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Trujillo running for DA

■ Deputy district attorney says he will not run if Steve Cooley seeks re-election.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – As a kid, living in the heart of San Francisco, Mario Trujillo learned how to dream big. "I grew up in the Mission community – not affluent at all," he said. "But I wanted to be a lawyer and help people. I had an immigrant mother who taught me the value of work and encouraged me. I learned how to give back...today, public service is a big factor in my life."

Trujillo, a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney, hopes his lifetime of community involvement will grant him a home court advantage with voters this year as the 42-year-old Downey resident joins the crowd of prosecutors running for LA County district attorney in 2012.

"I feel very blessed, people are reaching out to me – my phone is ringing off the hook," said Trujillo who manages the district attorney's office in Bellflower. "I believe I am qualified for this position...Mr. [Steve] Cooley has done a good job, an effective job and established the DA's office as a positive agency in the community. I want to continue that legacy and do what's fair and right in the interest of protecting the public."

Although LA County district attorney Cooley has yet to rule out a possible fourth term, several administrators and career prosecutors within the district attorney's office have already announced intentions to run for the coveted position, including Trujillo who believes Cooley will not seek reelection.

"I would not run against Mr. Cooley...I asked him to run again," Trujillo said. "I respect him. I believe in him. If he chooses to run, I will wait my turn...but because he may be leaving, I feel compelled to answer the call. I'm afraid of what'll happen if he leaves and where the office will go. You've got to have the courage to stand up."

Trujillo, who worked as a Los Angeles County Unified School District bilingual elementary school teacher while studying law, graduated from the UC Berkeley and later received his Juris Doctorate degree from Southwestern University School of Law.

Over the past 15 years, Trujillo has made community involvement a priority, serving in several local,

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For Rancho patient, humor heals the soul

■ Jay Cramer has blossomed as a stand-up comedian after a rock-climbing accident.

BY GREG WASKUL, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – Jay Cramer was a talented young actor training for an appearance on "Survivor" by rock climbing in Malibu when he slipped and took a very hard fall.

"I hit my head on a giant rock and suffered a major spinal cord injury," he says. "I was in a coma, and when I regained consciousness, I realized I would no longer be fighting to win a TV reality show any more. Now I would be fighting for my life."

Jay didn't have to fight alone. Although his body was badly broken and he would not be able to walk again, his Rancho therapists and visits from his many friends helped keep his spirits high.

He improved day-by-day and week-by-week, relearning everything from swallowing to speaking. As his body grew stronger, his trademark sense of humor returned. Jay's self-deprecating comments and natural talent for comedic timing kept friends and clinicians laughing.

"It was either laugh or cry, and I found that I could bury both my physical and emotional pain in humor," he says.

While he was still a patient at Rancho, Jay's therapists encouraged him to try his hand at stand-up comedy. "In 25 years as an entertainer, I had thought long and hard about doing stand-up, but I never had the courage to try," Jay says. "But after my accident things were different, because I had everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Jay's therapy team next suggested that he take part in the annual Performing Arts of Rancho show—and he did. It was immediately clear that he had a special gift. In a matter of months, he was a stand-up comedian—even though he couldn't stand up.

Soon he was performing on professional stages throughout the Los Angeles area. When he closed a sold-out show at Second City-Los Angeles, Jay was on his way. In 2007, he was named "Best New Comedian" in Los Angeles. Two years later, he won the title of "L.A.'s Funniest Comedian."

He has opened for Adam



Sandler, Martin Lawrence, Drew Carey, Kevin Nealon and Fred Willard, and worked with many other top comedians as well. He can be seen on stage at The Improv, the World Famous Comedy Store, and the Icehouse, and he has appeared on ABC's "Desperate Housewives" and as a spokesperson for Wal-Mart on television.

Rancho continues to play a key role in Jay's life. "I always come back to Rancho, because this is where my heart is," Jay says. "I met my wife Katy at Rancho and we fell in love here. After we were married, we worked together on a television pilot and we feel the sky's the limit for our future collaborations in the entertainment industry...and in life. None of this would have been possible without Rancho."

In 2009, Jay became the first Rancho patient to be appointed Director of Rancho's Performing Arts program. Under his leadership, the program has been enhanced to year-round status, and has been expanded to local schools and elderly care facilities. Past Rancho patients are now able to entertain throughout Rancho at annual events and inpatient classes, as well as twice a year at the Performing Arts of Rancho show.

"When I took over the program I had no idea of the profound effect it would have on me," Jay says. "I knew that the Performing Arts had changed my life for the better five years ago, but now I am thrilled to say that other patients' lives have been drastically improved too."

The next Performing Arts of

Former candidates wrap up campaign finances

■ Councilman Fernando Vasquez amends reports to include additional contributors.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – According to new campaign finance reports, submitted to the city clerk's office last month, former City Council candidates Lee Ann Sears, Alex Saab and Fernando Vasquez are bringing their campaigns to a close, paying off outstanding debts and donating the remaining funds to charitable organizations.

The campaign statements, which encompass the period between Oct. 17 and Dec. 31, reveal that Saab and Sears raised \$4,100 and \$610 respectively during the remaining months of 2010 while Vasquez collected \$10,150 in campaign donations, bringing his total amount of contributions to more than \$45,000, which is nearly \$10,000 more than his closest fundraising rival, Saab, who collected \$32,365 during his campaign.

Leading up to the election, both Saab and Sears received donations of \$15 to \$500 from mostly local residents and business owners, according to the reports. Saab's biggest contributors included pastoral associate Dianne Lumsdaine (\$500), business owner Mireille Ayoub of Rolling Hills (\$500), and Porto's Bakery co-owner Raul Porto (\$500).

Similarly, Vasquez's statements highlight a vast array of donations from various business leaders and local companies. He received donations from property management group Meruelo Enterprises Inc. (\$1,000), Councilman Luis Marquez's 2010 Assembly campaign (\$800), La Barca Restaurant (\$600), South Gate-based Educational Group USA Inc. (\$500), Jimmy Sandhu, vice-president of H.P. Tow Inc. (\$500), Best Demolition & Recycling Co. of Granada Hills (\$500) and Los Angeles-based Coatzingo LLC (\$500).

In December, Saab and Sears paid their campaigns' outstanding debts and the remaining campaign funds were donated to local, non-profit organizations, \$407 to the Downey YMCA and \$377 to the Downey Rose Float Association respectively.

According to his financial statements, Councilman Vasquez has not yet been reimbursed for the more than \$7,500 he loaned his campaign prior to the Nov. 2 election. Vasquez said he will collect donations until the loan is paid back.

"It is not uncommon for a candidate to have a campaign debt following his or her election and to continue fundraising in order to pay off that debt," wrote Vasquez in an e-mail response. "To mitigate my campaign debt, my plan is to seek support from

residents and others who wish to continue supporting me and my efforts on behalf of the city of Downey. After my campaign debt has been paid off, any remaining funds will be donated to Downey-based charities."

In addition to submitted new campaign statements, Vasquez also amended two of his previous financial reports adding seven new campaign contributions totaling \$3,250 during the Oct. 1-16 statement period. Nearly \$1,400 in contributions was also added to the financial statement that spans from July 1 to Sept. 30.

After initially reporting no campaign contributions from Oct. 1-16, Vasquez later added a \$2,500 donation from Champion Dodge in a Dec. 8 amendment. Last month, Vasquez added seven more campaign contributions to the same report including donations from Downey Orthopedic Specialist (\$500), Educational Group USA Inc. (\$500), attorney Erick Solares (\$500), Tacos El Gavilan Inc. (\$500) and George Kirkorian, CEO of Kirkorian Premiere Theatres (\$250).

Vasquez also amended his statements from July 1 through Sept. 30, adding another seven donations that were previously unaccounted for in the initial reports. The campaign contributions included donations from CalMet Services Inc. in Downey (\$500), Los Angeles-based Coca Cola Enterprises Inc. (\$250), Rio Hondo Event Center (\$150), Attorney Shireen Rogers of Irvine (\$100) and the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club of Cerritos (\$100).

Vasquez said that campaign contributions were not reported earlier due to a misinterpretation of campaign finance regulations.

"The contributions at issue were publicly reported based on the date they were deposited into the campaign account, which is what we believed the law required," said Vasquez. "Once we realized our mistake, we amended our reports to reflect the date they were received."

Interim city clerk Joyce Dole said such amendments are common and can be done for various reasons, therefore no fines would be warranted.



Fernando Vasquez



Alex Saab



Lee Ann Sears

Betty Myers worked at adult school

DOWNEY – Betty Myers, who lived in Downey more than 65 years and graduated from Downey High School, passed away at home on Feb. 12.



She was born in Battle Creek, Neb., and worked for Downey Adult School and Chief GED Examiner.

