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Future woodworking teacher carving out his dream

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Born in Prescott, Arizona, on the Yavapai Apache Native American reservation, Jeremy Trapani comes from a diverse make-up of a mixed ethnic background of Italian, Mexican, Native American and Irish. After he moved to California as a young child, he was raised mostly by his grandparents in the San Gabriel Valley.

His passion for woodworking was sparked by his grandfather at a young age and set ablaze by his high school wood shop teacher John Mason at San Gabriel High School. Mason is an uncle to Trapani and a man of sincere character who he holds up with his highest respect. Mason uses woodworking as a means to not only provide students with a career path but with the essential life skills needed to succeed on a day to day basis.

Mason inspired Trapani to share his passion to motivate others to challenge themselves to grow and progress by teaching woodworking.

Mason advised Trapani that Cerritos College was the best school to pursue a career in teaching in the woodworking field as the college began offering teacher preparation program in career technical education field including woodworking called CTE Teacher TRAC in 2008. He joined the program in fall 2009.

"This is the case because Cerritos College offers the best woodworking program in Southern California along with the Teacher TRAC program," said Trapani.

One thing that sets him apart as a prospective teacher is that he shows sincere care. He literally tackled to change the life of a "problem child" whom many experienced teachers even hesitated to deal with.

In the spring of 2010, while he was interning at his alma mater San Gabriel High School, he found a student cheating on a test. Trapani warned the student once and the student responded with a defensive attitude. Three minutes in, Trapani saw the student copying the answers again from the student next to him. Trapani proceeded to confiscate the test with an offer to teach the subject one on one after class with a second chance to take the test.

The student reacted defensive and uttered curse words at him. At this point, Trapani was taken aback but he knew that he needed to keep his composure. He, then, calmly walked to the student and talked to him as an adult. In a respectful tone he asked the student to come outside. His teacher's instinct told Trapani that the student's peers were fueling the boy's confidence.

Once Trapani and the student were outside, the student's attitude had mellowed and the two had time to introduce each other. From their conversation Trapani gathered that

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Larry Watson, pictured above, opened his first custom paint shop in Long Beach when he was only 18. He eventually opened other shops including one in Downey. Watson died last month.

Legendary custom painter Larry Watson dead at 69

■ Watson was revered by custom car design fans across the nation.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Larry Watson, the legendary custom car painter who turned his teenage hobby into a nationally-recognized brand, has died. He was 69-years-old.

Watson, credited for mastering styles and techniques, died on July 20 after battling brain cancer.

Born in 1938, Watson, a native of Bellflower, grew up admiring the creative paint styles seen on custom cars and hot rods. By the time he was in high school, Watson's own painting skills began to emerge.

Hoping to imitate other popular custom painters, Watson started pin stripping his friends' cars in his

parents' driveway, gaining him notoriety in the community. By 1956, Watson, only 18 at the time, had opened his own paint shop in Long Beach called Watson's House of Style.

Showcasing his work at local hot rod cruise spots such as the Bellflower Clock Drive-In brought Watson's cars much praise and the young painter developed a devoted following. From his '50 Chevy, now known as the Grapevine, to his panel-painted '58 Thunderbird, Watson's cars are some of the most notable custom designs to date.

After his success in Long Beach, Watson received more exposure through numerous custom car magazines, which expanded his notoriety to the rest of the country. From his one shop in Long Beach, Watson went on to open several paint shops in the surrounding cities of Paramount, Bellflower and Lakewood.

Subsequently, other Watson

paint shops, looking to duplicate Watson's style also opened in Downey and Burbank.

During the 1960s, Watson focused on creating and perfecting the many paint styles and techniques that are popular today including scallops, fades, veils, seaweed flames, panel and lace painting.

In 1966, Watson sold his painting business to pursue a career in acting. From 1967 until 1985, Watson appeared in more than 140 different projects. Watson spent his final years living near Apple Valley in retirement, but continued to host hot rod and custom car shows until his death.

Watson's death is a tragedy for thousands of custom design fans across the nation, but the painting icon's work will live on as the template for a new generation of custom painters with a passion for style and automobiles.

Concerts to get patriotic sendoff

DOWNEY – The summer concert series at Furman Park will close with a patriotic performance Wednesday by the United States Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band.

The free concert begins at 7 p.m. The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band was established for service during World War II and was deactivated after the war, its members sent to serve in Marine units in China and at Marine Corps Air Station in Ewa, Hawaii.

The band was officially reactivated at Marine Corps Air Station in Miami in support of the Korean conflict. In 1957, while the Third Marine Aircraft Wing relocated to El Toro, the band remained in Miami and was assigned to Marine Air Group (MAG) 31. Later, the musicians were integrated into the Air Fleet Pacific Band in El Toro.

It was at this time the band received the title of Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band. The band remained at El Toro until 1997, when Naval Air Station Miramar was converted to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. From 1997-1999, all units relocated from El Toro to Miramar as part of the base realignment process.

The band reported to its current location in Miramar in January 1999.



The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band has deployed numerous times throughout its history. In addition to the initial deployment to China during World War II, the band's combat history includes a seven-month deployment in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In February 2003, the band returned to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom for a four-month deployment as a perimeter security platoon at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base. They were recently deployed to Afghanistan as part of the addition of troops there.

All members of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band are combat-trained Marines. An annual weapons-qualification process ensures that

Marine musicians are as proficient with weapons as they are with musical instruments.

The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band has performed in concert halls throughout the world, from the Orange County Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa to the Hussein Palace Amphitheatre in Babylon, Iraq. The concert band performs a variety of music, including wind ensemble literature, Broadway show tunes, film scores, classical transcriptions, contemporary concert band music and traditional marches.

In support of music education in schools, the band often provides educational concerts, clinics and workshops at high schools and colleges.

The band's commanding general is Major Gen. Thomas Conant.

New technology simulates potential disasters

■ Sgt. Michael Parino of Downey Police Department learning response plans for potential disasters.

LONG BEACH – Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) and Depiction, Inc. partnered this summer to provide emergency management students with hands-on experience using the latest mapping and simulation technology to prepare for tomorrow's disasters.

CSULB Professor Casey Goeller and Capt. Kim Buike (USN, Ret.) of Depiction, Inc., team taught the special topics course "Depiction Disaster Simulation Software," offered for the first time during the summer session to students in the master's program in emergency services administration. Students learned to use the Depiction mapping, simulation and collaboration software platform to prepare for emergencies and manage disaster response.

The summer course was the first ever to utilize Depiction as a core classroom component.

"When we began our search for a program to simulate emergency management situations, we were looking for something with a visual interface, communications capability, and with powerful yet easy-to-use content analysis and simulation tools," said Goeller. "On top of that, it had to be affordable. We found that Depiction filled all these requirements."

"The goal of the course was not only to teach students how to use the software," said Buike, "but to give them real-life mapping and scenario-building skills that will enable them to better perform many tasks integral to emergency management."

During the course, students used Depiction in such basic tasks as flood simulation, evacuation planning and locating and integrating multiple geospatial imagery and data sources. Students also created interactive, neighborhood-level situational awareness maps; table-top exercises using a search-and-rescue scenario that can be replayed remotely by multiple participants; and disaster education presentations that can be presented

to members of the public and civic leaders in their own communities.

"I would like to see the action plan developed for this scenario lead to the development of other action plans for many of the other risks facing the city of Downey," said Michael Parino, a CSULB student and a sergeant with the Downey Police Department. "By developing response plans for earthquakes, flooding, explosions, etc., we become a more prepared community. The possibilities are really endless with this software. As long as you have data which can be illustrated in a map, whether it is a disaster, crime, or even home preparedness, Depiction can turn the data into a useful and powerful display."

Depiction is desktop software that puts mapping, simulation and collaboration tools in the hands of everyday people. The software will be utilized again during the fall semester as a portion of "Information Literacy for Emergency Services Administration", and the Depiction special topics course will be offered again in the spring semester of 2011.

"As a training tool, I will use Depiction for monthly 'watch' training for briefings regarding crime trends. I will import crime statistics that will assist in identifying specific trends for better resource allocation and patrol response," said Raul Ahumada, a CSULB student with the Seal Beach (Calif.) Police Department. "I already used Depiction in preparation for our 4th of July holiday weekend."

In addition to emergency managers, Depiction can be used by community volunteers, corporations and government agencies to quickly and easily build interactive geospatial scenarios in order to gain new insights into their communities.

For more information about the CSULB Emergency Services Administration (EMER) Program, call (562) 985-7489 or visit the EMER website. To learn more about the Depiction software, visit the website at www.depiction.com.



IMAGE COURTESY CSULB

A screenshot of the Depiction software that law enforcement officials are learning to prepare for future disasters.

Efforts to slow traffic moving too slow for some



HENRY VENERACION

DOWNEY — Council members David Gafin and Mario Guerra didn't exactly take a calm view of things when the status of the city's traffic calming program was presented to the council last week.

The report traced how the city council on May 13, 2008 adopted its neighborhood traffic calming policy addressing residents' concerns about vehicular speed and volume on residential streets. Its champion on the council was Gafin.

A program update presented by staff on March 9, 2010, detailing

some 66 initial calming requests from the public (since whittled down to 45 eligible requests) led to a council directive to prioritize those locations where traffic calming measures were most warranted, to continue with the review of the other requests otherwise, and to begin implementation of the following "Stage I" measures where applicable: 1) at the minimum, the installation of radar-equipped semi-permanent solar-powered vehicle speed feedback signs, 2) deployment of radar speed trailers, 3) traffic enforcement actions (greater police presence), and 4) installation of traffic signage as well as pavement markings where advisable (as reminders to slow down, etc.).

Based on the relevant speed surveys and accident reports on the several indicated locations, the five council members each picked two locations in their districts they deemed in immediate need of calming measures.

These 10 locations were: **District 1:** Dunrobin Avenue (from Washburn Road to Spry Street), and

Donovan Street (from Lakewood Boulevard to Birchdale Avenue); **District 2:** Rives Avenue (from Stewart & Gray Road to Quill Drive), and Old River School Road (from Stewart & Gray Road to Imperial Highway.); **District 3:** Tweedy Lane (from Florence Avenue to Gallatin Road), and 7th Street (from Paramount Boulevard to Smallwood Avenue); **District 4:** Pangborn Avenue (from Firestone Boulevard to Cecilia Street), and Chaney Avenue (from Florence Avenue to Cecilia Street); and **District 5:** Barlin Avenue (from Imperial Highway to Gardendale Street), and Smallwood Avenue (from Imperial Highway to Puritan Street).

Funding for these projects, especially on the speed feedback signs, is covered by an \$180,000 federal grant from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and some \$50,000 from gas tax funds, or even including, in the case of the so-called "Stage II"-qualifying requests (neighborhood consensus through a petition process, etc.) funding by residents themselves.

Stage II measures, according to the department of public works' Edwin Norris, are to be undertaken should some of the Stage I measures fail to accomplish their purpose, among them: speed humps; speed tables; mini roundabouts; curb extensions, chokers and chicanes; and street closures and cul-de-sacs; etc.

But, of course, the whole process has taken time to develop. First, all this has had to be coordinated with Caltrans as well as the federal Transportation Improvement Program; preliminary engineering/engineering documents had to be submitted and approved; and

once the signal for the construction package is given, the authorization request gets forwarded to Caltrans headquarters in Sacramento, then to the federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C., then and only then the authorization to proceed with construction can be issued.

