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July 4 fireworks show nears reality

BY HENRY VENERACION,
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Last year, a cool \$55,000 was spent on Downey's July 4 fireworks celebration, with the city anteing up \$25,000, and contributions from a slew of donors led by Kaiser Permanente, Supervisor Don Knabe, and Coca-Cola (in products) making up for the difference.

The fireworks show, the first ever for Downey, was deemed a success. The only fly in the ointment was parking. It will be recalled that the event also celebrated the grand opening of the Discovery Sports Complex, and there was no on-site parking to accommodate the thousands of visitors who flocked to the evening's show.

Parking was made available, however, at two designated places, courtesy of the L. A. County Probation Department and the L.A. County Office of Education, but both were located off Imperial Highway, and both some distance away (shuttle service was provided, though). But no matter how ingenious the fireworks watchers were in negotiating their way to the fireworks area (scrambling to park at nearby side streets if lucky, etc.), a bit of walking was "inevitable."

All of this prompted this comment, after the event, from someone: "I'm fairly certain residents would have no problem paying a \$1 or \$2 parking fee if it means avoiding a 1-mile or 2-mile walk."

This year parking will hardly be an issue (scheduled venue is Downey High School), but there's a far more serious problem to be solved. Faced with reduced revenue streams in straightened economic conditions, and thus presumably to underscore the official fiscal tone, the city has decided not to fund even a fraction of the cost of producing this year's July 4 fireworks spectacular. Councilman Dave Gafin didn't mince words in supporting his colleagues on the council on March 23: "The use of public funds at this time is reckless."

Instead, they agreed with City Manager Gerald Caton's suggestion that the event can be rescued if staff can find a way to fund the event with other than public funds. Deputy City Manager Mark Sauter, last year's event coordinator and upon whose shoulders the major task of raising the needed private funds has fallen, is very optimistic it can be done.

He said last year's coincidental costs related to the sports complex's grand opening added substantially to the total expense: extra police/fire personnel and equipment, as well as extra staff to supervise the various activities (including sports and the ribbon cutting) during the all-day affair were needed. With the elimination of the above extraordinary budget items and with this year's focus on just the activities considered normal to and consistent with the spirit

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IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF DOWNEY

An artist's rendering of what Downey Gateway, a food court and retail center, will look like when viewed from Firestone Boulevard.

'Grand entrance' to downtown is approved

■ City and Westland Industries will split the cost on the new development.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Construction will soon begin on a 26,000-square-foot food court and retail center, which will occupy the southwest corner of Firestone Boulevard and Downey Avenue.

On Tuesday, the City Council approved a cost-sharing development agreement with Westland Industries, who will also help fund the reconstruction of Nance Avenue.

According to the staff report, the city has been negotiating with real estate investment group Westland Industries for several months regarding the transformation of its 1.15-acre property at 8236-8274 Firestone Boulevard.

The development, known as Downey Gateway, is projected to become a grand entrance into the downtown area and will extend across Firestone Boulevard, south to Nance Avenue from Downey Avenue to La Reina Avenue.

Approximately 50,000 square feet in size, the Downey Gateway site currently houses three buildings, including Gourmet Café, which together total more than 21,000 square feet. The proposed development calls for the two smaller structures on the property to be remodeled, and for the demolition of Gourmet Café, which will be replaced with two new buildings for a total of four structures.

Once completed the four structures will envelope an open-air plaza with water features and outdoor seating and dining for costumed. The project will provide 26,232 square feet of retail space and accommodate 13 tenants.

"We want to facilitate more retail establishments and restaurants in the downtown," said John Perfitt, economic development director for the city of Downey. "We want to give residents more reasons to come to the downtown area by providing more unique options."

While presenting his staff report before the City Council, Perfitt said Westland is courting several franchises for the new development including Waba Grill, Yogurtland, Ruby Tuesday, Fish Grill, and Round Table Pizza.

In order to provide adequate parking for the new development, the city will enter into a cost-sharing contract with Westland to facilitate the reconstruction of Nance Avenue into a public parking lot.

According to the staff report, the Nance Avenue conversion will create nearly 100 new parking spaces and will allow cars to travel both east and west-bound through the lot. The improvements to



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE LU

A developer is in negotiations to have several restaurants open at the Downey Gateway project at Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard. Among the eateries being courted are Yogurtland, Ruby Tuesday, Round Table Pizza, Fish Grill and Waba Grill.

Nance Avenue are anticipated to cost \$500,000, a sum that will be divided between Westland and the city.

Under the agreement, Westland is obligated to construct the parking lot and fund 70 percent, nearly \$350,000, of the total cost. The city will pay the remaining 30 percent, nearly \$150,000, using federal stimulus funds. In addition to the added parking, Nance Avenue will also receive a new eight-inch water line, a \$140,000 expense that will also be paid with stimulus funds.

After brief discussion, the City Council voted unanimously, noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez, to approve the agreement, which city officials believe

will help revitalize the downtown district, which will soon accommodate Porto's Bakery.

"We've been looking at these pictures and redesigns for a long time – I'm real excited about this," said Councilman Mario Guerra. "It brings development to this site and the parking that we need. It's a great move, a beautiful development and hopefully one day we'll be able to enjoy yogurt outside there."

However, before construction can begin on the project, the Planning Commission must approve Westland's site plan, which includes the final building and landscape designs.



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

The Downey Street Faire will take place tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Brookshire Avenue next to Downey High School. There will be a car show, live entertainment, a kid's zone and more. Admission is free. The photo above is of a rock wall at a previous Downey Street Faire.

Street Faire is tomorrow

DOWNEY – Brookshire Avenue will once again be lined with vendors tomorrow when the Downey Chamber of Commerce presents the Downey Street Faire. The community event, now in its 17th year, will also feature a children's play area, centrally-located food court, live entertainment and car show with more than 200 classic vehicles.

The Downey High School marching band will open the event at 9 a.m. Live, non-stop entertainment will be presented on a stage on the grassy area in front of Downey High until 5 p.m., when the faire closes.

Scheduled to perform are Warren High School's marching band (9 a.m.); Warren High's jazz ensemble choir (9:05 a.m.); Roadhouse Ron (10 a.m.); Sebastian Sidi (11:20 a.m.); On Stage Dance Center (12:40 p.m.); the band Flight (2 p.m.); and Class 6 Band (3:15 p.m.).

Robert Simon, a solo guitarist, will perform between acts.

The car show will be presented in conjunction with the Old Memories SGV Car Club and will be held in Downey High's south

parking lot on Firestone Boulevard.

Categories to be judged include Custom-Original '20s, '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s; Custom '80s, Mild-custom '90s and above; '55 Down Classic; Euro-Custom; Full Custom; Luxury Cars; Sport Car Street Custom; Muscle Car; Hot Rod; Pedal Bike; Motorcycles; Best Show; Club Participation; and Downey Chamber of Commerce Choice.

The Kid's Zone will include a 40-ft.-tall saber tooth tiger super slide, 60-ft.-long "rat race" obstacle course, 25-ft.-tall Jurassic "T-Rex" Survivor, and 15-ft.-tall pirate ship. Tables, chairs and umbrellas will be provided for diners at the food court, which will offer funnel cakes, shaved ice, Italian ice, kettle corn, gyros, sausages, Philly cheese steaks, falafel, batelavra, hot dogs, pizza, submarine sandwiches, chicken, churros, smoothies, garlic fries, shakes, ice cream floats and more.

Exhibitors will be selling items up and down Brookshire, and service clubs will be sharing information about their organizations.

Admission to the Downey Street Faire is free.

Downtown housing moves forward

■ City anticipates \$660K in federal funds for housing development downtown.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – In a step towards redevelopment, the City Council approved an interagency contract on Tuesday to secure more than \$660,000 in federal funds, which will be used for the demolition and renovation of the former Verizon property on Second Street.

The cooperation agreement provides the Community Development Commission with funding for the Verizon project and requires that the Commission complete demolition of the property and utilize the funds by December 31, 2010.

After being awarded \$661,034 in federal funds in February, the city is moving swiftly to utilize the money, which several local cities applied for after Congress established the Neighborhood

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Artist's rendering of housing units to replace former Verizon building.

Local artists excel in art competition

LOS ANGELES – Four Downey students were announced as winners of the 17th annual 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition hosted by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34).

Each art entry was judged on originality, technical skill, artistic presentation and use of color and contrast.

Veraphum Chaiyakam, a senior at Warren High School, won the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument First Place Award. His prisma color pencils, pen, ink, vellum and newspaper piece entitled "Human Nature" will be exhibited in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Chaiyakam will travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the June 17 national exhibit opening. He also received a \$1,000 scholarship, \$200 gift card for art supplies, \$150 in cash, and \$500 spending money for his trip to Washington.

An image of Chaiyakam's winning piece has been printed on 2,000 posters advertising the competition, which will be distributed throughout the year.

Warren High also received a \$600 gift card to purchase supplies for its art program.

Alexis Chanes, also a Warren senior, won the City of Bell Gardens Second Place Award for her digital photography piece entitled "Ethereal Animals."

She won a \$750 scholarship,



Winners of the 17th annual 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition are pictured above with Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (in red) and their instructors.

\$175 gift card and \$100 cash, while Warren received an additional \$500 gift card.

Angel Lopez, a senior at Downey High School, won the Central Basin Municipal Water District Third Place Award with his prisma color pencils and graphite piece entitled "Through the Eyes of Tomorrow."

Lopez received a \$500 scholar-

ship, \$150 gift card and \$100 in cash. Downey High received a \$400 gift card.

Danielle Andalon, a junior at Warren, won the White Memorial Medical Center Honorable Mention Award for her oil pastel painting entitled "Own Little World." She received a \$250 scholarship, \$125 gift card and \$100 cash.

Warren also received a gift card worth \$300.

Jamilet Bautista, a senior at Maywood Academy High School, was awarded the Union Pacific Honorable Mention Award.

Following the exhibit at the U.S. Capitol, the works by Chaiyakam, Chanes and Lopez will hang for one year at the Pico House gallery in downtown Los Angeles.



Steen takes over as church pastor

DOWNEY – A near-capacity crowd attended a formal evening dinner last Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church for the installation of new pastor Dr. Paul Steen.