She was active in the Eastern Star and was also a member of Daughters of the Nile and the CSCA.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Myers; sons, Jim Myers III, and Bob (Nancy) Myers; daughter, Johanna Stewart; brother, Ben (Lynn) Marshall; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held in Yosemite, Calif., at a future date.

Dr. Kei Ozaki dies at 91

DOWNEY – Longtime family physician Kei Hisakazu Ozaki passed away Jan. 27 at Downey Regional Medical Center, one week after his 91st birthday.

Ozaki practiced medicine in Downey for nearly 60 years. Beginning at an office on 3rd Street, he dedicated his life to his profession by caring for hundreds of Downey families, in addition to his own extended family in various parts of the country.

His parents emigrated from Japan and brought with them their traditional culture and ethics. They arrived in Vancouver, Canada, slowly coming down the west coast to end up in Los Angeles.

Ozaki enrolled as a freshman at Phineas Banning High School and played football on the "B" team for three years – champions each year – and participated in track. During this time he worked at friends' farms and learned how to farm vegetables and strawberries.

On Saturdays he attended Keystone Japanese School to study the Japanese language and traditions.

Encouraged by his mother's interest in the medical field, Ozaki enrolled in a pre-med course at Compton Junior College and then started at La Sierra College in Riverside.

His studies stopped on Dec. 7, 1941, with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the outbreak of World War II. Ozaki returned home after his father was taken as a prisoner of war, interned as an enemy alien and sent to a camp. His mother, two brothers and two sisters were evicted on Easter Sunday, 1942, to the Santa Anita Assembly Center with 20,000 other Japanese.

Ozaki moved to Union College in Lincoln, Neb., to continue his education while the rest of his family was moved to Jerome Relocation Camp in Arkansas. Two of his brothers volunteered for the U.S. Army and joined the 442nd Regimental Combat team.

After graduating from Union



Kei Ozaki's college studies were interrupted when his father was taken prisoner following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Ozaki eventually earned his medical degree and took over a practice in Downey.

College in 1944 with a BA in Biology, Ozaki went to Chicago to work. The war ended and his parents were reunited in Los Angeles. Ozaki also returned to California and worked in the White Memorial Hospital experimental lab while attending several classes at USC.

He was accepted into the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University Medical School). He attended the first two years at Loma Linda and married Mamie Uchida. They made their home in Los Angeles and Ozaki finished his last two years of medical school at White Memorial Hospital, where he graduated in 1951.

Ozaki took an internship at Glendale Sanitarium Hospital, where both of his children, Cheri and Cal, where born. Following the internship Ozaki worked with Dr. James Goto in Little Tokyo until he was drafted in the Army and spent two years in Korea.

Returning from Korea he was stationed in Fort Lewis, Wash., where his family joined him. After discharge he returned to California

Masonic Lodge No. 220 and Al Malaikah Shriners.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Fern Persion; son, Michael (Patty) Persion; daughters, Judee (Michael) Corgiat, Janet Harper and Jaime (Danny) Kin; grandchildren, Brenda, Mark, Ben, Adam, Jason, Samantha and Alex; great-grandchildren, Quinton and Turner; brother, Kenneth Persion; and sister, Donna Moss.

and took over Dr. Ronald Sylvester's practice in Downey on 3rd Street. After retiring from active practice with CareMore a few years ago, he assisted Dr. Arthur Edelstein, an ophthalmologist in Downey.

Ozaki enjoyed growing roses at his home in Downey, and won three beautification awards from the city. His hobbies also included kendo swords, Aikido self-defense, alpine and cross-country skiing, and fishing (deep sea and trout).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tomino and Kyujiro Ozaki; brother, Yoji Ozaki; and wife, Mamie Ozaki Luthas.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheri (Tim) Windemuth; son, Cal (Cindy); grandchildren, Tami (Shane) Tewis, Joe (Gina) Windemuth, and Kim and Krissy Ozaki; brother, Sam (Harue); sisters, Lil Teraji and June (Tom) Nomura; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Feb. 11 at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey.

Russell Persion was WWII veteran

DOWNEY – Russell E. Persion, a Downey resident for 54 years, passed away Feb. 10. He was 86.

Persion served in the Army during World War II, assigned to the 10th Armored Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge under Gen. George S. Patton.

He was a member of Downey

City to use grants for pedestrian safety

DOWNEY – The city of Downey has been approved for a federal grant to purchase and install pedestrian countdown heads at 20 predetermined signalized intersections throughout the city.

Pedestrian countdown heads are devices that let pedestrians know how much time they have to cross the street.

The countdown timer is intended to enhance pedestrian safety by discouraging people to cross the street when there is insufficient time to do so, city officials said.

The city's contractor, Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc., is already in the process of installing the countdown heads.

Installation at all 20 intersections should be complete by the end of February.

The city also received a federal grant to upgrade signs and pavement markings within local school zones.

Traffic control devices – such as warning lights and speed limit signs – will be upgraded "to enhance safety for school-age children and the public at large," city officials said Wednesday.

Prestige Striping Service Inc. began work on the project Feb. 4 and is currently retrofitting signs around schools in north Downey. The entire project should be completed by mid-March.

Miss Downey tickets on sale Monday

DOWNEY – Tickets will be available starting Monday for the 56th annual Miss Downey Pageant, taking place March 19 at the Downey Theatre.

Eighty-five contestants will compete in three age categories: Jr. Miss (10-12 years old), Teen (13-15) and Miss (16-23).

Tickets are \$22 and will be sold by contestants beginning Monday.

This year, the pageant will host a toy drive to benefit Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Toys may be dropped off at pageant rehearsals held Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center; March 5 at the Queen for a Day event at Gallatin Elementary; March 12 at the Desert Reign Church talent show; or at the Miss Downey Pageant itself.

Foster Road work winding down

DOWNEY – Construction is wrapping up on Foster Road between Lakewood Boulevard and the east city limit, where crews have replaced street pavement and installed underground conduit and pull boxes for future traffic signal upgrades.

The contractor, Silvia Construction, is currently installing traffic signal loop detectors.

Remaining tasks also include the installation of traffic striping and pavement markings, restoration of parkways and irrigation systems, and other clean-up work.

Construction should be completed by the end of the month, city officials said.

Work continues on Lakewood Blvd.

DOWNEY – Work continues on Lakewood Boulevard between 5th Street and Florence Avenue as workers install new piping to transport recycled water.

The contractor, Sully-Miller Contracting Company, has already installed a 12-inch recycled water mainline stretching 3,215 linear feet.

New fire hydrants are also being installed and existing water meter services will be replaced.

When all utility work is complete, new landscaped median islands will be constructed, new street and pedestrian safety lights will be installed and pavement rehabilitation work will begin.

Construction is scheduled to be "substantially completed" by June.

Students tour college campuses

DOWNEY – Twelve Columbus High School students visited two local colleges last month thanks to a grant from Downey Federal Credit Union.

The students participate in Columbus's Opportunity Center, which provides at-risk students with methods to improve their lives.

The students visited Cal State Fullerton and Fullerton Community College, where they toured the campuses, learned about several career opportunities and received guidance on how to reach their career goals.

Downey Federal Credit Union sponsored the trip as part of its Student Enrichment Grant Program, which helps Downey educators enhance the lives of students in their classrooms.

"The Student Enrichment Grant Program, in its eighth year, is the credit union's opportunity to provide Downey educators with extra tools for student growth," said credit union CEO Barbara Lamberth. "Grant winners have used their funds for inspirational programs for students of all ages. Education of our youth is the key to their success. DFCU is encouraged by the manner in which educators use their grants to expand the class curriculum."

Edmund Ensman laid to rest

DOWNEY – Edmund Joseph Ensman passed away Feb. 8 at the age of 93.

He was born April 4, 1917, in Kansas, and had been a longtime resident of Downey.

He is survived by his children, Ellen (Ed) Woodiwis, Diana Smith, Joe Ensman and Daniel (Gloria) Ensman; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and sisters, Barbara Jean McClasky and Cecilia Waggoner.

Graveside services were held Feb. 12 at Green Hills Memorial Park.

Rose Lemus mourned

DOWNEY – Rose M. Lemus, a lifelong resident of Downey, passed away on Jan. 30 after 16 years of battling breast, colon and lung cancer.

She is survived by her only daughter, Frances, and son-in-law, Coy Sr.; grandsons, Steve, Erik (Renee) and Coy Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Yolanda, Kaitlyn, Samantha and Joe.

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Crime Report

Thursday, Feb. 10

Police arrested a 55-year-old Norwalk resident for purchasing alcohol for a minor at a local liquor store in the 9500 block of Firestone.

Friday, Feb. 11

At 12:30 a.m., officers arrested two adult males in the neighborhood of Via Rio Nido and Sherry after an officer stopped them for driving a stolen vehicle.

