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Marquez: carpetbaggers not welcome

BY ERIC PIERCE,
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If Luis Marquez had the funding to purchase a commercial on TV airwaves, his slogan might go something like this: "A vote for Luis Marquez is a vote for local representation."

It's catchy and, as Marquez will point out, true.

Marquez, mayor pro tem for the city of Downey, is expending much of his time, energy and money on his campaign for state Assembly. He hopes to replace Hector De La Torre in the 50th District, a sprawling district that includes much of Southeast Los Angeles County, including southern portions of Downey.

Election Day is Tuesday.

Logic dictates that his main opponent is the deep-pocketed Ricardo Lara, an aspiring politician who counts among his supporters Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

What Villaraigosa has to do with issues concerning Southeastern Los Angeles County is anybody's guess.

"We're up against a candidate who wants to join the political club," Marquez said in an interview at his South Gate campaign office. "This is the worst thing that can happen to this district. We're independent cities, we have our own issues. We need local representation."

Marquez has taken a month off from work to focus on his campaign. He spends much of his time speaking to the voters he meets while walking the neighborhoods of Downey, South Gate, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Lynwood, Cudahy, Commerce and Bell.

"We've left no stone unturned," Marquez said of his campaign supporters, which numbers more than 100. "Support has been awesome not just from Downey, but from local cities. It's been a total grassroots effort and we're feeling very confident."

A win for Marquez Tuesday won't be easy. Lara has easily raised more than half a million dollars, and has used the money to send more than a dozen pieces of campaign literature to voters. A lawsuit earlier this year prompted Lara, a legislative aide, to change his job title on the ballot from "consumer affairs commissioner" to "communications director."

Another candidate, Carmen Avalos, is primarily funded by a Sacramento-based lobbying firm,

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PHOTO COURTESY NASA

Space shuttle Atlantis' drag chute is deployed as the spacecraft rolls to a stop on Runway 33 at the Shuttle Landing Facility at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida on the morning of May 26. It was the last planned flight for Atlantis.

Could the space shuttle Atlantis dock in Downey?

■ High costs and difficult stipulations decrease likelihood that Downey will house the space shuttle Atlantis.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY - Hopes that Downey may yet acquire the quarter-scale space shuttle orbiter model that has been on loan display in the Calgary International Airport have not died.

Scott Pomrehn, assistant deputy city manager, says that since the whole space shuttle assembly (orbiter, external tank, and solid rocket boosters) was designed and built here in 1974 for ground vibration testing for an extended period of time, it stands to reason that Downey be given the honor of displaying the model.

No less than Smithsonian officials have been known to indicate that Downey is the possible eventual home to the complete shuttle assembly, especially now that it has a museum-like facility. An act of Congress even designated the Columbia Memorial Space Center as a national memorial to the space shuttle Columbia and the crew of STS-107 who was lost on re-entry in 2003. Because of this alone, the unique role of Downey in the evolution of space flight and science is set in stone.

The other components of the space shuttle model were shipped to NASA's Johnson Space Center and are known to be in storage. The original space shuttle assembly was a mockup built by Rockwell International here in Downey. Disassembled later, it was trucked first to Palmdale, where it was refurbished, then transported back here. It sits in storage, ready to be moved, restored, and put on display, most probably at the Downey Studios site

where the Tesla manufacturing plant would have been.

Now, with NASA's shuttle program to the International Space Station winding down, to give way to a new program favored by president Obama calling for astronauts to focus on asteroids and Mars in the next few decades, a storied chapter in the history of space flight is about to end. Space shuttles Discovery and Endeavour represent the last two shuttle missions to the International Space Station, scheduled respectively to launch in September or October and before year-end or early next year. (Atlantis just barely two weeks ago ended its run). Thus, after 30 years and more than 130 flights, NASA's space shuttle program is getting phased out for good.

Rumor has it that these soon-to-be-space-shuttle-relics will be given away. This sounds so ridiculously simple, until the conditions for their

acquisition were brought to light: the acquiring facilities must each possess \$30 million for transportation and upkeep costs for each shuttle, the shuttle must be displayed indoors (necessitating a huge hangar), it must be next to a runway "big enough to land a 747/shuttle combo," and last but not least, one shuttle should go to the Midwest and one to the West Coast.

Obviously, these conditions rule Downey out. Be that as it may, Downey can get satisfaction in being a significant part of the vast network of landmarks throughout the country that celebrate the past and promise of space flight.

"You can expect the city council to take steps to at least obtain parts of the space shuttles, a robotic arm perhaps or doors or the cockpit," said Pomrehn, "or any significant component, to complement what we already have. This is not too bad a goal for the city, is it?"



PHOTO BY PAM LANE

The local community paid tribute to fallen U.S. military personnel at a Memorial Day ceremony held at Downey Cemetery. "The veterans stood as their war was listed and remained standing while the audience applauded," said Pam Lane, a photographer and creator of the blog Downey Daily Photos. "They were men - I didn't see any women - who had served in wars ranging from World War II up through the current fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was humbling to stand among them." A 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps concluded the service. To view more photos of the ceremony, visit www.DowneyDailyPhotos.com.

This weekend, everyone is Greek

■ The Greek Festival, now an annual tradition, is set for this weekend.

CONTRIBUTED BY ST. GEORGE
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

DOWNEY - "There are two kinds of people: Greeks and those who want to be Greeks," so said Gus Portokalos in the hit movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Your chance to be Greek - if even for a day - is almost here.

Eagerly anticipated each year is the annual Greek Festival held at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave. The festival takes place this year this weekend, June 5-6.

More than 5,000 people visited the festival last year and this year will prove no exception. As you approach the festival you can smell the lambs roasting on the spits. Succulent roasting lambs have become the signature hallmark which makes Downey unique among the Southland Greek festivals.

This year the festival expands to roasting chickens in addition to the more than 130 lambs. Also available will be the gyro and souvlakia and the return of Greek fries.

"The Downey Greek Festival is known for its hospitality and great food. I can't think of a better way to have our friends in the greater Downey area celebrate the richness of our heritage," said Father John Constantine, the pastor of the parish. "When you share food with

Greeks, you are no longer strangers!"

For the past couple of months the kitchen has been full of noise and laughter as the ladies of the parish have made pans of pastitsio, moussaka, tyropites, spanakopites, dolmades and various sweets.

The music will be performed by the band Synthesis and will have a beat so you can dance. At 6:30 p.m. on both days, our award-winning dance groups will showcase dances from various regions of Greece and Asia Minor. The Downey dance groups compete at the Greek Orthodox Folk Dance Festival each year and consistently bring honor to themselves and to the parish which they represent.

The church will open for tours throughout the day and offers an opportunity to learn about the Greek Orthodox Church or just to contemplate the exquisite 12th century Macedonian school-style iconography. This past April a significant milestone was achieved in the life of the parish when the church was consecrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Bishop Gerasimos of San Francisco.

Other activities at the festival will include the agora (merchant's stalls), presentations of Greek culture and history, and, of course, a kids zone to keep younger festival guests happy.

Admission is free before 4 p.m. on Saturday and \$2 after 4 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday. Senior citizens and children under 12 are free.

House values continue to slide

■ Average reduction for single-family home is \$162,000, assessment review finds.

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County Assessor Robert Quon on Wednesday announced completion of a decline in value review of homes in Los Angeles County, and of the 560,000 homes reviewed this year, there are now approximately 290,000 single-family residences and 115,000 condos with reduced values as a result of the declining real estate market.

The lower assessments will be reflected on the tax bills issued in October.

All single-family residences and condominiums purchased between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2009 were included in the review. In some hard-hit areas, notably the Antelope Valley, homes purchased as far back as the 1980s were reviewed.

Similar reviews were done in 2009 and 2008 resulting in lower property taxes for more than 330,000 homeowners.

Quon noted that nearly all of those homeowners whose property values were reduced in previous years will either see the lower assessment continue for 2010 or, in some cases, reduced even further.

The average value reduction for

single-family residences is about \$162,000, he added, amounting to an average property tax savings of approximately \$1,800. The average reduction for condos is \$133,000, amounting to an average property tax savings of approximately \$1,500.

"We have begun mailing the results to property owners included in the review and all the notices should be received by June 30," said Quon. "Owners who disagree with the results of the review or whose property was not reviewed, including property other than single-family residences or condos, may file the simple, one-page Decline-in-Value application found on our website."

This year the application can be filed online at www.assessor.lacounty.gov. The application form can also be downloaded or requested by calling 888-807-2111.

The deadline for filing a Decline-in-Value application is Nov. 30.

"Our free review also eliminates the need for most taxpayers to go through the application process, and hopefully will curtail the scam mailers from some private companies offering to submit a review application for a substantial fee," Quon said.



Brian Valenzuela, a 2009 graduate of Warren High School, has completed basic training for the Air Force.

Valenzuela joins Air Force

SAN ANTONIO – Air Force Airman Brian Valenzuela has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex. Valenzuela completed an intensive 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. The son of Downey resident Diana Valenzuela, he graduated from Warren High School in 2009.

Music festival at Warren

DOWNEY – Warren High School's band and color guard will host a daylong music festival tomorrow on the school's campus. Scheduled to perform are musical groups from Griffiths Middle School, Downey High and Warren, the Southern California Youth Jazz Orchestra and the Brazz Werks Brass Ensemble. The festival will also feature vendors, food, children's games, prizes, raffles and more. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Don't be victim of ID theft

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union will lead a free seminar on identity theft Monday at 5 p.m. The credit union will offer tips on how to minimize identity theft both online and offline. The workshop will be held in the Downey Unified School District's ROP room, located at 11627 Brookshire Ave., across from the hospital. Downey Federal Credit Union will host a separate seminar on financial scams that target seniors on Aug. 4. For more information on the seminars, contact Marianne Noss at (562) 862-8141, ext. 254.

Compost workshop at park

DOWNEY – Residents are invited to learn about backyard composting at a "go green and grow green" gardening workshop June 12 at Wilderness Park. Participants will learn about backyard composts, worm composting, grass recycling and fire-wise gardening techniques. Compost and worm bins will be available for purchase at a reduced price of \$40 for compost bins and \$65 for worm bins (cash or check only).

The workshop will take place from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. The seminar is free but there is a \$2 parking fee at Wilderness Park after 9 a.m. The event is hosted by Downey's Recycling Office and presented by Los Angeles County's Department of Public Works. For more information, call the city at (562) 904-7103. Composting is the natural process of decomposition and recycling of organic material into a rich soil amendment known as compost. Backyard composting reduces personal trash volume, conserves water, increases plant growth, and replaces the need for harsh chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. It's also fun, city officials said.

Summer reading for teens & adults

DOWNEY – Beginning Monday, teens can register for the Downey City Library's summer reading program which runs through July 31. The free program, titled "Make Waves @ Your Library," encourages teens to read for pleasure or to get a head start on books for the next school year. Students ages 13-19 may join the program, win prizes and attend special events, including a field trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific on July 10. Teens that complete the reading program will receive a free book and become eligible to attend a pizza party on July 30.

The Downey City Library is also offering a program this summer to encourage adults to do leisure reading.

"Water Your Mind, Read" is the theme for the free independent reading program for adults. Registration begins Monday.

Participants will receive a "book bingo" card and earn a prize after completing five boxes in a row.

"This is a fun and easy way for adults to brush up on their literary skills," Librarian Nancy Munoz said. "You will be setting a great example for children and teens while you catch up on the latest bestsellers or classic books."

She said the program is ideal for everyone who has even a few minutes each day to read.

"You will enrich your life by discovering the reading habit," Munoz added. "Even if you have a busy schedule or are on a budget, you will benefit from this program."

The summer reading programs are funded by the Friends of the Downey City Library and community donations.

For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

Basketball coach to host camp

DOWNEY – Downey High School basketball coach Larry Shelton will hold his annual summer basketball camp June 21 – July 8 in the Downey High gym.