Steen, a longtime resident of Downey, has been involved in local church ministry for many years. He also teaches classes at Talbot School of Theology, where he received his master's and doctorate degrees.

"I am drawn to the lost, especially those of the current and emerging generation, but I also enjoy ministering with those of older generations," he said.

The Trinity fellowship hall was decorated by members of the Trinity youth department for the installation. Dinner was prepared by various congregation members and music was provided by church worship leader Jeff Freberg.

Brenda Valdez, a Cerritos College student and participate in Wednesday night youth activities at Trinity, provided a special music presentation.

Also in attendance were outgoing Trinity pastor Michael Cleland and his wife, Janet, and El Camino Church pastor Benny Lopez and his family.

Ray Erwin, chairman of the pastoral search committee, introduced Steen before pastoral staff member Chris Stewart addressed Steen with a charge to the ministry, which Steen accepted.

Trinity Baptist Church holds Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m. and everyone is invited. The church is located at 8219 Florence Ave. in Downey.

For more information, visit www.tbcdowney.org.

Resident helps dedicate veterans memorial

DOWNEY – Downey resident Kenneth Drake traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 16 to participate in the dedication of the World War II Veterans Memorial, and the Korean and Vietnam Mall.

Drake enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1937 at the age of 17. After serving 32 years, he retired with the rating of Chief Aviator Electricians

Mate.

He is also the last living crew member born in the state of Idaho, and served on the Battleship USS Idaho-BB42.

Drake is currently first vice commander of American Legion Post 270 in Downey.

The trip was sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted



Masons of California, of which K.G. Nagel is the grand master.

Drake has been an active member of Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 for 56 years. He recently lost his wife, Norma, after 71 years of marriage.

"To all my friends and shipmates, I thank you for your support and trust, and the opportunity to represent each and every one of you on my trip to Washington, D.C.," Drake said.

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The Wall of (Un)Fame: The Metro Green Line runs through the south side of Downey, with a station at Lakewood Blvd. The station is decorated with the hand and footprints of the area's unfamous residents. At the end of a long day, people disembark from the train to go the rest of the way home by bus, car, bike or foot.

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Tesla would use existing buildings, report says

■ Buildings at former NASA site would only be slightly altered.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – New details have emerged regarding Tesla Motors' plans to develop an electric vehicle production facility on the former NASA property in Downey, a project that would utilize 51 acres of land and more than 1 million square feet of existing building space.

In a draft environmental assessment submitted to the Department of Energy in February, Tesla said it would lease land currently occupied by Downey Studios "for an initial term" of 11 years, with two 5-year options to extend the lease.

Tesla has been negotiating a lease with Industrial Realty Group the past several months. IRG owns about 57 acres of the 77-acre property. The city of Downey owns the remaining 20 acres and leases it to IRG.

Tesla would not comment on negotiations, other than to say, "Deciding where to build our state-of-the-art, energy-efficient manufacturing home should be a deliberative process, and we intend to get it right. We have nothing to announce at this time."

In the paperwork filed to the Department of Energy, Tesla revealed manufacturing of its Model S sedan would "occur in the three largest buildings on the site property," including Buildings 1, 6 and 290.

Building 11 would be used for materials inventory and tool storage space, the paperwork says. Tesla would utilize ancillary build-



The all-electric Model S sedan will be built in Downey if Tesla Motors and IRG reach an agreement on a lease deal.

ings for employee services such as changing rooms and break rooms.

Building 1, the property's largest structure, will house Tesla's body production, door and lid assembly, paint shop and final assembly.

The powertrain assembly would take place in Building 6, and the press department would be housed in Building 290.

Vehicles will be stored on the north end of the property.

Tesla also has plans to construct a "small, lighted low-speed test track" but its location has not been determined.

Tesla's plans do not call for the demolition of any buildings but instead for exterior improvements and alterations, including new paint, truck loading/unloading bays and reconfigured parking.

"Tesla's intentions is to limit ground-disturbing activity to interior excavation unless absolutely necessary," the assessment says.

Converting the property to suit Tesla's needs would take 18 months, with construction occurring in two 10-hour shifts five days

a week, with weekend shifts added "during peak periods."

The draft environmental assessment -- necessary paperwork as part of Tesla's \$465 million loan from the Department of Energy -- provides specific details on portions of their proposed manufacturing facility:

Press Shop - Body panels and closures would be stamped from aluminum in the press shop. This process involves cutting blanks from sheet aluminum, stamping the blanks to form panels and racking completed parts. Multiple dies would be used to form a variety of panels, and an on-site tool shop would maintain the dies and associated equipment. Completed panels would be transferred to the body shop in Building 1, where they would be formed into completed body shells.

Powertrain Assembly - The powertrain assembly area would assemble the Tesla power system for the Model S sedan. Battery modules received from Tesla's Palo

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Two girls sexually assaulted at library

DOWNEY – Police have arrested a 28-year-old Bell Gardens man after he allegedly sexually assaulted two young children at the Downey City Library.

Daniel Ignacio Gil was arrested at his home Tuesday night on allegations that he assaulted a 6- and 9-year-old girl, police said in a press release. The attacks occurred April 12 and April 19.

Downey police were notified April 13 that a man had committed a lewd act upon a 6-year-old girl at the library the previous day.

Gil allegedly asked the girl to help him get a book. As she leaned over to grab the book, Gil assaulted her and fled the scene, police said.

Following the second attack on April 19, the 9-year-old victim immediately told her mother, who alerted library staff members to the suspect. Gil was able to evade a library assistance and escaped, but not before a witness was able to write down a partial license plate number, police said.

Downey detectives were able to use the information to identify Gil. Gil is behind held in Men's Central Jail on \$200,000 bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Downey Superior Court on May 14.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's office charged Gil with two felony counts of lewd or lascivious acts upon a minor, which carries a possible sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

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Crime Report

Thursday, April 22

At 8:00 p.m., officers arrested a 30-year-old Downey man at his home in the 11500 block of Pruess Avenue after he pointed a loaded handgun at a realtor who was at the suspect's home.

At 10:45 p.m., officers responded to family disturbance at a home in the 8600 block of 6th Street and found two unattended toddlers crying inside the residence. The father returned home about 30 minutes later and was arrested for child endangerment.

Friday, April 23

At 3:30 p.m., a 63-year-old Pico Rivera man was intentionally ran over in the 9500 block of Lakewood Boulevard after a traffic altercation. The 21-year-old suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The victim was hospitalized with serious injuries.

At 4:00 p.m., four teenagers were robbed of their cell phones and iPods as they walked in the 9000 block of Stewart & Gray Road.

Thursday, April 15

At 7:30 p.m., an officer initiated a short vehicle pursuit after a traffic violator failed to pull over in the 9000 block of Angell Street. The driver faces a misdemeanor charge of evading.

Saturday, April 24

Shortly after midnight, a 20-year-old Bellflower resident lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a residence in the 9400 block of Dacosta Street. The driver was treated for minor injuries and arrested for drunk driving. No one in the home was injured.

Sunday, April 25

At 1:30 a.m., officers responded to the 12400 block of Dunrobin Avenue after receiving reports of gunshots heard in the area. Officers located an apartment window that had been shot out and several shotgun shell casings nearby. Detectives are investigating this incident.

Tuesday, April 27

At 11:40 a.m., a 19 year-old male suspect was seen stealing items from a vehicle. The victim, along with several neighbors, attempted to detain him and he was captured a short time later by officers. The suspect was charged with grand theft.

Wednesday, April 28

At 4:00 p.m., two 15 year-old males were robbed of their cell phones and other property as they were walking home from school, in the area of Brookshire and 5th street. The two suspects fled in a white Ford F150 truck.

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Kids Day takes place May 8

DOWNEY – The 23rd annual Kids Day will take place May 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Furman Park.

The family-friendly event will feature penny carnival games, two stages for entertainment, food and more.

A 2K run will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the first 50 participants to finish receiving a medal and goody bag. All ages are eligible for the run.

Registration for the run is available at City Hall or at the event. Check-in and same-day registration begins at 10 a.m.

For more information on Kids Day, or to make a donation in support of the event, call Downey Community Services at (562) 904-7238.

Christian club marks 42 years

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will celebrate its 42nd anniversary May 12 at the Los Amigos Country Club.

Guest speakers will include Barbara Brown and Rick Marlene. The event begins at 11:45 a.m.

Cost to attend is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch. Reservations are requested by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Jean at (562) 861-1114.

Fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy

DOWNEY – A fundraiser to benefit the LivingHelp Center will be held at Bob's Big Boy in Downey this Tuesday from 4-9 p.m.

The LivingHelp Center is a pro-life crisis center offering free counseling and pregnancy tests for girls.

Church to host weekend festival

BELLFLOWER – St. George Coptic Orthodox Church of Bellflower will celebrate its 30-year anniversary with a weekend-long festival that begins today.

Each day will begin with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at 8 a.m. Days will end at 10 p.m. following praises and glorifications for St. George.

The festival will include food, music, artwork and more, and will offer a glimpse of the ancient Egyptian Coptic Christian culture.

Admission to the event is free and the community is invited.

The church is located at 15725 Cornuta Ave., north of Alondra Boulevard in Bellflower.

For more information, call (562) 866-6668.



Firefighters from Downey's fire station No. 1 played host to second graders from Alameda Elementary last week, teaching them about what a day in the life of a firefighter is all about. The children learned about the dispatch process, how the firefighters stay fit and healthy, the different types of equipment used when responding to calls, and the importance of staying in school and being life-long learners.



Bill Johnson, Ray Patacsil and Garry Gareau from Downey Elks Club Lodge No. 2020 delivered dictionaries to third grade students at Rio Hondo Elementary recently. The Elks Club donates dictionaries to DUSD third-graders every year.

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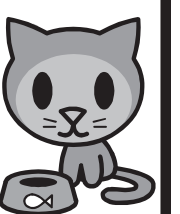
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History lesson at OASIS

DOWNEY – Historical impressionist Susan Gallerito will portray Eleanor Roosevelt during a performance Monday for Downey Adult School's OASIS program.

