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Art to be front and center at Taste of Downey

■ The Taste of Downey event, now in its second year, is expanded to include live music and work from 15 local artists.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Everything is set for Friday's second annual Taste of Downey food festival in front of City Hall, meant to showcase – in a relaxed, fun, family setting – some of the best food Downey has to offer, and, added this year, the inclusion of an art component that will feature the works of 15 local artists.

The event, which last year enjoyed an attendance estimated somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000 food tasters who sampled the culinary offerings of a little over 20 leading Downey restaurants, is scheduled from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Admission tickets are \$20 for 12 'tastes' from among such established, new, and altogether famous Downey eateries as Mimi's Café, Olive Garden, Café N Stuff, Porto's Bakery & Café, Frantone's Restaurant, Granatas & Tapas, Mambo Grill, Tokyo Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bob's Big Boy, Elephant Bar, Firestone Grill, R&J Southern Home Cooking, Tropicana Bakery & Cuban Café, to mention a few. The Wiseguys Big Band Machine, a fixture at summer concerts in the park programs and known for their Golden Oldies music as well as the latest modern beat, will provide the live entertainment.

In the meantime, some 64 feet of wall space is being provided to the works of 15 local artists whose participation, in conjunction with the city, is being coordinated by Downey Art Vibe, described as a local nonprofit arts organization that "seeks to increase cultural programming by partnering with the city of Downey in hosting galleries, art-walks, film screenings, and festivals in the downtown area."

City officials met with all 15 artists a few weeks ago in a 'portfolio review' session for a preview of the artists' art works destined for the outdoor art gallery.

Founded in 2007 by UC-Berkeley graduate (photography and South American history) Valentin Flores, who is pursuing a double master's in urban planning and public administration at USC, Downey Art Vibe regards its participation as actually its second collaboration with the city in the presentation and advancement of local art, something that in its many forms has experienced definite signs of resurgence lately, what with the formation and recent activities of the Downey Arts Coalition as well as the ongoing Art on the Vine exhibits at Mari's Wine Bar on Firestone Boulevard.

The first one, said Flores, was the group's one-night photography exhibit held in 2009 at the Downey Theater, titled "Ambivalence," which featured 300 photographs and displayed



Valentin Flores and Monica Pucciarelli review art pieces to be displayed at the Taste of Downey food festival taking place Friday night, Sept. 30, in front of City Hall.

"upstairs and downstairs."

"We were expecting a crowd of 350, but 800 [enthusiasts] showed up," he said. "The night's \$8,000 gross wasn't bad, either."

Gracing the art walk walls Friday will be mixed media works (paintings, photography, etc.) in the roundabout area by artists Jose Cervantes, Junior Leon, Gabe Enamorado, Alina Wilson, Carolina Del Toro, Jorge Del Toro, Lee Davenport, Monica Pucciarelli, Rickey Ostendi, Carlos Ontiveros, Ilianna Padilla, Pam Lane, Allison Mansell, Joan Anderson and Jamie Lennon Rowland.

Rowland is the late afternoon's featured artist, which means his works, as planned, will command more space than the others'. Downey-born and -bred, the 27-year-old artist offers this personal perspective of Downey: "Our city is directly in the middle of Southern California, but if I want to see some art I have to go to another city. If I want to see an independent film, I have to go to another city. If I want to see an Indie band at a small venue, I have to go to another city. I've been all over the world and Downey is still the most fascinating place I've ever been. I want others to feel the same way. Downey shouldn't just be the center of Southern California geographically, it should be its cultural center as well. I hope you all get a taste of this when you come out [to the food festival] this Friday."

Flores says he's been assisted tremendously especially by artists Rowland, Enamorado and Ostendi while making preparations for the mounting of the outdoor art gallery, as well as by a group of about twenty-five like-minded volunteers. Last Tuesday, for instance, the group distributed flyers at the high schools, also Downey Adult School and Cerritos College, announcing Friday's event. Efforts to reach the leadership of various Downey

community organizations reminding them of the upcoming festival were also made.

Collaboration with City Hall is a valuable plus in this regard, he added, especially in matters of spacing, policing and such.

Tickets are available at City Hall, the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will also be sold at the festival.

"Months and months of preparation have gone into this," said Brian Saeki, director of community development, the city department in charge of the event. "My staff has worked very, very long hours in putting it together. We expect this to be more successful than last year."

About 2,500 food and art lovers are expected this time. Computed at \$20 per head, the \$50,000 expected to be generated will contribute heavily to the \$65,000 paid to the independent, supposedly experience-rich event planner, Community Arts Resources, which the city contracted to assist the city in "re-branding the event (graphics and website), marketing, restaurant and patron recruitment, logistical support – before, during, and after the event – as well as coordinating with the Los Angeles County Health Department." The city will absorb the expected balance of \$15,000.

Parking, Saeki said, should be no problem. In addition to the space around City Hall and in the downtown area, the parking lot of Downey High School will be open to accommodate the expected crush. In any event, says Saeki, "Since the food festival starts at 5:30, the theater-goers will have a chance to sample the food, the art walk, etc., before proceeding to the showing of 'Singin' in the Rain'" which goes on at 8 p.m.

Helping with the over-all planning and preparations was a working committee composed of representatives from the police, fire,

TASTE OF DOWNEY FAQ

What is it? The Taste of Downey is a food festival featuring selections from 30 local brick-and-mortar restaurants. There will also be live music and an art exhibit.

When is it? Friday, Sept. 30, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. outside City Hall.

How much is it? \$20 for 12 'tastes', which can be used at any participating restaurant. No cost to view the art or listen to music.

Where do I buy tickets? City Hall, the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the senior center or on-site at the event.

Where do I park? Parking will be available in the civic center, downtown and at Downey High School.

community development, finance, public works, and community services departments.

The complete list of participating restaurants: Acapulco, Bionicos Express, Blizzberry, Bob's Big Boy, Buffalo Wild Wings, Café N Stuff, Edible Arrangements, Elephant Bar Restaurant, Firestone Grill, Frantone's Restaurant, Gloria's Bar & Grill, Granatas & Tapas, Habana Café, Hacker's Bar & Grill, Jamba Juice, La Barca Grill & Cantina, Mambo Grill, Marisa's Mexican Restaurant, Mimi's Café, The Mission Café, 3rd Street Coffee, Narai Thai, Olive Garden, Pina Pizza House & Restaurant, Porto's Bakery & Café, R&J Southern Home Cooking, Randy's Place, Se Cheese Confections, Tokyo Garden, and Tropicana Bakery & Cuban Café.

The Taste of Downey food festival is being sponsored by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern California and the Downey Chamber of Commerce.



The classic musical "Singin' in the Rain," added to the United States Library of Congress in 1989 for being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant," opens at the Downey Theatre Friday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 balcony, \$35 orchestra and can be purchased at the theater box office or by calling (562) 923-1714. Group rates are available.

Teens chosen to serve on youth commission

DOWNEY – Fifteen local teens were chosen Tuesday to serve on the city's new Youth Commission, an advisory body that will provide input on youth matters directly to City Council members.

Twenty-eight students applied to serve on the commission. The positions are unpaid.

Council members chose the following students to serve:

Gabriel Acosta, Warren High School; Genesis Anguiano, Downey High School; Tiffany Ashton, Warren; Xitalyca Cardenas, Warren; Andray Cardoza, Cantewell Sacred Heart High School; Karina Gonzalez, Downey; Rebekah Jin, Downey; Diego Lucas, Warren; Kimberly Matamoros, Downey; Nick McEwen, Downey; Sophia Paik, Downey; Natalie Ramirez, St. Joseph High School; Vanessa Sanchez, Valley Christian High School; Carlos Valenzuela, Downey; and Anais Zepeda, Calvary Chapel High School.

The youth commission was open to all Downey residents enrolled in grades 9-12, regardless of the school's location. Each council member selected three applicants.

In their applications, many teens expressed a desire to increase civic involvement among high school students.

"I believe that a large problem with the youth of Downey is that they are growing and developing with lack of awareness in their community," wrote Natalie Ramirez, a sophomore at St. Joseph High School.

Rebekah Jin, a former intern at the Patriot, said teens "can definitely improve their involvement in community services activities. As a commission, we can create opportunities for youth of all ages to get involved and be proud of the city they live in."

Some applicants pointed to a growing number of distractions affecting teens today.

"There are many students who are distracted by drugs and several other horrible things," wrote Genesis Jara, a freshman at Warren High School.

"(As) technology advances more and more, youth of Downey care less about the environment which surrounds them," is how Xitalyca Cardenas, a junior at Warren, put it. "We need to start making things happen, not just watching them."

Meanwhile, Brenda Lopez, a senior at Downey High, spoke out against the growing number of hookah lounges in the city.

"I feel that the biggest problem facing the youth of Downey is the influence of our city on teenagers portraying the message that smoking is okay," she wrote. "The city transmits this message through the opening of a hookah (bar) between both the city's high schools, and the allowing of public smoking. Through these actions the youth is affected by the rise of asthma and the uprising trend of going to hookah bars becoming 'cool.' I believe this is an unacceptable message sent by our city's actions..."

Jacob Quiroz, a senior at Servite High School, said a youth commission could take a stance against intolerance.

"It's rare to go a day without hearing some term or joke being used at the expense of the misunderstood," Quiroz wrote. "Acts of intolerance have always been present in every community and it deserves to be dealt with immediately within the city of Downey. No day should go where phrases like 'retard' or 'faggot' are used without correction."

Predictably, too, some teens brought up the issue that there's "nothing to do in Downey."

"I feel that the youth of Downey are simply bored and need more activities that pertain to them such as things they can do with their families, or simply to interact with other youth year-round," wrote Breann Mejias, a junior at Calvary Chapel Christian School.

Downey High senior Kimberly Matamoros agreed.

"The late Friday night parties that are compelling to teens may seem like their only alternative to a good time, but I think we need to encourage other options for a fun hangout," she wrote. "The Youth Commission could create awareness to lead the youth to good decisions for a fun Friday hangout. Posters and announcements could be posted to encourage the youth to attend a more wholesome activity like going to the movies, mall or attend an athletic event to support their school. Teens need to know they don't need to resort to the 'cool thing' to do because it could possibly lead them into trouble."

–Eric Pierce, city editor

John Higgins named chaplain at Downey Fire Department

■ Higgins, pastor at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, accepts offer to become chaplain with Downey Fire Department.

By HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Fr. John Higgins, he with a voice like a boombox and as big and burly as they come, has been the warm and outgoing pastor at St. Raymond's Catholic Church since 2002, responsible for the spiritual welfare of some 2,000 registered, core Catholic families (and about 1,000 unregistered families), plus anyone who on occasion may wander in and seek succor

from the parish, which in this day and age may number more than one realizes.

This is alright with him, he says, because this accords with his two-pronged pastoral program of ministering to, and serving, people and "showing them Christ's love, and making them feel welcome, whoever they are."

