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Battle for immigration rights hits close to home

■ A growing number of undocumented college students are emerging from the shadows.

By **TINA VASQUEZ**, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – Despite being just three-years-old at the time, Claudia Ramirez can clearly remember crossing the border from Tijuana to San Diego with her family. Not only was she tired from the long journey, but she was confused.

"I kept asking my mom why we were running," Ramirez said. "I wanted to know who was after us. I had the feeling we were maybe doing something we weren't supposed to." Eventually, Ramirez's brother hoisted her onto his shoulders and carried her the rest of the way into the U.S.

Like many others who come to this country, the Ramirez family saw the U.S. as the land of opportunity and despite being here for 21 years, the 24-year-old Downey resident is in limbo, belonging neither here nor there because she is *sin papeles* - without papers. Undocumented immigrants are foreign nationals who either entered the U.S. without authorization or entered legally, but remained in the United States without authorization. As was the case with Ramirez, a majority of undocumented youth are brought to this country by their parents or other relatives and many have spent more years in the U.S. than in their country of origin. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, California's undocumented population is the largest in the nation, with 2.6 million residing in the state.

Just a few years ago it would have been unheard of for an undocumented person to share their status publicly because of fear of deportation, but Ramirez is part of a growing movement of college students who proclaim that they are undocumented and unafraid. They are coming out of the shadows, sharing their stories and calling for immigration reform in the form of the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act, otherwise known as the DREAM Act. Under the rigorous provisions of this bipartisan legislation, qualifying undocumented youth would be eligible for a six-year-long conditional path to citizenship that requires completion of a college degree or two years of military service. The individual will then be able to apply for Legal Permanent Residency and consequently, will be able to apply for United States citizenship.

The undocumented youth rallying around the DREAM Act are classified as AB 540 students. Assembly Bill 540 is a state law that was signed in 2001 and allows undocumented students and out of state U.S. citizens in California to pay in-state tuition at public

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City avoids service cuts in latest budget

■ \$1.7 million budget deficit will be covered using reserve funds.

By **ERIC PIERCE**, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – The City Council later this month is expected to approve a \$143.6 million spending plan that includes no reductions in city programs or services but permanently eliminates 34 budgeted and/or unoccupied jobs.

A deficit of \$1.7 million will be plugged using the city's reserves, which are projected at \$28.7 million after the next fiscal year.

Council members quizzed department heads during a 4-hour budget session Tuesday, during which department leaders explained their efforts to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

The council made few modifications to the budget proposal. The most notable edit was Mayor Luis Marquez's request to reduce the salary of an emergency preparedness position budgeted at \$105,000 annually, not including benefits.

The position, originally created three years ago during the city's water scare, was pulled from the

budget and will probably be added later at a reduced salary. Former fire chief Mark Sauter currently oversees the city's emergency preparation efforts as a contract employee but he is scheduled to retire in December.

Overall, administrators sounded cautiously optimistic about the city's finances going forward. Sales tax revenues are expected to increase 19.8% this coming fiscal year, attributable at least partly to a "change in spending habits." A scheduled water rate increase later this year is expected to boost water utility funds 31.2%.

Most other revenue sources, however, are forecasted to decrease. City officials estimate a 5.3% drop in property tax revenue, and slight dips in licenses and permits, interest and rents, property transfer taxes, and golf course revenues.

The city's share of federal Community Development Block Grants, used primarily in Downey to support local non-profits, is estimated to decline 16.4%.

City administrators have countered the down economy by maintaining a hiring freeze and "doing more with less," city manager Gerald Caton said. Thirty-four pre-

viously frozen city jobs – 7% of the city's workforce – are scheduled to be eliminated. Another eight positions will be left unfilled.

"It's very tight this year...but our department heads have been extremely creative to keep our programs in these dire fiscal times," said Caton, who will retire in December after 22 years as city manager.

Council members limited their requests for additional budget considerations. Councilman Fernando Vasquez requested an art walk be budgeted for next year and was told a plan is already in the works, while Councilman Mario Guerra lobbied police chief Rick Esteves for the installation of video cameras in public parks. Esteves said he was carefully guarding the police department's asset forfeiture funds due to possible expenses down the road.

Guerra also requested the police and fire departments take steps to lower overtime pay. The departments expect to pay a combined \$3 million in overtime wages during the next fiscal year.

The City Council is expected to formally adopt the budget after a public hearing June 28.



Student shaves afro for cancer fight

■ Danny Delgadillo raised more than \$500 by publicly shaving his afro.

DOWNEY – Columbus High School student Danny Delgadillo gave up his afro to help fund the fight against cancer at the Downey Relay for Life last Saturday.

The Relay for Life is a 24-hour fundraiser where teams raise money on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Last week, some teams sold raffle tickets, others sold food items, and the Downey Adult School Massage Therapy program gave massages for donations. But

one fundraising idea stood above the rest.

Delgadillo decided to allow his 12-inch afro to be sheared off in front of a crowd. Columbus High teacher Virginia Rooney led the crowd in chants of "Go Fro Go!" and "No More Fro!" while asking crowd members to donate money.

English teacher Robert Hecker sheared half of Delgadillo's hair at noon, and the second half was shaved in the early evening. In between the two cuts Delgadillo proudly walked laps sporting his noticeable half-afro.

Delgadillo ultimately raised more than \$500 by shaving his head.

"His fellow classmates, relay participants and the staff at Columbus all consider this young man to be a hero," Rooney said. "He did this for all those men and women that have lost their hair while battling this disease and hopes there will be a day when no one has to feel that shame again. When he was sent an e-mail saying thanks for his contributions, Danny wrote back, I'm just trying to make a difference."

"Thanks to you, Danny Delgadillo, and to all those that participated and donated to this year's Relay for Life," Rooney continued. "Because of you, we are one step closer to the cure."

THEATER REVIEW



Karen Volpe stars in "Funny Girl," now playing at the Downey Theatre. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.

'Funny Girl' presented with dramatic gusto

■ Charming blend of veteran actors and recent performing arts graduates mix well.

By **HENRY VENERACION**, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Just like the Downey Civic Light Opera (DCLLO) promised in early August when it announced its 2010-11 season lineup – starting with "No, No Nanette" and followed by "The Melody Lingers On" – its third and last production of the year, "Funny Girl," which opened last week and finishes June 19 at the Downey Civic Theatre, is awash in music, dance, comedy and romance.

Make that "lively music, dance, comedy and romance."

First staged on Broadway in 1964 starring a young Barbra Streisand, who later played the same role in the movie version in 1968, "Funny Girl" traces the real-life story of Broadway vaudevillian and comedienne Fanny Brice who falls in love and marries a dashing, handsome entrepreneur and gambler, Nick Arnstein; the couple has it good for a while before questionable investment decisions by Nick and their inevitable marital squabbles doom the marriage, with Fanny resuming her interrupted career and Nick fading away into the shadows.

Streisand's movie performance and singing in "Funny Girl" won her a share of the Academy Award for Best Actress in 1969 with Katharine Hepburn ("The Lion in Winter").

DCLLO's large "Funny Girl" cast is a charming blend of veteran romantic musical performers and a

sprinkling of recent performing arts graduates. Having performed in various years at DCLLO, the veteran troopers (three are members of Actors' Equity) no doubt will look familiar to regular local theater-goers. But whatever the cast's backgrounds (a few have even appeared in films or TV), their scenes throb with dramatic gusto, heightened by their trained, strong and sonorous vocalizations.

And true to the solid tradition of the DCLLO, the sets, the costumes, the lighting, the choreography, and other production elements add up to great production values.

"Funny Girl," which has not been performed in New York since 1964, was supposed to make its debut at the Ahmanson Theater in Los Angeles next year, on Feb. 1-26, but, as DCLLO executive producer and director Marsha Moode was quick to point out, "We beat them to it."

Traffic delays expected on Lakewood

DOWNEY – Residents are being advised to avoid Lakewood Boulevard this month due to ongoing construction.

Between June 9-21, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays as crews enter "the meat" of the rehabilitation project, public works director John Oskoui said.

Construction is expected to be substantially completed by the end of July.



FAMILY PHOTO



Dennis Henriquez completed eight-week basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.



Myriam Cristina Teran completed training to become a sailor on June 3. She graduated from Warren High School in 2006.

Yanez coming home soon

DOWNEY – Spc. Ricardo Yanez Jr. is coming home in early July after a year in Iraq.

A 2004 graduate of Downey High School, he joined the Army a year later. He completed 21 weeks of basic training at Fort Leonardwood Missouri before reporting for active duty at Fort Leavenworth's U.S. disciplinary barracks. He participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn at Camp COS Gary Owen with the 422nd Military Police Battalion.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, Joslyn, and on Sept. 29, 2010 they became parents to a baby girl named Mia Richyn, who was born while he was away. He has only seen her once since she was born.

Yanez has a military banner on Firestone Boulevard in front of the Ralph's market. He is the son of Ricardo Sr. and Marisabel Yanez, of Downey.

Henriquez finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman 1st Class Dennis A. Henriquez graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

Henriquez completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

He also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The son of Downey resident Adalberto Henriquez, he earned a bachelor's degree last year from Cal State Northridge.

Teran graduates as a sailor

DOWNEY – Myriam Cristina Teran completed training and graduated as a sailor at the Navy Base Great Lakes in Illinois on June 3.

A 2006 graduate of Warren High School, she is the daughter of Jorge and Carmen Teran. She will be stationed in San Diego on the USS Howard.

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Latest opportunity too good for Perfitt to pass up

■ John Perfitt, former economic development director in Downey, accepts job at Los Angeles housing agency.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – For John Perfitt, opportunity always seems to be knocking.

Since his time of service in the Peace Corps up until his most recent role as Downey's director of economic development, Perfitt has often found himself walking through the doors that give him the chance to serve others.

"Throughout my career, I've tried to work in areas that needed economic development," said Perfitt, who joined the city's economic team in 2007. "Downey presented itself and had some unique opportunities; a downtown with potential and the NASA site also represented a unique challenge. You know, Downey is a stable place, the bones are there."

However, after three and a half years and dozens of development projects, Perfitt resigned from the city last Friday, taking his economic experience to Los Angeles where he hopes to help non-profit housing agency Restore Neighborhoods LA redevelop blighted communities across the city.

"It's a non-profit development agency that funds housing projects in the community, a joint effort between the Los Angeles Housing Department and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development," said Perfitt. "We have a pretty narrow mandate. We buy foreclosed homes, apartment buildings, then work with developers on an affordable units program."