Gallerito calls on experience as an actress, dancer and journalist to recreate the lives of many remarkable women. She is a veteran of Knott's Berry Farm's Entertainment and Education team, and has performed for presidential libraries, civic groups, schools, parades and fairs.

Enrollment in OASIS is free to older adults and begins at 2:45 p.m. Dinner from Gourmet Café will be served at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$5 and must be purchased by 3:45 p.m.

OASIS is held inside the Harriett Paine Event Center on the campus of Downey Adult School.

Toastmasters do well at election

DOWNEY – Downey resident Richard Elliott was elected lieutenant governor of marketing in an election at the Toastmaster's Founder's District conference last Saturday.

Elliott will spend the next year working to expand the network of Toastmasters clubs throughout the Founder's District, which encompasses east Los Angeles County and most of Orange County.

Also at the conference, local club member Rene Estrada received the Distinguished Toastmasters Award for his many years of service and growth in the Toastmasters' public speaking and leadership program.

The Distinguished Toastmasters Award is the highest award a Toastmaster can receive within the organization.

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Arizona's racist law

[On Wednesday] the Latino Policy Coalition condemned the xenophobic actions of Arizona Governor Jan Brewer for signing into law racial profiling. LPC charged SB 1070 as blatant pandering to conservative extremists.

Sadly, Governor Brewer has chosen not to learn from former California Governor Pete Wilson's failed attempt to legislate hate in 1994 through Proposition 187. Not only did California's Republican Party forever damage their reputation with Latino voters, but U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer struck down the legislation as unconstitutional clearly stating, "The state is powerless to enact its own scheme to regulate immigration ... the authority to regulate immigration belongs exclusively to the federal government."

Only four days after the signing of SB 1070 into law, the repercussions are proving Arizona's shortsightedness. La Opinion, the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the U.S. has called for the boycott of all goods and services that originate from Arizona. Latino truck drivers are refusing to drive through the state, the City of San Francisco introduced a resolution to sever all contracts with the state and Arizona businesses; and President Barack Obama has stated that he believes the new law to be "fundamentally unfair."

And that only appears to be the beginning. A contingent that includes United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta, and singer Linda Ronstadt – who grew up in a Mexican-American family in Tucson, Arizona will travel to Phoenix this Thursday for a rally anticipated to draw tens of thousands denouncing the legislation. These calls to action are a direct reflection of the sweeping shift our country has seen in the last three Presidential elections. The Latino share of the electorate has grown 80%, reflecting a palpable power shift in the Latino electorate that continues to mobilize in the fight for equality.

"The U.S. Congress must take action to pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path towards citizenship and ensures family reunification," said Jim Gonzalez, chair of the Latino Policy Coalition.

"The United States' economy has thrived because of its immigrant communities. Immigrants are responsible for a wealth of tax revenues, security, and richness of American heritage. This legislation is also an insulting slap in the face to the more than 1.1 million Latino veterans and war heroes who put their lives on the line to defend our country," concluded Gonzalez.

Contributed by the Latino Policy Coalition, a national non-partisan non-profit consortium of the country's leading Latino research organizations and scholars. Chaired by former San Francisco City and County Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, the LPC seeks to highlight Latino community views on key national issues; and thus stimulate public policy debate among local, state and national elected officials.

Reverend calls for calm among protests

Yesterday Reverend Luis Cortes, Jr., president of Esperanza, the largest Hispanic faith-based network in the country, called for people across America to stand down and think twice before peaceful protests turn violent.

"We are all angry at Arizona politicians -- especially Arizona Gov. Brewer -- for enacting legislation so extreme that driving while Hispanic is now a stoppable offense.

"But let's remember why we're all here -- why our fathers and grandmothers and great-grandparents first came to America. We are here because we love this country. We are so angry with Arizona because we trust and believe in America's fairness and equal opportunities.

"The Arizona law is going to court. Attorney General Holder announced he may file suit. MALDEF has hired the attorney that overthrew California's Prop 187. We will prevail in the courts.

"Swastikas and rock-throwing have no place in this debate. I am shocked and disappointed. Actions like these reduce us all.

"We denounce violence. Violent acts will only reinforce anti-immigrant beliefs. I ask all our people -- especially our youth -- to channel their energy into non-violent protests. Remember, ultimately, it is Congress who has the power and Congress who has the responsibility to permanently fix our broken immigration system.

"Freedom is worth fighting for -- but fight so it counts. Pick up your phone, call your Congressman, call your Senator and tell them to fix this mess: (202) 224-3121. Join Esperanza for America (esperanzaforamerica.com; esperanzaparaamerica.com).

"This weekend there will be protests all across the country. We will follow our faith and our country's long tradition of peaceful protests. We will get arrested praying. We will get arrested carrying American flags.

"And we will prevail because right is on our side."

Contributed by Esperanza is the largest Hispanic faith-based network in the country. With a national network of over 12,000 Hispanic congregations, faith- and community-based agencies, Esperanza is a leading voice for Hispanics in America. Esperanza for America is a national grassroots immigration campaign.

Letters to the Editor:

What's rather hideous?

Dear Editor:

I find it quite odd and even funny that at this late date someone is still defending and justifying its role in the building of the structure. ("That's Rather Hideous," 3/26/10).

[Staff writer Christian Brown] gives us the history of the structure – which is still under construction – and extols the fact that it has five bedrooms and three garages. I was just curious, what about the other seven parking spaces which will be needed at some time or another? Obviously there still must be some controversy over it if the subject can still make the front page of the Patriot.

After comparing the two photos I do not believe there is anyone who can see a resemblance between the structure and Palazzo Poli. Maybe the paper could take a poll? I attempted to see the similarities. Could it be the large marble columns with their splendid capitols? No, that's not the same. Could it be the large marble statues that adorn the front of the building? No, that's not it. Oh I know, it's the decorative freeze that borders the roof line, but again, there was no resemblance. I also failed to notice any baroque fountain.

I finally concluded that the only things they share is that they both have a roof, door and windows.

The truth is that the department that permitted the construction has set a precedent that if you bring in a photo of a structure from another part of the world it will be permitted. Maybe now we might see replicas of igloos, teepees, the Taj Mahal or even a pyramid.

I agree with the article's headline that states "Well that's rather hideous."

— **Ed Romero, Downey**

Not a good Earth Day

Dear Editor:

Happy Earth Day. Those were the three words I was greeted with as I returned home Thursday evening to find that all the beautiful trees on my block had suddenly disappeared.

Today is the day after Earth Day. It's 7 a.m. and the city has cut down my beloved tree. The tree that my little baby brother used to run around as a kid in the spring and enjoyed raking the leaves in the fall. This is the same tree I would sit under when I needed a breath of fresh air, the tree where I used to park my vehicle.

I am upset and I'm writing about the city's notification system in the event they are going to tear down trees in residential communities. I am very disappointed in the way they handled the removal of the trees, especially the removal of the tree in front of my house.

First and foremost, we were never warned. No one from the city informed us; all they did was show up the day of and cut the trees down. Looking at the Downey Municipal Code, Section 7607, it states there are several different criteria which warrant a tree removal on the street. If warned, I could have provided a case stating that the tree in front of my house was not dead, not growing into any power lines and if it was a danger to our water and sewer system, no one was ever brought to our house to truly investigate whether the tree was "the root" of the problem.

Secondly, the trees were cut on Earth Day. Who picks Earth Day to cut down trees besides paper companies? The answer: the city of Downey. I'd consider that an epic failure on their behalf to recognize the importance of the day. Furthermore, the city decided to cut down my tree at 7 a.m. When we put in our new roof we were told Downey has an ordinance prohibiting work until 8 a.m. Is that rule only for residents but not the city? Do we have rules that apply to some but not all?

The trees helped shade our fairly good-sized lawn. Thanks to the city of Downey conservation efforts, the lawn is now fully exposed; if we maintain the current appearance we will have to give up our conservation efforts and increase our water intake, or maintain our current water schedule and perhaps receive an "unsightly" lawn ticket.

I highly suggest the City Council implement a notification system in reference to tree removal in residential areas. On behalf of the practice of transparency, we as taxpayers deserve written notification if a tree in front of our house is being removed, there should be written documentation within a reasonable amount of time for the residents to respond.

We need to have more transparency to protect our neighborhoods and our city, and please, let's do more to conserve.

— **Shantal Voorwinden, Downey**

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Door-to-door sales

Dear Editor:

I am new to the neighborhood but I noticed that lately there are a lot of kids going door-to-door asking for money. Some are selling over-priced chocolate, some offer to paint the address on my curb, and one was trying to "raise points" by selling newspaper subscriptions.

Trying to be nice, I purchased a Helen Grace chocolate bar from one kid, I gave money to the kid offering to repaint the address on my curb, and even gave money for a newspaper subscription.

Sadly, the kids never did paint the number on my curb and I never got my newspaper. Another kid knocked on my door the other night trying to sell me the same newspaper, but when I questioned her about that she just ran away.

What am I to do? I am more worried that if I don't give them money they may return to vandalize my home.

— **Claudia Nieto, Downey**

School bullying

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to you to bring attention to the serious problem of bullying that is happening at East Middle School. My son has been targeted by bullies throughout his years at East with little or no consequences to the kids doing it, which is why they keep doing it. I'm sure I can't possibly be the only parent that's in this same situation.

In the last couple of weeks I have grown frustrated dealing with school administrators trying to resolve an incident where my son was punched at school. I have made it clear that I would like consequences for the bully and also a sit-down meeting with the parties involved, the parents and the teachers. My requests have been turned down and I've only been offered a meeting with the teacher. The student who punched my son got a verbal reprimand and nothing else. When I asked whether or not his parents were even contacted I was told they couldn't release any information because it's confidential. I feel that this bully and his parents are being protected while my son who has endured this for years gets no protection at all.

My son is a good student. He's an honor student and takes part in various clubs at school. All he wants is "to be left alone." This ongoing problem has caused him tremendous stress, anxiety and embarrassment.

I'm sure there's other parents who are facing the same problem. As we've all seen recently in the media this is a serious problem that affects all schools regardless of geographical area or social standing. I believe our schools are not doing enough to deal with the problem, and as parents I think it's time we unite and demand that more be done to protect our kids.