Indications are that dealing with Caltrans nowadays are on a crawl basis, as the agency has had to deal with a heavy work overload and other matters. Thus the earliest Caltrans can come up with the go-ahead to construct will be March of 2011, and a lag time of two to three months before actual construction can begin.

All this notwithstanding, both Gafin and Guerra expressed dissatisfaction at the slow pace of things.

"It took a lot of time for the program to get rolling," said Gafin, "and while more police patrols with traffic radar guns are out there issuing tickets, and while we're waiting for the signs, we need to pick up the pace. The signs are just one part of the whole program."

Guerra agrees, saying, "We need to be more aggressive. We should look at what's best for the city. To do this, we need to think outside the box."

He mentioned the case of Rives Avenue where a center line has served to slow down traffic, the reduced number of accidents when medians are constructed because this controls the flow of traffic, the role such measures as speed humps can play, etc.

Gafin and Guerra both reiterated the great goal of the traffic calming program: "to slow down traffic where it needs slowing, and make streets safer for our residents." This applies to residential, collector, and arterial, etc. streets.

"At this point I'm frustrated," Guerra said. "Like I said, we need to be more aggressive on this, we need to look at more options."

The next program update is scheduled in December.

Police arrest man on child porn charges

DOWNEY — Detectives from the Downey Police Department, working with members of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, arrested 24-year-old Oscar Chavez Solis last week on charges of downloading child pornography.

Detectives served a search warrant at a home on the 13000 block of Cornuta Avenue on Aug. 12 where they found "incriminating evidence," police said Wednesday. Solis was booked for felony possession of child pornography and held on \$60,000 bail.

The arrest was the result of an Internet child exploitation investigation that involved Solis allegedly

using the Internet to download child pornography, detectives said.

In a statement, Downey police officials said they will continue to work with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, "taking every opportunity available to further protect our residents from those that look to victimize children via the Internet."

After his swearing-in as police chief, Rick Esteves said it was "a top priority to protect children against child predators," and created the department's new Hi-Tech Crime Unit to capture child predators.

—Eric Pierce, City Editor

Burglary suspect caught in the act

DOWNEY — Downey police officers were able to interrupt a burglary in progress after a quick-thinking teen dialed 911 to report a break-in at her home.

Officers were dispatched to a home on the 12400 block of Dolan Avenue Tuesday at 7 a.m. after receiving a call from a 16-year-old girl reporting a stranger in the house.

The caller's 14-year-old sister was also in the home, asleep in another room.

The caller stayed on the phone with the 911 dispatcher, providing information on the suspect's appearance and movements.

When officers arrived, the bur-

glar was inside the bedroom and the caller was in the bedroom closet. Officers immediately entered the house and detained the burglar, who was attempting to flee out the back door, police officials said in a statement.

Officers arrested Dwayne Allen Thomas, 26, of Los Angeles on charges of residential burglary. He was booked at the Downey Police Department and is currently being held at the Los Angeles County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Thomas was set to be arraigned Thursday at Downey Superior Court.

—Eric Pierce, City Editor

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Downey schools improve but still below state average, tests show

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The results of the state-designated standard tests administered in May to grades 2-11 students at Downey Unified School District released Monday show steady overall improvement over a four-year period (2007-2010) in English-language arts and math scores, with average English scores for this year just a shade below the state average (49.7 percent vs. 52.3 percent), while math scores were held back by what school officials attributed possibly to the introduction this year of non-traditional instruction methods (a district average achievement level of 42.5 percent vs. average state scores of 48 percent).

These scores refer to proficiency and advanced level standards, goals to which the state has pointed all students to achieve.

The accompanying chart provided by DUSD's Educational Services shows Alameda, Carpenter, and Old River elementaries leading the way in exhibiting strong percentage gains, with Ward, Gallatin, and Rio Hondo gaining moderate-to-strong percentages, while the rest of the elementary schools show modest growth; all four middle schools grew at least 10 percent; while the two high schools are just below the 10 percent gain threshold in the English area.

In math, as explained above, average scores of most of the elementary schools dropped (over the 4-year period), while Alameda (again), West, Unsworth, and Griffiths made great strides, with the rest of the middle schools and the two high schools performed just under 10 percent.

Columbus High School is not

ELA					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	07-10 Change
STATE	43.3	45.7	49.9	52.3	9
DISTRICT	39.8	42.1	47.2	49.7	9.9
ALAMEDA	30.1	39.1	52.7	56.4	26.3
CARPENTER	35.8	38.0	45.3	52.2	16.4
GALLATIN	48.4	47.7	49.8	59.7	11.3
GAULDIN	35.9	40.3	47.2	45.0	9.1
IMPERIAL	56.0	46.7	45.5	56.3	0.3
LEWIS	48.8	50.5	53.2	51.8	3
OLD RIVER	42.2	46.3	55.0	58.5	16.3
PRICE	51.3	49.6	63.4	58.3	7
RIO HONDO	36.8	35.6	47.1	47.0	11
RIO SAN GABRIEL	55.2	55.0	52.5	56.2	1
UNSWORTH	42.4	39.9	54.3	51.0	8.6
WARD	38.5	40.6	49.6	52.8	14.3
WILLIAMS	46.4	44.1	52.5	50.4	4
EAST	45.9	48.9	54.5	56.3	10.4
GRIFFITHS	42.6	48.4	51.8	54.1	11.5
SUSSMAN	32.2	35.5	40.8	42.9	10.7
WEST	39.5	43.2	47.3	50.3	10.8
DOWNEY HIGH	36.1	37.2	41.1	44.0	7.9
WARREN HIGH	38.7	41.0	44.1	47.0	8.3

included in these tests as it is considered an alternative school accountability model (ASAM) school serving high-risk student populations.

A report from the assistant superintendent/instructional services office stresses that student achievement is still the number one district goal, and in order to achieve this, district and school staffs will, among other things, be focusing more sharply on professional development in math, curriculum refinements, instructional delivery, student intervention (as early as possi-

ble), and data analysis.

According to the same source, a "home report" for each student has been prepared by the California Department of Education (CDE) and is being mailed home to the parents, along with an explanation of the individual's STAR test results.

The report also emphasized that, as staff continues to analyze the STAR data, it is "only one piece of data or information out of multiple measures that are used for planning, evaluating programs, and determining instructional change."

MATH					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	07-10 Change
STATE	40.5	42.7	45.0	48	7.5
DISTRICT	37.3	38.1	41.8	42.5	5.2
ALAMEDA	54.9	57.8	67.6	77.1	22.2
CARPENTER	44.8	45.4	42.9	49.9	5.1
GALLATIN	64.6	59.5	58.8	62.4	-2.2
GAULDIN	49.9	48.5	55.2	44.1	-5.8
IMPERIAL	67.4	58.9	63.3	60.8	-6.6
LEWIS	65.6	66.7	62.1	58.3	-7.3
OLD RIVER	43.9	45.7	54.1	51.7	7.8
PRICE	67.0	66.2	73.2	65.5	-0.5
RIO HONDO	45.2	45.8	51.7	43.4	-1.8
RIO SAN GABRIEL	66.2	59.7	62.9	60.2	-6.0
UNSWORTH	46.5	54.4	62.4	61.7	15.2
WARD	62.6	57.8	70.0	68.4	5.8
WILLIAMS	64.9	67.6	66.6	60.6	-4.3
EAST	41.0	42.1	42.8	48.5	7.5
GRIFFITHS	35.6	40.0	47.1	49.0	13.4
SUSSMAN	28.9	32.5	34.0	38.6	9.7
WEST	35.4	41.5	48.6	57.2	21.8
DOWNEY HIGH	16.5	16.4	19.9	23.3	6.8
WARREN HIGH	15.2	15.3	18.4	17.0	1.8



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NFL star ups reward for abandoned horse

DOWNEY – The reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who abandoned a neglected horse on a South Gate street last month has been tripled to \$7,500, thanks to a pledge by NFL star Jared Allen and his manager.

Allen and his manager, Denise White, added \$5,000 total to the reward. That is in addition to the original \$2,500 offered by the Humane Society of the United States.

"At 6' 6" and 270 pounds, three-time Pro Bowl selection Jared Allen is an intimidating force for every quarterback on the field. Off the field, he carries a soft spot for horses in his heart," said Capt. Aaron Reyes, director of operations at SEAACA.

Allen grew up with horses and currently owns two. His father was

a cowboy "back in the day."

"When I heard the story and saw the pictures of this animal, I had to lend my support to any information and conviction of the person who did this heinous crime," Allen said in a statement. "If we don't stop people like this, who will?"

The horse was discovered laying in the gutter on the 5400 block of Gardendale Street in South Gate on July 22. The horse was put down on the recommendation of an equine veterinarian.

SEAACA investigators said they would canvass the neighborhood again and distribute fliers with news of the updated reward.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call SEAACA at (562) 803-3301, ext. 250. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

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Planning for an emergency - Week 15

BY MARK SAUTER,
CITY OF DOWNEY

With summer vacations winding to an end and the concerts at the park nearly complete, it is a good time to get back to our emergency preparedness efforts. This week let's keep our work indoors and limit the work to simple gathering. We likely still have a few weeks of warm weather before the daytime temperatures will decrease to a comfortable level.

Over the last few weeks members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Downey CERT team have been staffing an information booth at the Wednesday concerts at Furman Park. The booth is open from 5-7 p.m., the music starts at 7 p.m. The volunteers have been passing out emergency preparedness literature and talking about emergency preparedness with as many community members as possible.

Please consider stopping by, picking up some of the important information and saying hello. The last concert will be on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

The volunteers have also been encouraging everyone to visit the city website so they can 'opt-in' to the new emergency notification system (www.downeyca.org). It only takes a few minutes to supply your cell phone number and your e-mail address. The information you provide for the emergency notification system may really help when the system is activated. Downey business owners and employees may also want to 'opt-in' and include their workplace address.

Keeping with the theme of easy and cool work, let's work on gathering a change of clothes for use after an emergency. Since we know earthquakes can occur at any time, it is appropriate to have a set of clothes we can take with us (or use)

immediately.

This change of clothes doesn't have to be anything special or stylish. To the contrary, the clothes should be useful and comfortable. Include the predictable accessories like under-clothes, jacket, hat and sturdy shoes, as well.

Package the clothes in some type of bag or backpack. Plastic grocery bags may be readily available but they are not as useful.

Remember, supplies will be difficult to find after an emergency. You may be forced to use everything you have prepared for an emergency (in many ways) until you have access to all of your possessions. A heavy-duty cloth bag or backpack has a myriad of uses.

Be sure to stage a flashlight with your change of clothes. This action will ensure you have most everything you will need, immediately after an earthquake, in one place. Don't forget the flashlight batteries and keep some extras.

While on the subject of batteries, have you remembered to purchase an extra set of batteries for all of your emergency preparedness devices? Many suggest it is best to standardize your flashlights and radios so they all use the same size batteries. In theory, this is a great idea. However, radios and flashlights may not always use the same size batteries. A hand-crank radio with a flashlight attachment is another way to be prepared.

I tried to switch over from my Blackberry last week to one of the new touch-screen phones. It didn't work for me. I found my fingers could not get used to typing on a screen versus a keyboard. Worse yet, I learned my data would not easily transfer to the new device. Losing my contacts and having to spend the hours required to replicate them was something I didn't look forward to doing.

Saving your electronic infor-

Water barrels to be given away

DOWNEY - Residents are invited to pick up a free food-grade plastic barrel next week that is ideal for storing emergency water.

The giveaway will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 28 outside City Hall, in the parking lot just west of the Downey Police Department. Residents are asked not to begin lining up earlier than 8:30 a.m.