At 2:20 p.m., two 16-year-old males from Downey were arrested in the 9200 block of Elm Vista for possession of vandalism tools (paint markers) and alcohol.

At 3:45 p.m., officers arrested a 25-year-old San Gabriel woman wanted for an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred in the City of Lakewood. The Downey officer was alerted by the Plate Reader that the "wanted" vehicle was nearby. Officers pulled the suspect over and she was taken into custody.

At 8:45 p.m., officers arrested a 41-year-old Downey man after he was found to be in possession of illegal drugs in the area of Guatemala and Suva. The suspect was recognized as a suspect wanted in a recent burglary and was found to be in possession of stolen items.

Sunday, Feb. 13

At 3:30 p.m., a power pole fell blocking the southbound lanes of Lakewood between Gallatin and Florence. Nobody was injured.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

At 10:30 a.m., Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies were pursuing a stolen vehicle which came through our city. The stolen vehicle crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of Florence and Lakewood causing minor injuries to both the victim and the suspect. The suspect was arrested for driving a stolen car, and the Sheriff's Department is handling the investigation.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Rangel gets 22 years for Ponzi scheme

DOWNEY – Juan Rangel, the Downey resident charged with operating a Ponzi scheme that defrauded mostly Hispanic investors out of nearly \$30 million, was sentenced Monday to 22 years in prison.

Rangel pleaded guilty last October to charges of mail fraud and money laundering. He is already in prison after a conviction for bribing a bank official.

Under a plea deal, prosecutors recommended a 15-year prison sentence for Rangel, but Judge S. James Otero, after hearing victim statements, handed down a sentence of 22 years.

Otero also recommended that Rangel, a 47-year-old Mexican national, be deported when his sentence is complete.

Prosecutors said Rangel operated Financial Plus Investments and used Spanish-language magazines and newspapers to recruit investors while promising guaranteed annual returns of 60 percent.

Instead of investing the money, prosecutors said Rangel used the funds to purchase a \$2.5 million north Downey home, lease expensive cars and purchase cocaine.

Among the victims was Baldwin Park resident Patricia Arreola, who said she gave Rangel the \$50,000 she received from the government following the death of her son, a U.S. Marine killed in Iraq.



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Apollo test capsule on display

DOWNEY – Boilerplate 19, a test version of the Apollo space capsule that traveled to the moon, is now in its permanent home behind the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The boilerplate, assembled in Downey by North American Aviation in the early 1960s as a way to develop parachute recovery tests, has been in Downey since 2008, when the city took possession of it from Lancaster's Apollo Park.

By using the unmanned capsule, the parachute recovery system was evaluated without endangering human life.

The boilerplate had been in storage "until proper arrangements were made to have the capsule moved to the space center," city officials said.

"We are very proud of Downey's rich aerospace history and we are excited to have the Apollo capsule on display," said Mayor Luis Marquez. "We encour-

age the public to visit the space center and get an up-close look at Boilerplate 19."

The capsule, located in the yard behind the space center, will be used to teach visiting groups about the important role Downey has played in the aerospace history of our country.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way. For more information, call (562) 231-1200 or visit columbiaspacecenter.org.

Space race documentary to be shown

DOWNEY – Musician Jerry Burgan will be in Downey next week as he screens the 1963 documentary "With Their Eyes on the Stars" before the Downey Historical Society on Feb. 24 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The screening begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

"With Their Eyes on the Stars"

is a documentary of the American space program produced by North American Aviation during the lull between the first orbital success with Project Mercury and the eventual landing on the moon with Apollo.

"Before watching it, you'll want to set your body and mind clocks back to 1963," said John Vincent, president of the Downey Historical

Society. "John Kennedy was still president, no one knew if rockets were going to fly or explode, and the only footage anyone had ever seen from space is in this movie."

"I think the movie really accomplished its objective with the music and narrative coming together for some very emotional moments," he said.

Retired pilot to visit space center

DOWNEY – Alexander Jefferson, a Tuskegee Army pilot veteran, will speak and sign books when he visits the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Feb. 19 from 1-2 p.m.

Jefferson is the author of "Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: The Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW."

Admission is \$5 and the public is invited. For more information, call (562) 231-1200.

Watch shuttle launch live

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will celebrate the final launch of the space shuttle Discovery on Feb. 24.

The scheduled launch time is 1:50 p.m., but the time and date is subject to change by NASA.

The space center will broadcast the launch live on its media wall.

Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for space center members.

For more information, and updated launch time information, call (562) 231-1200.

Space camp for kids

DOWNEY – Children are invited to spend their spring break at the Columbia Memorial Space Center, where kids can attend camp and find out what it takes to be an astronaut.

The camp is open to kids ages 10-13 and runs from April 18-22. The camp meets daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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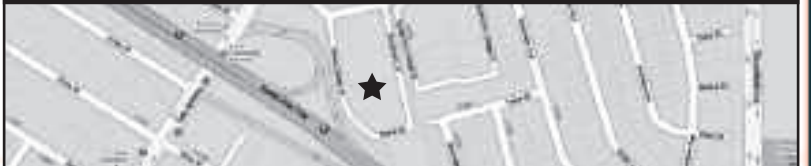
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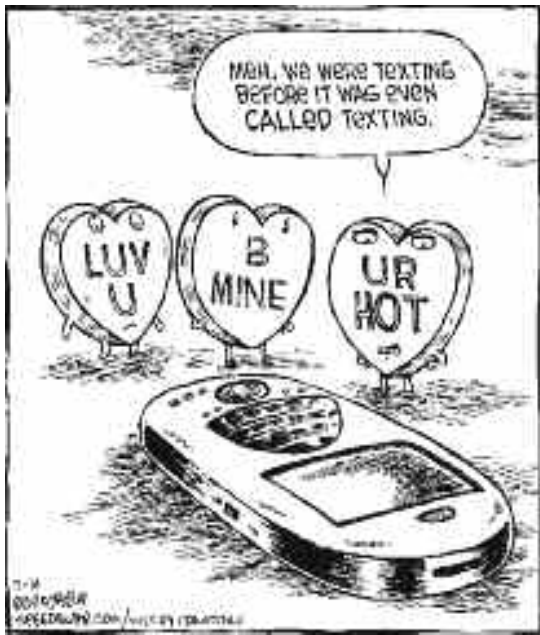
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Fri. Feb. 18: **Opening Night, "The Melody Lingers On."** Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Sat. Feb. 19: **Book-signing with Alexander Jefferson.** Columbia Memorial Space Center, 1 p.m.
 Thurs. Feb. 24: **Live launch of space shuttle Discovery.** Columbia Memorial Space Center, 1:50 p.m.
 Thurs. Feb. 24: **Documentary "With Their Eyes on the Stars."** Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.

City Meetings

1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee,** Cornack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission,** Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission,** Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee,** at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 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.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270,** at United Methodist Church.
 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270,** at Rio Hondo Event Center, 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 Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful,** at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club,** at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers,** at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting,** Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West,** at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club,** at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club,** at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club,** at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers,** at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey,** for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council,** at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club,** at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club,** at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.
 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 Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey,** for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey,** at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly,** at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220,** 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America,** at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club,** for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League,** at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs,** at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

On This Day...

Feb. 17, 1801: The House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, choosing Jefferson to be president.
1865: Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in.
1992: Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced to life in prison.
1996: World chess champion Garry Kasparov beat IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," winning a six-game match.
2004: Cingular Wireless agreed to pay nearly \$41 billion in cash to buy AT&T Wireless Services.
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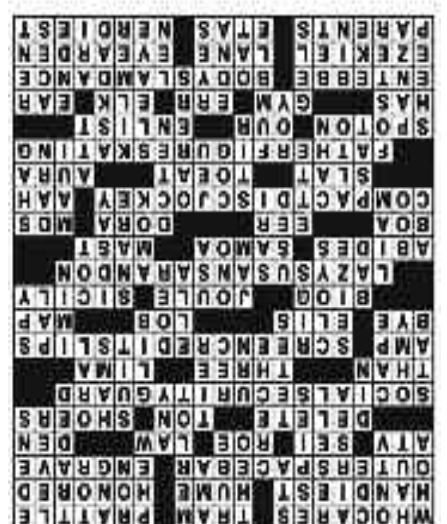
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Things to do this weekend:



Kevin Hart
When: Feb. 18
Where: Nokia Theatre
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 Live taping for DVD special.



Enrique Iglesias
When: Feb. 19
Where: Gibson Amphitheatre
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Music director Corneliu Olariu takes a quick break from rehearsal to pose with Angelica Villarreal, Jonathan Arenas and Leila Rasas, who play clarinet, saxophone, and euphonium, respectively.

PHOTO BY REBEKAH JIN

Music program reaching new heights

■ Under director Corneliu Olariu, Downey High's music programs are excelling.