I know my letter may not be well received, and some people will say "well your kid needs to 'man up'" or "the schools can't baby-sit your child". But the truth is that our children shouldn't have to stress about going to school or be afraid or embarrassed. And honestly I don't really care about public opinion because as a mother I can tell you it's heartbreaking to see your child suffer to such an extent that he gets no rest, even when he sleeps, because of the nightmares.

If you think this can't happen to your child...think again. If they're a little too thin, a little too fat, too short, too tall, too smart...anything will trigger bullying. And as we've learned with the Phoebe Prince case, the results can be tragic.

— **Claudia Nieto, Downey**

71% of nation's homes mailed back census

Slightly more than 72 percent of U.S. households believed to be occupied mailed back their 2010 Census forms, the same rate that was achieved in 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau announced this week.

In the fall of 2010, the Census Bureau will release a final "mail return rate" after census workers double-check the occupancy status of all households that didn't return a census form.

"This is a significant achievement; the nation has stepped up to the challenge of participating in this once-a-decade civic event," said Census Bureau Director Robert Groves. "We knew the job would be more difficult in 2010 than in 2000, yet the nation responded tremendously."

America responded despite trends over the past decade toward declining survey participation, a more diverse population, a difficult economic environment and a growing distrust of government.

To motivate increased mail participation, the Census Bureau challenged communities nationwide to work to improve the participation rates they achieved in the 2000 Census. Twenty-eight states met or exceeded their 2000 Census rates, and 11 more were within one point of matching their rates (see separate news release). Numerous cities and counties also matched or exceeded their rates.

States with the highest mail participation rates include: Wisconsin (81 percent), Minnesota (80 percent), Iowa (78 percent) and Indiana (78 percent). North Carolina and South Carolina achieved the greatest percentage point increase among all states, both increasing by 9 percentage points (North Carolina jumped from 66 to 74 percent; South Carolina from 65 to 73 percent).

Cities with populations of 50,000 or more with the highest rates were Livonia, Mich. (87 percent), Rochester, Minn. (82 percent) and Sterling

Heights, Mich. (82 percent). Charleston, S.C., achieved the greatest point increase (jumping 9 percentage points from 64 to 73 percent). Three cities increased by 8 percentage points: Minneapolis (from 68 to 76 percent); Miramar, Fla. (from 65 to 73 percent) and Surprise, Ariz. (from 63 to 71 percent).

Downey had a participation rate of 72 percent, city officials said.

The rates for all states, counties, cities, towns and neighborhoods are on the Census Bureau's interactive mail participation rate map at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>.

The nation's response helps pave the way for the next phase of the 2010 Census: the deployment of 635,000 census takers across the country who will go door to door to obtain census responses from all remaining households. The temporary census workers are in training this week and will begin obtaining census responses this weekend.

All census workers will carry appropriate identification and will only ask the questions that appear on the census. Information collected through the census is confidential and it is illegal for the Census Bureau or its employees to share residents' personal information.

The Census Bureau is urging households to open their doors to their local census taker and will provide more information on this operation at a news briefing May 3.

Being counted in the census is important because the information collected will affect funding for the community. Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to cities based partially on census data. The money is used to repair our roads, provide funding for our police and fire departments, and fund schools and other services.

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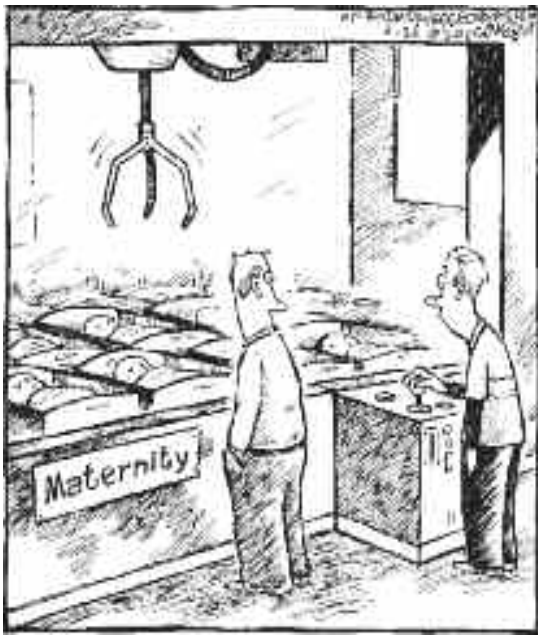
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

- Sat. May 1: **Downey Street Faire**, Brookshire Avenue, 9 a.m.
- Sun. May 2: **Bingo luncheon**, St. Raymond's, 12:30 p.m.
- Mon. May 3: **Historical impersonator**, Downey Adult School, 3:45 p.m.
- Tues. May 4: **Fundraiser for LivingHelp Center**, Bob's Big Boy, 4 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 425-7936.
- 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.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-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., 7:30 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.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 a.m.: **Lions Club**, at Cafe & Stuff, for information call 803-4048.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Cafe N Stuff, for information, call Sandy Esslinger, (310) 491-8989.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

On This Day...

- April 30, 1789:** George Washington took office as the first president of the United States.
- 1803:** The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for \$15 million.
- 1945:** Adolf Hitler committed suicide as Russian troops advanced on his Berlin bunker.
- 1975:** Saigon, the capital of South Vietnamese, fell to Communist forces.
- 1993:** Tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back by a man who ran onto the court.
- 2001:** Government intern Chandra Levy went missing in a Washington D.C. park. She was later found dead.
- Birthdays:** Actress Cloris Leachman (84), country singer Willie Nelson (77), basketball hall of famer Isiah Thomas (49), R&B singer Akon (37) and actress Kirsten Dunst (28).

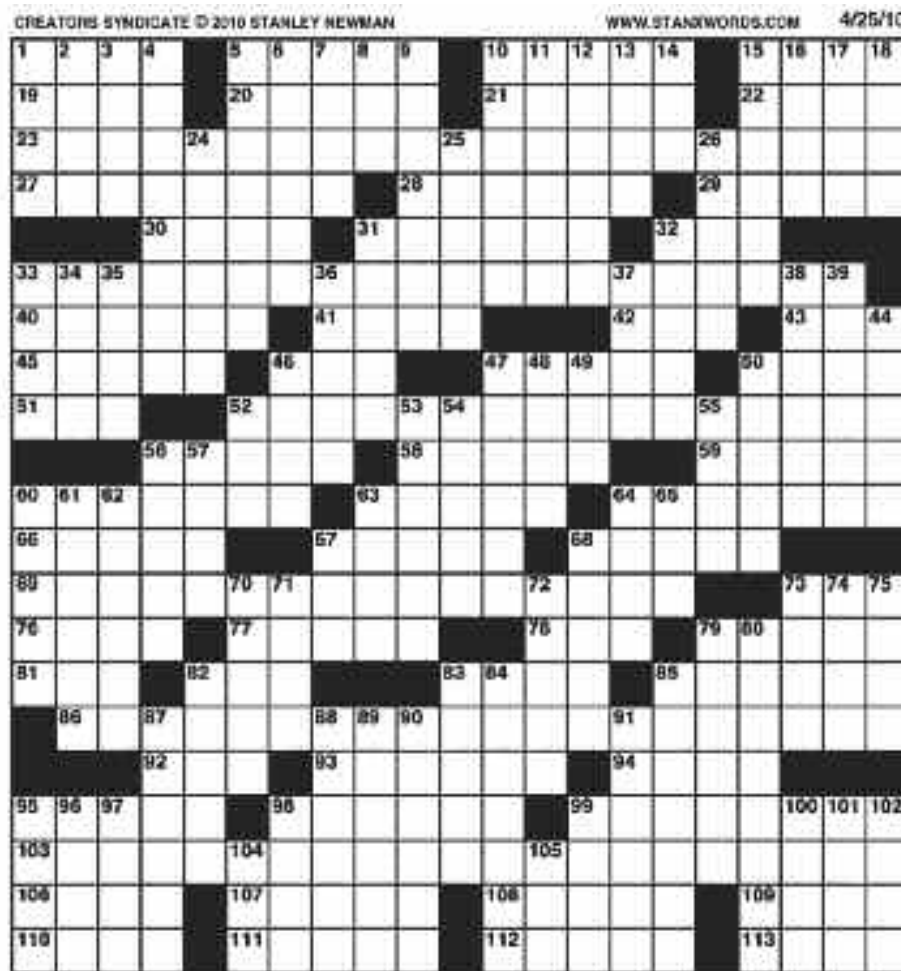
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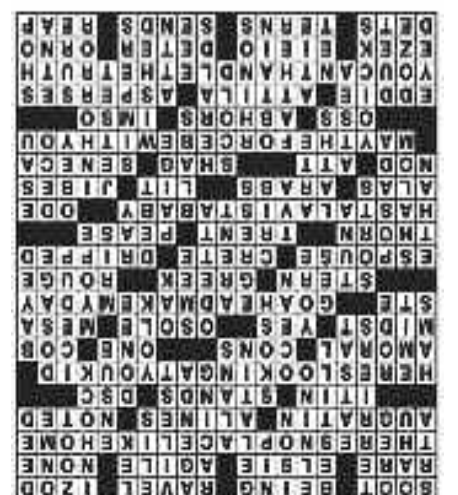
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Students learn about themselves (and others) at Pathfinders

By DEBORAH WON, INTERN

DOWNEY -- Despite muddy roads and slushy mountain grounds, 47 students braved their way through the Pathfinders leadership program from April 23-25 at Camp Whittle in Big Bear.

As students from Downey High School, Warren, St. Joseph's, and St. John Bosco's successfully completed the leadership program, the students were able to learn more about themselves as leaders in their society, as well as about interacting with others, through various activities implemented by Pathfinders.

"You really see that the students get a lot out of Pathfinders, especially in looking at others differently," said Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Pathfinder Chairman, Edwin Huber. "When you see that long-term impact on these young adults, it makes you want to keep running the program. It's the mixing of the schools, the cliques, and you are forced to learn to trust and interact with others that are foreign."

With the goal of shaping and developing leadership qualities in young adults, the Pathfinders weekend was filled with various activities designed to mold and emphasize particular skills and values. The moment the students were on the bus, assigned seating and icebreaker activities allowed for a breakdown of school boundaries and to get acquainted with others.