The camp will meet Monday through Thursday, from 8 -10 a.m. Boys who will be in grades 4-9 in September are invited to attend.

Cost is \$125 and includes a Downey basketball jersey and shorts.

Shelton, who has conducted the camp for the past 25 years, will teach the fundamentals of basketball. Incoming high school freshmen will play in a summer league against other schools.

Shelton is a two-time *L.A. Times* coach of the year and has more than 300 victories at the varsity level.

Registration will take place on the first day of camp beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call Shelton at (562) 412-7528.

Price for cemetery niche goes up

DOWNEY – Effective July 1, fees to purchase a niche at Downey Cemetery will increase to \$800 - \$1,300.

The rate hike was approved by the Downey Cemetery District Trustees on Tuesday.

Cemetery officials said niche and endowment fees have not been raised since the niche gardens were originally dedicated.

Individuals can still purchase niches at their current rate until June 30.

Downey Cemetery, located at 9073 Gardendale St., traces its history back to the 1870s and serves the cities of Downey, Bellflower, Paramount and parts of South Gate.

For more information about purchasing a niche, call Stephanie Watkins at (562) 904-7236.

Business Watch meeting Tuesday

DOWNEY – All local business owners are invited to attend a Business Watch meeting this Tuesday starting at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Matt Kinley, of the Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle law firm, will provide information on frivolous business lawsuits. Local crime trends will also be discussed.

The meeting is free and no pre-registration is required.

Business Watch is jointly sponsored by the city of Downey and the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call (562) 923-2191.

Relay for Life this weekend

DOWNEY – The American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser, the Relay for Life, will be held on the track field at Downey Adult School this weekend.

The 24-hour walk begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with a first lap symbolizing the unity in cancer survivors' hope for a cure.

There will be games, prizes, music, a jumper for the kids, and broadcasts from radio stations all day Saturday. A candlelight ceremony will take place at 9 p.m. to honor the memory of those who have died from cancer.

The fundraiser will end at 9 a.m. Sunday.

The community is invited to attend and participate by walking or cheering on the walkers. Bullhorns are welcome.

For more information, call Sharon Newberg at (562) 940-6211.

Fundraiser Tuesday for AVID

DOWNEY – East Middle School's AVID program will host a fundraiser Tuesday at Frantone's Pizza and Spaghetti Villa.

Between 5 to 10 p.m., 25 percent of all purchases will be donated to AVID.

The offer is good for dine-in or take-out.



Caitin Bolt-Chambers has not missed a day of school going back to kindergarten, her parents say. She received an academic award from President Obama last month.

Student's attendance is perfect

DOWNEY – Caitin Bolt-Chambers will graduate from Warren High School this month with 13 years of perfect attendance and no tardies.

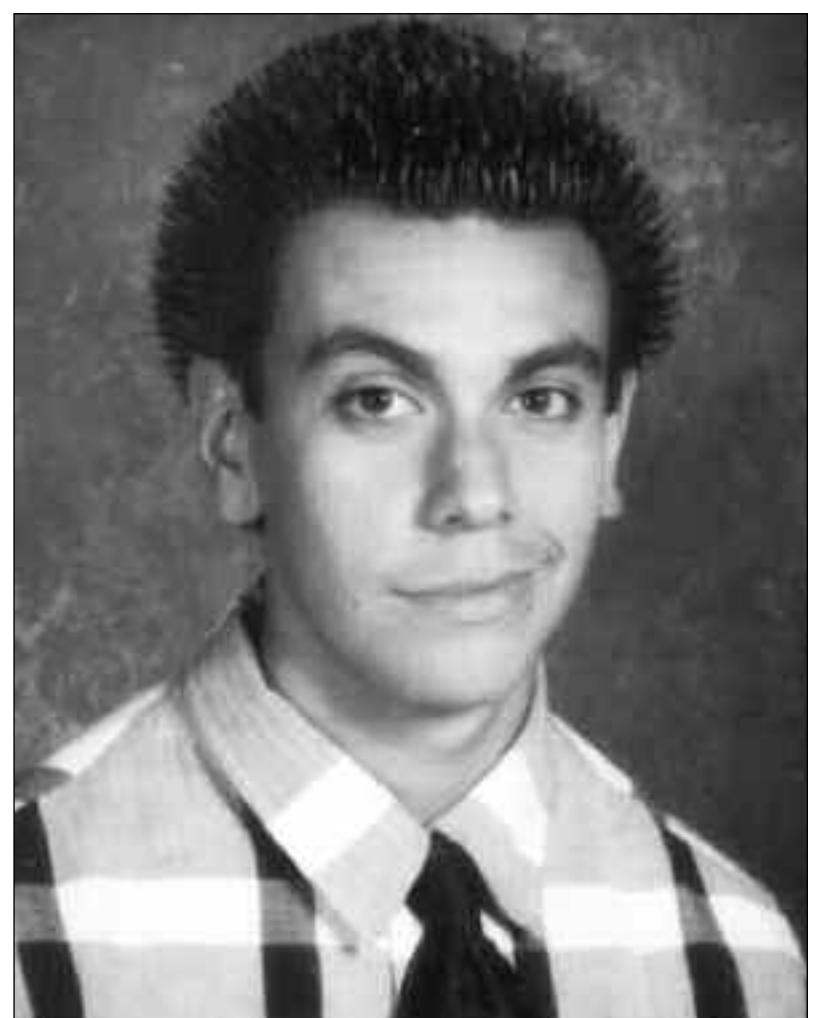
Caitin also had perfect attendance and no tardies at Griffiths Middle School, and perfect attendance at James Madison Elementary in Lakewood. She also never missed a day of kindergarten, her parents said.

On May 18, Caitin received an award for "Academic Excellence" from President Obama. She has also received four Golden Bear awards and the Band Directors Award from Warren.

Caitin plans to attend Long Beach City College for two years before transferring to a university.



Francis Bradshaw, a resident of Downey for more than 70 years, celebrated his 102nd birthday on May 25 at Downey Community Health Center with his wife, Irene, granddaughter, Yvonne, and a few friends.



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is asking the public's help in finding Adrian Lujan, a 15-year-old Norwalk resident who went missing May 20 at 7 a.m. The boy has ties to the Downey area, sheriff's officials said Wednesday. Lujan is a male Hispanic, 5 ft. 5 inches tall and 110 pounds. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and gray hat. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call Detective Saba with the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 466-5417.

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Elon Musk says he's broke

PALO ALTO – Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk is broke and has been living off personal loans since October 2009, this according to court filings reviewed by online magazine Venture Beat this week.

"About four months ago, I ran out of cash," Musk wrote in a court filing dated Feb. 23 and reviewed by the website.

According to court documents filed as part of Musk's divorce from sci-fi novelist Justine Musk, Elon Musk said he has been living off personal loans from friends while spending \$200,000 a month, Venture Beat reported.

"Tesla, likewise, is dealing with its cash flow problems by borrowing money from a friendly source — the United States government, which has eagerly backed clean-tech startups through a Department of Energy loan program," the report said. "Tesla burned through \$37 million in cash in the last three months of 2009, according to amended S-1 documents, filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission in preparation for its IPO. Tesla slowed this burn rate in the first quarter of 2010 to \$8.4 million, but only by drawing down part of a \$465 million loan from the DOE, while reporting a net loss of \$29.5 million."

Meanwhile, Musk's estranged wife, Justine Musk, blogged recently that she wants \$10 million from her husband, plus 10% of his stock in Tesla, 5% of SpaceX and a Tesla Roadster.

Venture Beat's full story can be read at www.VentureBeat.com.

Tesla announced three weeks ago they would build an electric vehicle assembly plant in Fremont and not Downey.

Violent felons no longer can own body armor

LOS ANGELES – Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday signed urgency legislation restricting the possession of body armor by violent felons.

The governor signed Senate Bill 408, which prohibits violent felons from possessing body armor such as bullet proof vests, at the urging of the district attorney and California State Sen. Alex Padilla.

"Violent felons who possess body armor represent a serious threat not only to law enforcement officers but to the general public as well," Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said. "This new law will help protect the lives of law enforcement officers and citizens by making it unlawful again in California for violent felons to possess body armor."

The law prohibiting violent felons from possessing body armor was challenged in the 2nd District Court of Appeals by Ethan Saleem, a felon convicted of voluntary manslaughter on parole when he was found in possession of a 10-pound, military-style vest commonly worn by combat ground troops.

Late last year, the state court of appeals overturned the ban, calling it "unconstitutional."

In response to this ruling, Padilla authored SB 408 with Cooley as the bill's principal sponsor. The law additionally makes it possible to charge any person convicted of a violent offense with a felony if they are found in possession of body armor.

Odor problem may be solved

■ AQMD officials think change in procedures at nearby refinery may stem reports of foul odors.

BY MARK SAUTER, CITY OF DOWNEY

DOWNEY – City staff met with three management representatives from the South Coast Air Quality Management District late last month to follow-up on AQMD actions in response to the suspicious odor problems that have been reported by city employees and community members.

The odors typically have a rotten egg or sulfur smell. The source of the odors has been difficult to positively identify, however, the odors have been generated by workers at a nearby refinery when they clean a required filtering system.

Each time there is a release of the sulfur material at the refinery, the city receives numerous complaints and calls for service. Due to the location of the refinery, the city has had limited enforcement options.

Over the last few months, the refinery operations staff has designed a new cleaning procedure for their filtering system. Last week they tested the new process. AQMD staff was on-site and observed the work.

The major change involves how the spent filter material is transferred from a large vertical tank into a waste material vessel. Previously, the material was moved manually by crews with shovels into a roll-off type material handling bin. Now the vertical tanks are off-loaded with a system of large diameter hoses and sprayers.

This new procedure keeps most of the waste from coming into contact with the air. Once full, the waste material vessel is encapsulated and removed from the premises. There were no complaints while the new process was being performed.

All parties involved in the remedy of the suspicious odor problem will continue to monitor the situation and to search for other best practices.

The Downey Fire Department sends fire crews to investigate suspicious odor incidents immediately after problems are reported to the fire dispatch center. However, community members are also encouraged to call the Gas Company and the AQMD immediately when a suspicious odor is detected.

The police and fire department communications centers usually receive numerous calls for service when a suspicious odor drifts through the city. Many callers have reported the odor smells like natural gas.

Gas Company representatives recommend residents and business owners who believe they smell natural gas immediately call (800) 427-2200 and report their findings. Once notified, a Gas Company service person will investigate the problem.

AQMD representatives recommend residents and business owners immediately call 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664) to report any suspicious odors. They advise an investigator will respond after the receipt of one phone call during business hours. Residents can also file written complaints with the AQMD. The AQMD noted they follow up on public nuisance problems with citations when at least six residents report a problem to the AQMD.

For all community members impacted by the suspicious odors, it is important to remember to follow-up on their experiences. While the first call may be to 911, the next call should be to (800) CUT-SMOG. The AQMD communication center staff specifically wants to hear from residents and to collect the names and addresses of those who are reporting the problem. AQMD investigators will then follow-up and visit each caller.

Questions on the odor investigations in Downey can be directed to ready@downeyca.org.



Vanessa Chavez, a graduate of Downey High School, has completed a three-month internship at the Washington, D.C. office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Marquez: Prepping for Election Day.

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Marquez said.

Marquez claims he hasn't collected as much money as his opponents, but all of it was locally raised.

"We don't have any special interests backing us," Marquez said. "So it won't be a problem if — when — we're elected."

Marquez maintained that his campaign has not affected his duties as a Downey city council member. He has only missed a single council meeting since he was elected one year ago, and that was because he was in Sacramento testifying on behalf of Downey as part

of the Tesla Motors deal. When Councilman Mario Guerra stepped down as mayor last year, Marquez became Downey's lead representative in dealings with Tesla.