BY REBEKAH JIN, INTERN

DOWNEY – From observing the long hours of practice on the football field, many people might assume that high school musicians are solely involved with marching band, but this is certainly not true. The band room at Downey High often goes unnoticed due to its secluded location, but it is where several talented students gather to perfect their skills. With the guidance of Corneliu Olariu, these students devote their time and effort into their passion for music.

Olariu is multifariously gifted with his extensive knowledge of music, and he aims to motivate students to be the best musicians that they can possibly be. Every year, the collection of trophies and plaques in the band room expands as new awards are constantly received.

This year, Olariu is especially proud of his hardworking students for their accomplishments at the Folsom Jazz Festival.

Jazz I, the top group at Downey, won second in the 4A division with high scores from the three judges: 92, 94, and 97. This feat placed them in the finals for the first time since Downey first participated in the festival eight years ago. Also, Jazz II won third out of 12 bands in the B division, and the jazz choir won second in the AA division.

"It is no surprise that in my last ten years at Downey, the jazz choir performed twice at Carnegie Hall and once at the Jazz at Lincoln Center," said Olariu. "They also won at the inaugural Disney World Jazz Celebration in 2009. The jazz band performed at the Hollywood Bowl opening night in 2006 and at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in 2008."

Not only did the jazz band and choir win numerous awards, but three seniors also proved their talent by being accepted to selective honor groups.

Angelica Villarreal and Jonathan Arenas are two of only 16 students throughout California who were chosen for the California Band Directors Association (CBDA) All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Leila Rasas successfully auditioned on euphonium for the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association

(SCSBOA) Symphonic Band.

Rasas, who was also principal euphonium of the CSULA First Chair Honor Band, learned the importance of music through Gary Green of the University of Miami, who served as the conductor of the SCSBOA Symphonic Band.

"Mr. Green taught us to give every note its integrity," said Rasas. "This experience changed me as a musician in just three days; it's something that I'm going to remember for the rest of my life."

None of these musicians would have had the aforementioned opportunities without the persistent dedication of Olariu, who willingly spends extra hours after school to help them reach their goals.

"I take my students to a lot of competitions and workshops around the country because they motivate them to practice more and to work really hard," said Olariu. "I would like to invite the Downey community to attend our concerts to experience the beautiful music we are creating."

Rebekah Jin was principal clarinet of the 2011 CSULA First Chair Honor Band and a participant in the 2010 CBDA All-State Symphonic Band.

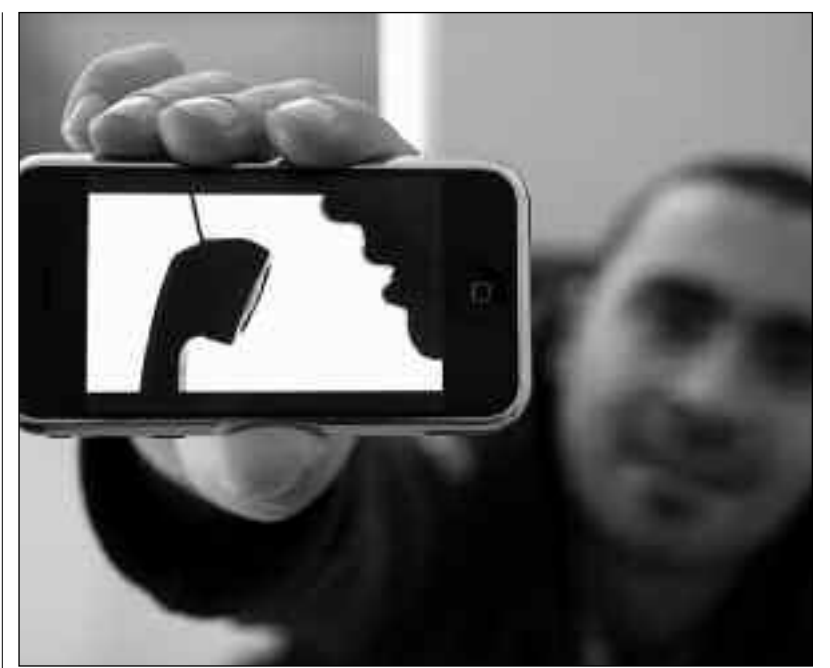


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Different people look for different things when shopping for a smart phone.

When it comes to smart phones, teens have different tastes

BY NICHOLE HAMILTON, INTERN

DOWNEY – Today, technology is constantly advancing and evolving, and students rely heavily on cell phones to keep them in constant communication with friends, and to keep them entertained.

Students everywhere are known for being glued to their cell phones, and while students do heavily rely on their cell phones, they each have their own unique tastes.

"I have a Droid, and I completely love it," said Downey High School graduate and Downey resident Ben Temple. "I love my phone, and my service provider. I seriously get signal everywhere, and the customer service is really great when you need it."

Others are less satisfied with their phones.

"I use the Palm for Sprint, and I have to say, I'm not pleased," said Downey High School graduate Cory Ramirez. "The phone itself isn't that great, and seems to freeze up on me often – I've only had it one year! It also can't hold a charge, and doesn't offer very many free applications, unlike other phones. I really enjoy texting on it though, and I can't wait to get a new phone that I can use more."

While there's no doubt that students are strongly connected to their cell phones, whether they love them or not, what is it about the phones that actually draws them in? Is it the sleek design? Or maybe it's the thousands of applications that some phones offer? For everyone, it seems to be a little different.

"I literally use my phone for everything, but I guess I mainly use it for texting and checking my Facebook," said Temple. "The best application for my Droid by far is advanced app killer. It lets you turn off applications that are running in the background which frees up some memory. I love that they have this because it makes your phone so much faster, but still allows you to have multiple applications, like other phones."

Of course, many students will have similar interests, they do vary a little.

"My main use for my phone is definitely texting and the browser," said Downey High School graduate David Mullins. "My two favorite applications for my phone are Facebook and the Bank of America apps, because they enable me to do things I would normally need to either be at home for, or use my laptop for. The iPhone is great for applications and Internet browsing, which really makes it perfect for me."

With all of this talk of cellular technology, it had to be asked – what will change, if anything, now that a new carrier, Verizon, is bringing out one of the world's most loved phones?

"Having the iPhone for Verizon honestly doesn't make much of a difference to me," said Temple. "I honestly think that the Droid all-around is a better smart phone."

While some focus on their own opinions, others focus on the broader picture.

"I honestly have no strong opinion on the iPhone being available for Verizon customers, because I don't feel it matters that much," said Mullins. "I mean it's good that two carriers have the phone now, but I strongly doubt that AT&T will lose any business like many are suggesting."

There you have it – phones are a part of a student's way of life, for varying reasons. Whether you're sporting the Droid, or planning on running out to get that new iPhone for Verizon, make sure that the phone is in tune with your own personal interests, so that you don't end up disappointed.

"The phone looked great when I was playing with it in the store, but it doesn't do nearly half the things that I really value in a cell phone," said Ramirez.

'Bear's Market Day' raises money and club awareness

■ ASB hosts campus sale where students learn about new clubs.

BY DEANNA KIM, INTERN

DOWNEY – Warren High School hosted a "Bear's Market Day" earlier this month where various clubs and organizations sold items to raise money and interact with other clubs and students.

Club week, a week when clubs can promote for enrollment, occurred from Feb. 2-4. It was the start of a new semester and that meant new members, but this year there was a twist, there would be a market day.

ASB Commissioner of Clubs Katie Guzman and James Bettencourt notified the clubs and organizations on campus that on Feb. 4 during both lunches, clubs would not only be able to promote, but also fundraise without going through the process of filling out official documents.

This event initially launched as "A Taste of Warren," where the clubs could bring in foods to sell but the event did not pass due to the food guidelines and regulations.

The purpose of Bear's Market Day was to help make Warren students more aware of the clubs and



organizations and to help fundraise.

"I think the event was a great way to have all of the clubs on campus unite, especially since all of the clubs sold something unique to their club," said Lizette Garcia, co-vice president of both Girls League and Club Development of Rural Maharashtra.

Some of the items various clubs sold included wood platypuses made from scratch, handmade earrings, beads, spirit bracelets, sea life phone charms, Warren spirit gear, chopsticks, flower pens, raffle tickets, and henna tattoos. ASB freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes also took advantage of this event to raise money for their classes.

"I liked the idea of allowing all the clubs to sell something to raise money for their club, but it was

very short notice and I wish we could have sold other things like food items or candy; something that would especially appeal to the students during lunchtime," said the Fundraising Chair of Warren High Aquarium Team Club Chelsea Abang.

"It was a successful event," said Kenitza Carrillo, co-president of Asian Appreciation Club. "We almost sold out of chopsticks! It was lots of fun because all the clubs were selling different things and nobody was competing against one another. It was a great way to find out about new clubs and support them."

"I didn't purchase anything because I forgot my money," said senior Xochitl Esqueda. "Hopefully we'll have the event again so I can buy some things I saw during Bear's Market Day."