Perfitt, a resident of Los Angeles, will serve as director of housing production, focusing on property acquisition, development, and management at the agency's South Park office in Downtown Los Angeles.

"This was just too good of an opportunity to pass up," he said. "A former boss called and said 'this is something I think you should look at...it's a good opportunity and it's closer to home.'"

Created in 2009, Restore Neighborhoods LA acquires bank, real estate-owned properties and renovates them for use as affordable housing.

As of this month, the housing agency, which concentrates on neighborhoods in Central, East, and South LA, as well as parts of San Fernando Valley, has already purchased more than 155 single family and duplex properties.

Perfitt, while excited about his new position at the organization, admits the transition is bittersweet.

"I leave with mixed feelings," said Perfitt leaning forward onto his desk. "A lot of good stuff is underway here, there's going to be a lot of interesting changes in the next two to five years. We're already seeing a lot of activity in our downtown, the



former Gallatin Medical Center is poised for redevelopment, Porto's is always busy – Downey is starting to make its mark."

Something Perfitt hoped to accomplish upon his arrival to Downey in October of 2007, just months before the economic downturn.

"After I came in, we went into a difficult time. The market seized up and we had to adjust to a new normal," Perfitt said. "But there has been significant accomplishments...we've made the city more responsive, and we've delivered more services with less resources."

Despite the city's economic challenges, Perfitt said officials quickly adapted to the fiscal climate, making changes that helped the city progress amidst recession.

"We raised the standard for development in Downey," he said. "As a staff, we've become more business-friendly, more responsive. We've taken on a more active approach by being really accessible and that's a change."

The announcement of Perfitt's resignation came with much praise from City Council members last month who credited him for a lot of the progress made in the effort to redevelop downtown Downey.

"It's definitely a loss for Downey," Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer said. "But on a personal level, I'm happy for him. He deserves this."

According to Perfitt, who also teaches finance and planning courses at the University of Southern California, Steven Yee, economic development manager for the city, will take on more responsibilities in economic development, building and safety as a result of his absence.

As Perfitt leaves, he ensures the city remains in good hands and suggests officials keep Downey business-friendly while finding innovative ways to promote the city to new businesses.

"It's really incumbent on the people within economic development to get the name of Downey out there. You have to take an aggressive approach in telling the Downey story," he said. "It's fascinating how you can travel far and wide and Downey somehow is known. People link back to Downey – it's at a crossroads."

"I think there are a lot of opportunities here, you've got to make them known."

Couple marks 70 years of wedded bliss

■ Dave and Laura Quintana met more than 70 years ago on a blind date.



DOWNEY – Laura and Dave Quintana, who have lived in Downey for more than 60 years, marked their 70th wedding anniversary June 1 with a celebration in White Plains, N.Y., with their daughter and grandchildren. Their love story began more than 70 years ago on a blind date in Los Angeles.

Laura and Dave sized each other up on their first date. Laura, now 99, said, "He was so shy and he wasn't fresh like most of the boys I dated who wanted to feel you up!"

Dave, now 97, retorted, "She had the cutest dimples. I loved her dimples." So in the rumble seat of a Model A Ford, they double dated with Dave's childhood friend and his date.

Recalling their first date experience, Dave remembered, "We went to a local restaurant that had really strange green mercury lighting over the tables. It was a wonder we continued to see each other. The green lighting took away our appetites. Laura looked like an alien under that lighting."

Laura agrees: "Who wanted to eat? He looked sick!"

Still, the attraction was there and their love grew from that first date in November, 1939 until June 1, 1940, when they were married in Los Angeles.

The next 70 years went by very quickly. The couple bought a home in 1952 in Downey, and were never apart except for a short period of time when Dave was sent to Connecticut and West Virginia in the early 1960s by his aeronautics

employer (North American, which has since merged into Lockheed International).

In Downey, they raised their two children, Alice and Mary-Ellen, who both attended elementary through 12th grade in Downey. Two years ago Alice succumbed to ovarian cancer and they were left only with Mary-Ellen, who lived in New York. When Dave broke his hip in a fall last summer, Mary-Ellen knew she would have to do something to keep them safe and she refused to put them in a nursing home.

"They may have poor short-term memories and be physically fragile, but they have their wits about them, keen long-term memories of events and people, and a love for life that I want my children to know," said Mary-Ellen of her

parents. "So, kicking and screaming, I moved them to New York during spring break with the help of my two 14-year-old kids, D.J. and Anastasia."

Which is why Dave and Laura celebrated their anniversary not in Downey but in White Plains.

"We toasted with champagne and remembered all those years that went by so fast," said Dave. "We also ate a wonderful dinner without any green mercury lights!"

As to the trick for being married 70 years?

"I think don't hold a grudge, keep yourself busy and don't forget your family," said Laura. "If you have problems, and we all do, work it out."

Lawyer, volunteer honored by alma mater

DOWNEY – Downey resident and immigration attorney Robert (Bob) Jacobs received the Rada Distinguished Alumnus Award from his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The honor recognizes alumni who have graduated within the last 20 years, achieved professional distinction and taken part in humanitarian activities. Jacobs was honored during a ceremony May 13, the night before the university's commencement ceremonies.

Jacobs graduated with bachelor degrees in economics and political science in 1994, and went on to earn a jurist degree from Marquette University Law School in 1997. The following year, Jacobs became lead staff attorney for California Educational, Financial and Legal Centers Inc., a non-profit organization practicing immigration and criminal law.

In 2002 he founded and became a senior partner of Jacobs & Vega PLC, which has immigrant and criminal law offices in Santa Fe Springs and Riverside. His wife, Lillian Vega Jacobs, also an attorney, is his fellow senior partner.

Jacobs was elected to the executive boards of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Southeast District Bar Association and Mexican American Bar Association.

"I never cease to be amazed at how Bob somehow finds a way to donate so much time to the betterment of the community, while still maintaining a happy family and raising two wonderful kids," said Judy Perez, 2010 president of the Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles County.

Jacobs is also a member of Kiwanis International. He has been the community service chair, vice president, president-elect and is the current club president of Downey Kiwanis, where he has been involved in everything from member recruitment and fundraising to volunteer work. He has participated in fundraisers for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Arc through its annual walk, and the Key Clubs at Downey-area high schools.

"Bob Jacobs always treats others with the utmost dignity and respect for all members of our community," said Mario Trujillo, lieutenant governor for Division 13 of Kiwanis International. "He is an excellent lawyer and extraordinarily ethical person."

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From left: Chris Enriquez, Nicole Kosakowski, Sam Bettencourt, Ruben Isoefa, Franny Vaalu, Savannah Vilaubi, David Jasso and Deborah Won.

Warren athletes announce college choices

■ Eight athletes sign letters of intent; four are accepted into Division I schools.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Friends and family gathered at Warren High School's library to watch eight of their top athletes sign their letters of intent Monday afternoon, with four of the athletes receiving scholarships to Division I schools.

Sam Bettencourt, Chris Enriquez, David Jasso, Ruben Isoefa, Nicole Kosakowski, Franny Vaalu, Savannah Vilaubi and Deborah Won all signed their letters to the delight of the crowd and flashes of many cameras.

"I can't remember the last time we had eight students go on to the NCAA for athletics and academics," said Warren principal John Harris.

Bettencourt announced that he will be attending Pacific University for football in the fall. The 3-year letterman was a starting quarter-

back his sophomore year in former head coach Chris Benadom's run-heavy offense.

While he was a secondary option in the offense, new head coach Gil Jimenez made him a primary option in his senior year where Bettencourt completed 63 percent of his passes for four touchdowns, and was the second leading rusher as an option quarterback with 318 yards on the season, averaging 3.25 yards per carry, and scored four rushing touchdowns.

Enriquez will attend Queens University in North Carolina for cross country. The Bear excelled and led the always elite cross country squad for Warren, helping them win their third San Gabriel Valley League championship in four years. He also set a school record of 9:21.96 in the 3,200 meter race.

Jasso signed with Whittier College for track and field. While Jasso excelled in his events, his track and field coach had nothing but admiration for the type of person Jasso is.

"What a great guy," he said. "And that's what I look for in an

athlete. If he's a good person."

Iosefa, Bettencourt's offensive guard and defensive tackle, will also be attending Pacific University in the fall for football. In his senior year the lineman had 16 tackles and 17 assists with his best game coming against Downey where he had six tackles and six assists.

Kosakowski, born into a tennis family with brother Daniel already attending UCLA on a full tennis scholarship, will attend Baylor University in the fall. The tennis star helped lead the Bears to the playoffs, but as an individual player was ranked No. 13 in California, No. 14 in the Southwest region of the country, and ranked as high as No. 46 nationally according to tennisrecruiting.net.

Vaalu, one of the most dominating female athletes to come out of Warren, is heading to Utah State for basketball. The dual-sport star was the Bears best post player on the hardwood and ace pitcher and cleanup hitter on the softball diamond.

"Not only is she a phenomenal

softball player, she is an excellent basketball player," said Warren basketball head coach Rachel Palmer. "She's an incredible leader for us."

The ace hurler hit a torrid .457 with six home runs and 29 RBIs, while throwing a team high 132.2 innings with a 1.16 ERA. In the 132.2 innings, she also struck out 140 batters.

But she excelled in basketball where she led her team to a 22-6 season, averaging 11.5 points per game, hitting 49 percent of her shots and collecting 11.7 rebounds per game.

Vilaubi will be attending UC Riverside on a golf scholarship. The senior will go down as one of the best golfers Warren has ever seen. In March, she finished in third place in the Southern California PGA Junior Tour's Toyota Tour Cup Series at La Purisima Golf Course.

Won was a 3-year varsity cheerleader and was a captain on the squad this year. She will be attending Yale University.



Gangs Out of Downey installed its new slate of officers for 2011-12. They include (from left): treasurer Mimi Yusem, vice president Raul Muniz, president Kent Halbmaier and secretary Louis Morales. Gangs Out of Downey meets on the first Tuesday of every month (except during summer months) at 7:30 a.m. in the second floor training room at City Hall. The next meeting is Sept. 6.



The Downey Amateur Radio Club celebrated its 60th year of operation by operating from the newly-installed radios in the Downey Fire Department's Emergency Operation Center. Pictured above are Tom Van Buskirk, of Downey, and Ray Wheatley, a La Mirada resident. Club members contacted stations in 13 states and Canada during the celebration on June 4.