An integral part of the parish is the self-sustaining St. Raymond's School, dedicated to educating K-8 children. It has a current enrollment of 312 students.

Adding to Fr. John's duties just the other week was his acceptance of a new role as chaplain of the Downey Fire Department. The department has been without one for about five to six years, accord-

ing to Fire Chief Lonnie Croom, since deputy fire marshal Rob Rowe retired.

Rowe, a deacon like Councilman Mario Guerra, served as chaplain for the department then.

Part Irish, with German and English blood thrown in, Fr. John is blessed with a bountiful sense of humor, and he dispenses it with gleeful abandon. He chuckles at the fact that people he meets for the first time are liable to get scared of him, because of the intimidating way he dishes out a joke—but, at bottom, he says he's really a "teddy bear."

As such, Fr. John feels comfortable with Downey's firefighting group. He himself has noticed dur-

ing prior occasional visits with them, he says, that the firemen are full of mirth and playful like himself. In fact, he confided that he and the fire chief have been recently exchanging e-mails, one challenging the other to reduce their weight. On Monday, Fr. John said, "As of this morning, I weigh 265 pounds. I've actually cut down on my food, although I like anything with the word, 'food', in it."

Fr. John is a young 62. "I'll be 63 in December," he said. He loves to cook and says he likes nothing better than swordfish on a grill with a whole avocado and French bread, with sparkling Martinelli juice.

He adds that his "huge, big, black Labrador" lolls by his side as he indulges in a favorite pastime: looking up the roots of words.

He's aware, he says, as part of his upcoming ministry at the fire department, that he will be available to "talk about anything with the personnel, assist with charity functions, even bring lunch or supper to a fire house, or find other clergy for people who'd rather speak to someone of their own faith community." Functions will also include giving counsel, especially in "death or difficult" situations, ministering to those with critical injuries, and giving comfort to the personnel's afflicted families. This includes on-scene as well as post-accident situations.

At any rate, Fr. John says he looks forward to meeting all the personnel and being of service in any way he can. If he can be of service in other things, he is making his cell phone number, (562) 964-8462, available or one may reach him by e-mail at frjohn-downey@aol.com.

Looking to the future, in order to enable him to perform his firefighter chaplain's duties better, he plans to attend two training ses-

sions: the first is scheduled in January in San Luis Obispo, the other in Sacramento in April.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Fr. John, an only child, says he was brought to California when he was three years old. After living first in South Gate, then in Lynwood, his family moved in 1965 to Downey. He graduated from Downey High in 1965. During this time, he attended the First Methodist Church on Downey Avenue as well as the United Methodist Church on Florence Avenue. He was raised by a Methodist mom and Methodist, Lutheran and Christian Science grandparents.

He says the seeds of his conversion to Catholicism ("God works in mysterious ways") were sown in his heart one weekday afternoon when by chance, while waiting for a friend to show up, he happened to enter a Catholic church and saw this group of about 30 congregants praying and seemed to be joyfully singing and worshipping in contrast to the woeful attendance – on Sundays! – he observed at his Methodist church. He was simply awed by it all, he says.

His mom was in tears when he told her he was converting to Catholicism.

Fr. John became a Roman Catholic at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at age 21. He was working then at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach as an Orthopedic and Emergency Room Tech. He would spend seven years at Cerritos College (yes, he's a little slow, he jokes) before entering, in 1974, St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, where he would be ordained to the priesthood in 1981.

His first parish was American Martyrs in Manhattan Beach, followed by his assignment at Santa Barbara, where he was campus minister at the Catholic high school there and taught Scripture, Church



Fr. John Higgins

History and Catholic Doctrine. He also served, in succession, as an associate pastor in Goleta, West Los Angeles, and Ventura, and as the parish priest in Santa Maria and Monterey Park.

While in Santa Barbara, Fr. John served as a part-time chaplain at the Santa Barbara County Jail, and with the Santa Barbara Police, as one of their chaplains. He was also involved with chaplaincy with the Ventura CHP and the Ventura County Jail.

So he's not exactly unfamiliar with the job of chaplain. He in fact brings an assortment of experiences and insights that should prove invaluable to the fire department. It should be a match made in heaven.

By the way, his mom converted to Roman Catholicism, too, 10 days before she died. "It was," Fr. John says, "one of my sweetest joys."

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First Mondays senior program returns

DOWNEY – Musician Johnny Croshaw will perform when the senior program "First Mondays" resumes Oct. 3 at Downey Adult School.

First Mondays replaces OASIS (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills), which was discontinued last June as part of budget cuts.

Programs are held in the Harriet Paine Events Center from 2:45 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 which includes dinner at 5 p.m.

For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

The complete schedule is below:

Oct. 3 -- "Country to Classics" -- Johnny Croshaw

Nov. 7 -- "Songs that Won the War" -- USC Emeriti Center College's Golden Age of American Popular Music Series, presented by Saul Jacobs and Robert Lipson

Dec. 5 -- "High School Choir Christmas Program" -- Local high school choir Christmas program

Jan. 9 -- "Tribute to the King: Elvis" -- Performance by Fernie Ramirez

Feb. 6 -- "Historical Reenacting, Ho to California!" -- Eugene and Gail Dermody present historical reenacting, a tale of a couple's 2,000-mile covered-wagon trek during the California gold rush

March 5 -- "Prevent Falls One Step at a Time" -- Anna Quyen Do Nguyen and Emily Habors of USC Emeriti Center College

April 2 -- "Let's Clear the Clutter" -- Presentation by Winifred Morice

May 7 -- "Step into Spring with a Song" -- Norma Roberts presents music in a one-woman show

June 4 -- "Tattered but Triumphant, Francis Scott Key" -- Jimmy Weldon presents history of the writing of the United States national anthem

Supplies collected for female troops

DOWNEY – Soroptimist International of Downey is partnering with Ladies of Liberty and Soldiers Angels to send supplies to female troops stationed overseas.

Collection bins are located at the Downey YMCA, Bob's Big Boy and Saywell Florist, where residents can donate items such as body and face wash, body lotion, hand and foot cream, black hair ties, shampoo and conditioner, hairspray, hair brushes and toothbrushes, ladies deodorant, make-up, nail polish and remover, feminine hygiene products, new or handmade blankets, and food such as cookies, crackers, protein bars, chips and candy.

Residents are also encouraged to write letters of encouragement to troops.

For more information, call Lindsey Louder at (310) 415-9406 or Mia Vasquez at (562) 806-3217.

City starts work on repair backlog

DOWNEY – The City Council awarded a \$215,030 contract to CJ Concrete Construction Inc. on Tuesday to make concrete improvements at more than 130 locations in the western part of the city, just part of a backlog of more than 900 requests from residents to repair broken sidewalks, gutters and curb ramps.

The backlog could take years to clear, but in the meantime the city will begin repairs at 133 locations generally west of Downey Avenue that require "immediate attention."

Repairs in other parts of the city won't begin until after the current fiscal year, which ends in July.

CJ Concrete Construction will construct and repair approximately 15,275 square feet of sidewalk, 2,782 square feet of driveway approaches, 854 square feet of curb ramps, 3,028 linear feet of curb and gutter, 854 square feet of cross gutters and 4,208 square feet of asphalt concrete pavement.

Work is scheduled to begin in late October and finish by February 2012.

Utility work officially complete

DOWNEY – Underground utility work at the former Verizon building was accepted as complete by the Downey City Council – sitting as the Community Development Commission – on Tuesday.

The work by SoCal Engineering Inc., of Irvine, involved the removal of an abandoned electrical vault previously installed by Southern California Edison.

During its removal workers discovered underground concrete structures, which added \$4,159 to the project cost. But city officials said the project still came in under the \$40,000 budget approved by the council.

The total demolition project cost was \$119,062, paid for with federal grants.

Council members voted 4-0 to accept the project as complete. Councilman Fernando Vasquez, a former employee of developer National Community Renaissance, which is working to develop the site into an affordable housing complex, abstained.

Firefighters to train at medical offices

DOWNEY – Downey firefighters will hold a series of training exercises at the shuttered Gallatin Medical Center next week, Oct. 4-10.

Firefighters and other first responders will use the property to practice firefighting and rescue techniques.

The drills will take place during daylight hours but will generally not be visible from the street. The training will not affect nearby property, city officials said.

Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, which owns the property, plans to clear the site and build new medical offices.

CalMet giving away mulch

DOWNEY – CalMet Services, the city's franchised waste hauler, will be giving away mulch Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The giveaway will take place in the Discovery Sports Complex parking lot. Vehicles should enter from Bellflower Boulevard at Congressman Steve Horn Way.

Residents can receive up to 32 gallons of free mulch, but must bring their own containers.

Residents must be in their vehicles to receive mulch; walk-up visitors will not be accommodated.

The giveaway starts at 9 a.m. and will continue until noon or when the supply of mulch is exhausted, whichever comes first.

For more information, call CalMet at (562) 259-1239, ext. 7.



The city of Downey and Mayor Luis Marquez will host a community barbecue this Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at Golden Park. All area residents are invited to the free event. The city hosted a similar barbecue last Saturday at Redeemer Covenant Church for residents of the "triangle" neighborhood east of the 605 Freeway. The barbecues include food and an opportunity for residents to meet city officials and members of the police and fire departments. The photo above is from last week's barbecue.

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Crime Report

Friday, Sept. 16

At 6:30 p.m., the passenger of a vehicle fired a gunshot in the air during a road rage incident on Firestone at Ryerson. The suspects then drove towards the City of South Gate where he was stopped by the South Gate Police Department. Downey officers took over the investigation and arrested three adults and one juvenile for aggravated assault. The car they were driving was stolen during a carjacking in Moreno Valley and a stolen gun was also found in the car's glove box.

Saturday, Sept. 17

At 3:30 a.m., an argument between two men inside Tacos El Gavilan Restaurant (7947 Florence) resulted in both of them stabbing each other. Both were treated for their injuries at a local hospital and booked for attempted murder.

Friday, Sept. 23

At about 9:30 p.m. three Downey males in their mid teens were victims of a strong-arm robbery in the 7300 block of Cole Street. As the three were walking together, five males in their late teens ran up from behind them and ordered the victims to hand over their property. One of the suspects punched a victim in the face. The next afternoon, police arrested one of the suspects at Apollo Park after a victim had arranged to give the suspect money for return of his phone.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Just after midnight, officers working traffic enforcement arrested two males for possession of narcotics and a loaded firearm. Officers had stopped the car for speeding near Old River School Road and Firestone when they smelled an odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A search resulted in the discovery of several grams of marijuana and a larger quantity of methamphetamine, along with a loaded firearm.

At 9:30 a.m., officers arrested a 39-year-old Bell Gardens resident for auto theft after stealing the victim's work truck from in front of his residence in the 10000 block of Angell Street. The theft had occurred on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday morning, Bell Gardens detained the suspect during an unrelated call and notified Downey police.