And while a deal with the electric car maker never materialized, Marquez said the city was aggressive in trying to bring jobs to the local area. He said he will bring that pro-activeness to his region, if elected.

"If we had to do it all over again with Tesla, I wouldn't change a thing," Marquez said. "The No. 1 issue facing this region is lack of jobs. We have one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. We need to be aggressive in creat-

ing jobs for the residents here."

Marquez's list of endorsements is too long to list, but his most prominent supporters include the California Teachers Association and De La Torre, the man he's trying to replace.

But ultimately, Marquez said it's his local roots and support of the region he hopes will resonate with voters.

"The main goal here is to make government work for residents of this district," he said. "We need a local candidate working for us in Sacramento, someone who understands the issues we face. I'm that person."

College christens new auto building

■ 10,640 sq. ft. facility was built, in part, with donations and local bond funds.

NORWALK – Cerritos College hosted a dedication ceremony May 21 for its newly-completed Automotive Partners Building.

More than 300 people including college officials, community members, auto manufacturers, dealers, industry partners, dignitaries, faculty, staff and students marked the occasion with an unveiling of commemorative plaques and a ribbon-cutting.

The 10,642 square foot building is a unique facility serving the college's industry partners such as the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association and Northwood University's West Coast program center that offers a bachelor's degree in automotive management and marketing.

The new building also houses the college's Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy program.

The new \$5.1 million Automotive Partners Building was supported in part by major donors and local bond funds. The SMCDA and Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association each contributed \$500,000 and Supervisor Don Knabe contributed \$100,000 to the project.

A surprise gift arrived the day before the ceremony when the Conant Auto Retail Group, one of the largest and fastest growing privately-owned auto groups, came forward with a \$100,000 donation.

In his remarks, Knabe said "the building is about much needed industry workforce training and the latest and greatest technology."

Assemblyman Warren Furutani also praised the project as "a fantastic example" of partnership among public and private education and industry.

Another highlight of the program was the showcase of vehicles brought by the world's top car manufacturers.

Cars on display included the BMW 535i (U.S. release date is June 19, 2010), Dodge Durango

Hybrid, Ford Fusion Hybrid, Long Beach Transit Bus V10 gas engine, Mitsubishi full electric i-MiEV, Subaru Outback and Volkswagen Jetta TDI.

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Woman's Club installs new board

DOWNEY – Local resident and businesswoman Barbara Briley Beard has been elected to her sixth term as president of Woman's Club of Downey.

The club, now in its 112th year, recently installed its officers for 2010-11.

In addition to Beard, new officers include Barbee Heiny, first vice president; Cynthia Deack, second vice president; Debbie Miller-Hernandez, third vice president; Loretta Wagner, treasurer; Patty Salgado, recording secretary; Linda Dong, financial secretary; Jean Barrera, corresponding secretary; Shirlee McDowell, rental director; Marjorie Saling, parliamentarian; Lynn Dietlin, curator; and Jane Hendricks, program chairman.

Mary Capo was longtime teacher

DOWNEY – Mary F. Capo passed away June 1 of natural causes.

She was a teacher in Downey elementary schools for many years and resided in Downey for more than 50 years.

She had been active in the AAUW, Meals and Wheels and with the Downey City Library.

She was born June 26, 1922 in Herkimer, New York and is survived by two sons.

A vigil will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. at Downey Zrelak Mortuary, with the funeral Monday at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Visitors, however, should call the mortuary to confirm the times.

Rosalie Carpenter, songwriter and actress, has died

DOWNEY – Rosalie Carpenter, a longtime employee of the Downey City Library who wrote a popular song about the city, died May 26 after a short illness. She was 89.

The daughter of a professional cellist, Carpenter played the piano and wrote several songs, including "Set Me Down in Downey," which she penned in 1961 as part of a city contest. The song is often played at the summer concerts at Furman Park.

She also dabbled in poetry and stand-up comedy, driving to the Comedy Store and other venues. She was a member of Writers' Workshop West and the Downey Seniors Club, which she enjoyed for many years on Tuesday mornings.

An animal lover, Carpenter spent decades participating with many animal welfare efforts and organizations. She had been a vegetarian since the early 1970s.

She worked as a librarian at the Downey City Library from 1962-78 and later worked at the L.A. County Office of Education before retiring in 1987.

Carpenter was born July 7, 1920, the only child of Arthur and Winifred (Todd) Weighill, in Brighton, England. She grew up there and became a singer, dancer and actor in various theater stage productions in Britain from 1938-51, under the stage name Rosalie Allen. During World War II, she



Rosalie Carpenter died May 26 after a short illness. Born in England, she was a singer, dancer and actor in various stage productions before moving to Downey in 1955 and working as a librarian.

helped entertain troops through the Entertainments National Service Association.

She moved to Toronto in 1951 and wrote advertising copy, and on to Highland Park in 1953 and Downey in 1955, where she married William Carpenter Jr. They were married 47 years.

They raised sons Roger and Mark, both Downey High School graduates.

Rosalie is survived by her sons, Roger and Mark, and grandsons David and Daniel.

Harry Zembal was WWII veteran

DOWNEY – Harry Lewis Zembal died May 21 at Downey Regional Medical Center from a bowel obstruction complicated by pneumonia. He was 89.

He was born and raised in Chicago until he became a navigator on B29s during World War II; he survived bailing out over the jungles of Burma and evaded capture by the Japanese.

After the war, he and his wife Barbara Jean lived in Chicago a short time before making Downey their permanent home.

He is survived by seven children, Mary, Dick, Tom, Joan, Carol, Andy and Greg, and their spouses; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey.

Burial took place Tuesday at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside.



Funeral services were held last week for Harry Zembal, a World War II veteran who died May 21.

Juana Magana funeral is today

DOWNEY – Juana V. Magana, a resident of Downey for the last 10 years, passed away May 30 surrounded by her sons, nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her two sons, Ramon and Miguel Magana; grandson, Miguel Magana Jr.; twin sister, Carmen V. Morales of Downey; and brother, Esteban Valerio of Arizona.

A funeral Mass will be held today at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

She will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery.



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Service group marks 70 years

LONG BEACH – Annette "Faye" Alperin was installed as the 70th president of Assistance League of Long Beach on May 24 at the group's annual meeting and luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach.

In her speech to 240 members and guests, Alperin reflected on the values of the Assistance League founders whose purpose was giving services to others in need.

Those original service programs have now evolved to include Operation School Bell, which provides new, free school uniforms to children in need; and the Orthodontic Program, which provides affordable orthodontic care to children in the Long Beach area.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of Assistance League of Long Beach, the largest Assistance League chapter in the nation.

Alperin's theme for the year is "Celebrate the Journey" and several celebratory events are planned, including an open house in April 2011.

Alperin said her goals for the year are "strengthening the philanthropic programs to fulfill community needs, broadening the organization's financial support base to support the programs now and into the future, and developing collaborative relationships with community supporters."

Prior to becoming active with the Assistance League, Alperin was a teacher with the Long Beach Unified School District.

Costume design students win contest

NORWALK – Two of Cerritos College's costuming students competed in the Renaissance Pleasure Faire's Elizabethan Costume Competition on May 16 in Irwindale, and many weeks of hard work paid off as both students won prizes.

Alba Bermudez won first place in the Adult Peasant Category and Patricia Ramirez won second place in the Adult Nobility Category.

Bermudez, of Whittier, is a beginning costume student while Ramirez, a Cerritos resident, is an advanced costume student.

Both students spent months building every piece of their costume, from the corset to the hats. They worked in the costume shop until 3:15 a.m. before the competition.

Susan Watanabe, costume design instructor, has been sending Cerritos College costuming students to this competition for nearly 20 years.

"We are proud of these students for their dedication and many hours of hard work," she said. "These are very difficult, time intensive projects. Their drive to complete their projects down to the minute details and still meet the deadline are work qualities that will ensure success in whatever career they choose. These are the type of work ethics we try to instill in all of our students."

Author to speak in Downey tomorrow

DOWNEY – Award-winning author Lisa See will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and book-signing tomorrow at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$25 and include the author talk and a Chinese buffet meal. See is author of the bestselling books, "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," "Peony in Love" and "On Gold Mountain."

Her latest novel, "Shanghai Girls," tells the story of Pearl and May, two sisters who leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles. To settle his gambling debts, their father sells both girls to a wealthy Chinese-American as wives for his sons.

The girls find themselves detained on Angel's Island for months and later must keep a secret that could threaten their future.

"Lisa's book captures the bond between sisters, the rich detail of pre-World War II Shanghai, and the struggles and joys of the immigrant experience," said City Librarian Nancy Messineo. "At this author event you will have a rare opportunity to hear a gifted author speak and learn more about her own Chinese American family."

Copies of "Shanghai Girls" will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tickets are available at the Friends Book Store located inside the library.

For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

In Memory of
Edward G. Addington
February 23, 1928 - May 11, 2010

Edward G. Addington, 82, of Loma Rica passed away May 11, 2010 at Yuba City Care Center in Yuba City, CA. Born February 23, 1928 in Downey, CA, he attended Downey High School where he played football, basketball and baseball, graduating in 1946. He was a Yuba Sutter resident for 53 years.

In Ed's early years, he enjoyed flying. He worked as a crop duster and owned his own plane and flew gliders. He worked in the Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning business for over 46 years, starting at Frank M. Booth, then went on to own his own business, Addington Heating & Air. Ed belonged to the Gideons, Loma Rica Church and enjoyed spending time with his German Shepherds. He served in the US Navy. He will be receiving Military Honors.

Ed is survived by sons: Jeff (Barbara) & Tim (Belinda); daughters: Kathy Peacock (Bruce), Kristine Addington of Sacramento, Beckie Howard (Michael); ex-wife Bonnie Addington; grandchildren Greg (Alice), Raegen (Nick), Johanna (Steve), Jimmy (Larkie), Kaylee (Mark), Danny, Tim & Tyler, Hannah & Renee; and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father John Samuel Addington, mother Myrth Dixon Addington and twin brother John Arthur Addington.

Memorial Services were held Sat. May 15, 2010 at Loma Rica Community Church, with David Rice officiating. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Sutter Buttes Canine Rescue or Loma Rica Community Church. Arrangements were handled by Ullrey Memorial Chapel.

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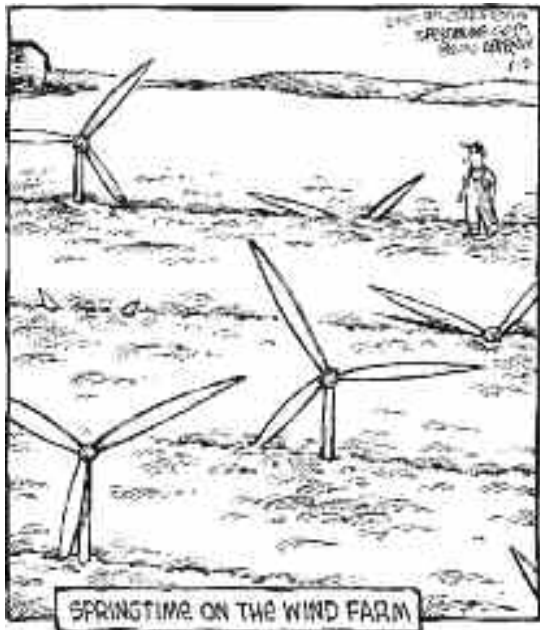
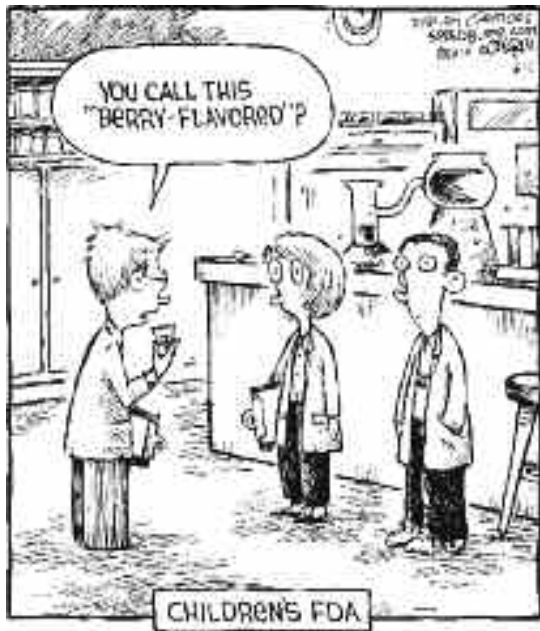
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

- Fri. June 4: "Carousel," Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Sat. June 5: **Relay for Life**, Downey Adult School, 9 a.m.
- Sat. June 5: **Greek Festival**, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat. June 5: **Music Festival**, Warren High School, 10 a.m.
- Sun. June 6: **Fashion show fundraiser**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 11 a.m.
- Mon. June 7: **Theft workshop**, DUSD ROP room, 5 p.m.
- Wed. June 9: **Friends of Library officers' installation**, Downey City Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Wed. June 9: **Christian meeting on Uganda**, Los Amigos Country Club, 11:45 a.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.
- 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.
- 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 8:00 a.m.: **Job Club**, at The First Presbyterian Church, for info. call 861-6752.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Brian Saylor at 927-2000.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- 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 p.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.