The barrels vary in size from 25-55 gallons. Each barrel will be clean and come with an instruction label with detailed information on how to store water. Additional accessories will be available for sale.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company donated the barrels. Experts recommend storing 3-7 gallons of water per person (plus pets) in the event of an emergency when fresh water may be unavailable.

The giveaway will be conducted in a drive-through format. At a similar giveaway earlier this year, more than 500 barrels were distributed.

The giveaway is being organized by the Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee and Downey Community Emergency Response Team.

For more information, e-mail ready@downeyca.org.

mation may be critical to your recovery after an emergency. Determine if it is possible to back-up the 'contacts' on your phone. Consider backing-up your medical information and your prescriptions too. The importance of maintaining a paper copy of your household documents has been mentioned previously in this column. You may also want to make a digital recording of your valuables and storing it on the same thumb-drive used for your records.

We plan to distribute emer-

gency water barrels at the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. until noon. Various water storage accessories like pumps and handles will be available for purchase as well.

Stay safe and prepare yourself and your family for the predictable emergencies we may experience in our community.

Questions or comments should be directed to ready@downeyca.org. Mark Sauter is a deputy city manager for the city of Downey, in charge of emergency preparedness.

Golfers invited to tournament

DOWNEY - The 13th annual Downey Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic will take place Sept. 13 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club with partial proceeds benefiting the Downey Police and Firefighters Association.

Foursomes are \$560 and include lunch, dinner and 20 raffle tickets. Cost for an individual player is \$140 and includes lunch, dinner and five raffle tickets.

All players receive 18 holes of golf with use of a cart, gift bag, and raffle opportunities.

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

All golfers are invited. To participate, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.



Chuck and Gerry Gugliuzza celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July with a family weekend at the Hyatt Resort and Spa hotel in Huntington Beach. They were married at St. Emydius Church in Lynwood in 1960. After moving to Downey they had four children, Frank, Jo Ann, Sara and Charlie. They have nine grandchildren, the youngest of which is 9 months old. Chuck has been a member of the Downey Board of Realtors for the past 48 years. He is presently associated with Red Carpet Heritage Realty and is broker/owner of TrustEase Property Management Company in Downey.

TEACHER: Learning a craft he loves.

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the student was having trouble in his other classes because the teachers did not want to deal with this "problem child."

After their talk, Trapani brought the student to the wood shop library and asked the student to choose a project and that he would help the student build it. The student proclaimed he could not do any project because those were too hard and if he did see one that he liked, he lacked the funding for the materials. Once Trapani told him not to be concerned about the money, he became more enthused and decided to make his mother a jewel box.

As they started the project he was very dependent on Trapani to help him through all the steps, which was understandable. As time passed he grew into more of an independent thinker. By the third week he would proudly show Trapani the forward progress he achieved on his own in the time Trapani was not there to help him. At the end, the boy was off to the races and a leader to the other students.

This incident is a testament to his excellent quality as a teacher -

even as an intern, he already took extra interest in a student who was facing difficulty at school, challenged and guided the student on the right path, paying all of the costs out of his own pocket.

So far his experience in the CTE Teacher TRAC at Cerritos College has been outstanding.

"What makes the whole experience amazing is along with the fact I am learning what I LOVE is the family bond shared between all 500 students and our staff of highly experienced and dedicated teachers, aids and maintenance crew," said Trapani.

Trapani is currently studying at California State University, Los Angeles, to earn his teaching credential while improving his skills by taking wood courses at Cerritos College and working in a cabinet shop. Once he receives his bachelor's degree he would like to eventually run his own cabinet shop and teach at a high school or college.

The selfless aspiring teacher is well on his way to carving his path toward these goals. He has what it takes to make a difference in others' life as a teacher and he knows how rewarding it is.

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ACLU says recording police is not illegal

Responding to a series of incidents in which individuals in four counties in Illinois have been charged with violating Illinois' eavesdropping law for making audio recordings of public conversations with police, the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois on Thursday asked a federal court to rule that the First Amendment bans such prosecutions.

The ACLU lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Chicago, argues that individuals (and organizations such as the ACLU) may make audio (and video) recordings of police who are performing their public duties in a public place and speaking in a voice loud enough to be heard by the unassisted human ear.

The case is of particular import because the law is being used to arrest and prosecute those who want to monitor police activity in order to deter or detect any police misconduct. In Champaign a few years ago, for example, a group of community activists attempting to document police practices in predominantly African American neighborhoods were charged with violating the Illinois eavesdropping law when they filmed and recorded police interactions with citizens in the public way. (The charges were dropped only after the installation of a new state's attorney.) In Chicago, State's Attorney Anita Alvarez currently is prosecuting an individual for violating the eavesdropping statute by recording police officers.

Illinois' eavesdropping law criminalizes the recording of certain non-private conversations, one of a small handful of states that does so. Similar prosecutions have occurred in other states, including Massachusetts and Maryland. Yet even as the Illinois law criminalizes civilians who audio record police, the law allows police to audio record civilians during traffic stops and in other situations.

The ACLU recently felt the limitation of this law. The media reported that Chicago police were conducting random searches of bags and backpacks of individuals who were passing by Chicago beaches on the pathway that runs adjacent to the beach and Lake Shore Drive. When the ACLU investigated, it could not use widely available audio/video recording devices — like the smart phones carried by millions of Americans — to document police activity and conversations, because doing so would risk

arrest or prosecution.

"There is a lot of talk about the need for more transparency in government — we should demand that transparency from the police," said Harvey Grossman, Legal Director for the ACLU of Illinois. "Organizations and individuals should not be threatened with prosecution and jail time simply for monitoring the activities of police in public, having conversations in a public place at normal volume of conversation."

"Illinois' eavesdropping law does not permit individuals or groups such as ours to gather critical information about police activities — information that we share with our members, policy makers and the general public," Grossman added.

The lawsuit was filed against Anita Alvarez as the State's Attorney of Cook County. She is sued in her official capacity as a prosecutor charged with enforcing the law. The ACLU of Illinois argues that the law infringes on the First Amendment right of individuals and organizations to gather information about the police, to share such information with the public, and to use such information to petition government for redress of grievances or policy changes.

The ACLU seeks a court declaration and injunction against the application of Illinois' eavesdropping law to allow audio recording of police performing their public duties in a public place while speaking in a voice audible to the unassisted ear.

"It is not acceptable that an organization such as the ACLU of Illinois is threatened with prison time for conducting legitimate investigations into police action in Illinois," said Adam Schwartz, Senior Staff Counsel for the ACLU of Illinois. "We should not be forced to choose between fulfilling our mission and risking prison time for staff members."

"If this law stays in force, it will remain difficult for many citizens in Illinois to monitor and seek reform of police practices," added Richard O'Brien, a lawyer with the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP who is cooperating with the ACLU on this case. "It is time to change this law and let transparency shine into the practices of our law enforcement agencies." Contributed by the ACLU of Illinois.



CORRECTIONS

In last week's story, "Downey Brings Back Vose as Interim City Attorney," the article mistakenly stated that the contract for interim city attorney Charles Vose was retroactive to July 1. That was incorrect. The contract was retroactive to August 1 of this year. We apologize for the error.

Letters to the Editor:

Rational approach to narcotics

Dear Editor:

Elsa has done it again! She's succeeded in putting together folktales and false statistics into a platform of ultra-conservative political nonsense that rivals the brainless utterances of the likes of Sarah Palin's tea-sippers. ("Truth About Drugs," Letters to the Editor, 8/12/10)

First, the war on drugs, like the war on alcohol in the 1920s, has been a complete failure.

Second, addictiveness is decided by brain chemistry, the study of which at UCLA has determined that about 10% of the population possesses the neurological proclivity for addiction. For this, it matters little what intoxicating substance they consume, nor does it matter how much. There are no "gateway" drugs for the 10% of those whose particular neurochemistry has predetermined their penchant for addiction.

Third, our government has spent billions protecting 90% of the population for whom "illegal" drugs will never be a problem.

Now let's take a rational approach to the issue. If we legalize and control substances that are now illegal, we immediately eliminate the criminal element. Drug cartels throughout the world will have to find other means of financing their nefarious, terrorist activities. If we then spend a fraction of the cost of our present war on drugs on education, rehabilitation, and regulation of narcotics in the same way we regulate alcohol, we just might be able to help the 10% who will need our support to win their personal battles with their own narcotic demons.

While closed, frightened and irrational minds like Ms. Van Leuven continue to prevail over the fears of the populace, our society will never know the enlightenment that the exercise of true rationality can bring to the resolution of one of our most deadly social problems.

-- Michael Parmer,
Fountain Valley

Missing safety pads

Dear Editor:

Regarding the front page photo on the Aug. 5 edition of *The Downey Patriot*: the skateboarder in question was pictured doing an aerial trick without benefit of pads, gloves and helmet.

What kind of message does this send to younger novice skateboarders? -- Tony Tinajero,
Downey

Changing face of trash diggers

Dear Editor:

In reading the Editor's Note for the letter regarding trash diggers (Letters to the Editor, 8/12/10), I would like to inform your readers that twice I have contacted the Downey Police Department to report raiders, but was told nothing could be done about it after the person has left the area.

I provided license numbers and descriptions, but was told nothing could be done unless they were caught in the act. Very unlikely since police cannot arrive before the raiders continue on their way.

Trash-digging has become a regular practice, and I don't see the same persons twice. Competition is great; many small tucks have outdone the small plastic bag-picker on foot or bicycles. I have seen everything from business-marked "scrap trucks" to individuals in their own vehicles. Once, two young women in an SUV parked and canvassed our neighborhood north of Firestone Boulevard. One man in a van threatened me when I told him "that's illegal." He said if I did anything about it, he "knew where I lived."

They raid from the evening before pickup to the early hours of the next day, and later. Often two or three different vehicles pass through the same area in one day.

I have tried to put the blue barrel out as late as possible, but pickup is often late in the afternoon. I don't mind helping out someone who is destitute, but most diggers I see nowadays are "pros." The "little guy" is no longer the raider I see. Must be the economy.

I was once told that the recycle barrel helps keep our trash pickup costs down, so I suppose this lost business is going to eventually cause an increase in our rates. Then, I guess I might have to start selling my own trash!

-- William Rios,
Downey

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Chocolate linked to lower risks of heart failure

Middle-aged and elderly Swedish women who regularly ate a small amount of chocolate had lower risks of heart failure risks, in a study reported in *Circulation: Heart Failure*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

The nine-year study, conducted among 31,823 middle-aged and elderly Swedish women, looked at the relationship of the amount of high-quality chocolate the women ate, compared to their risk for heart failure. The quality of chocolate consumed by the women had a higher density cocoa content somewhat like dark chocolate by American standards. In this study, researchers found:

* Women who ate an average of one to two servings of the high-quality chocolate per week had a 32 percent lower risk of developing heart failure.

* Those who had one to three servings per month had a 26 percent lower risk.

* Those who consumed at least one serving daily or more didn't appear to benefit from a protective effect against heart failure.

The lack of a protective effect among women eating chocolate every day is probably due to the additional calories gained from eating chocolate instead of more nutritious foods, said Murray Mittleman, M.D., Dr.P.H., lead researcher of the study.

"You can't ignore that chocolate is a relatively calorie-dense food and large amounts of habitual consumption is going to raise your risks for weight gain," said Mittleman, director of the Cardiovascular Epidemiology Research Unit at Harvard Medical School's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. "But if you're going to have a treat, dark chocolate is probably a good choice, as long as it's in moderation."