"I appreciate that Pathfinders allows students from different schools and backgrounds to socialize and to meet," said Esteban Garcia, a junior at Warren. "I've met some very cool people."

The first day, after a tough ride up the muddy roads and slight transportation conflicts, the students began with introductions. Then a scavenger hunt, a competition between the schools, had students scrambling around to find answers and objects. After the scavenger hunt, the last event of Day One was the "Colors" activity, where individuals had to identify themselves with a certain color group that best reflected their personas and strengths.

"I'm an Orange, and I'm proud," said Kyriaas Psara from Bosco.

The second day of Pathfinders revolved around outdoor activities, primarily the low-rope and high-rope obstacle courses. Each activity was physically strenuous and mentally challenging, but the students were able to overcome their fears and learn about themselves in the process.

"I enjoyed Pathfinders because it helped me to overcome my fear of heights and through that it showed me that I can overcome anything," said junior Briana Bedran from Warren.

Although many students were frustrated at some of these challenging tasks, they eventually came to see the important values taught by these activities. In addition, the



once segregate school-based cliques slowly disintegrated as the various events of the program encouraged mingling.

"I think it's amazing to see the transformation in students from when they start to when they end the program in this short amount of time," said Karina Madariaga, President-elect of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis. "And how quickly they are able to recognize different qualities in themselves and others and how they will be able to take that and apply it in their futures."

The short but productive weekend came to a close with the third

and final day. The last activity of the program was possibly the most challenging, yet brought the leaders together more than ever before. All 47 students had to get over a 20-foot wooden wall, and after persistent planning the leaders accomplished their goal. Final goodbyes were said, and group photos were taken before the students packed their bags and boarded the bus back to Downey.

Pathfinders is a youth leadership program held annually, and is sponsored by the Downey and Los Amigos Kiwanis, and the Soroptomists.



Bunch of jokers at Downey

By JOSEPH APODACA, INTERN

DOWNEY - Sporting events aren't all about physical endurance and using a ball, but rather can be about using quick wit and having perfect comedic timing, which is the case for the Downey High School ComedySportz team.

ComedySportz is a game of competitive improv, much like the television show Who's Line Is It Anyway. Teams from across Southern California high schools come together in front of an audience not to battle for the most goals or a high score, but for who can garner the most laughs from their on-the-spot jokes.

Since ComedySportz is 100 percent improvised, nothing is scripted and everything is spur of the moment. Coming up with jokes on the spot may sound pretty simple, but it takes actual training and practices to obtain perfect timing.

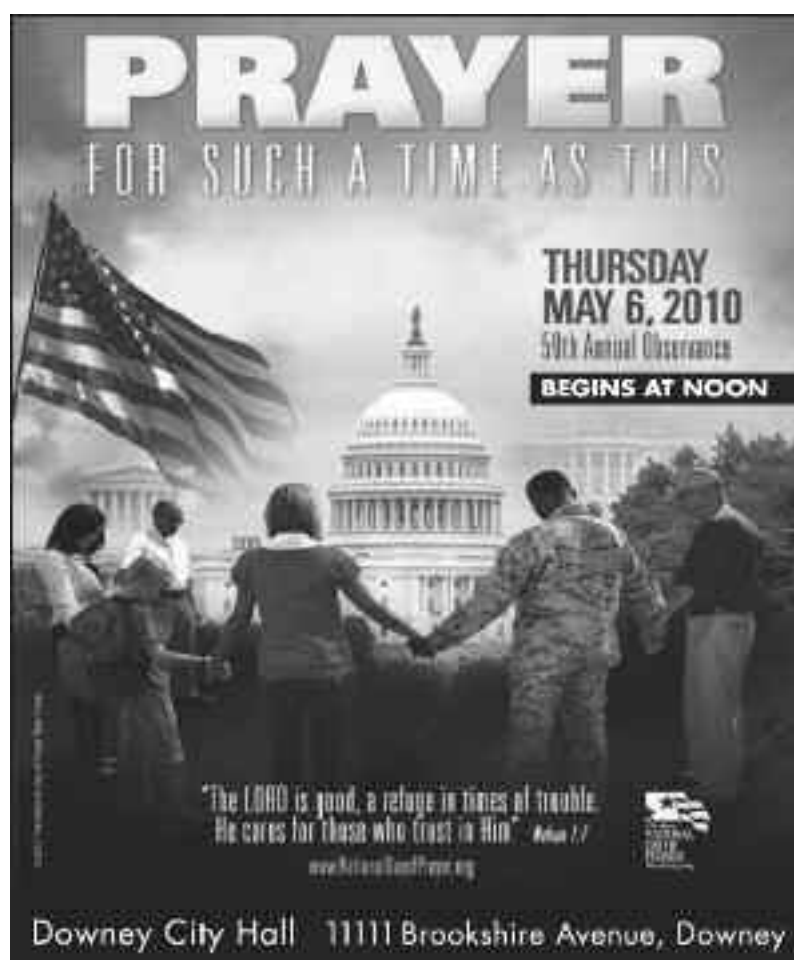
"[In practice] we go over upcoming games, practice different improv games and talk about fundraising ideas," said team manager David Apodaca. "We practice a lot of opening games, guessing games, scene games, and end games for shows and were trying to get a show together for Family Fun Night. It's a lot of stuff."

ComedySportz has been a staple at Downey High for years and has gone through several changes since being introduced to the Vikings. After last year's team of almost all graduating seniors, two members returned and auditioned an entire new group potential comedians. New members had to be more than just funny and have the ability to come up with jokes, they needed to believe in themselves and the joke to be able to connect with an audience. For some, going in front of crowds is a piece of cake while for others it is a completely new learning experience.

"We were looking for people who were not too energetic but were comfortable in front of people. I would tell them not to think of it as game but as practice instead," said Apodaca. "So far the new players have been doing really good with not being stuck with one story line and not saying anything offensive, but some still need to learn to follow through with their scenes."

While ComedySportz is all about bringing the funny to the students by the students, the young comedians are in good company with professional improv veterans. In addition to being advised by the head of the Downey High drama department, Lars Hansen, the ComedySportz team has the privilege of being trained by professional improvisers from the LA team, who have their own theater and shows right in the middle of Hollywood. Before any new member can go before an audience, they are taught everything they need to know about improv and own their skills in order to succeed on stage.

This year, the Downey ComedySportz team has already put on several successful shows and plans to continue that success into the next year. Bringing the funny is what ComedySportz does best and with more players likely to return next year, the team will have plenty of opportunities to bring laughter to audiences at high schools for years to come.



Incoming freshmen learn that it's not so bad

By JOANNA QUINTANA, INTERN

DOWNEY -- All of Downey High came together to welcome and inform the incoming freshmen class during the annual Future Freshmen Parent/Student Orientation Night last Thurs. Apr. 22 at 6 pm.

"The purpose is just to give parents an insight to what the high school is because a lot of the parents are nervous," said DHS Principal Thomas Houts. "They want to see the programs that are offered. It's very successful."

A series of performances from DHS's own drum line, color guard, dance team, and pep squad made up the opening of the orientation, stirring up excitement in over a thousand students and parents who attended the event. Following the performances were various discussions from DHS administration and other faculty members, as well as presentations from ASB. The official DHS welcome ended with a video presentation called "Vikingland," providing comedy for the audience and adding to the fun of the event until all were allowed to browse the many tables of DHS organizations made available.

"The incoming freshmen are being informed on what to expect here at Downey High School," says DHS senior and representative of the club, BELLA, Brittany Colenzo. "They're getting a little preview on what the next four years are going to be like, and signing up for these clubs that they have set up here will help them out a lot. Having them do this as eighth graders now will really help them as freshmen, sophomore, and juniors to come. It's one way to get

noticed by the school and to be involved in your school and school activities, and it's really helpful."

Music played loudly in the background as future ninth grade students and their parents lined up along tables consisting of DHS sports teams, clubs, and other organizations. Many groups only sought to inform students while others were recruiting. All, however, attempted to grab the attention of these incoming freshmen so as to incite the urge to get involved now. One incoming freshmen who was affected in a positive way was Faustino Diaz from East Middle School.

"It actually helped me to get more involved," said Diaz. "It helped me a lot. Supposedly, most of the students say it's going to be hard but I feel now that it's going to be better because of this orientation."

It would appear that the orientation not only proved to be successful with the incoming students, but also with their parents. One such parent of a future freshman was mother, Marina Robleck.

"This was very helpful and informative," said Robleck. "I'm feeling a little nervous for him but I think he's going to be fine. I think the fact that they advised them to join a lot of clubs is going to be helpful and hopefully, he has a good time here. From a scale of one to ten, I think tonight was a ten. Everything was very informative and I'm glad we came."

It appears that, according to faculty, parents and most importantly students all deeming this event a success, the Future Freshmen Parent/Student Orientation Night did what it was meant to do: inform and welcome the incoming students of DHS.

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Erika Kimura
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Brittney Miller
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Rob Thomas announces summer tour

TEMECULA – Grammy Award-winning musician Rob Thomas has announced a summer concert tour to benefit the Sidewalk Angels Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by Thomas and his wife, Marisol.

The tour begins July 15 in Ontario, Canada and continues through late August, with an Aug. 6 date at the Pechanga Resort and Casino.

Thomas will take his tour to more intimate settings than usual, playing a career-spanning set.

"It's a chance for me, as a songwriter, to really highlight lyric and melody and to create different versions of songs that I've been playing for years," Thomas said. "We'll be doing my solo stuff, Matchbox Twenty songs, and covers."

The tour announcement comes on the heels of Thomas' recently-released digital EP, "Someday." The four-song collection is highlighted by four previously unreleased tracks, including "Sunday Morning New York Blue" and a live rendition of the No. 1 hit "Someday."

Tickets for Thomas' performance at Pechanga go on sale tomorrow. For more information, visit robthomasmusic.com.

Miss Bellflower pageant May 29

BELLFLOWER – Six young ladies will vie to be the next Miss Bellflower at a pageant competition May 29 at the Hosanna Chapel, 16523 Bellflower Blvd.

Twelve contestants will compete in the Teen Division.

