a chance
Running to the devil daily, just to do his next dance*

*Instead of fighting with everything and going to hell
I must listen to the wind of God and adjust my sail
He brought me back to the rooms where I feel content
Yet another chance at the good life that I've been sent*

*Getting rid of all this pain they call guilt and remorse
God gives me the courage to stay this tough course
For whatever it takes I'm blessed with a real deal
From my daughter's heart never again will I steal"*

Sanders says he will donate one book to a charitable 12-step program for every 24 books sold from the AuthorHouse website: "I will do this to help those less fortunate in our disease and to pay homage to the twelve steps and twelve traditions of our program."

He says that in Downey alone, there are about 200 people who come to the daily meetings (from Downey and surrounding areas)—held at different hours, days and evenings in various places, mostly at accommodating churches—who try to help themselves and others in their struggle to stay sober. ("There are no dues or requirements except a desire to be sober.") If one desires to do more than usual, that person may volunteer to sign on for a 'commitment,' either to serve as a secretary, say, or as treasurer, or as the coffee maker (a very popular option). The membership actually wants to downplay the association with AA; it wants to be known as the "group with the 12-step program." As can be expected, there are now hundreds of thousands of such groups all over the world.

As far as he knows, he says, about ten percent of all recovering alcoholics achieve full recovery, about a third are in and out of rehab, and God help the rest.

"Keeping sober is my number one priority," says Sanders. "This demands my full attention 24 hours a day. Attending the daily 12-step program, and this is a conscious choice on my part, and dispensing my responsibility to my daughter, as well as taking care of my health and doing the other essentials of living, is now my entire life."

Crime Report

Saturday, Feb. 6

Just before 2:00 a.m. a 32 year old Norwalk man was asked to leave the Pow Wow bar, located at 9560 Firestone Boulevard, and he refused. The suspect became argumentative with the security guard and threatened to shoot him. Police were notified and arrested the suspect for criminal threats.

At 1:15 p.m. a 16 year-old South Gate resident was walking in the 8800 block of Imperial Hwy. when he was approached from behind by two male suspects demanding his iPod. Both suspects began beating the victim and managed to take his iPod. Both suspects then fled in opposite directions. As officers arrived they observed the victim chasing one of the suspects. The suspect was in possession of the stolen iPod and was arrested for robbery. The second suspect was not located.

Sunday, Feb. 7

About 2:30 p.m. the victim was driving eastbound on Firestone when he was cut-off by another driver. He honked his horn at the suspect who then pointed a handgun at the victim. The victim drove off and flagged down an officer who was not able to locate the suspect.

Monday, Feb. 8

At 4:20 p.m., officers responded to a call of shots fired at Wilderness Park. When police arrived they discovered a 17 year old male victim lying on the ground suffering from two apparent gun shot wounds. The victim, a Montebello resident, was treated at the scene by the Downey Fire Department then transported to a hospital for medical attention. His injuries were non-life threatening and he is listed in stable condition. Witnesses described the suspect as a male Hispanic, 15 to 20 years old, wearing tan shorts. After shooting the victim, the suspect fled the park on foot and was last seen south bound on the riverbed. The incident is possibly gang related and members of the Downey Gang unit as well as Homicide detectives are investigating the matter.

Wednesday, January 10

At 2:20 a.m., officers responded to the Radio Shack, located at 7959 Florence, regarding a burglary at the location. Officers discovered the front glass door of the business had been shattered and numerous electronic items were taken. The suspects had fled the scene prior to police arrival.

Courtesy Downey Police Department

DYF registration starts tomorrow

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football will begin accepting registration for the 2010 season tomorrow at Furman Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year marks the Razorbacks' 50th anniversary season offering tackle football, flag football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-14.

To commemorate the occasion, registration prices will be lowered tomorrow to \$160 for tackle, \$100 for flag and \$100 for cheerleading. Price includes equipment, trophies, pictures, yearbook and low-cost physicals.

Downey Youth Football belongs to the Pacific Coast Conference, which is part of America Youth Football, the largest national youth football organization in the world.

The president of Downey Youth Football is Louis Morales, who is now his 12th year as president. Morales is also chairman of the Downey Planning Commission.

Coaching positions in both football and cheerleading are still available. For questions on registration or coaching, call Morales at (562) 928-6081 or Edward Enslin at (562) 335-5825.



Kirkwood Christian School held its Science Fair recently, where miniature scientists explored the scientific method and put their findings on display. The students above created their own lava lamps.

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Green Line Getting Turnstiles
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION (BS124251)
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that on March 4, 2010 at 8:45 a.m., or as soon after that time as the matter may be heard, petitioner Jennifer DeKay-Givens will move for an order pursuant to Government Code §6008 adjudicating The Downey Patriot as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Downey and County of Los Angeles. The hearing will be held in Department 19 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
 The Petition sets forth the following:
 1. Petitioner, Jennifer DeKay-Givens, is publisher of the newspaper known as The Downey Patriot, which is seeking adjudicated under Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Downey.
 2. The Downey Patriot is published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Downey, California. The business address is 8301 E. Florence Avenue, Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.
 3. The Downey Patriot has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and substantial paid distribution in the City of Downey.
 4. For more than three years preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established under the name of The Downey Patriot, and has been so established and published, that is, issued and sold or distributed regularly every Friday in the City of Downey.
 5. During each of the three-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained a minimum coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character of not less than twenty-five percent of its total inches; it has a principal office of publication located in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles.
 WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that The Downey Patriot be adjudicated pursuant to Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Downey, Downey Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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Raise your financial IQ

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a series of financial education workshops starting Tuesday.