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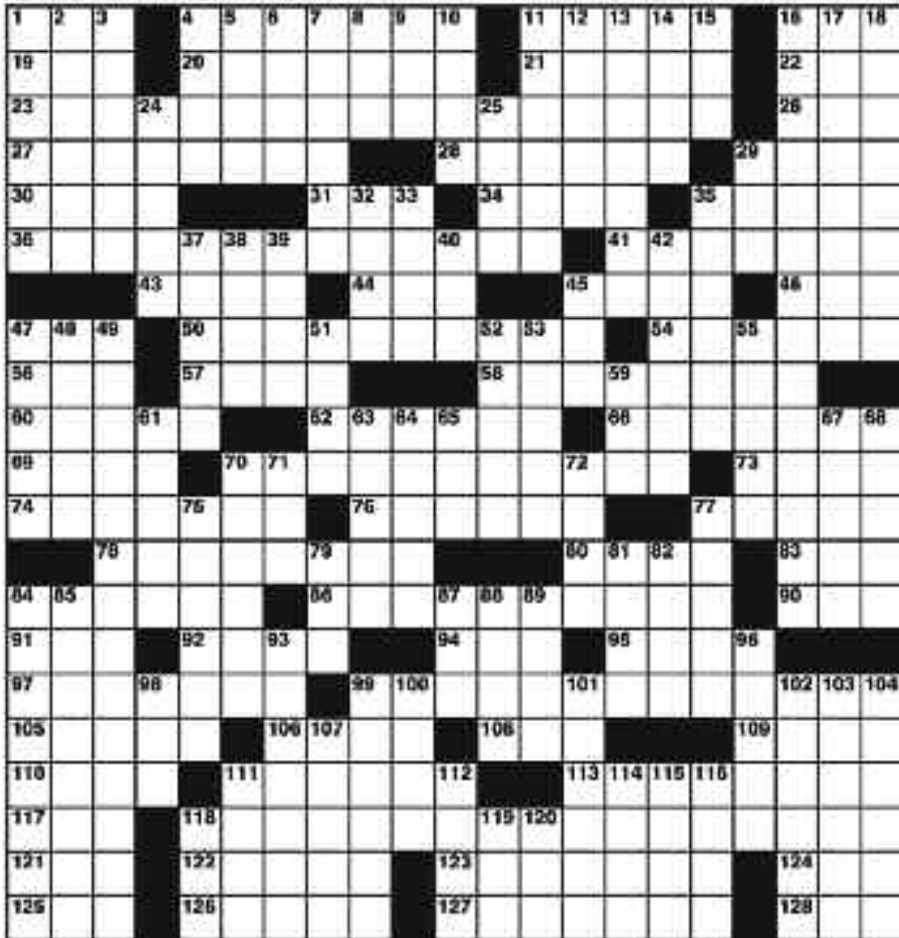
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- 1947:** The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the Taft-Hartley Act, which allows the president to intervene in labor disputes.
- 2003:** Facing fraud and conspiracy charges, Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire.
- Birthdays:** R&B singer El DeBarge (49), "Party of Five" actor Scott Wolf (42), "ER" actor Noah Wyle (39), actor and comedian Russell Brand (35) and actress Angelina Jolie (35).

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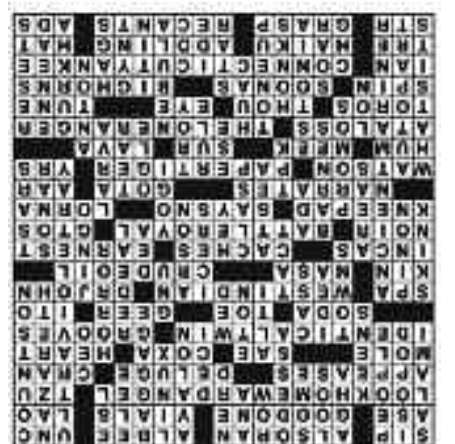
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Lisa Kim is DHS's best

By GABRIELA COYA, INTERN

DOWNEY – As Downey High School's class of 2010 counts down the final days of school, preparations for graduation have commenced including deciding who will give speeches at the momentous event.

One speech — the valedictorian's — has already been decided on, since senior Lisa Kim has officially earned the title.

Just recently Kim was declared the valedictorian of this year's Downey senior class. In her four years at Downey, Kim has not only managed to keep up with her classes and do well, but has also been very involved in several clubs at school such as California State Federation, Junior Statesmen of America and Eco Club.

Outside of school, she is a member of Eastern Presbyterian Church's Youth Group Choir and also led her Youth Ministry's Welcoming Committee.

Some of her outstanding academic achievements include a Viking Award Statue she earned this year for English, and last year, she earned a Viking Award Statue for Biology.

Kim plans on attending UCLA in the fall. She applied under biological medicine, but is still exploring and looks forward to the freedom college will provide her.

"I look forward to taking hold of this freedom and truly testing my abilities and skills in making the choices that will mold my future, my successes and my failures," said Kim. "I'm still open to the various career possibilities that await me at UCLA and am currently considering the field of political science as well in order to pursue a degree in law."

Although she is excited for college, she and her family will always hold Downey High School — the school from which her four sisters and one brother have previously graduated — close to their heart.

"From 1997, my family has called Downey High School, our high school," said Kim. "I feel immense gratitude towards the school that has provided an education to my family over a span of a decade."

In going to college to further her education, Kim also realizes that she will have to leave her comfort zone and many memories, but hopes college will be rewarding.

"I am excited to embark upon a new milestone of my life but at the same time, I am wary of the unknown that awaits me outside the protective shell of Downey High School," said Kim. "But I know and am already expecting the difficulties that will undoubtedly transpire in my college career but as in all things, I hope that my experiences in college will open the doors to new adventures and memories."

Chalk artists show off their skills

By DEBORAH WON, INTERN

DOWNEY – Emphasizing the artistic talents of the students in Downey, the first annual Chalk Festival was held at Warren High School on May 29, as numerous participants worked from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to complete their chalk artworks.

Hosted by art teachers Nadia Roldan and Svetlana Russell, the great turnout and result of the festival deemed the event a success.

"We were trying to have this event to show and give more art to the community," said Russell. "Also, just to showcase some of the talent of the students here at this school, and give the students a chance to participate in things they haven't been able to participate in before."

Upon entry into the festival, each participant or group was given their own square of sidewalk, along with a case of chalk pastels to utilize as drawing tools. With the entire strip of cement to use as the canvas, these artistic students blew all audiences away with their spectacular talents and brightly colored images.

"Participating was a great and fun experience, but the talent the students and participants had was astonishing," said junior Katie Zamora, a participant and viewer of the festival. "The masterpiece replicas are what really impressed me. They were so detailed and all, I didn't know that was possible to do with chalk."

"A part of it is just to have fun and celebrate the arts," said Roldan when asked what they wanted their participants to get out of this event.



The Chalk Festival may become a yearly event at Warren High.

"We want the participants walking away from this festival to leave feeling good about themselves, and proud of what they have accomplished."

With open signups and the sole requirement of a \$5 fee for entering the festival, many students of various grade levels set up bright and early on the Warren campus for a full day of experimenting with chalk pastels.

"To everyone," said Roldan when asked who was invited to participate in the festival. "We sent out flyers to all the elementary, middle, and high schools, and we opened this up to all ages."

Not only were artistic students invited to the event, various clubs were also invited to sell refreshments and foods to complete the festival, in addition to student talent for live musical entertainment. "We think it's really successful this

year, and we hope that next year it will grow and the years after it will keep growing," said Russell. "We had a good turnout, and we had more signups than we could have hoped for."

In addition, many participants had sponsors for their participation in the chalk festival. Sponsors paid \$15 a mural, and all funds collected from the festival will be used for the art scholarships given out to seniors at the end of the school year.

At the end of the day, the event was wrapped up with the revealing of the winners of the chalk festival contest. Categories included "Best Rendition of a Masterpiece," "Best Youth," "Most Colorful," "Most Original," and the "People's Choice Award."

ASB scurries for graduation funding

By JOANNA QUINTANA, INTERN

DOWNEY – Fundraising blindly during a recession had almost been to no avail for the 2010 senior class as certain, but essential, aspects of every senior's graduation were nearly risked for Downey High School's own graduation.

Raising revenue for the senior class of 2010 has been no simple feat, it would appear that both the senior class president and vice president have discovered this passing year. Their lack of experience combined with some hard times ultimately made it difficult for Briana Bobadilla and Alexandria Galindo to raise the required amount necessary for graduation.

"We were kind of thrown for a loop this year because we didn't really start off with a lot of money so we had to do more work," said senior class vice president Galindo. "We've already made a lot of money and me and the other officer were brand new to ASB. We've never been on ASB and we didn't really know how to do anything, so it was kind of hard for us to get the hang of things and now we're kind of doing better. We had a lot of ideas but a lot of it, we had to spend money to get money and we didn't have the money to spend."

With graduation around the corner, ASB has taken to last, desperate efforts so as to make up the remaining amount needed for the estimated total of \$3,500. Daily stands selling refreshing smoothies from Juice It Up! in the quad during lunch have easily raised around \$300 per week, covering the costs of the graduation programs. The last remaining risk being run are the fireworks that have been present and expected at every other graduation, known to have

ended the memorable night with a finale of bright colors and loud booms. To cover the cost for the fireworks, ASB has joined with football, cutting the revenues made in half, to create a new fundraiser: the powderpuff 2010 game.

"An amount is still needed to be made, but I think we can do it," said Galindo. "It's not too far because of powderpuff. A lot of people are interested and we've only collected the entrance fees from each girl, which pays for them so as of right now, no money has been made on it but we're handing out tickets and each ticket is five dollars. With all the tickets out, we'll have enough."

A meeting with Downey vice principal Ixchel Sanchez was what pushed ASB into focus as they are now turning all efforts toward raising the amount necessary for graduation. Though the programs naming each student are guaranteed for every guest, the presence of fireworks is yet to be determined by the success of the powderpuff 2010 game, leaving the final preparations for graduation very last minute, indeed.

Intern with the Downey Patriot

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Family Fun Night brings people together

By ALYSSA WYNNE, INTERN

DOWNEY – Exotic petting zoos, pony rides, giant moon bounces, live music and mountains of food and drink defined Downey High School's 12th annual Family Fun Night, held May 20.