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CIF officiating reaches new low

I don't want to sound like a cry-baby, and I definitely don't want to sound like a reporter trying to stick up for one of the teams he covers after they lost in the first round of the CIF playoffs.

But on Wednesday night, a line was crossed by one of the officials at the CIF opening round game at Arroyo Valley High School. Never, and I will repeat myself, never should an official come in contact with a player like this official did this night.

In all my years of covering sports, I have never seen something so unprofessional and biased. I understand calls are going to be missed, especially in basketball. I understand that officials are going to have terrible nights, like the officials did in football a couple years ago when Warren visited Vista Murrieta.

Heck, I even understand when

officials, although they are probably not thinking it, give home teams a slight advantage. After all, there is such thing as home court advantage regardless of how much people believe games should be called fair.

But never should an official come in physical contact with a player on the court, especially at the high school level.

With less than two minutes left in the third quarter, Warren point guard Joseph Campos fouled one of Arroyo Valley's players near half court with an official standing 10 feet from him. Campos turned around to walk away only to accidentally cross paths with the official.

The official proceeded to put his hands on Campos' shoulders and forcefully shove him out of the way. Campos probably didn't even realize it happened because he was so wrapped up in the

game. Warren head coach Ryan Hart said he missed it, probably because he was coaching other players, trying to will his team back into the game.

But a handful of people in the stands saw it. It didn't go unnoticed. Until that point, I was convinced that the officiating crew was just having a bad night. But when that happened, I was completely convinced that there might be something shady going on.

It's so depressing to see officiating completely take the game out of a team's hands. It makes you wonder what the actual outcome of the game could have been. Warren center John Elam was in foul trouble all night long with at least two of the fouls called on him being phantom fouls.

Warren forward Cejay Anderson found his head slamming into the hardwood floor after a Hawks player dropped his shoulder and drove right into Anderson's chest, only to stay down for a second then jump to his feet to find out a blocking foul had been called.

Campos drove to the basket, jumped to lay the ball in and got bullied to the ground mid-flight without a whistle even blowing.

And the grand finale, Campos was shoved by an official who at



SCOTT COBOS

times was seen grinning and joking with Arroyo Valley's bench, only to caution Hart, who wanted explanations for fouls called, multiple times that he was close to getting a technical foul.

You know it's bad when fans in the stands on Warren's side are literally jumping out of their seats, stomping down the bleacher stairs and yelling at the top of their lungs at the officiating.

You definitely know something is up when an official shoves another player, especially a player from the road team. Would the outcome of the game have been different? It doesn't matter. CIF should take closer look at their officiating, especially when physical contact is made.

Warren ousted in opening round of playoffs

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Ten missed free throws costly as Warren loses, 52-44.

By **SCOTT COBOS**, STAFF WRITER

SAN BERNARDINO — It was a long trip out to San Bernardino and it was a long trip back home after a 52-44 loss at Arroyo Valley in Warren's one and only game in the CIF playoffs Wednesday night.

The Bears had left campus just after 2 p.m. in order to be on time to their game to only feel disappointed to lose an opening round game that they probably should have come away with.

Having a lead going into the second half, Warren struggled at the free throw line, missing crucial shots and all but handing the game to Arroyo Valley.

The story should be the horrendous officiating but Warren head coach Ryan Hart downplayed the significance of the sketchy refereeing although visibly frustrated with the way the game was called, often seeing barking from the sidelines.

"That was probably more frustration with our free throw shooting," he said after being questioned about disagreements with the officiating during the game. "Referees had nothing to do with it. Every team gets a few bad calls. Basketball coaches, we're a bunch of babies. We had a chance to really do something on the free throw line."

From the charity stripe, Warren was just a shade over 50 percent, shooting 13 for 23. A majority of their misses came in the second half, coming from a team that normally shoots well from the line.

"We had our chance," Hart said. "Give those guys credit. They're a well coached team. It was a good experience for some of our younger guys. Take care of the ball, hit some free throws and we walk out of here with a victory."

The most startling stat of the night was points in the paint in the second half. With center John Elam in foul trouble, the Hawks had 24 points in the paint. Arroyo Valley's free throw shooting was rather poor as well, but the easy points in the paint with Elam on the bench propelled the Hawks into the lead.

"It killed us [to have Elam on the bench]," Hart said. "We lacked

size. We lacked a little strength in there. He kind of carried us on the glass. You take that away and it ended up being too much for us."

The Bears were outbounded 33-23 and gave up too many second chance points. Turnovers were a small problem in the second quarter, but never materialized as an issue, forcing 15 turnovers and committing 14 of their own.

With scoring at a premium in the first quarter, both teams combined for only 16 points, with Warren point guard Joseph Campos opening up the scoring with a short-corner 3-pointer. Campos scored 6 of Warren's points in the period off two 3-pointers, one of them tying up the teams with 1:26 to play.

Warren was able to take a lead and expand it to 6 points, up 18-12 before Arroyo Valley went on a 6-0 run of their own to tie the game up at 18 with 2:01 to go in the half. Warren's Chad Corapi had a cold shooting night but put his team up 21-18 with seconds to go before a Hawk jump shot at the elbow separated both teams in a very physical half, 21-20.

Elam picked up his third foul of the game before halftime, forcing Hart to pull him out of the game. The Bears committed seven turnovers in the second quarter, hurting their chances of keeping the Hawks at arm's length.

Officiating became questionable in the third quarter, especially with Elam finding himself on the bench most of the quarter. Cejay Anderson was called for a blocking foul with a couple minutes to go in the quarter although a Hawk player lowered his shoulder into the chest of Anderson, prompting Anderson to hit his head violently on the court.

Warren had opportunities, coming within 2 points of the Hawks, but never was able to get to spots on the floor offensively to score needed baskets, according to Hart. Warren was led by Elam with 12 points. Anderson overcame a slow start to finish with 11 points. Campos had 9 points in the first half and 12 points in the game.

This was Warren's first CIF playoff berth in more than five years. The Bears finished their season 16-12 overall and 3-7 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

Soccer fundraiser at Mambo Grill

DOWNEY — The Downey AYSO girls 14u travel team will host a fundraiser Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mambo Grill.

The restaurant will donate a portion of the day's proceeds to the team, which is raising money to travel to Maui, Hawaii for a tournament this July.

Team members will be at Mambo Grill throughout the day to greet restaurant patrons.

Announcement
Downey AYSO Region 24 is hosting their annual New Years Kick off Classic Soccer Tournament.
When: Saturday, Feb 26 and Sunday Feb 27
Where: Griffith Middle School & Discovery Complex
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Champion Vikings ready for playoffs

BOYS BASKETBALL:

Downey will host Fountain Valley Friday night.

By SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – A 32-year San Gabriel Valley League championship drought for Downey boys' basketball ended after a 56-49 win on the road against town rivals Warren last Friday night with at least being given a No. 4 overall seed in the CIF playoffs as well.

Downey head coach Larry Shelton with minutes to go in the game pulled all of his starters off the floor to start the celebration of a clinched league championship, Downey's first in over three decades.

"Great, what can I say?" Shelton said when asked about how it feels to finally clinch a league championship. "We worked really, really hard. We lost a devastating game the first game of this league season. I think a lot of people counted us out.

"We had just been on a 10-game winning streak and I challenged the kids. I said you just won 10 in a row. We got 10 games left. Can you win 10 in a row again? They said yes coach we can and they did it. They deserved the No. 1 seed out of this league."

Downey overcame a sluggish first quarter although they started hot, pulling ahead 6-0 in the early minutes. Warren's zone started to bother the Vikings, putting the clamps on points in the paint, a cornerstone to Downey's offense.

Bears' guard Chad Corapi hit a 3-pointer with 3:14 left in the first quarter to give the Bears a 14-10 lead, then both teams went cold with neither squad scoring another point in the period.

A 15-2 run sparked by a Dami Adefeso layup at 7:47 in the second quarter gave the Vikings the lead for good as they became the aggressors on defense, locking down Warren's dribble penetration. Downey's defense was so stifling in the quarter that the Bears



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scored only 4 points and didn't have their first field goal for a seven minute stretch in the period.

"We didn't take care of the ball," Warren head coach Ryan Hart said after the game. "I'm very disappointed that we only scored 4 points in the second quarter."

Adefeso led the Vikings in scoring with 19 points, really coming alive in the second quarter. Downey had a 25-18 lead going into halftime and never allowed the Bears within 8 points after that.

Shelton efficiently shuffled players in and out during the third quarter, not overexerting his starters, but at the same time keeping the Bears at bay. It was all but lights out after Adefeso hit a 13-foot jumper to push the lead to 11 points with 3:14 to go in the quarter.