A total of 18 contestants will model business and evening wear, and answer questions on stage. Contestants will also dance in an opening number choreographed by the current Miss Bellflower court with consultation from dance instructor Teresa Mitchell.

Winners will take part in city and chamber of commerce events in Bellflower, in addition to helping local service clubs with fundraising and outreach.

Winners will also receive scholarships based on community donations.

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Bike trail to be improved

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Reconstructing the trail will eliminate sharp turns and improve the sight distance, making the path safer for bike riders, Knabe said.

The project's first phase was completed February of last year, which including realigning and reconstructing 350 feet of the trail at Del Amo Boulevard in Cerritos.

The second phase has not begun yet. It involves the reconstruction of 460 feet just south of Del Amo. An existing reclamation water line and street lights will also be relocated, and trail signage, yellow centerline striping and pavement markings will be installed.

The third phase will see the reconstruction of approximately one mile of trail and the widening of the existing bike trail from 10 feet to 12 feet from Del Amo Boulevard to Carson Street in Lakewood.

Lastly, 125 feet of path at 183rd Street in Cerritos will be reconstructed. A new access ramp will also be built on the north side of 183rd Street.

The total project cost is more than \$2.5 million, which will be paid in Fourth District Capital Improvement funds.

"It is important that the bike paths along our riverbeds are safe," Knabe said. "The improvements will enhance the safety and increase enjoyment of the numerous residents and visitors who use the San Gabriel River Bike Trail."

Doo Dah Parade Saturday

PASADENA – The zany, wacky Doo Dah Parade will relocate to E. Colorado Boulevard in East Pasadena when it parades across town tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Known as the twisted sister of its counterpart Rose Parade, the Doo Dah Parade began in 1978 and gained national attention for its eccentric and often irreverent satire.

More than 1,000 marchers will take part in this year's parade, including Dr. Steel's Army of Toy Soldiers, Girls Who Draw Girls on Roller Skates, Snotty Scotty & the Hankies, Clown Doctors from Outer Space and more.

The parade is free to watch and attend, and plenty of street parking will be available. Guests should arrive early and bring a chair.

For more information, go to www.pasadenadoodahparade.info.

Job fair planned in Norwalk

NORWALK – A veteran and youth job fair open to all job seekers will be held May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave., in Norwalk.

Visitors can learn about employment opportunities in green jobs and meet with training service providers.

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Steve Clay regains the power of his dream

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BY GREG WASKUL, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

Steve Clay is one of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's most powerful patient success stories. He was a highly acclaimed painter before suffering a major stroke that totally incapacitated his right side.

"When doctors told me there was very little chance I would ever be able to paint again, I was afraid my career as an artist was over," he said. Then he came to Rancho, arriving in a wheelchair and suffering from severe depression.

"Rancho's clinicians and therapists worked with me hour after hour, guiding me as I pursued my dream of painting again," he said. "After two years of rehab, painstaking effort, and the love and support of my treatment team, I was ready to start again."

"I succeeded in readapting by learning to draw with my left hand," he said. "As my therapy progressed, I regained the use of my right hand. I know God was watching over me, because the impossible happened. It was truly a miracle."

After his recovery, Steve began what has been nearly 13 years of dedicated service to the hospital, in a variety of highly visible and very significant ways, including:

- Being one of the founding artists of the Art of Rancho program.

- Creating large portraits of more than 70 artists in the Art of Rancho program.

The framed originals hang in a long corridor in Rancho's Support Services Annex. The portraits are also used in the world-renowned Art of Rancho book and calendar each year.

- Serving as an instructor in the visual arts module of the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program. Steve has had a huge positive impact on the young artists in this highly successful program.

- Creating a masterpiece cap-



turing the history of Rancho. This 44-inch by 33-inch painting will soon hang in the main lobby of the hospital's Jacquelin Perry Institute, so that Rancho's patients and visitors can enjoy it.

- Serving as an eloquent spokesperson for the Rancho patient experience and the hospital's enduring value to the community.

- Assisting the Foundation and the hospital in securing Seal for his free concert for the patients and staff, which was held in 2006. This historic performance would not have been possible without more than two years of effort on Steve's part.

- Serving as a mentor to Rancho graduate artists in the Art of Rancho program, and helping organize the Art of Rancho Exhibition each year.

"Steve has had, and continues to have, a major positive impact at Rancho by serving as a role model and as a real-life example of the ability that can be regained even from catastrophic disabling illnesses and injuries," said Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco. In recognition of his extraordinary service to the hospital and its patients, he will be honored with the Amistad Friend Award at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation's 24th Annual Amistad Gala May 1 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel.

"When I had all but given up hope, Rancho was there to inspire me, to support me, and to help me believe that I could still make a contribution in this world," Steve said. "Now I paint with both hands and my colleagues tell me my work is better than ever."

Today, Steve's spectacular artworks hang in prestigious galleries and museums around the world. He has become recognized not just for his magnificent artworks, but also for his courage, his commitment, and his caring for others who are working hard to return to productive lives after a devastating illness or injury.

"I have seen the impact of the hospital's magic in my own life, and as a result, I carry the Spirit of Rancho in my heart each and every day," he said. "I am very grateful to the entire Rancho family for always believing in me and giving me back my dream."

Planning for an emergency...Week No. 5

In an emergency, preparation is key. Do you have an evacuation plan?

BY MARK SAUTER, CITY OF DOWNEY

How are your emergency preparedness activities progressing? Hopefully, your preliminary efforts have turned into some positive momentum. As we mentioned last week, adopting the strategy necessary to prepare for a disaster is a culture change for most of us. Making a change is not always easy. But frequently the changes we make are productive and good for us.

This week we have some simple objectives. We need to do some evacuation planning around our homes. We also need to identify some safe places to go in case of an emergency. Finally, we have a list of items to obtain and add to our emergency supply cache.

Let's focus on the evacuation plan first. Pull out a piece of paper and draw a floor plan of your home. It would be best if you had your family do this together. Start by drawing the rooms and hallways. Add the doors and windows once the walls are drawn in. If you live in a condominium or apartment, you can do this too.

Once the details of the floor plans are included, begin to consider how you would exit each room and/or area of your home if one of the exits were blocked. For example, talk to your family and ask them how they would leave if the front door were jammed after an earthquake. Continue this "what if" session until you address each area of your home. Keep in mind you may need to leave a room on the second floor. What about outside stairways? Can you climb out of a second floor window onto the roof?

Next, practice an evacuation drill with your family members. At first, work from one room at a time and talk everyone through it. Ultimately you can have an unannounced drill and consider doing the drill at night. Be sure you establish some outside meeting places for your family too. Usually, fami-

lies meet in front of the house. The important point is to be sure everyone knows where they should go during and after an emergency.

While on the subject, do your family members know where to go during a disaster? If there is a fire, get out. What about during an earthquake? Duck, cover and hold on, right? Be sure you pre-plan where you can hunker down in the safe places in each room. Be sure you are away from big objects that can fall and from glass that can shatter. Try to find tables or desks to crawl under or substantial objects that can protect you. Finally, remember to practice quickly getting into the protective space.

Let's obtain the following items to bolster our supply cache:

- one gallon of water per person (this completes the minimum water storage recommendation)
- 1 can of meat per person
- 1 can of fruit per person
- 1 can of vegetables per person
- 2 rolls of toilet paper per person
- 1 extra toothbrush per person
- 1 travel size toothpaste per person
- any special food or diet supplements needed to sustain your health

Remember, when you are buying supplies, buy a variety of things and not necessarily the most bland stuff. Immediately after a disaster, you may find yourself with a lot on your mind, a tasty can of fruit at room temperature may be your only treat for the day. Cooking may be a luxury so think about foods that will taste fine without being cooled or heated.

Tomorrow is the Downey Street Fair. Please be sure to drop by the Emergency Preparedness booth at space #80. We would love to visit with you. We will have some informative brochures, a few display items and some items to give away. We will also have some sample water storage containers we would like to show you.

If you cannot see us at the Street Fair, feel free to contact me at ready@downeyca.org.

Mark Sauter is deputy city manager in charge of emergency preparedness for the city of Downey.

Makeup expert speaks to grads

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's Makeup Academy held its graduation on April 15.

The commencement speaker was award-winning and Oscar-nominated makeup artist Myke Michaels.

Michaels has more than 20 years experience as a makeup artist in Los Angeles. His experience in feature films such as "Hidalgo," "Valkyrie" and "The Big Lebowski," as well as in television, music videos, commercials and print, have garnered him numerous amounts of attention and recognition in the industry.

Michaels shared his experience with the graduates but also spoke of his passion for his work, and how his passion is a driving force behind his work ethic.

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Pirates edge Downey swimmers

■ **SWIMMING:** Individual swimmers excel, but team loses to Paramount.

BY JOSEPH APODACA, SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The Downey Vikings swim teams continued to make good on their individual successes in the water, garnering several first place times in a San Gabriel Valley League meet against the Paramount Pirates last week.

The boy Vikings, though, fell short of a win against the Pirates, nevertheless took home several impressive first place finishes in some races.

The boys started the meet off with a win thanks to the combination of Derek Klotzer, Matthew Sims, Serro Park and Derek Dodson in the 200-meter medley relay. Derek Klotzer continued his success in the 200-meter individual medley relay while Serro Park continues to take charge in the difficult 100-meter butterfly. Colin O'Conner continues to shine in the 100-meter backstroke and Matthew Sims takes advantage of his long arms and legs all the way to first place in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Park, Klotzer, O'Conner, and Sims have remained head boys' coach Shaun Delhousay's most consistent swimmers throughout the season and is pleased with the team's overall effort in every meet.

The lady Vikings also gathered several first places at the Paramount meet, in addition to winning the meet overall. Freshman Meghan Nevarez proved she is ready for CIF by placing first in the 100-meter freestyle and taking in her best time of the season. Brenda Rosero also qualified for the 200-meter freestyle for CIF in addition to captain Sarah Aguayo for the grueling 500-meter freestyle. Lindsay Gonzalez also continues to up her times in the hard to master 100-meter butterfly event.

Though she is only a freshman, Meghan Nevarez has all of her teammates and coaches excited about what she has to offer to the Downey aquatics program.