Water barrels to be given away next weekend

DOWNEY – The Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee and Community Emergency Response Team volunteers will be distributing free plastic food-grade barrels for emergency water storage on Saturday morning, June 18.

The storage of an ample supply of fresh water is one of the most important actions community members can take as they prepare for an emergency.

The location for the June 18 event will be outside the Discovery Sports Complex and Columbia Memorial Space Center on Columbia Way, near Lakewood Boulevard. The distribution will be a 'drive-thru' only event. There will be no accommodations for walk-up visitors.

All attendees will be directed to stay with their vehicles as volunteers work their way through the distribution effort. There will be a one barrel per car limit for this distribution event. The event will be held rain or shine.

The distribution of the barrels will begin at 8 a.m. The event will end when the supply of barrels is exhausted or at 11 a.m., whichever comes first. The barrels are a donation from the Downey Coca-Cola facility and staff.

Fresh water is almost always in short supply after disasters. Experts recommend each person should store a minimum of 3-7 gallons of water for emergency use. Additional water should be stored for pets.

Each barrel is cleaned and rinsed by Coca-Cola staff members before delivery to the distribution site by Coca-Cola trucks and drivers. The barrels vary in size from 15-55 gallons. The exact quantity of each size of barrel varies for each event. A special instructional label is attached to each barrel.

Barrel pumps, siphon hose and handles for the barrel caps will be available for purchase at the event. Cash or checks will be accepted. These items are not necessary for water storage, but they are helpful when dispensing or changing the water. The cost for a pump is \$15, siphon hose is \$7 and the handle costs \$8.

Details for the distribution event, and a map, are posted on the city website. *The Downey Patriot* will carry a map in next week's newspaper. Questions or comments may be sent to ready@downeyca.org.

–Mark Sauter, city of Downey

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Governor cuts use of state cell phones

Governor Jerry Brown on Wednesday announced that the state has eliminated 29,398 cell phones, achieving a 44 percent reduction in the number of phones issued to state employees in state agencies and departments under the Governor's direct authority.

Deeper cuts will be made in the next 30 days in order to reach the target number of 33,559 cell phones and achieve the 50 percent reduction outlined in an Executive Order issued on January 11, 2011. The 50 percent reduction is expected to save taxpayers at least \$13 million.

"We've eliminated tens of thousands of cell phones and saved taxpayers millions, but we're not done," said Brown, who turned in his own government-issued cell phone the day the order was issued and cut the number of phones issued to Governor's Office employees by 75 percent.

The Governor's Executive Order called for the state's agencies and departments to review and cut the number of taxpayer-funded cell phones and smart phones in half. Of the 67,117 phones identified, agencies and departments have eliminated 29,398 devices to date. The state must eliminate a total of 33,559 phones to achieve the 50 percent cut.

The administration has compiled data which suggests that up to 51 percent of state-issued cell phones can be cut. However, various agencies and departments have submitted requests for a total of 4,916 exemptions from the Executive Order. These exemption requests will be reviewed in order to ensure they are necessary and, if necessary, the administration will seek deeper cuts in other departments.

"In my Executive Order I made it clear that exemptions will only be granted if phones are mission critical or tied to public safety," Governor Brown said. "We will deny exemption requests—or force deeper cuts to other agencies and departments—to ensure the 50 per-

cent reduction is realized within 30 days."

Agencies and departments are now working closely with vendors to return the phones for refunds and credits toward future service charges.

The Executive Order originally identified approximately 96,000 devices. As agencies and departments reviewed their cell phone use, they discovered that this figure included:

- * 11,300 devices at other state government entities that are not under the Governor's executive authority.

- * 8,700 devices that had already been eliminated or were previously deactivated.

- * 7,000 devices, originally classified as cell phones and smart phones, were other telecommunications devices not covered by the order (such as data modems in CHP vehicles and traffic telemetry devices used by CalTrans)

- * 2,000 were furnished by local and federal authorities and so are not subject to the order.

These were excluded, resulting in the 67,117 figure.

In addition to reducing the state's cell phones, Brown has already slashed spending in his own office by more than 25 percent and ordered state agencies and departments to:

- * Halt all non-essential state employee travel;
- * Recover millions of dollars in uncollected salary and travel advances;
- * Stop spending taxpayer dollars on free giveaway and gift items;
- * Reduce the passenger vehicle fleet;
- * Freeze hiring across state government.

Contributed by the office of Gov. Jerry Brown.



Letters to the Editor:

Visual arts

Dear Editor:

The only reason jaws were dropping in unison was because this "disaster," as Mr. Christon calls community services director Thad Phillips, was not asking for more money. ("Who Will Lead the Art Movement?", 6/6/11) More money for art that a very large majority of Downey citizens don't care about.

Of course we have a small vocal group that likes to think they are special because they know something about art. They will set their pet projects in front of us and dare us not to be impressed.

Our collective breath of fresh air will come when we stop getting pounded with taxes to support some of the ugly, nasty pieces that pass for art today.

"Visual iconography"? Yawn.

--Kenneth Stallcup,
Downey

Weinergate

Dear Editor:

Yet another elected official admits to lying to the American citizens, admitting he did, in fact, lie about his involvement with women via the Internet and photos sent to them by him.

This seems to be a popular trend. Commit the act, lie about it time after time, then later admit it was all a lie, become apologetic, and all is supposed to be forgiven.

It worked for Bill Clinton and several others before and after him, so why shouldn't Weiner give it a shot? This is just another example of why (I suspect) the general public does not believe or trust those elected officials whom are supposed to be "our" elected officials and representing our best interests. To me, a liar is no better than a thief. Neither can be trusted.

As a rather recently proud retired police officer and retired Vietnam veteran, I really hope I live to see the day strict penalties are applied to all elected officials, whether or not they are local, county, state or federal level. I only mention being a retired police officer for one simple fact: in a police career, if an officer is caught lying about anything, he or she will be faced immediately with termination. Why? It comes down to credibility. If an officer who has been given the responsibility of public trust lies, then his or her credibility is lost and they can no longer serve the public. This is how it should be and also be applicable to all elected or appointed officials.

So many of these people lie to American citizens, it has become almost second nature to do so with no regret or little repercussion.

As an additional item, I have and continue to disagree with our troops being deployed in the Middle East (another Vietnam), however, I am proud to see how they are being treated by the majority of American citizens. It is a sharp contrast to the way Korea War and Vietnam War troops were treated. I'd much prefer to see troops deployed to our borders to augment the Border Patrol.

-- David Abney,
Downey

Red light cameras save lives, group says

The National Coalition for Safer Roads (NCSR) is condemning the "regrettable" decision by the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners to put money before safety in its vote to end the city's successful red light safety camera program.

"Ending this very successful and effective program will put innocent lives at risk," said David Kelly, president and executive director of NCSR and former acting administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). "There is a mounting body of evidence showing red light safety cameras change dangerous driver behavior — saving lives and reducing injuries in Los Angeles and across the country. Los Angeles residents and officials need only look at the local and national results to see the positive effects of these safety programs."

A recent study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) found that 676 people were killed and 113,000 were injured in crashes that involved red light running in 2009. Two-thirds of the victims in these crashes were pedestrians, bicyclists or occupants of vehicles hit by the red light runners.

The study also showed red light safety cameras helped save more than 150 lives in 14 of the biggest U.S. cities from 2004 to 2008. Had the cameras been operating in all 99 U.S. cities with populations more than 200,000, more than 800 lives could have been saved.

"It's unconscionable for the board to put money before safety in Los Angeles," said Kelly. "We must do everything in our power to protect innocent motorists, pedestrians and cyclists and prevent senseless deaths from reckless red-light runners. Red light safety cameras are proven to change dangerous driver behavior and reduce red-light running."

Contributed by the National Coalition for Safer Roads.

Teen pregnancies cost taxpayers

Teen childbearing in the United States cost taxpayers (federal, state, and local) at least \$10.9 billion in 2008, according to an updated analysis released by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

State costs in 2008 ranged from \$16 million in North Dakota to \$1.2 billion in Texas.

These public sector costs would have been even higher had it not been for the one-third decline in the U.S. teen birth rate between 1991 and 2008. The estimated national savings to taxpayers in 2008 alone due to the substantial decline in the teen birth rate between 1991 and 2008 is \$8.4 billion -- ranging from \$3.4 million in Wyoming to \$1.4 billion in California.

"Reducing teen pregnancy not only improves the well-being of children, youth, and families, it saves taxpayer dollars," said Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. "At a time when policymakers and others are intensely focused on cost-saving measures, funding proven efforts to reduce teen pregnancy is important, timely, and should be a high priority."

Most of the public sector costs of teen childbearing are associated with negative consequences for the children of teen mothers. These costs include public health care (Medicaid and CHIP), child welfare,

incarceration, and lost tax revenue due to decreased earnings and spending.

The new analysis updates research originally conducted by Saul Hoffman, Ph.D. of the University of Delaware and released by The National Campaign. The new analysis provides a conservative estimate of the costs of teen childbearing and is based on the increased risk of adverse consequences faced by teen mothers, fathers, and their children as compared to mothers having children at ages 20-21, controlling for many other factors.

Please visit www.TheNationalCampaign.org/costs for more information about the public costs of teen childbearing, including information for every state and the District of Columbia. This analysis was funded in part by a grant from the Division of Reproductive Health (DRH) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of DRH.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy is a private, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families. Our specific strategy is to prevent teen pregnancy and unplanned pregnancy among single, young adults.

Clean Water Act under attack

by Sharon Guynup

Republicans in Congress are aggressively attacking the Clean Water Act — a landmark 1970 law created the year after Ohio's horrifically polluted Cuyahoga River spontaneously burst into flame.

Ironically, these attacks — coupled with assaults on other federal laws protecting water resources — are being championed by Ohio freshman Rep. Bob Gibbs (R), a hog farmer-turned-Congressman who heads a key water subcommittee.

In March, Gibbs and the GOP-led House fast-tracked legislation allowing pesticide spraying over waterways without Clean Water Act permits — despite strong evidence of growing pesticide concentrations in U.S. waters.

Then Gibbs gathered 170 House signatures on a letter to President Obama bucking reinstated U.S. waterway protections that had been severely cut under the Bush administration. Gibbs also opposes Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and Florida's waters.

His argument? Money. "When we're making some money," Gibbs says, "we could focus on maybe improving waterways."

True, protecting our drinking water, coastlines, lakes, and rivers does cost money. But so do hospitalizations for e-coli and cancer, and cognitive damage to children from mercury. Likewise, as we learned from Great Lakes dead zones and the Exxon Valdez and BP Deepwater spills, environmental remediation costs far more than prevention.