The win notched Downey's 25th victory this season, putting them at 25-2 overall and 9-1 in league. What's even more impressive is that the two games lost were two games that the Vikings had fourth quarter leads with fewer than two minutes to go in each game.

"Nobody understands what we accomplished I think more than me," Shelton said. "I had to live through the Dominguez Empire and all the issues they brought for 20 years. And once that thing broke up, it made this thing so much fun.

"In my wildest dreams I didn't think we'd have a record like this. I really did not. My thoughts before the year started, I told one of my assistants I felt 18 or 19 wins this year if we had a good year and these kids surpassed my expectations by a long ways."

The Vikings will try to repeat history in the CIF playoffs as they start their march toward a section championship, hosting their first postseason game Friday night at 7 p.m. With one of the top seeds, the Vikings were given a first round bye.

They will face Fountain Valley, which defeated California High, 51-31, on Wednesday night.

In 1979, the last time Downey won a league title without sharing it, they also won a CIF championship.



New-look Bears undefeated in league

■ **GIRLS WATERPOLO:** Despite new players, team has 2-0 record in league play.

By JOSEPH APODACA,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Since the beginning, the Warren girls' water polo team has put every bit of skill they've got into the water and with the end of the season nearing, they can end knowing their effort was successful.

After restructuring the team following the departure of several starting players, the Bears were faced with the challenge of maintaining their same stamina with many relatively new players. Right away, head coach Josie Cordero and her girls got to work and are now a more solid, well rounded team offensively and defensively than they were a year ago.

"All the members have the same responsibilities and level of expectations, no matter how many minutes they may play," said Cordero. "The girls have embraced this philosophy and the chemistry on the team is undeniable."

Before their regular season even began, the lady Bears were making their presence known, showcasing their talent in the summer as participants in the Junior Olympics for their local club teams and defeating the likes of Cerritos and Downey in the fall pre-season. Since then, the girls have maintained an impressive overall season record of 17-7 and currently rank 2-0 in league, a feat they attribute to a strong team and good scheduling.

"Knowing what potential the program had this year, the team's game schedule replaced a mediocre schedule with a much more competitive schedule- pitting the Bears against big opponents from higher

divisions and exposing them to different styles of play," said Cordero. "In addition [to defeating league Rival Cerritos], the Bears have played competitively against teams such as Palos Verdes [Div 1, No. 9], Los Osos [Div 4, No. 3], Bonita [Div 5, No. 1], and will use their experiences from these big games as ammunition when they enter CIF playoffs."

Several standout players have made this season one of the most successful on record for the Warren Bears. Junior Jen Tritz has been singled out by Cordero as "one of the members on the team who has changed the most since summer" and fellow junior Ivana Castro is said to have a "killer instinct, who without a doubt clearly demonstrated over the weekend why she is one of the best water polo players in the area." Additionally, freshman Jocelyn Castro showed so much talent that she was quickly bumped from JV to varsity halfway through the season, joining fellow freshman Kayla Casas who Cordero sites as "definitely the opportunistic player who seeks to set up her teammates, but also a threat as an individual player."

Recently, the Bears participated in the AFC Invitational tournament, where well-known water polo programs from across Southern California are invited to go head to head in different divisions. The Bears were fortunate enough to take home a fifth place ranking in the Silver division, defeating the likes of Poway (7-6), Mt. Carmel (11-10) and Carlsbad (12-11 sudden death).

"These girls have really been turning things around this season in different ways," said Cordero. "I don't keep stats anymore about "how many goals each player scores" because every point this team has scored this year, came from the assists of their teammates."

Lady Bears clinch SGVL championship

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Warren clinches championship with easy win over Downey.

By JENNIFER CHO,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Finishing 21-5 overall and 9-1 in league on the regular season, the Warren girls' basketball team clinched its first league championship since 1978 Thursday night by defeating visiting Downey 67-28.

The Lady Bears could hardly contain their excitement, as their hard work including upsetting Lynwood for the first time in over 25 years last Wednesday paid off in bragging rights for the league title.

"We're really excited to become league champions," said Warren head coach Rachel Palmer. "We had some good shots, used Franny Vaaulu on the inside, and Tahja Matthews opened up the court."

Prior to the match, the Lady Bears honored the seniors' last regular season home game.

"This game was dedicated to the seniors and Grandpa," said

Palmer.

Hot 3-point shooting from Downey's Irma Urzua and Warren's Matthews dominated the first quarter. Urzua made the Vikings' first field goal for a three-pointer and later for 7-17, and Matthews had consecutive 3-pointers for an 11-3 lead. Downey's defense prevented Warren from scoring for much of the remainder of the quarter, and Anissa Segura displayed strong defense by rebounding and stealing the ball from Warren's Danielle Rodriguez. Matthews stole for a pass to Rodriguez, who closed the quarter at 19-11 in Warren's favor with a buzzer-beating field goal.

Smart defense from Warren cleared way for Bears' Samantha Madrid to score a field goal early in the second quarter while Downey's offense concentrated on guarding Vaaulu. Urzua made a 3-pointer for 16-25, and Warren's Matthews,

Tania Ayala, Vaaulu, and Madrid scored field goals. Urzua scored her fourth 3-pointer in the game for 19-31. Downey's Demetria Love chipped in the last field goal of the quarter. Warren led 36-21 at the end of the second quarter.

An aggressive Warren offense outran and outscored the Lady Vikings in the third quarter, with Warren leading 54-26 by the beginning of the fourth quarter. Downey's strong defense in the first quarter disappeared in the fourth quarter, with the Lady Vikings unable to stop Warren's offensive threats. The Lady Bears scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to Downey's 2 points brought in by Amanda Mazon. Madrid, Rodriguez, Vaaulu, and Erin Tidwell scored Warren's final points until the players celebrated their league championship.

Downey's head coach Raymond Walker complimented

the Lady Bears on their efforts throughout the season.

"They have the most talent in the league," he said. "We confused them early in the game, but their players were too tall for us."

The Vikings' Urzua had four 3-pointers on the game for 12 points, and Mazon had 6 points.

The Bears' Vaaulu led all scorers with 18 points, Rodriguez had 17 points, Matthews had 11 points, and Madrid scored 9 points.

Downey finished its season with a fourth place finish in the San Gabriel Valley League, with a 14-14 overall record and 4-7 overall record in league.

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Voter-approved Measure R is funding new transportation projects and programs and accelerating those already in the pipeline.

Here are updates on a few of the projects:

Regional Connector Transit Corridor

- > The Federal Transit Administration gave formal approval for preliminary engineering work to begin on the Regional Connector, bringing it a step closer to actual construction.
- > A two-mile, fully underground light rail line has been approved for the route of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor connecting the Metro Gold Line, Metro Blue Line and future Expo Line through Downtown L.A.
- > The route would connect with the Metro Blue and Expo lines at 7th Street/Metro Center Station and with the Metro Gold Line at Alameda Street.

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

- > Public update meetings were held recently on the environmental study evaluating alternatives extending the Metro Gold Line farther east from East L.A.
- > Two routes being explored are from Atlantic Boulevard east along either the Palmdale Freeway or Washington Boulevard.

West Santa Ana Transit Corridor

- > A series of community meetings are being held over the next 20 months to explore transportation alternatives for an abandoned 20-mile rail right-of-way between the cities of Paramount and Santa Ana.
- > Alternatives to be evaluated include bus rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail and high-speed rail.

For more information, visit metro.net/3010.

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Latin film festival begins this weekend

CARSON – The second annual Latin American Film Festival gets underway at Cal State Dominguez Hills this weekend and features seven feature-length films and one short film over four days, Feb. 17-22 and March 1-3, in Loker Student Union.

The festival is free and open to the public.

The movies, presented in Spanish and most with English subtitles, focus on social criticism.

"These are tough, very real movies," said Benito Gomez, Ph.D., festival coordinator and associate professor of modern languages at CSU Dominguez Hills. "The idea is to make people think and to show the realities of Latin America and to spark discussion about social issues."

To get a variety of films from different Latin American countries, Gomez compiled a panel of experts, who made recommenda-

tions for the festival.

Opening the festival on Feb. 17 are two films selected by the Salvadoran Foundation for the Arts: "Children and Migration" – the festival's only short film – and "La Vida Loca," a 2008 documentary about street gangs in El Salvador directed by French-Spanish documentarian Christian Poveda, who was killed a year later by members of the same gang he film documents.

The films will be shown back to back beginning at noon.

"La Vida Loca is a graphic film, but it delivers the message it's intended to. It's a sad story," said Sandra Mendoza, executive director for the Salvadoran Foundation for the Arts. "The end point is that (Poveda) who was doing investigative work on El Salvadorian gangs started working as an informant and was killed by the same gang he was investigating."

The festival continues Feb. 22 with a 1 p.m. screening of "Tony Manero," a Chilean movie which centers on a serial killer obsessed with John Travolta's character in "Saturday Night Fever."