After much planning, Downey's Associated Student Body and activities director Gordon Weisenburger constructed the traditional event and united the community once more.

"ASB picks the vendors and activities that we feel will be most beneficial in profit for our clubs and organizations," said senior Liz Calvillo, ASB president. "Profits are split with many clubs and sports. Most organizations on campus run a booth or two and that's where they get their profit."

The many clubs, sports and programs on campus provided food and entertainment for the atten-

dees. Junior State of America sold churros as their food (and sold out within a couple hours); Downey Football Booster sold Downey football paraphernalia; and Downey's award winning dance team and the Regional Occupations Program Dance Ensemble cooperated with off-campus dancers to perform for spectators.

A mariachi band played while people danced along to the music. For the younger age group of the community, there were moon bounces with animalistic designs or shapes and inflatable slides, a trackless train to take passengers on a tour around the campus, and an exotic petting zoo with goats, llamas, and ponies, and hay to feed the animals with. Children also had the opportunity to participate in a pony ride.

This year anticipated a change in location due to the massive construction Downey's cafeteria undergoes right now, but that did little to spoil the fun. Downey resembled a mini-carnival, but provided the safety and unity that a community function creates. With almost every student attending in some way, whether by participation or just to hang out with friends, and many of Downey's families coming together as well, the community grows stronger.

"Whenever we have an event where the community can come together, it's always a good thing," said Calvillo. "One of the greatest aspects of Downey High is its diversity and you definitely get a taste of it at Family Fun Night. It's just a fun night and way to get out and enjoy a night out with family and friends."

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6 irresistible attributes of a wedding photographer

■ Successful wedding photographers stand out from the crowd.

BY SCOTT BARADELL

It's not easy to be a wedding photographer. While the fees look tempting — with rates usually ranging from around \$1,500 to about \$4,500 or more, depending on the number of hours on site, the number of prints ordered and the type of album delivered — the workload is heavy, the shooting difficult and, most important of all, the competition intense. To stand out from the crowd and build a successful business out of wedding photography, a photographer needs six irresistible attributes:

1. Personality

Couples will look at dozens of wedding portfolios before they come to a decision. They'll spot the really poor photographers — the ones whose albums contain half-shaded brides and cheesy false coloring — but unless they're seasoned photographers themselves, they'll struggle to tell one talented photographer from another.

That's why personality is so important for a wedding photographer. Clients aren't just buying a set of pictures; they're also inviting someone to be present at the most

important day in their lives, giving them authority to interact with their guests, and hoping that they'll understand the joy of the occasion. A solid portfolio is vital, but it's often the photographer's personality that closes the deal.

2. Praise

Wedding photographers usually find that clients reach them in two ways: through an optimized website that turns up well in search engines; and through referrals. Happy clients who pass on praise to friends and relatives are an invaluable part of most successful wedding photography businesses. They allow the photographer to project trust, to spread his or her name and to start any consultation in the knowledge that the couple already thinks well of them.

For past clients, referrals are a great way to help a friend cross one item off a wedding preparation to-do list; for wedding photographers, they're a steady stream of new jobs.

3. Professionalism

Low-cost camera equipment has created a whole new class of photographers: enthusiasts with talent and skill looking to earn a little extra income in their spare time. Some of those photographers can produce great images (and sometimes at low cost) but not all act professionally.

That means having a portfolio

of images to show during the consultation, being aware of appropriate prices and what exactly those prices include, and being authoritative but polite and friendly when interacting with guests. It means attending the wedding to shoot, not eat (and certainly not drink), having the necessary insurance coverage, and knowing too that you can provide an alternative photographer if something turns up and you can't make the day.

The job of a wedding photographer isn't just to take the pictures of the occasion; it's to take away all the worry of the day's photography so that the bride and groom can focus on the vows and the joy. That kind of professionalism is invaluable.

4. Perfectionism

And professionalism includes perfectionism. Between making an appointment for the consultation and delivering the final albums lies a great deal of work for a wedding photographer. Each of those stages, from preparing the portfolio to the post-production of the pictures, provides opportunities to cut corners. It's tempting, for example, to shoot first and clean up later in Photoshop, or to skip some of the editing and hope that a client can't tell the difference between a good image and a perfect one.

But clients are paying for great wedding photographs, and these

are only produced by photographers who pay attention to the details, learn their trade and never take the easy route when more time means better results.

Wedding photography costs clients a lot of money because it costs wedding photographers a lot of time. Successful photographers know that time is needed to get as close as possible to a perfect wedding album.

5. Peculiarities

For clients, the work of wedding photographers can all look pretty similar. There are the formals, the details, the candid shots of the bride putting on her make-up, the action scenes of the guests dancing and the shots of the confetti raining down outside the church.

Weddings all contain the same events, which can make the photos taken at them difficult to distinguish at first glance. That's one of the reasons that referrals are so important when it comes to narrowing down the choice and picking a prospect.

But it also means that a photographer who can produce a unique approach can quickly steal a march on his or her competitors and win some extra jobs.

Denis Reggie, the photographer credited with creating wedding photojournalism — a style that attempts to capture naturalistic, documentary images of a wedding

— has gone on to build a career that's included shooting the nuptials of Kennedys and celebrities. It's a style that's also spawned Trash The Dress photography, a new kind of shoot that takes place after the wedding and puts the bride, with the dress, in rough locations, including lakes, the sea and deserts.

Being different is always a risk, but photographers who can pull it off will find that it can make them hard to turn down for brides looking for more than the usual wedding album.

6. Persuasion

It would be great if all of these five things together were enough to attract interest and turn leads into clients. But they're not. Wedding photographers also have to push. They have to explain what clients will get for their money, knock down objections and be ready to negotiate. That means upselling too. When most couples find that they spend more than their wedding budget, wedding photographers have an incentive and an opportunity to push the value of their most expensive packages, even to clients who have said they want to spend less. Whether they manage to make those sales will depend entirely on their power of persuasion.

Wedding photography is a challenging field. It's a field that relies on great images to achieve success, but it depends on a lot more than that. To build a successful wedding photography business requires character, recommendations, sincerity, attention to detail, creativity, and sale-skills. Pack all those qualities together, and you'll be irresistible too.

Scott Baradell is the editor of "The Successful Wedding Photographer" (New Media Entertainment, Ltd.), which is available for pre-order on Amazon.com. You can find him online at <http://blogs.photopreneur.com>.



Adult school student on path of success

DOWNEY — Doreen Kalli recently earned her high school diploma at Downey School. She has worked very hard, going to the Learning Center (lab class) during both morning and evening sessions nearly every day, finishing each class in about one month.

She attended Aviation High School years ago and got into the wrong crowd, as some teens do. She was smart and received good grades up until her junior year. Then it became more important to have a good time than go to school.

Later in life she learned just how important her education would be to her future.

Kalli got married young, raised two children and made sure they received a good education. She never really had a problem getting jobs, but always knew in the back of her mind that if she had not been foolish and had completed her education she would have been able to get better paying positions with better companies. She has been working in the accounting and bookkeeping field for a living, but does not have any formal training.

Then life happened! Like many others, Kalli was laid off from her last position March 2009. It seemed like the perfect time to go back to school, get her high school diploma and go on to either get her accounting degree or receive training in a completely different field.

That's when she enrolled at Downey Adult School and over the short time she's been on campus, she has earned the CCAE Student Recognition award, her high school diploma and has been inducted into the Adult Education National Honor Society.

Kalli plans on continuing her education in either accounting or in the medical billing/coding field. She is considering Downey Adult School as her school of choice for the next career training phase on her way to Cerritos College.

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Ruch will speak about DNA and its relation to genealogy and how DNA can be another tool in researching family history.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joyce Biby at (562) 296-6372.

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'Carousel' will tug at your heartstrings

■ 'Carousel' ranks as among DCLO's all-time bests.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

I thought "South Pacific" was good and "Show Boat" a real tear-jerker, but seen through a prism of similar lost chances, "Carousel" spoke even louder and truer.

The musical, which opened at the Downey Theatre on May 28 and runs through June 13, is about a couple of ill-starred lovers, and their offspring, who suffer existential hell but end in redemption for the devil-may-care husband and hope for his wife and daughter.

This is a musical, of course, and the familiar songs, "If I Loved You," "June is Bustin' Out All Over," "A Real Clambake," "What's the Use of Wond'rin'," and "You'll Never Walk Alone," singly usually just vibrating in the memory unlocked a flood of emotions when discerned in full relief.

The songs were written by Richard Rodgers, the lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, and despite DCLO's bare-bones (but still elegant) production, the topnotch cast and crew, along with the musical direction, manage to lift "Carousel" to the top tier of DCLO offerings over the seasons.

By the way, as executive director and emcee extraordinaire Marsha Moode pointed out, this is the first time in 27 years the musical has come to Downey.

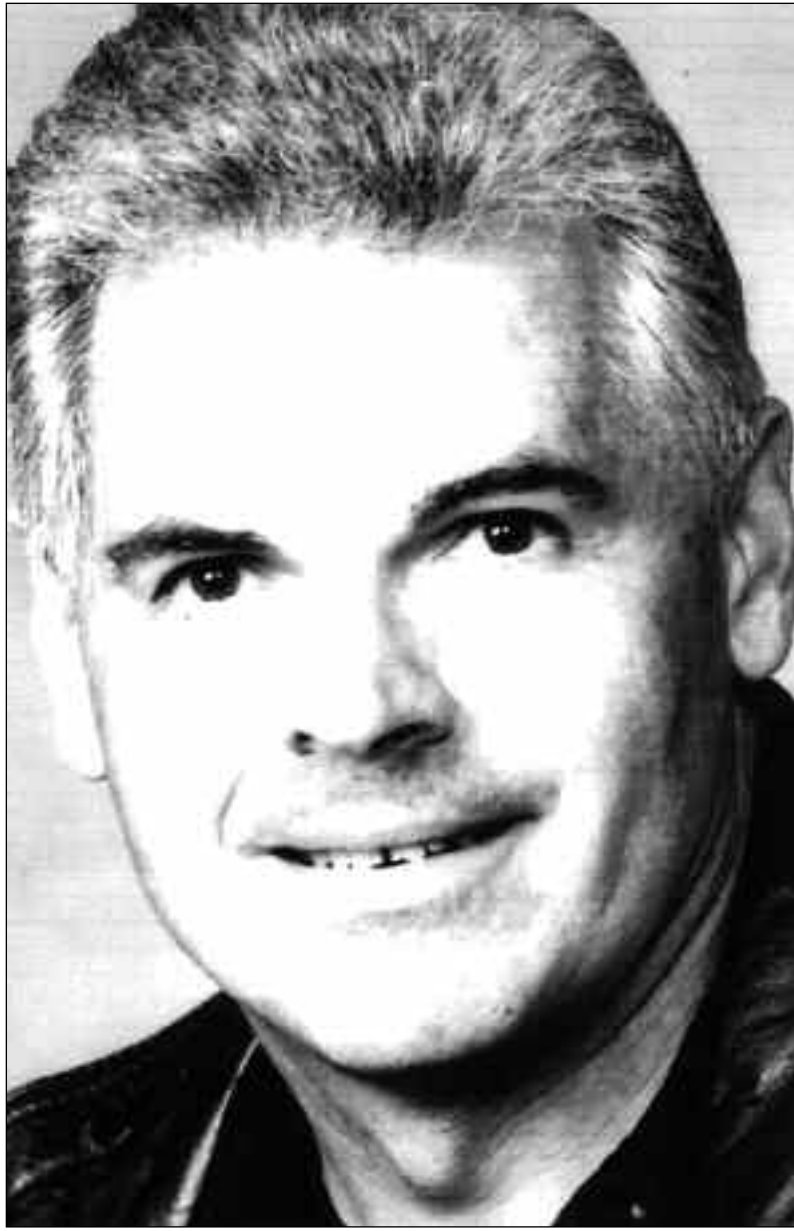
Robert Standley, who starred in his first Downey appearance as Curly in "Oklahoma," stars as Billy Bigelow, the booted-out ladykiller carnival barker whose life is a study in tragedy even after he marries a lovestruck but equally stubborn millworker, Julie Jordan,

played by Jill Van Velzer. Velzer was seen here previously as Laurey in "Oklahoma" and Fiona in "Brigadoon."