High concentration of compounds called "flavonoids" in chocolate may lower blood pressure, among other benefits, according to mostly short-term studies. However, this is the first study to show long-term outcomes related specifically to heart failure, which can result from ongoing untreated high blood pressure.

In the observational study, researchers analyzed self-reported food-frequency questionnaire responses from participants 48-to-83-years-old in the Swedish Mammography Cohort. Combining the results with data from

national Swedish hospitalization and death registries between 1998 through 2006, the researchers used multiple forms of statistical modeling to reach their conclusions on heart failure and chocolate consumption.

Mittleman said differences in chocolate quality affect the study's implications for Americans. Higher cocoa content is associated with greater heart benefits. In Sweden, even milk chocolate has a higher cocoa concentration than dark chocolate sold in the United States.

Although 90 percent of all chocolate eaten across Sweden during the study period was milk chocolate, it contained about 30 percent cocoa solids. U.S. standards only require 15 percent cocoa solids to qualify as dark chocolate. So, by comparison, American chocolate may have fewer heart benefits and more calories and fat per equivalent amounts of cocoa content compared to the chocolate eaten by the Swedish women in the study.

Also, the average serving size for Swedish women in the study ranged from 19 grams among those 62 and older, to 30 grams among those 61 and younger. In contrast, the standard American portion size is 20 grams.

"Those tempted to use these data as their rationale for eating large amounts of chocolate or engaging in more frequent chocolate consumption are not interpreting this study appropriately," said Linda Van Horn, Ph.D., R.D., immediate past chair of the American Heart Association Nutrition Committee and professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. "This is not an 'eat all you want' take-home message, rather it's that eating a little dark chocolate can be healthful, as long as other adverse behaviors do not occur, such as weight gain or excessive intake of non-nutrient dense 'empty' calories."

Heart failure occurs among about 1 percent of Americans over age 65. A condition in which the heart can't pump enough blood to the rest of the body, heart failure rates are increasing as our aging population grows.

"Anything that helps to decrease heart failure is an important issue worth examining," Mittleman said.

Contributed by the American Heart Association.

New \$1 presidential coin hits circulation

Beginning Aug. 19, the nation will see Presidential \$1 coins bearing the image of James Buchanan, the nation's 15th President.

To commemorate the release of the new coin, the United States Mint hosted a launch ceremony on the grounds of Wheatland, Buchanan's beloved home, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony included commentary on Buchanan's legacy from Donald Walters, Emeritus Professor of Educational Administration at Temple University. Following the ceremony, children 18 years old and younger received a James Buchanan Presidential \$1 Coin, and adults exchanged their currency for 25-coin rolls of the new coin.

Buchanan, the 15th U.S. President, was born on April 23, 1791,

near Mercersburg, Pa. He was the oldest of 11 children.

After graduating from college, Buchanan studied law and began a successful law career in 1812. During the War of 1812, he helped defend Baltimore against British attack. Buchanan, a gifted orator, became a state legislator, and later served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, and as U.S. minister to Russia.

In 1845, he became President James K. Polk's secretary of state. His later service abroad as U.S. minister to Great Britain helped insulate him from the growing domestic controversy over slavery, which was reaching a crescendo by 1856, helping him secure the Democratic Party's nomination for President.

Two days after Buchanan was inaugurated, the U.S. Supreme Court issued the controversial Dred Scott decision, which effectively legalized slavery in all U.S. territories. The decision was another factor that propelled the nation toward civil war.

Buchanan served one term in office, from 1857 to 1861. He then retired to his Pennsylvania home, Wheatland, where he died on June 1, 1868.

The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-145) directs the United States Mint to issue four \$1 coins each year to honor our nation's Presidents in the order they served in office. The James Buchanan Presidential \$1 Coin is the 15th release in the Presidential \$1 Coin Program.

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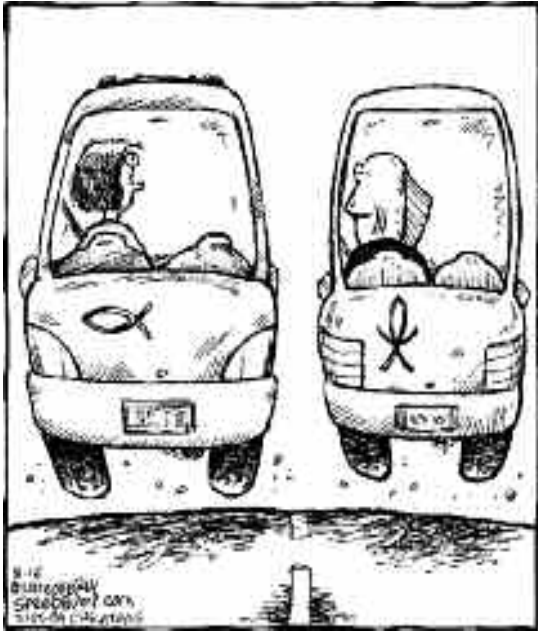
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

- Tues. Aug. 24: 'How to Market in a Tough Economy,' Bob's Big Boy, 7:30 a.m.
- Wed. Aug. 25: **Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band concert**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Aug. 26: **Ribbon-cutting**, Love, Peace & Happiness Church, 12:30 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 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.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post#270**, at Los Amigos C. C., for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
- 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 Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.
- 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-Bear 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.
- 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 The Palms, 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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- Aug. 19, 1929:** The comedy "Amos 'n' Andy" made its network radio debut on NBC.
- 1934:** Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler as Fuhrer.
- 1976:** President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination.
- 1994:** President Bill Clinton halted the nation's open-door policy for Cuban refugees.
- 2004:** Google, the Internet search engine, went public.
- Birthdays:** President Bill Clinton (64), actress Kyra Sedwick (45), Tipper Gore (62), actor Peter Gallagher (55), former baseball player Ron Darling (50), actor John Stamos (47), singer Nate Dogg (41), actor Matthew Perry (41), country singer Clay Walker (41) and rapper Fat Joe (40).

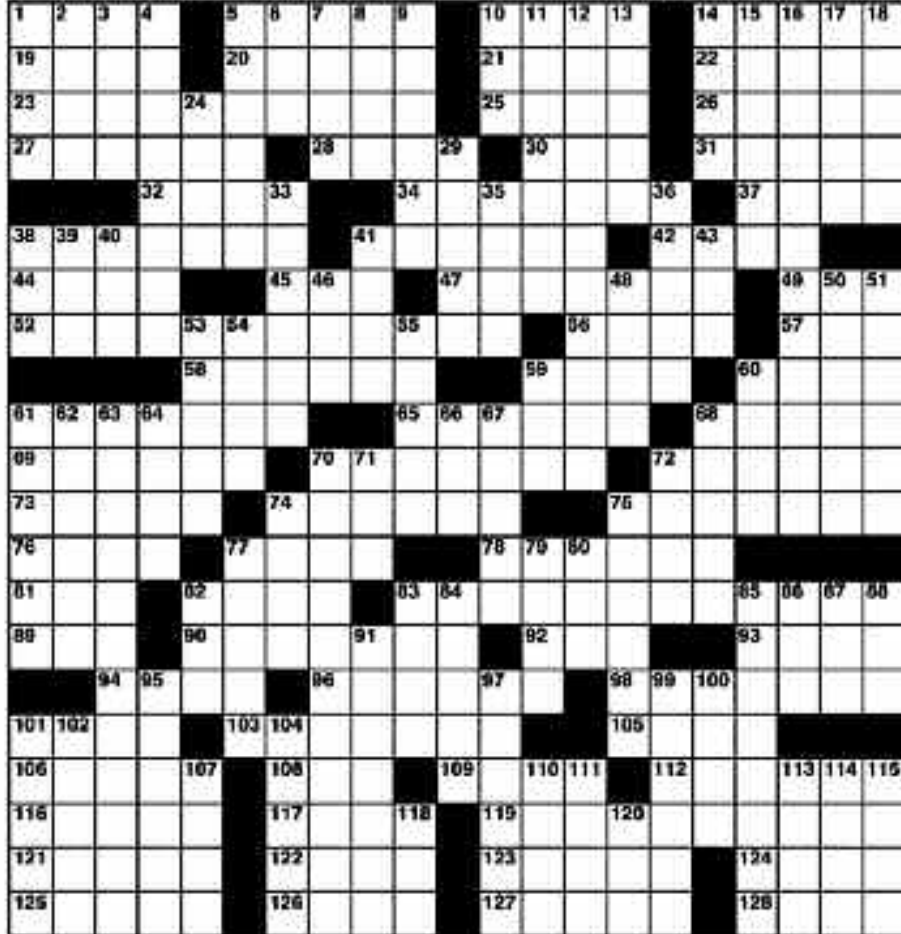
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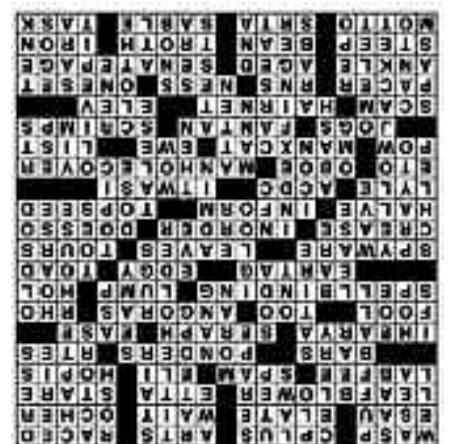
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Downey High using social networking to connect with students

By GABRIELA COYA, INTERN

DOWNEY – To kick off the new school year and inform more students about current events at school, Downey High School has started using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr.

Although social networking has been popular for several years now, this is the first time Downey High School has used it to connect to students and provide a more accessible form of interaction.

The idea was created a few months ago by senior John Franco, Associated Student Body Commissioner of Publicity. When appointed to his job, he wanted to figure out a way to reach students more easily about school news and attract teenagers.

"I knew there had to be a way to target students and get them to know what's going on at school," said Franco. "I knew everyone was on Facebook and that a lot of people were blogging [on Tumblr] so why not be there when everyone else is?"

Before, the students relied on the school website and morning announcements for upcoming events; however, this was sometimes troublesome considering many students do not make it a habit to check the school website and because classrooms may be too loud to hear announcements on a speaker.

"Not everyone listens to the announcements because sometimes you can hear, but you can't listen," said Franco. "This is different



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because kids go on Facebook and it's easier for them to see what's going on."

Ever since the introduction of the new websites a few months ago, there has been a strong response from the student body. There are already close to 350 members in the "Downey High School" Facebook group and the "following" base on Tumblr and Twitter is growing.

"The response has been great," said Franco. "Of course, there have been a few problems, but it is working really well and way better

than I expected."

One of the many benefits of the Facebook group is that it allows for interaction between ASB and the rest of the student body who may have questions about this year's registration, class schedules, and even construction of the cafeteria.

To learn more about Downey High school's use of social networking and see regular updates, be sure to check out twitter.com/DowneyHigh, downey-highschool.tumblr.com, and the "Downey High School" Facebook group.

For some, a private school's cost is invaluable

By JOSEPH APODACA, INTERN

Nothing is harder for first-time college students than to find a school where they feel comfortable enough to call it their home. For some however, a strong Christian background, a family history, and an appreciation for the simple things can turn any experience into a great one.

Those were the key ingredients behind Downey High School class of 2009 graduate Joey Hocking and his successful first year at Biola University, a private Christian school right on the border of Los Angeles and Orange counties. While he understands private schools are generally on the expensive side of the tuition spectrum when it comes to choosing a school, every bit of it was worth it for Hocking's freshman year.