Then, at 4 p.m., will be "El Cielito," a 2004 Argentinean drama about an orphaned drifter who

cares for the infant son of neglectful parents.

Two critically acclaimed films from Mexico and Cuba will screen at 1 and 4 p.m. on March 1. First, the 2000 Academy Award-nominated "Amores Perros," which is sometimes referred to as "Mexican Pulp Fiction," followed by the 2003 Havana Film Festival winner, "Suite Habana," which follows several people throughout one day in Cuba.

The last day of the festival, March 3, features a comedic drama from Argentina, "La Cienega," which depicts two families whose adults find solace in drinking to relieve family tensions, and the Peruvian/Spanish film, "La Teta Asustada," which explores abusive military tactics imposed on women. The films will be shown at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Following each film, professors from Cal State Dominguez Hills and Long Beach, UCLA, Pierce College, Scripps College and Case Western Reserve will conduct, in English, a presentation and Q&A session with audience members.

For a complete schedule of show times, visit cla.csudh.edu.

Admission to the festival is free but on-campus parking is \$4 daily.



Susan Dohan is returning to the Downey Civic Light Opera for a fifth time to star in "The Melody Lingers On," opening this weekend at the Downey Theatre. Dohan has appeared off Broadway in "The Boyfriend" and in the national tour of "Me Nobody Knows." A veteran of regional theater, she has also had movie roles and TV appearances. For tickets to "The Melody Lingers On," call (562) 923-1714. Group rates are available.

Bellflower choir selling tickets

BELLFLOWER – Tickets are now on sale for upcoming performances by the Bellflower Civic Chorus.

The choir will present a Broadway musical May 20-22 at the Bristol Civic Theatre in Bellflower.

Tickets are \$5 for anyone over age 6. They are available by sending a self-addressed envelope to Bellflower Civic Chorus, P.O. Box 1058, Bellflower, CA 90707 or calling Alice at (562) 866-4664.

The choir will also present shows in September and December

2-day art show in Paramount

PARAMOUNT – The Traditional Artists Guild of Paramount will hold its 30th annual Panorama Traditional Art Show at Progress Park on April 2-3.

The two-day show will feature traditional artwork in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil and ink.

Local artists are invited to participate in the show by registering before March 17.

For more information, call vice chairman Lee MacMahon at (562) 867-1875.

Herb Alpert in concert

COSTA MESA – Music legend Herb Alpert will be joined by vocalist Lani Hall in a concert May 20 at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa.

The concert will include songs from their newest record, "I Feel You," released last week.

Tickets to the one-night-only concert start at \$25 and went on sale Sunday at scfta.org.

Amtrak launches express train from San Diego

LOS ANGELES – Amtrak on Tuesday launched a new northbound express train service between San Diego and Los Angeles expected to cut travel time by 15-20 minutes.

The express Pacific Surfliner train will leave San Diego daily at 7:05 a.m. with stops at Solana Beach, Oceanside, Irvine and Anaheim.

The Surfliner saves time by bypassing San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, Santa Ana, Orange and Fullerton.

"In an effort to be more responsive to passengers traveling between San Diego and Los Angeles, the new weekday express service will provide a faster trip for business travelers riding the Pacific Surfliner," said Martin Tuttle, director for planning and modal programs at Caltrans, a partner of Amtrak.

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Jazz bands compete in Folsom

DOWNEY – Downey High School's jazz bands and jazz choir brought home three trophies from the 22nd annual Folsom Jazz Festival held Jan. 28-29.

It was the first competition of the year for the bands and choir, which are under the direction of director Corneliu Olariu.

The Jazz Band placed third in its division, while Jazz Choir earned second place.

Jazz Ensemble, Downey's top band, also placed second in its division, with scores high enough to place them into finals competition, a first Downey High jazz bands.

The Jazz Choir will perform Feb. 21 at Disneyland as part of the Community Arts Program. The choir has also been named a finalist in the 2011 Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival to be held April 1-3.

All jazz bands will compete the second weekend in April at the 49th annual Reno Jazz Festival at the University of Reno at Nevada.

For more information on any of the groups, contact Olariu by calling Downey High School at (562) 869-7301.

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BY DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department would like to caution the residents of Downey to be wary of people going door-to-door posing as construction workers, claiming to be conducting business in their neighborhood.

In recent months, several local cities have had reports of thefts by people claiming to be construction workers. Frequently during these

incidents a suspect will come to the front door, claiming to be working in the area, thus needing access to the resident's backyard to look at a fence line or power pole.

While in the backyard, the suspect will distract the homeowner and a second person will access the home, taking valuables before fleeing. This type of ruse is becoming more prevalent and Downey residents should take precautions to protect themselves and their property.

To avoid becoming a victim of this type of incident, residents are encouraged to follow these safety

tips:

- Never allow strangers, such as sales people or construction workers into your house or backyard unless they are scheduled to be there through a pre-existing appointment

- Make sure anyone claiming to be from a business or organization provides proper identification from the company they represent (ie. Southern California Edison, Gas Company identifications, cable companies, etc.)

- Don't allow yourself to be distracted by individuals that come to your door, giving their partners an

opportunity to access your property

- Always keep your doors and other access points locked when you are in your backyard or garage
- Be cautious about opening your door for strangers

Most importantly, report any suspicious persons in your neighborhood to the police.

Anyone with questions regarding how you can make your home and property more secure is encouraged to contact Downey Police Detective Mark Galindo at (562) 904-2326 or Detective Jerry Price at (562) 904-2359.

More slot machines seized by police

DOWNEY – Police seized slot machines from two retail stores in Downey last week, including a discount mart that was previously cited for illegal gambling last September.

Members of the Downey Police Department's Special Enforcement Team confiscated two electronic slot machines from the BioHazard Smoke Shop at 12121 Paramount Blvd., Unit D, on Feb. 8.

The clerk, a 29-year-old Lynwood woman, was issued a misdemeanor citation for possessing and permitting the operation of slot machines, authorities said.

An additional slot machine was seized at the 98 Cents+ Mart at 13258 Woodruff Ave. The store owner, identified only as a 43-year-old Buena Park woman, was arrested.

Police previously cited the store owner in September after investigators found two slot machines containing more than \$900. Authorities at the time said the slot machine was being used for illegal gambling.

The unidentified store owner pleaded guilty in court, police said.

Owning and/or operating a slot machine is prohibited under California law, unless the machine is more than 25 years old.

County employee found dead

DOWNEY – A compliance auditor with Los Angeles County died inside her cubicle Friday and went unnoticed for at least a day, authorities said.

Rebecca Wells, 51, apparently died while at work Friday with the county's Department of Internal Services, located at 9150 Imperial Hwy. in Downey.

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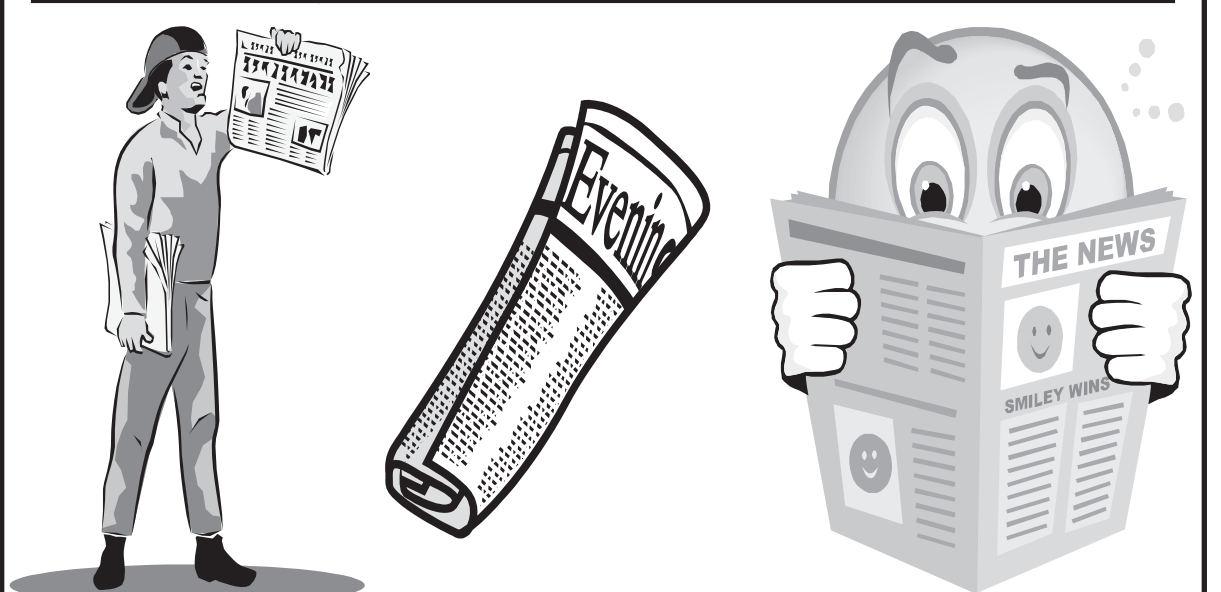
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Bell officials ordered to stand trial

BELL – Four current and two former Bell City Council members were ordered Wednesday to stand trial on charges they misappropriated millions of dollars from city taxpayers, including being paid for phantom committee meetings and making illegal personal loans.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Henry J. Hall ruled after a preliminary hearing that lasted just over a week that there is sufficient evidence against the defendants for the case to move to trial.