Other lead characters are the star-keeper/Dr. Seldon, played by Ed Krieger, who has played many parts for DCLO productions (Lazar Wolf in "Fiddler on the Roof"; Clem Rogers in "The Will Rogers Follies"); Jigger, Billy's friend who's of questionable character, played by another frequent DCLO performer, George Champion; Carrie, a co-worker and close friend of Julie's, played by Andrea Dodson, a music degree holder and seen here previously in Downey as Phyllis Dale in "42nd Street" and Ginger in "Dames at Sea"; Mr. Snow, the local fisherman who marries Carrie and whose nose-to-the-grindstone ethos is rewarded with a measure of wealth, played by 13-time DCLO performer Kit Wilson (Nicely Nicely in "Guys and Dolls," Evert Dunlap in "The Music Man," the Padre in "Man of La Mancha"); Mrs. Mullins, the carousel owner drawn to Billy, played by Valerie Jasso, whose past DCLO credits include "Oliver," "My Fair Lady" and "Rodgers and Hart: A Celebration"; and Nettie Fowler, Julie's cousin, played by perennial DCLO presence Ann Peck McBride, familiar to Downey audiences for her lead roles in such plays as "The King and I," "The Sound of Music," "Hello, Dolly," and "Fiddler on the Roof".

"Carousel" is an adaptation of the original play, Liliom, written by the transplanted Hungarian dramatist/novelist Ferenc Molnar (1878-1952), whose works include "The Guardsman," whose plot was used for the film version of "The Chocolate Soldier" and "The Swan" (whose film version was Grace Kelly's last movie).

Time magazine is said to have named it the best musical of the



Veteran actor Kit Wilson has returned to the Downey Civic Light Opera for the 13th time to star as Enoch Snow in "Carousel." The musical is in production at the Downey Theatre this weekend and next. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets and group rates are still available. For tickets, call (562) 923-1714.

20th century.

Rodgers and Hammerstein, whose teaming has been acknowledged as the most successful partnership in Broadway musical history, also collaborated on colossal hits "Oklahoma," "South Pacific,"

"The King and I," and "The Sound of Music." Rodgers is also noted for his "Victory at Sea" score.

Tickets (group rates are available) may be obtained by calling the box office at (562) 923-1714.

'Frankenstein' gets date change

COSTA MESA - To accommodate a change in the national tour of the new Mel Brooks musical "Young Frankenstein," the Orange County Performing Arts Center has rescheduled the show's visit to Sept. 12-25 rather than Sept. 7-19, as originally announced.

"Young Frankenstein," a new musical comedy from the creative team of the Tony Award-winning smash "The Producers," features music and lyrics by Brooks.

Based on the Oscar-nominated 1974 film, "Young Frankenstein" is the re-imagining of the Mary Shelley classic. When Frederick Frankenstein, an esteemed New York brain surgeon and professor, inherits a castle and laboratory in Transylvania from his grandfather, deranged genius Victor Von Frankenstein, he faces a dilemma.

Does he continue to run from his family's tortured past or does he stay in Transylvania to carry on his grandfather's mad experiments reanimating the dead and, in the process, falling in love with his sexy lab assistant Inga?

Unfolding in the forbidding Caste Frankenstein and the foggy moors of Transylvania Heights, the show's raucous score includes "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' On the Ritz."

"Young Frankenstein" was named Best Broadway Musical 2008 by the Outer Critics Circle Award and won five Broadway.com Audience Awards, including Favorite New Broadway Musical. The *New York Post* called "Young Frankenstein," "the Broadway musical at its dizziest, glitziest and funniest."

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Crime Report

Thursday, May 27

At 7 p.m., officers responded to Staples Office Supply, located at 12070 Lakewood Boulevard, regarding a theft. Two suspects ran up to the victim and grabbed an iPod out of his hand, then fled the scene.

Saturday, May 29

At 11:55 a.m., officers responded to the 11200 block of Quinn, regarding a residential burglary. Suspects took approximately \$10,000 in currency and jewelry.

At 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Firestone and Pangborn. A pedestrian was walking across Firestone Blvd. and was struck by a tractor/trailer traveling eastbound on Firestone. The pedestrian is listed in critical but stable condition.

Sunday, May 30

At 3:40 a.m., officers responded to the 12000 block of Bellflower Blvd. regarding an armed robbery. The victim parked his vehicle and began walking when the suspect approached and struck him in the face with a handgun. The suspect forcibly removed the victim's necklace and cell phone and fled.

Monday, May 31

At 6:45 p.m., several suspects forcibly removed a gold necklace from the victim's neck as he was walking in the 8400 block of Firestone. The suspects fled the scene in a red truck.

Tuesday, June 1

At 5:35 a.m., officers responded to the 7700 block of Ciro regarding a residential burglary. The homeowner saw the suspect exiting his garage with power tools. The suspect was detained by the homeowner and subsequently arrested for burglary.

At 12:10 p.m., officers responded to Don Roberto's Jewelers located in the Stonewood Center regarding a robbery. The suspect asked to see two engagement rings then ran out of the store holding both rings. The suspect entered a two-door black sedan and drove away, out of sight.

At 6:25 p.m., officers responded to the area of Downey and Alameda regarding an armed robbery. The victim was walking southbound on Downey Avenue when a red truck pulled along side of him. One suspect exited the passenger door holding a handgun and took the victims iPod. Both suspects fled south on Downey Avenue out of sight.

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Pitching only takes Downey so far

■ **SOFTBALL:** Vikings settle for second place in SGVL.

By **SCOTT COBOS,**
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – After a tight first round win against Oak Park two weeks ago, the Downey Vikings softball team, a team with high expectations at the beginning of the season, fell in a heartbreaker 1-0 against Mission Viejo last Tuesday.

Manager Micah Karzen earlier in the season said that he thought his team could take the San Gabriel Valley League championship away from Warren and then go deep into the playoffs.

While neither happened with another bridesmaid finish in league play and another early exit in the playoffs, the Vikings did improve from last year's result in advancing to the second round this season.

Downey did have to scrap in the first round in order to even advance as their 1-0 win over Oak Park showed.

The Vikings scored early in the game, scoring a run in the bottom half of the third inning off Brittany Colenzo's only base hit of the game which plated Debra Lovell, who also only had a single in the game.

Lovell got on base then advanced to scoring position after at bats from Eileen Rico, Anissa Urtez, and Desirae Romero. The key in the inning to getting Lovell into scoring position was Romero reaching base on an error.

This set the table for Colenzo, who also picked up the win in the game, to single home Lovell for the only run scored.

Colenzo was lights out, pitching a complete game and allowing

only three hits. She was very efficient with her pitches striking out only one and not allowing a walk.

Downey finishes their season 24-8 overall, and 8-2 in SGVL play, good enough for a second place finish to Warren.

The Vikings were close to untouchable at home going 6-1, but were vulnerable on the road even with their 6-4 record away from the happy confines of Downey High School.

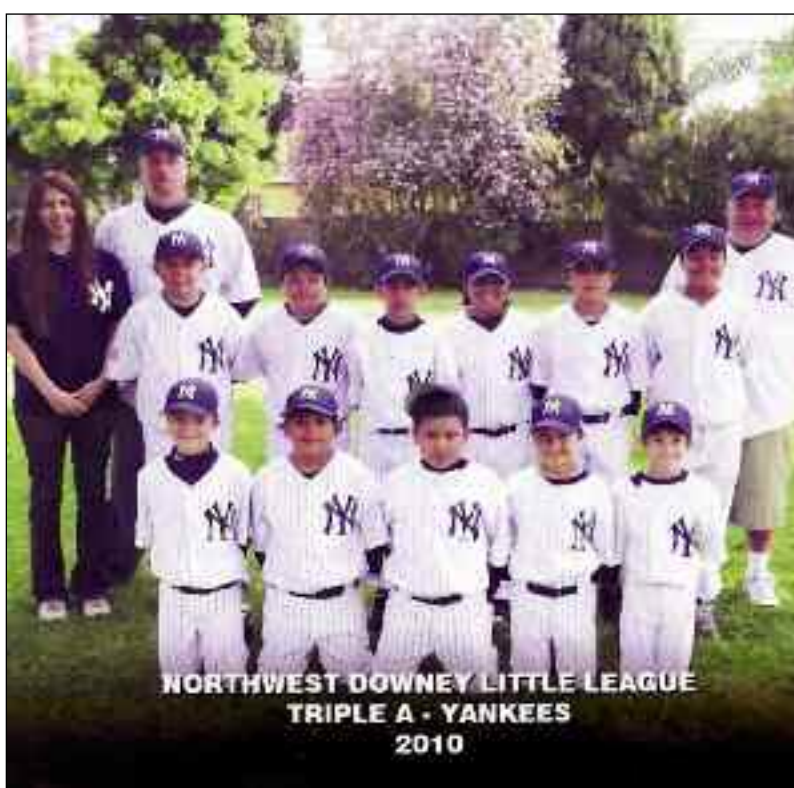
Also, the Vikings were a fantastic 12-3 at neutral sites. The great record could be attributed to their pitching staff that was one of the best in the section, allowing only 33 runs all season.

Colenzo led the 2-man pitching staff with a 0.66 ERA and an opposing batting average of .180. In 95.2 innings, Colenzo allowed only 9 earned runs and had close to a 5-to-1 strikeout to walk ratio, striking out 62 and walking only 13.

Lauren Canas was brilliant all season long as well, allowing fewer hits than Colenzo in 76.1 innings. With her 1.01 ERA, Canas allowed only 44 hits and 11 earned runs. Canas also walked only three batters in 18 appearances this season.

Just like Karzen thought, Downey's offense was also one of the best in the league with four players batting over .400 on the season.

Staci Rodriguez, Romero, Sydney Colenzo, and Katie Medina all batted over .400 on the season, and each of them played at least 28 games this season. Rico led the team in homeruns with four, and Medina, Rodriguez, Lovell, and Romero all tied for the team lead in RBIs with 23 apiece.



Northwest Downey Little League's Triple A Yankees will represent the NWDLL in the District 29 Tournament of Champions that begins tomorrow at Little Lake Park. The four-game single elimination tournament starts at 10 a.m. Pictured back row, left to right: Team Mom Paula Alcantara, manager Rick Alcantara and Coach James Barefield. Middle row: Sonny Samaniego, Jared Thompson, Elias Santana, Samuel Zazueta, Cesar Castolillo and Ryan Porter. Bottom row: Dillan Alcantara, Devin Gallegos, Sebastian Ibarra, Michael De Jesus and Jason Gonzalez. Not pictured is Coach Cesar Castillo and player Michael Ravelo.

Record falls at prelims

DOWNEY – Warren's girls' track and field team performed beyond expectation at the San Gabriel Valley League championships.

The Bears qualified a handful of girls to CIF Division I prelims. Noteworthy performances were turned in by the 4x400 relay team who broke a school record that has stood for more than 10 years.

Lizette Manrique, Danielle Rodriguez, Madeline Gulk and Nicole Leon ran a time of 4:11.03. Gulk qualified in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.72 seconds. Courtney Clark qualified with a second place finish in the high jump at 4-foot-11. Carli Ciatti again is the league champion in the pole vault at 10-foot-6.

The distance team qualified four athletes. Rodriguez ran a league record time of 4:58.88 in the mile and is currently seeded No. 15 in California overall in the event and No. 2 in Division I. Close behind her was Monique Diaz at 5:09.42. In the 3200-meter, Diaz broke the league record with a time of 11:07. Melissa Quintero and Dani Moreno finished close behind in 11:15 and 11:16 respectively.