Monday, Sept. 26

At 6:15 a.m., officers responded to the School District Building, 11627 Brookshire Ave, regarding a burglary at the location. The suspects broke windows leading to the administrative office and removed several computers. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

City unveils statue honoring officer killed by drunk driver

Officer Wayne Presley was killed 30 years ago after he was struck by a drunk driver. A new memorial honors his memory.

By Christian Brown, Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In a moving tribute, with hundreds of local residents, law enforcement, and city officials in attendance, the Downey Police Department unveiled a poignant memorial last Thursday honoring the life of Officer Wayne Presley, the only Downey officer killed in the line of duty.

With Presley's widow, Linda Ray, looking on, members of the City Council quietly unveiled the bronze statue, which sits in front of the Police Department and depicts a kneeling officer with one hand over his face while holding a folded American flag in the other.

Downey Police Chief Rick Esteves said the memorial served as a fitting tribute to "a good man who served his community well."

It was April 10, 1981, more than 30 years ago, when a drunk driver struck both Presley and fellow Officer Steve Guthrie while they assisted a stalled big rig on Florence Avenue, just west of Lakewood Boulevard. Presley, just 37, was killed instantly.

Guthrie was critically injured but eventually returned to work at the police department where he went on to serve for 25 years. He retired five years ago as sergeant and currently teaches introduction to law enforcement for Downey High School's Regional Occupation Program.

Guthrie said he was on his way home that tragic night when he stopped to assist Presley with the

stalled tanker. The two officers, who both lived in La Mirada, typically rode home together.

"We were waiting for the tow truck and I was looking eastbound – that's the last thing I remember," he said. "It's been thirty years, but it seems like it was yesterday. Wayne was my best friend, a brother...it was quite a loss. I don't know why I survived, but it's by the grace of God."

In a sober moment during the ceremony, Guthrie placed a folded United States flag on the memorial in honor of his fallen friend.

Linda Ray then tearfully placed flowers on the memorial dedicated to her late husband's service and sacrifice.

"It's a nice honor for him – and it means a whole lot to me," said Ray, who remembers Presley as an easygoing man who loved his job. "He had a passion for motorcycle riding. As a young man in Missouri, he used to ride and break horses. He always said he missed the horses so that's why he loved motorcycles."

While Ray doesn't recall much from that difficult time in her life, she is grateful for the memorial and said it brings closure for her and the Downey Police Department.

In brief remarks during the ceremony, Mayor Luis Marquez praised the police department and its efforts to honor Presley's legacy.

"This means a lot for our community to recognize our only fallen officer with such a beautiful monument. Now the entire city of Downey will be able to remember who Wayne Presley was," said Marquez. "This memorial truly honors our police department which works so hard to keep our city safe. We hope no other names will be added to it."

The memorial was conceived by Downey narcotics detective Chris Kurtz, who suggested a monument be built to honor the sacri-



Photo by Pam Lane/DowneyDailyPhotos.com

This bronze statue is located in the courtyard between City Hall and the Downey Police Department. It pays tribute to fallen Officer Wayne Presley, who was killed by a drunk driver in 1981.

La Mirada man charged in hit and run

DOWNEY – A 27-year-old La Mirada man appeared briefly in Downey Superior Court last week after he was charged with vehicular manslaughter and other crimes for a fatal hit-and-run.

During the early morning hours of Sept. 20, Geoffrey Rocha allegedly struck 72-year-old Ray Quintanilla at the intersection of Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Lawnhill Drive in La Mirada.

Rocha fled the scene, authorities claim.

Quintanilla, also of La Mirada, was out for his daily walk when struck. Authorities said Quintanilla's arm was severed at the shoulder due to the force of the collision. The limb was discovered about a mile from where Quintanilla was hit.

Rocha later surrendered to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department authorities in Norwalk.

Downey Superior Court Judge Debra Cole-Hall set Rocha's bail at \$100,000. If convicted, he faces a maximum of seven years in prison.

fice of Presley on the 30th anniversary of his tragic death.

After approaching Esteves with his idea, a team of nearly a dozen officers began working on concepts to memorialize Presley, who served nearly 10 years in the Navy before becoming a police officer.

The project was funded through a combined \$90,000 from both police asset forfeiture money and

the city's public art fund.

Esteves said he came away from the ceremony with tremendous pride after watching his department unveil an honor that was long overdue.

"Some officers are saying it was the greatest day in their careers," said Esteves. "They're proud to be a part of this police department."

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Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee

Annual Meeting & General Election — October 4, 2011

The Downey Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its Annual Meeting and General Election on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at the Downey City Library, Cornack Room, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA at 6:30 p.m.

The PAC serves as the means through which the Community can participate with the Community Development Commission (CDC) in the planning and implementation of neighborhood revitalization programs.

A representative of a business owner or a community organization must be designated as a representative of the business owner or community organization through a letter from the organization and be filed with the PAC at this meeting.

Members must be present and actively participate in PAC meetings and special meetings and deliberations. Members must comply with the disclosure and disqualification provisions of the Political Reform Act. PAC members will be required to complete a Form 700 on an annual basis.

These elections will fill membership positions in the following categories:

- Residential Owner Occupant
- Residential Tenant
- Business Owner (including owners of rental properties)
- Community Organization
- One Alternate in each Category

To obtain more information and to determine eligibility for voting or candidacy, please contact Dr. Michael Sullivan at (562) 862-4892.

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS SA & 5C

SA - Approximately 14 acres of land north of Downey Community Hospital, south of the Brookshire Avenue and Patton Road.

5C - Approximately 13 acres of land at the intersection of Lakewood Boulevard and Gullaitin Road, the three corners not including Ralph's Market Shopping Center.

L.A. County districts need to reflect all communities of interest

By Mario Guerra, Charles and Martha House, Mariko Kahn, Carmen Perez and Edward H.J. Wilson

In recent weeks, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) has pushed a divisive myth about the citizens of Los Angeles County – that Asian Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Anglos and other groups routinely vote in blocs to prevent Latinos from winning elective office. The only solution, they say, is for the County to gerrymander two districts with Latino majorities. This is the theory behind proposed county redistricting plans S2 and T1, authored by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina, respectively. If one of these plans is not adopted by the County Board of Supervisors, MALDEF has threatened to sue the County, claiming the Voting Rights Act for support.

As a coalition of minority voices in one of the most ethnically and racially diverse counties in the country, including a number of Latino groups and Latino leaders, we do not agree with MALDEF.

Let's start with the basics. The Voting Rights Act, one of the great legislative achievements of the last century, was designed to give minority groups an "equal opportunity" to elect their preferred candidates. But opportunity for Latinos is not what plans S2 and T1 are seeking; these plans demand majority voting control of a district. Under either of these plans, Latino candidates would be able to run in districts whose eligible voters are over 50 percent Latino. So while the Voting Rights Act requires "equal opportunity," certain Latino interest groups in L.A. County demand control. Ironically, this would be accomplished in plans S2 and T1 by diluting the voting power of APIs and other minority groups.

This "control" plan is based on an unproven claim that non-Latino voters band together at election time to prevent Latinos from winning, so that the only way Latino candidates could ever win is in districts drawn with a Latino voting majority. But Latinos regularly win elections in Los Angeles, and they do so in districts where they constitute far less than a voting majority. If MALDEF's theory was correct, we would not have a Latino Mayor of Los Angeles, a Latino County Sheriff, a Latino County Assessor or a host of other successful Latino politicians. These candidates won with support not just from Latinos, but from a diverse group of Angelenos.

Let's look at two examples. Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa and former City Attorney Delgadillo both won citywide elections, even though the percentage of eligible Latino voters in the City was far below 50 per-

cent. How did they win? By attracting the support of thousands of non-Latinos – the very people some Latino interest groups now accuse of "polarized" voting against Latinos.

As a federal court found in rejecting a case brought by MALDEF in 2001, it takes far less than a 50 percent majority to ensure Latinos an equal opportunity where non-Latinos regularly vote for Latino candidates. In this case, involving a district located in the San Fernando Valley, the Federal Court found that over 30 percent of the non-Latino voters in the affected areas regularly "crossed over" to vote for Latino candidates, while only 3 percent of Latinos were willing to vote for a non-Latino candidate if a Latino candidate was running. At that time there was no definitive measure for eligible voters of one ethnicity or another; however, assuming a district in which 35 percent of the eligible voters are Latino and 65 percent are non-Latino, the extent of crossover voting provides an equal opportunity for the Latino community.

Even if only 25 percent of the non-Latino voters "crossed over" in this district, the Latino candidate would still win with 50.25 percent of the vote, or would at least have an equal opportunity to win. And if this district were only 30 percent Latino, a Latino candidate could win with a crossover rate of 33 percent. MALDEF's 2001 lawsuit was promptly thrown out.

Even according to MALDEF's own tilted statistics, the level of crossover voting in Los Angeles County is well over 20 percent. Neutral data show the actual number to be much higher. Latinos can have an "equal opportunity" to elect their candidates of choice even where they represent a minority of voters within a given district. Yet some Latino interest groups are demanding a district where Latinos make up over 50 percent of the electorate. That's not about equal electoral opportunity; it's about unilateral electoral control of a district where other voices simply won't be heard. We are speaking up because redistricting in L.A. County needs to reflect all of our communities of interest and the coalitions we've been building for the past 20 years. Everyone's vote should be respected.

Contributed by Mario Guerra, Downey city councilman; Carmen Perez, former Long Beach Port Commissioner; Mariko Kahn, president, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council; Charles and Martha House, Hacienda Heights residents; and Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill city councilman.

Political theater with oil

By Robert L. Bradley Jr.

Oil prices may have dropped to their lowest levels since February, but the government is still readying subpoenas for major oil companies as part of its investigation of gasoline prices.

After all, why let the facts interfere when there is good political theater to be made? As soon as consumers start getting antsy at the pump, you can expect politicians to start calling on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to target Big Oil and clamp down on a class of "Wall Street speculators" supposedly to blame for surging fuel prices.

Never mind that these investigations have repeatedly failed to turn up any evidence of price fixing. In 2005, Congress directed the FTC to spend "no less than \$1 million" rooting out miscreants in the oil industry who supposedly were using Hurricane Katrina as pretext to raise prices. When the FTC couldn't find any, the government doubled down on a new task force in 2006, and then again in 2008.

Guess what the reports found: limited supply plus growing demand equals higher prices. Amazing! Or as the FTC curiously noted in its 2005 report, "The vast majority of the FTC's investigations have revealed market factors to be the primary drivers of both price increases and price spikes."

Here's a bold prediction: The Obama administration's new investigation won't uncover any oil company misdeeds either. Just like it will not find any heroes behind more recent price declines. In the short term, impersonal market forces govern prices in both directions.