A new charging document – called Information – will be filed and the defendants are due back in Los Angeles Superior Court Department 100 on March 2 for arraignment.

In an early evening court session, the judge outlined his ruling in detail, also finding there was sufficient evidence presented for allegations that the amounts purportedly taken by the defendants were excessive.

When he announced charges against the council members, along with a separate case against the former city manager and assistant city manager and two council members, District Attorney Steve Cooley said more than \$5.5 million was taken from city coffers.

“We are alleging they used the tax dollars collected from the hard-working citizens of Bell as their own piggy bank, which they looted at will,” the District Attorney said.

In ordering the defendants to stand trial, Hall noted that four of the six remain on the Bell City Council. Terming it “a matter of grave public safety to the people of Bell,” the judge ordered that all

defendants stay at least 100 yards away from City Hall, that they not conduct city business and that they not receive any money from the city unless approved by the court.

Ordered to stand trial were current council members Oscar Cantu Hernandez, 63; Teresa Jacobo, 53; George Gregory Mirabal, 61; and Victor Antonio Bello, 52; and former council members Luis Antonio Artiga, 50 -- who resigned last year after he was charged; and George Wendell Cole Jr., 61.

Hernandez, Jacobo, Mirabal and Bello are charged with misappropriation of public funds in all 20 counts of the criminal complaint filed against them last September. Cole was charged in eight counts ending in 2007. Artiga was charged in 12 counts beginning in 2008.

Bello is the only defendant remaining in custody and a bail hearing was scheduled for Thursday morning before Judge Hall.

Next week -- on Feb. 22 -- the second case against the former city manager, Robert Adrian Rizzo, 57; Pier Angela Spaccia, 52, the former assistant city manager; and Artiga and Hernandez is scheduled to get under way before Judge Hall.

They too are charged with misappropriation of public funds and conflict of interest.

The cases are being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Public Integrity Division. Deputy District Attorney Edward A. Miller was the lead prosecutor for the preliminary hearing that ended Wednesday.

Woman raped in Pico Rivera alley

PICO RIVERA – Sheriff's deputies are searching for a man who sexually assaulted at knife-point last month in Pico Rivera.

According to Sheriff's officials, the victim was in an alley near a business on the 8400 block of Rosemead Boulevard, north of Slauson Avenue, on Jan. 24 between 7-8 p.m. when she was approached by the suspect.

The man threatened the victim and sexually assaulted her, authorities said. The suspect slashed the victim with a small knife and then fled.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic in his mid-20s, six feet tall, approximately 260 pounds. He was clean shaven with bushy eye-

brows and spoke with a Spanish accent.

Anyone with information on the suspect's identity is asked to call Detective J. LaBella at (562) 222-5533 or the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station at (562) 949-2421.

Kids Day is May 14

DOWNEY – Plans are underway for the 24th annual Kids Day, taking place May 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Furman Park.

The event features 1-cent carnival games with prizes, while parents can learn about local youth organizations and the services they provide.

Two stages will provide entertainment, and food and drinks will be available.

The Downey Fire Department will concurrently hold their Fire Service Day, where firefighters will provide tips on fire safety. An environmental fair offers suggestions on how to respect the environment.

A major component of Kids Day is the annual Fun Run, a 2K run for residents of all ages. The first 25 participants to cross the finish line receive a goody bag and medal, all others will receive a ribbon.

Same-day check-in for the Fun Run begins at 10 a.m.

Kids Day is free to attend.

Bingo luncheon Feb. 20

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Catholic Church is hosting a bingo luncheon Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch, one bingo card and door prizes. A \$25 money tree and other prizes will be raffled.

For tickets, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

Royal tea party at Bellflower library

BELLFLOWER – The Miss Bellflower court will host a "royal tea party" March 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library in Bellflower.

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

For more information, call (562) 925-5543 or visit www.colapublib.org.

The Brakensiek Library is at 9945 E. Flower St. in Bellflower, of Bellflower Boulevard.

Hall of Fame seeks nominations

DOWNEY – Downey High School is searching for distinguished alumni who wish to be considered for induction into its Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame opened in 1999 and currently has 70 inductees in the fields of Arts; Athletics, Civic, Community and Government; Education; and Professional.

Distinguished alumni include George Pajon Jr., lead guitarist for the Black Eyed Peas; singers Richard and Karen Carpenter; Dr. Robert Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic; figure skaters JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley; and the late Jack Kyser, a renowned economist.

To nominate a person for the Hall of Fame, call assistant principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for an application.

DJAA baseball signups

DOWNEY – The Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA) will host baseball signups beginning March 3 at Apollo Park.

The league is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through eight grade.

Cost is \$60 (cash only) and players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and school ID or report card. Deadline for registration is March 17.

For a complete list of registration dates, visit djaasports.org.

Hall of Fame for kids taking entries

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame, a recognition ceremony for school-age youth.

Eligible children should have demonstrated significant contributions in the areas of academics, athletics, volunteerism or a heroic deed (save a life, etc.).

Children chosen for the Hall of Fame will be presented with certificates and awards at Kids Day on May 14.

Nomination forms are available at the Community Services department at City Hall and also online at www.downeyca.org.

For more information, call (562) 904-7225.

Roybal-Allard visits East Middle School

DOWNEY – Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard visited East Middle School earlier this month where she urged students in the AVID program to "work hard in school and go on to attend college."

AVID (Advancement Via Individualized Determination) consists of 53 seventh and eighth grade students who are preparing to take college preparation courses in high school.

Most are first-generation students than plan to go to college.

During the assembly, the congresswoman spoke about her background in public service and highlighted legislation that she championed to help low-income students afford college, including the passage into law last year of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act.

The law increases the maximum Pell Grant scholarship, strengthens community colleges and training programs, increases government college grant assistance and lowers monthly student loan payments for borrowers with modest incomes.

"Making sure our young people have the ability to attend college or get career training is a critical step toward rebuilding the American economy and ensuring that our country's workforce remains strong and competitive for many years to come," she said.

School employees hit jackpot

WHITTIER – A group of 11 Montebello Unified School District employees claimed a \$12 million SuperLotto Plus ticket sold in Whittier earlier this month.

The co-workers have been playing together for nearly two years and are a mixture of full-time and part-time clerical workers.

Ramone Solis, spokesperson of the group, said one of the workers urged him to check the numbers after hearing that a jackpot-winning ticket was sold at the 7-Eleven where the group purchases their tickets.

Solis visited a local retailer and scanned the ticket, confirming that it was the winner.

"Members of the group had heard about a winning ticket being sold in Whittier so they were already assembled when I returned to confirm the win," Solis said. "We all jumped around the office screaming and celebrating."

Cynthia Magana, the school employee who purchased the ticket, said she had a "good feeling" about the 7-Eleven and knew that some day they would win.

"The owner of the 7-Eleven was so very nice and always wished me luck," she said. "His positive energy convinced me that I should continue buying tickets from him."

The group has yet to decide whether they will take the annuity payments or chase option. If they take the cash option, the estimated amount to be divided by all co-workers is \$7.1 million.

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The Downey AYSO boys 14u travel team won first place in the Coyote Classic Tournament held Feb. 12-13 in Apple Valley. The team was undefeated and only had three goals scored against them the entire tournament. Downey defeated Tulare in the finals. The team includes Marcello Frasca, Enrique Calvillo, Andy Del Valle, Joshua Hernandez, Robyn Ortega, Rodryck Ortega, David Lemucchi, Alex Reveles, Danny Andazola, Peter Torres, Phillip Caro, Isaias Rodriguez, Tony Gomez and Marcus Navarro. Felipe Caro is coach, Johnny Lemucchi is assistant coach and the team manager is Daniel.



Downey High School's junior varsity girls soccer team finished their season undefeated at 21-0, a first in program history. The girls defeated various teams from Divisions 2-5, including Simi Valley, which Downey defeated in the North Orange Classic finals for the championship.



The Downey YMCA's Youth in Government delegation visited the City Council chambers at City Hall last week in preparation for a trip to Sacramento. The delegation presented its bills to city officials and received feedback from real politicians. "Very impressive," said Councilman Mario Guerra, who spoke to the delegation. "If this is our future, we are in great hands."

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