"Private schools are more expensive, but it's an irreplaceable life experience. Each year is a unique, dynamic adventure and I didn't want to miss out of any of it. Biola is also a heavily Christian campus, which is a big part of my life and something I would've missed out on if I would've gone to a UC or Cal State," said Hocking.

In addition to facilitating his Christian background, Biola provided a professor-to-student ratio that many schools with high enrollment numbers cannot achieve. With the smaller class sizes available to the students, it was easy for the professors to become involved and apart of their student's lives, something Hocking greatly appreciated. Not only has becoming friendly with professors helped Joey ease into life at Biola, having a family history at the school hasn't been so bad for him either.

"My Mom works as the on campus physician, both of my brothers attended Biola, and a few members of my extended family have written books for the school, or are involved



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through various other outlets. Needless to say, I've had few professors who haven't recognized my name," said Hocking. "People don't judge you on your background, they evaluate you for you. I am not my mother, my uncle, my brothers; College is my chance to show the world that I am my own, unique person."

Dorming the first year of college can be hard for anyone. Being away from your home and transferring into a small space with someone you hardly know can be a lot to handle that first year of school. Luckily for Joey, that was never an issue.

"It's terrifying for about... six

minutes. Then you get over it and you start to enjoy the start of a new phase of your life," said Hocking.

While Joey's first year at a private school went exceptionally well for him, not every student is the same and cautions future attendees to make smart moves fast.

"Don't expect things to happen for you. Be assertive, know what you want out of your 4 years, then go get it. All the clichés about college are true. Advice like 'do everything in moderation', 'try new things', 'appreciate the small things' sound so dumb, but when you live it, it becomes invaluable."

Summer fun? What's that?

By DEBORAH WON, INTERN

After three hard years of high school, students finally get a break, can relax, and enjoy their last summer as high schoolers before they break out into the real world. What can students possibly have to worry about during this summer?

"My summer is really busy, because I have to read seven books, do 11 study guides, track hurricanes, do AP environmental questions, and keep up with volleyball practice all while still having a normal teenage fun summer," said Heather Adamson. "But I won't regret it because it will ensure that I get into a good college."

For students like Adamson, summer of senior can be quite contrary to the ideal image of what a fun summer should be, and it's not all fun and games. In fact, this may be one of the most stressful summers for many college-bound students.

"This summer has been very hectic for me. AP summer work and SAT work have taken away lots of what used to be 'summer fun'," said Lizette Garcia. "I plan to retake my SATs and achieve my personal best, and above that I plan to finish my high school career strong. Although it might all seem overwhelming the feeling of accomplishment one achieves is great. It is also amazing to see that you are leaving a mark in your high school and community as you move on to college."

Months from now, the summer nights spent in books and paperwork will seem miniscule, compared to those letters of acceptance that will (hopefully) come in the mail.

But seniors, that day is not quite here yet, so get your head on straight and get ready, because 'college-app frenzy time' is just around the corner, and you definitely want to be prepared before you enter that warzone.

Although tediously repeated, the advice of many nebulous voices on college websites, teachers, and mentors to shy away from 'senioritis' is ringing close to home for these rising seniors. By the fourth year of high school, students are exhausted and drained, but the race isn't over yet, and understanding this concept is half the battle.

"Being the summer between junior and senior years when college is really the biggest thing on my mind doesn't make it easy or fun," said Esteban Garcia, a soon-to-be senior at Warren. "A lot of times we sacrifice other plans for a summer assignment or SAT studying. But ultimately I know that the sacrifices now will help me out on my path to college and beyond."

But not everyone has the motivation of Garcia, and it is quite normal for the summer laziness to overcome students from starting the dreaded process of college applications. To help those struggling seniors, here are some tidbits of advice collected from college application workshops, advice from counselors, and even from victims of the tempting senioritis plague:

First off, stay organized! This advice may be shrugged off time after time, but when the deadlines for a million and one things pile on after another, not only for college applications but for financial aid, scholarships, and everything else life seems to throw your way this year, getting organized is the best time-saver, not to mention life-saver.

Secondly, start researching and compiling that list of 'colleges to be applied to' as soon as possible. Whether they are local, out of state, public, private, or community, establishing that list early on will allow you to move forward in the process. Once the list is set, you can continue to figure out all the requirements, application deadlines, supplements, campus visits, etc., and then refer back to last piece of advice and record and file any and all information.

Third, whatever you do, do not procrastinate with those personal statements. Get started now! By the time school comes around, there will come a flurry of stressed out seniors trying to finish their essays and get them revised and edited by teachers, all at once at that, but wouldn't it be nice to already be ahead of the game?

Lastly, don't forget to take a deep breath and relax. This does not mean throw all your college papers out the window and give up, but a break once in a while will help clear all the accumulated stress to help you refocus and reenergize.

Students stay productive thanks to JSA

By GABRIELA COYA AND JENNIFER CHO, INTERNS

DOWNEY – Downey seniors Brandon Pineda and Sarah Menendez have not lost their political savvy during the summer break as they attended programs for Junior State of America (JSA), a student organization that endorses political awareness.

Pineda, chief-of-staff of the school's JSA chapter, recently spent more than three weeks in Washington, D.C., at Georgetown University for JSA Summer School. Pineda says he chose to attend this program over the ones also held at Stanford and Princeton for a variety of reasons.

"I picked Georgetown mainly because it was on the East Coast and in Washington, D.C.," he said. "What makes the Georgetown program different to me is that it had the Speaker's Program in which influential political figures spoke to the students in the program."

In his three-week experience thousands of miles away from home, Pineda took a challenging college-level course and said he feels he is a little bit more prepared for what awaits him in college.

"I got a taste of the college experience and took an Advanced Placement Government course taught by a professor," he said.

Another JSA program for high school students, Menendez attended the Gene Burd Institute on Media and Politics at UCLA on Aug. 9-12

to learn how journalism and politics intermingle.

Menendez, Vice President of her school's JSA chapter, has participated in Fall and Spring State conventions and debates at school and says that in the program she learned how politics and the media must coexist in today's society.

"[The institute] focused on politics and journalism and how the two worlds coincide," she said. "I see in my future working in the media, being a political analyst, writing about politics or even politics itself. We should learn how to rid ourselves of bias and how to sort that from opinion."

Menendez is also the editor-in-chief of The Downey Legend, Downey High School's online newspaper, and hopes these experiences will aid her in the future.

"Ultimately, this will help me get more experience in what I want to do later in my life, because you can't go anywhere without prior knowledge," she said. "This will prepare me for the real world and open my eyes to what's out there beyond what I already cover."

Although JSA summer programs offer an opportunity to intellectually stimulate its participants, most importantly, they allow students from different cities and states to collaborate and bond, Pineda said.

"JSA summer programs exemplify how the club is like a giant family," he said. "The people you meet are people you can relate to by sharing the same passions and having similar mindsets."

Oscar Wilde comedy will open theater season

LA MIRADA – Phantom Projects Theatre Group has announced its 2010-11 season at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, which begins Oct. 21 with “The Importance of Being Earnest.”

Directed by Janet Miller, “The Importance of Being Earnest” is Oscar Wilde’s satire about manners and morals, in which outrageously frivolous characters move through intricate twists and turns while they carry on sparkling conversations about life and love.

Wilde’s wit and sarcasm are on display as he skewers the Victorian English upper class and charms everyone else.

“The Giver” opens Feb. 24 and is based on the Newbery Award-winning novel by Lois Lowry. In “The Giver,” young Jonas’ world is perfect. Everything is under control and safe, and every person is assigned a role in the community.

But when Jonas turns 12, he is chosen for special training from “the giver” – to receive and keep the memories of the community. The giver is the only person who holds the memories of real pain and joy, and now Jonas will learn the truth about life – and the hypocrisy of the utopian world.



“Through These Eyes,” which opens May 5, follows the lives of a group of teens struggling to live up to the standards set by society, the media, their friends and the vision they see of themselves.

The annual Young Artist Project kicks off Aug. 7, with 10 strangers together with just 14 days to create, produce and present an evening of original theater, music, dance, film and more.

Each production is performed at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning performances are \$6 and evening show tickets are \$22. Student discounts are available for evening shows.

Season subscriptions and single tickets are on sale now by calling the La Mirada Theatre box office at (714) 994-6310.

Rising musicians headline OC jazz concert series

COSTA MESA – Sara Gazarek and Sachal Vasandani, two of today’s brightest young jazz artists, will debut the 2010-11 jazz series at the Orange County Performing Arts Center with two joint concerts Sept. 24-25 in the Samueli Theater.

Tickets are \$49 and go on sale Sunday at www.ocpac.org or by calling (714-556-2787).

Gazarek

Born and raised in Seattle, Gazarek grew up without much exposure to jazz. Her preliminary jazz education started during high school and, as a senior, she was awarded the first Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation Outstanding Jazz Vocalist Award at the Essentially Ellington Festival in New York.

She studied at the Thornton School of Music at USC, and in 2003 was awarded the Downbeat Student Music Award for Best Collegiate Vocalist. Shortly after the publication hit the press, she was asked to perform with Oleta Adams, Karrin Allyson and Diane Schuur as the “as yet undiscovered talent” on the Concord Jazz Festival Tour. Simultaneously, Gazarek joined Barry Manilow, Allyson and Schuur as a Stiletto Entertainment (management) client and was soon being booked by the

industry giant William Morris.

John Clayton, a mentor and teacher at USC, produced her first album, “Yours,” in 2005 and insisted she develop the arrangements herself with the band she’d been performing with. “Yours” ranked in the Top 10 on the Billboard Traditional Jazz Charts, Top 10 on the iTunes top Jazz Album Downloads, and No. 4 on the HMV (Japan) chart.

Gazarek followed that up with her sophomore effort, “Return to You.”

Vasandani

Vasandani’s sophomore CD, “We Move,” on Mack Avenue Records was produced with a team of top-flight studio sages. The album finds Vasandani (who also serves as a producer) maturing as songwriter, tune stylist and band-leader in the wake of his breakout 2007 debut, “Eyes Wide Open.”

Vasandani was born in Chicago and grew up in a household where all kinds of music was appreciated. In pursuing his love for music at the University of Michigan, he began to be recognized as a talent of the future, most notably by Downbeat magazine, which awarded him Collegiate Jazz Vocalist of the Year in 1999.

After moving to New York, Vasandani quickly became a part of the jazz scene, and made a musical home in storied clubs like the Zinc Bar. He toured extensively in support of “Eyes Wide Open” and opened for such disparate artists from jazz trumpeter Chris Botti to pop singer Joan Osborne.

On “We Move,” Vasandani has ample support from his trio comprised of pianist Jeb Patton, bassist David Wong and drummer Quincy Davis, which have worked together as a group since 2001. Two band members contributed songs to “We



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Sara Gazarek, a rising jazz star pictured above, will perform with Sachal Vasandani at the Samueli Theater next month. Tickets go on sale Sunday.

Move,” including Patton’s “Horizons” that is paired with the romping, upswing “Once in a While,” and Davis composed the music on “Ring Road (Back to You).”

In addition to his originals, Vasandani puts his spin on songs from the jazz songbook and canon, including Rogers & Hart’s “There’s a Small Hotel.”

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If A-Rod gets in the Hall, so should Manny



SCOTT COBOS

Yeah, he's at No. 604 now. So many Yankee fans are coming out of the woodwork...yet again. I remember sitting at Dodger Stadium when the Dodgers were playing the Yankees and watching those fans come out of nowhere when Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton blew the save that could have given Los Angeles a series victory.