To create better prices in the long term, effective public policy is needed -- but that has been missing. In fact, while the president has been busy pointing fingers at everyone else, his administration's policies have helped set the stage for unnecessarily high pump prices for years to come. Big Government -- not Big Oil -- should be on trial.

True, oil is a global commodity responding to supply and demand everywhere, and U.S. policymakers cannot be blamed for international politics that make oil supply scarcer or more uncertain. But Obama's push to discourage oil production to appease beltway environmental groups is at odds with economic realities -- and economic recovery.

The overreaction to the BP oil spill -- the permitorium -- was one job-killer and supply-drainer. Similarly, the postponement of the Keystone XL oil-sands pipeline project from Canada is bad news for tomorrow's prices.

Obama's weak-dollar policy also deserves its share of blame. Internationally, oil, like most other commodities, is priced in dollars.

Here in the U.S., the government has been printing dollars like mad to fund our trillion-dollar deficit, shrinking the value of the greenback in the process. With the dollar worth less, it takes more dollars to buy a barrel of oil. That makes gasoline more expensive.

The president likes to point out that the price of gasoline will "inexorably" rise because developing countries like China and India are consuming more oil. But historically, greater demand has been met with greater supply -- that is the 'resourcefulness' of markets responding to price signals and profit incentives. Government just needs to step out of the way for the supply response to bring oil prices down. The cure for high prices is high prices in a free market.

Contrary to the administration's claims, the U.S. isn't running out of oil; it's running out of access. In fact, the U.S. is the only developed nation in the world today that restricts access to its offshore energy resources. Undeveloped fields in the Outer Continental Shelf alone contain an estimated 86 billion barrels of oil and 420 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The Green River Basin in Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado contains another 800 billion barrels.

If President Obama were serious about lowering gasoline prices, he wouldn't be launching investigations into oil companies; he'd be issuing permits and apologies!

Give his administration this: the refusal to increase domestic oil production or facilitate needed infrastructure is entirely consistent with its preferred energy policy, which is to let prices rise in order to force Americans to embrace less efficient but "greener" alternative energies.

But mandatory conservation through the back door is hardly pro-consumer or pro-economic recovery. What's more: many of Obama's favored renewable projects, like industrial wind turbines and ethanol, are hardly "green." Just about any grassroots environmentalist group would agree.

Blaming speculators and launching investigations might create the illusion that the administration is "doing something" about high gasoline prices. But the government is merely deflecting attention away from its own bad policies. A more productive investigation would figure out how to promote free markets and stop the blame game.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the CEO & Founder of the Institute for Energy Research. His most recent book is *Edison to Enron: Energy Markets and Political Strategies* (Scrivener Publishing and John Wiley & Sons).



Letters to the Editor:

Club 33

Dear Editor:

Because of an article you published recently concerning an unusual auction item, some surprising connections were made and a bunch of happy people can claim satisfaction.

Your headline said, "Live Auction Includes Rare Prize," and it caught the eye of a reader from Whittier. The "rare prize," to be offered during a fundraiser for the Downey Symphony, was admittance for four people to Club 33 in Disneyland. Club 33 is hard to get into -- a private retreat created by Walt Disney as an elegant dinner club, members only. The waiting list for membership in Club 33 has stretched to 14 years, but current members may occasionally provide a one-time visit to their friends. That's how the Symphony got such a juicy thing to auction off.

Well, the Whittier reader of The Downey Patriot knows a man in Beverly Hills who constantly seeks an opportunity like this to enjoy the impeccable food and service at Club 33. So Whittier Reader called his friend Seeker Man, and soon I had a phone inquiry from Beverly Hills about our party and live auction -- one goodie in particular.

The result: On the day of the Symphony party, Seeker Man drove an hour across town, arriving in time to hear our auctioneer announce bidding on Club 33. There was spirited competition, but ultimately Seeker Man claimed his prize, the Downey Symphony realized a handsome contribution for its fundraising efforts, and this would not have happened if the Patriot weren't doing its thing.

The Symphony is grateful to all.

-- Joyce Sherwin,
Symphony Board

Waste of paper

Dear Editor:

Everyone is concerned about plastic bags -- well why don't they do something about all the paper wasted at the grocery store?

I went to Ralph's today and bought two items. When I got home I took out the receipt and measured it: 15 inches. Fifteen inches for two items (they measured 4 inches). The other 11 inches was used to promote things in the store. That is really a major waste.

We have so many really important things to worry about but plastic bags seems to be the major concern for now. What next?

-- Doris Hannon,
Downey

Unions no longer necessary

Dear Editor:

With all due respect to Roger Smith, a proclamation by Joe Biden praising unions is called "fundraising. I read with incredulity his assertion that due to the stubborn unemployment rate, this country needs more unions. ("American Workers Deserve Respect," The Downey Patriot, 9/22/11)

So, public employee unions are bankrupting states and localities left and right, unions in the private sector are bankrupting private companies like GM, jobs are moving overseas because labor has become too expensive in the U.S., and Mr. Smith thinks we need more. Unbelievable!

Forget about Scott Walker and what he did to save the state of Wisconsin, let's talk about an issue closer to home. Everyone knows that Ralph's, Vons and Albertsons are the priciest grocery stores in town. While I can appreciate their friendly service and clean stores, I prefer to shop at non-union stores like Food 4 Less and Fresh & Easy because their prices are affordable.

Forgive my lack of sympathy for grocery workers having to contribute more to their health and retirement plans, but we, in the private sector, don't get such cushy deals. We even accepted major pay cuts due to the bad economy and said, "Well, at least we still have a job."

Mr. Smith's class warfare rhetoric and encouraging a "sea of red spilling in the streets" reeks of a Marxist revolutionary, and it should come as no surprise that the Communist party often walks hand-in-hand with union workers at labor rallies.

I can agree that unions once played an important role in providing balance in our capitalistic economic structure, but now that we have laws protecting workers from truly egregious working environments, unions are no longer necessary. Because of this truth, unions are getting desperate, or more specifically, high-paid union leaders are getting desperate, even resorting to tuggish tactics akin to the mob.

I stand for the right of every American to negotiate what he/she thinks is fair compensation for their time and effort spent in a job. And the idea of being forced to join a union to get a job, as is the case in states without Right-To-Work laws, is simply un-American.

P.S. Did I read correctly that Mayor Luis Marquez, a paid board member of SEAACA, has authorized a door-to-door shakedown of pet owners for pet licenses? Harassing people in their own homes will hardly help him win the hearts and minds of Downey residents.

Someone needs to alert the ACLU, but in the meantime, my advice to residents: stop answering your door!

-- Alaina Niemann,
Downey

Letters to the Editor:

Memories of Avenue

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the fine, well-researched piece by Christian Brown on the Avenue Theatre. ("Looking Back On...Avenue Theatre," 9/22/11) He brought back fond memories of the city's vibrant formative years when the Avenue was an important segment for many of us.

Congratulations, Christian, for a fine piece of writing.

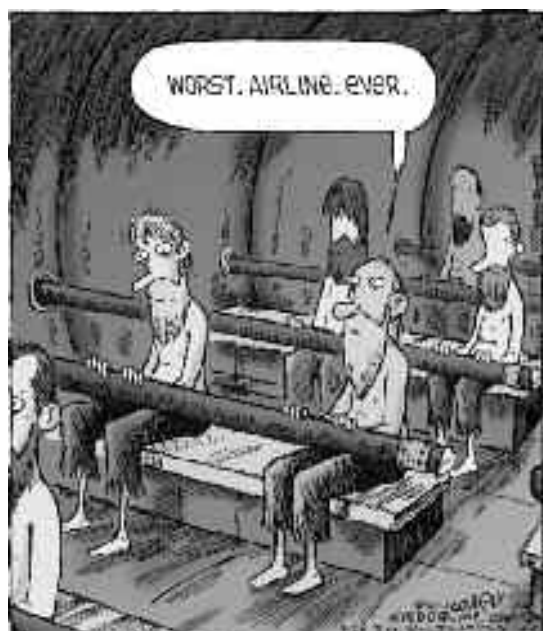
-- Harold Tseklenis,
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September/October

- Fri. Sept. 30: **Taste of Downey**, Civic Center parking lot, 5:30 p.m.
- Fri. Sept. 30: **"Singin' in the Rain" opening night**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 1: **Teacher workshop**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 1: **Community barbecue**, Golden Park, 2 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 1: **Hawaiian dinner fundraiser**, Downey Elks Lodge, 4 p.m.
- Sun. Oct. 2: **The Vitals and Paulie Pesh concert**, First Presbyterian Church of Downey, 7:30 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 3: **First Mondays senior program**, Downey Adult School, 2:45 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 427-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Bear 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

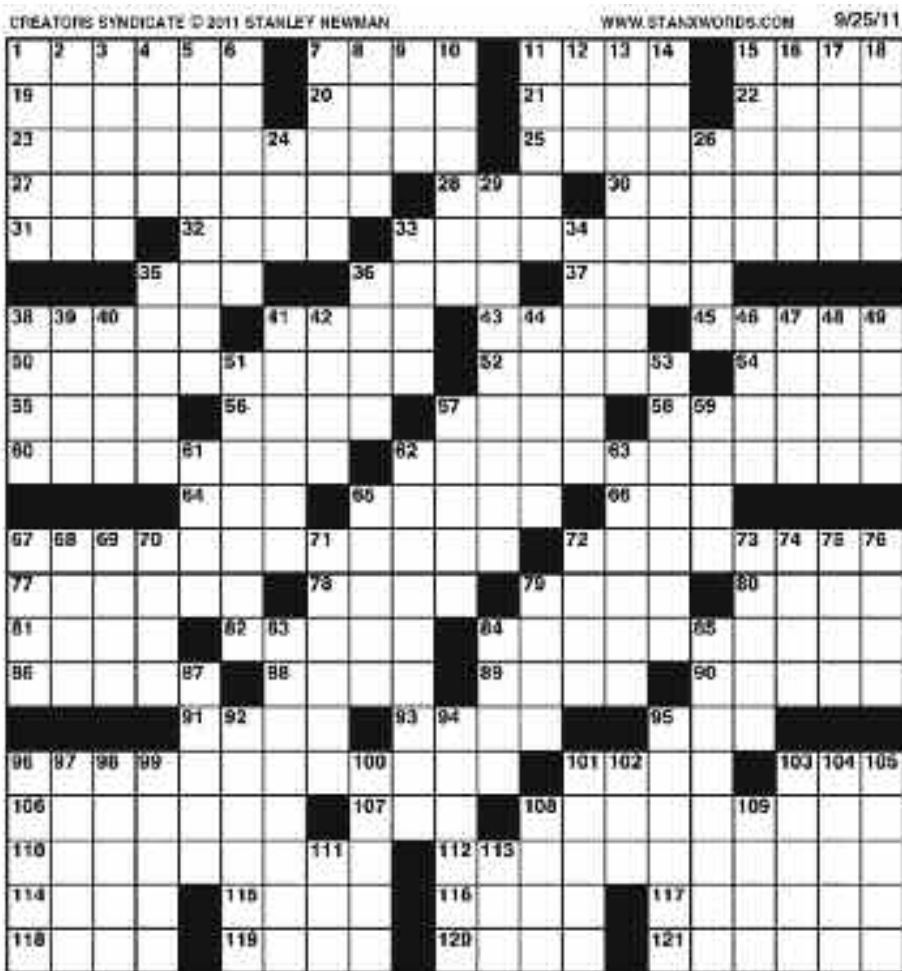
On This Day...