Despite that, the GOP's war against water regulation, led by Gibbs, continues to escalate. Republicans are drafting legislation that will increase sewage in public waters by granting wastewater treatment utilities "flexibility" in meeting Clean Water Act guidelines. And, Kentucky Rep. Edward Whitfield is leading a fight to delay new EPA

rules limiting over 80 toxics emitted by the nation's 400-plus coal-burning power plants. These poisons create acid rain that leaves lakes devoid of life and loads waterways with mercury and other pollutants.

In hearings this May, coal-friendly House members and industry representatives testified against EPA mountaintop removal policy, rules that grant permits only after evaluating the impact of toxic mining waste dumped into waterways. They labeled the permitting process "an assault on Appalachian jobs." Not one scientist, health expert, or local citizen was invited to testify.

In last February's budget fight, House lawmakers slashed critical EPA programs, threatening the drinking water of 117 million people and endangering thousands of waterways and wetlands. The League of Conservation Voters dubbed this "the most anti-environmental piece of legislation in recent memory."

However, another bill could have more disastrous, long-lasting impacts. Under the guise of cost-cutting, Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) has introduced legislation merging the Department of Energy and the EPA into the Department of Energy and Environment. Such a move would absorb the cash-strapped regulatory agency into an agency that assists and advocates for Big Oil and Coal — leaving no one guarding the henhouse, with dire consequences for U.S. drinking water and fisheries.

This anti-environment agenda, disguised as fiscal responsibility, is both payback to corporate supporters and a political statement. "Protection of the environment is now a partisan battleground," said Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA). "I've never been in a Congress where there was such an overwhelming disconnect between science and public policy."

It wasn't always so. It was a Republican president, Richard Nixon, who signed the Clean Water Act and created the EPA to halt rampant pollution and protect public health. President Gerald Ford signed the Safe Drinking Water Act and Toxic Substances Control Act. For decades, water protection had wide, bipartisan support.

Even with these protections, a 2010 EPA report on America's water quality is dire: "Despite our best efforts and many local successes, our aquatic ecosystems are declining nationwide. The rate at which new waters are being listed for water quality impairments exceeds the pace at which restored waters are removed from the list." Roughly one-third of our lakes, wetlands and estuaries are polluted; 315 contaminants have been found in U.S. tap water, including lead, chromium-6, pesticides and rocket fuel.

A new Pew Poll finds that 71% of Americans believe "This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment."

I'm counting on Congress and President Obama to do just that — by putting a stop to the relentless attacks on America's waters.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



You just finished a wonderful, relaxing bath, and while drying off you notice a new rough-appearing growth on your skin. It's quite possible that this new intruder is a wart. No...you didn't kiss a frog. But where did it come from, and how do you get rid of it?

Warts are caused by a virus, and just like the common cold virus, a wart is contagious. The virus enters the body by direct exposure to another wart, through small breaks in the skin. There are about 130 strains of the human papilloma virus (HPV), which produce 10 different types of warts. The most common type of wart is considered the most harmless. Some of the other strains of HPV are associated with cervical, vulvar, penile and oral cancers (for example, strains 16 and 18 cause 70% of the cases of cervical cancer).

The typical wart is a raised, round or oval growth on the skin with a rough surface, and its color may be light, dark, or black. A common wart tends to cause no discomfort unless it is in an area that is subject to friction or pressure. Plantar warts, for example, can become extremely painful because they are located on the bottom of the foot, and can cause difficulty with walking or running. Some warts simply disappear without treatment, although it may take months or years. However, since the virus can still reside within the body, a wart may reappear in the same spot or even spread to new areas of skin that are exposed to the virus from one part of the body to another.

Typically, the diagnosis is made simply by inspection of the skin, noting the location and appearance

of the lesion. A biopsy is not usually necessary, but can be done to diagnose or confirm the initial finding.

There are a variety of treatments for warts. Topical treatments containing salicylic acid have the most support in the literature, and a cure rate of roughly 75%. These can be purchased over-the-counter in a variety of brands, and come in the form of adhesive pads or a bottle of concentrated solution. (Salicylic acid is also a common, effective, and safe acne treatment.)

An alternative treatment, perhaps less effective, is silver nitrate, sold over-the-counter in the form of a caustic pencil. Therapies performed by a doctor include removal by freezing (cryotherapy) or electrical current (electrodesiccation); surgical removal; laser treatment; and immunotherapy, where a substance is injected that results in a local allergic reaction.

Some consider another treatment: duct tape! Duct tape occlusion therapy (DTOT) endorses placing a piece of duct tape over the wart for six days, followed by soaking the area in water and scraping it with a pumice stone or emery board. Study results are quite mixed, with some concluding that duct tape therapy is not much better than placebo.

The common wart is indeed annoying, but it has no long-term health impact other than appearance and being contagious. As noted above, however, some of the other strains of HPV can lead to cancer, and prevention is critical.

For example, Gardasil is a fairly recent vaccine, recommended to young women for the prevention of some strains of cervical cancer. (It has no impact on other strains of HPV, however, including warts.) Speak with your doctor about whether this vaccine is appropriate for you or a love one.

Treat your common wart early, before it grows or spreads. Good health to you all!

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.



Downey Adult School held its eighth graduation and pinning ceremony for its vocational nursing program on May 12. The event began with an opening speech by Phil Davis, director of support programs at DUSD, and a salutation by assistant principal Blanca Rochin. Awards were given to students for perfect attendance and outstanding clinical performance, in addition to the salutatorian and valedictorian awards. The graduation ended with a candle-lighting ceremony, during which all nurses in the audience joined the graduating class in reciting the nursing pledge.

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Graphic warnings have effect on smokers

■ New report says graphic warnings on cigarette packages prompt smokers to consider quitting.

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Health warnings on cigarette packages prompt smokers to think about quitting, according to a 14-nation study. Effective warning labels as a component of comprehensive tobacco control can help save lives by reducing tobacco use, said a report released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The study, published in today's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, finds adult usage of manufactured cigarettes varied widely in the 14 countries surveyed: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Vietnam. Among men, prevalence ranged from 9.6 percent (India) to 59.3 percent (Russian Federation). Among women, prevalence was highest in Poland (22.9 percent) and less than 2 percent in Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) was conducted once in each of the 14 countries between 2008-2010 by national governments, ministries of health, survey implementing agencies and international partners through face-to-face personal interviews using electronic data collection.

"Tobacco kills more than 5 million people a year—more than HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria combined—and will kill more than 1 billion people in this century unless urgent action is taken," said CDC director Thomas R. Frieden,

M.D., M.P.H. "Warning labels motivate smokers to quit and discourage nonsmokers from starting, are well accepted by the public, and can be effectively implemented at virtually no cost to governments."

According to the report, the vast majority of men that use manufactured cigarettes noticed package warning labels—more than 90 percent of men in all countries except India (78.4 percent) and Mexico (83.5 percent). Among women, more than 90 percent in seven of the 14 countries reported noticing package warnings, and at least 75 percent in 12 of 14 countries reported noticing a package warning. Among those who noticed package warnings, data suggest there was substantial interest in quitting because of the warnings.

Prominent, pictorial warnings are most effective in communicating the harms of smoking, and use of such warnings is strongly encouraged by CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO). At the time the surveys were conducted, five of the 14 countries participating in the survey had adopted pictorial warnings already. Since that time, four additional countries have passed legislation requiring pictorial warnings.

The World Health Organization has developed MPOWER, a package of strategies to reduce global tobacco use. Among the six elements outlined in the MPOWER package, the WHO has identified the following strategies as "best buys," or high impact cost-effective initiatives, due to the impact these strategies can have to prevent tobacco initiation, increase cessation, and reduce public acceptance of tobacco use: price increases; smoke-free policies; bans or comprehensive restrictions on tobacco



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More than 90 percent of men in all countries (except India and Mexico) notice warning labels on cigarette packaging, a new study says.

advertising, promotion, and sponsorship, and provision of tobacco-related health information via mass media campaigns and graphic health warnings to the public.

On May 31, many countries will observe World No Tobacco Day—an annual event sponsored by WHO—to help raise public awareness of the dangers of tobacco use. This year's theme is "The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)." The FCTC is an international global public health treaty adopted by the World Health Assembly in 2003 to address the global burden of tobacco. Article 11 of the FCTC requires health warnings on tobacco product packages sold in countries that have ratified the treaty.

Launched in February 2007, GATS is a nationally representative household survey of all non-institutionalized, men and women ages 15 years old and older. The GATS

is intended to enhance the capacity of countries to design, implement, and evaluate tobacco control and prevention programs. Funding for GATS is provided by the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use and is conducted in partnership with the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, CDC Foundation, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, World Health Organization, and the World Lung Foundation.

For an online version of the MMWR report, visit cdc.gov/mmwr. For information on World No Tobacco Day, visit cdc.gov/tobacco, and for additional information and materials, including posters, visit WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative at who.int/tobacco/en/.

No progress in salmonella during past 15 years

■ Cases of salmonella infections have risen 10 percent in recent years, CDC says.

CONTRIBUTED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL

Salmonella infections have not decreased during the past 15 years and have instead increased by 10 percent in recent years, according to a new Vital Signs report released Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During the same time period, illnesses from the serious Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O157 have been cut nearly in half and the overall rates of six foodborne infections have been reduced by 23 percent, the report said.

The Vital Signs report summarizes 2010 data from CDC's Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet), which serves as America's report card for food safety by tracking whether nine of the most common infections transmitted through foods are increasing or decreasing.

"Although foodborne infections have decreased by nearly one-fourth in the past 15 years, more than 1 million people in this country become ill from Salmonella each year, and

Salmonella accounts for about half of the hospitalizations and deaths among the nine foodborne illnesses CDC tracks through FoodNet," said CDC Director Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Salmonella costs hundreds of millions of dollars in direct medical costs each year. Continued investments are essential to detect, investigate, and stop outbreaks promptly in order to protect our food supply."

Salmonella, which is responsible for an estimated \$365 million in direct medical costs each year in the United States, can be challenging to address because so many different foods like meats, eggs, produce, and even processed foods, can become contaminated with it and finding the source can be challenging because it can be introduced in many different ways.

In response to that challenge, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which regulates eggs, produce and many processed foods, has developed new rules for the egg industry to follow under its

recently expanded regulatory authorities.