–*Scott Cobos, Staff Writer*

Vikings prepare for first powderpuff game

By **ALYSSA WYNNE,**
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Senior and junior girls at Downey High School are preparing for a showdown as the first annual powderpuff game inches closer and closer, while the ladies practice tediously to ensure an easy and fun game.

"People have always talked about it, but nothing has ever been done," said Associated Student Body president Liz Calvillo about finally creating the powderpuff game.

Unfortunately, the boys will not be cheering as initially expected. But they are still providing their support by coaching and training the ladies for the upcoming flag football match. The support team consists of most of the varsity and junior varsity football team and head coach Jack Williams, who not only creates practice routines, but plays and strategies for the game.

"The boys have been leading everything, they've been extremely helpful," said Calvillo. "They're real excited, maybe more than the

girls."

Both classes practice twice a week, alternating on days so as not to be crowded. The girls have also received schooling in the sport to ensure they completely understand the game. With 21 girls from class of 2010, and 26 girls from class of 2011 signed up, there is sure to be a close fight, although the seniors are very confident that they will win.

"We have drills and plays, but everything is pretty basic," said Calvillo. "People have gotten a lot better really quick and I think the seniors have a lot of talent."

Thus far, ASB has distributed over 1,000 tickets and expect a large turn out, hopefully large enough to fill the visitor and home sections of Allen Layne Stadium.

The senior and junior classes have ordered shirts for the unforgettable match and will all be wearing the same bottoms so to look professional and sporty.

The game will be played June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Allen Layne Stadium. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$7.

Bears stalk into finals

DOWNEY – A 5-1 victory over Chino Hills on Tuesday assured a nice easy cruise into the finals of the CIF playoffs for the Warren Bears softball team to be held this weekend in Irvine at the Deanna Manning Stadium.

But before they got there, they edged out Glendora, winning 3-2 at home last Thursday.

In a game that the Bears probably shouldn't have won, Glendora committed four errors, and the Bears scored the winning run in the bottom half of the seventh inning.

Warren defeated Righetti at home in their first round game 4-0 and Colton 8-0 in their second round game.

The Bears will face Ayala today, the No. 2 seed out of the Sierra league and the tournaments Cinderella.

For bracket results, visit www.cifss.org.

–*Scott Cobos, Staff Writer*

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For the fifth consecutive year, Kirkwood Christian School was named an "Active Lifestyle Model School" by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Pictured above are the students, P.E. teachers Monica Kheir, Myisha Cayro and Sunnie Young, and Principal Jennifer Kirkwood-Hartl.

Onyewu cleared for World Cup

SOUTH AFRICA – International soccer star Oguchi "Guchi" Onyewu will represent the U.S. National team at the 2010 FIFA World Cup taking place in South Africa, June 11 – July 11.

The announcement came after speculation on whether Onyewu would return to the playing field in time for the World Cup.

Onyewu suffered a ruptured patellar tendon against Costa Rica on Oct. 14, 2009 in the U.S. team's final World Cup qualifying game.

Through intensive rehabilitation, Onyewu has made a complete recovery.

"Having the opportunity to play in the World Cup for the second time is truly an honor and I am humbled," Onyewu said. "I'm recovered and ready to perform on the world stage of soccer."

Onyewu was born in the United States but is of Nigerian descent. He said the 2010 World Cup is uniquely special to him because it is the first time the World Cup will be

played in Africa.

"This moment is historic and deeply meaningful to me as both an African and an American," he said.

Standing at 6 ft. 4 inches, Onyewu is respected globally as one of the most dominant defenders in the game. He currently plays for AC Milan and is only the second American to play for a Serie A Team.

His birth name, Oguchialu, means "God fight for me."

Onyewu debuted his skills for the U.S. National Team in October of 2004 against Panama. He scored his first goal for the team in the 2005 Gold Cup against Honduras and was named to the tournament's Best XI.

Onyewu played for the U.S. in all three games at the 2006 World Cup and has been a fixture ever since.

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National parks: a vacation value

■ National parks offer a great escape from the city.

By DAVID LILLARD

I just spent a few days in my favorite national park, Shenandoah. It was great to flee cell phones, wi-fi, and email. And even better to escape the "anger" at big government being flashed lately on TV screens and the Internet.

Enjoying Virginia's majestic Blue Ridge, it became clear that we Americans have much more to be thankful for than angry about. And though it's unpopular to say it in some circles, we taxpayers have often invested wisely. Approaching summer, at a time when every family is stretching a dollar, our national parks offer vacation values to fit every budget.

I suggest you go visit the parks. Take the kids. See. Remember. Relax!

Start with the famous parks that celebrate our natural glories like California's Yosemite, or Arizona's Grand Canyon. Or gain some national perspective by ferreting-out less known destinations, like Texas's Alibates Flint Quarries — where ancient peoples crafted stone tools and eked out a good living thousands of years before the first bank bailouts.

Near my West Virginia home are national parks of every flavor: the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park, dedicated to America's industrial spirit, and the Appalachian Trail, dedicated to wilderness adventure. Also close by, in Pennsylvania, is the Johnstown Flood National Memorial that tells a gripping story of small town heroes and robber baron villains as real as items making today's headlines. Also nearby, spend time at Gettysburg National Battlefield and recall a time when our own homeland was embroiled in civil strife just as agonizing as that in Iraq or Afghanistan today.

Not interested in history's lessons? Then head to the seashore, where for the cost of a movie, you can camp out, watch the sun come up over the beach — then go right back to sleep. Delight the kids with the wild ponies at Maryland's Assateague Island National Seashore, or glimpse migrating peregrine falcons at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. On the West Coast, sample Oregon's Lewis and Clark National Historic Park, actually 12 parks stretched like gems along the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River. Or travel to Florida's Everglades. There consider current events in the Gulf, and realize that we must often fight to preserve our natural heritage just as vigorously as we fight to preserve our other freedoms.

If you're visiting Washington, D.C. this summer — whether to celebrate the nation's history or to protest it — don't miss the Capital Area national parks. One crowd pleaser is the Old Post Office Tower, soaring to 315 feet, and from which you can view the entire city. Another favorite is the Jefferson Memorial, monument to the American patron saint of taxpayer irony. Jefferson preached small government then spent lavishly from the national treasury on the Louisiana Purchase. Long before the subprime mortgage crisis, Jefferson died drowning in personal debt after borrowing heavily to finance his home at Monticello. Do we hold this against him? No. Nor should we. His monument cel-



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Yosemite National Park in Central California is an ideal destination for families on a budget.

brates his contributions while acknowledging his humanity.

Within a day's drive of Washington is Great Smoky Mountains National Park where the fishing is superb, hikes lead to breathtaking views, and the kids can go horseback riding. Visit this June for the wondrous firefly display, where millions of insects blink off-and-on in perfect synchronous rhythm, like something out of Close Encounters — a mystery to scientists and humbling reminder of how little we truly know.

This list is just a start. To find out what's close to you, go to the National Park Service website (www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm) and click on your home state. Many destinations, like the National Trails system, can be visited without a fee. Buy a National Park annual pass for the price of dinner out at a restaurant, and visit every park for free.

So wake up, stop worrying, and

start packing. Get away from all the noise for a day or week, and gain some perspective on your country. Sure, our government overspends from time to time, but some things are worth what we pay for them. If you're an angry American, remember that spend-happy politicians are responding to voters, and that some of what they throw money at are the things we demanded of them. As for me, I'm willing to pay more for parks and open space, and not willing to give them up.

And if you want to be part of a "tea party" this summer, do it with your kids at a national park. Visit the site of the real tea party at the Boston National Historical Park. Go. Get out of the car, walk, and enjoy the view. It's yours.

David Lillard is a Blue Ridge Press editor and managing editor of The Observer newspaper in Jefferson County, West Virginia. He lives in Shepherdstown, WV. © 2010 BlueRidgePress.com.

Can I carry a gun while fishing?

Q: I was out fishing at Pine Flat Reservoir this past weekend and I came across an angler. He had a handgun on his side. I thought he was a warden, but he was fishing about 20 yards from me. He was dressed in civilian clothes. When I got home I told my cousin about it and he told me that he heard there's a clause in the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) policy that makes it okay for anglers to carry a gun (pistol) while out fishing, as long as the pistol is not loaded and as long as the angler possess a California fishing license. Is this true?

A: There is a California Penal Code law that allows anglers to carry a gun while fishing and while hiking to and from their angling site. California Penal Code, section 12025 prohibits carrying concealed firearms in California, however, section 12027 provides the following exemption to this prohibition: "Licensed hunters or fishermen carrying pistols, revolvers or other firearms capable of being concealed upon the person while engaged in hunting or fishing, or transporting those firearms unloaded when going to or returning from the hunting or fishing expedition."

Remember that some areas that allow fishing, such as state and national parks, and some incorporated areas where fishing is allowed prohibit the possession of any firearm. Make sure to check on the local laws where you plan to fish. The California Bureau of Firearms in the Department of Justice posts a summary of California firearm laws online at <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/>.

Q: If I catch my limit of the fish I'm fishing for, can I continue fishing catch-and-release? If my buddy doesn't have his limit, can I fish for him? If I don't want to keep the fish, can I fish for other people?

A: When fishing in freshwater,

each person is allowed to take only one daily bag limit per day. Once you catch your daily limit for a species of fish, you are done fishing for that type of fish.

If you want to catch and release fish, you must do that before you take the last fish of the limit. If you want to give someone your fish, you may do so but those fish will still count toward your daily bag limit, and the person receiving the fish cannot have more than the legal limit in their possession either.

In addition, if you take an over-limit (for example, seven trout when the limit is five), and you give two to someone else, that person is now in possession of illegally taken fish and could be cited, too, even if they are not over their daily bag limit.

When fishing in the ocean, however, boat limits are allowed for anglers fishing from a boat. This means that all anglers can continue fishing until the total numbers of fish on the boat are equal to the total number of fish allowed for every angler, despite who actually caught each fish. Upon departing the boat, each passenger can only possess one daily bag limit.

Q: If I have been convicted of a felony, can I still apply for a hunting license? My felony was considered white collar and was non-violent with no weapons involved.

A: Yes, but you must first complete a hunter safety course. Once you have a felony, regardless of the type of crime, you cannot own or possess a firearm. You can obtain a hunting license but will be restricted to shooting archery or crossbow, or air rifles or pistols only.

Q: I know it's illegal to shoot from your car, but is it legal to park and shoot from the roof of your car for varmints?

A: Shooting from the roof of your car is only allowed if on pri-

vate property where public access is prohibited. However, you may not take any bird or mammal from a motor vehicle (CCR Title 14, section 251).

Remember, the definition of take includes any attempt to take, such as shooting at the bird or mammal. Therefore, the only shooting allowed would be target shooting. Otherwise, a loaded gun is not allowed in or on a vehicle driving or parked on or along a road or other way open to the public (FGC, section 2006).

Q: I am a Sacred Arts Practitioner and am seeking to find elk, trout and salmon wild-caught with prayer/sacred intention, for eating and ceremonial purposes. I am aware that it is illegal to purchase or sell game, so how would I legally go about obtaining such meat? Do I have to hunt it myself, or are there other valid ways of doing this, such as purchasing from licensed sellers?

A: Wild-caught (taken) elk, trout and salmon can be utilized for these purposes, if acquired legally.

According to DFG Ret. Capt. Phil Nelms, you are correct that neither elk nor trout (wild-caught) can be purchased, but you can purchase salmon under the regulations for commercial fishing.

You can take these species yourself under normal seasons and license requirements (see Fish and Game Code, section 7151 for Free Fishing Licenses), take the fish without a license on the two designated free fishing days (July 1 and Sept. 6 this year), or you can receive them as a gift from anyone who took them legally.