Sept. 29, 1789: The U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.
1829: London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.
1954: New York Giants centerfielder Willie Mays made a running catch with his back to home plate on a 450-foot blast by Cleveland Indians batter Vic Wertz in Game 1 of the World Series.
1978: Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment a little more than one month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.
Birthdays: Musician Jerry Lee Lewis (76), TV personality Bryant Gumble (63), comedian Andrew Dice Clay (54), retired basketball player John Paxson (51), actor Roger Bart (49), actor Zachary Levi (31) and basketball player Kevin Durant (23).

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The basics about advertising

Contributed by the Small Business Administration

Think you have a great product? Unfortunately, no one's going to know about it unless you advertise.

Advertising, if done correctly, can do wonders for your product sales, and you know what that means: more revenue and more success for your business. But be warned: it is not a panacea.

Below you will find a list of what advertising can and can't do for your business, along with the steps you can take to start using advertising to your business's advantage.

What Advertising Can Do For Your Business

- Remind customers and inform prospective customers about the benefits of your product or service
- Establish and maintain your distinct identity
- Enhance your reputation
- Encourage existing customers to buy more of your product/service
- Attract new customers and replace lost ones
- Slowly build sales to boost your bottom line
- Promote your business to customers, investors, and others

What Advertising Cannot Do For Your Business

- Create an instant customer base
- Cause an immediate, sharp increase in sales
- Solve cash flow or profit problems
- Substitute for poor or indifferent customer service
- Sell useless or unwanted products or services

Two Important Virtues of Advertising

- You have complete control. Unlike public-relations efforts, you determine exactly where, when and how often your message will appear, how it will look and what it will say. You can target your audience more readily and aim at very specific geographic areas.
- You can be consistent. Presenting your company's image and sales message repeatedly to build awareness and trust. A distinctive identity will eventually become clearly associated with your company. Customers will recognize your brand and product quickly and easily if you're consistent in presentation.

Two Drawbacks of Advertising

- It takes planning. Advertising works best and costs the least when the planning and preparation are done in advance. For example, you'll pay less per ad in newspapers and magazines by agreeing to run several ads over time rather than deciding on an issue-by-issue basis. Likewise, you can save money by preparing a number of ads at once.
- It takes time and persistence.

The effectiveness of your advertising improves gradually over time because it's impossible for every customer to see every ad. You must repeatedly remind prospects and customers about the benefits of doing business with you. The long-term effort triggers recognition and helps special offers or direct marketing payoff.

Getting Ready to Advertise

Use the following steps to help draw a blueprint for your business's advertising plan:

1. Design the Framework

- What is the purpose of your advertising program? Start by defining your company's long-range goals, then map out how marketing can help attain them. Focus on advertising routes complementary to your marketing efforts. Set measurable goals so you can evaluate the success of your advertising campaign. For example, do you want to increase overall sales by 20 percent this year? Boost sales to existing customers by 10 percent during each of the next three years? Appeal to younger or older buyers? Sell off old products to free resources for new ones?
- How much can you afford to invest? Keep in mind that whatever amount you allocate will never seem like enough. Even giants such as Procter & Gamble and Pepsi always feel they could augment their advertising budgets. Given your income, expenses, and sales projections, simple addition and subtraction can help you determine how much you can afford to invest. Some companies spend a full 10 percent of their gross income on advertising, others just 1 percent. Research and experiment to see what works best for your business.

2. Fill in the Details

- What are the features and benefits of your product or service? When determining features, think of automobile brochures that list engine, body and performance specifications. Next, and more difficult, determine the benefits those features provide to your customers. How does your product or service actually help them? For example, a powerful engine helps a driver accelerate quickly to get onto busy freeways.
- Who is your audience? Create a profile of your best customer. Be as specific as possible, as this will be the focus of your ads and media choices. A restaurant may target adults who dine out frequently in the nearby city or suburban area. A computer software manufacturer may aim at information managers in companies with 10-100 employees. A bottled water company may try to appeal to athletes or people over 25 who are concerned about their health.
- Who is your competition? It's important to identify your competitors and their strengths and weaknesses. Knowing what your competition offers that you lack - and vice versa - helps you show prospects how your product or

service is special and why they should do business with you instead of someone else. Knowing your competition will also help you find a niche in the marketplace.

3. Arm Yourself with Information

- What do you know about your industry, market and audience? There are many sources of information to help you keep in touch with industry, market and buying trends without conducting expensive market research. Examples include U.S. Government materials from the Census Bureau and Department of Commerce. Public, business or university libraries are also a good option, as are industry associations, trade publications, and professional organizations. You can quickly and easily learn more about your customers by simply asking them about themselves, their buying preferences, and media habits. Another (more expensive) alternative is to hire a professional market research firm to conduct your research.

4. Build Your Action Plan - Evaluating Media Choices

- Your next step is to select the advertising vehicles you will use to carry your message and establish an advertising schedule. In most cases, knowing your audience will help you choose the media that will deliver your sales message most effectively. Use as many of the above tools as are appropriate and affordable. You can stretch your media budget by taking advantage of co-op advertising programs offered by manufacturers. Although programs vary, generally the manufacturer will pay for a portion of media space, time costs or mailer production charges up to a fixed amount per year. The total amount contributed is usually based on the quantity of merchandise you purchase.
- When developing your advertising schedule, be sure to take advantage of any special editorial or promotional coverage planned in the media you select. Newspapers, for example, often run special sections featuring real estate, investing, home and garden improvement, and tax advice. Magazines also often focus on specific themes in each issue.

5. Using Other Promotional Avenues

- Advertising extends beyond the media described above. Other options include imprinting your company name and graphic identity on pens, paper, clocks, calendars and other giveaway items for your customers. Put your message on billboards, inside buses and subways, on vehicle and building signs, on point-of-sale displays and on shopping bags.
- You might co-sponsor events with nonprofit organizations and advertise your participation, attend or display at consumer or business trade shows, create tie-in promotions with allied businesses, dis-

Learn how to fight a traffic ticket

Does it make sense for you to fight your traffic ticket in court? The answer is "it depends".

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It can be tricky to successfully fight your ticket, but in some circumstances, the effort can really pay off. A determined person can achieve great success in traffic court if he or she knows what to do.

In deciding whether to fight, you should first consider the consequences of giving up and paying the ticket. Will you increase your chances of losing your license? Can you get your case dismissed by attending traffic school? Will your insurance rates increase? Do you want to spend the time and effort it will take to fight your ticket effectively?

Once you understand the consequences of not fighting your ticket, you should try to determine your chances of winning. The first thing you should do is research the law with which you are charged with violating. Second, determine what your defenses will be. And third, plan on how to present your case to the judge.

Unbelievably, police officers sometimes do not know the exact wording of the law, and it is the exact wording of the law that is most important to you if you are going to fight your ticket. So figure out exactly which law you have violated. It is usually written on your ticket.

Next, look up the law and read it to understand every part of it. You can find the text of the law by going to leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html and typing in the violation number on your ticket. You should ask yourself: "What are the parts of the law I am charged with committing?"

Focusing on each part of a law is often the key to unlocking an effective defense. That is because to be found guilty, the state must prove you violated each "part" or clause of the offense. For example, in the case of failing to stop at a stop sign, the state would have to prove each of the following facts:

- You were driving.
- You approached a stop sign at the entrance to, or within, an intersection.
- You failed to stop at the limit line, if marked, or before entering the intersection.

If you can show that your conduct did not violate even one element of a traffic law, you win your case. For example, if the area where you were ticketed there was no stop sign and the officer claims you did not stop, then you should be found not guilty.

Even if you cannot challenge the law you are charged with violating, all is not lost. You can challenge the accuracy of the police officer's allegation on cross-examination. Cross-examination is a very important aspect to beating your speeding ticket. Actually, it is the highest probability way to beat your ticket.

It is essential that you have some good questions for cross-examination before you walk into the courtroom. These are some of the areas you should inquire into.

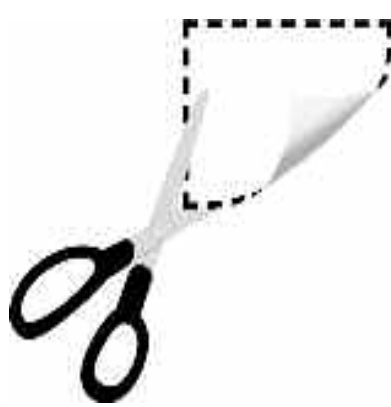
Was the officer's view of what occurred obstructed by other moving vehicles or stationary objects like trees, fences or buildings? If so, you can ask the officer questions which show that he could not have clearly seen the alleged offense and this will give you an opening to sell your version of events to the judge.

Did the officer stop the right car? It is quite possible in heavy traffic for an officer to see a violation committed by one white pickup truck and to stop another almost identical white pick-up truck further down the road. Your ability to claim this happened goes way up if you can show that because of a curve in the road, construction project, or just heavy traffic, the officer lost sight of the offending vehicle between the violation and pulling you over. If this is the case make sure to ask the officer if he lost sight of your vehicle at any time prior to the stop.

Was there an actual, provable error in the officer's approach or methodology? In citing you for speeding, did the officer correctly pace your vehicle or properly use the radar or laser to establish your speed?

Remember as with all endeavors in life, preparation is key. You will have to research and prepare the questions in advance. So, if you feel that that ticket was unjustified follow these tips and argue your position to the judge.

The purpose of this column is to provide general information on the law, which is subject to change. It is not legal advice. Consult a lawyer if you have a specific legal problem.



tribute newsletters, conduct seminars, undertake contests or sweepstakes, send advertising flyers along with billing statements, use telemarketing to generate leads for salespeople, or develop sales kits with brochures, product samples, and application ideas.

The number of promotional tools used to deliver your message and repeat your name is limited only by your imagination and your budget.

The Advertising Campaign

You are ready for action when armed with knowledge of your industry, market and audience, have a media plan and schedule, know your product or service's most important benefits, and have measurable goals in terms of sales volume, revenue generated and other criteria.

The first step is to establish the theme that identifies your product or service in all of your advertising. The theme of your advertising reflects your special identity or personality and the particular benefits of your product or service. For example, cosmetics ads almost always rely on a glamorous theme. Many food products opt for healthy, all-American family campaigns. Automobile advertising frequently concentrates on how the car makes you feel about owning or driving it rather than performance attributes.