"Last summer, FDA began implementing new shell egg safety requirements that should significantly reduce illnesses caused by Salmonella enteritidis in eggs," said FDA Deputy Commissioner for Foods Michael R. Taylor. "The recently enacted Food Safety Modernization Act wisely mandates a comprehensive approach to preventing illnesses from many types of Salmonella and a wide range of other contaminants that

can make people sick. The current outbreak of E. coli in Europe demonstrates the importance of the new law, and FDA is committed to implementing the new law as fully as possible within available resources."

In 2010, FoodNet sites, which include about 15 percent of the American population, reported nearly 20,000 illnesses, 4,200 hospitalizations and 68 deaths from

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Old records of tongue-less woman help in research

Overlooked case of a woman born without a tongue is revealing new insights.

LONG BEACH — We usually don't give much thought to our tongue. It quietly goes about its essential job of helping us swallow, taste, speak and lick our lips, unless we use it to let out a whistle. But it can be life challenging for people who lose all or part of their

tongue to disease or injury, or very rarely are born with little or no tongue at all.

Now, a long-overlooked case of a woman born without a tongue—a condition called congenital aglossia—is revealing new insights that can benefit tongue-impaired individuals.

Betty McMicken, an assistant professor of communicative disorders at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), recently rediscovered an old film along with video and audio tapes of the woman, whom McMicken examined privately in the mid-1980s and refers to as Carol for patient privacy.

McMicken is a nationally recognized speech therapist and was retired as a professor and chair of the Communicative Disorders Department at Cal State L.A. before coming to CSULB. One of

her private clients is actor Kirk Douglas, whose speech is impaired by a 1996 stroke.

McMicken co-founded Newport Language and Speech Center in Orange County and was seeing clients at Western Medical Center when Carol's mother brought the then 16-year-old for advice on whether cosmetic surgery to move the girl's small jaw forward would affect her speech.

"I looked into her mouth and there was no tongue, and yet I'd been talking to her for a good 15 minutes, and there was literally nothing I couldn't understand. She sounded a little like she had a cold, but other than that, she seemed very clear," McMicken recalled.

"I did a standard articulation evaluation on Carol and said that I would be getting back with some information for her and her mother," she continued. "In the mean-

time, I had been working on a head and neck team at Western Medical Center in Santa Ana for about six or seven years. It consisted of five head and neck surgeons, and at the time, they were performing tongue resections and reconstructions for head and neck cancers. It often involved removal of the jaw and the complete tongue, and reconstruction with material from other parts of the body."

The team was very interested in this rare case and took a variety of high-quality audio and videotapes of Carol speaking. "The physicians wanted to do cineradiographic studies, which are X-ray studies of her speaking in real time to see what structures she was using to realize her amazing speech," McMicken said.

They discovered that since infancy, Carol had learned to use two muscles in the floor of her

mouth and move her lower jaw in a way that strengthened the muscles, enabling her to speak and swallow, so cosmetic surgery would impair these functions.

"We as a team looked at these cineradiographic studies of vowels, consonants and connective speech over and over again and we kept saying, 'We can help our head and neck patients by what we're learning from this. We can place the pseudo-tongue in a more functional location better in the oral cavity. We can assist our patients with greater mandibular (jaw) movement, which was what she was showing us. We can perform much improved reconstructions through the information we are learning from Carol.' And we did," McMicken explained.

"At the time, which was around 1986 and 1987, we completely revised the anatomical shape and placement of pseudo-tongue and pseudo-mandible based on what this woman was able to do. We achieved much improved results, and she helped us tremendously in assisting our head and neck patients with speech and swallowing."

Carol and her family decided to forego further treatment, so her film and tapes sat largely forgotten on McMicken's shelves for more than 25 years. Then a couple of years ago, a classroom video that included a cineradiographic study of a normal speaker reminded McMicken of the old study, so she decided it would be the perfect basis for new research and began delving into past aglossia studies.

"Since 1718, there have been only 10 cases reported in the literature of isolated congenital aglossia," she explained, since many children don't survive because they can't properly eat.

Realizing that she needed help in evaluating Carol's materials, McMicken gathered a new research team including Khalil Iskarous at the Haskins Laboratories at Yale University, which specializes in the science of speech and language; and Shelley Von Berg of California State University, Chico, an authority on craniofacial anomalies.

"As it turns out after reading all the literature, I'm the only one in the world that has the extensive data. There are no other reported examples internationally of cineradiographic studies of congenital aglossia," McMicken said. "Because no one had done anything from a scientific perspective,

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Errors and omissions from the past year

When the school year ends, and ultimately the sports season along with it, I like to take a second to think back about everything that happened in the past year. Warren had plenty with the many league championships and the success of new coaches, and Downey had their hands full with more playoff runs, and high expectations.

You never realize how many sports between the two schools there really are. Some are covered religiously like football and basketball, some not so much like water polo and golf, and some not at all like track and field. It's tough to get to every event, but we try to cover everything as much as possible and focus on sports that will keep our readers entertained.

I won't admit that's a mistake, because it isn't. It's an editorial decision that is constantly agonized over because when it comes to sports, you never know what's going to happen. We could be at a Downey-Warren baseball game one night where the game is decided early on and miss a barn burner Downey-Warren softball game where the game was decided with two outs and two strikes in the final frame. Things like that happen.

But one mistake I will admit to

(and I can't believe I'm admitting a mistake at all) is not staying informed about the Calvary Chapel softball team.

You ask why. Downey was ranked No. 6 in CIF polls with Warren ranking No. 3 in Division III. Those would be the big guns in softball right? Well, Calvary Chapel was ranked No. 1 in Division VI.

We tend to dismiss teams that are in lower divisions because we all think that teams that sit in lower divisions are not as good right? Here are some fun statistics to think about while thinking about that assumption.

Of the three teams, one team had 26 wins. The lowest ERA by a pitcher on any of the three teams was 0.75. The highest strikeout total by a pitcher on the three teams was 173. The second highest individual batting average of the three teams came from a player that hit .535. The highest amount of home runs hit by a player on the three teams was 11. And one of the teams won a CIF championship, the city of Downey's first ever.

Warren would've been a great guess and odds on favorite considering they were ranked No. 3 in Division III. Downey would've

been the next guess ranking No. 6 in Division III. Calvary Chapel is only in the conversation because they're the topic of this column.

So without anything else said, who do you think accomplished all these feats? Yep, it was Calvary Chapel. They had a stud player in Bridget Castro who batted .535 (Warren's best was Tina Iosefa at .564 and Downey's Ale Guillen at .485), hit 11 home runs (Warren's Iosefa had 10, Downey's Anissa Urtez had six), and drove in 48 runs (Iosefa had 49 RBIs, Downey's Andrea Arellano had 41).

It's arguable that between Iosefa, Castro, and Guillen, the best season came from Castro because along with those gaudy statistics, she also stole 19 bases. Along with those stats, she also helped her team win a CIF championship.

The pitcher who had a 0.75 ERA with 173 strikeouts and 22 wins was not Warren's Franny Vaalu (18-4, 1.16 ERA, 140 strikeouts) or Downey's Guillen (14-4, 2.20 ERA, 54 strikeouts). It was Calvary Chapel's Larissa Petakoff.

Downey and Calvary Chapel did meet once early in the season



SCOTT COBOS

with Downey winning 8-4. But all softball and baseball...well, all sport enthusiasts really, know that a single game is not an accurate assessment of a heads up comparison.

With that said, I would love to see the three teams go heads up in a best of seven series to see who the queens of Downey really are.

But to repeat the point, we don't make many mistakes in our publication, but not recognizing the softball power house that is starting to build at Calvary Chapel was definitely an oversight.



Calvary Chapel wins softball championship

DOWNEY – It wasn't Downey softball and their No. 6 ranking that won a CIF championship, nor was it Warren with their No. 3 ranking that brought home a banner, but it was Calvary Chapel who beat Citrus Valley 6-5 Saturday for the city of Downey's first ever softball championship.

The No. 1 ranked team in Division VI jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead until Citrus Valley rallied to score five runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to take a 5-3 lead. But in the top of the final inning, Calvary held a rally of their own scoring three runs to take a 6-5 lead and was able to silence Citrus Valley in the bottom half of the inning to bring home the championship.

The newly crowned champions were 26-4 overall and were undefeated in league play at 8-0 and never lost a home game, sweeping all teams at home 10-0. As a team, they batted .347 and had a .494 slugging percentage.

Bridget Castro had a monster season batting .535 and led the team in plate appearances (115), hits (53), RBIs (48) and home runs (11). She also had 19 stolen bases, good for second on the team.

Larissa Petakoff led the team with 22 wins and a 0.75 ERA in 150 innings pitched. She also struck out 173 batters.

-Scott Cobos, staff writer

GOLF: Jitters on the first tee

This week I would like to share my opinion concerning an article I read in this month's *Golf Digest*. The article is called "First Tee Jitters" by Max Adler. The piece talks about how Tiger Woods has this great record of being a closer, but also seems to start tournaments worse than a good majority of his opponents. If Woods went into the final round of a tournament with the lead he just didn't lose but only for a few times (hometown hero Ed Firori got Tiger when he was a young cub back in the day).

What does it take mentally to win a tournament and not let someone catch you from behind? It is a mixture of confidence, cockiness and hunger for winning. Why do you think you rarely see the leader after the first round of a tournament go on to win? It's because they don't have a closer's mentality or that "it" factor. Woods has "it"... or has he lost "it"? Only time will tell.

Adler then goes on to examine

how Woods has started some of his recent major tournaments. As he did this, we see an alarming trend of bad starts to tournaments by the once dominating golfer. Whether it's a double bogey on the first hole or shooting a 75 in the opening round, finding himself 10 shots off the lead, he just doesn't seem to start with his best foot forward. Why does the ultimate closer in sports continue to get off to such bad starts? I think the answer lies between his ears.

Adler says the reason is the 'first tee jitters' problem that pains a large percentage of golfers, if not all of them. It could be a 25 year pro or a 25 handicap golfer, but we all have felt the nerves that come along with first tee jitters.

First tee jitters are a side effect of something I like to call paralysis by analysis. I am a big believer that a golfer's greatest handicap to his game comes from this concept.

It starts with too many swing thoughts running through the player's mind, and then your mind can't tell your body what it really needs to do to execute a good golf swing. Your body gets paralyzed due to the over analyzing of your golf swing.

My goal now is to help the average golfer deal with these jitters by giving you a few tips on how to be more confident when stepping up to the first tee box.