"She has really proved that she is going to be one of the most outstanding swimmers to swim for Downey High School. She wins every event she is in and she is only a freshman," said head girls' coach Sal Castro.

Warren Bears make it look easy

■ **SWIMMING:** Warren has an easy time with Gahr during qualifying meet.

BY JOSEPH APODACA, SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – The Warren Bears continue to make swimming look easy as both the boys and girls team took charge of the Gahr Gladiators in a San Gabriel Valley League qualifying meet, where the varsity boys won 124.5-41.5 and the varsity girls 102-68.

The varsity boys shined particularly bright last week, nearly tripling Gahr's overall score despite some injuries plaguing the team. Alex Rivera was able to pull through into first place in both the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter freestyle, despite a shoulder injury he has had to deal with all season. Rivera's coach Joy O'Dowd praised him for his continuous

efforts and is one of her swimmers she feels comfortable putting in any event. Junior Luis Herrera and senior Josh Hanein also continue to walk away first in their respective events and impress O'Dowd.

A lot of the reason for the varsity boys' individual success not only goes to their natural athletic abilities, but by the way they are trained as well. Coming off of water polo, it may seem easy to just jump right back into the water. However, it takes much more than a few impressive strokes to get back in again.

"There's no one to account for but yourself and it's easy to drag yourself to practice and 'go through the motions,'" said O'Dowd. "Swimming requires an incredible amount of self discipline to push yourself so every day is worth it. In a team dynamic such as polo, you own up to your role to make sure you take care of busi-

ness for your teammates."

The varsity girls also made a major play for first place, with the team's biggest highlight coming from the first and second place finishes in the 50-meter freestyle thanks to Saree Waugh and Star Meza. In addition, Celeste Moreira swam the 100-meter butterfly for the first time this season and managed to take home the first place time while Daniella Flores won the 100-meter freestyle, an event she has consistently mastered all season long.

The female Bears have done a lot of improving over the course of the season. Both Flores and Ivana Castro remain head girls coach Josie Cordero's top swimmers due to their versatility and speed in the water. Elisa De Luna, Anais Tovalin, and Meza have stayed Cordero's most consistent swimmers throughout the season, improving greatly since day one

and improving their overall times meet after meet.

While veteran competitive swimmers know everything there is to know about their sport, whereas for newcomers there is always something to be taught when it comes to swimming. Learning how to perfect your stroke and breathing techniques are the standard, yet there is still something to be said about what some new swimmers tend to overlook. Often times what is overlooked or what they might not know is also staring them right in the face.

"The lines on the bottom of the pool are so the swimmers know how far they are from the wall. There is a 'T' at the end of each wall- which is used as a marker for the swimmer to gage when to do their flip turns when they swim freestyle and backstroke," said Cordero.

Downey pitcher Ruiz throws complete game

■ **BASEBALL:** Sweep over Paramount keeps Vikings in first place.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey baseball is holding on to the slimmest of leads in the San Gabriel Valley League play as they swept the week series with the Paramount Pirates taking the first game 7-1 then taking last Friday's game 3-2 in a thriller.

In the first game last Tuesday, Downey scored 7 runs in the first two innings then let pitcher Jeremy Ruiz go to work.

Ruiz on the game pitched a complete game giving up 1 earned run, four hits, and striking out six Pirates, but at the same time also walking six.

Although the Vikings offensively struck out seven times as a

team, they were still able to put up a lopsided amount of hits with 10, and hit for the cycle collectively as a team. Ruiz, Alex Jimenez and Brent Boyd all had two hits a piece, and Josh Guerra had the team's only homerun, also driving in 2 runs.

Last Friday, it was a bases loaded walk in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Vikings the league sweep of the Pirates. Tied at 2 going into the latter half of the seventh, Josh Collazo worked the count to get the free pass forcing in the winning run.

Downey was chasing early in the game 2-0 but a Yamel Delgado double put him in position to score on a balk call and Anthony Roller also had a run scoring single.

Viking pitcher Jared Gibson turned in Downey's second consecutive complete game victory allowing 2 runs on six hits and striking out seven.

Back-to-back wins for Downey

■ **LACROSSE:** Vikings hold off late rally by Palos Verdes to earn the win.

BY ALYSSA WYNNE, SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – A 10-5 record followed the Downey boys' lacrosse team last week after they victoriously faced Palos Verdes Peninsula on Wednesday, winning 8-6, and

Redondo Union High on Friday, winning 12-8.

In Wednesday's 8-6 league outing, Downey brought victory to their team by balancing the goals between quarters. By half time, the Vikings had 4 goals and the Panthers had zero. But an overwhelming blow of points was scored by Peninsula in the final quarter, creeping closer to their chance of victory.

Downey scored 2 goals in the final quarter, diminishing the Panther's hopes of a win. Ian Padilla had 2 goals and Javier Robledo, Marques Mustin, Leo Marquez, Jonathan Flores, George Martinez, and Joseph Silva each had 1 goal. Goalkeeper Nathan Hanker saved 17 of the 23 shots fired against him.

On Friday, Downey started the game powerfully with 7 goals

before the second quarter, and exited halftime stronger still with 3 goals scored in the final quarter. The third quarter was dull for both teams with the Sea Hawks scoring zero points and Downey only 1 point. But the final quarter brought 3 helpful goals to the Vikings and they ended triumphant.

Warren 1/2 game back

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Finally getting back to the top part of the standings, Warren baseball is only half a game back from the Downey Vikings to put themselves in a tie for first place in the San Gabriel Valley League.

Last week, the Bears took care of business against the Lynwood Knights, beating them Tuesday 7-1, then cleaning up on Friday with a 10-0 bludgeoning.

On Tuesday on the road, the Bears jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead. Lynwood didn't score a run until the fifth inning, but in response, the Bears posted 2 more runs in the top half of the sixth.

While the Bears only had five base hits, they made them count, driving in 6 runs with those plate appearances. Warren was given plenty of base runners with the Knights walking five batters.

Warren's Aaron Chavez did the most damage at the plate, getting on base with a hit and walking twice to score three times.

Game 2 was much of the same with the Bears routing Lynwood at home 10-0 last Friday. Warren's Gene Gonzalez went 2 for 4 with a single and a triple, driving in a run and scoring once. Adan Cabrales had the biggest game with one hit, the hit being a homerun, driving in 3 runs and scoring twice.



Rio San Gabriel continues dominance

DOWNEY – Rio San Gabriel Elementary continued their dominance at the Carnival of Champions track and field exhibition last Saturday, topping eight other elementary schools to be crowned as champions.

The Mustangs earned 156 1/2 points to finish in first. Old River Elementary finished second and Carpenter third.

Rio San Gabriel has won 12 of the last 13 Carnival of Champion competitions. They previously won 11 straight tournaments before they lost to Old River two years ago.

Approximately 500 boys and girls competed in seven track and field events at Warren High School.

Among the competitions were the 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, four-member 400 meter relay, mixed coed relay, standing long jump, softball throw for distance and baskets in one minute.

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Tesla: Plans for on-site test track.

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Alto facility would be assembled to create a complete battery pack. Assembled battery packs would be conveyed from the battery area to the final assembly area for installation.

Body Shop - The aluminum body shell of the vehicle would be assembled in the body shop, including assembling sub-components. The body shop manufacturing process is broken down into framing and panel lines. The automated framing line would consist of a number of stations that would serve to assemble sub-components into the body shell. The processes include brushing, welding, adhesive application and sealer applications.

Paint Shop - The assembled body shell would be delivered to the paint shop on a skid conveyor system and loaded onto a pretreatment/E-coat skid. The first process would be cleaning and pretreatment, in which the body would be cleaned and prepared for E-coat. It

would then proceed into the E-coat process tanks, which would apply a cathodic protection to the body shell. The body would then be loaded into the gas-fired oven for bake out. The body shell would next enter the decorating area, where powder coating paint would be applied. After this, the body shell would go into a gas-fired oven bake out area.

To reduce environmental impacts, Tesla would use a state-of-the-art powder coating process in the manufacture of the Model S sedan. The powder coating process is one of the most environmentally friendly systems available in the marketplace. Compared to a new conventional automobile painting system, this process produces significantly fewer volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, generates less hazardous waste, reduces system maintenance requirements, and uses less energy. Best available pollution control technology in the paint shop would include a thermal

oxidizer for VOCs, ultra-low NOx burners in the paint shop ovens, and baghouses or cyclones to reduce particulate emissions.

Final Assembly Line - The final components of the painted body shell would be assembled in this area. The major steps in the assembly process include electrical and wiring; doors, carpets, windshield and interior trim; seats; weather-stripping; steering wheel; body chassis; powertrain installation; and tire installation. The principal equipment and processes used during final assembly include body conveyors, nut runners and lift assist equipment. Robotics may be used to apply windshields and back glass sealers. The doors would be removed from the shell and sent to an offline process where the mechanical components, glass and fascias would be installed in the doors.

After final assembly, a variety of test stations at the end of the pro-

duction line would test for all vehicle and system functionality. At the exterior test track, a road rumble strip test and end of line dynamometer roll would be used to diagnose and confirm adjustments to ride and handling characteristics, and to check for noise, vibration and harshness. Vehicles would also be tested for water tightness using a closed-loop water chamber in Building 1.

Finished vehicles would be staged for loading on-site. Vehicles would be moved by car carrier to West Coast distribution centers or would be shipped by rail to Midwest and East Coast distribution centers. From there, the cars would be transported to retail stores, where they would be prepared for final delivery to customers.

Fireworks: \$30K raised so far.

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of a July Fourth celebration, including the fireworks proper, he is positive a July 4 extravaganza equalling last year's show is possible with a budget of only \$40,000 ("cost of fireworks alone is \$30,000").

The all-day affair he envisages would consist of: baseball, softball, basketball, and probably even football, including perhaps tug-of-war and similar-type activities, plus opening the pool from, say, 4-7 p.m., he said.

In any case, he said he'd feel more comfortable with an extra \$10,000 as a cushion, "just in case."