Carrie Wilson is a marine biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. While she cannot personally answer everyone's questions, she will select a few to answer each week. Please contact her at CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov.

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Frank Kearns, Rosalie Sciortino and Lorine Parks (from left) were winners of a light verse competition held last month.

Writers win for verse

DOWNEY — Writers' Workshop West has announced the winners of its light verse competition held in May.

Rosalie Sciortino won first place for "The Red Shoes"; Frank Kearns' "Three Tea Party Pigs" was voted second place; and Lorine Parks won third place for "Pavlov's..."

In April, Parks also won in the serious poetry category for "The Boys I Borrowed" and Sciortino won for "Wind Song."

Kearns, Margaret Hehman Smith, Yolanda Adele and Anita Nutt also were award winners in April.

Writers' Workshop West welcomed its newest member, Spencer Eubank, at its last meeting.

The club meets at Downey High School the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Beginning and established writers are welcome.

For more information, call (562) 862-3106.

New Titles at the Downey City Library

Fiction

- **"Club Rules"** by Andrew Trees. In Eden's Glen, privilege and position are not easy to attain or to keep. An elegant and moving novel about marriage and the price of a bourgeois American life, "Club Rules" is a powerful, biting, and unforgettable novel.
- **"The Informer"** by Craig Nova. A complex cast of characters tries to make it out of Berlin alive, in this literary thriller set in the dark days before World War II.
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- **"On Deadly Ground"** by Michael Norman. Kanab, Utah is bitterly divided by the politics of land management. When environmentalist David Greenbriar is found dead, County Sheriff, Charley Sutter, turns to newly appointed Law Enforcement Ranger, J. D. Books for help in solving the murder.
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Non-Fiction

- **"250 Home Preserving Favorites"** by Yvonne Tremblay. Homemade preserves outshine store-bought every time.
- **"Best-Selling 1-Story Home Plans"** by Creative Homeowner Press. 400 plans of the best-selling and most-stylish 1-story home designs.
- **"The Easy Way for Women to Stop Smoking"** by Allen Carr. Using a version of Alan Carr's revolutionary Easyway Method created expressly for women, this book focuses on issues such as weight gain, increased stress, and smoking during pregnancy.
- **"Strange Days Indeed : The 1970's: The Golden Age of Paranoia"** by Francis Wheen. A dazzling and disturbing tour of the 1970s, featuring its world leaders and would-be revolutionaries. "Strange Days Indeed" is told with wit and affection.
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Visit www.downeylibrary.org and click on "New and Notable Books" to browse more titles

Fashion show, luncheon June 6

DOWNEY — The San Antonio Guild will host a luncheon, spring boutique and fashion show June 6 to benefit Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

The fundraiser will also include guest speakers and a live auction. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$40. RSVPs are requested by calling Rosie Shelton at (562) 928-4303.

Health seminars for seniors

CERRITOS — Pioneer Medical Group will host a trio of free medical seminars open to the public.

Dr. James Lee, a podiatrist, will host a presentation on diabetic foot problems Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center.

On June 17, Dr. Valentina Dalili will lead a seminar on incontinence. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Cypress Senior Center.

Dr. Pinal Doshi will lead the final seminar June 30 on thyroid problems. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center.

For more information about the lectures, call (562) 229-9452, ext. 1455.

Myths about shelter dogs dispelled

Diane Pomerance knows what people say about adopting pets from animal shelters and rescue organizations, and since National Pet Week was recently celebrated during the first week of May, she'd like to dispel the myths.

"They think, 'I don't want to inherit someone else's problem,' or they simply think all the dogs there are abused or hard to train, or that they won't be able to find the breed that they want," said Pomerance, author of seven books about pets, including "Our Rescue Dog Family Album". Her family has saved and adopted more than 40 rescued dogs over the years and currently have 21 in their home.

In addition, she has helped place hundreds more with good homes.

"All of those notions couldn't be further from the truth, and in fact, buying from the pet shop can be more hazardous than adopting one from a shelter," Pomerance said.

Pomerance does not work for an animal shelter or animal welfare organization. She is simply an individual who has devoted much of her personal life to rescuing these dogs because she feels strongly about the value of these animals and the many gifts they can offer people.

She also believes that people view animal shelters in a poor light because of their adherence to many popular — but erroneous — myths

about shelter dogs:

Most shelter dogs are sick or aggressive from abuse — Rescued dogs receive better care and feeding than pet shop dogs, and they are treated by veterinarians before they are offered for adoption. In addition, they are far more affordable to adopt and care for, since many shelters and rescue groups offer free adoptions, and excellent veterinary services at significantly reduced rates. Also, most shelters don't allow dangerous animals to be adopted.

Pet shop dogs are better quality animals — Pet shops typically get their dogs from puppy mills that breed them in unsanitary and inhumane conditions, which means many new owners bring home pets with illnesses not immediately obvious or disclosed at the time of sale, and they are offered no compensation for it. So, buying at a pet shop means paying top dollar, sometimes over \$1,000 for a dog, and then paying top dollar for private veterinary care to treat any initial illnesses many pet shop dogs contract.

Most of the dogs who are euthanized wouldn't make good pets, anyway — Rescuing a dog helps deplete the high population of animals in these shelters and reduces the number of good, faithful, loving animals that are euthanized every year. It's not just the sick or dangerous dogs who are euthanized at shelters. In most cases, many dogs who would make

good pets are euthanized because of overcrowding in the shelter

"Animals are deserving of our respect and appreciation, which is why we should try to be responsive individually to the crisis facing animal shelters today," Pomerance added. "They perform many important tasks for us — in the military, as bomb and weapons detectors, as service animals, as healing companions and friends of the lonely and bereaved and even as search and rescue assistants in natural as well as man-made disasters. They heal and even save human lives. It is scientifically substantiated that animal companions increase our longevity and improve the quality of our lives.

"We should also realize that getting a family pet should not be a decision or choice that is taken lightly. You're not buying a car or getting a new electronic toy to play with — these are living, breathing, loving creatures with whom we share our world. If we choose to share our family with one, we should take care to ensure we choose carefully and prudently so we can enhance not only our family's life, but the dog's, as well."

Diane Pomerance has a Ph.D. in Communications from the University of Michigan. She has written seven books about animals, and created and currently directs the Pet Grief Counseling Program for the SPCA of Dallas, Tex.



Students from Downey Adult School's Dental Assisting and Pharmacy Technician programs graduated May 25.

Adult school students graduate

DOWNEY — Downey Adult School's Dental Assisting and Pharmacy Technician programs held graduation ceremonies May 25 in the Harriett Paine Event Center located on campus.

For the Dental Assisting program, Laura Santizo was named valedictorian and Vanessa Lira salutatorian for the graduating class.

Hermie Nadal was named valedictorian, while Sanaa Estefan and Eduardo Ducreaux shared the salutatorian title for the Pharmacy Technician program.

For the afternoon program, Ariane Marie Ganancial headed the class as valedictorian while Elaine Umali Galianao and Gabriela Marin were salutatorians.

"This has been one of the best graduations we have had," Assistant Principal Blanca Rochin said.

A message from THE DOWNEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (DAOR)
2010 President, Sossi Gabriel

Facing the possibility of foreclosure, California homeowners may be hit with more than just losing their homes. Due to a loophole in state law, they also can be sued by their lender. For people who have refinanced a property, even if the money is used for home improvements, there is no protection should the borrower default on a mortgage that's greater than the property's value. Called a "deficiency" liability, under current California law, the lender can sue the former homeowner for the amount of the deficiency even after taking back the property.

THE DOWNEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® is alerting consumers and has sponsored legislation -- Senate Bill 1178 by State Sen. Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro) -- to close this loophole.

"Most homeowners have no idea they are personally liable," said DAOR President Sossi Gabriel. "Foreclosure is difficult enough on a family. Getting sued for tens of thousands of dollars after losing your home is much worse.

"During times when Californians are struggling to protect their homes, state government should enact reasonable protections to help people get through what is a very difficult situation," she said. "Senate Bill 1178 strengthens the lending process and protects Californians. Borrowers will be protected from fundamentally unfair lending practices and lenders will be accountable for the quality of loans they refinance."

California has protected borrowers from so-called "deficiency" liability on their home mortgages since the 1930s, but the evolution of mortgage finance requires that the statute be updated. Essentially, it says that if a homeowner defaults on a mortgage used to purchase his or her home, the homeowner's liability on the mortgage is limited to the property itself. The law has worked well since the 1930s to protect borrowers, ensure the quality of loan underwriting, and allow borrowers brought down by financial crisis to get back on their feet.

Unfortunately, the original law does not extend the protection to loans that refinance the original purchase debt, even if the refinance only was to gain a lower interest rate. Recent years of low interest rates and aggressive marketing campaigns by lenders have induced tens of thousands to refinance mortgages. Few homeowners realized that by refinancing their mortgage, they were forfeiting their protections and now are personally liable.

"Lenders have a responsibility to ensure that borrowers understand loan terms and can meet them," Gabriel said. "SB 1178 puts in place much-needed consumer protections and deserves swift passage by the California legislature next week."

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There are better alternatives than defaulting on a mortgage obligation.

The decision to default may seem like the only alternative for many homeowners who have lost their jobs or are experiencing personal problems such as illness or divorce, but homeowners should carefully consider how such a decision might affect them in the long term.

•Negative credit rating. Defaulting on your mortgage can affect future access to credit and negatively impact your ability to rent or buy a home. It can also make it harder and more expensive to buy or lease a car and maintain a small-business line of credit, and could cause your creditors to reduce your existing credit lines. Now that some employers use credit checks in making employment decisions, it could even hurt opportunities for future employment (60 percent of employers now check credit records, up from 40 percent four years ago, according to the Society for Human Resource Management).

•Debt doesn't always go away. By simply walking away from your obligation, you might end up with a large tax bill. However, by working with your lender, any debt forgiveness on your primary residence may not be taxable due to the recently passed Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act. You

should consult your tax professional for background on this tax provision and to understand the potential impact to your individual situation.

In some states, even after foreclosure, lenders can seek repayment from you for the mortgage if you have the ability to pay the remainder. If you have a second mortgage, often called a "piggy-back," in those states where deficiencies may be pursued, the bank may also seek payment on the second loan balance. If you owe back taxes, your municipality may turn your delinquent taxes over to collection agencies for repayment.

•Benefits of home ownership are lost. Balance the cost of renting with the benefits of homeownership. U.S. tax laws still favor homeownership. If you itemize for tax purposes, you will lose the mortgage interest and property tax deductions. Your rent payment may not be lower than your mortgage payment, particularly when you factor in the tax benefits. Meanwhile, as the market recovers and housing prices begin to appreciate, landlords may charge higher rents, so you could miss the long-term upside of a recovery.

Ask your lender about making your mortgage more affordable

through a modification plan that could include reducing your interest rate, deferring the amount of principal on which interest is accruing or lengthening the amortization term. Modifying your mortgage may create an affordable payment that makes your monthly expenses comparable with prevailing rents.

•Community is impacted. If you default on your mortgage obligation and your home goes into foreclosure, there are negative impacts on the neighborhood. Foreclosure lowers neighboring home values further. It also affects schools and city services through lost tax revenue—something to consider if you want to stay in the community.

If homeownership is not an

option, there are other alternatives such as a short sale or deed in lieu of foreclosure. A short sale is when a property is sold and the lender agrees to accept a discounted payoff.

A deed in lieu allows the transfer of a property to the lender without going through the foreclosure process. These alternatives are last resorts, and may follow other options such as an attempt to sell the property. Check with your tax professional regarding your individual tax situation.

Seek Help

Contact a HUD-approved housing counselor or call (800) 569-4287. These resources can help review your family budget and propose solutions designed to help you afford your home.

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