First, let us talk about what you need to do to prepare yourself for the first tee shot while on the range. I recommend hitting four or five balls with the club that you plan on teeing off with on the first hole.

As you hit each of these balls I want you to visualize the first hole and where you want to hit it. Go through your normal pre-shot routine with each of these range balls.

I want you to try and duplicate the process of hitting your first tee shot as close as possible to how you plan on hitting the shot when it counts. We are trying to develop your confidence with the club you are using so that your nerves don't affect your shot as much.

I like to recommend to the people I teach to only have one or two swing thoughts for each shot in their round. You should have one for the pre swing (set-up, grip, alignment) and one for during the swing (straight left arm, swing to a complete finish). You develop these thoughts from your practice time on the driving range between the rounds that you play or from the instructor you get lessons from. Find two tips that work for you and stick with them for the whole round.

With Woods, we are talking about an individual that performs under some of the toughest circumstances to mentally deal with as an athlete. It takes a clear mind to be able to perform as great as he has in the past. I believe nobody has the ability mentally to turn off as many distractions as Woods has to deal with on a day-to-day basis.

Did he bring on all these distractions himself? Yes for the most part. Having these distractions combined with the injuries Woods has incurred within the last three to five years makes it near impossible to play at his highest potential.

Everyone needs to take a step back and realize that Woods is injured, learning a new swing, and dealing with repercussions from the divorce. I see some golfers that can't even concentrate on a shot because they are worried about losing a \$2 Nassau. Time is on Woods' side. Tom Watson and Greg Norman both had chances to



GREG LAKE

win major golf tournaments into their late 50's. Now so everyone knows it, yes I am still a Tiger Woods golf fan and yes he will start winning again when physically and mentally healthy.

Until next week, keep it in the short grass!

Greg Lake is a PGA Apprentice at Rio Hondo Golf Course. He is also a former Warren golf MVP. Lake is available for lessons by calling Rio Hondo's starter shop.



The Downey Ballhogs youth basketball team won first place in the Swoosh May Fest tournament held May 28-29 at Fairmont Prep in Anaheim. The Ballhogs won the 16u Gold Division, going undefeated 4-0. Pictured above, top row, from left: Tony Torres, Sean Cook, Eric Campos, Dara Kalejaiye, Joseph Estrada, Michael Onyebalu, John Giraldo, Anthony Navarro and Edger Alonzo. Bottom row: Andrew Garcia, Oscar Orozco, Joseph Campos, Miguel Nunez, Alejandro Plaza and Demetrius Lozano.

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Razorbacks sheer uniform fittings Saturday

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Cheer registration is \$100 and includes trophy, pictures, spirit pack and yearbook. The uniform must be purchased separately.

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Services next week for Joanne Annis

DOWNEY – Local resident Joanne Annis passed away June 3.



She was born July 17, 1920 in the farming community of Bruno, Minn. After graduation she moved to Southern California and lived in Long Beach before moving to Thunderbird Villa in South Gate.

She worked as a dental receptionist for Dr. Peter Mocciano until her retirement.

She is survived by her sister, Viola Demaris, of Duluth, Minn.; daughters, Chloe Mocciano and Debbie Russi; grandchildren, Steve Mocciano and Christina (John) Argerich; and great-granddaughter, Sophia.

A memorial service will be celebrated June 17 at Miller-Mies Mortuary at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the hospice program at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

Geraldine Deichman survived by family

DOWNEY – Geraldine E. Deichman, age 94, passed away May 22.



She was born in Earlimart, Calif.

Services were held June 1 at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey with Pastor John Rose officiating.

She is survived by her husband, William; son, Robert; daughter-in-law, Terry; grandchildren, Robert, Thomas, Kyle and Kristopher; and niece, Arlene.

Helen Clark, 87, was city employee

DOWNEY – Former Downey resident Helen Clark passed away June 5 at age 87.



A resident of Henderson, Nev., she was married to the late Joseph Clark and together they raised five children. They resided in Downey for more than 50 years, where she was employed by the city of Downey for over 30 years.

She is survived by her five children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two grandchildren.

A viewing will be held June 10 from 6-8 p.m., with a vigil at 6:15 p.m., at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. A funeral Mass is scheduled the next day at 8:30 a.m., also at All Souls.

Dr. Norbert Hillecke passes away

DOWNEY – Norbert A. Hillecke, MD, passed away June 6 after a long illness.



Hillecke was a resident of Downey since 1956 and was a board-certified family physician, practicing in Downey and on the staff of Downey Regional Medical Center until his retirement in 1994.

He was born in Berlin, Germany and attended medical school at the Freie University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He was an associate clinical professor of family medicine at UC Irvine.

Hillecke was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, California Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He served on the board of directors of the California Academy of Family Practice and was a member of the Commission on Continuing Education of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He also served as commissioner of the Medical Board of California.

Hillecke was past president of the Southeast Los Angeles Rotary Club and was a past member of Rotary Club of Downey.

He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Ruth.

ON VACATION



Retired Price Elementary principal Joan Martin recently returned from a vacation to Paris, England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. She is pictured above at Stonehenge in England. "It was very windy there," she says.



Brianna Avila, a 11-year-old student at Maude Price Elementary, poses with *The Downey Patriot* while on a family vacation in Orlando, Fla.



Downey resident Oscar Mariscal recently traveled to Costa Rica with some of his cousins, and took a copy of *The Downey Patriot* along. Along with Oscar, Alejandra Mariscal, Stephanie Mariscal, Susan Mariscal and Eduardo Lemus toured the country.

Community rallies around resident dealing with tragedies

DOWNEY – The United Developmental Football League will hold two games June 25 at Downey High School, with all proceeds benefiting Downey resident Trevor Morales.

About three months ago, Morales' father died. While still grieving, he learned that his mother was very ill, so Morales traveled to Florida to be with her.

Morales spent three days in Florida visiting with his mother. When he returned home, he realized his house had been burglarized. The thief ransacked the home, taking the majority of his valuables. Among the items stolen was a safe containing cash he and his fiance had been saving for a wedding this summer.

Two days later, his mother died.

"Through all of this, Trevor has shown those that work with him just how resilient, positive, dedicated, understanding, compassionate, forgiving, focused (I can go on and on) he really is," said Geoff Slayer, distribution center manager at Coca-Cola in Downey. "Trevor is a true role model to his peers, direct reports and those around him, which is the reason why he has so many people willing to help him in his times of tribulations."

On June 25, residents are invited to watch two football games at Downey High, with event proceeds going to Morales. Organizers hope to raise enough money to pay for the couple's wedding this summer.

The first game starts at 3 p.m. Admission is \$10.

SALMONELLA: Important to fully cook raw chicken and meat.

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nine foodborne infections. Of those, Salmonella caused more than 8,200 infections, nearly 2,300 hospitalizations and 29 deaths (54 percent of the total hospitalizations and 43 percent of the total deaths reported through FoodNet). CDC estimates that there are 29 infections for every lab-confirmed Salmonella infection.

The rate of E. coli O157 cases reported by FoodNet sites was 2 cases per 100,000 people in 1997 and, by 2010, had decreased to .9 cases per 100,000 people. The nearly 50 percent reduction in E. coli O157 incidence is considered significant when compared to the lack of change in Salmonella incidence. CDC credits the reduction in E. coli to improved detection and investigation of outbreaks through CDC's PulseNet surveillance system, cleaner slaughter methods, testing of ground beef for E. coli, better inspections of ground beef processing plants, regulatory improvements like the prohibition of STEC O157 in ground beef and increased awareness by consumers and restaurant employees of the importance of properly cooking beef. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the agency that regulates meat, has led these efforts.

"Thanks to our prevention based approach to food safety, as well as industry and consumer efforts, we have substantially reduced E. coli O157 illnesses," said Elisabeth Hagen, M.D., Under Secretary for Food Safety in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "This report demonstrates that we've made great progress. However, far too many people still get sick from the food they eat, so we have more work to do. That is why we are looking at all options, from farm to table, in-order to make food safer and prevent illnesses from E. coli, Salmonella, and other harmful pathogens."

The pathogens included in the overall 2010 rate reduction of 23 percent when compared to 1996-1998 are: campylobacter, E. coli STEC O157, listeria, Salmonella, vibrio and yersinia. Rates of vibrio infection were 115 percent higher than in 1996-1998, and 39 percent higher than in 2006-2008. Most vibrio infections are the result of eating raw or undercooked shellfish.

People who want to reduce their risk of foodborne illness should assume raw chicken and other meat carry bacteria that can cause illness and should not allow them to contaminate surfaces and other foods, such as produce. While it's important to wash produce thoroughly, they should never wash meat and poultry.

They should also cook chicken, other meats, meat, poultry, and eggs thoroughly well, avoid consuming unpasteurized milk and juice as well as unpasteurized soft cheese, and make sure shellfish are cooked or treated for safety before eating.



Birdella Stock

January 19, 1928 - May 30, 2011

Birdella Adelaide Ball Stock, a lifelong Downey resident known to all of her friends as Birde, sadly passed away on May 30, 2011 at the age of 83 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. She was born Jan. 19, 1928 in Wrangle, Alaska, while her parents were on a fishing trip. She was the daughter of Wayne Kraemer Ball and Ruth Dewing Ball, who was the granddaughter of Albert Ball and Birdella Ball, pioneers of Downey. Birdella's grandpar-

ents, along with James J. Tweedy, formed the Ball and Tweedy Sunkist Packing Company in the late 1890s in the city of Downey.

Birdella attended Downey Union High School, class of 1945, currently known as Downey High School, where she met and eventually married her lifelong husband, Raymond Stock. She attended the University of Oregon where she earned a degree in English. She married Raymond in 1951. They purchased their first home in Downey in 1952.

Birdella told many stories of the days when she rode her horse to Downey High through the orange groves, and she also liked to point out where the prominent families used to live and what currently stands on the property.

Birdella and Raymond raised three daughters in the city of Downey. They traveled extensively throughout their lives. They visited every continent and loved to travel to remote locations. Birdella liked to get out of the typical tourist areas and see how the local people really lived. She has photographed lions in Kenya, crawled through tunnels in Vietnam, scuba-dived in Honduras and the Great Barrier Reef, cruised around the world on the QEII, visited schools in Cuba, and lived in long houses in Borneo. She could never decide which of her many trips was her favorite.

Birdella enjoyed playing bridge with her many "lady friends." She would have played every day if she could have. She was always willing to be a substitute if needed. Birdella put on a great bridge party. She was an amazing cook and loved to feed the ladies, as she would say! Bridge at her house was always a treat.