But that was months ago and now everyone is focused on Alex Rodriguez and his pursuit of the all time homerun record. He's a great player, no doubt, but someone said to me the other day that A-Rod gets in to the Hall of Fame but Manny Ramirez doesn't.

Don't insult me. You're trying to tell me that A-Rod gets in but Manny doesn't? Three reasons why Manny gets in if A-Rod gets in includes statistics, image, and steroids.

Let's break down what Manny has done statistically compared to A-Rod. Keep in mind these are all career numbers (as of Thursday night). Here are Manny's and A-Rod's career numbers in direct comparison:

Manny Ramirez (18 seasons): .313 avg., 554 homeruns, 1827 RBIs, .411 OBP, 1,000 OPS

Alex Rodriguez (17 seasons): .303 avg., 604 homeruns, 1803 RBIs, .387 OBP, .958 OPS

Looking straight across the line, one can argue that Manny is a much better all around hitter than A-Rod. Yes, A-Rod had more power but Manny has driven in more runs, has a better on-base percentage, better OPS, and a better overall batting average.

But let's compare Manny to other Hall of Fame left fielders. Manny has a better batting average than nine other HOF left fielders including the great Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Rickey Henderson, Lou Brock and Willie Stargell.

Manny also has more RBIs than 16 other HOF left fielders including Ralph Kiner, Goose Goslin, Billy Williams, and will most likely have more at the end of his career than, wait for it, Ted Williams.

And finally, Manny when he retires will have more homeruns than any other HOF left fielder all

time.

There really isn't much argument when it comes to A-Rod being one of the greatest hitting third basemen (even though he spent a good majority of his career playing shortstop but that list isn't even worth mentioning).

A-Rod will have more homeruns and RBIs than any other third baseman in the HOF if he were to retire today. His .303 average would also be better than four HOF third basemen including Jimmy Collins, Brooks Robinson, and the great Mike Schmidt.

Yes, steroids were a big part of this era and both either admitted or had been caught using them, but to counteract that, let's talk about former Arizona Diamondback Jason Grimsley.

Why is he important? He's a pitcher. Now let's talk about Roger Clemens. Let's also talk about Edinson Volquez of the Reds. Let's talk about JC Romero of the Phillies. Let's talk about Eric Gagne while he was with the Dodgers. Why are they important? They're all pitchers.

My point is that they used steroids too, allegedly, and essentially leveled the playing field. This is the Steroid Era that is coming to an end. An era is not defined by the hitters only. Pitchers were included too.

Now this is all fine and dandy, but lets not also forget that not one player that has been implicated with steroids has gotten in to the HOF. Until that happens, neither A-Rod nor Manny gets in.

But character does count in some aspects. A-Rod is a cold, robotic, member according to all those who don't live, breathe and bleed Yankees pinstripes. Manny is a character that can be seen as hilarious or idiotic who has stopped talking to the media all together.

They're both loathed by the media nowadays, but some of the most hated players have gotten in to the hall. Think about Ty Cobb. Scruff, dirty, mean, yet he was one of the best players of all time. If he gets in, why can't A-Rod or Manny get in?

Whether they get it or not, there's no reason that if one gets in, the other doesn't.

High school football starting early

■ CIF releases football schedule; Downey and Warren will meet Nov. 11

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Last time we saw Warren football on the field, they were losing in the second round of the CIF playoffs for the second year in a row after winning the San Gabriel Valley League championship.

Downey was last seen losing in a blow out 49-14 loss to the Bears on the road ending any chance of slipping quietly into the CIF playoff picture.

Over the summer many things changed, including head coaches

for both programs.

Downey's former head coach Will Capps retired and road off into the sunset leaving the program in the hands of Jack Williams, a coach that was already on staff.

Warren's former head coach Chris Benadom stepped down citing he wanted to spend more time with his family even though he had only been the head coach of the program for two seasons, bringing championships to the school both years. New head coach Gil Jimenez will be heading the Bears into a season where they have 3-peat on their mind.

But without a doubt, both teams are going to have tough roads ahead with Downey looking like they might be in rebuilding mode

after losing their head coach and their starting quarterback and Warren losing the best running back in the state.

Warren will open their season at home versus Burbank on Sept. 3.

There will be few returning starters for Warren including quarterback Sam Bettencourt. They will have a young offensive line and will have to figure out how to replace the gap left by running back Jesse Callier.

Other notable games for the Bears this year include their annual game against Santa Fe on Sept. 10, an opponent that for years have been the measuring stick for the team in the early parts of the season. They will also have home games against Jordan and Marina

in the next two following weeks.

Downey will be opening at home as well with their first game on Sept. 10 against La Serna.

Last year, Downey tried to run a very balanced offense but still didn't have the firepower to keep up with some teams in the league.

Games at Schurr and at La Habra in week two and week three will give Williams an idea of the progress his team has made entering a tough game at Santa Fe before going into SGVL play.

Downey and Warren will meet each other on Nov. 11 in the final game of the regular season. This year it will be at Downey and could possibly again have playoff implications.

In golf, know the rules or face the consequences

Hello fellow golfers! The golfing world had a very eventful and controversial event this past weekend.

The PGA Championship was held in Kohler, Wisconsin at the treacherous course of Whistling Straits. In the final round of the tournament, Dustin Johnson arrived at the 18th tee box with a one shot lead. Johnson hit his tee shot well right of the fairway and landed in the middle of the large gallery, where his ball came to rest in an area of dirt that looked like it had been trampled down by spectators throughout the week.

Once the gallery was cleared, Johnson was able to hit his shot but ended up left of the putting green. He then pitched the ball onto the green and left himself an eight foot putt to win the tournament. Unfortunately Johnson missed the putt and he was headed to a playoff, or so he thought.

Johnson was approached by a rules official and asked about a possible rules violation. That area of dirt that Johnson hit out of was actually a bunker. Whistling Straits has over 1,000 bunkers on their course and some of these bunkers were outside the spectator ropes thus allowing anyone to walk through them. The rules violation came when Johnson grounded his club behind the ball before he made the stroke for his second shot.

One of the most known rules of golf is that you are not allowed to touch the ground in a hazard, such as a bunker, before you play your shot or you will be given a two shot penalty. Johnson said that he had no idea that the area his ball had come to rest was

deemed a bunker due to there being no visible definition of the bunker area.

The rules official talked to Johnson in the scorer's tent and showed him the violation that was made on a television. He ultimately was given a two shot penalty and was eliminated from the playoff. Some believe that the rules official walking with the group should have warned Johnson that he was in a bunker, but it is ultimately up to the golfer to know or ask about the situation he is in over any particular shot.

This incident reminds us all that you have to be very careful about how you approach certain situations that you are not sure of the exact rule that applies. The rules of golf can be very confusing and drawn out, but they are actually there to help you in different circumstances that may arise during your round. I would recommend that everyone carry a rule book in their bag so that they can refer to it if a dispute comes up between the players in your group.

The situation here at Whistling Straits deals with the local rule that was posted to all the competitors that there would be bunkers outside the boundary ropes that would not be raked and would most likely have footprints in them from spectators. At every course you play they will have local rules that apply to only that



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course. You can normally find these local rules on the back of the scorecard.

For example, here at Rio Hondo Golf Club we have a local rule about the poles that support our driving range fences. These poles stick out about a foot from the fence and into play. If your ball lands between the fence and the imaginary line between the two nearest poles, your ball is deemed to be out of bounds.

So be careful of the local rules the next time you play any course, because they could help or hurt your final score. Until next time keep it in the short grass!

Greg Lake is a PGA Apprentice golf instructor and has been working at Rio Hondo Golf Club for eight years.

Former college QB to lead sports clinic

NORWALK – The Bernabe Community Center in Downey, in conjunction with the National Youth Sports Association, will present a free youth sports clinic at Lakeside Park in Norwalk on Aug. 29.

There will be clinics for baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and cheer.

Among the coaches leading the clinics will be Chris Rix, founder of the Champion Training Academy and former quarterback at Florida State University.

Rix spent four years as the starting quarterback at FSU under coach Bobby Bowden, leading the school to four straight bowl games between 2001-04.

He spent 2005 in the San Diego Chargers training camp before starting a career in broadcasting.

Also at the event will be Mike Davis, founder of the NYSA and host of the "Kids n Sports" Internet radio show.

The clinic is open to boys and girls ages 7-14. Registration begins at noon and at least one parent must be present to register their child. All clinics are free.

For more information, call Mike Davis at (562) 416-5102 or Dennis Dennehy at (562) 889-1298.

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The SoCal Legends 13U baseball team defeated the OC Vipers, 10-7, to win the Summer Slam II Tournament held Aug. 14-15 in West Covina. The Legends played 35 innings of baseball in two days, and scored 42 runs over the course of five games. The Legends defeated the Vipers in a game that last more than three hours. The Legends team includes Manager Joaquin, Keaton Freire, Joaquin Castillo Jr., Mark Williams, Benji Gonzalez, Chase Alvarado, Coach Chris Omar Myzel, Marky Williams, Julio Martinez, Gabriel Hancey-Gallegos, Anthony Gonzalez and Jose Montalvo. Not pictured is coach Luis Myzel.



The United States Tennis Association summer youth tennis program concluded Aug. 16 at Independence Park. The children pictured are ages 8-17 and are part of the L.A. 1984 program that teaches kids on Olympic sport. Pictured above, top row, left to right: Gregory Yotsov, Cristian Garcia, Adrian Fajardo, Kennedy Pennington, Karen Sanchez and Kawthar Azzam. Third row: Luis Ruiz, Adam Vinigino, Lauren Yotsov, Morelia Venegas and Hans Magdaleno. Second row: Tiffany Zamora, Isabella Guerrero, Khowlah Azzam, Alyssa Figueroa and Cecilia Allen. Bottom row: Brandon Zamora, Thomas Yotsov and Kyle Yans. The instructors, pictured holding their rackets, are Sean De Young and Shesang Patel.

Gilbert Rizalla was Vietnam War vet

DOWNEY – Gilbert P. Rizalla, born Jan. 8, 1945 in Los Angeles, passed away suddenly on Aug. 14 at the age of 65. He was a longtime resident of Downey.



Rizalla graduated from Centennial High School in Compton in 1963 and married his childhood sweetheart, Frances, on Sept. 11, 1965. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-68 and fought in the Vietnam War.

He worked for 28 years in the construction business as a truck driver and retired in 1997 at the age of 52.

Rizalla was a lifetime member of VFW Post 1732 and a member of the board of the Downey Moose Lodge 663 as an Inner Guard. His hobbies included camping, bowling, trips to Laughlin and working on his '57 Chevy.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; daughters, Mona, Priscilla, Sophia and Mary; son-in-laws, Richard, Matt, Sergio and Robert; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; mother-in-law, Esther Garcia; brother-in-law, Mike Garcia; sister-in-law, Celia Myers; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Richard Jr.

Rizalla was buried with military honors at Resurrection Cemetery following a Mass at St. Raymond's Catholic Church. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary was handling services.

Free hearing screenings Sept. 25

DOWNEY – Downey residents are invited to receive free hearing tests Sept. 25 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

The Downey Sertoma Club is sponsoring the screenings, which will be given from 10 a.m. to noon.

Appointments are recommended by calling (562) 862-9629.

Train to run or walk a marathon

LAKWOOD – The American Heart Association is sponsoring a series of seminars for people interested in completing a marathon, either by running or walking.

The personalized training programs are designed for people of all ages and fitness levels, including beginners who have never participated in a marathon.