As this issue goes to press, Sauter has secured pledges totaling \$30,000. He said he's ahead of last year's pace and he's working feverishly to raise the additional money. There are a few donors who give or may give in kind: these he's thinking of auctioning off in an event like the Street Faire. This is just one manifestation of Sauer's mindset. Other creative fundraising ideas are percolating in his head.

And why is he putting his shoulder to the wheel on this? He lists a number of benefits: 1) First and foremost is the security & safety issue—having a fireworks show in one place is easier to police vs. scattered backyard 'safe and sane' fireworks parties, with all the inherent likelihood of accidents involved; 2) the choice of where one can enjoy a fireworks show on the Fourth of July is always problematic—and parking is every-

where a problem; given the abundance of parking at DHS and immediate vicinity, nobody can ask for more; 3) "You park your car, you walk to the fireworks site, you have a good time, then off you go—no hassle, no trash to pick up, no clean-up to do afterwards," Sauter said. "With city staff overseeing everything, there's no reason why it shouldn't be a fun experience for everybody, for families, for the community."

"That's just the point," chimed in Harold Tseklenis, who's not at all afraid to speak his mind. "If the city believes something like this is worth holding, then it should commit to underwriting the event. Sure, not spending taxpayers' money is commendable, but isn't asking them for donations placing an extra burden on them just the same?"

To which, of course, a counter-argument may also be made. For his part, Sauter would only say, "As it is, I face a difficult task. I'm engaged in planning and fundraising for something which may or may not happen."

Indeed, the whole matter will be reviewed—and decided upon—by the City Council on May 11. If it's approved, a new tradition—Downey's own and potentially a glorious one—takes hold.

Volunteers to be recognized at banquet

DOWNEY - The Downey Coordinating Council will host its 56th annual Volunteer of the Year banquet May 13 from 6-9 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

More than 25 community organizations will recognize one of their members who have made "a significant impact in their organization and to the citizens of Downey."

The Coordinating Council will also install their new officers at the dinner event.

Reservations are \$25 and may be made by sending a check to Crystal Torres, Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., Downey CA 90241.

For more information, call Leonard Zuniga at (562) 869-5444 or Lois Buchanan at (562) 927-9790.

Jan Hall, longtime teacher, dies

DOWNEY - Jan Hall, a longtime teacher and resident of Downey, passed away April 24 at the La Mirada Hills convalescent home after a massive stroke on April 19. She was surrounded by friends.

She was born in Cloud, Okla., on her parent's farm and moved as a very small child to Kiowa, Kans., where she grew up. She earned her BA degree at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kans., and her MA at Cal State Los Angeles.

She taught in the city of Covina, then for a Venezuela oil company for three years before settling at West Middle School in Downey for the last 24 years of her 36-year teaching career. She retired in 1984.

She lived in Downey for 53 years until she moved to La Mirada in January, 2009, where she lived at the time of her death.

"My passion in life was my music which I loved teaching to students in my choral groups," Hall wrote in her personal files. "I was a perfectionist, and perhaps my motto, 'I was never what I wanted to be,' explains this. My growing up in a close, quiet family greatly influenced my entire life."

Hall was preceded in death by all family members but is survived by a multiplicity of friends - including former students from as many as 54 years ago.

She was laid to rest at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier on Wednesday.



Marjorie Gribben passes away

DOWNEY - Longtime Downey resident and community volunteer Marjorie A. Gribben passed away on April 20 following a long illness.

Gribben was born in a small mining town in Ontario, Canada on Oct. 23, 1913. In her early 20's she married an American, Hugh Gribben, and later became an American citizen.

The couple settled in Downey in 1949. Together they raised nine children, all graduating from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

The couple was married more than 41 years until Hugh's death in the 1970's.

Marjorie Gribben was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for more than 61 years. She was chairwoman of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Mission circle for 19 years, which raised money in support of Catholic priest missions in China.

She was also a volunteer with the Downey Civic Light Opera for 20 years.

The California State Assembly previously honored Gribben for her charitable and civic work by citing her as a Woman of the Year.

She was preceded in death by her husband; daughters Julia Smith and Alice Watson; and granddaughter Kimberly Smith.

She is survived by seven of her children, Hugh Gribben of Maryland; Ralph Gribben of Las Vegas; Marjorie Gribben of New York; Ramona McMabb of Idyllwild; Walter Gribben of Irvine and June Hamblin of Felton, Calif.; 26 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Gribben's name to the Sisters of Notre Dame Convent and Retirement Home in Thousands Oaks.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Rowland Heights.



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In Memory of

Edward A. D'Amico

July 8, 1927 - April 26, 2010

Edward A. D'Amico, born in Providence, Rhode Island and long time resident of Downey, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2010, due to complications after a long illness. Edward and his wife Anna moved to California in 1953 and resided in Downey for 40 years. Edward worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District as a senior printer and was also a part-time realtor for Red Carpet and Home Town Realty. He had been retired for about 20 years.

Edward is survived by his second wife Eunice D'Amico and two daughters Denise D'Amico and Sharon Romo, son-in-law Daniel, and granddaughters Kristina and Jennifer Romo.

John Michael Jung

June 2, 1941 - April 24, 2010

John Michael Jung was 68 years old when he passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in his Downey home after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisc. June 2, 1941, and moved to CA with his parents Hans and Genevieve Jung at three months old. John had no siblings and he was the apple of their eyes.

He was educated in LA schools and graduated from Pepperdine College and became a teacher at State Street Elementary School in South Gate, CA. The he met and married Shirley Hughes, his wife of 44 years. John taught fifth and sixth grades staying at the same school along his wife for over 30 years. Many of his colleagues and friends will remember him as a great talker around the lunch table and as an inspiration to other teachers. He became a mentor teacher who helped train and support many new teachers who have become exceptional educators themselves. After retirement John was happy to be out and about substituting for Downey Unified School District and mixing with students, teachers, administrators, and staff.

In recent years, John was also quite a hobby/business man. For the last 30 years he raised waterlilies and sold them to specialty garden shops all across the Los Angeles and even San Diego area. John taught Kent to be very interested in tropical fish and Lionel electric trains.

But waterlilies weren't his only interest. He and his wife were world travelers. If you ask their children, Janine Mendenhall and Kent Jung, they will tell you that it all started when they were very young. Nearly every summer the family visited every state in the country, and when a car wouldn't get John and his family where they wanted to go, they used a ship. John led his family on cruise adventures to Alaska, the Bahamas, and through the Panama Canal. After Janine and Kent married and started their own families, John and Shirley became world travelers and were gone on cruises for months at a time. They traveled together and later with friends around the entire globe on ships like the Queen Elizabeth 2 and the new Queen Mary 2.

John is survived by his wife Shirley, daughter Janin (Tom) Mendenhall and son, Kent (Karen) Jung and seven grandchildren: Todd, Scott, Katelyn, Jonathan, Lacey, Jonathan and Katy. He is also survived by his wife's brother and sisters, Ron Hughes, Judy Hughes and Jean Kilner of Houston, Tx.

A memorial service in John's honor will be held at the Miller Mies Mortuary located at 11015 Downey Ave. in Downey, CA on May 5, 2010 at 3pm. There will be a reception following the memorial service. Please call ahead to reserve your space (562) 861-1274

John Jung was an active member of Southland Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, please send your donation to Southland Christian Church, 6200 King Ave. Bell, CA. 90201.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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File Number 20100555755
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
(1) It's A Date Events, 10916 Larrylyn Drive, Whittier, CA 90603, County of Los Angeles, P.O. Box 1165, Brea, CA 92822
Name of registrant(s): (1) Haydee Brinson, 10916 Larrylyn Drive, Whittier, CA 90603
(2) Natalie Rodriguez, 1913 Key Drive, Placentia, CA 92870
This business is conducted by Copartners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/01/10.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/Haydee Brinson/Co-Founder
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on April 23, 2010.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on April 9, 2010.
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Darren Purselglove
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MAE R. MULKEY
Case No. BP121943
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAE R. MULKEY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Judy Sharon Sinclair in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Judy Sharon Sinclair be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the In-dependent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 16, 2010 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noted above.
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ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 5607-021-006 & 5607-021-007 On MAY 25, 2010 at 4:30 P.M., MOHAMMAD TAHAMI as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 10/19/2006 as Document No. 06 2324441 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: M. Jorjezan Investments, Inc., a California corporation, as Trustor, Val-Chris Investments, Inc., a California Corporation, as Beneficiary, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state of federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as more fully described on said deed of trust. ALL CASHIERS CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO MOHAMMAD TAHAMI. All third party checks will be returned for re-issuance. The property heretofore described as being sold "As Is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be vacant land in the city of Glendale California. Directions may be obtained by written request. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant of warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$149,225.00 estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell, the undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The Trustee contract information is MOHAMMAD TAHAMI, BOX 9381, BREA, CALIFORNIA, 92822 TELEPHONE 562-884-7565. Dated: April 21, 2010 S/MOHAMMAD TAHAMI, TRUSTEE

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Stabilization Program for housing projects.

The contract, approved by the Council, helped city staff achieve their first objective by obligating the funds before May 1, 2010. Under the agreement, the federal housing funds are secured and transferred from the city to the Community Development

Commission, which currently owns the Verizon facility.

In 2008, the Commission used federal housing funds to purchase both the Verizon facility and the Avenue Theater with the intention of building several low to moderate-income housing units in the downtown district.

According to a recent staff report, staff members intend to use

the new federal funds to provide gap financing for the Verizon project. Specifically, the funds will pay for the demolition of the building, which will commence only after the Commission has reviewed and approved a disposition and development agreement for the project.

Mellana lands endorsements

DOWNEY – Republican Assembly candidate P.J. Mellana has picked up endorsements by two Republican groups based in Southeast Los Angeles County.

The Long Beach Young Republicans and the Los Angeles County Young Republicans are backing Mellana in his campaign to replace Hector De La Torre in the 50th Assembly district.

Mellana faces Gladys Miller for the Republican seat in June's primary elections.

"P.J. Mellana represents exactly the kind of legislator that California desperately needs in Sacramento," the Long Beach Young Republicans said in a statement. "He knows the issues, knows his district and his familiar with the challenges facing working families and small business throughout the 50th Assembly District and California."

Fashion show May 10

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will host a fashion show May 10 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

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