Tag lines reinforce the single most important reason for buying your product or service. "Nothing Runs Like a Deere" (John Deere farm vehicles) conveys performance and endurance with a nice twist on the word deer. "Ideas at Work" (Black & Decker tools and appliances) again signifies performance, but also shows reliability and imagination. "How the Smart Money Gets that Way" (Barron's financial publication) clearly connotes prosperity, intelligence and success.

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Latin American film series returns to CSULB

University will screen a different film every Thursday in October. The theme is "Reconciling Realities."

LONG BEACH - The Latin American Studies Film Series returns to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) with the theme "Reconciling Realities."

The first film of the series screens on Thursday, Oct. 6, in the University Theater at 7 p.m. with a different film being shown on each successive Thursday in October at the same place and same time. Admission is free and parking is available in Lot 7.

"This year's theme of 'Reconciling Realities' deals with the way we see things and the ways in which we perceive certain realities which aren't necessarily that way," said CSULB Film and Electronic Arts Professor José Sánchez-H., who has led the series since 2002. "It examines the human condition of how personal perspectives change the way we see the world."

On Thursday, Oct. 6, the series opens with "Al sur de la frontera" ("South of the Border"), which is directed by Oliver Stone ("Wall Street," "Platoon"). Sánchez-H. first encountered Stone's documen-

tary while doing research on Bolivian cinema for a chapter of the book International Film Guide 2011. It explores the misrepresentation by mainstream U.S. media of five Latin American countries.

Stone interviews seven presidents, including Cristina Kirchner from Argentina and her husband, former President Nestor Kirchner; Evo Morales from Bolivia; Lula Silva from Brazil; Raúl Castro from Cuba; Fernando Lugo from Paraguay; and Hugo Chávez from Venezuela. This film runs 78 minutes and is in Spanish with English subtitles.

Sánchez-H. is excited about this year's variety of titles and is especially pleased by the second film of the series screening on Thursday, Oct. 13. Titled "Area Q," the film was made by CSULB Film and Electronic Arts alumni Gerson Sanginitto, who served as writer/director, and Carina Sanginitto, who served as director of photography.

A father's relentless search for his son leads him to an extraordinary discovery that will change his life forever. Thomas Mathews (Isaiah Washington, "Grey's Anatomy," "Romeo Must Die") is an award-winning reporter who finds his life taking a turn after his son disappears. This film runs 100 minutes and is in English and Portuguese with subtitles.

Sánchez-H. first saw "Area Q" at the Brazilian Film Festival in Los Angeles where it screened to a packed theater. "I am pleased to have representatives of the next generation of CSULB filmmakers in this year's series," he said. "Students who enrolled at CSULB to study filmmaking are now making movies in other countries. Showing this work in the film series gives alumni an opportunity to share their work with current students."

On Thursday, Oct. 20, the series continues with a preserved classic film from Puerto Rico, "Dios los cría" ("Façade," 1980) directed by Jacobo Morales. "Façade" was the film debut for Morales, who received a 1989 Best

Foreign Language Oscar nomination for his film "What Happened to Santiago?"

Morales writes, directs and acts as he weaves together the stories of a businessman, a wife, two brothers, a lover, a friend, a husband, a prostitute and a priest who disguise themselves to deal with their daily lives. The new 35mm print was restored by the Academy Film Archive of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences™, Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival, and CSULB's Department of Film and Electronic Arts. This film runs 120 minutes and is in Spanish with English subtitles.

The series' commitment to film preservation has been present from the beginning, Sánchez-H. pointed out. "I've been involved in the restoration of Latin American films since 2002," he said. "Film preservation is an important part of film history because it helps to keep films available in the future for other generation of filmmakers, scholars and students who will benefit from this cultural experience."

A question-and-answer session with Josef Lindner, who did the film's preservation, will follow the screening.

The last film arrives on Thursday, Oct. 27 with a drama written and directed by Rodrigo Garcia titled "Madres e hijas" ("Mother and Child"). It tells the story of three women struggling to maintain control of their lives. This film runs 125 minutes and is in English.

"This is a wonderful film, written and directed with genuine sensitivity," Sanchez-H. noted. "I had the opportunity to see this film at the National Association of Latino Independent Producers Conference. Director Rodrigo Garcia and Producer Julie Lynn kindly agreed to come to campus to present this film. I think it is a great opportunity for students who attend the film series to participate in the Q&A and learn from that experience."

More information is available by contacting advocacy@csulb.edu.

'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' retold

CARSON - The theater department at Cal State Dominguez Hills will present a retelling of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" starting Oct. 14 at the campus's Edison Theatre.

Written in 1886, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is the story of one man plagued by two distinct personalities, one moral and kind, the other, immoral and cruel.

Looking for a cure for human depravity, Dr. Jekyll concocts a potion that splits him in two. At first he can control the rages, but soon Mr. Hyde gains a power all his own and Dr. Jekyll begins transforming spontaneously.

Tickets to "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" are \$12 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased by calling (310) 243-3589.

Shakespeare play opens on campus

LONG BEACH - William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" opens Oct. 7 in the Studio Theatre at Cal State Long Beach.

Presented by University Players, the production is set a long a marginal highway strewn with debris to "refract the play's eternal themes of oppression, exile, transformation and love through a contemporary lens."

"When people speak generally of 'As You Like It' the words comedy, love and the character of Rosalind usually pop up first," said director Maureen Huskey. "For me, while I want to find even deeper recesses of comedy in the piece, I also see the play as a fantasy filled with a deep questioning of life."

"As You Like It" opens Oct. 7 and closes Oct. 15. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with one Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. on Oct. 15.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for seniors and students. For tickets and information, call (562) 985-5526

'Phantom' veteran signs on to play Don Quixote

LONG BEACH - David Gaines, who performed the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" more than 2,000 times during his run on Broadway, will play the role of Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha," playing Feb. 10-26, 2012 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach.

Gaines performed in "Phantom" in front of more than 5 million people on Broadway, in Los Angeles and in San Francisco, where he received the Bay Area Critics' Award for Best Actor.

"Man of La Mancha," one of the all-time great musicals by Mitch Leigh, Joe Darion and Dale Wasserman, opened on Broadway in 1965 and won a Tony Award for Best Musical.

The production takes place during the height of the Spanish Inquisition. While awaiting a hearing with the Inquisition, Miguel de Cervantes presents a play as his defense in a mock trial for the prisoners. In it, he plays Alonso Quijana, a man who has set his own reality aside and becomes Don Quixote De La Mancha.

Assisted by Sancho Panza, Quixote attempts to avoid his mortal enemy, the Enchanter, and woo the serving wench and prostitute, Aldonza, who he takes to be the lady Dulcinea.

The performance schedule for "Man of La Mancha" is Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., with a 7 p.m. performance added on Feb. 19.

Tickets start at \$20 and are on sale now online at musical.org, at the Musical Theatre West box office located at 4350 E. 7th Street in Long Beach or by calling (562) 856-1999, ext. 4.

'Come Fly Away' making L.A. premiere

HOLLYWOOD - The new Broadway musical, "Come Fly Away," featuring vocals by Frank Sinatra, will make its Los Angeles premiere at the Pantages Theatre for a two-week engagement, Oct. 25 to Nov. 6.

The score of "Come Fly Away" combines classic and newly-discovered vocal performances from the Sinatra archives along with signature arrangements by Nelson Riddle, Billy May and Quincy Jones.

"Come Fly Away" follows four couples as they fall in and out of love during one song- and dance-filled evening at a crowded nightclub. Blending the legendary vocals of Sinatra with a live, on-stage big band and 15 dancers, the production weaves a hit parade of classics, including "Fly Me to the Moon," "My Way" and "That's Life," into a musical fantasy of romance and seduction.

Tickets to see "Come Fly Away" start at \$25 and can be purchased online at broadwayla.org or by calling (800) 982-ARTS.

"Come Fly Away" is 80 minutes with no intermission.

It is recommended for ages 10 and up.

Things to do this weekend:



Tony D'Souza book signing
When: Sept. 30, 7 p.m.
Where: Book Soup in West Hollywood
How much: Free (book is \$14.95)
Journalist and novelist Tony D'Souza will discuss and sign copies of his latest book, "Mule: A Novel of Moving Weight," a humorous story of a young couple who turn to drug trafficking to make it through the recession.



Eagle Rock Music Festival
When: Oct. 1, 4-11 p.m.
Where: Center for the Arts in Eagle Rock
How much: \$5 (suggested donation); 12 and younger free.
Described by L.A. Weekly as the "last great neighborhood musical festival," the event will include dozens of up-and-coming and established bands. The music festival is family-friendly.



Pumpkin Patch
When: all weekend
Where: Irvine Park Railroad
How much: Free (parking fees apply)
It's never too early for a pumpkin patch! But Irvine Park Railroad also offers bike and paddle boat rentals, hay rides, mini-tractor races for kids, haunted house, hay maze, pony rides and more. A great place for pictures, too.



Jane Lynch book signing
When: Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
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Demand for water barrels still strong

DOWNEY – The City of Downey hosted another emergency water barrel distribution event last Saturday. The event was staffed by members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, Downey CERT, the Warren High School Red Cross club and community volunteers.

Distribution of the barrels began at 8 a.m. and continued throughout the morning. The event ended when the supply of approximately 800 barrels was exhausted. The barrels were provided by the Downey Coca-Cola facility and staff.

The event also featured emergency preparedness information booths. Supply vendors and the American Red Cross were there to assist community members with their efforts to improve their emergency supplies and skills.

Most of the volunteers have worked at the water barrel distribution events since September of 2010. Collectively, they have distributed nearly 4,000 barrels utilizing the drive-thru system at Discovery Sports Complex. If the City Hall distributions are included, the barrel program is responsible for distributing close to 5,000 barrels since it started in June of 2010.

The community demand for the barrels has not diminished. A large number of people were in line for the barrels when the most recent event started at 8 a.m. However by 9 a.m., the volunteers had caught up with the initial demand for barrels and the wait time for a barrel was mostly eliminated.

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. Fresh water is almost always in short supply after disasters. Experts recommend each person 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 varied in size from 15-55 gallons. A special instructional label was attached to each barrel.

The barrels for this event were delivered by four (4) Coca-Cola tractor-trailer rigs. We estimate over 25 tractor-trailer loads of barrels have been distributed since the program started.

Special barrel cap handles, pumps and siphon hoses were sold at the event. The program costs are off-set by the sale of these tools for use with the barrels. For those who find their barrel needs a cap, they may find them at nitro-pak.com, baytecontainers.com/bungcapcourse.html or at McMaster.com.

Questions or comments may be sent to ready@downeyca.org.