She was a past member of the Assistance League of Downey. She volunteered many hours in the thrift shop as well as at the Christmas Tree brunch, HOME at Rancho Los Amigos, books on wheels, and meals on wheels. She was a member of the Art Angels and played bridge with the Hospital Guild.

Birde passed away peacefully at home with her husband and children by her side. She is survived by: her husband Raymond; daughters Susan Stone of San Diego, Linda Ballo of Austin, Texas, and Cindy Kovach of Downey; grandchildren Stephen Stone Jr., Jeffrey Stone, Amanda (Ballo) Neisch, Kimberly Ballo, and Jessica (Kovach) Koussa; and great-granddaughter Mariah Koussa.



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DREAM Act is an amnesty bill America cannot afford

By Rep. Steve King

President Obama and the liberal open-border leadership of the Democratic Party are pushing for passage of legislation granting amnesty to millions of illegal aliens. They are doing this despite the fact that this costly legislation will make a difficult job market worse, will place a higher tax burden on Americans, will ensure greater difficulty in balancing budgets on the state and federal level, and will undermine respect for our nation's immigration laws. -- Congress should wake up from this nightmare by defeating the DREAM Act.



In November, voters' concerns about the weak economy and the poor job market contributed to the election of a large Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

Voters understand, even if the Democratic leadership doesn't, that granting amnesty to millions of illegal aliens will make it even more difficult for unemployed Americans to find work. With the unemployment rate at 9.8 percent the last thing American job hunters need is millions of DREAM Act amnesty recipients competing with them for work.

The DREAM Act not only undermines economic opportunities for Americans, it also makes it less likely that either state governments or the federal government will bring their budgets into balance.

The Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) has released a report indicating that this amnesty bill will cost state and local taxpayers over \$6.2 billion annually, not per decade as Congressional budgets are calculated, because state universities and local community colleges will be forced, by law, to grant illegal aliens in-state tuition discounts. The DREAM Act does not provide federal funding to cover these costs, meaning Americans will be required to pay higher taxes and higher tuition rates.

Providing facts about tuition fees provides insight into the magnitude of this unjust benefit being given to illegal aliens under the DREAM Act. At the University of Iowa, an in-state resident attending the College of Business pays \$3,894 per semester while an out-of-state resident pays \$12,068 per semester. At Iowa State University, an in-state resident pays \$3,566 per semester to attend the College of Business, while an out-of-state resident pays \$9,347. Other public universities show similar multipliers. In fact, in the University of California system, in-state residents pay no tuition at all, while out-of-state residents pay a non-resident tuition fee that costs \$22,021 per year at all University of California campuses.

This tuition treatment creates a moral conundrum for DREAM Act supporters. What does one say to the widow or widower who has lost their husband or their wife in Iraq, or the child who lost their mother or father in Afghanistan, who is paying out-of-state tuition premiums while they are sitting at a desk next to someone who has received amnesty and a de facto scholarship under the DREAM Act?

Further, the deficit spending federal government will face huge spending increases under the DREAM Act. When amnesty proponents point to a recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis to claim that the DREAM Act has a short-term positive effect on budget deficits, they do so in an attempt to distract American taxpayers from the long-term negative effects on the budget that are much more pronounced and severe. CBO found that deficit spending on welfare programs would increase by at least \$5 billion, and possibly much more, after 2020 as a result of granting DREAM Act amnesty.

As bad as the costs revealed by the CIS and CBO analysis are, it is likely that they are vastly understated because each analysis was based on the assumption that 1.1 million illegal aliens would receive DREAM Act amnesty. Other versions of the legislation currently before Congress (there are 4 versions that the Democratic leadership is circulating to confuse the issue for voters) are estimated to grant amnesty to over 2.1 million illegal aliens.

Further, neither analysis includes the estimated impact of the costs to be incurred by the "backdoor amnesty" the bill provides for the family members of illegal aliens. Many do not realize that illegal aliens who receive amnesty under the bill become eligible at the age of 21 to sponsor members of their family for citizenship too. The cost of "chain migration" will be enormous.

There is also an additional cost for passing amnesty. It is the cost incurred when respect for the Rule of Law is undermined. It has been 24 years since a "one time only" amnesty bill was signed into law and, millions upon millions of illegal border crossings later, it is clear that the 1986 legislation only served as an incentive for further law-breaking.

In addition, since the DREAM Act prevents the federal government from deporting anyone who applies for amnesty under it, anyone who can sneak into the United States and file a DREAM Act application will have an automatic and legal stay of deportation until the already overloaded courts can make a decision.-- The result will be millions of bogus DREAM Act filings and the function will be a de facto visa to stay in the United States.

The DREAM Act is an amnesty bill that America cannot afford. It is unjust to those who have played by the rules in order to come into the country legally, and it is unjust to American taxpayers who will be asked to shoulder the costs of rewarding illegal immigrants for ignoring the law. Americans should demand that it be defeated.



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DREAM ACT: Students wants citizenship.

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colleges and universities if they attended a California high school for three years or more and graduated from a California high school or obtained a G.E.D. To become an AB 540 student, a person must be registered at a California college or university and fill out an affidavit form confirming they are a non-resident and that they will apply for adjustment of status as soon as they can.

The problem, according to Arely Zimmerman, is that the U.S. immigration and citizenship system no longer works for immigrants. Zimmerman is a Downey resident specializing in immigration issues who earned her PhD in Political Science from UCLA. Currently, she is a postdoctoral fellow at Annenberg's School for Communication/Journalism at USC, where she is conducting research for the Media, Activism and Public Participation case studies project. The studies, which are funded by the MacArthur Foundation, are part of a larger national network of research studies seeking to highlight how young people are getting involved in their communities to make positive social change. The case study entitled, "Undocumented and Unafraid: Participatory Storytelling and Transmedia Activism amongst DREAM Activists" will highlight how undocumented youth are using social media tools to get their stories heard by the general public.

"Citizenship is no longer feasible for most immigrants, especially those from Latin America who migrated post-1990," Zimmerman said. "The rate of naturalization for Mexicans and Salvadorans, which are the two largest Latino immigrant groups in Southern California, hovers around 20-30 percent. The DREAM Act is a piece of legislation that seeks to send a deserving group of young people on the path to citizenship. It would help address a small part of a much larger problem. California is one of the key states in the country and one of the few states that make it possible for undocumented students to attend college. We have to protect that right."

Activists such as Ramirez are hoping that educating the public about the DREAM Act will clear up some of the myths that surround the bill, which was re-introduced in the U.S. Senate on May 11. According to the National Immigration Law Center, many Americans who oppose the bill believe that its passage would result in U.S. taxpayers having to cover the cost of education for undocumented students and that American students will lose spots in colleges, both of which are untrue. Even more troubling to Ramirez are the misperceptions

that surround undocumented youth, namely that they are lazy and looking for a handout.

In elementary school, Ramirez attended LAUSD public schools, where she was swiftly placed in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. "I was terrified to talk and I didn't speak at school for a year. I was shy and I had an accent. I was the only little brown girl at the school and I couldn't express myself, so I learned to suppress my feelings," Ramirez said.

Despite this initial bump in the road, school was Ramirez's passion and she was earning straight A's. When a member of her family's church realized how enthusiastic she was about obtaining an education, he helped her get a scholarship to a private middle school, which eventually led to her high school years at an exclusive, private high school. The school cost \$20,000 a year to attend and because of her good grades and hard work, Ramirez was given a scholarship. She continued to excel in the school's demanding atmosphere, but by senior year her morale was crumbling. While Ramirez was waking up at 5 a.m. to catch the bus to school, many of her classmates showed up late in their expensive cars or just didn't show up at all. On the weekends while her classmates partied, she helped her mother clean houses to make ends meet. Her classmates were privileged in a way she couldn't fathom and the divide between she and them seemed to grow further each day, but her dream of attending college was on the horizon and it kept her from feeling too defeated.

Ramirez intended to apply to Ivy League colleges like many of her classmates, but noticed that many of the applications required a social security number - something she did not have. She felt alone and though she was terrified to share her status with anyone at the school, she eventually reached out to her counselor for help. During a secretive meeting with Ramirez, her mother, and sister-in-law, the counselor helped Ramirez fill out the affidavit to become an AB 540 student and immediately, her dreams of the Ivy League were dashed. Ramirez would have to attend a California university and she would not be eligible for FAFSA or federal financial aid of any kind.

"Sometimes I feel like it was naive of me to think I'd attend an Ivy League school, but I worked really hard and I wanted to dream big," Ramirez said. "At that age you don't think anything's going to stop you - until it does. To this day, I might be the only undocumented student that went through that high school's doors."

Ramirez ended up attending Cal State Long Beach, where she got involved with various social



justice groups and began fighting for the passage of the DREAM Act. Last year Ramirez achieved her dream of graduating from college when she obtained a Bachelor's degree in sociology. Currently, she has her sights set on grad school.

"I knew I would struggle without papers, but I see my education as an investment in my future - wherever it leads. I think if people knew how passionate and hard working AB 540 students are, it would change their minds about immigration reform. They don't know the potential they're denying," Ramirez said.

Each year, 65,000 undocumented youth graduate from California high schools and without the passage of the DREAM Act, Ramirez and Zimmerman believe the U.S. is letting these young people fall through the cracks. Teachers, counselors and other trusted adults often fail to inform the undocumented

youth in their communities that there are opportunities to pursue higher education in the state of California. Those young people who bravely decide to dedicate themselves to school must face a daunting reality: They are doing so without the promise of financial aid and with the understanding that they won't be able to practice their degrees because they cannot legally work in this country.

"The DREAM Act is important because it will give really outstanding young people a chance to give back to their communities in a positive way, instead of keeping them in the shadows of our society," Zimmerman said. "Ultimately, it's all about education. If we really are a country of opportunity, we will realize that the DREAM Act symbolizes everything that is good about this country."

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Tickets are \$35 and include a light buffet dinner catered by Cafe Opa from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event ends at 11 p.m.

Participants will receive \$100 in playing chips and, in honor of Father's Day, all dads receive an extra \$25 in chips.

The temple will also raffle off an Apple iPad, Sharper Image wireless reader and a \$150 American Express gift card.

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The Downey United 19u girls travel soccer team won the Upland Highlander Classic held this past weekend, marking the team's fifth consecutive first place finish. The team, coached by Robert Correa and Octavio Calvillo, includes Victoria Correa, Karen Castillo, Vanessa Calvillo, Alexandria Oropeza, Alexis Gomez, Isabella, Liz Torres, Diana Reyes, Robin Serpas, Sonia Graham, Clarissa Alvarez, Brandi Neilan and Lorena Ruiz.