As part of a training team, each member helps to raise \$500 for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. The team meets weekly at various spots throughout Southern California, including Recreation Park in Long Beach.

An informational meeting will be held Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Iacoboni Library in Lakewood. Training begins in December.

For more information, call Jason Lustina at (213) 291-7060 or visit www.StartTrainingLa.org.

Orthodontics class at DAS

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School will offer its new state board-approved Orthodontic Assisting Permit Course this fall, which provides students with the skills and practical experience to work as an orthodontic assistant.

As a prerequisite, students must have at least six months of dental assisting experience in a United States dental office.

Students in the Orthodontic Assisting Permit Course will learn to describe the types of malocclusion, discuss corrective orthodontics, describe the types of treatment involved, and become familiar with the types of diagnostic records used to assess orthodontic problems.

In addition, the program will cover the ways to convey the importance of dietary and oral hygiene habits in orthodontics.

After completing the program, students will be eligible to take the state written examination administered by the Dental Board of California.

For more information on the program, call Downey Adult School at (562) 940-6200 or log on to www.das.edu.

Church joins the Chamber

DOWNEY – The Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship, a new member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

The church is located at 11022 Old River School Rd.

County fair wants your blood

POMONA – Blood donors have an opportunity to potentially save a life and receive free admission to the L.A. County Fair.

The Sheraton Fairplex Hotel, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will host a blood drive Aug. 20 and Sept. 14. People who donate blood will receive one admission ticket to the fair, good for any weekday.

Appointments for blood donations can be made online at www.givelife.org and using sponsor code "fairmckinley."

Conductor to talk concert

WHITTIER – The first concert preview of the Rio Hondo Symphony Guild's 2010-11 season begins Sept. 24 at First Friends Church in Whittier.

Kimo Furumoto, who just finished his first season as conductor of the symphony, will serve as guest speaker. He will speak about the music he has planned for the Sept. 26 concert, a program titled "Oktoberfest."

The concert preview begins at 10 a.m. and is free to the public. The actual concert begins at 3 p.m. at Whittier High School and is also free.

For more information, go to www.riohondosymphony.org or call (562) 696-1782.

Local students make the grade

DOWNEY – Four Downey residents have been named to the Dean's List at Azusa Pacific University.

The students maintained a 3.5 or better GPA and made the Dean's List for the spring semester.

The students include Janette Fragoso, a social work major; Derek Harman, a computer information systems major; Christina Painton, an accounting major; and Bethany Pillow, a social work major.

Cheer clinic at Downey High

DOWNEY – The cheerleading squad at Downey High School will offer its annual cheer clinic Sept. 25 inside the Downey High gym.

Girls between the ages of 5-13 will learn game action cheer from Downey cheerleaders, which were nationally-ranked last year. The girls will perform during halftime of the varsity football Oct. 1 at Allen Layne Stadium.

The cost of the clinic is \$25 and includes a T-shirt and two admission tickets to the football game.

To register, call Jan Guastella at (562) 923-8675 or Kelle Eidinger at (562) 862-3940.

Huffington tapped as speaker

LONG BEACH – Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post, will give the featured address at Cal State Long Beach's Distinguished Speaker Series on Oct. 21.

The speaker series will be held at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach and begins at 6 p.m. for exhibits and refreshments.

Tickets start at \$20 for CSULB students and \$30 for CSULB faculty and senior citizens. Early bird tickets for the general public are \$40.

Tickets can be purchased online at distinguishedspeakerseries.com.

Group to talk election

LONG BEACH – The AAUW Long Beach Branch will host two members from the League of Women Voters and discuss key issues in the November election at a meeting Sept. 11 at Grace First Presbyterian Church in Long Beach.

The event will begin with a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$9.

For reservations, call Pat Ferrer at (562) 597-4781.

Two plead no contest in fatal shooting of boy

POMONA – Two San Gabriel Valley men charged with the shooting death of a 6-year-old boy pleaded no contest to manslaughter charges on Tuesday as part of a plea agreement, the District Attorney's office announced.

Mathew Steven Loza, 20, pleaded no contest to one count of involuntary manslaughter and admitted an allegation that he personally used a firearm in the commission of the offense.

Co-defendant Richard Paul Joseph Gomez, 21, pleaded no contest to one count each of involuntary manslaughter and unlawful firearm activity.

Pomona Superior Court Judge Jack Hunt immediately sentenced Loza to the maximum state prison term of 14 years. Loza must serve 85 percent of the sentence before becoming eligible for parole, prosecutors said.

Gomez received three years in prison. The District Attorney's office extended the plea deal "after a careful review of evidence," officials said.

Lopez and Gomez were charged with the fatal shooting of Jessie Valencia, who was playing outside his Azusa home on Jan. 8. Gomez lived across the street from the boy's house.

On the day of the incident, Loza visited Gomez at his home. During the visit, Gomez produced a Winchester rifle that belonged to his father, prosecutors said. While handling the rifle, Loza allegedly aimed the weapon across the street and pulled the trigger, killing Jessie with a single gunshot.

According to prosecutors, evidence indicated that the defendants thought the rifle was not loaded and did not intend to hurt the victim. A firearms expert with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said there was a malfunction with the loading and unloading mechanism of the rifle, making it appear the rifle was unloaded.

Under the terms of the negotiated settlement, one count of murder was dismissed for each defendant. Gomez also had a count of accessory after the fact dismissed.

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Sunday, Aug. 15
At 11:00 p.m., officers arrested and booked a 20-year-old Paramount man after finding him to be in possession of methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

Tuesday, Aug. 17
At 3:45 a.m., officers were called to St. Francis Hospital regarding a victim who was possibly assaulted with a knife while walking in the area of Gardendale and Lakewood. For unknown reasons the suspects began fighting with the victim resulting in the victim sustaining a cut lip. The suspects then fled the area. Based on circumstances, the incident may be gang related.

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With 10 simple improvements, you can easily transform your home into the best looking house on the block.

In a day

There are a number of quick fixes you can complete in just one day that will make a big impact on your exterior.

* Replace old hardware. It's the little things that make a big difference. Update your dated or dingy house numbers, entry door lockset and overhead light fixture. Each of these elements can add style and interest to your home's exterior, especially if you incorporate a great finish option like oil-rubbed bronze or brushed nickel.

* Make over your mailbox. Your mailbox should complement the style and color of your house. Restore your existing mailbox with a fresh coat of paint or stain that matches the trim, color and woodwork of your house.

* Tame planter beds and landscaping. If your beds are overrun with weeds and unsightly growth, you'll need to get them under control to give your home a well-manicured look. Prune, pull weeds and plant flowers to add color. Add a fresh layer of mulch and your yard will look as good as new.

* Illuminate your walkway. Adding low-voltage solar lighting to your front walkway can have a

big impact on your home's curb appeal. It also provides added safety and security. If you don't have a walkway, string accent lighting in the trees for a whimsical-looking effect.

* Freshen up the front door. The front entry is the focal point of your home's curb appeal. To keep it looking free of abuse from the elements and use, clean off any dirty grime and remove any loose paint. If your door is beyond repair, install a new version that reflects the design of your house. Once you're all set, be sure to add a piece of decorative flair, like a wreath or door knocker that showcases your personality to the outside world.

In a weekend

In just a couple of days, you can boost the beauty of your home with easy upgrades.

* Renew paint and trim. Give your home an exterior facelift by adding a new coat of paint or stain. You'll automatically update the look of your home by fixing any obvious defects, like loose paint, fading colors or cracks in your trim and fence. Be sure to use high-quality painting tools to get a professional-looking finish, like the Pro-Extra brush from Purdy. The extra length and thickness of the filaments on these paintbrushes provide superior paint-holding capacity and are specially designed for all exterior paints and stains.

* Replace gutters and downspouts. If your gutters are loose and worn out, not only do they look neglected, but they're also a danger to guests. To prevent any injuries, as well as improve the overall appearance, install a new, snap-fit gutter system that goes together with

a few tools for an easy and important upgrade.

* Add shutters or accent trim. Everything on the exterior of your home should be a reflection of what's inside. To mirror the pulled-together appearance of your indoor rooms, install shutters and trim to provide an extra layer of interest on the exterior. Not only do shutters help control light and ventilation, but new materials such as PVC resins or polyurethane make them durable and low maintenance.

In a month

Using a little elbow grease and taking extra time on some projects can reap huge rewards for your home in the long run.

* Upgrade railings. Porch and stoop railings deteriorate over time and can become loose. If yours are past their prime, look for quality wood or metal replacements. Make sure the color, scale, design and details coordinate with the rest of your home's main features.

* Dress up the drive. If your driveway is cracked, stained or has weeds sprouting up from it, now may be time to show it some TLC. Upgrade it without completely starting over. Repair any cracks or stains and be sure to kill the weeds and then add some extra character by staining the concrete or affixing flagstone. For additional flair, add stone, bricks or pavers to the sides for a completely custom look.

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A new garage door can improve a home's appearance

(ARA) - With warm weather months here, it's the perfect season for the annual ritual of performing a spruce up around your home: planting gardens, improving the look of your lawn and maybe applying a fresh coat of paint to the window trims are on your to-do list.

An appealing exterior offers an invaluable first impression to neighbors, friends, and - if you're trying to sell, which many do prior to the beginning of school in the fall - perspective buyers.

In fact, small-scale exterior projects are the most profitable during resale, according to the 2009-10 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report by the National Association of Realtors (NAR). "Once again, this year's [report] highlights the importance of a home's first impression," says NAR President Vicki Cox Golder.

One exterior feature that greatly contributes to this first impression is the garage door, and updating it can drastically improve your home's "curb appeal."

If you've looked into replacing a garage door, you know that it can be an overwhelming task with so many styles and materials from which to choose. It's important that your choice complements the architecture of your home as well as your lifestyle.

In other words, you don't want a door that sticks out like a sore thumb or one that requires more maintenance than you'd prefer.

So how do you make sure that you pick the right garage door? Follow these simple steps: pick a material, choose a style and find a good dealer.

When selecting a material, decide what material best fits your home and lifestyle, whether it be the natural beauty of wood, the durability and low maintenance of steel or the environmental friendliness of wood composite.

Wood doors offer a classic, handcrafted look that won't go out of style but will require more frequent upkeep. Steel doors need the least amount of maintenance and come in three types of construction - single, double and triple layer. The more layers in a steel door, the more energy efficient and noise reducing it is.

Wood composite doors, newer to the market, are made of a minimum of 80 percent recycled fiber and combine the strength and secu-



city of steel doors with the beauty of wooden doors. Wood composite doors won't rust, rot, crack or split and are the "greenest" option.

Once you've selected the material, it's time to choose a style. Doors are available to match any architectural style and there are plenty of easy-to-use online tools to assist in picking a style. Try the Door Designer at Amarr Garage Doors (www.amarr.com) to help find the perfect door to match the style of your home.

Once you've chosen a design, you'll need to select a color and any decorative hardware desired to enhance the door's beauty. Steel doors often come in pre-painted colors, but they also can be customized with exterior latex paint.

Wood doors generally come in their natural finish and can be easily stained or painted. Wood composite doors are sold painted or primed and ready to stain or paint. Depending on the style you choose, you may also have the option to add decorative hardware or decorative windows.

Finally, it's important to find a reputable dealer who can provide pricing for the correct door size

needed and installation and removal of the old door if you're purchasing a replacement door.

Garage doors are sold sized to specifically fit your garage door opening. An important, but often neglected step, is enlisting a professional dealer to measure your door to ensure that it will be correctly sized. Make sure that your local dealer is authorized, fully insured and has a good local reputation. Never try to repair or install a garage door yourself - it can be extremely dangerous.