–Mark Sauter, emergency services manager, city of Downey



Downey resident and Cal Poly Pomona student Matthew Stafford met with Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard to thank her on behalf of the American Planning Association for her support of critical federal housing and transportation programs. Stafford traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of the association's Planner's Day on Capitol Hill. A senior, Stafford is studying urban and regional planning and plans to pursue a career in urban planning and public policy following graduation in the spring. A native of Downey, Stafford graduated from Warren High School in 2008. He was selected as an association delegate through the American Planning Association to represent all urban planning students in California and Nevada.



Downey High School's class of 1961 will hold its 50th reunion Oct. 22 at the Rio Hondo Event Center. For more information, call Sharon Gum Schuber at (714) 998-7644, Rich Battaglia at (949) 675-0148 or Connie Downey Kirkwood at (562) 927-6102. The reunion committee is pictured above.

Arc sues state, says budget cuts put people at risk

■ Arc of California says budget cuts violate federal law.

SACRAMENTO – The Arc California, an advocate for Californians with developmental disabilities, filed a lawsuit Wednesday alleging the state is violating federal law by failing to adequately fund services needed by people with intellectual disabilities.

The suit illustrates how the state has "abandoned people with developmental disabilities and exposed them to health and safety risks by failing to provide reasonable support services," according to a statement by Arc.

Arc officials said a decade of rate freezes, program closures and budget cuts have destroyed many community-based services, leaving 245,000 people with developmental disabilities "at serious risk."

"As California taxpayers, we fully appreciate the State's need to reduce costs, but we cannot allow the State to endanger its citizens and risk their basic civil rights," said Tony Anderson, executive director of the Arc California. "It's illegal to slash basic support services that allow Californians with developmental disabilities to live safely in their communities. These basic civil rights cannot be compromised or bargained away as part of a budget deal."

The State of California must follow the law and honor its commitment to serve and protect the rights of Californians with developmental disabilities."

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Diego joined Arc in the lawsuit against the California Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Health Care Services.

The suit, filed in federal court,

claims state budget cuts have "devastated" community service providers, whose reimbursement rates have been frozen since 2003.

Some service providers have been forced to limit services or close completely. In some cases, staffing levels are "dangerously low, jeopardizing care," officials said.

Health advocates say the crisis was predicted by the state's own experts more than a decade ago, when a report by the Department of Developmental Services warned the state that its lack of reasonable funding would adversely affect tens of thousands of disabled residents.

"Despite repeated warnings from top state experts and the State Auditor General, California continued to withhold necessary funding and push these programs to the brink of collapse," said Dave Carucci, executive director of UCP San Diego. "It's not right, fair or legal and must be stopped. The State's neglect has left Californians with developmental disabilities at great risk; their health and safety is in jeopardy."

The lawsuit accuses the state of violating federal law, specifically the Federal Home and Community Based Service Providers waiver program, by reducing rates and reimbursements without federal approval, and without considering impacts on federally required safeguards.

The suit also accuses the state of violating California's Lanterman Act, which was signed by former Gov. Ronald Reagan in 1969. The statute guarantees people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the right to obtain the support services necessary to live as independently as possible in their own communities.

Prior to the Lanterman Act, people with developmental disabilities were confined to state-run institutions, where they were warehoused in facilities far from their families.

The lawsuit was filed after the state cut an additional \$174 million in funding this summer.

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More than 1,200 visit space center for free

DOWNEY – More than 1,200 people enjoyed a free day at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Sept. 10.

Admission was free thanks to a sponsorship by Financial Partners Credit Union in Downey.

The event featured games, food, a space shuttle bounce house, robotics station, gravity scale station, rocket launcher and flight simulator.

The event also included presentations by space center executive director Scott Pomrehn, Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer and credit union president and CEO Nader Moghaddam.

Financial Partners Credit Union was established by the aerospace industry to provide loans and credit accounts to aerospace employees, and for many years had offices at Rockwell International – the company that built the space shuttles where the space center is today.

Last month's event was the first collaborative effort between Financial Partners and the space center.

"More than 74 years ago employees from American Aviation, headquartered on the grounds, had a dream to start a financial cooperative to pool savings and provide loans at substantially lower rates," Moghaddam said. "Who would have known that 74 years later the dream would still be alive? Today we celebrate the contributions of these extraordinarily talented and special people by reflecting on their place at the leading edge of science."

Parents can meet DUSD tutors

DOWNEY – Parents interested in utilizing free tutor services for their young student are encouraged to meet DUSD-approved tutors Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Pace Elementary cafeteria in Bellflower.

Students who attend Imperial and Old River elementary schools, and East, West, Griffiths and Sussman middle schools, and who receive free or reduced-price meals at school, are eligible to receive free after-school tutoring.

Parents on Saturday can meet with the tutors and learn more information about the services.

Pace Elementary is at 9625 Van Ruiten St., next to Thompson Park.

Marquez, Vasquez say they will uphold pledge to donate stipends

■ Council members pledged during campaigns to donate monthly stipends.

By **CHRISTIAN BROWN**, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Hoping to make a difference in the community while honoring their campaign pledges, Mayor Luis Marquez and Councilman Fernando Vasquez have reaffirmed a commitment to both save and donate their entire City Council stipends, dedicating the funds to local charities and education projects.

With thousands of dollars set aside, the two council members believe that donating the money serves as another means to give back to the community.

For Vasquez, who was sworn in nearly a year ago last December, the pledge gives him an opportunity to sponsor projects that benefit his main constituency: the youth.

"I'm the youngest of the council members so involvement with youth is one of my biggest goals," Vasquez said. "I feel like an opportunity given to me, so I want to be that person to help out the next generation."

This year alone, Vasquez helped establish the Downey Youth Commission, which will soon give 15 local high school students the chance to work with their local government.

"I said 'we've got to make this happen,'" Vasquez said. "My commitment to youth is unquestionable. I'm a believer in helping the underserved. They're our children and our youth."

Vasquez believes his Council stipend funds will provide him other ways to cater to youth by allowing

him to offer academic scholarships to local students.

"I've been blessed so I want to help them further their education," said Vasquez. "My parents encouraged us to get a college education and told us not to forget to give back."

Shortly after the election, Vasquez opened a separate bank account where he now puts his quarterly stipend. Every month council members earn \$731.91 plus \$30 for each community development commission meeting they attend. The mayor's stipend is slightly higher each month at \$862.39.

Currently, Vasquez's account has nearly \$5,100 in it dedicated to local community projects, he said.

"The money is there – trust me," he said with a laugh. "And I want to spread it around."

In addition to scholarships, Vasquez is also interested in talking to local principals and the PTA about starting a culturally sensitive health program in the Downey Unified School District to combat childhood obesity by teaching kids how to eat and prepare healthier food options.

Since many schools have limited resources, Vasquez hopes his stipend funds can help get the program off the ground.

Vasquez also expressed interest in donating to other local events and organizations, but said he will decide exactly where the money will go next year when he begins donating the funds.

Marquez, elected in 2008, said he hopes to broaden his range of giving next year by donating his stipend to worthy local causes.

In addition to donating to existing charitable groups, Marquez said he hopes to offer his own scholarships in the spring which will be

open to local college bound seniors in high school to help them continue their education.

While Marquez said he is currently saving money in order to make an impact with his stipend, he expressed interest in working with Vasquez on a larger scholarship program next year.

"Have I given every dollar? I'll be honest, I haven't. But I do plan on keeping and honoring my pledge," Marquez said last week. "The economy has been tough. Both me and my wife have state jobs so with furloughs it's been challenging, but my commitment to our youth and the city is unquestionable. I will make good on all of those promises."

Marquez claimed many of the donations he's already made have been done behind closed doors with little to no fanfare.

"I've given quietly," he said. "I've helped out in my own quiet way."

"For the past 3 years in a row I've participated in the turkey give away meal at West Middle School for people who don't have as much as others during Thanksgiving. With my own money I purchased 300 turkeys and gave to different groups," said Marquez.

Marquez also said he has donated funds to the Young Women's Empowerment Conference held at Cal State Long Beach. Last year, Marquez gave money to go towards Downey women attending the conference, which is hosted annually by state Sen. Alan Lowenthal.

"It is my strongest commitment to help out residents the best I can as much as I can in every way I can whether through PTA Helps, Rancho Los Amigos, The Arc...my commitment is true," he said.

Unlike other cities such as Cerritos, Downey does not offer

council members health care benefits, car and cell phone allowances and retirement plans. Marquez believes local representatives should run for office to serve, not for the perks.

"We are a perfect example of what a true public servant is," said Marquez speaking of the Downey City Council. "You do this because you care and want to make a difference. Not to get rich. Whatever I can do to help, I'm here to do it." Vasquez echoed Marquez's sentiments, reiterating that his time on the Council is about serving others, not himself.

"Personally, I come from very humble beginnings. My parents came here over 40 years ago and taught me to give back. That's why you're in public service," said Vasquez. "You don't do it for the money – you do it to give back."

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Fall is ideal time to prepare disaster plan

MARK SATUER

DOWNEY – Earlier this month the City Council proclaimed September as "National Preparedness Month." The goal of the effort was to encourage residents, neighborhoods, churches, schools and businesses to embrace the need to prepare for emergencies now.

Several incidents and emergencies have occurred in recent months that highlight the need for emergency preparedness.

Recent studies have found adequate communications and fresh water are two of the most important issues immediately after an emergency event like a serious earthquake.

Communications during an emergency and immediately after an emergency can be very problematic. Typically cell phones and landlines do not work well for an hour or two, or more. We should all have a back up communication plan.

First, we need to have the ability to use a pay or business phone. This means we need to have some change and have a hard-copy of our most important phone numbers. Include the out-of-state phone number of a friend or relative with the emergency numbers. Frequently we can call out of our area before we can call a number inside our area. Be prepared to send or receive a text message too. Texting works sometimes when the voice systems do not.

Communications also means learning more about the situation or checking in with others. The City has a reverse 911 system and uses it for emergencies and occasionally for public information. The system has worked well. However, the system requires a phone number for most messages.

In 2011, not all community members have a landline phone. Many who don't have landlines, have cell phones. The problem is, the City does not have access to the cell numbers in our community. Instead, the City must rely on community members to sign up with the reverse 911 system by going to the City website and entering their information. This entry only takes a couple of minutes and is done by the following actions: log on to City website at downeyca.org, click on the 'Quick Links' button, click on 'Citizen Alert', click on



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'Notification Sign Up', then follow the prompts on the 'Emergency Alert Program' page.

Reverse 911 systems have been used to notify neighborhoods of emergency operations, post disaster information, missing children, police activity, and important environmental information. Downey currently has nearly 400 phone numbers in the citizen alert system. We know we have thousands of community members who would benefit from the citizen alert registration system, if they would simply sign-up.