The workshops, titled Financial IQ 101, are free and will be held in the Downey Unified School District's ROP Room at 11627 Brookshire Ave.

The first topic is "Build a Basic Budget." Visitors will learn how to establish credit if you don't have any and how to set short and long-term goals.

The meeting is from 5 to 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Marianne Noss, marketing manager at Downey Federal, at mnoos@downeyfcu.org or (562) 862-8141, ext. 254.



The Downey Folk Jam will help get the crowd energized at tomorrow's farmers market, located on 2nd Street between Downey Avenue and Paramount Boulevard. The group will be performing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The community is invited.



Four Downey Adult School students have qualified to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination today in Los Angeles.

'Princess for a Day' March 6

DOWNEY – Girls between the ages of 5-10 are invited to be treated like a princess for a day at an event March 6 sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association.

Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey and their courts will treat girls to mini manicures, hair and makeup sessions, interviews, photos and more. The girls will also receive lunch, participate in arts and crafts, and take home a gift bag.

Cost is \$25. The event is limited to 125 participants.

Pre-registration will be taken tomorrow from 11 a.m. to noon at the Downey City Library.

The event will be held at Trinity Baptist Church.

What to do if you lose your fishing license on a trip

Q: I was fishing at our local lake and had placed my license on when I departed from the dock. About mid-morning when I was removing a jacket I noticed my license was gone. I panicked and went back to all the spots I had fished looking for my license. No luck. So here I sat in a boat, with fish and no license. What should I have done?

A: Unfortunately, if you no longer had a valid fishing license in your possession, then it was not legal for you to continue fishing. You should have released any live fish you had in possession and stopped fishing as soon as you realized you no longer had a fishing license. Assuming fishing licenses were sold at the lake, you could have purchased a one-day license in order to continue fishing. If you still had the receipt for your license, you could have obtained a duplicate license at a DFG licensing agent.

Although it would not have helped you then, the fishing license display law will change on March 1. You will no longer be required to display your license, and you'll probably find it to be much more secure in your wallet.

Q: I hunt exclusively at a private licensed pheasant club and do not hunt anywhere else outside the property. Do I still need an Upland Game Bird Stamp?

A: Yes. According to Game Warden Patrick Foy, the requirements for an Upland Game Bird Stamp do not differentiate between private licensed pheasant clubs and other areas of the state. Everyone who hunts pheasants must have an Upland Game Bird Stamp affixed to their license.

In addition, when hunting on a private licensed pheasant club, you must have a Shooting Permit issued by the game bird club

licensee. Every hunter who hunts domestically reared game birds on a licensed game bird club is required to have a valid hunting license in possession, a valid upland game bird stamp and a valid game bird club shooting permit issued by the licensee or an agent authorized by the licensee.

Q: I enjoy surf fishing and would like to collect some saltwater worms to use as bait. Are there any restrictions I need to know about?

A: The daily bag and possession limit is 35 worms. Note that worms may be taken "...except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed, unless taken incidental to the harvesting of mussels."

Since running an answer to a question posed recently regarding game wardens rights for search and seizure of hunters, we received requests for clarification.

Our game wardens do not have any additional authority to search someone when making regular law enforcement contacts. Absent valid officer safety concerns, there is no search without consent. That being said, any time an officer asks for a consent search, there is a concern for safety or suspicion of a violation or hiding of evidence, etc. The "red flag" reference in the answer was relative to this situation an increase in an officer's awareness and alertness would be a normal response to a refusal of such a request.

In the hunting and fishing context, the search authority is much broader. Hunting and fishing are privileges, not rights. The fish and wildlife belong to the people of the state and not to any individual. Many states, including California, recognize this and have provided a much broader search authority to game wardens when interacting

with those who are engaged in hunting and fishing activities.

Carrie Wilson is a marine biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. She cannot personally answer everyone's questions but will select a few to answer in this column each week. Contact her at CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov.

Students qualify for state exam

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School students Renee Garcia, Claudia Stevenson, Melissa Preciado, Robyn Herrera and Maronda Powell qualified recently to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination to be held today in Los Angeles.

The exam is given three times a year and is "the equivalent to a bar exam," school officials said. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on the first day and machine dictation on the second.

The last exam was administered in October and "all Downey Adult School court reporting students did exceptionally well."

Downey Adult School's court reporting program is approved by the California Shorthand Reporters Board and has been in operation since 1972.

College to host job fair

NORWALK – Cerritos College's annual Career Expo and Job Fair will take place March 23 in the Library/Falcon Square sidewalk.

During the expo, visitors will have an opportunity to speak to recruiters, learn about companies, explore job opportunities, network, and receive tips on resumes and interviewing skills.

Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the expo. The current list of participating employers includes Caltrans, Home Depot, L.A. Restaurant Management, L.A. County Fire Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Bellflower Unified School District, Southern California Edison, Target, the University of Phoenix, and more.

The event, which attracts more than 500 visitors each year, is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to dress in business attire and bring copies of their resume.

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