The Downey AYSO 16u boys team won the championship at the Santa Barbara Splash Tournament held this past weekend. Downey defeated teams from Carpinteria, Quartz Hills and Phillips Ranch to win the tournament. The team includes Javier Juanillo, Luis Barragan, William Del Valle, Brandon Iraheta, Chris Casillas, Hector Lujan, Matt Aguilar, Justin Rodriguez, Marcos Pasaye, Miguel Mercado, Jimmy Alvarez, Danny Rodriguez, Gavin Obeso, Jonathan Ramirez and Dior Rodriguez. Coaches are Jose Soria and William Del Valle.



Student chosen for eastern ministry

DOWNEY – Downey High School sophomore Ricky Olmedo has been selected to participate on a ministry team traveling to the eastern United States this summer.

The ministry team is known as Operation Barnabas and is made up of three teams of young people from across the U.S. Team members serve to encourage churches, conduct park programs, participate in inner-city ministry and complete manual labor projects.

This year's team will be ministering in the eastern U.S., beginning in Maryland and ending in Ohio.

Olmedo will begin a 10-day orientation Monday prior to departing on the summer tour. He attends Norwalk Brethren Church, which endorsed him for the trip.

He is the son of Maximino and Margaret Olmedo, of Downey, and grandson of Gene and Mary Robison, also of Downey. Margaret Olmedo is currently a teacher at Alameda Elementary.

Film to be shown at church

DOWNEY – "Tara Road," a bestselling book adapted into a film, will be screened June 16 at 6 p.m. at the Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment.

Andie MacDowell, Olivia Williams and Stephen Rae star in the tale of two grieving women connected by an accidental phone call. The women trade houses without ever having met because they are both trying to escape grief.

For more information, call the church office at (562) 928-6469.



David Harris, second from right, was awarded the Vision Award on Tuesday.



Jeff Orlinsky, fourth from left, earned the WHO Award.

DUSD employees honored by school board

DOWNEY – Warren High School science department head Jeff Orlinsky, who is concluding his four-year stint as Downey Education Association president, was recognized at Tuesday's regular school board meeting as one of only a dozen recipients in the whole state of the prestigious California Teachers Association state WHO (We Honor Ours) Award, while head custodian David Harris of the Maintenance, Operations and Transportation department was honored for his "exemplary" performance in the area of environment, with special mention of his crew's work at Gauldin Elementary School.

Orlinsky began his teaching career in the fall of 1987 at Warren where he has remained ever since. His accomplishments over the years, according to presenter superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty, include serving on "many, many" DUSD committees, serving on the CTA state council for nine years and becoming the very first chair of its assessment and testing committee, his work on the state level (meeting with then governor-elect Gray Davis) on the use of norm reference tests and school rankings as well as development of the API and small schools accountability measures.

He is an avid runner (has run the L.A. marathon in 3 hours and 38 minutes) and has a karate black belt.

Harris' rise in DUSD was rapid: from custodian, then lead custodian, to his present post—all in record time—a recognition of his sense of responsibility, commitment, and a 'can-do' spirit he brings to the tasks at hand, said presenter Jim Tallo, who subbed for director Buck Weinfurter.

Impressed with his deep thunder of a voice, board member Don La Plante said: "I'd say you can find work as a radio broadcaster."

—Henry Veneracion, staff writer

RESEARCH: Old films help in study of speech production.

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we decided to do a perceptual, acoustic and physiological analysis. We would begin with the perceptual, meaning that we have videotapes of samples of her speech, so we would have 20 individuals listen to segments of these tapes and repeat/write down what they heard."

Initially, McMicken was concerned about damaging the original film and tapes, so she went to two professional media production firms in Burbank to have them converted to TIFF and JPEG filtered and processed files—an expensive but necessary task to preserve their quality.

For the team's first study, Von Berg had a group of Cal State Chico students and faculty listen to audio DVDs to determine how well they could understand Carol speaking vowels and the acoustic characteristics of those sounds. That study has been submitted to the Cleft Palate Journal and the researchers have given several presentations at professional speech and language conferences.

"Our next effort will be on whether the listener can perceive correctly her production of single words and to study acoustically the characteristics of how they are produced. Our last paper will be on the cineradiographic analysis, which should be absolutely fascinating," McMicken said.

One of their goals is to aid speech and language professionals' understanding of the science in teaching tongue-reconstructed clients to better speak and swallow. Although modern tongue reconstruction techniques offer better outcomes nowadays, patients often still have problems with eating and speaking, McMicken explained. "The more we understand the basics of speech production with an abnormal mechanism, the better our rationales for treatment."

McMicken has tried to reconnect with Carol but can't find her, and old medical records were purged long ago.

Nevertheless, "The bottom line is that this material is teaching us how an aberrant structure can produce intelligible speech," she said.

"Therapeutically, Carol made a difference in 1987 with reconstruction of our head and neck patients and our understanding of how speech is produced by an abnormal structure. But today, our understanding of how she produces accurate, intelligible speech in many ways will have a profound effect on the theory of speech production. It's incredibly exciting. There's so much that we can learn from her."

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Auto professor named Teacher of the Year

NORWALK – Richard Aragon, a Buena Park resident and automotive professor at Cerritos College, received the Los Angeles County Industrial Technology Education Association (LACITEA) Community College Teacher of the Year Award.

The annual award is among the highest honors given to a technology education community college teacher and is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and students.

"His dedication to the program and most importantly his students' success is the driving force behind his commitment," said Steve Berklite, instructional dean of the Technology Division at Cerritos College. "He works tirelessly to improve instruction and to advance the technology he teaches. This is a well-deserved honor."

Aragon, who also serves as the college's Chrysler College Automotive Program coordinator, has taught in the Cerritos College automotive technology program since 1994.

Hundreds of students have filled the need for qualified technicians in local Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealerships. Aragon is also responsible for the facility and instruction in the area of brakes and suspension within the automotive program.

"Richard was the most outstanding instructor I ever had," said automotive program graduate Gerardo Oka. "He absolutely deserves (the award), not only for his knowledge but also for his kindness and commitment to students. I wish I were there to congratulate him in person."

Car lot collecting new, used clothes

DOWNEY – For the next two months, Downey Auto Wholesale will collect donations of business attire and accessories to benefit Clothes The Deal, a non-profit organization that provides clothing to low-income job seekers.

Donations of men's and women's suits, dresses, blouses, button-down shirts, slacks, dress shoes, belts, ties and purses will be accepted. Large and extra large clothing are particularly needed.

Donations can be dropped off during Downey Auto Wholesale's normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tax receipts are provided upon request.

Downey Auto Wholesale is at 7225 E. Firestone Blvd.

Summer reading for adults

DOWNEY – This summer, the Downey City Library is offering a program to encourage adults to do leisure reading.

"Novel Destinations" is the theme for the free independent reading program which runs through July 30. Participants will receive a "book bingo" card and a free prize after completing five boxes in a row.

"Adults can take a literary vacation, filled with fictional travels and imaginative characters," said librarian Nancy Munoz. "You will be setting a great example for children and teens while you catch up on the latest bestsellers or classics."

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

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

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library and community donations. For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.



The "Downey 1" bocce team, consisting of (from left) Amadio Egizii, Pat Limatola, Miguel Tamagno and John Fiorenza, captured first place for the third consecutive time this year at the annual Laguna Niguel Bocce Tournament held June 5.



Dance group wins talent show

DOWNEY – A Hawaiian dance group comprised of two local students won first place at Downey High School's Cultural Talent Show held June 3.

Marie Bourgeault, a student at Downey High, and her friend, Melina Adashefski, a student at Warren High, performed a Polynesian duet and danced to Elvis Presley's "Blue Hawaii."

The team was praised for their "graceful hands, hip movements and coordination needed in a slow song."

Adashefski also performed a solo routine, dancing a fast, hip-moving Tahitian. She won third place.

Bourgeault performed a solo Polynesian and danced to Lilo & Stitch's "He Mele No Lilo," which got the audience clapping along.

The two girls currently take lessons with hula instructor Toni Stewart and with the Ku'uipos O'Hula Halau.

Crime Report

Thursday, June 2

At 8:30 p.m., a Downey man was robbed by three males as he was fishing at Wilderness Park. The suspects hit and kicked the victim before stealing his wallet and cell phone. The victim was not seriously injured.

Saturday, June 4

At 2:30 a.m., officers arrested a 23-year-old Rialto woman during a traffic stop at Downey and Lyndora. The woman lied about her name then ran when officers learned of her true name through a portable fingerprint device. She was quickly captured and determined to be a parolee at large.

At 10:00 p.m., officers arrested a 57-year-old Downey man at his home in the 7200 block of Adwen after he attempted to stab his adult son with a knife during an argument. Nobody was injured during the incident. The suspect was booked for aggravated assault.

Sunday, June 5

At 10:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of Barlin & Lyndora after receiving a call of gunshots being heard in the area. Though no shooters were found, officers did locate numerous 9mm shell casings in the street. No injuries or damage was reported.

Tuesday, June 7

At 10:15 p.m., a robbery occurred in the 7600 block of Rundell when a 22-year-old male victim was approached by two suspects. One suspect pointed an unknown object against the victim's ribs while the other suspect searched his pockets. Both suspects fled westbound Rundell with the loss. The victim was not injured during this incident.

At 12:50 a.m., officers arrested a 25-year-old robbery suspect in the area of Paramount and 7th street. The suspect entered Yum Yum Donuts, at 7410 Florence and jumped the counter brandishing a knife, taking money from the register and fleeing on foot. Officers captured the suspect who was positively identified by the victim. Officers recovered the knife and the money at the scene and arrested the suspect for armed robbery.

Wednesday, June 8

At 6:55 p.m., officers spotted an individual walking near Brookshire and Imperial who was wanted in connection with an assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect saw the officers and fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

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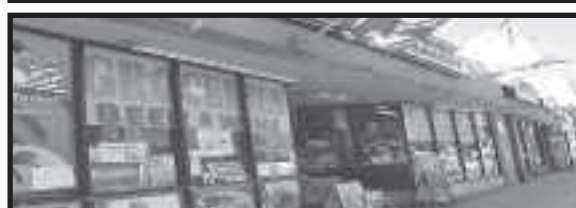
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