Another post-emergency problem is reunification. With children in school, family members and roommates working, shopping and social activities, we find we don't spend the majority of our time together. Instead, we are frequently spread out across the area. Without our phones, we are forced to find other communication options. The American Red Cross offers a 'safe and well' option on their website. Google has an option too. Families should think about how they can contact each other without their phones after a major disaster. Internet activity has jumped in each of the regions affected by disasters in the last decade despite the number of people who have evacuated or who have lost service. Having a hard-copy of a few e-mail addresses of friends and family (local and out-of-state) will serve everyone well.

Finally, having a dependable AM radio with a supply of fresh batteries or a hand-crank power option is always a good idea. A recent study found some of the most searched for sites after an emergency were that of the national weather service and for recovery information. Following an emergency, the AM frequency band will be used for relaying important post-emergency information. Many AM radios have the weather service band and also double as flashlights and cell phone battery chargers.

Many of our community members have taken advantage of the free city water barrel program and picked up a water barrel (capacity of 15-55 gallons) at one of the drive-thru events held at the Discovery Sports Complex. However, there are many other ways to store water. Whether drinking water is stored in small, single serving plastic bottles or in one gallon containers, we still need at least a gallon (better to have two!) of fresh water for each person in the house. Remember to include enough water for your pets as well. The supply of water should last a week, so multiply your daily need by seven (7). When you do the math, you might find storing some of your water in bulk makes sense.

If you decide to use bottled water for your emergency supply, remember to get in the habit of replacing the stored water with fresh bottles after six to twelve months.

Concert at Presbyterian church

DOWNEY – The Vitals, a rock band whose musical style has been described as a combination of folk, rock and jazz, will perform Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Downey.

The Vitals will perform contemporary tunes and work written by Paulie Pesh.

Admission is \$3 and the community is invited.

First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of 7th Street and Downey Avenue.

Dr. Brian Brown wins award

DOWNEY – Ophthalmologist Dr. Brian M. Brown, a 23-year veteran cataract and refractive surgeon in Downey, was awarded "Best of Downey 2011 – Physicians and Surgeon Honor" by U.S. Commerce.

"The award is a result of his business accomplishments in Downey, with the city's largest and most advanced ophthalmology practice and his ownership in the Physicians Surgery Center in Downey," said practice administrator Angel Misenhelter. "Our staff is all delighted that others have recognized what we get to witness every day about Dr. Brown."

Christian luncheon Oct. 12

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will host a buffet luncheon Oct. 12 at Los Amigos Country Club.

Angela Alexander will be guest speaker. Her topic is "Miracles in Action."

Specialty baskets will also be on display.

The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. Admission is \$14 and reservations are requested by calling Sonja Bang at (562) 862-4347.

The meeting is open to men and women.

Support group just for moms

DOWNEY – A local support group for mothers with young children is meeting bi-monthly at Downey First Christian Church, located on the corner of 4th and New streets.

Meetings include guest speakers, crafts, group discussions and relationship-building.

The group meets bi-monthly on the second and fourth Mondays from 6:15-8 p.m. Childcare and snacks are provided.

For more information, contact Rachel Shaw at mops@downeyfirst.org.

Schools honored for fighting hunger

NORWALK – D.D. Johnston Elementary in Norwalk and Bellflower High School have been awarded National School of Distinction status for demonstrating "notable enthusiasm, creativity or dedication in getting involved with the hunger cause."

The recognition was delivered by the Schools Fight Hunger program, which assists schools across the nation with food drives and hunger awareness efforts.

"The students, staff and families of our School of Distinction schools should be very proud of their efforts and the impact they're making on the hunger cause," said Tim Sullivan, founder of Schools Fight Hunger. "Of course, the short-term results are impressive, but we also love to see how our next generation of leaders are getting active in their communities at such a young age."

Laughing yoga class in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Local yoga-master Yogi Ramesh will present a "laughing medicine" class Oct. 5 at the Bixby Knolls Towers in Long Beach starting at 7 p.m.

Ramesh teaches how laughing has been used as a source of healing for more than 5,000 years. Laughing can boost endorphines, reduce stress levels and boost immunity.

"It is therapy for the heart, mind and body, and it just makes you feel good," said Ramesh.

The class is part of the Parkinson's Resource Organization's regular meeting. Admission is free and everyone is invited, although donations will be accepted. Reservations are required by calling (877) 775-4111.

Library adds 10K e-books

PICO RIVERA – The County of Los Angeles Public Library announced this week that it will add an additional 10,000 e-books to its digital collection.

The e-books will be available for free downloading for county library cardholders at colapublib.org/ebooks.

The e-books are also available through smartphone apps, on e-readers and portable tablets.

"We are a library for the 21st century," said county librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd. "Our mission is to support reading and the love of books. For a hundred years this library has made the printed word accessible to all Los Angeles County residents. For the next hundred years and beyond, we will continue this important mission."

Sharon Phillips, environmental hero

By Lars Clutterham

DOWNEY – Early each morning Sharon Phillips walks from her home just south of Firestone Boulevard up Rives Avenue to the parking lot by the old Vons at Florence and Paramount, picking up trash, bottles, and aluminum cans. In a small but enormously significant way, Sharon is an environmental hero.

It did not start out that way. Some twenty years ago, following recovery complications from a broken ankle, she began to walk to relieve the numbness. Four or five years into her daily walks, she started picking up bottles and cans, just to provide some variety and interest. In time Sharon also added trash collection--and a stick to fend off dogs--to her daily regimen.

In many ways Sharon Phillips is just like you or me. Born and raised in Missouri, she moved to Downey as a twenty-year-old newlywed in the mid '60s and raised her one son, David, in the same house she still lives in today. In fact she still talks on a daily basis to one of her sisters in Missouri, who has also walked the daily pickup route when visiting Sharon in Downey--and gives the walk an enthusiastic thumbs up.

Sharon is now retired, after a career that included some ten years as an office manager, and concluded with an interesting turn, cashiering classic car auctions throughout the Southwest as far east as Texas. Currently she spends two or three hours a day helping an aging neighbor and works out regularly at Curves.

It turns out that these daily Downey walks have reaped some unexpected rewards over time. Not only does Sharon find small amounts of cash on a regular basis, she has also come across several \$100 bills through the years. And each month she brings home about \$40 from recycling aluminum cans.

Now while Sharon does not think of herself in this way, if you multiply her small daily contribution to reducing trash and increasing recycling in the Downey community over the past twenty years, she's accomplished the same amount of good work for the environment as a single one-time cleanup by over 7,000 people!

And in my book, that's heroic.

Lars Clutterham is a Downey resident and charter member of the city of Downey's Green Task Force and Downey Chamber of Commerce's Green Committee.

Elks hosting Hawaiian dinner

DOWNEY – Downey Elks Lodge No. 2020 will host a Hawaiian dinner show Oct. 1 on its patio from 4-10 p.m.

A Hawaiian band will perform and there will be contests for best and funniest Hawaiian outfits.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Proceeds will help fund the Elks' local charitable projects.

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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ELISA HERRERA, ACSINISTRO, dated 03/11/2008 and recorded 3/17/2008, as Instrument No. 20080450004, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 10/20/2011 at 10:30AM, At The West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale T.S. No. 05-FWA-108310 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/24/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 11-20307-SP-CA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 54252277 Title Order No. CA110022914 INVESTOR/INSURER APN#6260 007 009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/06/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$363,464.04. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell.

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TS# 047-15977 Order # 30092628 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/17/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this Notice of Sale is recorded.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 20110913961 Title Order No. 110305459 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/13/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 4407300A Loan No. 0705294494 Title Order No. 328584 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10-12-2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 7037.78794 Title Order No. 5592499 MIN No. 1001871-0051161935-6 APN 6367-027-026 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/23/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 451615CA Loan No. 5303974074 Title Order No. 868213 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09-22-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below.

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T.S. No.: 2010-04700 Loan No.: 71817985 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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PATRIOT ON VACATION



Mark and Stephanie Townsend spent 10 days driving in an RV through Alaska, stopping in Seward, Whittier, Denali, Fairbanks, Valdez and Anchorage. Stephanie is pictured above (Mark took the picture).



Jessica Flores, an associate planner for the city of Downey, recently traveled to Guatemala in Central America with her boyfriend, Lawrence Apeldoorn, a longtime Downey resident and Downey High School alum. He is pictured above in front the National Palace in the capital city of Guatemala City. "We had a blast and thought it was quite interesting that he took his Patriot with him to read on his travel," said Flores. "We had a blast."



Anthony and Chelsea Wells celebrated their honeymoon in Tahiti recently. Originally from Washington, the couple met at Montana State where Anthony played football. Anthony is the nephew of Councilman Mario Guerra.



East Middle School sixth grader Christian Sotomayor, a Downey resident, celebrated his grandfather's 88th birthday in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Rafael Echeverria, top center, is photographed with his sons, daughters and grandchild at Parque San Francisco, showing a copy of *The Downey Patriot*.



A group of Downey residents and friends saw Smokey Robinson live in concert at a casino over the weekend. Karrie Benoit Morales, one of his backup singers, got the group backstage passes to meet the R&B legend. "His concert was fabulous and meeting him was the icing on the cake," said resident Jan Scott, who is also president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. "I grew up with his music and sold a lot of his music at my parents' music store when I was young." From left: Dorothy Pemberton, Lee Ann Sears, Kathy Bee, Smokey Robinson, Jan Scott and Karrie Benoit Morales.



A delegation from the Downey Sister Cities Association visited Ensenada, Mexico. The group attended the Baja Sea Food Expo and participated in a flag-raising ceremony, where they were recognized by Mayor Enrique Pelayo Torres.



Downey resident Elsa Saab and her son, Andy Saab, just returned home from a trip to Cambodia, South Korea and Vietnam. She took along a copy of *The Downey Patriot*.

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Charming residential area. If you are planning to come to Downey you must come and see this beautiful home. It features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with central air and heat. The large 7,500 sq.ft. lot and 2 car garage make this a great opportunity at \$419,000.

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Spectacular Downey Home
WOW! This custom North Downey home has it all. The property features 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, bronzed dual pane windows, marble entry and a wet bar. French doors in the master suite, walk-in closets, granite in the kitchen and a large basement make this home a must see. Call today for more information

Pride of Ownership
This is a very clean property! This cute and cozy Downey home features a formal dining room for entertaining, fresh interior paint and central air & heat. The updated bathroom has a separate shower and tub. This home also includes copper plumbing, new carpet in the bedrooms and dual pane windows. Priced to sell at \$329,000

Downey Delight
What a great buy! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath north Downey home features dual pane windows, central air and 1072 sq.ft. of living space. Take advantage of the RV parking and oversized garage. This property also has a 2 year old roof and a 8950 sq.ft. lot. Hurry! This one won't last at \$339,500.

Need More Space?
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Beautiful Home!
This fantastic home features 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and 1,645 sq.ft. of living space. Built in 1992, the property also has a 2 car garage, new carpet, granite in the kitchen and new vanities in the bathrooms. Priced to sell at \$329,900.

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