Investing in a new garage door is a sure way to improve the look of your home's exterior, as well as improve energy efficiency and protection. You can also take comfort in knowing that this purchase will add value to your home and will be an important asset should you decide to sell.

Could you use a new garage door? If the answer is yes, following these simple steps of choosing a material first, then a style and finally a qualified dealer, makes selecting the best garage door for your home easier than ever.

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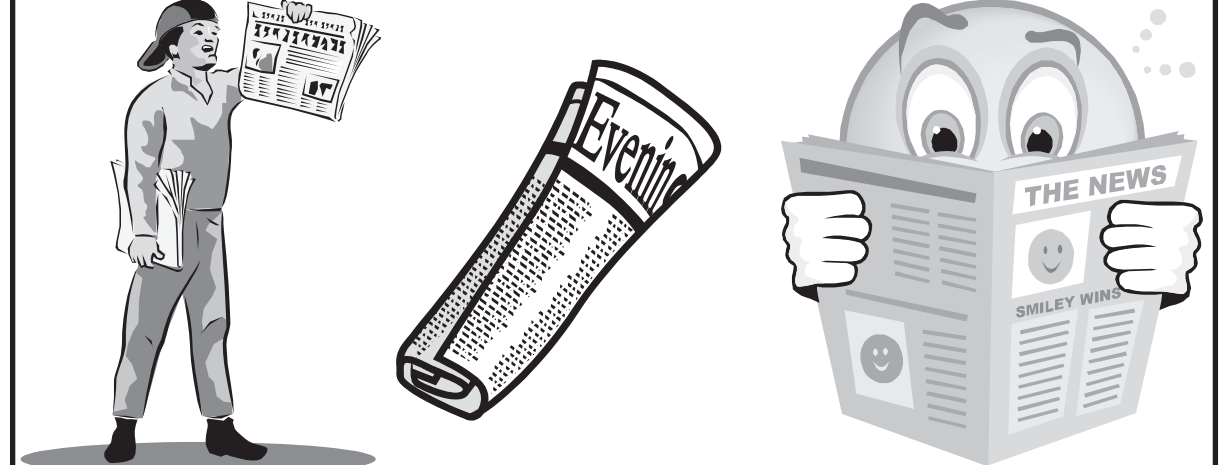
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OK to take home extra abalone?

BY CARRIE WILSON,
CA DEPT. OF FISH & GAME

Q: If I go diving with a friend in Sea Ranch (Sonoma County) and my wife stays home in San Francisco, can I dive one day and gift those abalone to my wife even though she is not with me at the moment? Then the following day, can I dive again, take an additional limit for myself, and then drive home alone with six abalone in my car? I would make sure the abalone remained in their shells and I would carry a letter stating three of the abalone are gifts for my wife. Does she have to be with me in order for me to gift the abalone to her?

A: This scenario would not be legal. Regardless of your intent, if you have six abalone in your possession, you will be in violation of an overlimit and could be cited and have all of your abalone confiscated. Only three abalone may be possessed at any time by an individual, period.

In order for you to legally gift abalone to someone else, that person must be with you to receive and personally take possession of the abalone. Just carrying a note stating that you intend to gift three of the six abalone in your possession to your wife will not suffice because you are still in possession of an overlimit, and are thus in violation of the law.

Even though regulations allow for gifting abalone to other people, remember that bag and possession limits are set up as fishery management tools to help control excessive take of abalone. Even with the current limits and regulations, there is concern that some heavily used fishing sites are showing signs of reduced abalone populations. Careful management of this fishery is required to help assure California's abalone stocks remain healthy and sustainable for continued future harvest through the coming years. Each diver and shore picker should be aware and mindful of this and help whenever they can.

Q: On the Klamath River, is it legal for an Indian guide with paying clients on his boat to use more than one rod per passenger and barbed hooks when this is illegal on this river?

A: Generally, there are no exceptions for Native Americans in the fishing regulations; however, on some rivers where Tribal Rights have been granted to the native people while on the tribal lands,

they may be exempt from California fishing laws. When such exemptions are in place it only applies to Native Americans on the Tribal Roll of the Tribe with the rights.

In your example, the paying clients are not exempt unless they are Native Americans on the Tribal Roll of the Tribe with the exemption.

Q: We feed birds in our yard year round, but this year we are delighted to have a family of wild quail who have taken up residence in our yard in San Ramon. Our problem is there are also two pairs of raucous big birds that look like and act like blue jays, and they have taken over our yard.

Their call is so unpleasant and they are aggressive and chase away other smaller birds. They are eating the food we're trying to preserve for the quail and other smaller birds, such as finches. Can those large blue-jay-like birds be trapped or contained some how? They are so bold they attack neighborhood dogs and cats by pecking at their heads. Help, please!

A: Sorry to hear about the problem you're having. Unfortunately, the jays are protected under the Migratory Bird Act

and so cannot be trapped, contained or hurt. Your best bet is to try to change your feeding methods somehow to exclude the Jays. This may be difficult but it's really your only alternative.

Q: I have a house on five acres near Winters in northern California and have some really nice bucks on my land. Every day they come within a few feet of my house and graze on my garden and plants. If I purchase an A Zone tag this year, can I legally shoot a deer on my land from my house or porch? My house is situated more than 200 yards from any other property or house and it is outside of the city limits.

A: Yes. The safety zone law prohibits shooting within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling without the permission of the occupant. As long as it is otherwise legal to discharge a firearm in this area (e.g. not in the city limits), then go for it!

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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The benefits of growing up with an autistic sibling

BY DANA FIALCO,
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

Every sibling relationship is unique, but having an autistic child in a family can impact the entire family dynamic. While much attention is paid to the challenges and difficulties faced by parents and siblings of autistic children, growing up with an autistic sibling also offers many advantages and hidden treasures that can help shape an individual's life and character. Here are five benefits of growing up with an autistic sibling:

1. Perception. Having an autistic sibling means growing up alongside someone who sees the world in a unique, individual way – a way that is often different from the mainstream population. It also means living day-to-day with someone who behaves somewhat-to-very differently than the general population.

The sibling without autism learns very early on that the world we live in is not black and white; there is not necessarily a right and wrong way to do all things. With solid parental guidance, siblings come to learn that individuality is not scary or wrong, but valued and beneficial to society.

The neuro-typical siblings go into adult life with open minds and the ability to see the world from many views. Not only does this shape an individual with compassion, empathy, and acceptance of differences, but it also inspires innovation and creativity. The siblings can become real thinkers who

see beyond face value, as well as diplomats who can navigate and reconcile conflicting points of view.

2. Perspective. Growing up with an autistic sibling means watching your sibling face each day with more courage and strength than most of us can fathom. Whether facing ridicule and cruelty from others or simply trying to get by in a world that was not built to accommodate their needs and way of thinking, kids with autism experience constant challenges.

It's difficult to witness this on a daily basis and not grow up with great perspective about what actually constitutes a problem.

Granted, a pitfall of some siblings is to decide that their own real problems or feelings do not warrant attention or concern. However, with maturity and proper guidance from caring adults, the siblings can grow into adults who can balance experiencing their feelings with not overreacting to trivialities or falling prey to self-pity.

This perspective allows them to remain calm during difficult situations, and to be thoughtful rather than reactionary.

3. Leadership. Siblings of autistic children often have to mature very early – arguably, earlier than should be required. By necessity, siblings often must assist their parents in helping, providing care, and teaching. These households can be chaotic, and siblings must develop a real inner strength to deal with the chaos, emotions,

and frequent uncertainty.

In families, siblings often collaborate – working on projects, carrying out chores, or playing together. Siblings often see each other's capabilities and way of thinking from a different perspective than their parents or teachers.

Whether older or younger, the non-autistic siblings naturally gravitate to leadership roles in the sibling relationship. They learn to stand up for their sibling to others, and advocate for their sibling's potential to be seen and met with proper challenges for growth and success.

Whereas this can present difficulty for some, in the end, it shapes strong adults with tremendous potential for leadership. They can grow into leaders who are comfortable navigating uncertainty and still delivering results; they become comfortable leading and motivating others, and they learn to see and foster the potential in those they lead.

They see differences in working styles and ways of thinking as welcome attributes rather than frightening, difficult to manage, or unacceptable. The siblings become strong, compassionate leaders who are natural innovators, protectors, and advocates.

4. Courage. By necessity, growing up with an autistic sibling teaches a child to have the courage to stand out. Venturing into society with someone who does not necessarily conform or can have unfiltered reactions means there will be moments when the entire family

stands out, whether they like it or not.

For children and teenagers this can sometimes cause embarrassment. However, it is an important part of their development that will yield rewards their entire lives. It helps the siblings learn to be themselves and express their ideas, and not be swayed by the crowd. It helps them see public perception for what it is, and to know when to take or leave an outside judgment or opinion.

A lifetime of developing strength and compassion provides the courage and pride to face the world head-on.

5. Creativity. Many of the other listed benefits have underlying tones of creativity, or produce creativity as a byproduct of the other attributes achieved. Siblings often have a unique way of communicating – sometimes even developing a shorthand or symbiotic relationship.

Learning to communicate effectively with an autistic sibling takes a great deal of creativity. Autism manifests differently in each person, and there is a broad spectrum.

However, communication and social awareness are almost always affected in some way. Siblings grow up learning how to organically communicate, reach, and connect with their sibling. Because those with autism often have unique and varied ways of thinking and seeing the world, their neuro-typical siblings often benefit from a very creative point of view.

Supes wants gang members excluded from parole program

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will ask Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to disqualify gang members from the state's non-revocable parole program. Supervisor Don Knabe announced Tuesday.

The decision to write a letter and formally ask the governor was unanimously approved at this week's meeting.

State law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to screen prison inmates for eligibility to unsupervised parole prior to release from state prison.

While the law contains provisions to disqualify people if they are known to belong to a prison gang, the program does not exclude members of known street gangs.

Inmates who are placed on non-revocable parole are not required to report to a parole agent.

"Excluding known street gang members from non-revocable parole will ultimately make our communities safer," Knabe said. "Known gang members require intensive supervision and potentially pose a significant risk to public safety."



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Northwest Downey Charmer!
3 BD, 2.75 BA home near Griffiths and Price with remodeled kitchen, family room w/ high-ceiling, master bedroom with large closet, jetted tub & separate shower, and a secondary bedroom with private bathroom as well. Many nice features & upgrades! Price: \$525,000
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3 BD, 2 BA NW Downey Home featuring living room with picture window, family room with fireplace master bedroom, 2 car det. gar. Shows Great!!
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3BD, 2BA, 1377 sq ft living space, living rm w/fireplace, updated kitchen, remodeled master BA & hall BA, newer windows, and backyard w/ lg covered patio & lg grass area.
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North Downey Condo!
1 BD, 1 BA w/ a spacious living rm, updated oak cabinets in kitchen, lg bedroom, & enclosed patio. The condo has central air & heat & the complex includes laundry facilities, recreation rm and 2 subterranean parking spots. Price: \$199,900.
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Downey Home For Rent!
3 BD + den 2 BA, well kept home w/ refinished hardwood floors & master bedroom. Property has 2 car det. gar. & storage room.
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Pride of Ownership!
3 BD, 2 BA NE Downey home with pool, extra pool bathroom adjacent to 2 car detached garage, circular driveway -- all on 10,062 sq ft lot. Home also has newer tile roof and central air & heat. Price: \$595,000
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